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ANNUAL PLAY TO BE STAGED

S. P. N. TROUNCES INVADERS "BUNKER BEAN" TO

POINTERS DEFEAT WAUSAU LEGION

Purple And Gold Show Class Throughout Fast Game

In the last pre-conference game, last Friday night, the Stevens Point cage squad secured a decided winning over the Wau-sau Legion team. The game was undecided during the first half, but the second period was clearly the Point's.

The game began at eight-thirty. Weronke dropped one in during the first minute and a half, but Wausau tied the score almost immediately. Boone raised the Point a basket and the game began to speed up. For a few minutes it assumed the proportions of a rough-and-tumble. Wausau had two easy chances at the ring and missed both. Weronke dropped in another, making the score 6-2. The two teams continued to eage balls for several minutes, when Peterson took Werinzinski's place.

Wausau Slows Down

Wausau took to long passing style of play, attempting shots from way down the floor, and snapping the ball from one end of the court to the other. Kriplean, Wausau center, was able to take care of the Point bounding board, due to his length. Werinzinksi took Paukert's place, Boone shifting to center, and Bannach went in for Weronke. Bannach began to cramp Kriplean's style, being just a little longer than the Wausau player. Wausau began to slow down noticably, apparently becoming tired from the constant forcing and fast ballrunning of the Purple team. The half ended 20-16 in favor of the

The second period began with a slower style of play, both teams exhibiting more basketball. This lasted for about five minutes, when matters began to fly. The score went up to 27-20, when Cawley replaced Erenson for Wausau. The score crawled up to 34-25 and stayed there the rest

of the game. Point: LF — Werinzinski, Holmes, Boone, Peterson, Marsh, C. — Paukert, Boone. LG—Mac-Donald, Albrecht, RG, Weronke, Bannach.

Wausau: LF Laabs. RF Eg-dahl. C. Kriplean. LG Ed-wards. RG Erenson, Cawley.

Officials: Steiner and Schmee-

Joswick Named School Orator

Frank Joswick placed first in the final school oratorical contest, held on Monday morning, January 10. His oration was entitled, "The Home and Its Intitled, "The Home and Its Influence on America's Future Generations". Leonard Sprague placed second with "The Task of the Builder".

The contest was held as part of the regular assembly period. Three speakers competed: Arthur McNown, Leonard Sprague, and Frank Joswick. The latter by virtue of winning first place will represent the school at the State Oratorical contest, which will be held at Eau Claire in the spring.

Professors Rogers, Rellahan and Mott were the judges.

Farm Question Being Debated

A formal debate on the question: "Resolved: That the principle features of the McNary-Haugen bill should be enacted into a Federal Law", was held in Mr. Burrough's room Tuesday afternoon, January 11, at 4:15

Those taking part in the debate were: First Affirmative, Bernice Vinkle; second, Alma Hougum; third, Irving Gordon. The first sepaker for the Negative was Elizabeth Kelly; second, Arthur Mc-Nown; third, Donald Vetter.

The decision was awarded to the Negative team, who also won the debate last Thursday, and who will be guests of the Affirmative team at a dinner on Thursday evening, January 20.

The judge on Tuesday afternoon was Mr. Roberts.

Plans have been made for an informal debate with River Falls, here, on February 21. Other arrangements are being made and it is hoped that the Affirmative team will be able to schedule a debate with Lawrence College, at

FORUM MEETING HELD MONDAY

At a meeting of the Forum, held Monday evening, the following progarm was given:

Forum Dance ...Genevieve Boyer of the Jr. H. S. Vocal numbers ... Arlyn Carlson StoryArnold Malmquist Talk Mr. Smith Bannach and Holmes.

THE CALENDAR

Thursday - Jan. 13 -Loyola party — Riley's — 1302 Clark Street.

Friday - Jan. Basketball game — S. P. N. vs Stout — there.

Saturday - Jan. 15 Basketball game - S. P. N. vs Eau Claire - there.

Leave of Absence Taken by Dean

Miss Bertha Hussey, dean of women at Nelson Hall, has secured a leave of absence until the beginning of the summer session, 1927, and is recuperating at her home in Elton, Illinois.

Miss Hussey's health has been very poor during the past year, but in a recent letter states that her health has "improved unbelievably".

Miss Mae Ivey, assistant director of the training school, is taking Miss Hussey's place at Nelson Hall, as dean of women.

FORMER COACH SWETLAND COACHES SUCCESSFUL TEAM

An article in the "Exponent" from the Northern State Teachers College at Aberdeen S. D. imparts that three men who played on the Aberdeen school's football team have been placed on the all-conference team. Four other men from the same school have been given mention on the honor teams. J. E. Swetland, former SPN coach, is football mentor at Aberdeen.

RURAL REPRESENTED IN BASKETBALL

Eleven girls of the Rural department are practicing diligently every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 8:40 so that we may have the best departmental basketball team. coaches are very enthusiastic over the prospects.

That the Rural department is very active in athletics may be seen from the fact that they had four letter men on this years football team, Capt. Craney, Boone,

SHOW TUESDAY

Promises To Be Sensation From First Curtain

"Bunker Bean", a comedy in four acts, is to be given by members of the Public Speaking class in the Normal auditorium on Tuesday evening. The class has been working on the production since the first of December. It shows promise of being a complete success.

The theme of the play deals with a young secretary of one Mr. Breede, or "Pops", who is lead by jealous office mates and an unscrupulous "Mystic" to believe he is a reincarnation of Napoleon. All goes well until Bean finds out the deception, when he is given courage out of a bottle, and upon which he accomplishes all the desired, even to - But the play must be seen to be appreciated.

Cast Of The Play:

Bunker BeanGordon Stein Max BulgerKeith Berens PopsFrank Joswick Mops Thelma Kroll Big Sister ... Marjorie Johnson GrandmaGenevieve Cartmill Mr. Larrabee ... Homer Morissey Bud Mathewes ... Harold Craney Balthazer Donald Vetter Countess Cassanova .

..... Esther Schlerf Myra, the maidAnne Rowe Louis the butler . . Roland Powell Janitor Arthur McNown EarnestFred Weyher

Boone Elected Cage Captain

During a chalk-talk held after school Wednesday, January 8, the football squad elected Ray Boone, captain for the ensuing He is a well known basketball player, having played for a number of years for the local High School and for the Normal.

THREE Y. M. CABINETS CHOSEN AT MEETING

Three cabinets have chosen from members of the YMCA. They are: Employment — Herman Vetter, William Marsh, Walter Wasrud, Kenneth Shumway and Kenneth Franz. Frank Lasecki, Discussion -George Haertel, Lee Peterson, Henry Bannach and Neal Precourt. Publicity Russell Arnold Malmquist, Rich-Lewis, ard Barnsdale, Forrest Mac-Donald and Frank Werinzinski.

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JOSEPH HERGESHEIMER EXPLODES

Joseph Hergesheimer, the celebrated novelist, in a recent interview attributed his success to his fortunate escape from what he termed the "disadvantage of an education". Further, he averred that College is "bunk," and that writers are "dumb".

It is wholly unlikely that Mr. Hergesheimer expected the subscription of the educational world to his theory. In saying "Writers are not in the least intelligent," he has merely reiterated what has been said countless times in ages past.

It is a gross assumption to believe that every master of adjectives, subjunctives, clauses, gerunds and partitives is an abyssmal pool of intelligence. It is possible, but no more correct than the assumption that every ski-jumper, because of his flights through the air, is an able airplane pilot.

Whether all of the renowned authors that are today recognized as masters had high "I. Q's." is a matter of inconsequential debate. That is a question for our psychologists. The important question is the rectitude of "reading in" thoughts into the work which these masters have left.

Literature is an evanescent something which contains, essentially, the thoughts of the author. Just what those thoughts are one might, by accident, deduce, but to say that Cervantes meant this and not that is ludicrous and certainly fallacious. Perhaps he did mean "that"; perhaps he didn't. That matters little. What the individual thinks is his appreciation of it. For a class to decipher just what an author meant several centuries ago is "reading in" into that literature. The class may "read in" thoughts that the author never thought, and then, by popular agreement, may decide that he meant "this"! Shades of Dickens!

Mr. Hergesheimer has thrust a thorn in the side of the good old "appreciation" school of literature study. He has quoted the truth, though in a rabid, distasteful manner.

BACHELORS, BOBBED HEADS, CIGARETTES, COSMETICS

That Mussolini has levied a tax on bachelors (let the rascals pay for their freedom) is of little consequence to the average American young man; that the Swiss government has levied a tax on bobbed heads means as little to the average American girl. But now that it has been brought closer to home; now that certain states within this country of ours have decided that cigarettes and cosmetics should be taxed; now that the jeans of the debonair young bloods are being drained by a twenty per cent tax, luxury is taking on the semblance of what the world has always thought luxury to be.

Whether Mussolini considers celibacy a luxury is moot, and whether the Swiss consider bobbed heads a luxury is immaterial. Cigarettes and cosmetics are considered luxuries and all who wish to enjoy the convenience of getting them at the corner drug store, or wherever else they are sold, must pay the fiddler. And the fiddler will doubtlessly be exacting.

Unlike the bachelor and bobbed-hair taxes, which are aimed solely at correcting what are believed to be detrimental circumstances, the cigarette and cosmetic taxes are levied wholly for revenue. That is the contention though it is perfectly obvious that the later savors of morality. At any rate the young man who "wishes he could cut out eigarettes" will be helped a little, and the sweet young thing who has been troubled with too much color will find it advisable to be more natural.

When attacking a prejudice never make a front approach. These dragons can not be slain in that way.-Roe Fulkerson.

Between songs to be sung and songs to be read there is a difference as wide as that which exists between plays for the closet and plays for the boards.-Encyclopedia Brittanica.

MORE OR LESS



Although few things succeed as as failure, and many a good artist has suffered defeat merely because he did not understand his oil, the most ordinary couples seem capable of develop-ing a negative in any convenient dark-

AUTO-INTOXICATION.

Herme - I think I detect an odor of gasoline. Bull — It must be a case of autosuggestion.

Albrecht - Schumway, you have Albrecht beautiful nose. Schumway — I know scenter of my attraction.

"Ha, I will fool the blood-hounds yet," cried the fugitive hoarsely, and slipping on a pair of rubbers, he erased his tracks.

How careful all fond lovers are Never to be harmed. It's very seldom that a pair Is ever caught unarmed.

Spindler — What do you think of the decomposition of forces? McVey — It's all rot!

Margaret Collins is so conscientious that she refuses to go conoeing for fear of casting reflections upon the water.

A MERE HALLUCINATION.

"I must be going," declared the "I must be going," declared Allan for the fourteenth tiem.
"Not at all," responded Bernice "you are sitting perfectly still, I assure you." "I must be going," declared the

Two years ago she showed to me Her B. A. with an honest pride, Today she has a new degree, M. A. with B. A. BY her side.

DICTO-GRAPHIC.

Habeck - Gosh, I'd hate to marry a

stenog!
McNown — Why?
Habeck — She'd probably take me
down every time I tried to dictate to

PLAINT OF A CO-ED.

Once I had a little bird, And his song
Was the sweetest I ever heard.
He is gone
Some cat got him.

Once I had a white pet mouse,
A bit of fuzz;
A wiggly dancing little mouse,
Yes he was —
Some cat got him.

Once I had a lovely beau: Had a bus Lots of cash to spend you know. I could cuss — Some cat got him.

GLAD TO ATTEND.

"I'm glad to see you attending this class so regularly", said Mr. Schmeekle to Harold Craney.
"Yes sir," replied Harold, "I'm glad to come, for it isn't very often that I get a class with such a comfortable seat and so little to think about."

Faculty Women In Cage Games Divide Honors

Basketball is generally conceded to be a sport for boys only, but lately the girls of the Normal have become skillful at it. the lady members of the Faculty have proved that they can play basketball not only successfully, but very uniquely.

During the vacation, two teams were organized: Miss Pritchard's team and Miss Carlsten's. These captains were chosen because of their experience: Miss Carlsten having been in the Pep Club, and Miss Pritchard a kindergarten teacher. The first practice was held under difficulties. Only four members to a team could be found and the outfits were not generally conducive to strenuous work.

Carlstenites Take First Game

The first game Miss Carlsten's team won. It might be stated here that Miss Foster was the referee, also a player on the winning team. Although Miss Pritchard strenuously protested and threatened to withdraw her team from the floor, the game was finally given to the other side. In order to give Miss Pritchard's team a chance, another game was scheduled for the next day.

Prichardonians In Come-Back

Basketball rules and cedents were completely smashed in the contest of the next day. Only half of the gym could be used - a new door was being put in - so contact was close and frequent. Miss Pritchard's team rallied so well that there was no chance for Miss Carlsten's bunch from the very start. However, after a spurt of good luck on Miss Carlsten's part, the score was tied. After several minutes of scoreless playing, Miss Prit-chard responded to the criticalness of the situation with two successive baskets, both of which were made from the bottom-up. Her skill was rewarded by counting each basket worth four points. Miss Carlsten's team was overcome by this bit of matchless playing and the game ended.

When the teams have recovered, and when a capable referee has been found, and when suitable rules have been made out, further games will be played. When!

SO SAY WE ALL OF US

Overheard In The Halls:

"And how are you, Claire?" says Mr. Neale.
"Pretty good," responds she

eoyly.
"'Pretty or good?" he quoth.
"Both," retorts Claire Martin.

Herme's letter to his dad ran thus: Dear Dad:

r Dad: No mon. No fun. Your son. Mr. Swenke's reply ran thus:

> To bad. How sad. Your dad.



SOCIETY



Mardi-Gras Plans Nearly Completed

Although the Mardi-Gras will not fall this year until March 1, plans are already being made to put this annual event across in big shape. The important committee announcements will be made within the next two weeks. Students are advised to begin thinking of costumes and those who plan to compete in the Union Vodvil ought to be lining up their acts soon. Prizes for the Union Vodvil contest are not yet announced. There is already speculation as to who in the school will be elected in the six-fold popularity contest.

HOME ECS REJUVENATE

Perhaps it has been noticed that our entire department is under-going general rejuvenation. The floors in the dining room and in the reception room have been refinished and thereby greatly improved. The Senior Millinery Class is making new fancy cushions for the reception room and is refurnishing the south cottage with lovely new draperies and lamp shades and cushions.

The re-decoration of the Home Economics cottages has been practically completed, and the cotages are now occupied by a group of four girls consisting of: Lila Olson, Marion Pazourek, Adella Skutely and Beatrice Roach. The girls will remain in the cottages for eleven weeks when they shall be replaced by another group of four.

MR. STEINER'S VACATION

We wish Mr. Steiner refereed our spats with the boy friend. His motto, as evinced by last Friday's game, seems to be "Up and at them — and the devil take the hindmost".

GRIM FACTS OF LIFE

Life is one darn thing after another. We'll just be rested up from Christmas vacation, when semester exams come along.

WALTER RALEIGH OF '27

Irving ordon is so considerate that he waited until Alice went to Unity before he got tonsilitis. That's quite the height of gallantry.

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LOYOLA CLUB WILL ENTERTAIN TO-NIGHT

The Loyola Club will be entertained this evening at the Riley home at 1302 Clark Street. It is desired that a large number of members be in attendence as a good program has been prepared. Games will be played, refreshments will be served, and a general good time is expected. The program will start at 8 o'clock and everyone is requested to be there on time.

DIAMONDS! MY GOSH!

Since the return after the holidays, you may see, passing through the Primary department now and then, the flash of a diamond. Mention of them has brought many a blush to the cheeks of two of our fair young ladies who were blest with a beautiful sparkler for Christmas. What about it Adelaide Nason, and Mariane Garry?

PAVLOWA IMPERSONATED

Even though Frank Joswick is a good orator he doesn't register so high as a spritely nymph. Or else Don Vetter wasn't strong enough to catch him as he tripped lightly into space — much space, and very hard.

HOME ECS. WATERLOO

The Foods 5 Class, consisting of all the Senior students, will complete its regular cookery work Friday, and shall then write its Semester examination. The following two weeks are to be completely dedicated to research and thorough experimental Cookery. This work has always proved very interesting and the results very beneficial.

HO HO! HA HA! ME TOO

All of which brings to mind the fact that Greggy says he doesn't believe there is a Santy, because he saw a picture of the North Pole in the Geographic Magazine, and there was only ice and snow. Not even a smell of a toy-factory!

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Sports of Sorts

Just as a suggestion, we think Hank ought to be made official ball-collector on the team. If he stood beside the basket, he could drop the pill through the ring and eliminate the danger of miss-, ing baskets tried for in the usual way.

Have you seen the nobby ball that the cage teams are using this season? It was invented by Coach I. I. Tubbs of Superior Normal, and is without the usual style of lacings, being inflated through a small hole in one "side". The ball is supposed to bounce more evenly and to have, more life.

The way the local High school opened up and smeared Wautoma, makes things look brighter in the prep camp.

The City has been kind enough to fix up a sort of ice rink out where the Stadium is when the snow isn't. They play hockey on the ice, and several central Wisconsin schools have hockey teams. What does that suggest as a problem?

Also, if you look, you'll find slopes both gentle and steep about a mile east of the campus. These are generally quite plentifully supplied with snow, which makes an admirable medium to slide on. There is probably no winter sport more healthful than skiing, and there are in school, several ski fans who would be only too glad to show interested Co-eds the best methods of falling, how to obtain a mouth full of snow, etc. Skiis are not so expensive either — just look in Sears Montbuck's catalogue.

ALL-NORMAL MYTHICAL TEAM

Almost every publication in the country has taken it upon itself to name an All-State, All-Western or All-American football eleven. There are still enough heroes of the pigskin unnamed, thus far, to comprise an All-Normal Team. While the following have not been particularly celebrated, almost everyone has heard of them at some time. Here they are:

time. Here they are.
E-Stumble River Falls
T-Excelsior Superior
G—Bridge La Crosse
C-Yokel Platteville
G-B'Gosh Oshkosh
T-Artesian Whitewater
E-Husky Stout
Q-Water Stevens Point
H-Whocalls Eau Claire
H-Beers Milwaukee
F-Homex Stevens Point

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Take It With A Grain Of Salt

Some time age the Norseng-Scoville corporation, sponsors of the notorious "Date Bureau", published in the columns of "The Student Voice" of River Falls Normal, edited a group of rules governing the conduct of co-eds. Now they are submitting a "Morality Contest" which is being tried out at R. F. N. with success. Here it is. Test yourself.

1. Have you ever cheated?

2. Have you ever been kissed?
3. Have you ever smoked?

4. Have you ever lied conscious-

5. Have you ever drunk intoxicating liquors?

6. Have you ever danced improperly?

7. Have you ever worn improper clothing?

8. Have you ever had a crush?
9. Have you ever been on a pet-

9. Have you ever been on a pet ting party?

The grades of these tests count as usual — ten percent for each question. With a grade of sixty percent a girl can be classed as a good girl. The morality test has met with great approval at River Falls. The marks though low were somewhat varied. One "good" girl, acquired a perfect thirty six. Many of the girls lost the value of the first question by prevaricating on the second. Take the test girls!

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