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HIGH SCHOOLS HERE FOR MEET SATURDAY

GRADS NEAR COMMENCEMENT PREPARATIONS FOR TRACK AND FIELD MEET COMPLETED

SENIORS ARRANGE FINAL PLANS FOR CLASS EXERCISES

President's Reception At Nelson Hall, Monday, June Sixth

The Senior class committee has drawn up a tentative schedule of Class Day exercises to be held June 7th, 10:30 until 12:00. The Seniors will hold a get-together breakfast on the morning of Class Day.

The Auditorium program will consist of interpretive dancing, musical numbers, speeches and the class motto, and a talk by President Baldwin. Finally the Seniors will present a novel stunt which they hope to establish as a Senior class tradition. After the completion of the Auditorium program the iris will be planted on the campus. The exercises will be concluded by the "walk around" the campus. The members of the class committee are: Henri Hess, chairman, Joe Gunning, Adella Skutely, Katherine Kitowski, Ethel Een, and Frank Martindale. Irving Gordon is President of the Senior class. Miss Roach and Mr. Rogers are faculty advisers.

Alumni Banquet June 9

The Baccalaureate services for the graduating class of 1927 will be held Sunday June 5. The Reverend Carl Reetz will give the sermon. Invitations have been issued for the President's reception to be given Monday evening from 8:00 to 10:00 at Nelson Hall. On June 7 the class day exercises will be held in the assembly. The Senior class will present the class play, "The Fool", on the evening of the same day in the Normal auditorium. Plans have been made for the Alumni Banquet which will be held on the evening of June 8. The commencement exercises are to be on June 9 at 10:30 in the Auditorium.

Caps And Gowns To Be Worn

An innovation has been made at Normal this year. The faculty will appear at the Commencement events in Cap and Gown. Likewise the students receiving bachelor degrees will wear Caps and Gowns. The idea is a splendid one and will be well worth keeping as a custom.

Mr. Garby is taking the measurements of the faculty and is in charge of all arrangements concerning the Caps and Gowns.

Last Pointer Issue of Year Out Today

Publication of the POINTER will end for the year with this issue. Twenty-five issues have been published, the weekly basis plan having not been instituted until the second week of December 1926. It is planned to produce thirty issues next year, fifteen each semester. In the remaining days of the session final accounts will be settled and audited.

BOOST FOR A BETTER AND BIGGER PAPER NEXT YEAR.

Point Track Men Lose Dual Meet

Taking eleven out of sixteen firsts, Oshkosh won the dual track and field meet at the Fair Grounds last Saturday. The totals gave the Eastern school a preponderance of nearly two to one over the Purple. Harold Holmes, Ben Weronke, Clifford Krake and Kenneth Fishleigh were the only Point men to place first in the meet. Holmes won the 220 yard low hurdles, Krake the mile, Weronke the Hammer-throw and Fishleigh the Pole vault. Weronke broke the last year's hammer-throw by a considerable margin.

Viewed from a broad standpoint, the results were not discouraging though the score was. All of the events were closely contested, the Purple giving their opponents a close run on every score except the shot put, where the Orange took all three places. Paukert was high man in the meet, obtaining twelve and one half points for his team, sharing half a point with Weronke on the javelin.

To Return Books Following Exams

This semester text books may be kept until after all the exams. To avoid confusion special times have been assigned for each department. They are as follows: Home Economics — 8:00—9:00; High School Dept.—9:00—11:00; Primary and Grammar Dept.—11:00—12:00; Rural and State Graded — 1:30—3:00; Check-up period — 3:00—4:00. Books will be returned on Wednesday, June 8th.

Welantzik Named Pointer Editor

After a recent conference, the editor and staff for next year's POINTER were appointed. Solomon Welantzik will head the staff as Editor-in-Chief. Ann Scharf will be Associate Editor; Pauline Buhlman, News Editor; John Pralguski, Assistant News Editor; Helen Weber, Reporter and Proof Reader; Carlton Lintner, Sports Editor. The Business staff has not yet been fully appointed, but Walter Wasrud, who has this year ably handled the position of Advertising Manager, will be moved up to the office of Business Manager.

The new staff has been meeting with the retiring Editor-in-Chief, Arnold Malmquist, who has been instructing it in the technique of publishing the paper. It may justly be expected that the student body may look forward to having a better and bigger POINTER next year.

Training School To Present Play

The Normal Training School has completed arrangements for the operetta "Shut-up Posey" to be given tonight in the Auditorium. The children from the Kindergarten through the Junior High School will take part. Miss Pritchard has been directing the operetta and promises that it will be a good one. The gist of the play was told Monday in Assembly. Mother Earth tries to awaken Spring. In the course of her efforts she calls upon various flowers and spring characters. A little unknown finally succeeds in awakening Spring.

Exam Schedule Will Begin Monday June 6

The examination schedule has been made out for 1927. The Senior examinations will be given the week closing June 3rd. The examinations for underclassmen will be given as follows: Monday, June 6th: 8:00 classes — 2 hour period — 8:00—10:00; 9:00 classes — 2 hour period — 10:00—12:00; 10:00 classes — 1 hour period — 1:15—2:15; 11:00 classes — 2 hour period — 2:15—4:15. Tuesday, June 7th: 1:15 classes — 2 hour periods — 8:00—10:00; Class-day exercises, Auditorium, 10:00—12:00; 2:15 classes — 1:00—3:00; 3:15 classes — 3:00—5:00.

Fifteen High Schools Expected Here to Vie For State Honors

With more schools entered than in any previous year for some time, the annual Central Wisconsin Interscholastic Track and Field Meet which will be sponsored by the Purple Athletic association under W. I. A. A. rules Saturday May 28 promises to be one of the biggest athletic contests of the year. Thirteen schools have been heard from at the time the Pointer went to press, and two others were expected to enter, aside from any other schools which might unexpectedly sign up. The schools that have entered at present are Stevens Point, Marshfield, Kenosha, Racine, Oshkosh, Neenah, Antigo, Wausau, Auburndale, Reedsburgh, Oconto Falls, Wild Rose, Mosinee, and Wisconsin Rapids and Madison, the latter two being expected to sign up.

Cocher Enthusiastic

Cocher Hunting is extremely enthusiastic about the meet. Many schools consider it the largest in the state, the only other large one being at Madison, where the Milwaukee schools enter, they making the Madison contest larger from the standpoint of contestants. The meet is under the supervision of Paul M. Vincent, local representative of the W. I. A. A. It begins at 1:30 sharp. Officials will be ribboned, as well as coaches and contestants. Spectators will be tagged by Co-eds from the Normal in order to defray expenses somewhat. A program has been printed, containing the names of the players, their numbers, coaches, officials, entered schools, events and space to total scores.

A dance will be held in the evening, to which all of the visiting teams and their coaches will be invited.

E. F. Roberts Elected Registrar of School

Mr. Roberts of the Psychology department has been appointed Registrar of Stevens Point Normal School. Heretofore there has been no regular Registrar. Miss Larson, of the business staff, has done all such work, sending out credits and issuing catalogues. The position of Registrar comes as a welcome addition to the S. P. N. organization.

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THE LAST POINTER

With this issue publication of the POINTER ceases for the year. The year has been a momentous one. The usual run of unexpected things happened. Some of them were extraordinary and so found their way into print in the school organ. Many things happened which might have been given space; some of the things printed should not have been evaluated that highly; some of the things printed should have been given more space. The one answer to all is: limitation.

Limitation is adamant. There is no compromising with it. So much is possible and not an iota more. Generally that truth is much maligned by the ununderstanding student, not for any diabolical perversion on his part but simply because he does not appreciate the problems of producing a school paper. He has, quite consistently, some bit of copy which he evaluates to be worthy of the stellar place in the paper. Many, all at the same time, have the same idea about the bit of copy which concerns them. And when these audacious and enterprising individuals are turned coldly down by the editor they assume that the only justifiable thing left to do is to focus the wrath of the ages on the editorial organization. Which is subconsciously done.

During this year the POINTER has graduated from the twice-monthly to a weekly basis. A weekly paper, coming out with unflinching precision on every Thursday, is an innovation. In keeping with the weekly plan the paper developed a character of its own. It became something near the thing the average student likes to think the school paper should be. There is still a long way to go. Only an impotent start has been made.

In the coming year, 1927-28, a new staff will edit the paper. It is an able group and it has had enough practical experience with editorial problems to produce a good paper. Starting where this paper leaves off the new staff should be able to raise the standard of the publication until it holds the highest place among the Normal Schools of the state. This can only be achieved with the support of the student body and the faculty. To that end let everyone work. It is the hope of the retiring staff that next year will see a more complete and satisfying publication of the POINTER.

OPINION

Dear Editor—

He who signs himself "The Philosopher" has the right slant on our present-day pedantry. If we must cram our offspring with knowledge, why make them assimilate useless historical details, antiquated geographical facts, half-hearted physiology? Why not give them a survey of history with a view to present and future application? Why not teach the significance of geography instead of queer customs and immaterial quirks of foreign peoples? Why not teach the complete range of physiology and biology from the beginning of life to death?

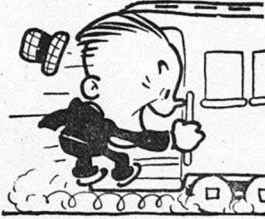
Yet we go on, seemingly the same, from generation to generation with the same old taboos, the same old puritanical "because" for our only excuse. We are living in a fast age. I am not an educational authority, yet it seems to me that we ought to prepare our children for the life they must live and not the life that their grandfather lived. We are in an era of change, as our most noted thinkers expound. Must we educate for the past and then throw our pupil to the mercy of a rushing world which cares little for what clothes the ancient Greek wore? Religion, Art, Literature, the beauties of the past — yes, but let these things be secondary to a comprehensive study of modern conditions and their demand of Society and the individual.

A Student.

With this ceaseless round of parties, club meetings, and social affairs how is a young feller to know that it is all going to end suddenly and that he will be going back to the cows and chickens.

HUMOR

MORE OR LESS
by "Rusty"



Social methods have surely reversed themselves. The other day we saw a fellow trying to save his front steps by walking backwards.

But the only thing in the way of success was failure. He was under seventy-five.

Which isn't saying much, though it holds—thanks to supposition—a wealth of suggestion.

But this sort of thing, as the conductor said to the monkey, can't go on.

Nor, as the soldier muttered to his empty canon, off either; so let us continue.

PURE COTTON.

McLeod — Who made the first cotton gin?

Patchin — Heavens! Are they making it from that too?

ON THE RIVIERA.

Chase — Aw, go jump in a creek. You know what a creek is dontcha?

Bill G. — Sure, one of those guys that runs a restaurant.

She was a steamship captain's daughter but you had to give her a coupla tugs.

SHARP REASON

Joe — Why did Boone and yourself have that quarrel?

Hilda — Oh, he always wanted to kiss the back of my neck.

Joe — D'Gillette him?

Hilda — No, I wasn't Ever-Ready.

Which reminds us of the sword swallower who said, "Razor again Charley, she's too sharp for me!"

LOOK HAIR

Seger — Does long hair make a man look wise, Mr. Mott?

Mr. Mott — No, Seger, only his wife.

CAR, HAR.

Smith — Late again! Have you ever done anything on time?

Joswick — I bought a car.

Birds of a feather flunk together. Esk.

BAR THIS.

Dave — Look at that pall-bearer. His knees are giving away.

Bummer — Yeh, he never could hold his beer.

DEFINITION

"Pop, what's congenial employment?"

"Anything that pays a bigger salary, my son."

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

"You know what bologna looks like?"

"Sure. It's hot dog with a superiority complex."

LAST CHANCE

Co-Ed — "Did that young man of yours propose yet, Alice?"

Ditto — "No mother, but I'm sure he will tonight."

Co-Ed — "What makes you think so?"

Ditto — "Well, we're going to be married tomorrow."

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One little letter has changed ice into vice.

SHORT TURNS IN CONCOURSE

The little blonde said that she hadn't learned a thing in that class, whereupon the little brunette replied that she had also lost her notebook.

The college boy will go home to the farm wearing knickers and with a racquet held high. Father will be elated because short pants are economical and then the other gadget, he supposes, will raise havoc with the obnoxious horse fly population.

Our seniors should wear rubber clown suits for Don says they are actors in a "tearable" farce.

What the worried faculty will say, amid headshakes, as they watch the passing seniors — "Non erit longum nunc."

Many a woman has made her face her fortune.

Ingratitude

The oyster shields the baby pearl
And rears him as her own;
And then the parasitic churl
Absconds when older grown.
Like every other parvenu
His actions sorely vex —
He leaves the oyster in a stew
And hangs 'round little necks!

Those who take you in don't often get taken out.

Gilded cages were made for gold diggers.

Gay dogs don't know they are puppies.

She was only a fireman's daughter. But oh — how she burned them up.

The only way a girl can keep her youth is by not introducing him to any pretty girl.

The prize dumbbell asks if a punch bowl is a fight stadium.



SOCIETY



Literary Club Dinner Featured By Program

The last meeting of the spring term of the Margaret Ashmun Club was the banquet at Nelson Hall last Thursday evening. Julia Van Heeke acted as hostess and introduced the various numbers on the program which followed the dinner. Mr. Burroughs read "The Lunkhead" which portrayed the stories of three men who made good because they were not aware of being lunkheads while the fourth was not successful due to the fact that he knew he was a lunkhead.

Julia Van Heeke sang "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer and responded to an encore. Mr. Rellahan spoke "About Three Minutes" in a very humorous way. Bertram La Brot played a number of popular selections on the piano, responding to an encore. Arnold Malmquist, President of the club and general chairman of the affair, awarded the prizes which had been offered for the best short stories by Miss Margaret Ashmun of New Haven, Connecticut, prominent novelist and juvenile writer. Henri Hess received the first prize of fifteen dollars and Leander Van Heeke the second prize of ten dollars. Both winners were invited to join the Club in recognition of their outstanding literary talents.

Camp Fire Holds Outing at Lake

The campfire classes composed of girls from every department working to receive Campfire Guardian Certificates, returned Sunday afternoon from a week-end camping trip at Lake Emily. The girls left in a chartered bus Friday afternoon at 4:30, arriving at the Lake in time to make preparations for supper. Two cottages were used as headquarters while many of the girls preferred to spend the night among the birds and bugs in the open.

A regular program of activities was carried out, meals being cooked by various committees appointed before leaving Stevens Point. The girls arose at six and retired at ten (presumably to sleep).

The girls had been working industriously the prior few weeks collecting money for their trip, selling sandwiches, waffles, and in other ways. Miss Carlsten and Miss Foster acted as chaperones.

Party Given To Fete Graduating Student

Miss Marjorie Johnson was, hostess at a party given at her home on Wednesday evening of this week. The party was given in honor of Miss Bernice Vinkle, who is to be married soon. The guests were unanimous in offering their congratulations. During the course of the evening refreshments were served.

Miss Dorothy Lowe entertained at a linen shower for Bernice on Tuesday evening. Ten guests were present.

Vagabond Six Furnish Pep For Forum Dance

The last matinee dance held in the gym Friday afternoon was well attended by students and their friends. The Vagabond Six furnished the music. The proceeds went toward the enlargement of the general treasury.

AFTER THE LAST DAY — WHAT?

It won't be long now before work that is work will start. For the willy nilly student who has ridden through the year on his nefarious abilities this must be a great disappointment. In school you are on your honor. It is possible to get away with a great deal. In life that is not true. Going to school is a rare privilege. For those who do not see it there is a startling surprise in store.

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Summer Session Will Offer New Features

The summer session at Stevens Point Normal School this year will have several special features. Special courses will enable the Rural School teachers to take certificate subjects. High School teachers may benefit also by taking courses in Technique in High School Instruction; Courses in Methods and Organizations; Principles of Physical Education; and High School Administrative problems. Home Ec teachers, teachers of J. H. S. grades, Rural Supervisors and County Superintendents will find courses to their liking. A Rural Setting-up Conference has been arranged for special groups. Prof. James Boyle of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. will teach Rural Economics.

Girls Mingle In Fast Ball Tourney Tilts

Two games of the girls' baseball tournament have already been played. The games played were: May 17 — 1-2 (3 scrub) in which team two under the leadership of Marjorie Keith beat team one under Elizabeth Kelly. May 19 — 1-3 (2 scrub). Team three under Crystal Holderegger triumphed over team one at a score of 27 to 33.

More Graduates Sign Teaching Contracts

Since the last Pointer went to press three more contracts have been signed by future teachers. They are as follows: Primary — Helen Mitchell — Merton, Wis.; Intermediate — Elizabeth Frankland — Lugerville, Wis.; Home Economics — Ione Norton (Alumna) — Laona, Wis.

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