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## Teaching in the Country Half a Century Ago

A recent visit to the school where the writer began his pedagogical career fifty-seven years ago brought vividly back the days of long ago and the conditions under which teaching was then done.

The teacher, who was also the janitor, boarded "around." He apportioned his time at the different homes according to the number of pupils from each. This usually resulted in his staying longer at the homes of the poorer families. The Arctic holds no terrors for one who has occupied the "spare room" of these homes in winter. Often the water from the pitcher froze as fast as it was turned out for the morning ablution.

There was a semblance of a course of study, but each teacher arranged the subjects and grouped the students with little regard to what had gone on before and with as little for what was to follow.

The subjects ranged from the alphabet to algebra and there were usually from 20 to 25 classes per day. In many schools the attendance ran from 50 to 60.

In the last country school taught by the writer there were 60 pupils. The first was a class of nine little German children, none of whom seemed able to speak any English. They gathered twice a day about the knees of the teacher and timidly repeated after him the names of the letters of the alphabet as he pointed them out. One little girl was brighter than the rest and the teacher found that she was giving very able assistance in this tedious work. He noticed that while many of the children made very slow progress with the new letters presented each day, they came back the next morning able to recognize and pronounce the names of all of them quite readily. This was the result of the efforts of the little girl mentioned.

At the other extreme was a class of two girls beginning algebra.

Athletics flourished especially during the winter term but was monopolized almost entirely by the boys, coasting being the exception. Skating, coasting, snow-ball battles and other games on

the snow were very popular.

When snow and ice failed, one old cat, two, three and four old cat were played unless there were enough boys for base-ball. This, the premier game, was played much like the modern game but without the refinements as to rules that have since been added. The batter could strike until he made a fair hit. There were no fouls. The soft yarn ball was the principal means of putting a player out. The ball was thrown at the runner and if he was hit while between bases he was out. There were no base-men.

All, teacher and pupils alike, brought their lunches to school and ate them, usually on the long, knife marked wooden desks.

Except for epidemics of various sorts, the health of the pupils was usually good, due no doubt to the vigorous out door life and abundant exercise.

If a single case of measles or other contagious or infectious disease occurred it was quite sure to run through the school. Quarantine was unknown, and conditions were especially favorable for the passing on of the disease from pupil to pupil. Water brought from the nearest farm house was passed "around." All drank from the same tin cup or dipper, each taking it in his hands, and after a good drink handing the cup back to be refilled and passed to the next pupil. This practice left little to be desired in the way of opportunity for germ dissemination.

Ventilation was not thought of, windows or doors being opened only when the heat became intolerable.

Spelling schools furnished the excitement during the winter and often stimulated rivalry between neighboring schools. "School spirit" we call it.

At these spelling contests numbers of the adult members of the district were often present, as well as numerous rowdies whose idea of fun then as now, was to disturb the regular business of the evening in various more or less offensive and effective ways. These disturbances were usually promptly quelled although sometimes a

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## SEE HEALTHLAND FIRST

Wanna ride? Get into my special car, the Healthland Flyer, attached to the Cow's Milk Limited and leave these villages, Chocolate Bar Crossing and Pastry Point, and come along with me to Healthland, the oldest and most beautiful country in the World, which was opened to tourists as a pleasure resort only a few seasons ago.

First we'll visit Milky Way, the Model City and capital of Healthland, which is historically noted as the back ground on which the Coffee King was defeated. It is situated in the richest agricultural and mineral district and exports annually tons of lime, fat, sugar, and mineral salts. Of course we must visit Drinkwater, situated on Sparkling Creek, which is important because of its large reservoir which supplies everyone in Healthland with at least one quart of water daily. We must stop over at Bathville which is visited by every man of eminence. As we pass through East Toothbrush, notice all the efficient housewives who are using the new method of sweeping, up and down instead of from side to side. Before we go on to Spinach Green, let us quench our thirst at Orange Valley, the favorite winter resort. You'll all fall in love with Spinach Green which is chiefly known for its iron deposits and vitamine climate. Some people do not like it at first but in a little while hate to leave the Greens and make them their permanent home. Hot-Soup Springs and Baked Potato Hills are visited annually by thousands. Oh, yes, let's stop at Play Meadows and witness the Healthland Base Ball Team in action. The natives use a boiled onion for a ball and a huge carrot for a bat. And see that advertisement "Pure Cow's Milk Sold Here"? After the game

we'll have some and then go down to Long Sleep Mountain, the Highest Peak in Healthland, and from whence we can look out over Dreamland, which drifts "like a castle in mid ocean".

But remember, all you tourists, that you're going to ride on the Cow's Milk Limited and not the Coffee Express, the Tea Accommodation, or the Midnight Owl, and that no fried potatoes, pancakes, Coco Colas, or other explosives are allowed in the baggage car. —Thelma Larkin.

For further information see:

Miss Allen—President.

Miss Meston—Conductor.

Miss Taylor—Switchman (?).

## FOREVER AND FOR AYE ON THIS CALENDAR KEEP AN EYE

Dec. 21—Shortest day of year—but get just as much air as usual.

Dec. 22—Pilgrims landed 1620—Land in bed at 8:30.

Dec. 23—Wrap up your Christmas presents with lettuce leaves and tie them with string beans.

Dec. 24—Whoever saw a skinny Santa Claus?

Dec. 25—Masticate—or stomach ache.

Dec. 26—Prune yourself.

Dec. 27—He who hesitates needs vegetable oils.

Dec. 28—Saturday!!! Few people have ever died in a bath-tub. Hang around one!

Dec. 29—Don't depend on getting all your exercise in that eleventh hour sprint for church.

Dec. 30—Deck the halls with holly and your innards with greens.

Jan. 1—Next time you turn over a new leaf, let it be a vegetable.

Jan. 2—Is your body a question or exclamation mark?

Jan. 3—When you come to the end of a perfect day—clean your teeth.

Jan. 4—Every little carrot is a giant spark-plug.

Jan. 5—If you want a good record, try "Laughing Waters" on your bath tub.

Jan. 6—First horses, then bicycles, then trains, then autos—aha, where do legs come in?

Jan. 7—Every cow has a creamy lining.

Jan. 8—It will do you good to get back with the old bunch—of spinach.

Jan. 9—Every fruit has its 'uice.

Jan. 10—Let your class color be greens.

Jan. 11—Be a y-eggman and break into a few.

Jan. 12—He who lets the faucets of his bath-tub tarnish, and the pulleys on his bedroom windows rust, will himself wither and decay.

Jan. 13—Don't let your clothes reach the condition where a button-hole bouquet takes a root.

Jan. 14—When you buy shoes, be sure they don't pinch your face.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The Home Economics club although composed of only the fair sex is nothing "short of pep."

The chief object of the club is to promote interests in various fields of Home Economics by papers and discussions, but it also seeks to encourage sociability among its members.

The main educational feature of our last meeting was the report on the Home Economics section of the Milwaukee convention by Miss Mes-ton. She tells us that the lecture given by Dr. Amy Daniels dealt with the diet of the average American. "In most of our diets," she says, "there is a lack of leafy green vegetables, fresh raw vegetables, and fruits. It is an absolute necessity that we have these foods in our diet because they contain 'growth promoting vitamins.'" She goes on to state that there are too many people who live on a diet of meat, potatoes and bread and butter. This diet is very insufficient, as it contains very little cellulose, or vitamins as are found in vegetables. Eat more vegetables and less meat.

In each meeting some social feature is brought out which increases interest in the work of the club.

Let's come to all the meetings! They are held on the first Monday of every month.

## FORUM

After four days of feasting and resting during the Thanksgiving recess the Forum members broke forth in another of their bi-monthly torrents of enthusiasm Monday evening, December 3. A good turn-out heard a very instructive and entertaining program. Charles McComber, a comer in the realm of song, rendered two selections that defied criticism. Miss Rachel Weaver played the piano accompaniment to both numbers. Another very enjoyable number on the program was a talk by Mr. Collins. In the progress of his speech, Prof. Collins outlined clearly the reasons why certain men will be considered as presidential timber due to the records they have made. He briefly stated the issues that are at present before the public and upon which the coming presidential race will depend.

Miss Evans, in recognition of services rendered the Forum was, by unanimous vote, elected an honorary member of the club.

A curious thing about the last meeting was the predominance of girls in the attendance. We want more fellows out!

A dance is the next thing on the program. Watch for it!

## Y. W. C. A.

Girls of Stevens Point Normal and Y. W. C. A.:

These two terms ought to be synonymous in the minds of the girls of the school and they are to most of them as is proved by the attendance at the weekly meetings. Every week finds a few more than were out the week before. The programs are the drawing cards, probably, as some very interesting ones have been presented.

That the girls like to discuss topics of interest was brought out at one of the meetings when the girls were given the privilege of discussing "The Qualities of a Good Scout." They became so enthusiastic over the discussion idea that after the doughnuts and chocolate cake were served, they debated over the question of which of the two was the better.

One Saturday afternoon a group of girls hiked to Red Bridge and enjoyed themselves so much that some of them are already trying to decide what to take to eat at the first Spring Hike.

Mrs. Watson gave a very excellent reading at one meeting and Ruth Thompson's talk on "The Christian Girl" was the feature at another meeting.

In order to raise money for the treasury, Christmas Card sales are being carried on, in and about the school. More and varied programs are being planned. Every one asked is willing to help the cause and many friends offer their services. These factors aid largely in the success of our programs.

The girls are all looking forward to an inspirational year for Y. W. C. A.

## LOYOLA

The Loyola Club has one hundred twenty-five members this year. So far the meetings have been very well attended. At the meeting held on November fifteenth, Rev. James Hogan gave an excellent talk on "Leisure Hours;" Marcelaine Milbee rendered a piano solo; and Ben Schraml gave a talk on "Day Dreams and Reveries".

At the meeting held on December sixth, Julia Van Hecke and Rose Martini, two high school students, rendered very pleasing musical selections. Helen Ryan gave a reading and Professor Kolitch of the high school gave a very instructive and interesting talk on "St. Francis of Assisi." The members of the club are very anxious to have Professor Kolitch come back and talk again. Professor Rellaham, also of the high school, who used to be a Loyola Club member, was a visitor at the club. The members of the

club hope to have an address by Professor Rellahan later.

### PRIMARY COUNCIL

The Council met November 19th. A nice program was given. One number which we all greatly appreciated was a talk by Miss Oleson. Two members of our Primary Council are numbered with the sick. They are Marie Patterson who is ill at the Stevens Point hospital and Estelle Jones who is at the dormitory quarantined with scarlet fever.

Remember when washing, you are the only one that can't see the back of your neck.

### SCIENCE CLUB

At a recent meeting of the Science Club the following students who had done excellent work in at least two sciences were invited to become members:

Earle Cummings	Leslie Reynolds
Mary Van Hecke	Ione Norton
Martha Ellsworth	Selma Nygard
Elizabeth Sachtjen	Earl G. Frank
Thelma Larkin	Jeanette Goldthorpe
Hulda Salem	August Sigurdson
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# Pre-Christmas News

### President Sims Takes Trip to Indiana

Pres. Sims left Wednesday A. M., Dec. 5, for Terre Haute, Indiana, where he spoke at "A Centennial Celebration of Teachers' Training in the U. S." on Dec. 6. The topic of Pres. Sims' talk was "The Ideal Physical Equipment for the Teachers College." Others of importance on the program were as follows: Dr. A. E. Winship, Editor of the Journal of Education, Boston, Mass.; Pres. Homer H. Seerley, Cedar Falls Normal, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Dr. J. J. Tigert, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.; President William B. Owen, Chicago Normal College, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Neale gave an interesting talk to the Catholic Woman's Club, Dec. 4, on "The Interpretation of Sacred Pictures."

Miss Lenore Le Roux has gone to Wisconsin Rapids to act as critic teacher in the Wood Co. Training School.

Miss Roach spent Thanksgiving at Eau Claire.

Miss Olson is leaving her work as critic in the Training department to enter the University of Chicago. She will leave Dec. 21 and remain there until next September. Her successor has not yet been named.

Mrs. Sheldon of New London visited her daughter Estelle Nov. 27-28. She attended the play, Monsieur Beaucaire, in which her daughter took part.

Mr. Hughes, a humorist, entertained the assembly for about 15 minutes Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 24.

Miss Jones spent Thanksgiving at her home in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Hathaway of Antigo returned with her daughter Virginia after Thanksgiving, and visited here several days.

Miss Mary Bronson will spend Christmas vacation with her family who are wintering at Palm Beach, Florida.

Miss Emily Wilson of the Home Economics Department, who has been on leave of absence, will return to S. P. N. from Arizona soon after the Christmas holidays.

At the "Woman's Club on Saturday, Dec. 15, the one act plays "Upon the Waters" by T. M. Hanna, and "Catesby" by Percival Wilde, were presented. Miss Hussey directed both these plays.

### SOCIETY

Miss Myra Brooks, a 1922 graduate of our Rural Supervising Teacher's Course now teaching at Nelsonville, was a Saturday and Sunday guest of Helen Brandemuehl at South Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal and Mrs. Garwick were guests at a Christmas party given by the Misses Jeanette Goldthorpe and Ruth Campbell at South Cottage Saturday evening, Dec. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Delzell entertained the Misses Meston, Taylor, McClymans, and Ward at a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner.

The Misses Florence Kleist and Faith Trumbull of North Cottage will entertain at a Leap Year dinner party soon after the Holidays.

Fifty-four students and guests enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner at Nelson Hall. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith, Miss Allen and the Cottage girls, Mr. and Mrs. Schmeackle, Miss Grey, Mrs. Diehl and Miss Diehl.

A number of the teachers who board at Nelson Hall enjoyed a delicious venison dinner in the Home Economics dining room Thursday, November 22.

A very pretty New Year's dinner party was given at North Cottage, Saturday, Dec. 15th, by

the Misses Gladys Coon and Amy Winter. The guests were Miss Meston, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Steiner. The color scheme, green and white, was tastefully carried out in both table decorations and menu.

Those who were fortunate enough to be sitting at Miss Hussey's table at Nelson Hall enjoyed a delicious dinner served in her living room Saturday, December 8.

Miss Allen and Miss Meston were hostesses at a Thanksgiving supper in the dining room of the Home Economics Department, Wednesday, Nov. 21. It was prepared and served by girls of the Home Economics Department.

Mrs. Smith of Appleton and Mr. and Mrs. Watson, City, were entertained by the Misses Helen Brandemuehl and Esther Smith at South Cottage Nov. 2.

North Cottage entertained the Misses Ruth and Mildred Anderson at dinner Friday evening, Dec. 7th, and Miss Nancy Church Sunday noon, Dec. 8th.

Miss Allen and Miss Meston were entertained at a rabbit dinner Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Evans, 822 Main St.

Miss Helen Brandemuehl was hostess at a very pretty birthday dinner November 14th, at South Cottage.

#### COTTAGE TINSEL

"1966" and "8"

Who had the lucky number? We wondered as we saw several members of our faculty rushing madly up and down Main street, Market Square, and Strongs Avenue, Tuesday nite, Dec. 4, looking for the lucky numbers. Miss Allen was kept quite busy. When she wasn't looking for her number, 1966, she was looking for her number, 8—the cottage girls. From all reports, however, none of the faculty held a lucky num-

#### Brains

Girls in the South Cottage wanted to serve brains but there were none available. They tried to get them on the North Side but met with no success.

#### Obituary

The funeral services of the North Cottage garbage were held Dec. 4, 1923, in the backyard of the said cottage. The funeral dirge was rendered by Miss Esther Smith of Appleton, Wisconsin. Out of town mourners were—Amy Winter of Horicon, Faith Trumbull of Racine, Gladys Coon of Milwaukee, and Florence Kliest of West Allis.

#### New Laundry Course

Call at North Cottage or Phone 216 W to receive special instructions in starching silk hosiery, georgette blouses, and fine lingerie.

We wonder if Herricks have found out whose clothes adorned their clothes line when they re-

turned from their Thanksgiving vacation.

Cottages—"We hope that our lines are fixed before we wash again—we mean our clothes."

If you want your fortune told just see Gladys Coon at the North Cottage. She tells your past, present, and future. Open any night.

The brooms, dust mops, wooden spoons, and dust pans, oh yes, and the girls, from both North and South Cottage submitted to the trying ordeal of having their pictures taken Saturday, Dec. 8th.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR POSTERS

1. If short, or to stoutness your figure inclines, avoid like the plague—all horizontal lines!!
2. To add to your height use vertical lines, but if thin—quickly choose some other designs.
3. If you copy a gown and lose the line  
A failure 'twill be ten times out of nine.
4. Don't wear to school a party dress. It looks too much like dowdiness.
5. Proportion and line will give you an air—  
A distinction and style beyond compare.
6. Carelessness will spoil your style. Taking pains is worth your while.
7. For any function always choose comfortable and proper shoes.
8. Wear hats that are small if you are not very tall.
9. Don't let your costume speak out loud, but pass unnoticed in a crowd.
10. It is a most pernicious way to dress small children for display.

A green little boy, in a green little way,  
A green little apple swallowed one day;  
Now the green little green grasses tenderly wave  
O'er the green little apple boy's green little  
grave.

After Amy's demonstration of afternoon teas: Tone puzzled, "You spoke of green and black tea. Well, I've often read in story books about pink tea? What is that?"

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Jan. 15—Friends! Romans! Countrymen!  
Wash your ears.

Jan. 16—Winter underwear is not to be sneezed at.

Jan. 17—Girls! Be tub lilies.

Jan. 18—For excess size, try exercise.

Jan. 19—Don't wait for a bath until you look as though you own the earth.

Jan. 20—When you drink your pre-breakfast glass of water the score stands: "First down—eight to go."

Jan. 21—The cow deserves a loving-cup.

# ATHLETICS

## ATHLETICS AN AID TO HEALTH

Shall I go in for basket ball this year? Shall I join a hiking club? Why play tennis? These and a great many similar questions are asked each year by students entering our school and other schools. Naturally they wish to know the advantages they will obtain when they subject themselves to training of this sort.

The girl who enters some sort of athletic field, be it basket ball, hiking, skating, or any exercise of like nature, particularly one of the open air sort, is benefitted in many ways: first, she must learn to co-operate with her fellow players; second, she must learn to be a good loser.

Sports of this sort teach her to play fair. They teach her loyalty to her team and to those playing with her, besides contributing to the development of her muscles. And how can she play the game with so many girls without furthering the social side of her nature? Hand in hand with sociability goes self control. She will learn to hold her temper even though she may think the referee or coach is wrong. Surely honesty must not be forgotten. She will play the game for the sake of the pleasure she gets out of it and not just to defeat the other fellow. Just as she learns to control her temper, so she will learn to control her muscles. This is not gained at once but by long hard training. She will learn to make her mind and body work together, thus accomplishing more than otherwise. Probably one of the greatest benefits she will derive is the ability to make quick decisions in time of an emergency. Today we speak so much of the proper kinds of food. Nothing will so impel the person to eat that proper kind of food as will good wholesome exercise. It stimulates the mind as well as the body. In fact, exercise, in the form of athletics, teaches us how to live, which, after all, is the business of life.

What is the relation between health and athletics? These terms are not synonyms by any means, yet athletics do have a definite health value.

Athletics strengthen our muscles, the functions of our nervous system and, often times, play a large part in the development of moral strength.

Why is there not a closer relation between health and athletics? The answer probably lies in the fact that the system used tends to over train those who already are physically fit and too little time is given to those who are not so well developed. No person needs develop his

muscles and vital organs beyond the demands of a vigorous daily life, yet all should develop them to the point of efficiency for the demands of life.

—Mildred Doolittle.

This year we have the promise of a very interesting girl's basket ball tournament. First practice has been held for the teams of the different departments. These girls have signed up for good hard practice and they need encouragement from the members of their departments. Here is a chance for you to show your loyalty to them and to your department. When the tournament is on, get out and root for your team. They will need it, and they deserve it.

Seventeen Rural girls are being coached by Morley and Williams. Ten Home Ecs appeared and have as their coaches H. Vaughan and Davis. St. Clair and Knope are coaching the fifteen Primaries, and the fifteen High School girls are being coached by Kramer and Tess. Vaughn and Ullman are coaching the ten Grammars.

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free for all fight resulted from an attempt to eject the roughnecks.

Interest in the various subjects was stimulated by the offering of prizes, the character and value of which was always a profound secret until the last day of the term.

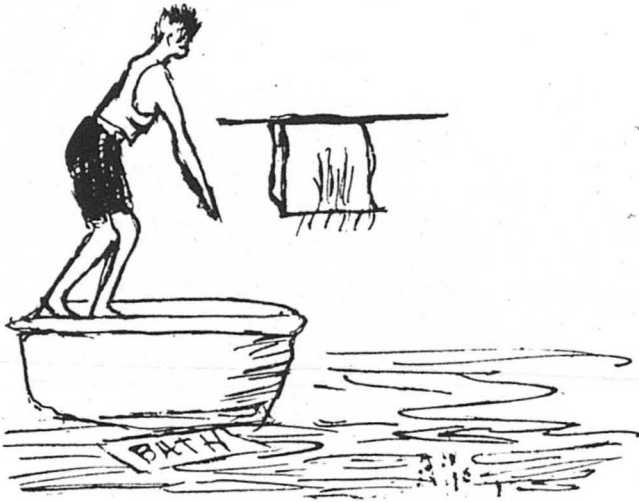
It seems to the writer that the best results were always obtained in spelling and arithmetic. These were the easiest to teach of course. The other subjects were taught by methods less satisfactory, in fact there seemed to be no recognized method, but each teacher followed such ideas as he had, naturally with varying success.

As the writer looks back over the years it is plain that many of the conditions in the country schools have been vastly improved. There yet remain, however, plenty of opportunities for further betterment; and he is proud to realize that S. P. N. is at the front in bringing about a still better state of things in the rural schools.

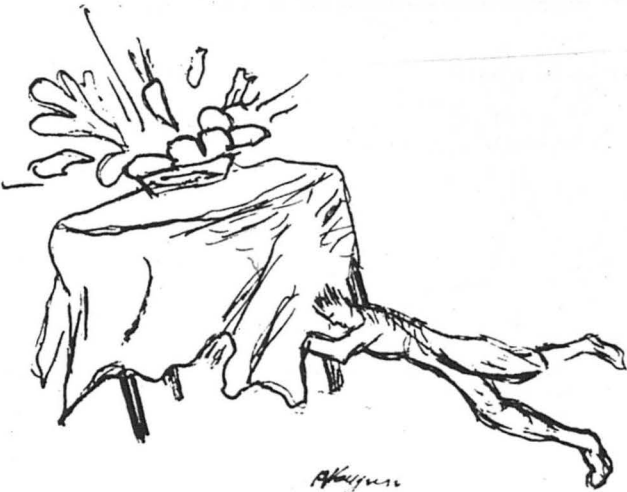
Consolidation and the development of courses especially adapted to the needs of rural pupils and teachers especially trained for that work seem to be the lines along which the best results will be reached.

Much educational work among the older ruralites and others is needed before these conditions can be realized; and in this work the Stevens Point Normal school is splendidly leading the way. More power to her. —G. E. Culver.

# SOMETHING NEW IN THE LINE OF SPORTS



**The Favorite Sport at Bathtub Bay**  
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 —John Smith Davis, World's Greatest Swimmer.



## VEGETABLE BALL

### Rules and Penalties

	Counts
1. Any vegetable that is All Chewed to Smithereens .....	500
2. Every fresh vegetable ball that score but is just chewed up.....	100
3. Every ordinary vegetable that is just chewed up .....	80
4. Whenever Vegetable Ball grows dull, throw a little salt on the field.....	
5. Play slowly and don't fumble.....	



## Cow's Milk A La Rugby

Most stars are born players. They know the rules by instinct.  
 First down—three to go!  
 Exciting to the last drop!  
 Oh Cow!



## TUMBLING WATER

### An Old Game That Will Keep You Young

Should be played with eight or more tumblers of water every day—the more the wetter.  
 Charles Paddock, world's fastest runner and Olympian champion, has said: "Boys, when you root for running water, you're on the right track."

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debating by cooperating with the teams. Give them all the material you run across pertaining to "Government Ownership and Operation of the Coal Mines." If we all work there is no doubt that our teams will be successful. We can win a state debating championship, so from now on let's work toward that goal.

# ALUMNI

Lawrence Hart, Class of 1920 is now practicing law in Madison. He is associated with the firm of Richmond, Jackman, Wilkie, Loibass. Mr. Hart will be remembered as our school orator.

A number of last year graduates are attending the University of Minnesota. Among them are George Johnson, Gage Taylor, Kenneth Boylan, and Vernon McCoy.

Jane Marsh who is teaching at Wauwatosa, won signal honors for herself and S. P. N. at the recent State Teachers' convention in Milwaukee. She has charge of the music work in Wauwatosa and her teams won both the State music memory contest and the sight singing contest held during the convention.

Among the recent graduates to spend their Thanksgiving holidays at home were Parker Clark of Westboro, Verna Crocker, Randolph Henry Haasl, Clintonville, Bessie Somers, Wau-paca, Jeanette Van Hecke, Fond du Lac, Gladys Young, Mauston.

Amy Bloye, 1910, who has been connected with the Home Economics Department of Purdue University, passed through the city during the summer enroute to the California N. E. A. meeting. She spent a portion of her vacation on a trip to Alaska.

Paul Carlson, 1910, was chairman of the Commercial section at the Milwaukee teachers' convention. Mr. Carlson has served as a member of the Whitewater faculty for a number of years.

Walter Horn, Class of 1911, is now associated with the Wm. Welch Manufacturing company. He makes his headquarters in Stevens Point. Since graduation from S. P. N. and the U. W. he has been a member of the faculty of Kalamazoo State Normal, Michigan, and later he was State Rural School Inspector in Wyoming.

Miss Agnes Kacerovsky accepted the position left vacant by the resignation of Miss Josephine Powers in the Vocational School at LaCrosse.

Miss Teresa McDonough, '16, is attending the U. of Wis.

Miss Gertrude Ames, '21, and Miss Leona Bovee, '20, are teaching in Oconto this year.

Miss Helen Henderson, '19, who has been teaching the past four years in Oshkosh Normal is on leave of absence attending the U. of Chicago.

Miss Genevieve Cartmill, '18, has accepted a position in the Vocational School at Kenosha.

Miss Alice Eichhorn, '19, is training to be a dietitian in St. Luke's hospital in Chicago.

Miss Pearl Manley was married to Mr. C. Schwingle, August first.

Miss Florence Hare, '20, after teaching six years in the Greenwood High School, is now teaching in the Vocational School at Wausau.

Miss Helen Hanan was married to Mr. T. Hip-paka, August first. They are living in Madison.

Miss Violet Hill, '17 Alumna rejected a position as Critic in the Jr. H. S. to be married. She and her husband have gone west.

Mr. B. Pierce, alumnus '21, has been engaged as Jr. H. S. Critic of History, Civics, and Geography, beginning, Monday, Dec. 17. Mr. Pierce has been specializing in Education at Ripon and also at the U. of Chicago.

Following is a list of some of our recent graduates, who are teaching some phases of Home Economics in the places mentioned below:

Home Economics: Ruth Sanderson, Mazomanie; Winifred Bagnall, Pewaukee; Rose Berthiaume, Schullsburg; Ethel Blake, Platteville; Verna Crocker, Randolph; Esther Haise, Milwaukee Downer; Anna Hanson, Marshfield; Elizabeth Hatch, Wisconsin Rapids; Julie Hart, Berlin; Elsie Herman, Fish Creek; Amelia Horn, Beaver Dam; Julie Horn, Vocational School, Milwaukee; Freda Howard, North Freedom; Grace Johnston, Fond du Lac; Ruth Jones, La Farge; Garnet Knoke, Wrightstown; Marion Mandeville, Hartland; Elizabeth Mazanec, Lona; Luella Meatz, Merrill; Julia Melchior, Cochrane; Alida Nelson, Montford; Linda Nelson, Cobb; Fern Salter, Wone-woc; Anne Shrank, Ashland; Harriet Starkweather, Muscoda; Belva Twist, Chippewa Falls; Gladys Young, Mauston; Anna Zimmerman, Verona; Irene O'Neal, Wausaukee.

## ADVICE

Bite off more than you can chew—  
Then chew it!

Plan for more than you can do—  
Then do it!

Hitch your wagon to a star—  
Keep your seat and there you are!

A student here at S. P. N. wishing to make a good impression on the folks back home, wrote in a letter: "I'm reading a bit of the Bible every day." Two days later he got a telegram: "What's the matter? Are you ill? Come home at once!"—Exchange.



# FOLLY



NOTICE: If you can't laugh at any of these jokes for their originality, at least respect their age:

### REASONABLE ENOUGH

"I want a loaf of bread."  
"White or graham?"  
"It doesn't matter; this is for a blind lady."

### IN ELEMENTARY NUTRITION CLASS

Teacher—"What is the proper way to eat soup?"

Pupil: "You should eat it out of the upper right hand side of the spoon, a little toward the back."

### IN BIOLOGY

Teacher: "Draw a picture of some mold on the board."

Pupil goes to board and puts a few faint lines on it.

Teacher: "We can't see very much of that."

Pupil: "You're not supposed to see it only under a microscope."

### FOUND ON A TEST PAPER

Question asked pertaining to the moulding of pig iron:

"The iron flows from the vats, through the ducks, into the pigs."

Miss Meston in Cookery II: "All the girls who have brains get up and tell us about them."

While chewing your gum, keep out of Mr. Evans' way. He'll think that you work at the ribbon counter at the ten cent store.

### THEOREM

To prove: That a ruled sheet of paper is a lazy dog.

Proof: 1. A ruled sheet of paper is an ink-lined (inclined) plane.

2. An ink-lined (inclined) plane is a slow pup (slope up).

3. A slow pup is a lazy dog.—Q. E. D.

Nina Mc. wanted to know the difference between pith and pitch—Does Mr. Evans lisp? (!)

A thoroughbred horse gets a rub down every day; what kind of a horse are you?

### BEWARE

St. Peter: "Well, who are you?"

Candidate: "Student of S. P. N."

St. Peter: "Did you read the Pointer?"

Candidate: "I did."

St. Peter: "Did you subscribe for it?"

Candidate: "I did not."

St. Peter: "First elevator down!"

Little Boy: "Oh Mamma, see that funny man sitting on the sidewalk talking to a banana peel!"

### Standard Recipe for Flunkers' Fritters

4 cups late hours                      1 oz. red marks

2/3 pint bluffing                      3 tbs. whispering

Method: Stir the whole to a smooth inconsistency. Fry in a kettle of boiling impatience.

Dear Editor: "How old is a lima bean?"

Ans.: "A lima bean is as old as its' seams (it seems)."

Miss Taylor: "Name one of the causes for people being under weight."

Jean Seeger: "Improper sleep."

Mr. Delzell in Obs. Class: "If you should get into a school where books which had been used for ten years already were still in use, what would you do?"

Louis Leak: "I'd send them to a museum as relics of the past."

"I'm entering society," said the oyster as Mrs. Vanderbilt swallowed.

"Rats!" shouted Angeline as she dropped a handful of beautiful golden hair.

"Aw, they're just stringing me," thought the poor fish as he was reeled in.

Be it ever so humble, there's no face like your own.

Wash the neck of the milk bottle, also your own.



Ques.: What law is there in our State that prohibits the use of canned fruits?

Ans.: Prohibition.

Miss Church to a Junior girl, "After you put your hem in, cut out your neck."

We can't leave out the Old Irish stories, so Irishmen take notice!

There was an Englishman, an Irishman, and a Frenchman on board a ship.

The Englishman said to the Frenchman, "If you weren't a Frenchman, what would you rather be?"

The Frenchman said, "I'd rather be an Englishman."

Then he asked the Irishman what he would rather be.

He said, "Sure and if I wasn't an Irishman, I'd be ashamed of myself!"

The Cookery II class must make some pretty good things, even the cats are attracted by the odors.

One little innocent kitty met its Waterloo on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 9:20 A. M., when it boldly walked into the Biology Lab., only to be pounced upon by Mr. Evans, who had been searching madly for a stray cat with which to entertain his Physiology class.

The rose is red, my cheeks are too.  
You don't drink milk that's why you're blue.  
Yet before I'd buy some rouge,  
A bottle of milk is what I'd choose.

#### Menu for H. E. Senior Friday

A. M.—Oysters—in Cookery  
Lunch—Shrimp—at N. Cottage  
Beans—at Dorm.

P. M.—Cat—dissected in Physiology  
Dinner—Fish!!

Who likes to sleep in a coal bin? Evidently somebody for the coal bin at the Dorm was broken into one night last week.

Miss Meston: "I'm going to get a few chickens and you can draw them."

Smart Senior: "Do you mean with a pencil?"

"Let me give you a little word of advice—  
Never kiss a girl on the forehead."

"Why not?"

"Why, you're liable to get a bang in the mouth."

Never throw a bunch of spinach—there's too much iron in it.

—With apologies to Whittier  
Blessings on thee, little dame,  
Ear-rings long and dress the same,  
With thy many colored hose  
And thy ghostly powdered nose  
With the make-up on thy face,  
And thy bobbed hairs' jaunty grace;  
Russian boots when warm and dry;  
Satin slippers when snow does fly.  
From my heart I give thee joy—  
Glad that I was born a boy.

—A Home Ec.

Miss Meston: "What is pasteurized milk?"

Student: "It is milk from cows that eat in a pasture."

Mr. Evans must have an exceptionally strong constitution when he can dissect a cat in the afternoon and eat rabbit for dinner.

#### OBITUARY

You all know who to blame  
If these jokes are awfully old;  
We've tried our best but you never yet  
Gave us jokes when they were told.

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Harold Reinhart	Roman Bukolt*
Addie Harr	Ralph Cummings
Gladys Flanagan	Flutes:
Roman Mosey*	James Martin
Walter Hetzer*	Earl Cummings
Max Höpferperger*	Obce:
Clarence Wentland	Fred Kuhl
Loretta Cramer	Bassoon:
Henry Kolka	William Fowlie
Violincello:	Nicholas Allen
Arthur Beijer*	Tympani:
Contra Bass:	Albion Beijer
John Miller*	

The string section, under the helpful and inspiring direction of Mr. Arthur Beijer, whose sole motive in giving so freely of his time and energy is his desire to promote the opportunities of every student along musical lines, is rapidly developing an understanding of the demands of good ensemble playing. The members of this section are entering upon this study most seriously, and the profit to each is far in excess of the effort required in being present an extra night each week. Watch the work of the strings at the first symphonic concert in January.

A committee representing the Men's Glee Club, the Orchestra and the Women's Glee Club have selected the design for the medals to be presented by the Department of Music at the end of the year. A unique and beautiful design has been selected. Pictures will be posted on the bulletin board as soon as the medals are cast and photographs can be made.



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