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FESTIVAL PROGRAM TONIGHT

POINTERS TAKEN IN BY NEPCOS

Top Point Score By One Field Goal In Fast Game.

In an exceptionally fast game for the first one of the season, coach Hunting's five dropped the tilt by two points. A spurt in the last quarter did not quite catch up with the visitors lead.

Frank Werinzinski was the only player who played the whole game through. Werinzinski was high man with eight points. No substitutions were made during the first half, but at the beginning of the second half Albrecht, Charlesworth, Peterson and Weronke went in for Boone, Bannach, MacDonald and Paukert. Bannach and Paukert were sent in again. Boone substituted for Peterson at the beginning of the last period.

Teams Evenly Matched

The Pointers showed class throughout the whole game. Their passing was snappy and accurate and basket shooting equal or superior to their opponents. In defense the two teams were about evenly matched. Bannach, towering above every man on the floor, easily picked the ball off the NEPCO bounding board by simply holding up one arm. Between Bannach watching the enemy basket for stray shots and MacDonald as running guard, the ball stayed out of Point territory most of the time, the NEPCO baskets being made for the most part, from well near the center of the court.

Pointers Lead Game

Due to the small size of the local court, Hunting cannot well develop the slow deliberate open playing which won for his last year's High school team the State title. It is expected that several games will be played in the Stevens Point High school gym, where the seating capacity and floor space is greater. The score by quarters was: first, 8-6, Point; second, 11-12, Point; third, 18-24 NEPCO; final 22-24, NEPCO.

The NEPCO string was: F. Cahill, Trudell, C. Cleinfeldt, G. Hostveldt, Johnston. No substitutions.

The local players were — F. Boone, Peterson, Werinzinski, C. Paukert, Weronke, G. MacDonald, Albrecht, Charlesworth, Bannach.

Cocktails, cigarettes and cakes are being served to customers by a dress-maker of Paris.

Proclamation

Is it not somewhat strange that in this twentieth century almost the whole civilized world celebrates the birth of a Child in the manger at Bethlehem? First: because The Christ-Child was born of Hebrew parents. Second: because the Hebrews were a subject nation. And yet, today, the ideals which He championed have permeated the whole World. The program which He preached has become both the incentive to progress and the standard by which progress is measured.

And how has it come about that this Child born of a down-trodden race thus holds the World with firm and gentle grip? Just this: The challenge of Christmas is the challenge of Love, God's own, made human most fittingly in the Child; Love so Divine and withal so human that it was able, as the Child grew, to interpret to men their own best selves and highest aspirations; Love so compelling that lives of shame shook off their enslaving shackles and stepped out in confident self-mastery.

The challenge of Christmas to each of us is this: to unite ourselves so personally and directly with Him, that His spirit of all-embracing Good-Will may become ours; that our best may respond; and finally, that we may do our full share toward bringing to pass the Better Day of "Peace on Earth, Good-Will to Men".

—President Robert Dodge Baldwin.

Oratorical Contest Forum Girls Step Held Wednesday Out For Practice

Eight students gave their orations Wednesday, December 15, at 4:15. Two or three of the contestants were elected, according to the discretion of the judges.

The contestants were Arthur McNown, New Lisbon, Frank Joswick, Wausau, Leonard Sprague, City, Minnie Van Wyk, Appleton, Irving Gordon, City, Pauline Buhlman, City, Keith Berens, City.

The judges were Miss Hussey, Mr. Mott, and Mr. Rogers.

The cast of the play, "Bunker Bean" was selected Wednesday. There were about three people working on each part, and those who did not make the play will be assigned parts in one-act plays.

Primaries Plan Pleasant Party

Student teachers and pupils have been busy "dressing up" the Primary rooms for the week's festivities. A party will be given for the little folks and teachers Friday and the student teachers are just as enthusiastic about it as the kiddies.

Bill Marsh and Ben Weronke, coaches for the High School Department wish that basket ball teams were composed of sixteen members, for then, they could display all their star players who are as follows:

"Piff" Kelly (center), Dutch Kelly (guard), Eleanor Booth, (forward), Marie Betlach, Harriet Collins, Annice Peterson, Dorothy Saetjen, Mayo Blake, Velma Davis, Margaret Collins, Helen Weaver (guard), Ruth Warren, Viola Wrolstad, Carol Ross, Helen Weber, Margaret Larsoh and Adelaide Sparks.

Mildred Patchin was on the practice squad, but is at home now. One of her older brothers caught the measles. Why is it that one's own brother can be so obnoxious, while some other people's brothers are quite the berries?

MISS MESTON CALLED HOME.

Miss Helen Meston, Foods instructor, was called to her home Saturday by the news of the serious illness of her mother. She does not expect to return to school until after the Christmas holidays. Miss Allen has been teaching Miss Meston's classes.

MUSICAL TALENT TO BE FEATURED

Shepherd's Vision Will Be Presented By Varied Cast

Tonight at seven thirty in the Normal auditorium the combined Boys' and girls' Glee Clubs and members of the Faculty as well as some members of the Public Speaking class will present a Christmas program. The pageant has been adapted for this performance by Mrs. H. G. Williams and Mr. Percival. It is a representation of the Holy Night in the form of a vision seen by the Shepherd who has been left to watch the flocks.

Orchestra To Accompany

An angel appears to the Shepherd, and he sees a procession of children, wise men, a rich man, laborer, princess, and other people representative of all walks of life.

The music during the performance will be especially fine, being presented by the Glee Clubs and the Orchestra. Everyone is urged to be there early, as a large audience is expected.

The Faculty committee is composed of Mr. Percival, Mr. Burroughs, Miss Foster, Miss Carlsten, Miss Pritchard, Miss Roach and Miss Torney.

The program will be presented as follows:

1. Procession of Children (Primary grades).
2. Procession of Children (Fourth, fifth and sixth grades).
3. Enter: Rich man, Laborer, Princess, Sage, a child, youth and maid.
4. Procession, Glee clubs, augmented by normal students.
5. Finale: Silent Night — Ensemble and audience.

North Cottages Given New Life

The Home Economics cottages are in the midst of a vigorous rejuvenation period. The floors, walls and wood-work are being done over and all other things that have needed to be improved are being attended to. The cottages have not been occupied this year, but as soon as the re-decorating is completed the cottage work will begin in earnest.

Primary Council which should have been held Tuesday evening is postponed until after Christmas because of other events which are taking place this week.

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Merry Christmas

Without the door let sorrow lie;
And if for cold it hap to die,
We'll bury't in a Christmas pie
And ever more be merry.

FEMININE CURVES

Whenever feminine curves are spoken of a general raising of eyebrows and lowering of mouth corners ensues. Feminine curves are taboo as topics for discussion, despite their intrinsic value to all concerned. One of the many things desperately needed at the moment of this writing is a "More Curves Week".

Every human girl and most certainly every enterprising young man today points to the faddishness of the middle ages with good-natured derision. They smirk at the steel-caged corsets of the Elizabethan Age; they shake their heads and sigh, tolerantly, at the outlandish hoop skirts of Marie Antoinette. And when they think of the ancient but perennial foot-binding still practiced in China they gulp and go through all the preliminary motions of a bona fide swoon.

Never-the-less this current uppishness (which has, somehow, assumed the appellation "sophistication") is no more than mere naivete. Fashions that were the rage in the gay nineties are regarded as outrageous now. Hat-pins and whale-bone ribs are as rare as men's neck-ruffs. But faddishness is as extreme today as it has been at any time since Dolly Madison shocked the society of Washington.

It is difficult to think of any fad more preposterous than the present spasm of boyish feminine forms. If they were just boyish, in the natural way that boys are robust and healthy, the fad would be a little less facetious. But no woman can launch upon a "get-thin-quick" program without displaying an assortment of ungainly, hereto-fore concealed angles. No woman can hope to increase her natural charm and winsomeness by starving herself into an emaciated, languid apparition. Scores of women the country over are today fighting for their lives, the result of pursuing the evanescent, will-o-the-wisp, slenderness. The fad is detrimental and unquestionably atrocious. Eve was plump, Venus was plump, Helen of Troy was plump, Mme. Du Barry was plump and Martha Washington was plump. There is not only beauty in curves, but there is good sense besides.

THE EDITOR SMASHES AN ICON

About this time of the year Ye Editor bends wearily over his heap of nondescript papers and scratches his head. He wonders what he can use for editorial copy that will be fitting. He feels that he ought to write something about Christmas, "something that will reflect the spirit of Yuletide". He scratches and scratches.

The scratching, he discovers, is useless, but it is at least consoling. Consolation when thoughts of reform are filtering through his mind! Christmas, of all times, ought to be the time when "reforms" are courteously shown to the back door. Christmas should be the time when every girl walks by that girl whom she thinks is a cat smiling her most deliberate and benignant smile. It should be the time when every man should forego the petty idea that some other fellow is less formidable than himself. It should be the time when all stratification of thought and position should be leveled for a brief period of unrestrained good cheer.

But all that is the sort of thing that every Editor since Adam (unless they had Editors before that time) has written. It's true, but never-the-less cut and dried, canned, embalmed, nerve-wracking fol-de-rol. At least let's have one Christmas unspoiled by halo-assuming Editors; let's have a Christmas free of editorial foibles and brimming with a whole-hearted wish to all,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HUMOR
MORE OR LESS



WHAT DID HE MEAN?

Erwin G. — What are you going to give your girl for Christmas?
Ed. Groh — Well, that depends. If she says "yes" Christmas eve I shall give her a sport coat and belt.
Erwin — And if she says "no"?
Ed. — I'll just give her a belt.

UNTRUE, BUT POSSIBLE

Under the relentless urge of an insatiable craving for tennis, the right venerable Herbert Steiner was recently seen abandoning himself, with the aid of great linear skis, to the passion of that stately sport. "I simply gotta keep up my virility", explained the substantial Herbert as he cavorted about the court.

The co-ed's most popular song:
"We're Necking Tonight On the Old Campus Grounds."

BACK-SPACING

Bernice V. — Do I look all right in my new dress, dear?
Allan — Better get in a little farther if there's room.

Even at that, it is better to have bathed and burned, than never to have bathed at all.

DIETIC PROBLEM.

Mrs. Miner — Will you come into my parlor where the lights are burning low?
Craney — No, I thank you, Mrs. Miner, I don't like mush-rooms you know!
Whereupon, Oscar Ziegler was heard to chuckle something inarticulate about keen competition.

ACTUALLY SO.

Joswick — Where d'ja get the black eye?
Marsh — Oh, I had one of those striking blondes out last night.

Just the same when a real striking effect is desired, there's nothing like a flat-footed man covering concrete.

GRAMMATICAL ERROR

Bill — Miss Carlsten's niece is rather good looking.
Gladyss — Don't say "knees is," say "knees are!"

SPEECHLESS AMAZEMENT.

Zager — Would you scream if I kissed you, Delphina?
Delphina — I couldn't. Fright always makes me dumb.

"Here are a number of suggestions on how to run the Pointer," said the editor, "see that they are carried out!"
— And John, gathering them in a huge basket, did so.

"This is rather touching," said the knock-kneed man as he squirmed through the turnstile.

LOWER STANDARD

"What do you charge for these rooms?"
"Five dollars, up."
"But I'm a student!"
"Five dollars down."

Shocking Shopping

(A Yule-tide drama of unthinkable power, in four soul-stirring acts.)

Cast of Characters — A weenie. A woman.

A wonderful man. from their rented rendezvous

Scene of Action — All the way to the county court.

Time of Playing — Four-four! Feverish tempo!

Act One.

(Shopping district of a teeming metropolis.)

While she gives toydom the benefit of her stare, he clicks his eye in the general direction of the weenie cashier. Being past-master of the fleeting lid, wife catches him half way. Gosh!

Act Two.

(Heavy atmosphere.)

She socks him one in the polar-sussex that splinters the hip crockery and makes his vest look like a ribbon factory.

Act Three.

(To be endured with heat!)

She hot-foots it to the judge, thus getting a cinch on his goat as well as the divorce sheet. Having been a sheepherder's daughter wunet, she pulls the wool over the jury and slings him out for a row of ten thousand tin soldiers.

He capitulates without a grunt.

Act Four.

Do it all over again next Christmas.

Moral: "Must the man always pay?"
Closing Hymn: "'Twas ever thus".

Reflections At
The Year's End

This being the concluding number of the 1926 Pointer, the staff has put forth every effort to make this number a success.

Beyond a doubt, with the advent of a weekly schedule, a keener sense of responsibility has been felt by the editorial staff and the student body, which is sufficient proof that the weekly Pointer will be a valuable asset to the school.

Every assurance is given that beginning with the new year, the publication will excel that of the past year, and that 1927 will bring to us a paper classed second to none for school spirit.

Although it has not been the privilege of every member of the student body to become a member of the Pointer staff, do not feel slighted, your turn is probably yet to come; but bear in mind that any suggestions as to improvement, any articles or criticisms you might see fit to send us, are welcome at any time.

The staff wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas and the brightest of prospects for the New Year.



Society

Social Calendar

- Dec. 16 — Christmas Program.
- Dec. 17 — Intermediate Christmas Program.
- Dec. 25 — Home.
- New Year's Eve — ?????



Athletic Carnival A Huge Success

The Athletic Carnival and Basket Social was a success, both financially and socially. A large group of students and members of the faculty were present and enjoyed themselves hugely.

The first part of the program was held in the auditorium, attended by an appreciative audience. The one-act comedy, "He Says and She Says", directed by Harriet Collins, went off without a hitch. Claire Martin sang a vocal number, followed by two readings by Helene Knope. The Sleepy Sextette played several selections, and were greeted by riotous applause. Leander Van Hecke and Bill Freeman convulsed the audience with their antics. Leander made a really stunning girl, especially when he missed Bill Freeman's welcoming arms, and landed on the hard, hard floor.

On With The Dance

Dancing started at nine, the Sleepy Sextette, composed of several Normal boys, playing. Candy, made by the Girl's Athletic Association was sold, to add to the growing athletic fund. At ten o'clock the auctioning of baskets took place, with Mr. Steiner as auctioneer. Much merriment was caused by the bidding, especially when Gregory Charlesworth very dramatically demanded of the ladies and gentlemen present that they tell him who was the owner of his box. Pies and coffee were sold to those who had no basket. After intermission dancing was resumed and continued until 11:30.

IS SHE SCOTCH?

Jean Mainland is the only person known to date, who refuses to take perfectly good money when it is offered her. When Mr. Smith offered to pay her for his Iris, she said "Not just now, Mr. Smith, I have a class."

SOCIAL SWIRL FROTH

Girls, have you your bids for the grand and glorious party the 16th of this month? It promises to be quite an affair, and please don't anyone disgrace her alma mater by dragging home the spoons or a davenport or two.

RURALS PREPARE FOR XMAS FESTIVITIES

Christmas is coming. If you're the least bit skeptical about it, visit the Rural assembly, where several of the Ruralites, under the able direction of Miss Hanna, have decorated the room in true Christmas fashion. If more proof is needed, well, they say Santa Claus himself visited the Rurals after their program, Monday evening.

Home Ecs Enjoy Pre-Xmas Feast

The Foods class held an informal Christmas dinner on Saturday evening, December 12, at 5:30 o'clock. They had as their guests Miss Allen, Miss Church and Miss Wilson and also Ellen Webster, Adella Skutely, Esther Schlerf, Genevieve Cartmill and Florence Schoaff.

Turkey, Santa Claus Salad and other similar dishes constituted the delicious menu. The reception room and also the dining room was decorated with Holly and the tables were decorated with a centerpiece decoration of Holly and red candles.

WHAT'S WRONG HERE

Dear Faculty of S. P. N.,
Owing to the fact that our production has slacked up, we ask your cooperation in aiding our sales, by passing Herman Swanke (Banjo Eyes) in all his subjects, as his father has promised him a Kissel car if this happens.
Yours truly,
Kissel Motor Corp.
Per: Bunk.

PAGE FENIMORE COOPER

We have with us today Deerslayer, reincarnated in the form of Lloyd Bidwell. He felt the "Call of the Wild", and dashed into the wilderness away from all blondes — preferred or otherwise. We wonder if there are many deers wandering about the trackless wilds in quarters — or if Mr. Davidson got the only one of its specie.

Which reminds us of the professor who was about to step into his \$2,500.00 car when three slats in the bed gave out.

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In Assembly

Last Thursday—

The Normal School Kindergarten made its debut before the assembly last Thursday morning. Songs and dances were given by the group, and solo numbers were sung by several of the youngsters. From all appearances the audience enjoyed seeing how they acted when they were in kindergarten.

Mr. Hunting, the athletic coach, made an announcement concerning the basket ball schedule, and in a short speech placed the responsibility of winning the games with the student body. He said the team will do its best to make the coming season a successful one, but it must have the enthusiasm and pep of the student body behind it.

Miss Roach urged all students to attend the Athletic Fair, and especially the girls with their baskets, that the affair might be a social and financial success.

Last Monday—

A short general assembly was held, before adjourning for class meetings, the time being devoted to the singing of Christmas Carols. The main purpose of holding class meetings was to organize the Freshman Class — which will be the first class of freshmen in the history of S. P. N.

FATHER EXLER TALKS TO LOYOLA CLUB

Last Thursday evening the Loyolas were fortunate to hear Father Exler's talk on "Boyhood Problems". He is an interesting speaker and knows the proper way to put his point across without treading on anyone's toes. A large number were in attendance, but somehow the boys were lost intransit. How come?

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