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Everyone attend morning exercise.

The "big four" are very busy at present attending to various school duties.

Seniors should be working on their final thesis. Only three more weeks before it is due.

Prof. L. G. Schneller was absent from school on Thursday and Friday of last week on business in Chicago.

Why does Mary Sturtevant refuse to dance the "hestitaion" or "tango" with Bill O'Connell in front of the public?

Folk dancing in the grades has become a necessity. The children think it great fun, and are very proficient in the doing of it.

Student, after reading paper: "Well, I've heard of Huerta, Villa and President Wilson, but I'll be danged if I have ever heard of 'Meditation Bill.'"

The school garden, which is carried on in connection with the work in agriculture, will be begun this week. About 50 individual gardens will be planted and cared for by the 50 students taking agriculture.

Prof. Phelan will give an illustrated lecture at Rosholt this evening on "Consolidated Schools." The lecture is given under the auspices of the Patron's Club which is organized to support and promote the interests of the public schools of Rosholt.

President Sims visited the Oshkosh Normal school on Thursday and Friday of last week. Yesterday and today he visited the Whitewater and Platteville schools and on Saturday will attend the Manual Training and Drawing association meeting at Milwaukee. He stopped at Waupaca on Wednesday morning to inspect the new high school.

Mr. Sims in school supervision, calling roll: "I'va Paine."

Mr. Sims will return to Normal during the fore part of the coming week.

Mr. Collins has one of the smartest trigonometry classes he ever had (?) He says so himself.

Read the cards located at various places in the hall which refer to the track meet and the night of vaudeville.

All students who sold tickets for the operetta will please settle their accounts with Rial Cummings at once.

Miss Fay Garlock has taken a position in Marathon county near Unity to complete a term of school for a teacher who was unable to remain until the end of the year.

Mary Carroll, '12, has accepted the position as head of the domestic science department in the new Wood county agricultural school at Grand Rapids, which opens for the first time next September.

Last Saturday our base ball team trimmed the High school to the tune of eleven to one. Our boys played a very fast game and showed up exceptionally well in team work. Reilly, as usual, pitched a no hit game and even excelled his former form.

An art exhibit has been sent to Milwaukee for exhibition at the sessions of the Western Drawing and Manual Training association, held in that city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The association will meet in the auditorium and will include the middle west section of the United States. Miss Flanagan and Miss Allen are attending the sessions.

**DON'T FORGET THE VAUDEVILLE
SATURDAY NIGHT**

ASSEMBLY ROOM

8 O'CLOCK

Y. W. C. A.

All girls of the school are invited to attend matins each morning from 7:50 to 8:00.

The old and new Cabinets meet each Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The members are requested to be regular in attendance.

A large crowd gathered to hear Father Gear talk to us on "The Christian Girl." We consider it a privilege to hear Father Gear and hope his visits will be more frequent in the future. Next week Mrs. Walbridge will talk to us on "The Evolution of the Trained Nurse." After the meeting light refreshments will be served.

The following correspondence comes to us from Normal, Illinois:—

The Young Women's Christian Association of the Illinois State Normal University was organized more than forty-one years ago, being the first student organization in existence. Since that time the movement has been organized into six hundred and sixty-six colleges, universities and professional schools of our nation, and is increasing in numbers each year in other countries.

For the past few years the I. S. N. W. association has celebrated its anniversary the twelfth of November. Last year was the forty-first anniversary and we held a membership banquet at which one hundred and fifty, about three-fourths of our membership, were present. The toast program was worked out in a very interesting way, the first toast being the "Spring," the second the "River," next "Helpful Tributaries," and finally the "Ocean," which was responded to in a splendid way by Miss Lucy Helen Pearson, who made us feel the breadth and variety of work of the association at large, of which we are but one stream.

Our regular meeting of two weeks ago had for its topic the "Eight Weeks Club Plan." You are probably familiar with this plan already, and we found it well responded to after our meeting, which explained the purpose of the club, asked for names of girls who wished to join the "Preparation Band," and told how girls in other schools were conducting it.

At the next meeting, which was last week, we planned a "Geneva Rally," which was well attended, and a huge success. We issued invitations to every girl in the school reading like this:

You are invited to spend a day at Y. W. C. A. camp at Geneva, which will include a "trip around the lake,"

"platform meetings," "tennis tournament," "stunt afternoon," and "spread night." It all happens on our campus in an hour and a half. Do come.

They came! We followed the ways of Geneva closely enough to have the girls see how things are done there, and had enough seriousness in it to show the fundamental purposes of Geneva, but at the same time we made things as funny as possible in order to attract all. For instance, stunt afternoon was called "I. S. N. U. attends the Castle," (the name of our most popular moving picture house) and showed a group of girls witnessing a "moving" moving picture show. Our curtain was a tennis net. We had various take offs on things which have happened recently at school and did everything in burlesque, the whole supposed to be the "Adventures of Betty at I. S. N. U. in 1950." We are desirous of having a large number of girls attend Geneva and took this means of arousing their interest.

Besides these things we have, of course, the work of the Social Service Committee, who try to visit as many people as possible who are ill, and remember them with flowers. In this as well as all our committees we find that conferences help, and instead of relying wholly upon the regular monthly committee meetings, we often talk over things informally with any member of the various committees.

We are at present engaged in a financial campaign to raise funds for our secretary's salary for next year. We have several committees, such as business committee, seeing to what the name implies, printing, etc.; a citizens committee, composed of people who go among the towns people for pledges and subscriptions; a faculty committee, and one committee composed of the girls of the cabinet who are to seek pledges particularly from those who are leaving the school this year to teach. We have an advisory board composed of members of the faculty and ladies of the town to the number of seven. This board was elected this year and is proving highly successful.

We have planned a huge poster to suggest our purpose, to contain a large square blocked off into different amounts of money. Each contribution receives a cross in the square of the corresponding amount, and thus all in the school may follow the progress of the campaign. But a word must be said for the earnest spirit with which the girls are planning and working and the people's response. This campaign is dominated by a

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spirit of prayer, whatever we do, what ever we gain is only with the Lord's help, and we hope that this spirit also prompts those who give.

Tennis Grounds Ready.

The Normal tennis court has been thoroly remodeled and repaired under the direction of Prof. Fairchild. The courts have been spaded up and leveled off smoothly, a heavy roller having been used to pack the soil down into a hard, even floor. The tennis apparatus will be installed soon and the tournament will start, which promises to arcuse much enthusiasm. The courts have never been in such fine condition since the introduction of tennis in the school.

Retrospects of the Civil War.

(By Prof. Patterson)

In relation to their study of slavery and the civil war, the class in United States history feel especially fortunate in having the privilege on Thursday and Monday of hearing addresses by Messrs. Ira Barker and John W. Strope of this city.

Mr. Barker, a veteran of the civil war enlisted in Co. G, 18th Wisconsin regiment, in 1861 and was mustered out in 1865. His first battle was at Shiloh, where he was in the thick of that terrible fight. His experiences from then on were varied and thrilling. He participated in numerous minor engagements, and was for a time a prisoner of war besides having fought at Missionary Ridge, having been with Grant at the siege of Vicksburg and with Sherman on the famous "March thru Georgia." Mr. Barker's experiences deeply impressed the students with what it means to serve one's country in arms, and all felt that the most remarkable thing is that he lives to tell the tale.

Equally as interesting was Mr. Strope's valuable collection of historical relics and his address on the history and significance of the American flag. Among the relics which attracted chief interest were a piece of the flag under which ex-President McKinley fought, two feathers from the famous war eagle, "Old Abe," and a bear trap made by and bearing the name of the redoubtable Miles Standish.

With unanimous consent the class extended a vote of thanks to both of these gentlemen for their kindness in visiting the Normal school and contributing so much to the interpretation of their studies in history.

Ohiyesa.

Work has begun on the play, "Red Bird." A portion of it was read by the author, Miss Pearl Richards, last Friday evening.

The society held an informal meeting Friday evening, April 24th, and those present enjoyed an "old fashioned school" session.

The program for this evening will consist of parliamentary practice conducted by Prof. Fairchild and music by Miss Dorothy Kraus.

An Oversight.

The article in last week's issue, "Jokes, Possibly Original," was written by Clement Glowienke. Due to the editor's fault his signature was not attached to the same when it came out. We humbly beg forgiveness for our actions and will be more careful in the future.

Talk on Arbor Day.

Prof. Culver addressed the school on Friday of last week on the value and purposes of Arbor day. He showed that our great national sin was wastefulness of our national resources. He said that Arbor day should be a day devoted to educating the people in the conservation of all the natural sources of wealth.

Senic class meetings have been very frequent of late. Many things of importance must be finished before the school year ends, such as the signing up for the Iris, the paying up of class dues and the ordering and paying for of invitations. We might also add that Pointer subscriptions have not been paid for, and unless attended to immediately by each subscriber will become a matter of serious importance. We realize the demands made upon students for money and would sympathize with them more if they had not had all year in which to straighten out their debts and credits. Please have your money with you when called upon by Messrs. Dafeo, Moxon and O'Connell. All three may visit you at once.

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Biggest Day of the Season.



Saturday, May 9th, will be a day of celebration for Stevens Point. The annual track meet held between Stevens Point, Wausau, Marshfield, Merrill, New London, Iola and Wautoma will take place at the fair grounds

at 2 o'clock that afternoon. The supervision of the meet and the care of the visitors rests in the hands of the Normal. Up to last year spring athletics had never occupied an important place in the local High school. Normal has a superfluity of girls and very few boys. This condition has been true for some time and favorable material for school athletics was always hard to find. Mr. Schneller, our physical instructor, reasoned that more men could be induced to come to S. P. N. if properly treated. The great drawing card for any school is athletics and the more prominent a school becomes thru foot ball, basket ball, base ball and track renown, the greater becomes the number of men in the school, and thus an increase in the amount of athletic activity.

Believing this to be true Mr. Schneller devoted much time to the organization of a track conference between the stated High schools, which should take place once a year in Stevens Point. The expenses of the various visiting teams were to be paid for by the Normal athletic association. The association in turn took up the management of the fair grounds and charged an admission fee to all. Individually this fee was not large, but many of them, when gathered together, were a great help in defraying expenses.

This year the same program is to be carried out, and as there are two more schools entered in the meet than last year, the expenses will be somewhat larger. The meet will be held at the local fair grounds, beginning at 2 o'clock, will last thruout the afternoon. At 7:15 a mass meeting will be held in our gymnasium and at this time the trophies will be given to the successful contestants. Following the mass meeting a continuous round of vaudeville for one hour will be given in the assembly room. The program consists of five features, arranged in classic order:

- No. 1. Vaudet—Anderson & Dafoe.
- No. 2. Solo Dance—Madge Crandall.
- No. 3. Farce—"The Button."
- No. 4. Magician—Anderson.
- No. 5. Hodges-Dafoe Act.

The participants in this vaudeville are all people of ability and are well known to the public. Messrs. Dafoe and Anderson have a reputation as comedians which has never been excelled in Stevens Point. Misses Hodges, Crandall and Sturtevant are well known in the lime light and rank among professionals. The farce entitled, "The Button," acts as a background for the other features of the program. The cast is well known and is composed of the best in school. Something entirely new, unheard of, and is guaranteed to all. The price of admission is very small, and in proportion to everyone's pocketbook.

After the vaudeville a dance will be given in the gymnasium, starting at nine o'clock.

It may not be a matter of common knowledge as to what a track meet consists of, and therefore the list of events is given here:

- 100 yard dash.
- 220 yard dash.
- Quarter-mile run.
- Eighth-mile run.
- One mile run.
- 120 and 220 yard hurdles.
- Twelve pound hammer throw.
- Pole vault.
- High and broad jump.
- One mile relay.

The total is 14 events, which are to take place tomorrow. In each event there will be from 10 to 14 competitors, thus assuring an afternoon of thrills to anyone interested in athletics. The local High school should this year make a fight for the big cup, now held by Wausau. The latter team has lost at least five men who took first places last year, while the local school has its last year's team intact. Wausau and Stevens Point were the only real contestants a year ago. Merrill and New London are to bring full teams this year and these of course, may change the final results considerably.

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