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## A GRADUATE'S SUCCESS

The following article is taken from THE STEVENS POINT JOURNAL for May 19. It well illustrates the spirit of Industry and sense of Duty which our school has attempted to give us:

Alf, E. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Anderson, of this city, and a graduate of the Stevens Point Normal, class of 1914, is principal of the State Graded School at Boyceville, Dunn County. That he is making good is evidenced by the following, which appeared in THE BOYCEVILLE PRESS of last Friday, accompanied by an excellent picture of Mr. Anderson, and one of the new school building:

"Literacy is sometimes difficult to acquire in the smaller Wisconsin towns, and in most instances this institution is about the most neglected thing in the village. Scholars are housed in small, poorly ventilated school rooms, and attention is given to the selection of teachers.

"Years ago, even before the writer saw the city, the old white school house was doing duty and had been the mecca of scholarly inclined young boys and girls for some twenty odd years. Although fairly ventilated, it was a veritable fire trap, and should have been razed years ago.

"The present school building is one of the bright spots of the city, and as modern as any high school along this division. Special attention was devoted to the heating and ventilating of the school rooms.

"The total enrollment to date is 110, showing a slight decrease since 1914. The corps of teachers have made a favorable impression, and words of commendation are heard upon all sides.

Miss Eva Harper has charge of the Primary Room; Miss Minnie Setter, Intermediate Room; Miss Sarah Michelson, Grammar Room; and Principal Anderson the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Grades.

"Principal Anderson has made an enviable record here, his first year, and has been tendered a contract for the next school year.

Many improvements have taken place since this capable young instructor took charge.

"A class of nine will graduate May 28."

## SILAS MARNER

The young people of the Rural School Course, together with several Sub-Freshmen who gave the dramatization of Silas Marner, Wednesday night, and Miss Graham who coached the play, certainly deserve hearty commendation for the success of the enterprise.

To those who know the play, and to those who know how difficult it is to carry out its meaning, there can be little doubt as to the ability of the young actors. Their ages ranged from one and a half years to "a neighborhood of twenty." Little Arvie Gordon, one and a half years of age, took Eppie's part at first, and sixteen years later Clara Prell took the part of the daughter who changed the old miser's heart, ———, a youth of about seven, took Arvie's part while he was young, and was succeeded by Frank Anderley after Aaron was supposed to be grown up.

The two leading characters of the play, Silas Marner and Godfrey Cass, were represented by Royal Gordon and Frank Hamerski respectively. Following is a complete list of the cast:

Silas Marner ..... Royal Gordon  
Eppie... Arrvie Gordon 1½ yrs old  
..... Clara Prell, 16 years later  
Squire Cass ..... Bernard Precourt  
Godfrey Cass ..... Frank Hamerski  
Dunstatu Cass ..... Herbert Kluck  
Nancy Lammeter... Hildegard Rabb  
Priscilla Lammeter... Alice Berry  
Aaron ..... Frank Anderley,  
Edward Plank, young, later  
Ben Winthrop... Vernon Vaughn  
Dr. Kimble..... Frank Anderley  
Mr. Lammeter..... Mike Tovie  
Mrs. Kimble..... Gladys Roe  
House-keeper..... Olive Scribner  
Mrs. Winthrop... Alma Anderson

## Welcome Miss Baker

Miss Baker is with us again, visiting her many friends in the school and city. She has recovered from her recent illness, and looks like her self again. She looks forward with great pleasure toward her work here next Fall. We are glad to know that there is no doubt about her being able to continue her work with us. She is at present visiting with Mrs. Walbridge at River Pines, and will be with us until after Commencement.

## A PLEASANT EVENING

The annual reception for the graduates of the Normal held in the gymnasium, last Saturday evening, was one of the year's prettiest events. Heretofore President and Mrs. John F. Sims have been host and hostess, but this year they were assisted by Professor and Mrs. F. N. Spindler, Professor and Mrs. John Phelan, and Miss Bessie M. Allen. Seniors in both the Normal and Rural School Departments were the guests, and the entire company numbered about two hundred.

The gymnasium was charmingly decorated with Japanese lanterns, lighted by colored electric lights, Japanese umbrellas, evergreen boughs, and baskets of white lilacs, and marsh marigolds, carrying out the main color scheme of yellow and white, the Senior colors. The tables were grouped in circular form, twelve smaller ones around a large one. On the center table was a huge basket of lilacs and marsh marigolds, while vases containing snap dragons adorned the small tables.

The Reception continued from eight until nine. Luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, pickles ice cream, and assorted cake, was then served, and from ten until nearly twelve the Normal orchestra played for dancing.

The Junior Domestic Science girls had charge of the culinary department, and twelve young ladies and three young men of the same class served.

Miss Eleanor Flanagan had charge of the decorative feature, which was executed with the assistance of men of the faculty.

## THE IRIS

The staff has the bills for each organization's representation in THE IRIS ready, and will present them next week. As our engraving bill will soon be due, we must have these bills paid as soon as possible. In these bills we include every item of expense, even the photographer's bill, as our contract with him obliges us to collect for him. If you have already paid him for some of the pictures, please see me at once about it.

BYRON M. THORPE.

## For Criticism

There should be a great deal of interest shown in the following letter as it is that popular form, the "letter of application." The Pointer is glad to offer its criticism.)

Normal Skool,

Ma. 21 19'15

Mr. L. C. Ole Patterson  
Clerk of Shingle of Education  
Cabbage Center, Wisconsin

Dear Sir!

It has been informed to me that there will be a vacant in professorship of your country rural school next year and the year following should you not hire a teacher for them previous to my acceptance. I should like to be considered an application for that position and I am including a two cent stamp for it. I mean for your answer.

I will graduate from the full course in the Stevens Point Normal in June and will be very capable to to accept position. I have had a little experiments in teaching, but also have worked in a saw mill. I will work for \$5 less than any other applicant unless you so desire.

Referring you to my relatives and thanking you in advance for the position, I am.

Yours respectively

Tolecnal Nodrog.

Note: Mr. Nodrog you have written a letter which surely ought to bring you a job, (as water carrier or "spittoon" cleaner, if nothing else). You have spelled several words incorrectly. Your abbreviation of the month of May is rather ahead of the times. We are glad to note your use of synonyms, viz; shingle for board, it varies the monotony of such letters. Your salary idea is good, you are likely to land the job. Your relatives will be very favorable, references, but except your mother-in-law.

"The Rhetorical Editor".

PROFESSOR—Now we will represent the moon by my hat.

PUPIL—Teacher, is the moon inhabited? —Exchange.

SOPH.—The girls say I have a very rich voice."

FRESHMAN—Yes; it does sound well—off!

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**FORUM-ATHENAEUM**

The debate between the River Falls and Stevens Point Normals was held in the Normal Auditorium last Friday evening, May 14.

The question discussed was as follows:

"It should be the policy of the United States to materially strengthen its Military and Naval Establishments."

The chairman of the evening was Professor Floyd Goble of River Falls, who was introduced by Mr. Sims.

The rules, under which the debate was to be carried on, were read by the chairman, and then the debate was opened by River Falls.

The affirmative debaters were Kenneth S. White, Frederick J. Moser, and Lucienne B. Kinney; and the negative side was upheld by Lancelot Gordon, Martin Paulson, and William Gilson.

Each side had one hour's time to be divided among their team.

The judges were Messrs. Milne, Painter, and White, of Merrill, Wausau, and Weyauwega, respectively. The debate was interesting and instructive, being enjoyed by every one present.

Following the debate, before the judge's decision, a piano solo was rendered by Miss Dunlap.

Mr. Sims then collected the votes of the judges. The decision of the judges was then announced, by Mr. Goble, the verdict being two to one in favor of the affirmative.

**Basket Ball Party**

Thursday evening, May 13, all formality was dispensed with, when the basket ball girls and lady members of the Faculty, dressed in gym suits, met in the gymnasium for a good time. They were ushered in by sliding the chute. Games and races formed an important part of the evening's amusements. Marie Gotchey carried off the first place in rolling the dumb bell across the floor with her nose.

In the three-legged race, Leila Johnson and Grace Hanson won first place, and Miss Allen and Violet Ruby won the booby prize.

Dorothy Dickinson carried off honors in the Eskimo race, and the Rolling Race ended in a tie.

After the races, and various games, an impromptu program was given, in which Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Spindler executed a cake walk, Miss Brewster gave a reading, Miss Hanson and Mrs. Fairchild dramatized "Mary Had a Little Lamb," Mrs. Spindler sang a solo, and several of the members of the basket ball teams recited Mother Goose jingles. The last number on this program was the dancing of the Virginia Reel, in which every one took part. This was followed by the Grand March, which preceded the lunch. Sandwiches, cookies, and lemonade were served.

Some one not invited to the party had the enjoyment of eating the cakes prepared, but there was a sufficient amount of food for every one.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing for which Miss Dunlap furnished the music.

**A "—"!**

One evening at midnight coming home from somewhere,  
 Five little maids had a terrible scare,  
 Five little maids had a terrible scare,  
 Some one was following all the way,  
 And he acted so very strange, they say,  
 Mighty frightened the little maids felt,  
 (He might have a glass or two under his belt)

They stayed at another girl's house that night,  
 Making six little maids to share the fright,  
 That night, as they lay in their little bed,  
 One little maid to another said,  
 "If I hear a noise, I'll give you one nudge,  
 If he comes on the porch, I'll punch twice,  
 don't budge!

If he crawls thru the window, I'll give you three,  
 If four—in the parlor he will be,  
 If he comes in the room, I'll give you five,  
 And six, if he's got me—now be alive!  
 A few minutes later, a noise she did hear,  
 And gave all six punches, so great was her fear.  
 Contributor.

B. H. "I wonder, was the watch on the Rhine an Ingersoll?" —Ex.

P. B. Did your watch stop when it hit the floor?"

R. G. "Sure! You didn't think it would go through did you." —Ex.

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**Folk Dance Program Given**

The annual folk dance program was given by the Primary children yesterday before a large audience which their splendid efforts fully deserved. The teachers of this department deserve special commendation for the results which they have obtained in their work.

Following is the program which was given:

1. March, first and second grades.
2. Kull Dunsen, Swedish; Nigrae polka, Swedish; Chimes of Dunkirk, Scotch, second grade boys and girls.

3. Clown Dance, original by Valerie Viertel.

4. Grandma's Old Sparrow, all; Dance of Greeting, (boys and girls), Danish; Shoemaker's Dance, (boys), Danish; I See You, (boys and girls), Swedish; Kinder polka, (boys and girls), German; first grade.

5. Ace of Diamonds, Danish; Klapp Dance, Swedish; Ost Gota Polska, Swedish; second grade girls.

6. Spanish Dance, arranged by Miss Parkhurst; Fairy Dance, arranged by Miss Parkhurst; Valerie Viertel, Grail Herrick, Alice Boyer.

7. Orchestra.
8. Minuet, French.
9. Japanese Burlesque, arranged by Miss Parkhurst.
10. Bleking Dance, Swedish, Wooden Shoes, Dutch; second grade boys and girls.
11. Oxandsen, Swedish, second grade boys.
12. Three Bears, musical dramatization, Miss Coye; Jean Mainland, Matjorie Morse, Herman Vetter, Alice Stroik.
13. Hesitation.
14. May Pole, English.

**ARENA**

The Arena preliminary contest was held Tuesday afternoon. The three girls who were chosen to represent the Arena society in the coming contest with the Ohiyesa society, were Beatrice Cady, Anna Mayer, and Abbie Sullivan.

**Commencement Calendar**

MAY 21—Ohiyesa Entertainment, gymnasium, 8 p. m.

JUNE 2—Play Festival, 6:45 p. m.

JUNE 4—Senior Class Play, "Tommy's Wife," new Normal auditorium, 8:15 p. m.

JUNE 6—Baccalaureate Sermon, Right Reverend R. H.

Weller, Bishop of Fond du Lac. Church of the Intercession, 2:30 p. m.

JUNE 7—Class Day Exercises, new Normal auditorium, 8 p. m.

JUNE 8—Faculty Reception, to Alumni, Students and friends, gymnasium 8 p. m.

JUNE 9—Annual Re-Union and Banquet of Alumni association, Normal building, 6 p. m.

JUNE 10—Commencement, auditorium, 9 a. m. Address by President Livingston C. Lord, State Normal School, Charleston, Illinois. "Something about Human Nature."

**OHIYESA**

Entertainment, Friday, May 21, Coney Island.

Free Exhibition, such as—  
Silly Lilly Snake Charmer  
Flirty Gertie Animal Trainer  
Fluzie Flossie Bare Back Rider  
Sliding the high wire  
Aboriginal Indians  
Clowns  
Ladies Band  
There will be eats and lots of fun.

A. J. "I told him he could not see me any more."

Her mother. "Well, what did he do?"

A. J. He turned out the light." —Ex.

**PERTINENT QUESTIONS For every Student to Answer**

Have you paid your POINTER subscription?

Have you paid your class dues?

Have you paid your counter bill?

Have you paid for your IRIS?

Have you paid your society dues?

To those who must answer these questions negatively, we shall, with your permission, suggest a remedy. The moving picture shows, the rink, the ice cream parlors, the pool shops, and the candy stores, can exist without your patronage for a few days at least. During this time, pay your dues to the school's activities which it is your duty to support. Think it over, and then pay up. You won't miss the money as much now as you will later.

H. "Have you taken a shower bath?"

Freshman. "No, sir, Is one missing?" —Ex.

Love—A couple of idiots one after another. —Ex.

"When a teacher does an arithmetic lesson at the board she must remember that she not transparent at least not physically." —Ex.

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**Regent's Examination**

Superintendent C. P. Cary spent a little time with the graduates last Wednesday, and altho there was nothing to dread, the Seniors all breathe a little easier when they realize that this "looming obstacle" is done away with. Mr. Cary examined the students on such topics as "School Furniture," "The Old and the New Methods of Teaching," the "Relation of the School to Life," and "The Connection between Home and School."

Last Tuesday evening, in the town of Sharon, there was held one of the first of the spelling contests which are preliminary to the County contest. This will be held at the Normal in connection with the Portage County Commencement Exercises on June 3.

Mr. Phelan conducted the contest which was both oral and written.

Miss Bannach gave a short talk to the parents after the contest.

Mr. Herrick was to have talked on "Alfalfa," but because of the late hour, he gave a short but very interesting talk of general interest. At a later date he will give his talk on "Alfalfa."

Mr. Delzell will deliver a Commencement Address at Cashton tonight. He will speak on "The Man with the Hoe."

Mr. Eliason has returned after an absence of several weeks due to illness. Welcome back Mr. Eliason.

George Messer, 1913 graduate of the Normal School, has been elected principal of the school at Blair, at a salary of \$1,100.

One of the features of the summer session will be the Montessori school conducted by Miss Helen Parkhurst director of the Primary department.

Messrs. Sims, Hyer and Ames, are to act as judges at the district Oratorical Contest held at Wausau tonight.

Mr. Herrick accompanied Superintendent Bannach to Almond Tuesday evening, where he gave a lecture on Corn at a rural school.

Mr. Watson is working out a course for Geography in the third grade, with his classes.

Miss Flanagan's classes in interior decoration have just completed very neat booklets in which plans for houses, grounds, and home furnishings are shown.

Mr. Fairchild will accompany State Inspectors Goddard and Terry to inspect the work of the Wausau High School.

Mr. Hippensteel will make Commencement speeches at the following places, at dates mentioned:

Edgerton, June 3.  
Friendship, June 11.

Wood County Training School, Grand Rapids. June 17.

**The Annual Exhibit**

Of the City Schools of Stevens Point was open to the public Wednesday and Thursday in the Library Building. The display represented work done in four departments—Domestic Science, Manual Training, Art, and Commercial. The grades, and the school for the deaf, as well as the High School contributed to the showing.

An interesting set of Rhetoricals on "National Play-grounds of the United States," was given on Friday. Those who took part were Misses Gonia, Peck, Lind, Kreuger, and Mr. Franklin Chirud. The double quartette sang two selections

Irene Haugen's mother, from Durand, has been visiting here the past week.

Marian Jackson has accepted the position as Mr. Fairchild's assistant for the coming year.

Rial Cummings, '14- visited with friends here during the week end.

Esther Werle and Gladys Schilling, of Wausau, spent the week end with friends here.

Ada Bain has accepted the position as teacher of Domestic Science at Crandon, for the coming year.

**Wake Up, Tennis People!**

Two girls and one boy must join the roll before the tournament can be started. Remember that cups are to be given the winners, and the tournament will be handled by Messrs. Fairchild and Ames. Hand your name to them at once.

The following have entered thus far:

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>BOYS</b>     | <b>GIRLS</b>       |
| Raymond Pett    | Marjorie Bish      |
| Rolf Mueller    | Lorraine Oster     |
| Wm. Gilson      | Elizabeth Reynolds |
| M. Rabenstein   | Mercereu Williams  |
| Frank Anderley  | Celia Boyington    |
| Lance Gordon    | Carolyn Deyo       |
| Wm. Murphy      | Helen Collins      |
| Emil Hafsoos    | Hattie Cone        |
| Anz. Wysocki    | Dorothy Dickinson  |
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