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POINT READY FOR OSHKOSH TRACKSTERS

GRADUATES FROM ALL DEPT'S SIGN CONTRACTS, PLACEMENT CONTINUES

Prospects Good For Positions, Seniors Rush To Fill Vacancies

"If I only get a position!" seems to be the only thought in the minds of the Seniors nowadays. However there are a great many who have no more worries, having already signed their contracts. Many others are being rather merry; prospects are bright.

The following list was complete at the time the Pointer went to press and any positions contracted for since that time will be printed in a later number.

High School Department

Harriet Collins — English and History — Rosholt; Irving Gordon — Science — Amherst; Joe Gunning — Social Science and Athletics — Fish Creek; Leo Lukes — Principal at Milladore; Arthur McNow — English and History at Wonewoc; Frank Martindale — English and History — Sevastopol school at Sturgeon Bay; Laurie Peterson — Science and Athletics — Marion; Erwin Schroeder — Science and Athletics at Poynette; Clarence Strand — Science and Mathematics — Wittenburg; Marena Lynn — History and Latin — Weyauvega.

Primary Department

Dorothy Giddings — Oak Park, Ill.; Norma Borsack — Wild Rose; Mildred Fisher — Goodman; Kathryn Kitowski — Hilbert; Sylvia Libakken — Oak Park, Ill.; Leona Pidde — Marion; Mary Shorey — Crandon; and Alice Ely (Alumnus) — Oak Park, Ill.; Clara Hanneman — Phelps; Genevieve Thulien — Clintonville; Irene Patriek — Rib Lake; Helen Smith — Marinette; Frances Stockley — Junction City; and Genevieve Kubasta (Alumnus) — Shell Lake.

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Valley Cooking Teachers Hold Meeting Here

Stevens Point is to act as hosts at a meeting of the large number of teachers of Home Economics in high schools of the Wis. River Valley, which is to be held Friday and Saturday of this week. The exhibit for Better Homes week is to be retained and a similar program is to be enacted for the benefit of these guests. Those teachers who can, have been asked to bring a representation of their high school girls with them.

Coach Prepares Athletic Budget

The Athletic budget for next season, based on past expenditures, has been formulated by the Athletic directors, but has not yet been approved by the Faculty committee. The general resume is as follows: Physicians fees — \$100. Medical supplies — \$145. Stamps and paper — \$25. Football expenditures — \$2,053. Basketball expenditures — \$1,198. Track expenditures — \$427. General and miscellaneous — \$270. Total assets — \$1,275. Deficit — \$2,673 the latter, coupled with a general deficit of \$800 makes a total in the red of \$3,473.00 which must be raised in order that the Purple athletics may be on the blue side of the account book.

May Peterson to Appear Monday

A concert of note to the student body is the coming of May Peterson, prima donna soprano. Miss Peterson, formerly of the Opera Comique, Paris, and now with the Metropolitan Opera Company, will sing at the High School Auditorium Monday evening, May 23rd. As an artist Miss Peterson has received the tribute of leading critics. Her American debut in opera was notable for poise and vocal beauty. It is generally hoped that the College students will find time to attend this worth while recital.

Girls Organize Ball Clubs, Elect Leaders

The girls baseball season promises to excite considerable interest on the part of the student body this year. At a recent meeting of the applicants the teams for this season were chosen and to all appearances are well enough matched to make the forth-coming games exceedingly interesting. At the same meeting the following Captains were chosen for each team. Elizabeth Kelly — Team 1; Marjorie Keith — Team 2; Crystal Holdregger — Team 3.

The series starts May 17. The following schedule will be followed: May 17 — 1-2 (3-scrub); May 19 — 1-3 (2-scrub); May 24 — 2-3 (1-scrub); May 26 — 1-2 (3-scrub); May 31 — 1-3 (2-scrub); June 2 — 2-3 (1 scrub).

Plan To Distribute Irises Next Monday

Next Monday noon the first Iris will be given out. It will be at last the time to which we have all been looking forward. A few Irises remain for those who have not ordered them.

The thing which is preventing our receiving the books today as originally planned is a few outstanding accounts.

The business manager feels confident that these will be out of the way by Monday. A list is posted on the Iris bulletin board of students still owing Iris accounts.

Divide Honors In Forensic Contest

Four widely diversified schools carried off first place honors in the district forensic contest which was held last Friday, May 6 in the auditorium. The schools placing in the first rank were Friendship, Nekoosa, Merrill and Antigo. There were speakers from twenty different schools entered in the contest, which was held under the auspices of the Wisconsin Oratorical League and was supervised by Mr. J. E. Rohr, head of the Nekoosa schools and president of the central division of the League.

Edward Pfeifer won first in Extempore speaking. Mr. Pfeifer is from Nekoosa. Joseph Saetveit of Friendship won the Oratorical contest, Ellen Seger of Merrill the Declamation, and Blanche Wolpert of Antigo the Extempore reading.

The contest was judged by Mr. Mott, Gus Campbell of Oshkosh, and O. W. Fox of Eau Claire.

McVey To Be Officer State Forensic Board

Allen McVey has been appointed as Secretary of the State Forensic Board, to take the place vacated by Arthur McNow. His term of office begins July 1, 1927 and expires July 1, 1928.

Mr. McVey has been active in forensics, and was a member of both last year's and this year's debate teams. He has been elected as Business Manager of next year's Iris staff, having proved by his work as Business Manager of the Pointer that he is capable of handling the position.

TEAM SHOWS GREAT FORM, EXPECTS TO SCORE IN EVENTS

Men Prepared For Stiff Grinds In All Contests

With twenty-one men on the field, Coach Hunting is optimistic as to the results of the Oshkosh-Stevens Point track meet here day after tomorrow. If the weather and the breaks are with the Purple, Oshkosh should go home with the shady side of the totals in its collective pocket.

The men out for the various events are: Bidwell — 440, Relay; Boone — Broadjump, highjump; Franz — Discus; Fishleigh — 100 yds. relay, highjump, polevault; Groh — 220, broadjump; Gunning — mile; H. Holmes — 440, relay; Kolka — Discus; Krake — half mile, two mile; Kraus — mile; La Brot — 220; MacDonald — 220, low hurdles, relay, javelin; McNow — 100 yds.; Paukert — broadjump, 100 yds., 220, discus, relay, high hurdles, shot put; Reinke — two mile; Schriver — discus, javelin; C. Snyder and F. Snyder — javelin; Van Hecke — polevault, low hurdles; Weronke — Hammer, highjump, shot.

The meet begins at two o'clock sharp. The judges and faculty officials have not been selected as the POINTER goes to press. The same officials will function at the big meet next week and will be listed in next week's paper. Norville Justman is also out, but may not be able to compete because of lameness.

Class Day Discussed At Senior Meeting

The Senior Class committee in charge of Class Day exercises at its last meeting decided definitely to hold a Senior breakfast on the morning of Class day. All arrangements for the event have not been made as yet. To have the Class Day exercises out of doors on the campus, is one of the suggestions being considered. Members of the committee are: Henri Hess, chairman; Joe Gunning; Adella Skutely; Katherine Kitowski; and Frank Martindale.

COMING!! OPERETTA!!

One hundred children from the Training Department will participate in the operetta "Shut-Up Posey" which is to be staged on Thursday May 26, in the auditorium.

Watch the paper for more detailed information.

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DIGGING OUT THE DIRT

Not so many years have passed since the "muck-raking" period in American history. Everybody did it. It became, by the freak twists of a set of able propagandists, the thing to do. Muck-raking, as such, gained prestige and otherwise innocuous persons found themselves turning toward it with vituperative glee. Little as can be said for the parlor variety of "muck-raker" the movement, by the very force of its absurdity, achieved, among its host of questionable successes, some good. For that reason it is tolerable.

The average, alleged novelist of today is not far remote from the parlor "muck-raker" of a few decades ago. The difference, if there is one, is that the first made a conscious, deliberate effort toward reforming things, while the second achieves about the same unconsciously by using brutal realism.

Novels, of the modern, realistic type, dig down into the cesspools of life and produce the ugliness which every one is trying to forget. They portray, honestly and with some degree of accuracy, conditions of life as everyone knows them. They make the reader shift uneasily and gasp at the precision of the exposures. In the process some truths which are not generally known are brought to light. Grotesque and hideous truths are, for royalty reasons, exploited by authors. Blue-nosed reformers discovering these iniquities for the first time promptly call meetings of their clean-up and suppression squads, and a new reform is on foot.

Indirectly, while lily-fingered, untrammelled souls are outraged by the nostalgia of it, some good is being done. Vices of the kind that can be extirpated are promptly rooted out. Erstwhile, gentle followers begin to look at the counterparts of the diabolical characters whom they know. They suspect their fathers, sisters, doctors, policemen, preachers, sweethearts. In most cases those whom they suspect are about as pure as they have ever been. But, having learned something about the devious and sinister ways of innocent appearing folks, the reader casts suspicious eyes on them.

Meanwhile "muck-raking" authors are conducting secret, surreptitious investigations into the private lives of the corner grocer and the insurance collector. Meanwhile more and more startling, brutal novels are being written, the sex element being featured enough to make them best sellers. Everyone reads them. Only the especially concerned read the latest in "literature" some years ago, but today the latest novel is clamored for by everyone from the soda-jerker to the college professor. The author has learned what will net him the neatest sum; he has learned what the people want. The people, having learned where they can find more sensationalism than in the wildest movie, have become voracious readers. They have learned to fathom the suggestivity, the gross subtlety, the sheer audacity of the ultra-modern novel. They like it. Ergo better and bigger monstrosities.

This "literature" serves its purpose. As literature it does not count. It focuses the attention of the public on some of the objectionable things of life. Some of them are sequentially improved. Aside from that it is nil. It is degenerate. When, in a few ages, scholars look back to this post-war period they will marvel at its sterility. Perhaps they will say it was caused by the war. Perhaps they will say it is a natural reaction from something or other. More than likely they will be content to say that it is merely a dark age so far as literary nicety is involved.

This "literature" is brutal in its precise realism. It is uncouth and strange, but it is always naive. It calls a spade a spade. It squeals and shrieks. It is not literature. It is "muck-raking" handed out with a delectable dose of motivation.

The fifty-fifty bob has become popular in other schools. Thus far the girls here seem to be immune. Perhaps to retain our place as a progressive institution some girl ought to come forward with a "half and half" hair cut. We guarantee to broadcast it!

HUMOR

MORE OR LESS
by "Rusty"



Naughty magazines aren't new — they've just moved from under the mattress to the living room.

In fact, the reason bigamy has slumped so terribly is — well, so many college girls are satisfied to be just sweeties.

Which, though it isn't much, is a lot more than grandpa ever talked about in his sleep — even if he was half-wise.

About the only thing a kid learns from his mother now days is anatomy.

But that is a college subject — Rah! Rah! Crib College!

BUT

Mr. Burroughs — Look here, John! I can write my name in the dust on my desk.

John — Ain't education grand!

A smack in time saves an awful wallop. Of course we mean shock tingle.

LIFE

E. D. V. — Gee, its awful climbing around these links.

G. V. — Yah, that's the hill of it.

SHE

Butch (in shower room) — Hey, fellah, put on some clothes. Don't be so effeminate.

"Back up all my cares and woe", stammered "Doc" as he threw the wreck into reverse.

SURE

Miss Gray — Who put that statue by the door?

Arnold (in stage whisper) — That's "Doc" reading over his French lesson.

ISH

No Normal Fellow — "Who wash that lady I sheen you wiz las' night at the Jungshun?"

None Either — "She washes herself, shilly ash".

HOT

Bill A. — The greatest college faculty is doing without sleep.

Azel W. — Which one?

Bill — Heh! Heh!

A college girl is more that a woman. She is a whoa-man.

PEPPER

That's what they give chickens to make business pick up. Ask Leo.

Hazel — Do you love, Neal?

Precourt — No, I'm doing this for exercise.

Now read the captions from top to bottom and find out what Craney said the next morning.

A FICTIONATE

Mr. Delzell (After kissing wife and daughter) — Well, what is the lesson for today, girls?

THEN THE COLD STARE

Mr. Rellahan — Have you done any outside reading?

Ed Vetter — No, it's been too cold.

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To a Virtuous Lady

You say you've never been embraced,
And I begin to think it's so,
For you are frigid and as chaste
As ice or newly fallen snow.

I've never seen such innocence —
I'm sure it has no parallel,
But would you show such reticence
If you were sure I'd never tell?

Old dogs like learning new tricks.

FIRST EDITION

Sweetheart, may I print a kiss upon your lips?

Yes, dearest, but you mustn't publish it.

A little blond is a dangerous thing.

So?

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that any slanderous statements or insinuations which may appear in the Iris, concerning the aforesaid undersigned are totally without base or foundation. The Iris Editor has a perverted sense of humor anyway.

Signed,

Maurice Rice
Keith Berens

To err is human — but don't get fined.

In The Dim Past

Once there was a girl who went to Normal on an allowance, and stayed within it.

Once a male student accepted a blind date — and she was good looking — not a lemon — and he wasn't sorry he went.

Once a boy kissed a co-ed the first night out, and she slapped him.

Once a student did what he set out to do, and didn't do the things he had been told not to do.

Once there was a co-ed who studied nights, and was popular.

Once there was a college boy, and he asked, "Are you hungry?" And she answered, "No."

It's always darkest before it's bleached.

Yesterday we heard positively the last one on our friend, the absent-minded professor. He slammed his wife and kissed the door.

Charity covers a multitude of sins.

Curves have sent many off the line.

Only heroes take chances.
Tea for two often gets cold.



SOCIETY



Matinee Dance Will Be Given By Forum

A matinee dance, in all probability the last one of the season, will be given in the gym. Friday, May 20th, from 4:15—6:00. The dance is to be sponsored by the Forum, and Velma Davis, its president, promises there will be exceptionally good music.

Speech Winners Dine At Close Of Tourney

The banquet sponsored by the Public Speaking Classes under the direction of Prof. Leland M. Burroughs, and attended by members of the classes, delegates from various high schools competing in the District High School Forensic Contests, their coaches, and members of the debate teams, and east of the Senior Class Play, was a decided success. Covers were laid for fifty in the recreation room at Nelson Hall. The menu was particularly well selected by Velma Davis, Chairman.

Donald Vetter was toast-master and by a choice of clever anecdotes, introduced President Robert Dodge Baldwin, Mr. J. E. Rohr, Frank Joswick, Irving Gordon and Bernice Vinkle who responded by brief talks. Frank Joswick was general chairman.

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LITERATI TO BANQUET AT THE DORM TONIGHT

A special meeting of the Margaret Ashmun Club was held Monday morning after assembly, to discuss plans for their annual banquet to be held tonight at Nelson Hall. A splendid program has been arranged, which will be both brief and snappy. Miss Julia Van Hecke is to be hostess, and Arnold Malmquist, president, is general chairman. The banquet will start at six-thirty sharp.

G. A. A. Initiation Given New Members

The Girls' Athletics Association sponsored a picnic for its members and new letter-girls, Monday afternoon. The spring-like weather made the girls enjoy to the full a hike to the Red Bridge. Coffee, beans and pickles were provided by the G. A. A., while each person supplied her own sandwiches and fruit. It is reported that one pickle was all that remained of the repast after Thelma Kroll had finished eating.

It had been the original intention of the G. A. A. to give out letters at the picnic, but they did not arrive in time. However the affair served as a general get-together and initiation for the new members.

Mr. Percival, director of music, will act as judge at the Portage County Rural School Music Contest, which is to be held in the Normal School Auditorium, next Saturday afternoon.

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Intermediate Department

Adeline Goetzke — Mauston; Anne Rowe — Mellen; Freda Strohm — Hiles; Verna Hahn — Port Edwards; Marian Martin — Marinette; and Helen Lehman (Alumnus) — Shell Lake.

Grammar and Junior Department

Ruby Femling — East Chicago, Indiana; Ethel Een — Oak Park, Ill.; Graal Herrick — Oak Park, Ill.; Hester Feller — Hilbert; Thelma Kroll — Marion; Erna Buelow — Oak Park, Ill.; Louise Argue (Alumnus) — Belleville; Louis Leek (Alumnus) — Fort Atkinson; Margaret Morris — Pittsville; Elta Mantor — Clintonville; Henry Kolka — Berlin; and Gladys Nelson — Pewaukee.

State Graded Department

Harmon Knaup — Wycocena; Raymond Boone — Mauston; Edith Uher — Sayer; Rudolph Jaicin — Stevens Point; Dale Spry — Curtiss; Marie Potter — Rothschild; and Harold Crancy (High School) — Spencer.

Home Economics Department

Rose Lowe — Marshfield; Cecelia Breitenstein — Loyal; Marie Stephenson — Gillett; Norine Valentine — Sturgeon Bay; Margaret Englund (Alumnus) — Black River Falls; Cora Olson (Alumnus) — North Milwaukee; Juanita Lawrie (Alumnus) — Taylor; and Lorna Carswell — Stevens Point.

Home Ec Association Has Annual Meeting

The meeting of the Wisconsin Valley Home Economics Association held this week-end was very successful. Miss Lucille Flannigan, President of the Association, and Home Economics Teacher at Mosinee, helped to make the meeting very adequate. She brought a number of her High School girls with her, and an additional representation of about sixty girls attended; Stevens Point being well represented. A picnic lunch was held at noon and lemonade was served. A competitive stunt program was given in the afternoon after the guests had been shown throughout the department. The final event was a silver tea in the latter part of the afternoon.

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The following selection from a long list gives an idea of the present trend:

Peaceably inclined as a heavy-weight champion. — American Lumberman.

Elusive as the eyes of a coquette.—Anon.

Shaky as a set of flivver windows.—Anon.

Inconspicuous as a new filling station.—Anon.

He had an even chance, like a man in a scenario contest.—Anon.

Bashful as a sophomore in a raccoon coat.—Anon.

Useless as a label of the Statue of Liberty.—Anon.

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