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DISTRICT SPEECH MEET HERE TOMORROW TRACKSTERS SCORE IN TRIAL TILTS

KRAKE WINS HALF AGAINST TIME IN PREP TRACK MEET

Wausau First, Point Second In Valley Track And Field Meet

In unregistered competition with High school track men last Saturday afternoon, the College candidates had excellent practice and experience when they were allowed to run and compete in the prep school events. The running events and the field events were well in favor of the Purple warriors, who, though their efforts didn't count in the meet, nevertheless worked hard to win from the younger men actually competing.

Six Records Broken

Wausau won the High school meet with a total of 66 points. The local prep school was second with 38, and Wisconsin Rapids trailed in the rear with a meagre 13 points. Wausau was enabled to win due to its preponderance of stars in all events, the up-river school placing either first or second in all but two events. Six Wisconsin River Valley records were broken Saturday, although they will not count as such since the track meet was not a regular conference event. The regular official meet will be held at Wausau this coming Saturday, and if the records are repeated, they will be placed on the books, to stand until broken in the future.

The College men performed nicely, notably Krake, who came in on the half-mile event within three seconds of the record valley time, which is 2:05.6. Fishleigh also won the 100 yard event, beating Baker of Stevens Point whose time was ten-four.

Rehearsals For Rural Play Well Under Way

Rehearsals for "Putting It Up To Patty", the Rural Department play which is to be given May 28, are well under way. The play is a three-act comedy centering about Miss Patricia Webster (educated daughter of a successful farmer) who has a distorted view of life and an ambition to marry a title. Her father and a sensible farmer, whom she calls uncle Silas, enter into a conspiracy to pass off a young farmer as a member of the English aristocracy, visiting the U. S. He secures

PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT CONTEST HERE FRIDAY

DECLAMATION

Natalie Sill Waupaca
Blanche Radcliffe .. Red Granite
Leona Krembs Stevens Point
Ellen Seger Merrill
Miriam Gault Plainfield
Leda Williams Milladore
Evelyn Nuernberg Athens
Wilma Harwood Tripoli

ORATORY

Raymond Martin Waupaca
Joseph Saetveit Friendship
Angie Conner Marshfield
Calvin Ritterhouse Plainfield
Alex Peterson Auburndale
Edward Schewe Athens
Lyle Wines Wausau
Charlotte Hanke Rib Lake

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Donald Gage Westfield
Charles Smith Stevens Point
Jane Kollock Wausau
Ruth Attoe Wild Rose
Blendell Gilman Manawa
Edward Pfeifer Nekoosa
Herman Miller Phillips

EXTEMPORANEOUS READING

Annie Blair Red Granite
Marion Knight Waupaca
Miriam Gault Plainfield
Leona Krembs Stevens Point
Blanche Wolpert Antigo
Harold Larson Rudolph
Vada Schirmer Tripoli
Madge Dunham Nekoosa

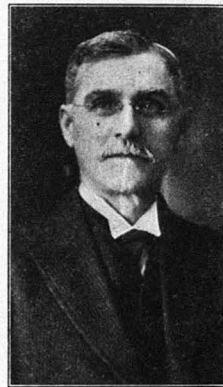
Twenty-nine Girls Earn G. A. A. Letters

A meeting of the Girls' Athletic Association was held last Tuesday afternoon and the following girls were awarded letters for earning 100 points in athletics: Alice Anderson, Velma Davis, Bernice Gallup, Helen Gherke, Adeline Goetzke, Myrtle Goodwin, Pearl Jaaska, Leona Ligman, Lula Larsen, Leith Lindow, Irene Loberg, Dora Mae Losby, Dagmar Rasmussen, Dorothy Satchjen, Eva Shambeau, Florence Shoaf, Irene Smith, Adelaide Sparks, Eleanor Stosiek, Alma Buelow, Marian Curtis, Faith Herrick, Thelma Kroll, Mary Kucirek, Esther Kertzheim, Elta Mantor, Lillian Warnke, Helen Weber and Hazel Wolfe.

summer lodgings at the Webster country home, and during his stay cures Patty of her mistaken ideals and convinces her that the true nobility are the real gentry of American rural life.

Dr. Collins Wins Honorary Award

Dr. Joseph V. Collins, Professor of mathematics, journeyed to Madison the early part of this week to be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity.



Dr. Collins was graduated from Wooster (Ohio) College and was then eligible for Phi Beta Kappa. At that time, however, only liberal arts students were elected to that fraternity.

From the first day in 1894 when the Stevens Point Normal School opened Dr. Collins has been on the Normal faculty. He finished his work at the Johns-Hopkins University in Baltimore and came here after some years of teaching elsewhere.

By associating himself with the Wisconsin chapter, Dr. Collins has formally acknowledged his election to that estimable honor. Mr. John Rellahan, instructor in English, who is likewise a member of the Wisconsin chapter, accompanied him.

Contestants Asked To Report Immediately

All members of the Tennis Club should be thinking about whom they wish to play with in the "doubles tournament, as all entries must be made to the Tournament Committee before the end of next week. The same applies to the singles meet.

The names of the Tournament Committee will be posted on the Athletic Bulletin Board today.

THE NATURAL THING.

Dun — What will the soldiers do when they get to China, I wonder.
Wuntoo — Haven't you ever met a soldier?

FORENSIC TALENT TO COMPETE FOR CONTEST HONORS

Participating Delegations Are Expected To Arrive Here Today

Beginning at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon the annual contest of the Central Wisconsin Oratorical League will be held in the auditorium. There are twenty schools competing for first places in the four events. The winner of each event will enjoy a trip to Madison in the near future when the State meeting of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association will combine the results of the eight various state districts to determine the State winner.

The teams will be accompanied by their respective coaches and some considerable delegation from the nearer schools. Contestants are expected to arrive Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning in time for the drawing of subjects and places. The four events are extemporaneous reading and speaking, oratory and declamation. Each school is represented by four students competing in each event.

Wide Range Of Subjects

The contest is in charge of J. E. Rohr, principal of the Nekoosa High school and chairman of this district. The state has been divided into eight divisions, each in charge of a local head who in turn has charge of the various district contests. G. J. Balzer of Washington High school, Milwaukee, is the State general Chairman.

The Orations are limited to fifteen hundred words, as were the orations presented by the College contestants in assembly. They cover a wide range of subjects, and will prove interesting to prospective teachers in view of future forensic work.

Afternoon And Evening Programs

Declamations cover the usual subjects, and the extemporaneous speaking will be on current topics. The readers will not know their subjects until an hour and one half before their turn comes.

The extemp speakers and the orators will compete in the afternoon, from 2:30 on, and the extemp readers and declaimers will have their innings in the evening, beginning at seven thirty. Student season tickets are fifty cents, or half that for either afternoon or evening. Tickets for outside people will be the same price.

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OPINION

Dear Editor —

Pessimism is not a pleasant thing, nor is destructive criticism ordinarily desirable. But as graduation approaches and that long labored for diploma becomes a reality I cannot but believe that I have been deprived of something in the course of this educational process.

What is education for, or rather what ought it to be for? Obviously to prepare one for life, to improve one's chances for future health and happiness. Does my education do that? I have learned the dates of the important battles of history, the solution the theorems and equations, the presidents of the United States and many other things. And I can use them, oh, there is no question about that. Why, I can go out and teach them to others so that they can teach them to others who will teach them to still others, and so on indefinitely. But where will that bring us? Knowing very definitely the difference between the gerund and the gerundive will do what to make me happy or healthy?

What evidence of the incompetence of education could be more demonstrative than Mr. Motts example of the criminal character of some of his high school graduates. Many of the most vital facts of life are restricted by the most stringent taboos from our education. We are stuffed with dead facts until we have a headache and then thrown out into a world of live issues about which we were allowed to learn nothing.

Could anyone find a more monstrous travesty upon human intelligence than to train one for life by carefully concealing vital truths? If one requires further proof, merely bear in mind that in writing this for a school paper I dare not call a spade a spade, for if I were to express in plain English some of the things I refer to, the editor would undoubtedly be constrained from printing it.

When June 9 finally comes, and we walk across the platform to receive our diplomas beautifully decorated with colored ribbon, there will come over me an ineffable feeling of sadness at the thought that we are actors in one of the most tragic farces of the present age.

—The Philosopher.

THE COLLEGE CRAZE

That "young people have no right to have a good time" because "they have not earned it" is the kind of staggering truth that only gets itself said in speeches like the one Mr. Spindler gave before the Margaret Ashmun Club a few nights ago. It is the kind of truth that should be shouted from the house-tops. Yet it is the disagreeable kind against which all those affected rebel.

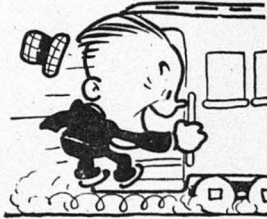
The very fact that there are hundreds of thousands of young men and women smitten by the "college craze" — a large percentage of whom are incapables — indicates that young people, of all social strata, are being increasingly pampered. To fulfill their desires to be "collegiate" young people are sent away for four years, the dire discomfort of the expense devolving upon the parents. Perhaps the greatest evil is the unappreciative attitude which the willy-nilly college graduate develops toward the world.

College, indeed, is the place to go to get those things which should fit the ambitious individual for life, but that training cannot fit the individual for life if it is made so easy for him that he has little to do but concern himself with "collegiate" activities.

Work alone gives value of appreciation to the worker. He cannot learn to know the value of a thing if he has never been constrained to create himself. College students, all of them, should be rigidly held to some program of industry, the wages of which will be his privilege of attending college. If the average High School student were required to work a year or two upon graduating from High School he would enter the higher institutions of learning with a profound respect for the myriads of things there are there for him. Then he would know the value of a college education. And then, having worked, he would know what awaited him when he stepped out of this Alma Mater with his sheepskin. If philanthropic and beaming parents wished to help their sons and daughters they should only be allowed to help them in a limited way. To get the most and best out of a college education it is imperative that the student work his way through.

HUMOR

MORE OR LESS
by "Rusty"



"Wine, women and song", Mr. Spindler advises, "produce a destructive combination." Many a man has given up song.

Which, as the belt confided to the sash, is very touching indeed.

Some girls, of course, can not be touched under any circumstances. But neither can the third rail of a Rocky Mountain Special.

Blow a fuse either way.

Which reminds us (very remotely, indeed) of the stiffhipped Lena who inhaled heavy water while taking a bath.

Her cork leg would float!

Closing with a charming ditty entitled, "She got in Front of My Steam Roller, so I Left Her Flat."

NO DOUBT.

Leland — Give me a package of sins.
Clerk — I heard you the first time.

"Guess I'll go on a bender," said the fly as it started around the pretzel.

BETWEEN ACTS.

Stein — What did you do last night?
Allen — Went out with a carload of fellows.

Stein — Snappy time?
Allen — Yeh. Sort of a fast fr'eight affair.

Not every slacker has escaped the Battle of Sedan.

HALF NAFF.

Marty — Sit closer, damsel, I need inspiration.

Harriet — Nothin' doin', I do too!

"I've raised a lot of families," said the elevator boy gratefully.

"I can hardly stand to do this", groaned the college man as he peered through the key-hole.

CLEANER MUG

There once was a skinny young weener who kept getting leaner and leaner. While sweeping the rug She fell on her mug And into the vacuum cleaner.

RIGHT PARTY.

Voice on Dorm Phone—Call Leonard to the phone, please. I want to throw him a kiss.

Leonard — Certainly, if you'll hold the receiver.

"Get thou behind me, Satan," said the pledge, as he assumed the familiar position.

NO GOOD.

Mr. Rellahan — What is a genius, Mr. La Brot?

Maynard — A fellow who can rewrite a traveling salesman's joke and have it accepted by the Ladies Home Journal.

"A woman is at the bottom of everything," moaned the farmer as he pulled his wife outa the well.

CATCH AS CATCH-CAN COLUMN

Catch what you can;
Can what you catch.

Love is fanned by a bank draft.

At The Dance --

Who is that fellow?
Glad to meet you.
What wonderful music —
What frat are you?
You dance beautifully.
Quite mild punch!
What pretty decorations....
Who is this dance with?
What is your first name?
May I call you Agatha?

Where there's a Will there's a Jill.

Collegiate Romance

Dance?
No.
Pet?
No.
Gin?
No.
Punch?
Ye-es.
Kick?
No-o-o.
Yes?
Well.
Like?
Yum.
More?
Please.
Gin?
Yes.
Dance?
Soon.
Pet?
Mmmmmm.
Now?
Ummmmm.
Yummmmmmm.
Ummmmmmmm!!!
And so on far into the night.

It takes two to answer the sex question.

FURNISH YOUR OWN NAME

I'm out of luck with— now
I'm thoroughly in Dutch
She asked me how I liked her skirt,
And I said it wasn't much!!

Which suggests that women want little here below.

Was someone hollering for help? I heard a terrific commotion. Sounded like someone was in distress.

"S'all right. Today is editorial day. We are just discussing the news for the next issue."
(dedicated to the feminine gender)

'Tis better to be human than refined.

Crossed cheques cheer cross women.

A leaf began the fall.
Beauty is a skin game.

OUR DICTION-BOOK:

College — A coach surrounded by enthusiasm.

Coupe — A small and inconvenient car, that cannot be driven from the back seat.



SOCIETY



Home Ec Exhibit Held This Week

The school and the public are now in the midst of the celebration of Better Homes Week. The Wednesday activities are concluded and proved satisfactory and interesting. The evolution of skill was well shown in the sequence of display by classes in the Style Show. Much interest was manifested in the arrangement and routine of the practice cottages. This afternoon at 4:15 there is to be an excellent Cookery demonstration on Bohemian breads given by Alice Picha. Guides will then conduct people about the department and also direct them to the practice cottages. There will be many interesting and comprehensive exhibits of the various phases of work of the department; they will include sewing, millinery, costume design, textiles, nutrition and dietetics. A silver tea is to be served during the latter part of the afternoon to which everyone is cordially invited. This concludes the program for Better Homes Week which we hope will prove interesting, beneficial and entertaining.

Waffle Matinee Nets Girls a Goodly Sum

An unusual innovation in the form of a Waffle Matinee was held Tuesday afternoon, in the Home Ec lunchrooms, from 4:15 to 7:00. It was sponsored by the Campfire Girls, who are industriously collecting "iron men" and "lead quarters", to finance a week-end camping trip.

A large number of students with seemingly endless "aching voids", as well as equally hungry faculty members streamed into the lunchrooms, to absorb quantities of golden brown waffles, dotted with melted butter, savory coffee, and as a filler, cooling ice-cream.

Eleanor Booth and Marjorie Johnson were general chairmen of the affair, with several industrious Campfire henchmen doing the work.

SPEECH CLASS PLANS BANQUET AT THE DORM

The annual banquet of the Public Speaking classes will be held at 6:30 at Nelson Hall on Friday, May 13. Coaches and representatives attending the District High School Forensic contest, will be guests. The members of the debating teams will also be present. Donald Vetter, will be toastmaster.

The program will consist of brief talks and toasts, as well as an introductory speech by President Baldwin. Talks will be given by Bernice Vinkle on "Dramatics", Irving Gordon on "Debate" and Frank Joswick "History of Debate, and Oratory" representing the student body, and Mr. Rohr, Principal of the Nekoosa High School, and chairman of the Central Wisconsin Oratorical Association.

Frank Joswick is general chairman.

Margaret Ashmun Club Has Monthly Meeting Tuesday

The monthly meeting of the Margaret Ashmun Club was held Tuesday evening in the Rural Assembly Rooms. Plans were discussed for the annual banquet of the Club which will take place this year the latter part of May.

Mr. Spindler was speaker of the evening, and spoke very interestingly and amusingly. Frank Joswick gave a report on "The Constant Nymph", in a very comprehensive manner.

Grammars-Rurals Hold Joint Meet

A meeting of the Rural Life Club was held last Monday evening. The Grammars were entertained as their guests. The program consisted of a very interesting talk by Mr. Schmeeckle and several vocal selections by Lila Radley, Viola Schwantes, Esther Wiersig, Edna Wasrud and Eleanor Stosiek. The sixth grade quartette composed of Lydia Smith, Eleanor Sossong, Jean Mailer and Frances Wiora also sang.

After a short business meeting dancing was held in the gym the rest of the evening.

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