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RURAL DEPARTMENT ISSUE

January, 1923

Needed Legislation for the Betterment of Rural Schools

There is need of activity on the part of those interested in better rural schools at this session of our legislature. The weakest link in our educational system is the country school. A definite program should be made for the following legislation:

1. A larger taxing unit. The present plan fails to make proper distribution of territory in a county. It is possible now for districts to reach out and take in territory not properly belonging to them to the disadvantage of other districts.

2. The present plan of consolidation is a failure. It requires a majority of each district. Failure of a majority vote in any district defeats consolidation.

3. There should be legislation providing for a county board of education. They should be given power to plat and establish the school house sites and boundary lines of county. Also fix the salary of the county

superintendent and perform such duties as are exercised by various educational committees.

4. A law requiring better trained teachers for rural schools. After completing a prescribed course of study for rural teachers, certificates should be granted which would be valid in any county in the state, thus abolishing the present system of certifying from one county only.

5. A compulsory attendance law which can be enforced should have attention at this session of the legislature. The average daily attendance for the state is about 75 per cent. County Supt. Giessel of Marathon County estimates that the loss to his county last year through irregular attendance was \$93,919.75.

Some of the discouraging things we have to meet at this time are, small enrollment with but few in a class, too short a time for each recitation, too many classes, a short school year as compared with the city, poor attendance, immature and inadequately trained teachers.

The Rural Demonstration Schools

Owing to the large senior class in the Department of Rural Education it became necessary at the beginning of the present year to increase the facilities for practice teaching in typical rural schools.

Through an agreement between President Sims and Professor Neale with district board of Casimir, that school is now operated by the seniors of the Rural Department under the direction of Mr. Neale and Miss Roach.

No regular teacher was hired and the money thus saved is used in school improvements. Two students are there each week, one acting as teacher and one assistant. The

next week the assistant becomes teacher and a new student is sent as assistant.

Two pleasant rooms in the home of a resident near the school have been equipped as a tacherage and this project has proved very popular with the teachers.

The school at Stockton under the direction of Miss Alice Winegarden provides rural teaching and observation for two students each week who live in the district while working there.

In each of these schools the young people are introduced to the community life as well as to the methods of administration and organization of a one-room school.

PRESIDENT SIMS GUEST OF HONOR

President Sims spent Monday, January 16, in Marinette, Wisconsin; where he addressed the teachers at four-thirty on the N. E. A. and the Parent-Teachers Association at eight o'clock on the need of good attendance.

Mr. Sims was the guest of honor at a dinner party at Hotel Marinette given by the graduates of S. P. N. who are teaching in that city. Those alumni who are located there are:

Esther Kampine	Evelyn Mary Kampine
Gertrude Wegner	Alta Nelson
Rosalie Duteau	May Manning
Beartha Spies	Dolores Scheffner
Mabelle Watkins	Elizabeth Ammentorp
Vera Deel	Agnes Rassmunsen
Doris Wegner	Dora Hollihan
Helena Manley	Viola Hoffman
Mary Collins	

DEDICATION OF THE JOHN FRANCIS SIMS SCHOOL

One of the outstanding features of Better Education Week in Portage County was the dedication of the John Francis Sims School in the town of Linwood on Friday evening of December 8.

The program for the evening was very instructive as well as entertaining.

President Sims gave a very interesting talk, describing scenes of his youth and then continuing to tell what he considered the value of an education.

Other numbers on the program were: the singing of several songs by the school and members of the Rural Department. Mr. Neale, Miss Gordon and Miss Springer each gave a short talk.

The school was also presented with a framed photo of President Sims by Clarence Teske, a student in the Rural Department.

RURAL LIFE

The Rural Life Club held its last meeting of the year of 1922, December 11th. The Rural Assembly was crowded with Rural

Club members and visitors. A very interesting program was given

Club singing—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
Talk Mr. Sims
Reading "The Other Wise Man" Miss Roach
Piano Solo Selected Alma Hougum

After the program the Christmas tree was unburdened of its packages which were given out to the members of the Rural department and to the Rural faculty, Mr. Neale, Miss Hanna and Miss Roach.

The first meeting of the Club in 1923, was held January 8th. A very interesting program was rendered.

Club singing "Aloha Oe"
Reading "If" Eva Adams
Reading "Are you a Lifter or a Leaner?"
Eva Odenwalder
Talk "My Experiences in the War"
Mr. LaDuke
Vocal solo Selected Francis Scott
Talk "New Years Resolutions" Miss Roach
Song "Juanita" Club
Talk Mr. Sims

THE FORUM

Two meetings, one in December and the latter on January 8th of the New Year, have been held since the publication of the December number of the Pointer. At the first Parker Clark gave several very pleasing numbers on his violin. The high school department is proud of so accomplished a violinist as Mr. Clark.

At the last meeting a Radio-concert was the feature of the evening. Radio being the veritable craze of the times, it was an excellent drawing card and was enjoyed by all.

Our meetings are much better attended this year than last. Everyone is enthusiastic. Our motto is 100 per cent attendance.

PRIMARY COUNCIL

The last meeting of the Primary Council was held December 11th. The following program was enjoyed:

A Christmas story, Miss Pritchard
Pianologue, Vergene Buchi
Roll Call by quotation
Piano Solo, Evelyn Rice
Refreshments consisted of Eskimo Pies.

ATHLETICS

In Reply to Eau Claire---

When a city gets out of the "Small Town" class we sort of expect the inhabitants to get out of the "Tin Horn" sport class and become fairer and broader minded sportsmen. Such, however, does not seem to be the case as will be evidenced by the following literary effort taken from the Eau Claire Daily Telegram of Saturday, January 13.

Stevens Point, 23, Eau Claire 20, was the result of one of the roughest basketball games ever played by the local normal school at Stevens Point, when the Eau Claire team went down to defeat last night. Eau Claire led the game until the last five minutes, with the room over heated, pushing, tripping and tackling by Stevens Point overwhelmed the locals and beat them by the 3 point lead.

Starting out at a good gait the two teams mixed willingly and the local quint was having things pretty much their way. They were slightly leading the Pointers and then the rough stuff started. The first half however went to Eau Claire 16 to 12.

As the second period of the game started the locals were leading their opponents. The basketball court became overheated and the stuffiness of the room took the pep out of the Eau Claire players. This worked on them gradually, added to this the big fellows of the Point team began to make pretty shoe string tackles and rough housed the local team so that they weakened and could no longer keep out the opposing defense. In real basketball Eau Claire outplayed Stevens Point greatly. When time wore on, however Eau Claire was worn out due to the bigness of their opponents. Stevens Point excelled in football playing. Throughout the early part of the game Eau Claire was in the lead and just as the last five minutes of play started Stevens Point took the lead and Eau Claire lost a hard fought 23 to 20 game.

Schipper again played a stellar role for the local team with his offensive and defensive tactics. Carroll and Olson as guards played an exceptionally fine game.

Field Goals made for Eau Claire were as follows; Schipper, 2; Carroll, 2; Olson 1; Brown 2; Gunderson 1.

While half of the dirty work was done by Stevens Point, only one foul was called on them and 6 by Eau Claire. The referee was Roach of Clintonville.

For two years we have been taking lickings in athletics from our sister Normal School and have failed to whine about it. Neither have we accused the Eau Claire players of brutal tactics. It has become our fixed intention of giving the opponents all we have during the game and, if we come out on the small end, accepting the defeat and hoping for better results next time.

No fair minded person can accuse a single player on the Stevens Point team of being "dirty." Nor is the coach inclined to coach the tactics which the above write-up accuse him and the team.

The article above is not only an exaggeration but an absolute falsehood as to facts. The official was an absolutely square man and the fouls were divided 4 on Eau Claire to 3 on Stevens Point. Eau Claire did not out-play Stevens Point in any part of the game after the first five minutes. They did not out-shoot us because we got at least 3 shots to their 1 during the game.

Speaking of bad air, none but a small minded person would offer such an alibi, since our players were not provided with oxygen tanks and consequently had to breathe the same air as the Eau Claire players.

Then again size is mentioned. Our giants simply rode them to death. Rusty Hanson, St. Clair, McCoy and a few others are so

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Basketball

RURAL BASKETBALL

The game with Auburndale proved to be a fast, clean game. The tip off set the machinery of team work into play. The boys worked hard and under a handicap, the handicap being poor light and a floor like glass. The first half saw some good playing and ended with a score of 4 to 5 in our favor. The next half proved Auburndale's superior weight and footing, our boys being at a loss to keep their feet under them. The game ended with the Rurals beaten by a score of 9 to 14, but ready for another trial.

TRI-CITIES vs. S. P. N.

S. P. N. played the Tri-Cities at Wisconsin Rapids on December 13. This game was rough throughout, featured by holding and charging. The Tri-Cities out-weighted the Pointers considerably and out-played them in this respect. The Pointers missed many attempts at scoring. The score at the end of the first half was S. P. N. 8, Tri-Cities 9.

That last half was the same type of playing as the first. The final score was Tri-Cities 15, S. P. N. 11. It was said that Capt. Hanson fell down and got up again 32 times during the game. Smith of Wisconsin Rapids refereed.

S. P. N. vs. Lawrence College

On Dec. 16 the Normal quintet played Lawrence College at Appleton. Due to the jinx that trailed the Pointers the first half, the score was 7-19, in favor of Lawrence. S. P. N. out-passed the Lawrentians, but were unable to score. The second half the Pointers came back strong and outplayed the Blue and White, the score being 6-12 in favor of S. P. N. but they were unable to overcome the lead gained by Lawrence the first half: the final score was Lawrence 25, S. P. N. 19.

Coach Denny of Appleton H. S. refereed this exceptionally good game.

Have you noticed the nationalities represented in our school? Yankee, Roman, Lapp, Welsh.

We also have a number of famous people represented: Webster, Riley, Jackson, Grant Holmes, Jefferson.

STEVENS POINT NORMAL ATTACKS STOUT INSTITUTE.

A game that clearly shows the superiority of Stevens Point Normal's five took place between that team and Stout Institute with the astounding result of 26 to 17. The boys showed us a game of swift, glorious team work. They displayed accuracy in this respect that surprised not only the Normal but their opponents as well. The first half ended with a score of 15 to 7.

The crowd was surely repaid for the attentions given the advertising that the Normal displayed.

Our boys snapped the ball down the floor with ease and perfect poise. The whole school surely gloried in the spectacle of those flashing gold and purple jerseys that designated OUR team, the team that not only represents Stevens Point Normal but represents every one in it.

The Stoutonia, a paper printed by Stout Institute, says "The Point placed them at a disadvantage by their excellent passing, shooting and general floor work. Davis, at center, while playing a star game, was ruled out on account of personal fouls, and was replaced by Normington who carried on the work to perfection."

If they think that of OUR boys W-H-A-T should WE think of THEM?

The Line-Up		
Stout		Stevens Point
Niles	Forward	Kramer
Smith	Center	Davis
Olson	Guard	Hanson
Judish	Guard	Normington
McDonald	Forward	St. Clair
Hyde	Subs.	Holman
Laughlin		

After defeating Superior on Friday, January 19th, the Point five is ready to face Oshkosh on the 26th with a clean conference record—three games played, and three won.

The last home game of the semester was a well-won victory, although the battle was a slow-moving one. The local's luck at shooting had somewhat changed since the Eau Claire game.

There were many fouls called on both sides, both technical and personal. At one time, the game was held up for nearly five minutes in a discussion of rules.

Final score, Superior 11; S.P.N. 25.

"THE FLAPPER"

"The Flapper," the play given Nov. 28th, by the Y. W. C. A. was a great success in every way. A very large crowd attended and a thank offering was taken amounting to about thirty dollars, one-third of which was given to local Red Cross.

The play was given at River Pines and again repeated at Nekoosa with equal success. The cast of characters were:

Grandmother	Stella Sheldon
Father	Ina Rundle
Mother	Elsie Evans
The Flapper-(May-V)	Marion Brazeau

The Flapper, a young girl of sixteen is carried away with the gay life of the young people of her community.

Her mother, a very sensible woman, is opposed to bobbed hair, modern dances, etc. Her father, who rather admires such things and sees no harm in them, takes May's part which creates a very unpleasant home atmosphere.

Mother is very much hurt to think her husband and daughter both consider her so old fashioned and narrowminded, and when Grandmother comes, pours out the whole story. Wise grandmother tells her to play the game of the flapper, At first she rebels but at last takes her advice and goes into the reckless life with seemingly great enthusiasm. In fact she plays the game so well that Dad and May become very anxious as to the outcome of such gaiety, for secretly, May has admired her mother for her sensible ways and Dad has always been perfectly sure of her.

Happily, however, both are thoroughly disgusted with the gay life after seeing it so vividly played up by one in whom they had had such perfect faith and the home is again restored to its old happy natural state with cozy evenings spent by the fireside in perfect faith, trust and comradeship.

RURAL EXHIBITION ROOM

Many exhibits have appeared in the rural display room during the semester and have attracted much attention from students of the the school as well as visitors. The posters made by Miss Hanna's juvenile literature class were borrowed by Adams County and displayed during the institute and school board convention.

LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A meeting of those interested in forming a Local Historical Society was held Jan. 11, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. A temporary organization was effected, with Prof. H. B. Steiner as temporary president. Mr. Steiner has chosen the following committee to look into the matter of affiliation with the State Historical Society and to draw up a constitution: Prof. E. T. Smith, Mr. M. E. Bruce, Miss Kathryn Rood, Mrs. Minnie Bibby and Mr. Morgan Chase of the Chamber of Commerce. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 1, when a permanent organization will be formed.

THRIFT

"Thrift is the best means of thriving".

Applying your labor rationally, preserving and distributing its produce carefully and seasonably, means economy or thrift. We have so long been told that we are a thrifty people that we go on assuming it as a fact without fresh examination.

It was not from any instinct or natural trait that our forefathers were thrifty, but from a moral necessity.

New England early produced two great inspiring minds—Jonathan Edwards and Benjamin Franklin. Far apart in spirit and character, they formed a grand unity in their influence. One taught religion, the other thrift; one clarified theology, the other taught the people how to get on. Edwards tided New England over the infidelity that prevailed in the last century; Franklin created the wealth that feeds society to-day by inspiring a passion for thrift.

Great undertakings are for the few, while thrift is for all. Large enterprises make the few rich; but the majority prosper only through the carefulness and detail of thrift.

The secret of thrift is forethought. Its process is saving for use; it involves also judicious spending.

The chief distinction between civilization and barbarism turns on thrift; thrift is the builder of society. Thrift redeems man from savagery.

Its methods are to save, avoid self-indulgent spending of money, keep to legitimate occupations, elude indebtedness, and have a motive for which to strive. Thrift works against the very faults it seems to invite, and become the reason and inspiration of generosity.

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RURAL EDUCATION

When one considers that the rural schools throughout the nation are open a fewer number of weeks each year than urban schools; that in the main they are poorly organized and undersupervised; that they are taught by relatively untrained, undersupervised, immature and underpaid teachers; that they are conducted in buildings lacking in architectural beauty and often unsanitary; that they lack suitable text and reference books as well as other necessary teaching material:—it is a truism to state that we are gathering the rural educational harvest with antiquated machinery.

In education there can be no stable equilibrium. Its movement must be forward or backward, in advance or in retrogression. Rural education has not in the past generation kept abreast of the progress made in urban systems. The following are among the forces making for retardation:

The conservatism of rural people who have been too long satisfied with an elementary curriculum only and with inferior educational facilities; the lack of vision of what a good rural school is and what benefits it will confer upon them and upon their children; the lack of rural leadership which in final analysis must come from the rural people themselves; the low taxable wealth per child in many districts; and the opposition of many school officials who receive small salaries and enjoy the prerogative of office holding.

No educational problem today bulks so large in the public consciousness as that of the improvement of our rural schools. Education is not a local problem, but a national

problem for the perpetuity of the nation is involved in it. If the nation is to endure the nation must make such provision as will make its existence certain and in no other way can this be done except through education. Popular government without popular education is national suicide and no nation can thrive which does not so organize its school system as to create equality of educational opportunity for all of its children. If we hold allegiance to this, truly American ideal it will follow as the night follows the day. That the educational opportunities provided for the children living in the rural areas of our country be made the full equivalent of those offered to children in the most favored urban communities of America. If our Declaration of Independence, in its statement that "all men are created equal", means anything, it means that we have equality of educational opportunity.

Our problem is, then, to change what is, in rural education, to what ought to be. This will mean the arousal of interest among rural people in the improvement of their own schools and will lead to legislation by state legislatures in a more equitable distribution of school revenues, (the nation 'tself contributing some revenue); the creation of an elective County Board of Education granted powers similar to those given to City Boards of Education; the establishment of Consolidated and Rural High Schools—a dynamic movement now well under way, looking toward the creation of better educational facilities for rural children, twelve full school years, at home; the raising of higher standard for rural teachers and larger support for the agencies that train rural as well as other teachers.

To this program, S. P. N. pledges loyal and continuous support and, will not be weary in well doing until it is realized; even though it is "a long, long way to Tipperary" our heart is right there. S. P. N. is proud of its achievements in this field as these achievements are recognized nation wide. Hopefully it is as modest as it is deserving. S. P. N. recognizes that education, and just now the improvement of rural education, surpasses in importance all other governmental activities, it being the life blood of the nation. Not satisfied with our honorable record in the past, we work progressively for better rural education in the present, so to this end we will keep on, and then, keep on keeping on, until our vision is realized.

John F. Sims.

LITERARY

ORATORICAL TRYOUT

Melville Bright won first place in the oratorical contest held in the Normal Auditorium Thursday night, January 11, 1923. His oration was entitled, "The Implements of Progress".

Walter Graunke won second place. His oration was entitled "The Man of the Hour". Richard Horan won third place with an oration on "The Blot of Our Civilization."

Melville Bright and Walter Graunke will represent the school at the State Oratorical Contest to be held in Milwaukee in March.

BETTER EDUCATION WEEK

It is difficult to realize the veracity of the facts revealed to us during Education Week. Yet it is without doubt that these conditions exist to-day.

Are we, as students and will we, as teachers in the future, do our share to relieve this situation? It is but fair to one's self and to one's country to take advantage and make the best of the opportunities offered in this day and age—be a good American citizen.

Lincoln said; "A nation divided against itself must fall". We must co-operate. If we do not, we will fail not as individuals, but as a nation.

Better Education week was observed with appropriate exercises during assembly period. Pres. Sims gave several talks on phases of the educational problem. Other speakers were Marion Hougan and Mable Francsen. On Friday, the program was in charge of the Rural Department, with the following four-minute talks:

Laura Kostuch-Rural Schools of To-day
Myra Brooks-Needs of the Rural School
Clarence Teske-Consolidation.

OPPORTUNITIES OF 1923 ARE YOURS

The turning of the earth on its axis, its tireless circling of the sun, the constant rush of the whole solar system toward the endless

street of the universe—these have human effect only in the coming of night and day, the parade of the season and the passing of the years.

To the ripening youth it is something to be parted with for a promise of the future.

It is your year. No president nor king can have more of it than you. Health, wealth, beauty, intellect and space can be divided unevenly, but each student is given 1923 to mold as he can and will.

DEBATE

The debating teams which have been selected to represent the school in the inter-normal debates are as follows: Affirmative team, Captain, John Redfield, Melville Bright and Ben Schraml; Negative team; Captain Walter Graunke, Geraldine Rammer and Myron Finch.

The Negative team will go to Oshkosh while the Affirmative will meet the LaCrosse team here. The prospects for State Championship teams are good.

The question which will be debated is "Resolved, that the Huber unemployment insurance bill should be enacted by the Wisconsin legislature of 1923".

The alternates for the negative and affirmative teams will be chosen at a later date. Two second teams will be selected by Mr. Burroughs.

On Thursday, January 11, State Senator Huber, spoke to the State Association of Master Builders at Appleton, Wis., on the Huber Unemployment Bill. The President of the VanBrunt Mfg. Co. of Horicon, Wis., explained why the Huber Bill was undesirable.

The Oratorical Association sent Geraldine Rammer and John Redfield to hear this discussion.

Ending a letter: "I can't write any more, for my feet are so cold that I can't hold a pen. Your affectionate daughter, Josephine Meyers."

ORGANIZATIONS

THE SCIENCE CLUB.

The Science Club has held three meetings this school year.

At the October meeting Mr. Rightsell explained the operation of the new radio receiving apparatus and gave a demonstration of how it works.

At the November meeting Mr. Rogers, in collaboration with Mr. Barron, gave an interesting explanation of the ramifications of the coal tar industries and the importance of coal tar products in peace and in war.

At the December meeting Mr. Watson told the club "What's What about the Turk", and Mr. Hebal talked about "Our Forests". What they mean to us."

At the January meeting Mr. Culver described "Some Peculiarities of the Volcano of Kilauea," and illustrated his talk with colored stereoptican slides, many of them made from photographs taken on his recent trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

The officers of the club are: President, Mr. Culver; Vice President, Mr. Rightsell; Sec. & Treas., Miss Allen. The program committee consists of Mr. Clark, Miss Meston and Mr. La Duke.

The faculty members of the club are: Messrs. Culver, La Duke, Thompson, Clark, Evans, Watson, Rightsell and Rogers and Misses Allen, Meston, Wilson and Jones.

The student members are: James Barren, Lawrence Hebal, Donald Varney, Anna Zimmerman, Anne Schrank, Amelia Horn, James Moxon, Kenneth Boylan, Parker Clark, Lester Newton, George Johnson, Anna Hanson, Sam Moreau, Mrs. Snyder, Milton Spees and Laura Hanson.

The regular meeting night is the second Wednesday of each month.

LOYOLA CLUB

Carrying out the idea of "Good Book Week" the members of "Loyola" have decided to begin a collection of books which will be interesting and instructive along spiritual lines. A number of books and magazines have already been presented to the Club and the organization has voted to add one

new book each month. These books can always be borrowed from Miss Roach's room and we hope they will never be idle.

Very attractive "Loyola" pennants in the school colors have been secured by Lawrence Hebal and have won pleasing comment from many members. Several alumni have sent for them.

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

The Home Economics Club held its Christmas party Wednesday evening December 13th. A short program was held after which appropriate gifts were distributed to each member.

Gift boxes consisting of a doll, needle, thimble, thread and pieces of cloth were furnished by the various practice classes in sewing and sent to the Orphans' Home at Sparta, Wis.

The Juniors received their Home Economic Club pins the week before Christmas vacation.

The Home Economics teachers served a buffet supper to the women teachers of the school Wednesday evening, January 10th. at 5 o'clock.

The January meeting of the Home Economics Club was held Monday night, January 15th at 6 o'clock.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The Y. W. C. A. have held their meetings regularly every Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock in Mr. Collin's room.

Shortly before Christmas the girls dressed a great number of small dolls which were sent to the orphanage at Milwaukee.

The first Wednesday after the Holiday vacation, a meeting was called for the purpose of adopting a number of New Year's resolutions. These resolutions if carried out through the year will be of great benefit, not only to the Y. W. C. A. organization, but but to each individual member as well.

Although this organization already has a large membership, a drive will be put on at the beginning of the second semester for a still larger membership and a better attendance at regular meetings.

Our work is at its height now and everyone is very busy, but let each member set aside forty-five minutes every Wednesday afternoon for attending Y. W. C. A. We will be amply repaid and find time for our school work also.

SHORTS

A NDAL IN THE FORUM

A tempest in the Normal teapot caused considerable excitement last month. Miss Flossie Flapper, a charming young thing who vamps promiscuously, felt her heart warm to one of our prominent Forum members, Sigurd Sigurdson.

Miss Flapper, taking advantage of the talent in the Forum, appealed to court Walter Graunke championed her case while Sigurd a true man and not to be outdone had William Doudna defend him. The jury made up of Forum members, the majority of whom were men, succumbed to the wiles of Miss Flossie, alias Nell Allaby and convicted the unfortunate Sigurd of breach of promise. Judge J. A. Redfield decreed that Mr. Sigurdson invite Miss Flapper to dinner some night the succeeding week.

President Sims returned Sunday, Jan. 6, from Milwaukee where he attended a meeting of the Normal School Presidents.

Mr. Burroughs provided evening entertainments at various rural schools of Portage and surrounding counties, during the Christmas recess.

Miss Mills spent the Christmas holidays in Chicago, her home in New Brunswick being too distant to enable her to spend them there.

Miss Brevad's sister, Miss Alma Brevad, has returned from Rome, where she has been studying voice for the past two years.

Mr. O. W. Neale spent Jan. 12 and 13 in Athens, where he conducted a teachers' institute.

Mr. and Mrs. La Duke spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. La Duk's mother at Gilmanton, Wis.

A buffet supper was served Wednesday, Jan. 10, by the Home Economics Teachers to the women of the Faculty.

Mrs. O. W. Neale spent Jan. 10-14 in Madison on a business and pleasure trip.

Miss Helen West, Home Economics Teacher in the Vocational School at Marshfield and former student of S. P. N. visited classes in the normal during the past week.

Miss Clare Rowe, 1921 graduate, who is now teaching in Black River Falls, spent the holidays at her home in Stevens Point and while here visited classes in the Normal.

Miss Grace M. Price class of '21, an instructor in the Vocational School of Fond du Lac, attended the National Vocational Ed. Association in Detroit and read a paper on "What Part Time Schools are doing in Home Economics".

Miss Hussey gave a party January 19 to those students who do light housekeeping. The party was held in the recreation room at Nelson Hall.

The Orchestra will give a concert in assembly during the week of February 12th. Mr. Arthur Beijer, violincellist of this city is not only giving his services in the orchestra but is conducting training classes for the stringed ensemble and the concert for assembly is being studiously prepared by the members.

The Schumann String Quintet, which made such a favorable impression at the concert in December will appear in assembly soon. They give a concert in Wisconsin Rapids February 8th under the auspices of Gamma Sigma, musical organization there. The Quintet is composed of Messrs. Bukolt, Clark, Doudna, Beijer and Dyer.

Mr. Delzell (observing a huge ink blot on the paper) "What is that?"
Margaret H.: "I think it's a tear, sir."
Mr. D. "A tear! How could a tear be black?"
Margaret H. "Sure, I think a darkey dropped it, sir."

PUNCH

"Lovely moon, isn't it?"

Faye Emerick (after Christmas vacation)
"Nothing to what we have at home" (sniffles)

"How can you tell Nina and Niva apart?"

"I put my finger in Nina's mouth and if she bites, I know it's Niva."

Inspector: "What's the meaning of this: Your name is obliterated!"

Prisoner: "Ye lie—it's O'Neil."

Irene: "Where is everyone going?"

Phil: "To Cook's Studio for their comic valentines."

Miss Miller: "You wouldn't say a man was lovely or pretty, would you?"

Bill D. "Huh, I've heard girls call fellows 'Lovely'."

The shock would be fatal if—

It were quiet in Assembly when President Sims is ready to speak.

John Zimmerer didn't have Brown on his arm.

You met Miss Roach without a smile.

The Home Economics girls followed directions.

No one lost his fountain pen.

Everyone turned off the lights.

At a dancing party: "Do you dance?"

George Johnson: "No, I am not educated at that end."

Miss Hanna: Parse "quarrel."

Henry Grab: "Plural, because it takes two to make one."

Stevens: "Working hard?"

Holman: "Naw, I'm carrying one subject and dagging the rest."

Mr. Evans was explaining the tendons of the heart.

Swanson: "Are those what the novelist speaks of as heart-strings?"

Shanklin: "Where are my glasses?"

Varney: "On your nose"

Shanklin. "Please don't be so indefinite."

"Have you ever done any public speaking?"

Normie: "I proposed to a girl over the telephone in my own home town."

Mr. Watson: "What was the largest island before Australia was discovered?"

Agnes Hjerstedt: "Australialia of course"

"How do you stand in school?"

Laura Kostuch: "In the corner mostly"

Ruby T.: "History is interesting, but it is very sad. Do you know, everybody I've studied about yet has died."

Miss Betts: "I read they dug up some Egyptian jewelry six thousand years old."

Student: "How can that be? This is only 1923."

A man and his wife were touring Europe. She weighed a shade over two hundred pounds. They just arrived at Pisa. The man was standing on the street one day listening to the beautiful flow of talk from a guide. All at once from the Leaning Tower, he heard his wife trill. He obligingly looked up, then came to life with an anguished roar. "Get down for your life get back. You're bending the building."

A school in Vermont is presided over by a cross-eyed teacher. A few days ago he called out: "The boy that I am looking at will step out on the floor." Immediately twenty-seven lads walked out in front of the astonished pedagogue.

Rusty: "I wonder what makes my eyes so weak?"

Les: "They are in a weak place."

Miss Dove: "Oh, Mr. Butcher, what a quantity of bone there was in that last piece of meat we had from you."

Butcher: "Was there, mum? But howsomever, the very first fat beef I kill without any bone, I'll let you have one joint for nothing."

Fred Sauger: "How do you like my new shoes?"

"Immense."

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THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Those of you who did not hear the concert given by the Glee Club and Orchestra on December 14, missed one of the best entertainments ever given in the Normal Auditorium.

The program consisted of numbers by the Orchestra, the singing of hymns by the audience, three numbers by the Schuman String Quintette and a Cantata, "The First Christmas," by the Chorus and Orchestra.

The Cantata was exceptionally well presented, the soloists, Mrs. Frances Scott, Miss Stella Bestul and Miss Irene Scribner, the chorus and the orchestra each contributing to the pleasing and effective rendition.

The story of the "First Christmas" is of a shepherd boy, Azor, who follows the Wise Men into Bethlehem. He is pushed and jostled by the crowd, almost losing his way, but he presses onward and finally reaches the Inn where he is the first to greet the Prince of Peace.

Not only the music, but the spirit that was put into the singing of this Christmas Cantata held the interest and appreciation of the audience throughout.

"THE LAND OF CHANCE"

One of the outstanding features of the year's program in music will be the performance of Fay Foster's new operetta "The Land of Chance." The personnel of the cast is to be selected from the ranks of the Chorus and Glee Clubs and will be announced soon. The orchestra will furnish the instrumental background and every effort will be made to make it a musical as well as scenic success. The story follows the action of the heroine through a life of mystery and adventure, the musical and scenic effects being in keeping with the story throughout and make it one of the finest productions of this character to be given here. Every member of the large chorus of eighty voices will assist in the chorus parts which assures real effect whenever the score calls for it. The date of performance is not decided upon as yet but will undoubtedly be early in February, the place being the Auditorium.

Four years ago the Inter-Normal Oratorical contest was held at LaCrosse. A delegation of 43, including a Glee Club of 35 voices made the trip and for enthusiasm, whole-hearted support of the orator and Glee Club performance "brought home the bacon." The orator was encouraged by this excellent backing and won second place by a small percentage. Three years ago the trip was even longer, the contest was at Platteville. This

time the delegation, numbered 41, a Glee Club of 31 voices furnishing the musical competition for the other Normals' organizations. Last year the contest was held in our city and as guests of the many delegations the entire school benefitted by the splendid event. It should be said that without the musical part of the afternoon session as well as the contest, the day would have been a dead one. It will be remembered that Milwaukee was represented by a Glee Club of 36, LaCrosse by a Band of 25 and a Male Quartet, Eau Claire by a Band of 28, Oshkosh by an Operetta stunt and Whitewater by an Orchestra of 14. Superior and Platteville, due to their distance from the scene of the contest, were unable to send musical organizations.

The contest is to be held this year in Milwaukee, March 16. We have an orator PROVIDED THE SCHOOL FURNISHES THE NECESSARY BACKING. Here's a question: "Where did the money come from to send the Glee Club, the times it went to the contest?" Here's the answer: "Each department and organization of the school sent a Glee Club member as its representative; this accounted for nine; the Oratorical Committee voted a sum towards the project; each Glee Club member defrayed part of her expenses for the trip; a concert was given and the School got behind the movement 100 per cent and the net receipts turned in to the fund."

Milwaukee has invited every Normal to send musical organizations. Several Normals have announced they will accept the invitation. What will S. P. N. do? There are 70 good voices in the Chorus this year. It represents the school as follows: Grammer 10, Primary 21, Rural 7; Junior High School 1; Home Economics 17; High School 11 and College 3. From this chorus of 70 a Glee Club is to be selected. It will be the finest Club to represent this school in years. Question: "Will the school get behind a business proposition to send the Club to Milwaukee?" The Executive Committee is sure it will. The Oratorical Committee felt the need of such representation at Milwaukee and voted \$75.00 toward the fund. The project will not depend upon charity—it is all business. It includes a movie benefit featuring a famous picture, a matinee dance with the best music in the city, a concert with low admission price, the request that each organization of the school elect a Glee Club member to represent it in the delegation, and the stipulation that each member elected to go pay part of the expense out of her own pocket. Is this worth while? Does Stevens Point want to be heard from at Milwaukee March 16th when the decision of the Judges announces Bright has won first place? LET'S GO!!

The following visited school after Christmas vacation: Walter Hintz, graduate of the Rural Department, now teaching at Unity; Laurin Gordon, graduate of the Rural Department, now teaching at Amherst; Olive Skinner, graduate of the Grammar Course, now teaching at Baraboo; Leona Herman, now teaching at Merrill; Rudolph Wilson, now teaching at Clintonville; Edward McCarr graduate of the High School department, now teaching at Rosholt; Cecelia Rebmon, graduate of the High School Department; Mabel Peterson and Jessie Ludwig both graduates of the Primary Course and Ruth Kullner graduate of the Primary Course.

Arbella Seims, who graduated from the Primary Course at the end of the first quarter has secured a position in the Primary rooms at Scofield and began work after Christmas.

Marian Best, who graduated from the Primary Course last June and who has been teaching at Crandon, has resigned her position to be married.

Leona Sackett, who graduated from the Grammar Course last June and who has taught at Scofield for the last four months, has resigned her position and was married to Arthur Clair Hughes, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of this city.

Esther Fergot, graduate of the High School course, visited school, Friday, Jan. 12.

Miss Sadie Buck left here today for Saginaw, Mich. to resume her duties as instructor in the city schools. She has been enjoying the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Buck.

Miss Linda Nelson is substituting in the home Economics department in Merrill and Miss Julia Halloran is substituting in the same department in Winneconne.

Miss Irene Emerich is in Mercy Hospital Oskosh, where she has recently had an operation for appendicitis.

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big they can hardly get in the gym. As a matter of fact Davis is probably as heavy as any player they had but aside from him we were badly outweighed but not outplayed, outgamed, or outclassed in what basketball is supposed to encourage, good sportsmanship.

RIPON vs. S. P. N.

The S. P. N. basket ball team opened its season playing against the strong Ripon College Team at Ripon on Dec. 9. The score, the first half, was 3-5 in favor of S. P. N. Due to the large floor the Point was defeated the last half by a 1-15 count, the final score being Ripon 18, Stevens Point 6. Fairchild from Fond du Lac refereed.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

From motivate and socialize
"Where do we go from here,"
Appreciation, visualize,
Games, "gym, corrective exercise;
"Where do we go from here?"

Mr. Steiner: "Bear in mind that this temptation of whispering can be resisted if you turn a deaf ear to it."

Gretchen (lips trembling): "But I haven't a deaf ear."

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