

# THE POINTER

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## ELECT MR. ROGERS SIGMA ZETA HEAD

### National Conclave Held Here Saturday

Central State Teachers College was signally honored at the national Sigma Zeta Conclave here last Saturday when Thomas A.



PROF. T. A. ROGERS

Rogers of the local faculty was elected grand master-scientist of the organization for the coming year. Mr. Rogers was instrumental in merging the former Science Club into Sigma Zeta fraternity at the college, and has done much to forward the policies of the organization in the various chapters.

Other officers elected were: Vice grand master-scientist, Dr. H. W. Olson of Cape Girardeau; grand recorder and treasurer, Professor R. K. Carleton of Shurtleff College; grand historian, Professor S. M. McClure of McKendree college.

Seven chapters belong to the national organization. The Alpha chapter at Shurtleff college, Al-

### Purple And Gold Radio Hour

The following is the program for the Purple and Gold Radio Hour to be broadcast over WLBL from 3 to 4 o'clock on Friday, April 17.

College News, — Mr. Burroughs.

"Modern Architecture" the third in a series of talks on "Art in the Mechanical Age, by Prof. E. T. Smith.

Piano Solos by Mrs. Irene Thompson who conducts a music studio in this city.

Short story told by Dolores Chilson, a member of the Primary Department.

## Junior Promenade Scores Success

After a long two weeks of waiting and three weeks of preparation, the new gymnasium was the scene of the annual Junior Promenade which was held Saturday evening. Striking modernistic decorations carried out the color scheme of silver, black, and green which formed the background, for a hundred or more pretty girls in long graceful evening gowns and their escorts in dark suits.

Thousands of silver and black diamonds were suspended from the ceiling while a large crystal ball in the center revolved slowly catching the different rays of color which played upon the ball from the corners of the room. Large panels of silver and green with black silhouettes painted by Earl Carl Koch and Crystal Joseph were placed at intervals about the walls. Programs of black suede with silver lettering were in keeping with the color scheme. These were distributed by little Ruth Bethe and Don Schmeekle who made an adorable couple in evening dress.

The very impressive grand march was led by Miss Murilla Roberts, President of the Junior class and Mr. Harry Klappa, the class vice-president. They graciously received the guests and introduced them to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Atwell and Miss Bertha Hussey.

Miss Roberts, who is the vice-president of the Omega Mu Chi

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## "Outward Bound" Changed To 22nd

The three act drama, "Outward Bound" by Sutton Vane, was to have been presented in the College Auditorium on April fifteenth but due to change of plans the date was moved forward to Wednesday April twenty-second. This play has been produced with great success on many American and English stages. "Outward Bound" is now in its thirteenth edition.

Watch the bulletin boards for notices and posters concerning the production of this play under the auspices of Mr. Burroughs and his ten o'clock speech class.

## Coach Kotal Assumes Role Of Proud Papa

Eddie Kotal became a proud father Sunday when Mrs. Kotal presented him with an eight pound baby girl. The baby has been named Nancy Ann. Students and faculty of Central State extend congratulations to the happy parents.

## CENTRAL STATE MOURNS LOSS OF PROF. FRANK E. PERCIVAL



### March Printed In Sheet Music Form

"The C. S. T. C. March," with the music by Mr. Percival and words arranged by Mr. Percival and Marie Mollen our alumna of the school and the "Purple and the Gold," another song arranged by Mr. Percival, have been printed in sheet music form to be sold to students of C. S. T. C.

### Miss Carlsten Talks On Architecture

Rural Life members met in the college auditorium Tuesday evening, April 7, and were entertained by Edna Carlsten, who gave a very pleasing and instructive lecture on architecture. Miss Carlsten had splendid illustrations of the various types of architecture which added much to the interest of the subject. All appreciated her fine presentation.

The music for the program consisted of community singing directed by Alex Peterson.

Vocal Solo — Roland Koyen. Watch for who's who in "The Patsy" in the next issue.

### New Records Given By Chi Delta Rho

The Chi Delta Rho fraternity donated sixteen new popular phonograph pieces to the men's lounging room. Some of them are "The King's Horses", "Hello, Beautiful", "Sleepy-time Express", and "I'm Alone because I Love You". Despite the static, the lounging room is now continually filled with music and tapping feet.

Have you bought your ticket  
for the Chicago trip?

## TEACHER PASSES AWAY ENROUTE TO CONVENTION

Faculty and students of Central State Teachers suffered a great loss in the death of Professor Frank E. Percival, director of music. Mr. Percival died suddenly of a heart attack early Sunday morning while enroute to Des Moines, Iowa, to attend a meeting of the Music Supervisors National Conference, an organization of which he had been treasurer the past three years.

Mr. Percival had experienced heart attacks early in February and was confined to his bed for five weeks at St. Michaels Hospital here. During that time Alex Peterson and Miss Colman carried on his music classes. He returned to school duties nearly four weeks ago and had been improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Percival left Stevens Point Saturday morning and spent the evening in Minneapolis with his brother. They left Minneapolis late Saturday night and when about 25 miles out of that city Mr. Percival was taken ill. They left the train at the next station and a physician was summoned, but Mr. Percival died in the station before the doctor arrived.

Mrs. Percival returned to Minneapolis shortly afterwards with the body, going to the home of Mr. Percival's brother, and left Minneapolis Sunday for Osage, Iowa, Mr. Percival's home, where his funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon under Masonic auspices. Miss Mae Roach and Robert Neale drove to Osage Sunday with the two Percival children.

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## CALENDAR

Saturday, April 18  
Chicago Trip

Monday, April 20  
Rural Life  
Dramatic Club  
Primary Council  
W. A. A.

Tuesday, April 21  
Sorority and  
Frat meetings

Wednesday, April 22  
Outward Bound

Thursday, April 23  
Y. W. C. A.

Friday, April 24  
Phi Lambda Phi Formal

Saturday, April 25  
Home Economics  
Club Dinner

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EVERYBODY connected with Central State greatly feels the loss of our genial music director, Mr. Percival was always connected with the progressive organizations of our college, and for that reason will his absence be more keenly felt.

His spirit will always be with us in our assembly singing. It will live on in this college in the spirited march which he composed. This march is being printed for the benefit of those who wish to have a real remembrance of Mr. Percival's devotion to our college.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Percival and the children. In consolation we can only think of Shelley's Adonais:

*"And thou, sad Hour, selected from all years  
To mourn our loss, rouse thy obscure compeers,  
And teach them thine own sorrow, say:  
'Forget the Past, his fate and fame shall be  
An echo and a light unto eternity.'"*

#### KEEP UP WITH THE PROFESSION

IF the bill for establishment of a state department of education to be controlled by a state board of education passes the legislature, a great change in the administration of the various educational institutions of the state will take place. This bill may have advantages and disadvantages which should be carefully considered before final action may be taken. It should be to the interest of every student to investigate this bill and see what it offers. An explanation is given elsewhere in this issue.

Such an action vitally concerns the status of the teaching profession in this State. It may establish a virtual dictatorship with one kind of institution exclusively favored, or it may bring cooperation to the now self-interested boards for each of the various educational departments. There are other points of conjecture. Considering the fact that those who are now students will have to be governed by the provisions of this bill in their work, they should be vitally interested in keeping advised on these matters and in discussing them with each other and with leaders.

#### THE KING AND QUEEN

THIS year we have seen a new precedent instituted at C. S. T. C. Take note of the King and Queen of the Junior Promenade, both Juniors. Isn't it only fair that two rather than only one member of this upper class should receive such honors? It is the Junior Class as a whole that puts many hours of labor on this project in order that it may be the most elaborate and most democratic formal event of the year. Then, logically, it seems as if the King and Queen of the Prom should both be chosen from the officers of the class. We have seen such a precedent initiated; now we would like to see it established. Sophomores and Freshmen heed! Your classes will form the Junior classes of '32 and '33. Is this not the just and fair as well as the logical procedure?

A Student.

#### NO POINTER NEXT WEEK

FOR financial reasons, the POINTER will be issued every two weeks for the remainder of the year.

Therefore, there will be no issue of the Pointer next week.

## PRESIDENTS IN MEETING OPPOSE EDUCATION BILL

On Saturday, April 11, President Hyer attended a meeting of Teachers College presidents at Milwaukee, held to discuss the proposed Central Board of Education bill now before the legislature. All the presidents except Baker of Milwaukee are opposed to the bill.

The bill, among other things, would abolish the board of regents of the university, the board of normal school regents, the board of trustees of Stout Institute, and the Wisconsin Mining School board, and several other boards and commissions. In their place would be created, as one of the departments of the State government, a state department of education to be controlled by a board of education composed of fifteen members. Such members shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. The chief executive officer of the department shall be designated commissioner of education. Until such time as the constitution shall be amended to provide for a non-elective state superintendent of public instruction, the state superintendent of public instruction shall be the commissioner of education.

All county normal school boards would be abolished and the state department of education shall succeed to the powers and duties of such county normal school board and shall have complete control and supervision of the high school teacher training courses. The state shall assume the entire cost of the county normals and high school teacher training courses.

The state department of education shall establish, abolish, or reorganize any or all of the following named bureaus and such others as it may from time to time deem necessary for the efficient organization of the educational system each in charge of an assistant commissioner appointed by the board:

(1) The bureau of university, in charge of the president of the university as assistant commissioner, shall have charge of the work of the university, etc. He shall be appointed by the commissioner of education subject to the approval of the state board of education.

(2) The bureau of teacher training shall have control of all the teachers colleges, Stout Institute, the county normal schools and the high school teacher training courses. The presidents of all institutions under the control of this bureau shall be appointed by the commissioner of education subject to the approval of the state department of education.

The two bureaus above mentioned are of most interest. The remaining bureaus are of vocational education, library service, and special education.

The presidents, except Baker, express their attitude in the following way:

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## NELSON HALL NOTES

I'm so glad to be back with you again. Easter vacation surely left the "dorm" nearly empty. Those of us who stayed became afraid of hearing our own voices because of the hollow echoes in the halls and corridors. Did any of you give us a thought while you were at home? We hope that you felt no pity for us. Miss Rowe and Miss Hussey, together with the spring weather made possible the good time which was "had by all." A picnic was held at Red Bridge on Saturday. The more ambitious girls hiked while Miss Rowe played chauffeur to the rest. On Sunday, a living room supper around the fire place was just "heaps of fun". Some of the girls learned to like ashes with their toasted marshmallows and cheese sandwiches.

The second event of this week was the Sigma Zeta Conclave.

Miss Ethel Hussey visited her sister Miss Bertha Hussey last week end. She was the chaperone for the Shurtleff College group of Alton, Ill.

On Friday night the Rec room was the scene of another one of those delightful banquets as only Miss Rowe knows how to serve. The menu was as follows:

Spornataphytes, Opium Gravalens, Olea Europa, Pisces and Citrus Trifolists or Artiodocyla and Agaricus Compestris, Solanum Tuberosum, Brassica Oleraceae, Asparagus Officinalis, Phoenix Dactyliferae, Bengalenis Java, Sucrose, Hicoria Pecan.

Are you any the wiser?

Now that spring has come, I know that all of you are interested in knowing whether "he loves you or loves you not." If you really want to know apply to the headwaitress for the fatal daisies which she removed from the several tables.

We have also missed Miss Rowe at dinners and luncheons. She went to care for little Martin and Billy Percival on their sad trip to Osage, Iowa.

All the loyal residents of Nelson Hall and all loyal friends of the residents will kindly keep off the grass until it is again set this year. We, in this part of the country know the difficulty of keeping a nice lawn.

All of Nelson Hall was proud of the Prom Queen. I know that we're all agreed that she made a beautiful and gracious hostess.

Parties are again in order, two of which occurred last week. Helen Hoffland entertained at a birthday party. The decorations were carried out in yellow and white with a touch of lavender for Easter. A frosted cake with candles was served by the hostess. Judging from the giggles which came from the special table, we know that Helen doesn't mind being a year older.

Doris Erickson also entertained

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## Pres. Hyer Receives Thanks From E. C.

The following letter was received by President Hyer from Mr. C. D. Donaldson of the Eau Claire Teachers College. Such letters make committee members feel that their work was not in vain. The letter reads:

I wish to express to you and to all of the members of your faculty my own gratitude and thanks and the thanks of the members of the party from the Eau Claire State Teachers' College for the following:

1. For the exceptionally fine dance Thursday evening.
2. For the splendid hospitality shown by the people of Stevens Point in opening up their homes to our young men and women. Our young people are very thankful for this and deeply grateful to those who entertained them.
3. For the most excellent luncheon and service at luncheon Friday noon.
4. For the splendid dinner given to the visiting members of the Faculties of the other Colleges Friday evening.
5. For the highly efficient manner in which the multitude of details such an event entails was organized and the excellent care with which everything relating to the contests was handled.

You have set a pace and an example which will be very difficult for the other Colleges to equal and much more difficult for them to excel.

## "S" Sweaters Given To School Speakers

Several students at C. S. T. C. have been seen wearing new black sweaters with a letter on them. These sweaters were given to the debaters in recognition of the work which they did the past year. Sweaters given last year were white, and two or three debaters received sweaters for both last year and this year.

## LOYOLA

Members of the Loyola Club were entertained on April 9 by a short musical program given by a few girls of the St. Joseph Academy High School.

The program was as follows:

### Songs

1. The Rosary.
2. Whispering Hope solo by Irene Eiden; Irene Platta, accompanist at piano.

### Ballads

1. Four Thousand Years Ago
2. German Lullaby by Mayme Domack, guitar accompaniment by Eleanor Domack.

A talk on Tolerance was given by Attorney Martens in which he said that in order to be a successful student or teacher one should be tolerant as regards religion and nationality.

## MARGARET ASHMUN

The Margaret Ashmun Club held its regular meeting, April 8, 1931. The program consisted of a talk on magazines by Miss Mansur, a reading by Florence Shoaff, and the talk of the literati by Miss Hussey.

During the business meeting the constitution of the club was amended and plans were made for a picnic to be held in the near future. In June the annual banquet will be held, at that time the winners of the Margaret Ashmun Short Story Contest will be announced. Any student writing stories must hand them in before April 28.

The past meeting was the first to be attended by a new group of pledges consisting of Patricia Cowan, Natalie Gorski, Ivan Lauscher, Dorothy McLain, Ruth Meifert, Celestine Nnesse, Clarence Rice, and Jean Skinner.

## Students Of C.S.T.C. Invited To Tea

The Elementary Nutrition class of the Primary Dept. will entertain students of C. S. T. C. at a tea to be served in the Primary office on the first floor, this afternoon from two to five o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

## JUNIOR PROM. SCORES SUCCESS

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Sorority wore a graceful gown fashioned of pink taffeta with a blue dinner jacket finished with a pink ruffle. The dinner jacket was removed for the grand march, displaying a blue flower on the V neck line. Her slippers were also of the contrasting blue. A wrist bouquet completed the costume.

Pastel shades of every color mingled together as the guests danced to the smooth rhythm of Harold Menning's Orchestra. Taffetas, crepes, satins, chiffons, net, and tulle were the favored materials, while organdy fashioned one lovely spring gown.

Green punch and tiny cakes with green icing were served during the evening by several ninth grade girls in green dresses. Estelle Buhl was chairman of the refreshment committee, Dale Spry was in charge of the decorations, Ed. Okray of the music, and Margaret Richards of the programs and invitations.

Mr. Steiner, dean of men, is the class adviser.

## Sigma Tau Delta Plaque Purchased

Recently a plaque bearing the Sigma Tau Delta insignia has been purchased by the Psi Beta Chapter at Central State. This plaque is to be placed as soon as a suitable location is decided upon. Such a plaque will tell our visitors more about our school and will be a worthy decorative effect for the walls of C. S. T. C.

## Chi Delta Rho In Spring Debut

Chi Delta Rho fraternity, the newest fraternal organization on the college campus, made its official social debut Friday evening with its first annual spring formal dancing party at Hotel Whiting. While other social affairs of a smaller nature have been given by this group, this was the first large function, and as a "coming out" party it marked a most auspicious career for the fraternity.

An illuminated coat of arms of the fraternity was placed in a conspicuous spot, and the programs of the evening were elaborate booklets with a blue celluloid cover bearing the coat of arms in silver. Smitty's Oriental Steamship orchestra of New London played.

The dance followed a dinner served in the club dining room of the hotel for members and their friends, covers being laid for 28. The table decorations were blue and white candles, the colors of the fraternity, and sweet peas in the same shades. Favors for the girls were tiny hammered silver perfume flasks, engraved with the Greek Letters of the fraternity, and small boxes of candy. A short program followed the dinner, with Fredrich Cochrane acting as toastmaster and with talks given by Byrne Neville, James Turrish, Douglas Robertson, the president, and the faculty advisers, Raymond M. Rightsell and George C. Allez. The orchestra played during the dinner and for a dance between courses. Mr. and Mrs. Rightsell and Mr. and Mrs. Allez were chaperones for the affair. James Turrish and Weldon Leahy were in charge of the party.

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many of her friends at a party. The girls enjoyed a picture at the theatre.

Several alumni were seen about school this week end. Some of them came to enjoy the Prom. Regina Groth, Ruth Seymour, Evelyn Sivertson, and Mary Repko were seen at the dorm Saturday and Sunday. Miss Eleanor Baker also came to attend the Prom and Fern Pugh came to attend the Sigma Zeta Conclave.

Sickness of some kind always seems to play a part in our schedule. Miss Olga Leonardson was home with the "flu" for a week after Easter recess. We're glad to see her back again.

Since the last issue of the Pointer, Miss Helen Hammes has been a resident of St. Michaels' hospital and has been on the invalid list though very lively in spite of all.

Are you going to Chicago? You'd better start getting some rest now because the bombs keep going all night they tell me. See you in Chicago.

Nosey Nan.

P. S. Don't forget to ask "Ted" Chvala and "Red Bloomquist" which girls are the best housekeepers.

## ELECT ROGERS SIGMA ZETA HEAD

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ton, Illinois, was represented by eight delegates. Beta chapter at McKendree college, Lebanon, Illinois, sent two delegates. Gamma chapter at the State Medical college, Richmond, Virginia, was the only chapter not represented by delegates. Delta chapter at the State Teachers' college, Kirksville, Missouri, had one delegate. The largest delegation of twelve members came from Epsilon chapter at Otterbein college, Westerville, Ohio. Zeta chapter of Stevens Point was well represented by its chapter roll, and Eta chapter of Southeast Missouri State Teachers' College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, sent one delegate, making a total of 24 delegates from away.

After registration was completed Friday morning, lunch was served at Nelson hall, followed by a tour of inspection through the college, with special emphasis on the science departments. A trip was then taken through the Whiting-Plover paper mills, with 75 enjoying the privilege, as many local students who had not been through the mills took advantage of the opportunity.

At 8 o'clock Friday evening a meeting was held in the college auditorium where Professor Beauchamp of Chicago university gave an instructive talk on the teaching of science, followed by a moving picture reel on the structure of a molecule of water.

The regular business meeting of the convention was held Saturday morning. At this meeting three new members were initiated into active membership; Ruth Brabant of Mosinee, Stanley Niemczyk of Stevens Point; Arthur Schroeder of Shawano. A gavel of wood given by each chapter was presented to the fraternity. The standardization of membership, certificates and initiation was worked upon, so that the ritual will be uniform throughout the various chapters.

The meeting closed with scientific reports from the various colleges represented.

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Yellow Jackets	3	2	666
Red Socks	3	1	333
Grasshoppers	3	0	000

But the scores of the games did not indicate the true playing ability. All the teams excelled in recovering the ball from the net, and in cooperation in getting the ball back to the other side.

The girls won't soon forget the shouts of "Don't let it touch the floor" and "A nice serve". Excitement raged high, as toward the end of the game it was very undecided which team would be ahead. Evelyn Davies, Shirley Anderson, and Marella Kuehl were high scorers, each with 8 points in one game to their credit. Ruth Meifert made the highest number of consecutive scorers, six. Several of the girls were rewarded with ten extra points for perfect attendance at practices. They are Shurley Anderson, Alice Curtis, Evelyn Davies, Josephine Doody, Doris Erickson, Natalie Gorski, Lila Kenyon, Lorelda Krause, Margaret Martins, Dorothy McLain, Ruth Meifert, and Alice Sorenson.

Volley ball has made itself a vital part of the girls' school activities, and much credit is due Ruth Meifert for her interest and inspiring the interest of others. The "hamburger fry" following the season was as great a success as the hockey banquet, and as different in "style" as black and white.

Out door sports are certainly in style with this weather, and so Dorothy McLain, newly elected head of baseball, is making plans for every Tuesday and Thursday after school on the back campus to take good care of every girl aspiring to be a Babe Ruth. The first practice is tonight, and don't forget, there are 10 points credit for perfect attendance at practices. We are not guaranteeing that you will catch the ball the right way every time, but we are not afraid to assure you of a lot of good healthy sport.

Wednesday after school and Saturday morning will be given over to archery and tennis under the leadership of Murilla Roberts and Ann Jeselun. There is no need for wasting any of the beautiful days.

Next week's meeting will be held on Monday night rather than Wednesday, and will be an out-of-doors meeting. Watch for notices of the meeting.

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## CENTRAL STATE MOURNS LOSS OF PROF. FRANK E. PERCIVAL

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Martin, aged, nine, and William, six, who had been left at home in the care of a nurse. The older boy has just recovered from an illness with measles.

Mr. Percival, who joined the faculty of Central State Teacher's college in 1926, was born at Iowa Falls, Iowa, on January 3, 1878. He was graduated from Ellsworth college, Iowa, in 1898. His further training was obtained at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music at Oberlin, Ohio, which he attended for four years; Lake Forest college, where he spent three years, and the Indiana college of music where in 1924, he received the degree of bachelor of school music. He also did graduate study at Northwestern University.

Mr. Percival had 26 years of teaching experience. Before coming to Stevens Point his experience included being teacher of voice and theory at conservatories, director of public school music, director of high school music and city supervisor of music. He came to Stevens Point from Depauw university at Greencastle, Ind., where he had been instructor in the school of music. He succeeded Harold S. Dyer as director of music at Central State. Mr. Percival taught and attended summer sessions at Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y., the past two summers and was engaged to teach there again this summer.

Besides being treasurer of the Music Supervisors' National Conference, Mr. Percival was a member of the North Central Music Supervisors' Conference. His research work in school music was constant and active, his "Outlines for Music in Rural Schools" being published in 1928 and an article, "Music's Last Frontier," in 1929. He edited the "Purple and Gold," the college song, shortly after his arrival, and recently composed the "C. S. T. C. March," which is being published this spring.

Mr. Percival was director of the choir at the Frame Memorial Presbyterian church until his illness in February.

The members of Mr. Percival's family are his wife and the two sons mentioned.

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## PRESIDENTS IN MEETING OPPOSE EDUCATION BILL

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1. While not opposed to a reasonable degree of centralization we believe that this bill proposes a central control so sweeping and drastic that it will be detrimental to the best interests of education in Wisconsin. It places in the hands of one man, the commissioner of education, an autocratic power over all forms of education from the kindergarten to the university contrary to all principles of democracy.

2. This bill sets up departments under assistant commissioners which will make for bureaucratic control contrary to the Wisconsin idea that government shall remain as close to the people as possible.

3. If bureaus are desirable then we object to the bill because teacher training is subordinated to the extent that no assistant commissioner is designated for this function as in the case of the university, library, etc.

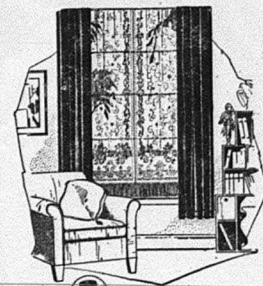
4. We believe it unreasonable to expect a board of 15 laymen meeting a few days a year to become familiar enough with the complex problems of education in Wisconsin to exercise any effective control over the bureaucracy set up by this bill.

5. We believe the constitutional provision for the election of the state superintendent of public instruction is sound and the experience of Wisconsin over a period of eighty-five years with this method has shown no reasons to justify so drastic a change.

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