

Washing Behind Ears, Primping Pay Dividends As AACTE Visitors View Campus Favorably

A search for new ideas was the theme of a November visit to River Falls State College by a team of nine educators representing the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

New ideas there were, too, as the group spent three days scouring the campus and evaluating what they found in the light of what might be found at similar schools. In a report to the faculty following a tea in Hathorn Lounge the visiting team offered some suggestions for possible improvement, but at the same time praised most campus activities.

All joined in thanking the college staff and students for hospitality shown them. This hospitality even included a batch of cookies served while the group was deliberating in the small hours of the morning. Men in the visiting team stayed in Hathorn Cottage, and women were housed in Hathorn Hall.

The AACTE describes itself as a co-operative group which seeks to improve the quality of teaching in American schools. Its members send representatives to other schools to evaluate such matters as subjects offered, requirements of the faculty, personnel services given students, and library facilities.

This was the first such visitation to River Falls since the college joined the group. An exten-



AACTE VISITORS MEET FACULTY — Above part of the AACTE visitation team is shown as they met with the entire faculty at a tea in Hathorn Lounge. Following the tea, their report on the results of the visit was read.

sive report will be made to the school on the basis of the visit.

Members of the visiting team were: C. L. Crawford, president of Mankato State Teachers College; J. W. Maucker, president of Iowa State Teachers College; Marshall Beard, registrar of Iowa State Teachers College; Marian McBrair, associate dean of students at Iowa State Teachers College, and Eugene McPhee, state director of colleges.

Also Edward M. Boyne, supervisor of secondary student teaching at Mankato State Teachers College; Donald B. Youel, director of library sciences and professor of English at Mankato State Teachers College; R. F. Lewis, assistant superintendent of public instruction, and Alma Link representative of the Wisconsin Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards.

Thoreson, Wall Plowing Judges

Thorvald E. Thoreson and Melvin Wall, of the Division of Agriculture Education, were judges at both the Wisconsin state and the national plowing contests this September.

Thoreson was one of three men judging furrow conformation and uniformity, quality of tillage surface and trash mulch in the level land contests. Wall was a member of the trio judging furrow conformation, quality of tilled surface, and trash coverage in the contour contests.

The River Falls faculty members were two of the three Wisconsin representatives among the judges, and they were among distinguished company. Other schools represented among the judges were the North Dakota Agricultural College, the University of Minnesota, the University of Illinois, Iowa State College, Michigan State College, and the University of Wisconsin.

Upper Five Grades in Campus School Begin Study of Foreign Language

Foreign language has joined the three R's at the campus elementary school of Wisconsin State College in River Falls.

Proceeding on the principle "Qui ne risque rien, n'a rien" (Nothing ventured, nothing gained), the faculty, after study and research on the problem for a year, began instruction in foreign language this fall as a regular phase of the upper grade curriculum.

The experiment will test the theory that a foreign language is more easily learned at an early age.

Grades four and six will learn about the land of romance—Spain—as well as our siesta-loving neighbors in Central and South America. Grades five, seven, and eight will learn "la belle langue" (the beautiful language), French. Conversation, games, songs, and easy reading material, together with a study of the respective countries and their culture, will provide the integrated course content.

Dr. Ernst Jurgens and Mr. Leslie McKeen, language instructors in the college, will serve as consultants. Participating teachers will be Mr. Robert Fislser, Mr. Robert Krueger, and Miss Mary Jo Roberts in Spanish, and Miss Opal Knox and Miss Mary Ull-

man in French. Mr. James Rupert, River Falls senior, will do student teaching in French in grades five, seven, and eight.

According to the Campus School Director, Dr. L. G. Stone, each child will continue the study of the same language during his remaining years in the school.

11 Newcomers Join Faculty

Eleven new teachers have come to River Falls State College during the summer and fall. They bring new ideas into several departments.

New in the Division of Professional Education are Sara Garner, Robert Krueger, Mary Jo Roberts, Mary Ullman, and Irene Quinn. Others and their specialty fields are Marvin Thompson, industrial arts; Adeline Levin, women's physical education; Robert Polk, geology and geography; Norman Severson, chemistry; Myrn Devine, music, and Harry Griggs, journalism.

First to arrive were Mr. Krueger and Miss Garner who taught during the summer session. Krueger, a native of Bayport, Minn., is a graduate of RFSC. He later taught two years in Minneapolis and received a masters degree from the University of Minnesota. An athletic veteran of infantry service during World War II, he has little trouble maintaining order in his sixth grade classroom.

Miss Garner is from Gary, Ind., and came to River Falls from a teaching position in Michigan City, Ind. While in Michigan City she played flute in the symphony orchestra. She received both B. S. and M. A. degrees from Ball State Teachers College in Muncie, Ind. Miss Garner is an expert on kindergarten age children and once wrote a brochure for the Indiana Legislature entitled "Kindergarten—Indiana's Educational Insurance" to inform lawmakers who were considering a bill to give kindergartens state support.

Miss Roberts received the A. M. degree in fine arts and art education from Columbia University. She came to the RFSC

GROWTH CONTINUES

Agronomy Building Slated to Be Built By Next September

The agronomy department at Wisconsin State College in River Falls will have a new home by next September if present building plans are completed on schedule.

President E. H. Kleinpell has revealed the new building is to house soils, crops, and dairy laboratories plus two new classrooms and four offices. Bids will be taken in January.

The structure is to be one story high, approximately 100 feet long, and 55 feet wide. It is to be situated northwest of the Industrial Arts Building, and its brick construction will resemble the older building. Plans call for the present Agronomy Building, a wooden structure purchased from the Army, to be moved to the college farm.

Ramer Field, home of the River Falls football, baseball, and track teams, also is getting some changes as part of an improvement program. The Century Fence Company, of Waukesha, Wis., finished a chain link fence around the field. The firm's bid of \$3,750 was lowest for the job.

Cinder path stars will have better facilities this spring. A new track is to be built around the football field wide enough for ten lanes on the straightaways and six on the curves. For the increased comfort of sports fans, the college Athletic Council is considering building permanent steel bleachers on the west side of Ramer Field.

Rounding out the college's physical improvements are two new boilers and a new 134-foot smokestack. These installations cost \$125,000 and took several weeks to complete.

Smoke first poured up the new stack on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 13, after the boiler room changeover was complete. The old stack is to be razed in the near future. In the meantime, visitors to the campus wonder why the college needs two smokestacks.

Lowe New Head Of Minneapolis Alumni Chapter

Alumni in the Minneapolis area elected a full slate of officers, heard greetings from the present River Falls faculty, and visited with college friends at their annual dinner November 12.

John Lowe, a 1940 graduate now in the life insurance business, was chosen to head the group for the coming year. Other officers are Gilbert Rivard (1941), 1st vice president; John Jarolimek (1943), 2nd vice president; Lois Brandt Clymer (1949), secretary, and Carl Laatsch (1917), treasurer.

Following a social hour, a large group sat down to dinner in Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota. Some 25 faculty members mingled with the former River Falls students.

Ted Clymer (1949) acted as master of ceremonies at the election and a brief program. President E. H. Kleinpell, Registrar Edward J. Prucha, and Professor Walker D. Wyman represented the college faculty in greeting the assembled alumni.

The program closed as Mr. B. J. Rozehnal led the group in singing the River Falls pledge song. Many persons remained to continue their reminiscences with friends not often seen.



PLASTERERS WORK ON LIBRARY—Two members of a plastering crew apply the primary coat to an interior wall of one room in the soon-to-be-completed Chalmer Davee Library. Despite many delays, the new stone and brick building is expected to be ready for occupancy by spring.

fourth grade from an elementary school in Miami Beach, Fla.

In the next grade higher Miss Ullman is in charge. She came to River Falls from a similar position at Wisconsin State College at Stevens Point. She holds the Ph. M. degree and has done a great deal of other graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

The latest arrival was Mrs. Quinn, who is supervising teacher of the first grade. She also is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. She began her duties here in October.

Crossing the campus to the Industrial Arts Building, one finds Mr. Thompson, new shop teacher. He formerly taught in Iowa and Nebraska and has wide training in agricultural engineering and education.

Two new science teachers have joined the faculty. Mr. Severson, chemist, is a native of North Dakota.

Mr. Polk, although born in Wisconsin, spent much of his adult life elsewhere as a member of the U.S. Navy. He was graduated from Annapolis in 1944, and after being married he went to the Pacific war area on the Battleship Missouri. He left the big vessel two days before the Japanese surrender on her deck and went into flight training which he completed in 1947. The next two years he saw duty in California, Hawaii, Washington, and the Aleutians.

After resigning from active duty in 1949, Polk went to the University of Wisconsin and worked toward his doctorate in geology and geography. Last year he had a fellowship there.

Miss Leven has had experience teaching on the elementary, sec-

ondary, and college levels before coming to River Falls. She also spent five years in the Women's Army Corps. She received an M. A. degree from Columbia University and also has done graduate work at the University of Minnesota and New York University.

Mr. Griggs was a newspaperman for five years and is having his first experience teaching. He received both the A. B. and A. M. degrees from Indiana University after returning from Army service in Europe. His last position was as assistant telegraph editor of The Fort Wayne (Ind.) News-Sentinel. In addition to teaching journalism, he directs college publicity and edits alumni publications.

Mrs. Carolyn Griggs, though not a regular teacher, has missed only two weeks of school this year while working as a substitute. She first taught grade one, and later took over the third grade. She is a graduate of Indiana University and taught in the Fort Wayne public schools.

English Dept. Offers Aid

The English Department has inaugurated with the winter term a system of laboratories to help students with specific communications difficulties. The laboratories, under the direction of Dr. Francis Chisholm, will handle such problems as reading, speaking, mechanics in usage, and writing content.

'53 Graduates Get Jobs Around State

The Campus School Placement Bureau has issued a list of teacher placements for the class of 1953. Besides 77 placements in teaching positions, eight graduates of the Agricultural course were placed in jobs other than teaching.

Ten graduates are now in Vocational Agriculture teaching positions. They are: James C. Chaffee, Houghton, Michigan; Lloyd E. Feltes, Trempealeau, Wisconsin; Gene H. Hartman, Auburndale, Wisconsin; James H. Hicks, Edgar, Wisconsin; Thomas W. Johanik, Vocational School, Marshfield, Wisconsin; Donald R. LaBerge, Fall Creek, Wisconsin; Raymond A. Moore, Boyceville, Wisconsin; Dale L. Nestingen, Amherst, Wisconsin; James A. Sauerman, Hart, Michigan; and Donald J. Snippen, Birnamwood, Wisconsin.

Nineteen graduates in secondary education have been placed. They are: Jean M. Allie, Physical Education, Rice Lake, Wisconsin; Kenneth A. Ames, English, Barron, Wisconsin; Newman O. Benson, Civics and Assistant Coach, Bloomer, Wisconsin; Heather D. Dopkins, English and Speech, Watertown, Wisconsin; Keith L. Drysdale, Seventh and Eighth Grades, Lake Crystal, Wisconsin; Annette L. Gerates, Biology, Ulby, Michigan; Earl R. Hassett, English and History, Amery, Wisconsin; Clayton E. Herum, Mathematics, Geography, and Driver Education, Ellsworth, Wisconsin; William E. Huff, Social Science and Geography, Dunn County School of Agriculture, Menomonie, Wisconsin; Robert C. Jensen, Biology, Tomah, Wisconsin; Roger J. Kuss, History and Phys. Ed., River Falls, Wisconsin; John W. Mills, English, Porterfield, California; Donald D. Nelson, Music, Glenwood City, Wisconsin; Robert J. Perry, English and Biology, Colfax, Wisconsin; John N. Peterson, Social Science and Coach, Arkansasaw, Wisconsin; Wayne F. Reichert, Jr., High School Science and Mathematics, Hastings, Minnesota; Dean M. Tveten, Social Science, Prairie Farm, Wisconsin; Paul C. Willink, Music, Elmwood, Wisconsin; and Hisashi Yoshihara, Mathematics and Shop, Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Thirty-one four-year elementary graduates were placed: Mrs. Beverly Andrews, Fifth Grade, Mahtomedi, Minnesota; Marcella A. Appel, Second Grade, Elmwood, Wisconsin; James W. Ashley, Sixth Grade, Beloit, Wisconsin; Jean M. Bjornson, First Grade, Manitowoc, Wisconsin; Jo Ann Bjorstad, Kindergarten, Ellsworth, Wisconsin; Clifford T. Butler, 7th and 8th Departmental, and Phys., Ed., Mosinee, Wisconsin; June A. Clark, Music, Rosholt, Wisconsin; Norman S. Dahl, Biology and Health, H. S., Elementary Phys. Ed., Ondossagon School, Ashland, Wisconsin; Eleanor G. Davis (Mrs. Donald Malmo), Second Grade, Ellsworth, Wisconsin; Robert L. Dodge, Sixth and Seventh Grades, Birnamwood, Wisconsin; Marilyn M. Fiedler (Mrs. Donald J. Goodrich), Kindergarten, Moundsview School, New Brighton, Minnesota; Dorothy L. Hammelman, Second Grade, Janesville, Wisconsin; Mrs. Velores B. Hanson, English, History and Music, Barron Co., Normal School, Rice Lake, Wisconsin; Jean J. Herald, Kindergarten, Manitowoc, Wisconsin; Earl A. Johnson, Madison, Wisconsin; Roger H. Knieff, Seventh Grade, Elmwood, Wisconsin; Dolores J. Kreuziger, Kindergarten, Manitowoc, Wisconsin; Melton C. Martinson, Sixth Grade, Beloit, Wisconsin; Romona A. Meyer, Kindergarten, Madison, Wisconsin; Genevieve M. Olson, Kindergarten, New Richmond, Wisconsin; Audrey M. Parsnick, First Grade, Helena, Montana; Arlene M. Pechacek, Kindergarten, Amery, Wisconsin; Mabel G. Peterson, First Grade, Wausau, Wisconsin; Margaret E. Remund, Kindergarten, Manitowoc, Wisconsin; Mary M. Shannon, Kindergarten, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Blanche L. Sias, Principal and Sixth Grade, New Richmond, Wisconsin; Peggy J. Smith (Mrs. William Wells), Kindergarten, River Falls, Wisconsin; Hilda M. Sodequist, New Richmond, Wisconsin; Mrs. Belva E. Tanner, Fifth Grade, Ellsworth, Wisconsin; Maynard R. Thoreson, Seventh-Eighth Grades, Baldwin, Wisconsin; Mrs. Lavonna M. Wiff, Lower Elementary, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

graduates, seven are now teaching: Daisy A. Boe, Martell Rural School, Martell, Wisconsin; Jeanne E. Hanson, Sixth Grade, Amery, Wis. Mary A. Maurina, 2nd Grade, Edgerton, Wis. Mrs. LeRaine F. Olson, Second-Third Grades, North St. Paul, Minnesota; Marilyn M. Peterson, (Mrs. Ernest Gay), First Grade, Elmwood, Wisconsin; Carolyn M. Styer (Mrs. Bill Boyle), Kindergarten, Glenwood City, Wisconsin; and Genevieve A. Thannum, First Grade, Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

Ten two-year elementary graduates are teaching. They are: Joan T. Binkowski, Third-Fourth Grades, New Richmond, Wisconsin; Mrs. Carol Brooks, Rural School, Pepin, Wisconsin; Beverly J. DeNucci, Fifth Grade, Colfax, Wisconsin; Janet D. Gorres, Upper Grades, Wagon Landing School, Amery, Wisconsin; Marilyn J. Haglund, Second Grade, Clayton, Wisconsin; Ida L. Larson, Clifton Hollow Rural School, River Falls, Wisconsin; Delores Olson, Lund Rural School, River Falls, Wisconsin; Marilyn E. Ostness, Kindergarten, Colfax, Wisconsin; Carol J. Rundhammer, First Grade, Luck, Wisconsin; and Janet M. Wenstad, Second-Third Grades, Luck, Wisconsin.

The eight agriculture graduates in jobs other than teaching positions include Paul J. Beckel, Assistant County Agent, Warren, Minnesota, and seven who are working for the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Those seven are: Harold J. Dineen; Edgar D. Drogemuller, Glenwood, Minnesota; Gerald W. Easton, Dodgeville, Wisconsin; Jerome C. Hytry, Dancy, Wisconsin; Lloyd N. Laine; Harlan C. Nelson, Statford, Wisconsin; and Herbert W. Tauchen, Barron, Wisconsin.



HOMECOMING QUEEN'S FLOAT—The 1953 Homecoming Queen's float is shown as it is pulled along Main Street in River Falls during the annual Homecoming Day float parade. Left to right are: Donna Sammons, Margery Deans, Virginia Horsmann, Rita Ruemmele, and Queen Louise Thompson.

Homecoming Program Sees Changes; Friendliness, Sun Both at Warmest

Alumni from many different classes and home towns gathered at River Falls October 10 for a homecoming that saw innovations in the program but no change in the customary friendliness. The River Falls alumni chapter introduced a smorgasbord evening meal this year which proved to be one of the Homecoming highlights. In charge of arrangements was Ambrose Murphy, chairman of the chapter's Homecoming Committee. John Gage, cafeteria manager, reported 161 took part in the "help yourself" meal. A reception earlier in the afternoon also attracted over a hundred persons.

Many campus organizations sponsored special luncheon meetings for their alumni. They included Phi Kappa Delta, F. F. A., Sigma Chi Sigma, and the Toastmaster Club. This new procedure pleased returning alumni who reported an easier time renewing acquaintances in the informal atmosphere of small groups. Warm, sunny weather greeted former students as they drifted

onto the campus from their present homes. Coats were needed only for cushions as the Falcons responded to partisan cheers by running over Superior, 21 to 0. Queen of Homecoming this year was Louise Thompson, junior from Hammond, Wis. She was introduced with her court at half-time by Jim Tilly. Tilly, Fond du Lac junior, had been elected Homecoming Chairman by the students early in the fall.

Saturday morning was colorful as the traditional float parade wound its way through River Falls while the high school bands from River Falls and Hudson played pulse-quickening rhythms and marches. A float prepared by the freshman class won first prize.

RFSC Gets New Films In Role As Preview Center

For the second year, Wisconsin State College at River Falls has been chosen to represent the Film Council of America as a preview center. Richard Cooklock, of the library staff, is in charge of the program, assisted by Robert Fiesler, audio-visual director in the Division of Professional Education.

Each month of the school year a new group of films on some category of education and thought is previewed. The previews are the second Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Audio-Visual Room of South Hall. Members of community organizations in the area are invited to attend these previews for which there is no admission charge.

In February six films on health and safety will be available for the previews: Alcoholism, Borrowed Power, Breast Self-Examination, Motor Mania, Personal Health for Girls, and The Water We Drink.

Future topics to be covered include: March, marriage and the family; April, biography, history, and travel; May, children's films, and June, religion and ethics.

200 Enjoy Social Hour During WEA Convention

Nearly 200 River Falls graduates now living in every corner of Wisconsin attended a tea in Milwaukee November 5, during the Wisconsin Education Association convention.

The faculty Alumni-Foundation Committee arranged the afternoon affair. Punch was served during a social hour, and some of the alumni activities of the college were displayed.

As guests registered, they were given a name and class card to make identification easy. A poll taken during the registration showed an overwhelming preference for continuing the tea, rather than having an annual dinner meeting.

Anthology Will Include Poems By Two Students

The poems of two River Falls State College students have been chosen for inclusion in this year's Annual Anthology of College Poetry, Dr. Francis Chisholm, head of the English Department, has announced.

"Hate Not Pain," by David Gilstad, Baldwin freshman, and "Forgotten," by Orlan Larson, Spring Valley sophomore, were the poems selected.

College Debaters Take Honors at Tournament

Team and individual honors came to Wisconsin State College at River Falls as its debaters invaded Bradley University for the seventh annual Bradley Speech Tournament November 20 and 21. The tournament was sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta, honorary debate and oratory fraternity.

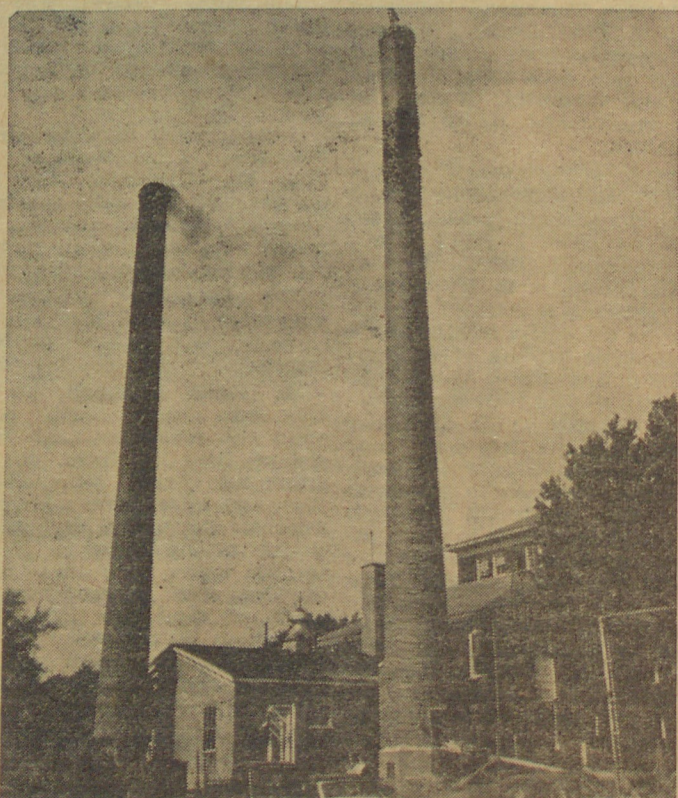
The River Falls affirmative team was one of 15 teams at the event which were undefeated and which won "superior" ratings. Approximately 40 college sent 104 debate teams to the tournament, the largest of its kind in the Midwest. Nine states were represented.

Members of the affirmative team were Margaret Helmer, senior from Plymouth, and Bill Schoenwetter, sophomore from Emerald. The four teams they defeated were Bradley University, North Central College (Naperville, Ill.), St. Olaf College,

and Illinois Wesleyan College.

The negative team, consisting of Beverly Domaika, Rhinelander freshman, and Halbert Belt, River Falls junior, defeated Carleton College and Washington University of St. Louis, but lost to Northwestern University and Illinois State Normal University.

The topic for debate was "The United States Should Adopt a Policy of Free Trade." The same topic was used for discussions and extemporaneous speeches.



WHY TWO SMOKESTACKS?—A new 134-foot smokestack has replaced the old one shown at the left above. Since this picture was taken, smoke has been redirected into the new stack. The new funnel is 15 feet in diameter at the bottom and tapers to about 7½ feet at the top. It weighs approximately 300 tons.

Dorm Experiment Tried On Campus

An experiment in dormitory living is being conducted at River Falls State College this year. Thirteen girls have been selected by the Dean of Women to live in Hathorn Cottage without the supervision of a housemother.

The girls, who were chosen on the basis of their age, maturity, and past conduct, have full charge of the cottage which is equipped with washing facilities and a complete kitchen. Each girl is responsible for cleaning her own room and helping keep the cottage neat. General cleaning and maintenance of the house, however, is the duty of three girls who work on a co-operative basis.

Lorraine Nordby, senior from Prairie Farm, is house president. Her duties include locking the doors at night and taking care of other administrative functions.

100 Attend Exhibit, Tea Emphasizing Book Week

A book exhibit and tea emphasizing National Book Week at the college November 19. Also on the program was a play, "Book Magic," given by the seventh and eighth grades of the campus school.

Approximately 100 attended the program. Arrangements were made by the campus branch of the Association for Childhood Education International and the staff of the campus school.

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Four M's Return To R.F. Campus, Two From Study

By Gladys Sigvaldson

Minneapolis boasts of its two Ms (Minneapolis-Moline) and its three Ms (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing), but River Falls State College says: "We have four Ms." Among our returning faculty members are four who proudly possess that Mighty initial: Mason, McCarthy, McKeen, and McKeen (nee Mitchell).

Ohio Northern University called O'Neal Mason away for two years to teach chemistry. He stayed there from 1951 to 1953 and really enjoyed his work. But when the call to return to River Falls State College came, he replied, "I'll be back; I like it there." To enjoy Wisconsin he came back early and spent six weeks swimming, golfing, and fishing at Balsam Lake.

The B. L. McCarthy family was gone one year while "Mac" worked on his doctorate. In July 1952, daughter Mary Kathleen got a sister, Lauren Louise.

Away for two years studying at Columbia University, L. C. McKeen completed all the requirements for his degree except the dissertation. That is concerned with Old French Romance Philology. He has worked with an early 14th Century manuscript by Jacques de Long-yon titled Voeux du Paon (Vows of the Peacock) and contained in the Alexander Cycle of Old French Romances. It came to him on microfilm from the Library of Congress.

Mildred Mitchell McKeen, our former dean of women, was away one year. While in New York City she had two positions. First she was with the Associated Teacher's Agency on Fifth Avenue. Then she was a secretary in Deutsches Haus on the campus of Columbia University.

In June 1952 Miss Mitchell and Mr. McKeen were married at the home of his sister in Albany, New York. They then took up residence in Butler Hall on 119th Street and Morningside Drive. They lived three blocks from the home of President Eisenhower when he was president of Columbia University. Mr. and Mrs. McKeen spent the summer in his former home at Marshalltown, Iowa.

German Library Asks Wyman Book

Dr. Walker D. Wyman recently received a request for a copy of his book "California Emigrant Letters" from a library in Germany. Prof. Dr. P. Gehring, director of the George Washington Memorial Library in Stuttgart, sent the request, stating he was convinced the book would be of great value to his library.

The George Washington Memorial Library was founded to commemorate the first United States President's 200th birthday. According to Dr. Gehring, it was destroyed during an air raid in 1944 and was not reopened until 1951.

The director asserts its objective is to promote the understanding of American thought and way of life. Most of the books now in the library were contributed by American authors, libraries and institutes.

Agriculture Conference Hears RFSC Graduate

A River Falls alumnus was among four speakers at the annual Agricultural Teachers Conference at the college September 26. He is Lyle Lamphere (1931) who is now Director of Public Relations for the Central Co-operative Livestock Association, of So. St. Paul, Minn.

The conference, sponsored by the RFSC Agriculture Department, was attended by more than 100 teachers and veteran trainers.

Other speakers were Milo Swanton, Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Council of Agriculture Co-operatives; S. C. Cleland, extension professor of farm management for the University of Minnesota, and L. M. Winter, of the Department of Animal Husbandry, University of Minnesota.

Seven Presidents Shape College's Character Since First Classes Met Nearly 80 Years Ago

River Falls State College soon will be 80 years old, but its present president, Dr. E. H. Kleinpell, is only the seventh man to hold that office.

Warren D. Parker was the first president of the school. Taking the administrative reins as soon as the Normal building was completed, he soon came to personify the school. From 1875 until 1889 he determined the school's character and established its principles and ideals. He left the office in 1889 but returned from 1894 to 1898.

A native of Vermont, Mr. Parker was noted for stern discipline and the detailed manner in which he ran the college. His interests were broad, however, and he devoted much of his time to civic projects and educational institutes and conventions which he believed would better society and the teaching profession.

Second president at River Falls was John Q. Emery, who later became well known as State Superintendent of Public Instruction and holder of other high state positions in Wisconsin. Although born in Ohio, he had worked

many years in Wisconsin public schools before his period at RFSC, 1889 to 1893. He was noted for his promotion of improvements in the dairy industry in the state.

The third president of River Falls State College and the first native Badger to hold the position was Warren J. Brier. He had served on the faculty nine years before his term as head, 1898 to 1909. He was a graduate of the Baraboo public schools and attended the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Brier saw the college through one of its most trying times, when the original building burned. Undismayed despite the overwhelming loss, he arranged to have classes meet in other town buildings, and only half a day's school was missed. In addition to being an efficient administrator, he was a remarkable scholar. He wrote stories, dramas, poems, books, and other articles throughout his life.

When failing health forced

Brier to retire in 1909, a young professor of history, H. L. Wilson was selected to take his place. Conscientious and scholarly, he had come to the Normal School from the superintendency of the River Falls city schools and was highly esteemed in the community. His tenure, lasting only two years, was the shortest in the college's history. Perhaps he tired of Wisconsin winters, for he moved to Pomona, California, where he served several years as director of social studies in the public schools.

The fifth president was another native of Ohio, James W. Crabtree. An able leader, he instituted a student recruitment program which increased the number of students at the college from 332 to 543 in five years. As a result of this swift growth, North Hall was built. The increase in enrollment carried with it growth in other directions, such as in faculty and program offered.

Before coming to River Falls,

Crabtree was State Superintendent of Schools in Nebraska. His interests grew in the national aspects of education, and he took an active part in the National Educational Association. In 1917 he left River Falls to become an official in this organization. His record in this group was one of remarkable success. His former students at River Falls remember him best for his capacity to meet them personally and make them feel he was really interested in their welfare.

Upon Mr. Crabtree's resignation, the history department again sent a representative to the president's office. The man appointed was J. H. Ames, who was president from 1917 to 1946. His period of service was by far the longest in the college's history. He had been on the faculty since 1909, serving four years as head of the history department and three years as director of the teacher training department.

Mr. Ames' interests were primarily academic, and he won many battles to improve the standards of education at River Falls. It was during his administration the school first began granting four-year degrees. As a historian he is best known for a series of history texts in which he and his brother collaborated. He is still living and occasionally attends alumni functions.

The present chief executive, Dr. Kleinpell, is a native of Iowa. He holds degrees from the University of Iowa, the University of Chicago, and Ohio University. He taught for a number of years on the history and social science staffs of four teachers colleges. Just before coming to RFSC, he had been president of the teachers college at Valley City, North Dakota.

In the years he has been at River Falls, Dr. Kleinpell has used his amiable personality and driving energy to improve both the physical aspects and educational potential of the college. A keen student of budgetary processes, his knowledge of the state legislature's activities is scarcely exceeded by that of the legislators themselves. His keenest disappointments are when some of his plans for improving the college go awry or must be postponed.

New Faculty Members Presented At Eau Claire

New members of the River Falls College faculty were presented to a large group of alumni at an annual dinner meeting in Eau Claire October 8. The dinner was during the Northwest Wisconsin Education Association convention.

Robert Krueger was master of ceremonies. Krueger was graduated from RFSC in 1950 and now is a member of the faculty in the Division of Professional Education. President E. H. Kleinpell and Dr. L. Gordon Stone gave short talks.

In charge of arrangement for the dinner was Wilfred Harris. More than 20 faculty members attended.

Gifts At Band Concert Go To Fieldhouse Fund

The RFSC band, under the direction of B. J. Rozehnal, is doing its bit toward raising funds for a new fieldhouse. Proceeds of a free will offering at its November concert went for this purpose.

In an "All American" program, the band played selections by such composers as Gershwin, Gould, Goldman, and Bennett. The band paid tribute in its closing number to John Phillip Sousa, American march king, by playing his "Stars and Stripes Forever."

The band's winter concert will be February 25. The program is yet to be announced.

20 Schools In FFA Fair

Twenty schools brought a total of 225 exhibits to the annual FFA rural school fair at River Falls State College October 23. During the morning entries were judged and visitors were taken for tours of the campus. In the afternoon awards were distributed to winners.

Study Reveals RFSC Faculty Continues Research, Writing

The faculty at Wisconsin State College in River Falls may be most expert at spreading learning through speaking, but they have proven themselves able writers too.

In the past six years, faculty members have published nine books, 50 articles in professional journals, and 45 other works. These publications represent months of research on the part of their authors.

It is well known that the success of an institution of higher education depends in large part on the training and effectiveness of its faculty. Graduates and friends of River Falls College can be proud of the achievement records of its teachers. A recent study throws light on some interesting facts about the RFSC faculty and perhaps gives a clue to the success of so many River Falls graduates.

Fifteen faculty members have earned doctors degrees. It is interesting that these degrees were conferred by 11 different institutions in nine states. In no case are more than two from the same school.

Masters degrees, of which 50 are held by faculty members, are from widely scattered areas. Twenty-five institutions from 18 states are represented. Undergraduate degrees also are from many places. Thirty-seven schools in 17 states are represented.

Virtually every member of the faculty has earned a masters degree and has done graduate work beyond it. Fourteen have completed more than half the requirements for doctors degrees. Most of those who already have doctors degrees have continued their formal study.

Of course actual teaching and other experience is important too

in making a well-rounded instructor. Twenty-five RFSC faculty members have 20 or more years of teaching experience. This includes all levels of learning from elementary to college. Many have technical experience from working in industry or other professions which adds to their background in specialized fields.

In age, faculty members range from 25 to 68. Most are between 30 and 45. Median age for the entire group is 41 years and nine months.

One of the most important points revealed in the faculty study was that River Falls teachers have wide interests outside their classrooms. They hold memberships in 65 different educational organizations, attended 59 conferences and conventions in the last calendar year, and participated on the programs of 17 of these conferences and conventions.

Faculty members seek new ideas and approaches through reading too. They regularly read 132 different professional journals representing scores of educational branches from art to engineering.

Finally, RFSC teachers take an active part in community life. Many belong to churches and service clubs. Others participate in virtually every civic activity such as the Boy Scouts, park board, and Selective Service Board.

Distant Alumni Initiate Meeting In Mexico City

Memories of River Falls, struggles with a new language, and the first sight of snow were recalled at the initial meeting of the newest and most distant alumni group of Wisconsin State College at River Falls.

The meeting took place July 31 at Chapultepec Restaurant in Mexico City when a dozen former students, wives, and husbands met and talked over old times. John Brille (1934-36), responsible for many of the students' attending River Falls, was unable to be at the meeting but sent greetings from Cuernavaca where he is now heading a private school.

The group decided on a later meeting to see motion pictures of the River Falls campus and Homecoming. Monserrate Padilla (1947-48) will be in charge of the gathering.

Present at the July meeting besides Padilla and his wife were Mr. and Mrs. (Rosamaria Gurria, 1947-48) Francisco Gonzalez Mr. and Mrs. (Guillermina Espina, 1947-48) Hugh Harleston, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. (Annie Hooper, 1950-51) Bernito Sheridan, Hubert Thummler (1949-50), Leopoldo Rebollar (1947-49), and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe, Public Relations Director at RFSC for three years, was attending the summer session at the National University of Mexico.



DANCE GROUP CREATES ROLES—Six pretty members of the Dance Theatre Group, new on the campus last year, work on a number for their next production, "Down in the Valley," which will be presented in January. Members of the group, which also includes men, develop their own compositions to portray ideas through body movements. Faculty advisor to the modern dancers is Dr. Dorothy Lipp, Dean of Women.

River Falls Third In Conference

La Crosse Loss Costs No. 1 Spot Despite Top Play

The River Falls State College football team overcame pre-season odds to become a real contender for the conference championship this year. They wound up in third place behind the perennial champions from La Crosse and an unbeaten Platteville eleven.

The Falcons' achievements were notable, however, despite their loss of the championship. They scored 63 points to their opponents' 34 in conference play, and in home conference contests defended their own goal line from any penetration. One conference loss, to La Crosse and one non-conference loss gave the Ramer Field boys an over-all season record of five victories and two defeats.

Early in September, Coach Phil Belfiori remarked that the team had less chance than last year at the conference crown, and the opening game of the season seemed to bear out his convictions. River Falls was invaded by St. Cloud, and after having played a somewhat ragged game, found themselves on the short end of a 14 to 0 score. Although the Falcons displayed brilliant moments in defen-

sive play, they never could keep a march going long enough to score. The match showed Belfiori many weak spots, and he went to work on these during the next week's practice sessions.

The boys learned their lessons well, for in their next game they trounced Stout, 22 to 0. One of the stars of the evening was John Steffen, a freshman from Turtle Lake, who returned a Stout punt 65 yards in the first quarter for the first River Falls touchdown of the season. The Blue Devils, though tired, continued their vain struggle up to the very last minute of the game, but River Falls kept the scoring door closed.

Despite this impressive victory, Coach Belfiori still was not satisfied with the team's play, and drills continued as the Falcons made ready to meet Eau Claire, a powerful foe, on the Eau Claire field. Then on Saturday evening a fired-up River Falls eleven snapped the three-game winning streak of the Blugolds and knocked them out of first place in the conference.

After battling Eau Claire to a scoreless tie at halftime, the lads from RFSC, under the brilliant quarterbacking of Joe Burgoyne, struck fast and sure for a touchdown in each of the last two quarters to emerge victors, 14 to 0. An alert defense along with the fine play of fullback Clair Murphy, who made all 14 points, spelled the difference. Burgoyne intercepted four passes in helping

FINAL STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pts.	Opp.
La Crosse	5	0	180	6
Platteville	4	0	57	14
River Falls	3	1	63	34
Stevens Point	4	2	103	73
Eau Claire	4	3	117	81
Milwaukee	2	3	45	59
Whitewater	2	3	47	84
Superior	1	3	19	78
Oshkosh	0	5	35	130
Stout	0	5	26	133

FINAL SCORING

Berzinski, La Crosse	54
Galuska, Eau Claire	43
Tuska, La Crosse	37
Snell, Eau Claire	31
Herrmann, Stevens Point	30
Murphy, River Falls	30
Mason, La Crosse	19
Onstead, Whitewater	19
Kessler, Superior	18
Murphy, Platteville	18
Noonan, Stevens Point	18
Zens, Platteville	18
Roloff, Stevens Point	15

to stop the Blugold offense.

Following this significant victory, it seemed the Falcons really had hit their stride. Displaying the best brand of football savvy they had all season, they snowed under the Superior Yellowjackets, 21-0, in the 1953 Homecoming game.

Early in the first quarter John Oedsma blocked a Superior punt and set the stage for a touchdown by Bob Spaete a few plays later. On the seventh play of the third period Steffen raced 30 yards for the second score after

contributing a nice sprint of 20 yards to set up the counter. Murphy's accurate kicking converted for both touchdowns. The final score came later in the third period when Jerry Rotte and Bucky DiSalvo rampaged down the field to pay dirt in a 68-yard march.

In contrast to their earlier games, the Falcons' tilt with Winona was a free scoring affair, the final outcome of which was 45 to 13 with River Falls on top. There were a number of spectacular plays. Among them were Jack Wade's recovery of a fumble and 81-yard dash for a touchdown and Rusty Titel's pass to Jerry Murphy which was good for 57 yards and a touchdown. Steffen again was outstanding with three T.D.'s to his credit. The contest was marred by a number of fumbles, but River Falls managed to use their opponents' mistakes to good advantage.

The next week end was a big one for RFSC. They traveled to La Crosse to tangle with the Indians on the gridiron warpath. Despite a gallant stand, the Falcons were scalped, 34 to 6, by the mighty Indian eleven, and thus was decided the conference championship for 1953.

Although the River Falls team was severely outclassed all the way through the contest, they did manage to send Route over for one score. This marked the only time in the season the La Crosse goal had been invaded success-

fully. Observers agreed after the game, it was sheer determination on the part of the Falcons that kept the powerful Indians from running up an even higher score.

Closing out the season on a more cheerful note, River Falls smashed Mankato, 20 to 6, despite numerous bruises and injuries left from the heroic stand against La Crosse. The freshmen flash Steffen again led the victors with all three touchdowns, one on a run of 35 yards. He got able assistance from Clair Murphy and Bucky Di Salvo. Murphy made two of three conversion attempts.

Thus ended the football season and the college careers of three members of the Falcon team. The three seniors on this year's squad were John Oedsma, Galesville tackle; Dick Alexander, Menomonie tackle, and Bill Lindenberger, Wheeler end.

Football Squad Honors Outstanding Players

John Oedsma and Bill Lindenberger, seniors, were awarded the titles of honorary captains for their outstanding performances as tackle and end, respectively, on the 1954 Falcon football squad.

Clair Murphy, junior, Falcon fullback, was awarded the title of most valuable player. The three honored players were chosen by vote of the entire football team.

Students Achieve New Scoreboard For Ramer Field

A new electric scoreboard for Ramer Field became a reality this fall, thanks to the Student Foundation Committee of the college. The committee conceived the idea for the scoreboard and raised the \$1,400 necessary to buy and install the device.

Obtaining money for the scoreboard was the committee's Foundation Week project last year, and most of the amount needed was raised. To complete the project this year, the RFSC basketball game with Valley City (N. D.) Teachers College was added to the schedule as a benefit. Spectators at this game December 7 paid their admissions to the scoreboard fund to complete the \$1,400.

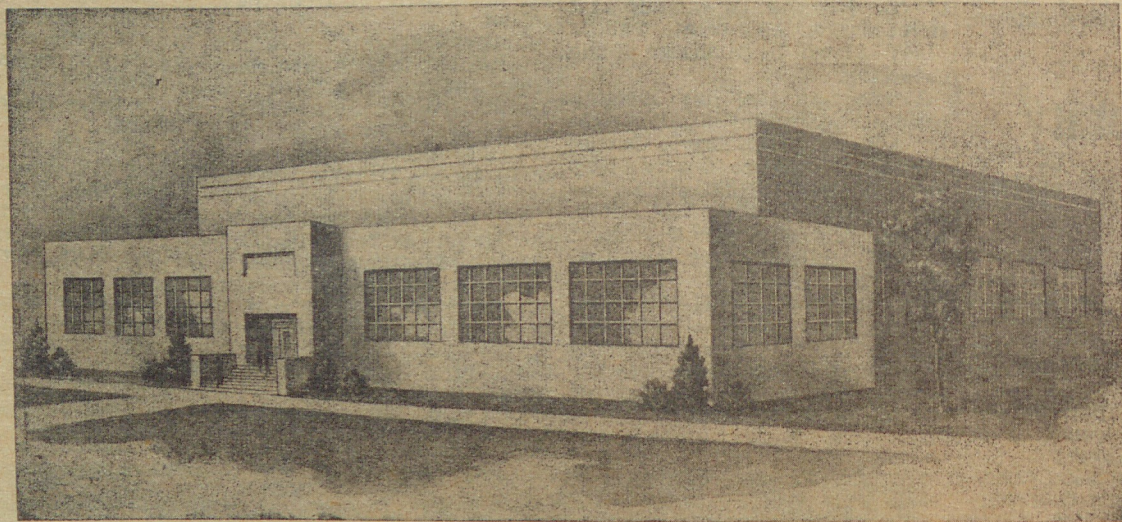
The new scoreboard is designed for maximum visibility. Numerals are two feet high, with 25 three-inch lights for each figure. A special feature is dual wiring, which will make the board easy to read at either day or night games.

The cabinet for the scoreboard is 18 feet long, 8½ feet high and 11 inches deep. The information it records is especially valuable to fans as they watch the play. In addition to the official score, the board tells minutes and seconds of playing time remaining, the number of downs, the number of yards needed for a first down, and the quarter. Since the numerals are operated directly from the timing and scoring table, changes on the scoreboard are fast and accurate.

The Student Foundation Committee last year, under the chairmanship of Paul Beckel, a 1953 State College graduate from Kasota, Minn., made two innovations in the Foundation Week project. One was seeking a specific object, the scoreboard; and the other was inviting the River Falls High School to co-operate in the project. The high school responded with a generous contribution.

Members of the committee besides Beckel were Margaret Helmer, of Plymouth; Mary Sauerman of Elmwood; Roger Knief, of River Falls, and Marcene Wiebusch, of Red Wing, Minn.

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