

## STEVENS POINT NORMAL

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### NOTED NATURALIST PASSES AWAY

Body to be Laid at Rest Near Home  
at Roxbury, N. Y., in the  
Catskill Mountains

John Burroughs, naturalist of world renown, died suddenly Tuesday morning, March 29, on a passenger train near Kingsville, Ohio. His remains were taken to Roxbury, in the Catskill mountains and buried on Sunday, the eighty-fourth anniversary of his birth, near the spot where he was born.

It was the wish of the great naturalist to return home and there spend the last moments of his life, and the last words uttered before death unexpectedly called him were: "How far are we from home?" His mind was clear to the end.

John Burroughs was born in Roxbury, N. Y., April 3, 1837. In 1863 he went to Washington, D. C. with the intention of enlisting in the Union Army, but decided to seek a government office. Upon presenting a few of his verses as credentials, he was given the job of watching the treasury vaults. While holding this position he wrote his first book entitled, "Wake Robin." Books published thereafter include "Winter Sunshine," "Locusts and Wild Honey," "Fresh Fields," "Indoor Studies," "Birds and Poets," "Signs and Seasons," and "The Light of Day."

### LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR

There are in the world today three ounces of radium valued at \$3,260,000 an ounce, while platinum, the next most valuable mineral, costs only \$150 an ounce.

### BE A REAL PERSON

If you're jest a little tad pole  
Don't try to be a frog.  
If you're jest the tail,  
Don't try to wag the dog.  
You can always pass the plate—  
If you can, exhort and preach,  
If you're jest a little pebble  
Don't try to be the beach

### Smile

Smile and the world smiles with you,  
"Knock" and you go alone;  
For the cheerful grin  
Will let you in  
Where the kicker is never known.

Growl, and the way looks dreary,  
Laugh, and the path is bright,  
For the wholesome smile  
Brings sunshine, while  
A frown shuts out the light.

Sing and the world's harmonious,  
Grumble and things go wrong,  
Yet all the time  
You are out of rhyme  
With the busy, bustling throng.

Kick and there's trouble brewing  
Whistle, and life is gay,  
And the world's in tune  
Like a day in June,  
And sorrow will melt away.

### HONOR ROLL

Mary D. Bradford Junior High School-  
Normal Training School

THIRD QUARTER 1920-21

All-Junior Honors

Highest Honor—John Adams—90.98  
Second Highest Honor—Jean Mainland  
—90.55

Third Highest Honor—Helen Weber—  
90.30

Honorable Mention—Graal Herrick—  
90.07

Second Honorable Mention—Irving Gordon—90.01

Third Honorable Mention—Louise Mann  
—89.48

List of pupils receiving highest standings in the Mary D. Bradford Junior High School—by grades:

THIRD QUARTER 1920-21

Junior Seventh

Helen Weber 90.3, Faith Herrick  
89.27, John Miller 89.23, Valerie Viertel

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### OSHKOSH ORATOR WINS FIRST PLACE

Will Represent Wisconsin Normals in  
Interstate Contest to be Held at  
Moberley, Mo., on April 15

The annual State Normal Oratorical Contest held at Platteville on March 18 revealed the interest and enthusiasm of Wisconsin Normals in forensics. Several of the schools were represented by delegations: The Milwaukee Orchestra, The Stevens Point Glee Club, The La Crosse Glee Club and The Eau Claire Male Quartette.

On Friday afternoon, the day of the contest, a program consisting of stunts representative of the various schools was very ably presented by Platteville talent.

The formal contest was held in the evening, beginning at eight o'clock. Each of the orators acquitted himself very creditably and although Oshkosh received first honors, each school has reason to feel proud of its representative in the contest.

In addition to the orations the audience was favored by numbers by the Stevens Point Glee Club, the Milwaukee Orchestra, and the Eau Claire male quartette.

The winning oration was entitled "The Soul of America," and was delivered with zeal and persuasive power. We hope that our representative may be successful in the interstate contest to be held at Moberley, Mo., April 15.

Second place in the state contest went to Superior and third to Eau Claire.

### IRIS WORK PROGRESSING

Most of the staff's work on the Iris is completed and the printers will now have to worry about it for a while. The panel proofs have been arranged in the "dummy" which marks the last scene of the last act so far as the Iris staff is concerned. The finished product will likely be out sometime during May.

Eddie McCarr—"Why do all the girls smile at me?"

Milbred—"Because perhaps they are too polite to laugh out loud."

# THE POINTER

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# EDITORIAL

During your travels by rail were you ever stranded near some railroad junction where numerous locomotives were constantly on hand ready for use? No doubt you have noticed a few switching back and forth separating trains, now and then selecting a particular car and shooting it off on a side track. Other engines, while inactive, would be steaming and puffing like some powerful animal. No matter how much energy or how much pulling power an inactive engine has, it can accomplish nothing until it hooks on to a train. When there is a load to pull, when a few cars are fastened on, then there is a real duty to perform.

We are like locomotives. We can stand on the side tracks and snort and steam and whistle, have all kinds of energy, but accomplish nothing until we hook up with something to pull.

Now we are on the last lap of the school year and we should make it a point to "hook up" with every activity of the school and go "over the top" this year with flying colors. Stand by your organizations to the end, support our track events, and in general don't retard the progress of your school by indifference to its worthy activities.

Our orators and debaters have battled successfully in the past for the honor and glory of S. P. N. Although we have not won laurels each year, we have always acquitted ourselves creditably.

Those who have not actually taken part in forensic activities do not ordinarily appreciate the amount of work and worry involved in the preparation of an oration or a debate.

The question is: Are not those who represent the school in the fields of oratory and debate entitled to wear the letter 'S' just as those do who have won berths on basketball or football teams?

It has not been the custom in the past to confer the "letter" upon our debaters and orators, but is there any argument against allowing it in the future? If so, what is the argument?

## AMERICANISM

Ours is a people with vision high but with feet on the earth, with belief in themselves and faith in God. Whether enemies threaten from without or menaces arise from within, there is some indefinable voice saying, "Have confidence in the republic! America will go on! Here is a temple of liberty no storms may shake, here are the altars of freedom no passions shall destroy."

WARREN G. HARDING

## PUBLIC OPINION

To the Editor:

I am writing this article in the hopes that you will publish it in your paper and that someone will give me the desired information.

What is the value of an examination? Why should all the joy of life be taken away thru fear of the above named nuisance? Students lie awake nights trembling and shuddering, fearing that on the morrow they will meet their Waterloo on the battlefields of an examination. Is their no remedy for this situation, no hopes for the future?

Will some genius kindly explain the real purpose of an examination in order that the victims of a nonessential practice may be comforted and relieved of their worries.

Miss Meston—"Miss Clara, I am going to flunk you in this course. Do you know why?"

Clara—"I can't think."

Miss Meston—"You've guessed it."

## WHAT'S DOING IN APRIL?

- 2—Carroll College Glee Club—Auditorium—8 P. M.
- 7—Lawrence College Glee Club under auspices of High School.
- 8—All school Masquerade and dance in the Gym at 8:30 P. M. Weber's Orchestra.
- 14—Webb-Bernard Concert—Auditorium—8 P. M. No admission charge.
- 15—University of Wisconsin Men's Glee Club—8 P. M.
- 22—Rural Department Play—Auditorium—8:15 P. M.
- 28—Y. M. Y. W. Play, "Cousin Kate"—Auditorium—8 P. M.

## HONOR ROLL

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88.4, Charles Vokoun 88.31, Marie Mann 88, Ruth Laybourne 87.73, Lillian Somers 87.71, Helen Zolandeck 86.16.

## Junior Eighth

Jean Mainland 90.55, Graal Herriek 90.07, Louise Mann 89.48, Joyce Swanson 83.13.

## Junior Ninth

John Adams 90.98, Donald Vetter 90.51, Irving Gordon 90.01, Newton Cannon 90.01

## Not Necessarily

Janitor—"Don't you know better than to stand there smoking?"

Fred—"I'm not smoking."

Janitor—"Well, you have a cigarette in your mouth."

Fred—"Yes, and I have my foot in my shoe, but I'm not walking."

Swede (in a restaurant)—"Do you serve lobsters here?"

Waiter—"Yes, sir; we serve everybody. Sit down."

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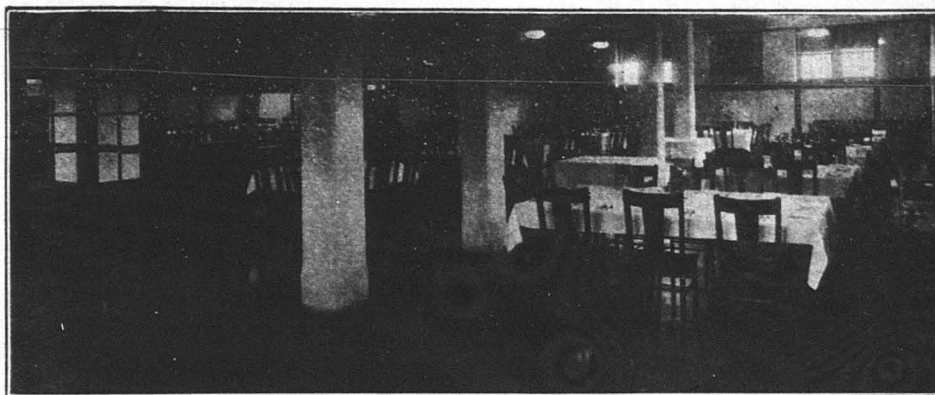
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## Dormitory Life

### DORM LIFE

Miss Rowe—"There was a 'hold up' here last night."

Ans.—"There was?"

Miss Rowe—"Yes, in the basement. Marguerite Gerold and 'Willie' Wilson were holding up a partition."

Marjorie brought a few Keeleys' up to Helen's room early one evening and informed her that Rhody was already on his way home. What we would like to know is why all the haste, Helen, in dressing and running down stairs?

Miss Rowe—"Bill, will you fix the davenport? The back is breaking off."

The third floor corridor is now lighted by a floor lamp. This is the present of Esther Kampine, she having won it from the Wisconsin Valley Electric Co., during their recent guessing contest. Wonder where she learned how to guess.

Bill Bright and Shanklin cleaned the windows on third floor of the Dorm during vacation. Now there is a shortage of perfume, toilet water, and snap shots.

### Card of Thanks

We extend our most sincere thanks to Les Bourn and Harvey Thorson for the use of the davenport during vacation. (Signed) Romo Bobb and Bill Bright

## Education in the Future

### Storehouse of Knowledge Must Be Cleaned of Its Cobwebs

One of the main reasons why the average school boy regrets the occurrence of the recent world war is that it adds to the size of his history text book. He feels that he has all he can conveniently digest and assimilate at the present time and is considerably worried about his ability in the future to absorb the seemingly super-abundance of knowledge.

Our system of education today contains much that is non-essential and much time is lost in teaching things not worth knowing. But this situation is very difficult to remedy because of the widely different and often conflicting ideas of our leaders in education.

But we are led to ask ourselves this question: Will the capacity of the mind for learning increase in proportion to the steadily increasing amount of knowledge? The situation and answer to the above question may be likened unto a fish in a large body of water. Around the fish is a large amount of oxygen which the fish might easily utilize but it is satisfied with enough for existence.

The result of the growing store of

## Wilson Chosen Captain

### Crack Guard to Pilot Basketeers Thru 1921-'22 Season

At a meeting of the members of this year's basketball squad Rudolph Wilson of Moline, Illinois was elected captain of next year's team.

Wilson well deserves the honor tendered him, having earned it this year by his hard, clean, and consistent playing. He has a keen sense of good sportsmanship and conducted himself enviably throughout the entire season. He is cool headed and possesses remarkable endurance and agility. With his speed, strength, and congenial disposition, he should be able to lead next year's team to victory and the state championship.

knowledge will tend toward specialization along the different lines of education so that each individual will occupy a position calling for more concentration and the performance of work in which he is especially trained. It seems that we are hurrying down the road leading to specialization and consequently reducing the number of "Jack-of-all-trades and master of none."

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

### BRADFORD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS TOURNEY

The Mary D. Bradford Junior High School Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 30, 31, and April 4. The roll of contestants include the Squirrels, Rabbits, Lions, Bears, Minks, Porcupines, Tigers, Coyotes, Coons, Weasels, and Bantams. Don't get excited, however, for these names merely refer to the various teams represented.

The results of the tourney will be announced in the next issue of the Pointer.

### RURAL DEPARTMENT

A farewell party was given by the Rural Life Club for the short course students on Monday evening March 21. It proved a success and was greatly enjoyed by all. We were happy to have these young men and women with us and are happier to state that three of the boys enrolled permanently in our department. We miss those who could not remain in school.

Mr. Neale conducted an Institute at Reedsburg in Sauk County April 1 and 2. Pres. Hyer of the Whitewater Normal School, formerly a member of the faculty of this school, was also an instructor at this Institute.

### SENIOR PLAY

The tryout for the Senior Class play, "The Truth," was held last week and the following characters chosen: Kathlyn Pfiffer, Bernard Precourt, Naomi Ritchay, Frank Nalborski, Estelle Burnes, Melvin Breitenstein, Leona Wood and Stub Morrill.

Rehearsals have already begun and the director, Mr. Burroughs, is working hard developing the cast.

## THE TEASER

*This column reserved for the publication of everything unfit to publish.*

Leona Wood "Haight" to tell all she knows about some people in this school, particularly about the "Ames" of a certain "Bright" young man she knows. It would break your "Hart" to hear it.

If Kenneth had a fortune, to whom would he Willett?

We are told that Eddie McCarr, the smiling Irishman, is still on speaking terms with Miss ? (ten guesses as to what name should appear here.)

Stub Morrill, "the intellectualist" and the Plover River came in contact on April first with the result that Stub is looking fine these days.

We would publish more but what is "Bard" has been with "Held."

## S. P. N. ORGANIZATIONS

### THE Y. M. C. A.

Under the auspices of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. the Stevens Point Normal will be given the opportunity to hear one of the most convincing, thrilling, and stimulating speeches in the country. Beginning on April 25, 1921, Hon. J. Stitt Wilson will give a series of four lectures. One will be given during general exercise period April 25. The dates for the remaining lectures will be decided upon and announced later.

Mr. Wilson's addresses form a series on the general theme of "Constructive Christian Democracy." His years of thorough study of social questions, combined with power and directness as a speaker, have made him a prophet of the hour. He is one of the leading speakers in America on religious and social problems. Twenty years of study, traveling and lecturing on both sides of the Atlantic have given him extraordinary fitness for his present tour among leading American colleges and universities.

Mr. Wilson is highly recommended by the presidents of our leading universities and colleges. This is a great opportunity for our Normal. Let's all be there when he comes. Watch for announcements as to the dates of the remaining three lectures.

### LOYOLA CLUB

At our regular meeting after the Easter recess the following numbers were rendered.

Reading—"Angelina Johnson".....  
.....Miss Mildred Kampine

Vocal Solo—"If You'll Remember Me".....Mrs. Frances Scott

Address—"Work of the Catholic Welfare Council in Utica".....  
.....Miss Julia Halloran

Report of our delegates who were at Platteville.

At a convention of delegates from all the Catholic Clubs of the State Normals at Platteville, March 18, suggestions were made by various delegates proposing that the Catholic Clubs of Wisconsin should unite into one large State organization. Under this plan the individual clubs would not go out of existence, but would be a local contingent of the State organization. Efforts are being made to formulate a tentative plan whereby the clubs may unite, should they desire to do so; that next year when the state oratorical contest is held here, the delegates may complete their plans and have it adopted.

This plan, if adopted, will instill greater loyalty and patriotism in our members for the Society and will add to the Club's influence. We sincerely hope that it will be the sentiments of our Club members to support this plan and carry it to a successful end.

## LOCALS

The Primary Council welcomes as new members Gertrude Phileo, Mary Noltner, and Frances Fleming who enrolled at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Genevieve Rowe and Helen Siebert, primary teachers in the Mosinee schools, visited S. P. N. friends during the Easter recess.

Viola S. Clair and Tessie DeBase completed their studies in the Primary course at the close of the third quarter and received their diplomas in merit for their successful work during the past two years.

Avis Ancheutz, who teaches first grade work at Prentice, spent her spring vacation in the city and while here visited classes at S. P. N.

Ora Phelps, class of '20, who is now teaching in Madison, visited school on Wed., March 30.

Willis Zorn, class of '20, and now attending Chicago University gave us a once over on Friday, March 25.

Loretta Pagel who graduated last year and who is now attending Lawrence College visited us during the first part of last week.

Miss Mildred Packard, a student at Lawrence, visited school last week under the "auspices" of Ina Carvey.

Mr. Sims went to Fargo, North Dakota, on March 28, 29 and 30 to attend a Rotary Club convention. His wife accompanied him as far as Minneapolis.

Professor Fairchild, formerly a member of our faculty, now Superintendent of public schools at Fond du Lac will be visiting us Monday, April 11 looking over the prospects for hiring teachers for the Fond du Lac schools.

### LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN

One Willie Wilson. Age approximately twenty-two years, light hair, kind loving heart. Finder please return to Fannie L. Kankrud.

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## THE CONTINENTAL

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# The Spice of Life

## Just Try to Imagine:

Genevieve Rhodes without a telephone call.

A Saturday lunch without soup.

The clock in the office losing an hour on a Sunday night.

Marcella Kennedy at school on time.

Mildred Kampine without any "pep."

Irene O'Neil getting in on time.

Third Floor without the "Black Hand."

Emily Carteron in bed on time.

Esther Kampine without her curls.

Here are a few of the sensational names of Dorm rooms, "Fumble Inn," "Wild Flowers Retreat," "As You Like It," "Seldom Inn," "Do Little Den," "Kill Kare Korner," "Dew Drop Inn," "Isle or View," "Old Curiosity Shop," "Mozet Inn," "The Laffalot" and "Mid-Summer's Nite Dream."

## Larson Bought a Ukelele

Precourt—"Gee, Larson, I'm glad you got that, it sounds lots better than the banjo."

Larson—"What do you mean, sounds better than MY banjo?" Bang. Biff. wow HELP smash bang!

## Notice

Prof. Steiner advertising Barker's antiseptic powder! But he says there is a reason. The deans of men and women delivered the usual spring lecture to their respective charges Wednesday. Mr. Steiner complimented the fellows on the lack of kid tricks this season but held hard to the (wooden) desk while he said it.

Toper Gensman is going to write a thesis on "Wild Life in the Schools of Wisconsin." Profs. Smith & Steiner agree that he is well qualified.

Bill Hart—"Why did you deliberately put the flame right under your books in chemistry lab.?"

Joe Klosowski says—"I don't care how much territory you cover but please keep off my feet." What doyoumean?

Miss Roach—"Can you name the Greek Gods?"

Driscoll—"The only one I know is Cupid."

Collins—"What are you doing Miss Doyle?"

Miss D.—"Nothing."

Collins—"Well that's what I object to; you should be doing something."

Neale—"Laura, how would you get to North Dakota?"

Laura—"I'd take the train."

Neale—"I would let the train take me."

Bill Hart (to the barber)—"How long will I have to wait for a shave?"

Barber (to Bill)—"Oh about two years I should judge, Sonny."

Big Kamp—"Have you a minute to spare?"

Little Kamp—"Sure."

Big Kamp—"Then tell me all you know."

Rugh Kellner—"Generally speaking, Ruth Felland is—"

Irene Burns—"Yes, she is."

Rugh K. (astonished)—"Is what?"

Irene B.—"Generally speaking."

Evelyn Stevens—"I'm so tired I see everything double."

Swede Wilson (with M. G. beside him)—"Cast you your eyes from me, I'm single."

All who are physically able are invited to join the Sunday Morning Gymnasium Class on third floor, directed by the Black Hand.

Mr. Collins—"Wilson, you act as if you were brought up in a parlor."

Wilson—"Maybe I was."

Did you ever do this? For once in your life go to bed at night before the gongs ring; and then when they peal forth at about 10:15 get up and dress ready for breakfast, thinking it was the rising bell you heard. Carol Boorman has.

## Wanted

A cure for fickleness—Rudolph.

An alarm clock to wake me up in the morning—Marg.

Another man—Fritz.

## Monday Morning

Prof. (in noisy classroom)—"Order! Order!"

Stub—"Hot roast beef."

## Take No Chances

Bourne—"What will we do?"

McCarr—"Oh, we'll toss a coin. If it's tails we go to the movies; if it's heads we will go to the dance, and if it stands on edge we will go home and study."

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