

## 67 Students Begin Practice Work

Sixty-seven students in the secondary and intermediate divisions and rural department will have practice teaching during the winter term.

For the second year four students have been selected each term to practice at the Hudson high school. Practicability is the feature of this teacher training unit. The practice teachers have a full terms work there including classes in supervision and education in addition to training in both their major and minor courses. They participate in extra-curricular activities as well as actual classroom teaching which results in their being better prepared to teach.

Students teaching at Hudson this term are Joyce Beardsley, English major, Mildred Birkmose, mathematics major, and Gordon Howe and Russell Aamodt, science majors. They have as their supervisor, Mr. E. P. Rock, superintendent at Hudson.

According to Mr. Russell Johnston, director of the Training School, fourteen secondary students will receive their practice teaching in the Training School and in the local high school. Francis Kelly and Stanley Palm will conduct a class in eighth grade arithmetic. Arthur Olson and Theodore Brandt will have a class in geography. In addition Arthur Olson with Sigfred Wilkholm will teach a class in seventh grade arithmetic. History VII and English VII will be taught by Leona Rhodey and Vernon Henrichs, respectively. Verna Annett will teach a class of music, and Marjorie Jerdee will have a class in English VIII.

Two students will have practice in both the Training School and the high school. Fred Dubbe is sharing a class in History VIII in the Training School with Paul Prucha. Mr. Dubbe also has a biology class at the high school. In the Training School Harold Diermeier will teach a class in science

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### Assembly Tomorrow

Brown and Meneley, known as the "Music with Personality" team, will be featured at assembly Thursday, December 5. In addition to presenting several vocal numbers, they will play the vibra-harp and saxophone.

### Dance Saturday

An all-school party will be held in the South hall gym Saturday evening, December 7, between 8:30 and 12:30 p. m. The NYA orchestra will play for the dance. Admission will be 10 cents per student.

## Freshman Shakes in Boots, But Term Tests Weren't So Bad!

So the term tests are hard! So what! But we freshmen aren't quitters, and you upper-classmen can't scare us a bit. Well - - , we admit we did shake in our boots a trifle at some of the tall tales you told us, but that doesn't prove anything.

One of our teachers (bless her!) told us that it did no good to "cram;" she even went so far as to say we should go to bed early the night before an exam. Consequently, while you upper-classmen burned the midnight tapers, we little freshmen were dozing blissfully.

The first day of tests found us very wide awake, but, somehow, our breakfasts didn't taste as good as usual. We came prepared for the worst - - and we got it! No cheery, spontaneous greetings hailed us as we entered each classroom for our first exam. Only forced, rather sickly grins met our arrival.

Nervous giggles, scraping chairs - -

## Florness To Head Party Committee

At a recent meeting, the Party Committee of this year organized and elected its officers. Amanda Florness was elected chairman. "Pat" is an editor of the '41 *Mel-etean*, a member of the *Voice* staff, the YW, Palette Club, and Masquers.



Amanda Florness

Other officers to be elected are Harold Diermeier, vice president and Marjorie Dahlquist as the secretary and treasurer.

The Party Committee is one of the important school organizations. Its purpose is to arrange for all social functions which are held throughout the year. The members, two in number from each class, are selected each spring by the Student Senate.

Edward Jacobson, Student Senate representative on the party committee, has been acting as chairman until they organized. Officers could not be elected until the freshmen representative had been chosen.

## Small Pox Vaccinations Given to Student Body

At the request of the health officials, following a case of small pox reported in town, 466 people were vaccinated by Doctors C. A. Dawson, R. U. Cairns, and C. E. McJilton, at the health cottage during the week of November 19th. Of that number, 84 were girls, 177, boys; 21 faculty, 7 non-school people, and 171 Training School pupils. It was necessary to re-check only 6 of the 466 inoculations. Outside of the number vaccinated at the health cottage, 95 boys and 80 girls were vaccinated by their hometown physicians.

According to the state laws on vaccination, all students had to be vaccinated during the week of November 19th, or present certificates showing they had been successfully vaccinated within the last 5 years. Only two students preferred to lose two weeks of school rather than submit to the vaccination.

Miss Hall, who was aided by Mrs. Lumphrey during the inoculation period, stated "All people who were inoculated during the week of November 19th or the week after, should come to the health cottage for a reading. Certificates will be given to all whose vaccinations have been successful." She commended the school on its cooperation during this period.

the confusion of last minute pen-filling was suddenly hushed.

The instructor, with a "cat-that-swallowed-the-canary" look, arrived and handed to each of us the fatal sheaf of papers. For 120 minutes peace (?) and quiet reigned in the room. Now and then a puzzled look appeared in an eye and an eyebrow cocked quizzically, but soon the answer appeared, and all was well again. Then, one by one, each student shyly laid his test on the desk and slipped from the room. Each breathed a sigh of relief, wiped his perspiring brow, and trudged wearily home to think about the answers he should have put down.

Our torture didn't end with the completion of tests, for the bad, or good tidings were not fully revealed to us until Monday. Maybe some of us did come away with a crestfallen look after viewing the remains, but there's always a next time (if the remains weren't too badly mutilated.)

# Eggert, Jorstad, To Hold School Meet Here for Rural Teachers

## New Courses Offered As Second Term Opens

A new term, new schedules, and with this comes a group of new courses which are either being introduced for the first time or are offered in alternate years.

Among the new science courses are *bacteriology* under E. J. Prucha, a course open to sophomores, *organic chemistry*, which Theodore Setterquist has changed to a year course, and *plant pathology* under Miss Catharine Lieneman. In the history department *Civil War and Reconstruction*, Dr. Justin Williams, and *Wisconsin History* which C. C. Ames formerly gave only to students of the rural department but now offers to freshmen and sophomores comprise the new courses. *Romantic Movement* under Miss L. Lucile Haddow, *American Literature* under O. M. Hanna, and *Advanced Speech and Reading*, which is being given for the first time under Miss Helen Loeb are found in the English department. Several courses are being offered by the industrial arts department which are of interest to our air-minded youth, *Metal Turning* and *Electric Welding* are offered by R. E. Spriggs. John Mosher is presenting *Economic Geography*, a junior college course, while *Elementary Statistics* with Miss Deland, and *History of Art* with Miss Alberta Greene complete the list of new subjects.

## Standards Set for New Sigma Chi Sigma Members

Three weeks ago the old and new members of the Sigma Chi Sigma held their first winter meeting at a reception at Miss Loeb's apartment.

Though the new members received invitations to appear at the reception they were called upon to furnish part of the amusement for the evening. Before the fun started, however, the new members were given an accurate conception of the purpose of the society, the duties of its members and membership qualities.

After receiving a temporary pledge, and after having been given a green and gold Sigma Chi Sigma pledge ribbon; initiation activities. Initiation will continue for a period of four weeks.

The new members were made to give pantomimes and present impersonations of some faculty member while old members and advisors, Miss Helen Loeb, Miss Catharine Lieneman, and Mrs. W. D. Wyman looked on. A short social hour, followed by a grand lunch wound up a perfect evening for everyone present.

## Masquers To Present "Night Must Fall"

"Night Must Fall" a three act play, by Emyln Williams, is scheduled to be presented at the college auditorium on December 12, under the auspices of the College Masquers. This psychological thriller, the story of a cold-blooded murderer, ran for nineteen months in London and was declared a triumph in New York.

The cast, which is unique in the fact that so many towns are represented, is lead by James Grunke, of Clear Lake, as Dan, and Joyce Chubb, of River Falls, as Olivia Grayne, who play the leading roles.

## College Men Would Not Rush to Volunteer

College students, exempted from the draft at least until next June and told by President Roosevelt that they are more useful in the classroom than in the army, face today a world plagued with ever-spreading war.

With the election over, increased aid to Britain appears certain, and whether from circumstances or from blundering, the possibility exists of armed conflict against the axis powers. If war were declared, how many men now in college would volunteer, how many would wait until called?

That was the question scores of interviewers for Student Opinion Surveys of America presented to a cross section representing the entire male enrollment of U. S. colleges and universities. Nearly one-fourth of the men are ready now to join the army in case of war. The rest, a majority of 76.5 per cent, say they would wait until drafted.

From the South and West, selective officials have stated, are coming the greatest number of volunteers for a year of military training. These two sections, with the exception of New England, contain the largest number of students who at this time believe they would, join the army if war broke out. Only 7 per cent were undecided on the problem.

One year ago last month Student Opinion Surveys found 42 per cent declared they would volunteer if "England and France were in danger of defeat and the U. S. declared war on the enemies." The Surveys measure the tenor of student opinion for the present. What college youth will do if war actually breaks out no poll can predict.

## Masquers Schedule Annual Formal Dance

Old King Winter usually means a breath of snow in the air, cold weather, and Christmas. This gala holiday season will come into full swing Saturday evening, December 14, when the Masquers will hold their annual Christmas formal. Young men and women don formal attire for the first time this year and break the ice for good times.

The South Hall Gym will be decorated in old-fashioned Christmas style with Christmas trees, fir boughs, holly, and surely a twig or two of mistletoe to add to the excitement. The Social room will be arranged in bright colors and gay scenes too, for here the guests and alumni will be received; here will be served punch to lift sagging spirits.

Freddie Ricks, whose orchestra is well known in the University Union of Minnesota carries the tone of a musical program well suited for the chilly atmosphere and crisp weather. The Grand March, led by Virginia Griffith and her escort, will begin at 9:00 p. m.

Tickets are being sold by Masquer members and apprentices at \$1 per couple. The roof and four walls are the limit to the number of couples that can be accommodated.

## Five New Students Enroll at RFSTC for Second Term Work

Five new students have enrolled for the second term at RFSTC. They are Wayne Baird, River Falls, Harold Palon, Cadott, and Thorn Hausen, New Auburn, who are enrolled as freshmen. Mary Pat Kerwin, another River Falls student is entering as a sophomore. From Cashton comes Berthan Overgard, a junior.

## Dr. McSwain Will Be Featured Program Speaker

A meeting of the rural teachers of Pierce and St. Croix counties will be held at the college on Saturday, Dec. 7. Teachers and superintendents of these two counties and the faculties of several nearby county normals have been invited. Mr. C. L. Eggert and Miss Mabel Jorstad of the RFSTC rural division expect 160 guests.

The first part of the program will be held in the auditorium from 9:30 until 11:30 a. m. The main speaker will be Dr. E. T. McSwain of the School of Education of Northwestern University.

The program will open with band numbers under the direction of Mr. B. J. Rozehnal. Pres. J. H. Ames will present a welcome. The fifth grade pupils of the Training school will give a science demonstration under the supervision of Miss Augusta Thomas. This will be followed by announcements by Superintendents Saxton and Sorenson.

Mr. Marvin D. Geere will lead community singing. Dr. McSwain will give an address on *The Philosophy and Practices of the Modern School*. This will conclude the program in the auditorium.

From 12:00 to 1:30 p. m. a luncheon and program for the out-of-town visitors and the members of the Rural Life club will be held in the college cafeteria. The program is in charge of Audrey Anderson, social chairman of the Rural Life club. Mr. James I. Malott will be the guest of honor in appreciation of his work in rural education. Mr. Malott was the founder and for many years the director of the Rural Life club.

The noontime program will begin with community singing led by Mr. C. L. O'Bierne, music director of Pierce county. The president of the Rural Life club, Olive Spriggle, will welcome the guests. Next will be vocal number under the direction of Miss Stella Hendrickson, music director of St. Croix county. The singers will be Lura Rieken, Bertha Wilhelm, Doris Robertson, and Helen Seim, with Doris Vetter at the piano. The last number will be a piano selection by Faustine Edkins, a sixth grade pupil of the Training School.

There are to be some interesting displays in Miss Hilder's Art room in North Hall. A Christmas bulletin board will be planned and arranged by Fern Satterlund. There will be an art display practical for rural elementary schools, and a display of new books and work materials.

All college students are invited to hear Dr. McSwain's address and visit the art displays.

## Greene Displays Collection of Modern American Paintings

Miss Alberta Green has her own collection of paintings on display for National Art Week. The paintings are reproductions of originals by contemporary American artists.

The collection is made up of reproductions of oil and water color, original block prints and an original lithograph. The lithograph is the work of Mr. Albert Heckman, Miss Greene's instructor in design. The colored block prints are by a Minneapolis high school boy.

Outstanding in the display are Adolf Dehn, a painter from Minnesota, Grant Wood's portrait of his mother, "The Woman with a Plant" and Georgia O'Keeffe's "Autumn Leaves." Doris Lee is noted for her story-telling details. John Mann is the most noted American water colorist.



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## Electoral College Has Long Been Useless Element in U.S.

Since the election of the first president under the constitution, the electoral college has ceased to function. Its purpose was to have a superior group of men elect the president, and thus protect society from a possible poor choice for the presidency. But the electoral college has long since degenerated into a Charley McCarthy of modern elections.

Certainly the public has shown that it is capable of choosing the best man at any election. The twentieth century voter cannot but feel resentment at being obliged to vote for a stranger, of whom he has not even heard, in order to make his vote count for the candidate of his choice.

What would happen in this county if a candidate received the majority of the popular vote and his opponent received the majority in the electoral college? This has happened twice in the history of the United States, but one man always gave up his votes for his opponent. The solution may not be so easy if such a deadlock should arise in the future.

And, too, benefit to the public exchequer would result. The 1941 congress should propose such an amendment at once, and every state legislature should act favorably on it without delay.

## True British Situation Could Be Anybody's Guess

Is John Bull ready to say "Uncle" to the mighty Hitler? Some reports would have us believe that he is groggy from the knockout blows of the German air and submarine attacks. There are others that tell us she is holding up very well, and that Hitler missed the kill when his plans for a September invasion were cancelled. To interpret this maze of reports correctly is no amateur job. Of paramount importance is the probability of censorship, the authority, how the reports reached us, and whether or not the information had been distorted when it was related to us.

From this standpoint is it anybody's guess as to what the situation really is. Radio news reporters since the beginning of October have been giving consistently optimistic reports, and they still do. British morale, they tell us, is meeting the test in every respect. Some types of food have disappeared from the market, but of necessities there is no shortage. The German air corps has suffered losses as high as four to one in favor of the British. An observer in Britain informed us but a short

## Kettering Says:

### "It Is Only the Civilized People That Are Having Trouble"

"Research and the World of Tomorrow" was the title of an address given November 3, 1940 at the annual meeting of the Associated Collegiate Press in Detroit by Mr. Charles F. Kettering, Vice-President in charge of research of the General Motors Corporation. Marshall Johnston and Loren Thompson, *Student Voice* editor and business manager, were the River Falls representatives at the convention which had delegates from schools in almost every state in the union.

Mr. Kettering, known internationally as an inventor and industrial leader, proved to be one of the highlights of the convention. Said Mr. Kettering, "I have tried to figure out over a good many years why we always think so poorly about a new thing, and I think it is quite simple. In every institution in the world we have a department of history, and we have other similar departments. We look at the rock and tell what happened 40 million years ago. We look back that long narrow channel of history, and nature backs us into the future and we get a lot of terrible surprises and say this is a terrible world."

"All I am asking you to do is turn around and let the past take care of itself. It is the 'gonest' thing in the world anyway. Let's put a department of the future into the colleges and universities. That is where we are going to spend all the rest of our life, so why do you worry about the past?"

## Contrary Mary Library Study Hours Are Gone With the Wind

Many a simple-minded young lady has gone up to the library to read her *Time* or study those last seven pages of German before class only to come away much wiser for the experience.

First, she picked out a table about halfway back in the room. Then, being only an innocent freshman, she actually sat on the side facing the doorway. There weren't very many in the room as she diligently began to study, but soon more and more filtered in. The first time a group of students passed her she industriously kept her eyes on her book, but the second time she heard the sound of male voices approaching and shyly lifted her eyes to see that football player drawing near! Oh heavens, was he going to sit at her table? Yes, no, oh yes, he was! Now she'd never get any work done.

The first football player was joined by others; as the voices at that end of the table grew louder and louder, all Mary's (for that was her name) thoughts of German flew out the window. She merely sat and dreamed about the day she's be a sophisticated senior and able to catch one of those handsome brutes.

After the heroes had gathered together and left, Mary thought at last she'd get something

while ago that the damage to industrial production was only a small percentage of the potential capacity. Reports as late as November 25 indicate that the British are still sending boats up the Thames estuary.

On the other side of the ledger there is this to consider. According to British reports the Germans are sinking ships faster than they can build them. The weekly average of losses have been stepped up from 20,000 tons per week in June to 60,000 tons at the present. Open shipping lanes are the very lifeblood of British existence. Without them she is a helpless island off the coast of Europe. What is the meaning of Lord Lothian's conferences in Washington? Why has Joe Kennedy refused to return to the Court of St. James? He is quoted as telling some of his Hollywood friends that the British didn't have a chance.

In the light of these facts there is reason to believe that the United States army higher-ups were probably right when they said, just before the fall of France, that the Axis would win the struggle. Things are changing rapidly; however, if the British hold out through the spring of 1941 there is reason to believe that they are on the road to recovery.

done, but no, fate seemed against her today. The Ladies Aid society decided to hold a meeting across the table from her. By the time they had raked all their dear friends over the coals; just when Mary was becoming interested, the bell rang and there was a great commotion. All the ladies gathered their books, purses, coats, and gloves and adjourned until the next meeting.

Now, Mary settled down for some real work. After all, she'd been at this German for an hour and wasn't finished yet; besides she only had one more hour left. She had just gotten a good start on the second page when her pal, Jane come tripping in with the latest copy of the *Voice*. German was immediately forgotten as the two began poring over the paper presumably to see if their names were in it this week. They became so absorbed that they didn't notice time flying past, and before they knew it the bell rang.

Mary looked up in anguish. What would she do? She only had one and a half pages done, and here it was time to go already. All she could do was go to German or Latin or Geography as other Marys do, and hope that she would be kindly passed by today.

## "I Have a Little Roommate . . ."

There is one thing that nine-tenths of all the students of River Falls college are blessed with. This common occurrence is a roommate - that piece of humanity that sleeps in the bed next to you and drapes itself over your dresser just when you want to use it.

Perhaps you are unfortunate enough to have a roommate who has an excellent sense of interior decorating. One bedroom slipper under the bed, the other in the middle of the room, a robe thrown on your bed, a comb filled with hair on your dresser, socks on a chair - all go together to produce a homey atmosphere.

Maybe your roommate is the early bird that gets the worm. He has an eight o'clock. He arises at five minutes to eight. Immediately he dashes between bathroom and bedroom, uttering an occasional curse, and all in all making life very uncomfortable for you. When he finally leaves, you are about ready to crawl back into bed, cover your head, and die.

Do you have a "canary" roommate - a roommate who is always singing, humming under his breath and whistling not only all day long but far into the night? Perhaps you

take them in catastrophic steps and call them revolutions."

" - - and the great trouble with most educated people is they think they can take it off the bat without practice. It doesn't make you what you are - education doesn't. You are an amateur every time you start to do anything. We should have an honest confession of ignorance."

"We can't help what some of the people do in other places in the world. And in this defense talk we ought to be very sure what we are defending ourselves against. That is quite important to analyze. But in the institutions you have, in educational institutions today there are only two things you need to do. Get rid of the idea that what you learn in a college, what you pass in your examinations, amounts to anything at all. That is just the formula, the ritual you go through to get a diploma. But what you get out of the institution is how to go out and get along with people and earn a living. I don't care what you get it with - algebra, economics, this, that or the other thing, but how to be a good person and get along with your fellow human beings are the right things."

"So I can't feel bad about the future because I think there can be something done about it, and if we will have faith enough in our abilities to go ahead and do that, you can write your own ticket for what you want it to be."

are musically inclined and you might very easily go insane listening to someone who doesn't have any sense of melody, rhythm, or harmony. It seems this person just doesn't know when to stop. You had better let him know how you feel. He perhaps doesn't realize what he is doing.

There is the roommate in love, a light or radio fiend, a conceited person who continually tells you all about himself, but the minute you begin, he is far too busy to listen.

It would be fun to check up on your roommate and classify him, but don't be too hard on him. Because after all, wouldn't college life be pretty dull if there weren't someone to listen to your troubles, for you to swear at, or someone to make you laugh when you are pretty sick of it all.

So here's to bigger and better roommates!

## Behind the Eight Ball with the editor

Looking like a scarred war veteran this week is the *Voice's* sports editor, Fred Kroeger, who blew something or other up in the chemistry lab the other day and had the misfortune to get in the way of the explosion.

With the entire school vaccinated and sore arms about subsided, people can now be in school with some degree of safety, of course, until the next epidemic comes along. And speaking of small pox and gossip, it came to me the other day in Hudson that epidemics of small pox and infantile paralysis were running simultaneously in River Falls, there being two cases of the latter now reported!

To go back a few weeks—credit goes to the FFA which came out with a barn dance in the college gymnasium that was just about perfect. The crowd was perfect and a fine time was had by everyone. The decorations proved to be the novelty. In spite of protests from the administration which saw a fire hazard in so much hay, nothing burned and the FFA probably increased their treasury. Frye's, the campus headquarters for the agriculture department, were the main sponsors and did everything from hauling hay to blind dating half the female population of the school.

Back in school this term along with yours truly, are Meta Wright, Veloise Baker, Willard Lane, and Graydon Wood, after a term's work in the Hudson high school. Taking a deep breath after 12 weeks strenuous labor the gang seemed to feel that it had been well worthwhile. The task of working with several hundred different youngsters is most fascinating but, naturally, wearing on inexperienced nerves.

## THE STUDENT VOICE

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## Eight Lettermen Comprise Squad

Coach Lowery issued his call for basketball candidates last Monday. His varsity squad is composed of eight returning lettermen, Jack King, Don Schwartz, Stanley Palm, Harold Schmidt, Fred Kroeger, Newell Olson, Kenneth Rasmussen, and Stanley Pelouquin.

Forty-seven basketball prospects answered the call for frosh basketball players. Juedes cut his squad on two successive nights; as a result he has chosen his squad of 12 players.

The varsity squad is drilling daily for their opening game against the St. Olaf five at Northfield Saturday. The newcomers of George Noyes, Charles Chapman, and Harisson Henry have bolstered the season's hopes.

As possible starters for the Viking game the forward wall is composed of King and Kroeger with Rasmussen at center. The guards are Palm and Pelouquin. The team this year will be an unusually large one with all the men ranging well over six feet.

The team will also possess unusual speed for a large team and will use the fast breaking tactics on every opportunity. The reserves will be equipped with speed and defensive ability. Other forwards are Olson and Henry with Schwartz at center. Harold Schmidt has been transformed into a guard this year to team with Noyes or Chapman.

From all indications our Falcon quintet promises to have a successful season. The lettermen of last year have gained experience, and the other conference teams have suffered heavy graduation losses.

## Dubbe, Boettcher and Schmidt Rate Honors On All-Conference Team

During Thanksgiving vacation the coaches of the Teachers College conference met and nominated their all-conference teams. The first team was illuminated by four stars from the champion LaCrosse team. River Falls, Eau Claire and Superior each placed two men on the mythical aggregation.

Captain Fred Dubbe and Burton Boettcher were picked for the honor posts. Dubbe was retained at his tackle post but Boettcher was shifted to the halfback post to make way for Paquette. Boettcher has played outstanding ball for the Falcons and is enrolled as a junior. Captain Dubbe has played super ball for the past four years. His place kicking ability has saved the Red and White many games.

Weggner and Sequin are teamed at ends to give the team two strong defensive and offensive ends. Haughian was picked with Dubbe at tackle for his defensive tactics.

The center and two guard positions were filled by Pederson, Ganske, and Richter. These guards have caused every opposing team considerable trouble.

The backfield is bolstered by Smith at quarter, Boettcher and Schaeffer at half, and Paquette at full.

The second team was made up of five Superior players, two LaCrosse, two Eau Claire and one player from Stout and River Falls. Harold Schmidt was the River Falls man chosen to fill one of the end posts.

### First Team

End—Weggner ..... La Crosse  
End—Sequin ..... Eau Claire  
Tackle—Dubbe ..... River Falls  
Tackle—Haughian ..... Superior  
Center—Pederson ..... La Crosse  
Guard—Ganske ..... La Crosse  
Guard—Richter ..... Stout  
Quarter—Smith ..... La Crosse  
Half—Boettcher ..... River Falls  
Half—Schaeffer ..... Eau Claire  
Full—Paquette ..... Superior

### Second Team

End—Schmidt ..... River Falls  
End—Lille ..... Superior  
Tackle—Ebert ..... La Crosse  
Tackle—McKernon ..... Eau Claire  
Center—Jaelson ..... Superior  
Guard—Shumati ..... Superior  
Guard—Ormstad ..... Eau Claire  
Quarter—Rubatt ..... Superior  
Half—Andrews ..... Stout  
Half—Johnson ..... Superior  
Full—Wilhelm ..... La Crosse

**F**RIENDS of Colonel Larson will be pleased to know that he is recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis. He expects to be up and around by February.

**A**LMOST everyone picks pre-season favorites. Superior, River Falls and LaCrosse are being groomed as the possible contenders for the basketball championship in our northern division.

**L**AST Monday practice officially began for the followers of the hardcourt sport. Coach Lowery has chosen his twelve varsity men from eight letter winners and four newcomers.

**C**APTAINS are already picking their teams for the strenuous intramural quintet schedule. From all indications some teams are going to be saturated with stars.

**O**UR Red and White five will engage an inexperienced team at St. Olaf on this Saturday. For three consecutive years our team has opened its season at Northfield.

**N**EWSPRINTERS all over the U.S. have been picking teams to go to the Rose Bowl. From the leading choices of Texas A & M, Tennessee, Boston College, and Nebraska, the latter team was chosen.

**S**AVE your voices for the first home game on December 10 with a powerful Macalester squad. It will be the first look at our possibilities for the coming season.

## Intramural Sports

Clifford Juedes has announced that any person desiring to organize a basketball team to represent any boarding club, rooming house, or an independent organization may do so. Merely hand in your team line-up including the name of each player and year in school, the name of the captain, and the name of the team. The first twelve teams to be turned in will be accepted. The deadline for these entries is December 6th. Play will definitely begin the 9th of December.

If twelve teams are entered, two divisions will be made. After all scheduled games are played there will be an inter-division playoff. All teams must have at least 10 players to be legally entered. The rules state that all 10 of these men must play in each game providing they are present. All the other rules are the same as previous years. Captains will again be responsible for all equipment. Two games will be played each night, the first at 7:00 and the second at 9:00. No team will play more than two games a week.

There will be a new law in effect this year concerning spectators. No spectators will be allowed in the gym except in the balcony. No one but the players engaging in that night's game and the referee will be allowed on the floor of the gymnasium. All players participating must wear basketball shoes.

Individual events are not moving as rapidly and smoothly this year as they have during previous years. All entrants in all events are kindly asked to play off all their matches as soon as possible. It seems as if the students have lost their initiative and unless something is done about it now, there may be no more individual events.

The intramural point standing of the highest 15 or 20 will be posted some time in the very near future. If your name isn't on this list and you are sure it ought to be, please see Mr. Juedes.

All men interested in bowling will meet in Collins' recreational parlors Wednesday, December 4 at 4:10 sharp. The purpose of this meeting is to form a league. Matches will probably be played on Monday or Wednesday nights. Each team will bowl only one game a week.

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## A Bit of History—"New Shift Play" Wins for Normal

(Editors note: This is the first of a series of articles written on the history of the RFSTC athletic department. These articles are written by Alton Broten, Voice sports reporter.)

With the rapid rise of the educational system in River Falls State Teachers College has come the growth of athletics as one of the more important phases of campus life. From an athletic program which primarily featured contests with the Galahad Boys' School at Hudson, and with the high schools throughout the northwestern part of the state, RFSTC has advanced to the stage where they today boast one of the best all-around sports programs of Wisconsin colleges.

Before the year 1910 no records are available which might indicate an athletic program at that time. However, teams had been organized from a handful of Normal students and boys from the high school and the town. These teams would slate contests with various high schools and town teams in the vicinity. Reports concerning an extraordinary basketball team just previous to 1910 have been handed down, but no definite proof concerning its record is available.

Compare our schedule of today with the program of the 1911 Normal School eleven coached by E. W. Castle. This team may be taken as typical of many of the early teams. It won six games, lost two, and tied one. With Capt. Condit leading the way, the 17-man squad played the following schedule: Hastings, Red Wing, River Falls, Chippewa Falls, and New Richmond high schools, Eau Claire, Stout Institute and Superior and LaCrosse Normals. The second team lost to River Falls high school 10-5 and then defeated them in a return battle 10-6. They also defeated Galahad of Hudson 21-0.

The Normal's first annual in 1912 tells interesting facts about the 1911 football squadron. Concerning the Eau Claire game it was reported that "we won on a new shift play." The Chippewa Falls game was lost because "they were too heavy" and because "two flukes in the fourth quarter were disastrous". The game with New Richmond high school was "a slow game. We never figured out how they held us to a zero to zero score." After the victory over Stout the RF reporter announced, "The folks back at Menomonie were pretty chagrined because many of the Stout players were men who had played on college teams." The following account was given after the LaCrosse contest: "The train was four hours late and it was already dusk when the game commenced. In the third quarter LaCrosse got a touchdown on a fake play by smuggling the ball over in the dark."

The basketball season of 1911-12 was not exceedingly long or too successful. In the first contest of the campaign the Normal was pitted against Ellsworth. Although River Falls won by a large score, the outstanding player of the game was "Buck" Reed, Ellsworth's midget forward. On January 19 LaCrosse Normal dumped River Falls 56-23. The next game found River Falls swamping Galahad 53-29. "The boys from up the line played a clever game and at times outclassed us in team work." LaCrosse trounced the Normal in the final game February 14. F. Robey, R. Moser, J. Manion, C. Reagan, F. Foley, J. Richards, F. Woodworth, and W. Moser composed this cage contingent.

The baseball schedule of the Normal for 1912 featured Galahad, New Richmond, Hudson, and Hamline.

In the preceding paragraphs 1912 has been chosen as typical of the early years of sport in the River Falls

Normal. Following this date River Falls began its rise into higher sports and today boasts a circle of famous figures who have served as coaches or as players at River Falls.

1912 marks one of the stepping stones in athletic progress at River Falls. First of all, the position of director of athletics was established. The college annual of that year announced, "For next fall an athletic director for men has been engaged. Mr. E. B. Swenson, who will fill this position, is a college graduate and besides his academic degrees he has the degree of Master of Physical Education. He has an unusual athletic record. He was on the Massachusetts All-Star football team of 1909 and is considered the strongest basketball player in Springfield. He has coached football, basketball, and baseball." The establishment of the directorship was in line with the resolution introduced by Regent H. O. Hamilton of Whitewater in February, 1912, which made the first definite provision for the employment of athletic directors in each of the schools. Mr. Swenson continued in this position until 1918.

Another important change in the athletic setup was made in 1912 when the Athletic Council was established. After several years of student membership on this council, the body was made a pure faculty group. Since that date it has supervised athletics. Dr. R. A. Karges was appointed on the first Athletic Board and has served ever since. Mr. E. A. Whitenack, who recently resigned from the faculty, was appointed to the body in 1913, and he served continuously un-

til his resignation. Together these two men built up one of the most enviable departments in the state and the outstanding success of River Falls teams may be largely attributed to them. Under this new system definite schedules were prepared with schools in the conference. Soon the athletic department delved into the fields of baseball and track to make a more complete competitive program.

## 1940-41 Basketball Schedule

Dec. 7 St. Olaf there  
Dec. 10 Macalester here  
Dec. 13 Milwaukee there  
Dec. 14 Concordia there  
Dec. 18 St. Olaf here  
Jan. 11 St. Thomas here  
Jan. 17 LaCrosse there  
Jan. 21 Stout here  
Jan. 24 Superior there  
Jan. 28 St. Thomas here  
Jan. 31 Eau Claire there  
Feb. 7 LaCrosse here  
Feb. 10 Macalester there  
Feb. 14 Eau Claire here  
Feb. 21 Stout there  
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## Lois Mintener Is New Primary Critic In Primary Grades

"Traditional material is on the way out . . . the three R's are going . . . more activity programs . . . integration of subjects . . ." Fragments of sentences like these may be heard issuing through the open door of a small classroom in North Hall late in the afternoon. It could mean but one thing — the elementary women are listening to Miss Lois Mintener expounding the theories of curriculum making to her 3:10 elementary curriculum class.

This new teacher forsakes her second grade charges three days a week to lecture to her college class. Aside from that class, most of her duties are within the realm of the primary department of the Training School, a section of our college which is relatively unknown to most students outside of the elementary field of education. So we take this opportunity to introduce you to another new member of the faculty, Miss Lois Mintener.

Miss Mintener spent the first years of her life in Madison, Wisconsin. Since then, Pierre, South Dakota has been her home, although she states that Wisconsin has always been like a second home to her because of her many connections here. "It's good to get off the South Dakota prairie to where things are green and where it rains," was her description of her feelings toward Wisconsin.

After finishing her elementary and secondary education at Pierre, Miss Mintener came back to Madison and received her B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin. Besides her teaching in Makintosh and Watertown, South Dakota, she took graduate work at the University of Chicago and University of California.

As she had intended to become a Latin teacher, and later found herself teaching in the elementary grades and junior high school, she spent most of her vacations attending summer sessions.

She received her M.A. degree from Columbia last year.

Her teaching experiences include work from the second grade on up through college, but she states that the second grade is still her favorite grade to teach.

Miss Mintener is especially interested in community activities which bring the schools in closer cooperation with the public. She believes that organizations such as the PTA can do much to foster this feeling of friendship and understanding.

Although this new teacher does not profess to be a collector, photographer, or sport fan, she enjoys reading, plays, and bridge. Although she dislikes cats, she does like wire-haired terriers, and also has an affinity for rare beefsteak and chocolate pie.

### Jeanette Griffith to Wed

Miss Jeannette Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Griffith of River Falls and a former student of RFSTC, will become the bride of Ensign Herbert Hauch next Saturday afternoon, December 7, at 4 o'clock. The young couple will make their home at Pensacola, Florida, where Mr. Hauch is a flying instructor.

## Joins RFSTC Staff



Miss Lois Mintener  
"An affinity for beefsteak"

### Opening of Term Brings Successful Matinee Dance

Last Monday, December 3, many students ushered in the new term dancing in South Hall gym. Baggy eyes with rings under them gave evidence of the strain everyone had been through. Some were beaming, others weren't — but dancing gave them the needed uplift. A few straight "A" students dared to elbow their way through the crowd in front of the door.

Eddie Jake invited all the best orchestras to furnish the music. Even though the records were old they had rhythm.

One freshie gal, remarked that she liked dances in South Hall gym much better than North because it was "so much cozier."

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VIII, and at the high school a class in social science. Jack King and Gilbert Rivard will each teach a class at the high school in science.

In the elementary division, Miss Mable Bridges reports that in the primary section Berdeena Miller, Marian Tracy, Floy Swanson, June Tweed, Marjorie Patton, Jean Christensen, Dola Schwartz, and Eileen Bergeman will take their training in teaching under Miss Gladys Zak in the Training School.

In the intermediate section Myrtle Larson and Evelyn Often will practice in the fourth grade room under Miss Louise Hilder. Miss Bridges will have LaVonne Iverson and Virginia Peters under her supervision in the fifth grade. Anna Mae McDowell and Herba Solstad will teach the sixth grade with Miss Augusta Thomas as supervisor.

Practice teaching in the agriculture department will take place in the college shops under Mr. Wm. Segerstrom and Mr. R. E. Spriggs and in the local high school agriculture department under Mr. C. B. Campbell. The first six weeks Richard Klecker, Arno Wesenberg, Clarence Jacobson, Ensor Monette, Arnold Olson, and Glen Gerhardt will teach manual arts classes. At the beginning of the second six weeks they will be transferred to the high school and will be replaced in the shops by Grant Bergeman, Earle Clausen, Roy Koss, Orlan Born, Duane Jackman, and Erwin Zil-

## Pannings: Weak-End Conversation Pieces

● **Incident on the Steps:** "I got three F's and a D. Do you know why they are keeping we around school? It's 'cause I'm so good-looking." Observers looked and wondered.

● **Dumb Reporting:** To all ye Voicers who aspire to perfect your news-gathering technique — how to find news. While strolling across the campus one fall afternoon, newshound sees a column of smoke. This might be news and if it is news he owes it to the public. He whips out his notebook, pencil, gives his trousers a hitch and he is off full speed. He walks blocks, more blocks, and still more blocks, distance not dampening his news ardor. At last — the seat of the trouble — a pile of leaves some enterprising Squirrel Knob-er is burning. Ah well, all in the life of a newspaper man. This really happened. You guess who?

● **And again, Don Martin:** We are hearing from that versatile Don Martin, again. This time Don is running a dating bureau. We can't divulge any of his professional secrets, but it is as much on the level as these things generally are. Why don't you drop in and see him sometime?



● **Architectural Perfection:** A faculty member recently said that his house expressed his idea of artistic beauty—big and square.

Debate season coming on reminds us of Aristotle's remark: "And beware young man do not spend your time in arguing merely for the sake of arguing — seek the truth."

ke who will spend the first six weeks at the high school. Logan Creswell, Merton Timmerman, and Elwyn Larson will practice only at the high school.

In the rural department eighteen students will be practicing for six weeks at five surrounding rural schools with Miss Mabel Jorstad as their supervisor from the college. At the Boardman School where Miss Blanche Sias is teacher, Carol Behling, Marian Gilbertson, Elvera Warner and Anita Hutton will teach. Pauline Kainz, Vivian Bush, Amy Ludahl, and Doris Robertson will drive to the Valley View school for practice where Nora Owens is teacher. Mrs. Alice Birle is teacher at the Donegal School where Shirley Campbell, Olive Spriggle, James Foy and Walt Huber will drive each day for practice. At the Herum School Audrey Anderson, Anita Peterson, and Alfred Hartung will teach under Agnes Iverson. Kathleen Mluheron, Janet Wurtz, and Phyllis Wurtz will teach at the South Rush River School under Miss Oberg.

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### FFA Holds Huge Barn Dance In North Hall Gymnasium

The FFA dance held November 16 in the North Hall gym featured the George DeRubin orchestra of Stout Institute. Under the light of lanterns, in the atmosphere of a hay-loft, the couples, dressed as typical farmer's sons and daughters, danced to the popular music of this orchestra.

Well cured alfalfa hay, hanging from the walls, transformed the gym into a hay barn. On each side of the orchestra stand a hay loft had been constructed, underneath which were card tables and chairs. The orchestra itself was behind a dense mass of oak branches which encircled the balcony. Corn shocks and pumpkins set

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along the walls completed the decorations.

Prizes were awarded to the best dressed couples. Herbert Boettcher and Jean Chapple won first prize as the most appropriately dressed couple. Second prize went to Jack Brunner and Douglass Clark, who was dressed as a girl. The prize for the best dressed individual was won by Emmet Kaul with his crooked stemmed pipe, worn out straw hat and hay seedy moustache.

### Minnie Wood Employed in Chicago Federal Reserve Bank

Miss Minnie Wood of Chicago, Ill., a freshman at RFSTC last year, has just received a position in the Federal Reserve Bank in that city.



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