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## VETTER TIES 1st AT INTER-STATE MEET GRID, TRACK WORK BEGINS CEDAR FALLS MAN

### TRACK TALENT IN FORMIDABLE FORM WORK-OUTS SHOW

#### Spring Football Presages Early Start At Perfect Grid Machine

Heaving the hammer one hundred and fifteen feet, Ben Weronke, aspirant for track honors and weight man for the school, came within one foot of last year's State record for the hammer throw, during Monday evening's practice. He also put the sixteen pound shot well over forty feet.

A considerable number of men are out for track, among them being Kenneth Franz, discus; Fishleigh, pole vault and high jump; George Schriver, hammer and discus; Paukert, 100 and 220 yards and broad jump; Joe Gunning, mile; Krake, half mile; Kraus, two mile; Harold Holmes, 440; Bidwell and Van Heeke, hurdles; and several others. Practice is held each evening after school, either at the Fair Grounds or in the gym, as the weather dictates.

Candidates are becoming well rounded into shape and are training hard in expectation of the Oshkosh meet here on May 21.

#### Spring Football Begun

Spring football is also in vogue. A number of men are out, preparing for next Fall, when the grids open up. Spring football is coming more and more into prominence in the smaller schools, having been the rule at the larger universities for several years. Coach Hunting hopes to keep the veterans in practice and to initiate new material into the mysteries of the pigskin cult, before next Fall, when intensive practice will be put into perfecting a grid machine.

### Drama, Comedy To Be Presented Thursday

"Riders To The Sea", by Synge, greatest American one-act play, and "Overtones", by Alice Gerstenberg, a satirical comedy, will be presented in the auditorium during the assembly period, next Thursday, May 12th, under the direction of Mr. L. M. Burroughs.

The players in "Riders To The Sea" will be: Helene Knope, Grace Roskie, Sybil Mason and Raymond Arno. This play is a heavy drama, but it will be followed by the lighter, "Overtones" in which Harriet Collins,

### Musical Program Charms Audience

Music, in the fullness of its glory, held sway for more than an hour last Monday, May 2nd, during the assembly period. The occasion was the observance of National Music Week.

Songs were sung by the kindergarten and primary training school children under the direction of Miss Pritchard. The songs were delicate, captivating melodies and were followed by songs by the higher grades under the direction of Alma Krause and Gladys Nelson. The feature of these songs was the girls' quartette.

Selections by the Normal orchestra followed. At the piano Ethel Een entertained with "Impromptu", by Schumann. The applause was so hearty she responded with an encore which was her conception of five ways to play, "Massa's In De Cold, Cold Groun". The concluding number was a group of diversified melodies by the Normal Girls' Quartette, composed of Anne Rowe, Alma Jole, Arline Carlsten and Julia Van Heeke. They furnished a fitting close to the splendid program.

### Yellowstone Lecture Proves Rare Delight

One of the most entertaining and instructive diversions of the year was given Friday evening, April 29th, by Mr. Payne, representative of the Northern Pacific Railway.

His lecture was supplemented by colored views of Yellowstone National Park flashed on the screen. Arranged in Story form the lecture carried the audience from one end of the great natural park to the other with all the adventures and experiences the traveler invariably encounters. There was beauty in untold quantities and wealth of knowledge in the entertainment. No detail was overlooked by Mr. Payne to make the vicarious trip as realistic and pleasant as the genuine trip itself. This number of the students' entertainment program goes down as a presentation unique in its appeal.

Marie Davel, Alma Hougom and Isabelle Gallagher will play.

Mrs. Maloney, local regent, will be present with a prominent women's organization to see the productions.

### Swetland Is Victim In Serious Smash-up

Former Coach Swetland, who is now athletic mentor at the Northern State Teacher's College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, was seriously injured recently when the car which he was driving was forced into the ditch by a larger car.

He was traveling with his proteges to Sioux Falls when the accident occurred. The car turned turtle pinning him under the wheel. All but Swetland were able to crawl out. At present he is confined in the Moe hospital. It is hoped he will be able to be taken home soon.

### To Award Prizes To Net Winners

Plans have been completed for the tennis tournament which will be held the first week in June. Prizes for the winners in both the singles and the doubles have been secured.

The Wilson Sporting Goods Company has contributed a huge cup on the side of which the names of the winners of the doubles will be engraved. The cup will remain at school but each year the double winners will have their names inscribed on it. Medals will be awarded the winners of the singles. One medal is to be presented to the winner of the men's singles and one to the winner of the girls' singles.

The array of ability on the courts indicates that the final fracas will be hot contests.

### Kelley's Team Wins Volley-Ball Tourney

The girls' volley-ball tournament which closed Tuesday night was won by Elizabeth Kelley's team. The team under the captaincy of Faith Herrick won second.

"Piff" Kelley's aggregation won consistently from the first. The contests were hard fought and for some time the ultimate results were hazy for all the teams. The tourney has been running over a period of a month more games being played than in the men's contest.

Might be a splendid idea to put the winners of the girls' tourney against the winners of the men's. With the experience both of them had, the contest should be a fast one.

### SPLITS HONORS IN EXTEMP CONTEST

#### Vetter Talks Ably On Political Aspect Of Farm Bill

Tying for first place in the Inter-state extemporaneous speaking contest, Donald Vetter brought new laurels to himself and to the Normal when he took equal honors with Truesdale, speaker from Cedar Falls, Iowa, where the contest was held. Donald spoke on, "The Political Significance of the Presidential Veto of the McNary-Haugen Bill". Truesdale's speech was entitled "Taxation Problems".

There were but three representatives at Cedar Falls, the man from Normal, Ill. being unable to come. The other man in the extemp contest was Loe, of Kirksville, Mo., who took second.

Mr. Burroughs and Vetter left Wednesday, in order to arrive in time, the contest being on the afternoon of Friday, April 29th.

#### Winners Divide Prizes

Two topics were drawn by each contestant and each was given his choice of the two subjects. Vetter's other topic was "Show the Effects of the Immigration Law on the Farm." Of the two, Vetter chose the one pertaining to the farm-relief bill since he had made considerable specialized study of the subject for debate. A prize of fifty dollars and twenty-five dollars was divided equally between the victors.

Donald reports Cedar Falls as being a "fine place". The school is at some distance from the city proper, and has a fine campus and several very fine buildings.

### Pres. Burns To Talk On Kentucky Problem

President J. A. Burns, of the Oneida Institute, Oneida, Kentucky, will speak in the Normal auditorium tomorrow night, Friday at 8:15 o'clock. Being a product of the mountains whence he hails, President Burns is peculiarly able to disclose the problems of the mountaineers. The Oneida Institute, of which he is the founder, is in the remote reaches of the Kentucky mountain country, that part of the United States which is most often looked to for examples of poorly educated types. President Burns knows the particular difficulties of bringing education to the Mountain whites and it is to this that he will devote his lecture.

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## DON'T THINK: CONFORM

The day seems to be rapidly approaching when the so-called American rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" will be regarded as travestic. Blue nosed reformers and amateur politicians have taken the business of determining the rules of the game of life upon themselves. They have sought, by connivance and legislation, to regulate everything from the making of mince-pies in the private citizen's own home to dictating the days on which he may have his shoes shined.

The mayor of Collinsville, New Jersey, has big-sticked a measure through controlling the wearing of knickers in his domain. Today a fine of \$200 will be imposed upon any woman appearing in knickers on the streets of Collinsville. Out of the magnanimity of his heart he has dictated that he will tolerate it one night a year: Hallowe'en. That means that it is immoral and improper every day of the year except Hallowe'en. On that day, by special indulgence, the morals of the hamlet of Collinsville will not be outraged. But on Thanksgiving or July Fourth the act will be vicious and licentious.

In southern Wisconsin the President of the village of Union Grove has put the clamps on Sunday base-ball. Being a man of 78 years of age it is impossible for him to understand how the game of base-ball could be anything less than iniquitous if played on the Sabbath. There are hundreds of people younger than himself who can see no irreverence in Sunday base-ball. Never-the-less they are regarded heretics and fanatics and are summarily punished if they fail to abide by the dogmatism of this patriarch.

A law has just been passed in New York making the shining of shoes illegal on Sunday. A western University has decreed that coeds must either cover their knees or be expelled.

The movement is growing toward complete suppression of such an entity as liberty. It seems impossible to curb this maniacal making of laws. If it were the leaders of social, intelligent welfare who were responsible for the making of these laws the situation would be rational. As it is, the hardware merchant who spends several months of the year in the state Assembly and the balance of his time engaging in his business is the man who is establishing the moral code for the people who understand infinitely more about the situation than he. He appears at the legislative session with some pet-peeve which is perhaps nothing more than an hallucination. Having succeeded in it he feels that he has contributed something to the moral welfare of the world. His ego is satisfied, and from a political standpoint he has gained a notch. When the next election comes he will be sent back as a compensation for his achievement. Meanwhile the stance of the individual has been reduced to an absurd conformity to regulations that he neither respects nor recognizes. Whereupon more political satellites are appointed to carry out the impositions.

The thinking individual is the scape-goat. He has long since learned what he can do for his expedient good. He will conform to what he believes is right. He has learned that the best way is the right way. But when his privilege of thinking is taken from him he becomes a law breaker.

"China for Chinese" seems to be the reason for the fuss in the Orient. Good idea to introduce some of that idea here. History for Historians, Biology for Biologists. If we had to fight for this knowledge it would be worth something to us.

Seems like we are getting a bird's eye view of the world from the faculty in the assembly sessions. Great stuff from that distance. Maybe they can help us out with some of the problems closer to us. Accounting for this Spring lassitude, for instance.

Spring has come. The boys are taking to motoring. So are the girls.

It isn't how far you have risen, but the method you have employed that counts.—B. C. Forbes.

# HUMOR

MORE OR LESS  
by "Rusty"



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Conan Doyle recently expressed his ability to materialize the spirits of dead animals. What Rot!

So that's who's been stirring up all the bull!

But we don't care; here's some more:

"Boys will be boys and apparently girls, too."

## THIS'LL PASS.

Ed. G. — Ah, the blessedness of glass — plain, unadulterated glass!  
Outburst from dorm. — I didn't raise my shade to be a spectacle!

## BUT THIS IS HOTTER.

Silence.  
More of it.  
Strained silence.  
She — Don't you think the walls are unusually perpendicular this evening?

## AND HOW!

Considering what happens without it, mistletoe might be dangerous nowadays.

## SAME CAPTION AS ABOVE.

"When wilder women are made, college boys'll make'em," enthused George H. glowingly.

Julia: What kind of a dress did Arline wear at the party last night?

Velma: I don't know, I think it was checked.

Julia: Say, what kind of a party was that.

The modern college-girl is judged by the flexibility of her will-power.  
Huh? Uhuh. Movements also.

Thanks Whitey.

## IS THAT NECESSARY?

Bill: Have you heard the Hurdle song?

Clara: No, sing it.

Bill: Oh, I can't get over a girl like you.

## HUMAN, TOO.

"Never the twains shall meet", sighed the small boy as the brakeman threw the switch.

## LENGTHS OF EXTRAV.

Justman: Why do you always smoke cigar butts?

Fritz: People don't throw away whole cigars.

## HOW NARCOTIC!

"An increase in population," explained Mr Smith, "makes it necessary to feed more mouths on the same old standard."

## ADVICE FROM THE FARM:

Look before you lip!

## 'NOTHER CONFESSION.

"Honest, judge," the victim moaned, "I didn't mean to go wrong, but my feller kept bringing me old copies of the college magazines—"

## N'EN SOME.

Home Ec.'ers certainly lead stirring lives.

Aha! Now we know where sea legs come from.

## CATCH AS CATCH-CAN COLUMN

Catch what you can;  
Can what you catch.

## EUREKA!

Two young co-eds from the U. tried to beat their way from Madison to Superior via the blind end of the baggage car. They were apprehended twice in the course of their journey. Now of course this is a terrible predicament, but we, the noble students of this grand institoot are spared the humiliation of being police charges when we journey home. We roller skate and remain happy. "Pure joy from contented skates", that's us!

## LAMP THIS.

Mary had a little lamp,  
It burned a cherry glow;  
But everywhere that Mary went  
The lamp was turned quite low.

## CAN YOU IMAGINE:

Springer discussing the Einstein theory?

Asel Weldon doing the Pavlowa Gavotte?

Don Vetter being tongue-tied?  
Ben Weronke twittering sweet love notes?

Mildred Patchin hating men?  
Heinie Timme forgetting her uniguity?

Catherine George weighing ninety-five?

Velma Davis as Sis Hopkins?  
Harold Paukert as a shrinking violet?

Rusty Lewis in love?  
Lucille Markham out of it?

Maurice Rice asking for a kiss?  
Mary Agnes refusing him?

Leonard Sprague as a masterful lover?

## Quasi-Serio-Comedy

Day by day she staggered under the killing weight of her burden. It was an indescribable mass of curiosities and necessities. Then one day someone thought she had freed herself of it. There was a jubilant moment of rapturous joy. But, ah, she had forgotten Two steps retraced and she had re-claimed it. "Found", Alma Hougam exclaimed, "My little note book is found."

## Pandemonium

The silence is pierced by the twanging of a bell. Out of the doors flock crowds of grimacing, talking, gibbering, excited people. The air is suffused with an indescribable babel of hysterical clatter. Voices intermingle; feet scuffle and stamp; feet drag; feet scamper. Giggles go up from the mass of uncanny color. Voices rise, fall, strain, fade. The scuffling grows fainter. A few stray foot steps plod flatly against the suppressed silence. The bell blurts out again. And the classes have passed.

—Observer.

## GOSH!

"Sunday," moaned Elma Jole, "is such a contradictory day; All Hymns and no mails."


SOCIETY




**Speech Classes To Banquet At Dorm**

The Public Speaking classes will hold their annual banquet at Nelson Hall on Friday, May 13, the same time as the District High School Forensic contest is to be held. The coaches and representatives who are in the city at the time, will be invited to attend.

Donald Vetter, general chairman, will be Toastmaster, and Dr. Baldwin, speaker of the evening. Two or three speeches will be given by members of the public speaking class. It is expected that covers will be laid for eighty people.

**Spring's Call Lures Students on Picnics**

The balmy spring weather over the past week-end promoted a number of picnic parties among the Normal students. Sunset Lake and Lake Emily were among the popular settings for these informal affairs, while Echo Dells was especially popular among the unattached co-eds, because of its easy hiking distance.

**Pep Club Honor Their President By Party**

The Pep Club was well represented at a party held in the recreation hall at Nelson Hall on Saturday, April 30. The affair was given in honor of the ex-President Donald Vetter. A leather, bill-fold was presented to Mr. Vetter during the course of the evening. The members entertained themselves with dancing and cards. Refreshments of ice-cream and cake were served toward the close of the evening.

The chaperones were Miss Ivey, Miss Foster and Miss Tobias.

**Engagement Of Local Couple Is Announced**

The engagement of Bernice Vinkle, four year High School course Senior to Allen Reading, was announced at a party given by Miss Helene Knope at her home at 602 Church Street, recently. The wedding will take place May 28.

**Forum Plans Matinee Dance For May 20th**

Students, take notice, be ready for the Forum matinee-dance, May 20. Here is your chance for a good time. The Forum members promise the best matinee-dance of the year. School is almost over—SENIORS, don't miss the last Forum matinee-dance; JUNIORS, come and see what you can anticipate for next year; SOPHS, come and be merry; FROSH, come and bid the Seniors Ave and Vale.

**Gossipy Bits About Normal Studes**

Miss Helene Knope drove to Madison Sunday, to visit among friends.

Mae Vetter, Ruby Tilleson, Nic Allen, Bernice Chapman, Fred Kuhl, Kathleen Gething, Carl Baehner, and Royal Anderson were week-end visitors.

Ruby Curtis, High School Department Sophomore, was called to Granton Thursday afternoon, because of the serious illness of her grandfather.

Miss Catherine George spent the week-end at her home in Ne-koosa.

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## Pointer Quizz Series Begins In This Issue

How many questions picked at random from literature, politics, etc., can you answer? Here are twenty-five brain twisters. Try your hand at them. The Pointer will publish the answers in next week's issue, so save these: 1. Who stamped yellow fever out of the canal zone? 2. What is Ufa? 3. What relation was Claudius to Hamlet? 4. Name the Palmetto state? 5. How many wheels had the first Packard? 6. Who is the author of the phrase "cabbages and kings"? 7. What is Canberra? 8. Of what is Charles G. Dawes president? 9. For what might King Arthur have sued Lancelot? 10. Who said "Don't give up the ship"? 11. Who is "Gloomy Gus"? 12. What fur bearing animal lays eggs? 13. What important bill did President Coolidge veto recently? 14. What is an ichthyologist? 15. How many diagonals has a rhomboid? 16. Who put bibles in hotel bedrooms? 17. Who was Uriah the Hittite? 18. What is meant by pornographic? 19. What federal office is held by Snook? 20. In what months is it safe to eat oysters in the U. S.? 21. What is the shortest way to spell blind pig? 22. How many women are members of Congress? 23. For what animal is Missouri noted? 24. How many feet to a mile? 25. Who predicted he would die at the top first like an oak?

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Eleanor Booth and Marjorie Johnson are in charge of the affair. The idea behind the novelty is to raise money to enable the Camp Fire Girls to make a weekend trip May 20th. Accommodations are being made on the basis of the ordinary human's weakness for steaming waffles and dabs of melting butter.

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