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## Ode to the Seniors of 1917



- Our friendships never seem to us so dear
- When fortune smiles, as when some fateful chance
- Calls from our midst those friends so true and near;
- For parting seems their value to enhance.
- So has it been with us, oh Senior Class,
- Our minds to thots of parting never turned,
- We praised you not, but loved you none the less.

This fondest wish your honest virtues earned.

You've been our loyal friends thruout the year,

- Your work has brought both you and us success.
- May all your future ventures ever bear
- Like measure of success and happiness.
- Let each successive milestone in life's course

Behold you serving truth with greater force.

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# To the Seniors of 1917

Armed with our diplomas you go out to increase the numbers of the Stevens Point Normal School Alumni who have already gone forth to do loyal service for the cause of popular enlightenment. Your fellows have honored the communities and institutions wherein they serve, have honored themselves and the institution which blessed them as graduates —the school on the banks of old Wisconsin, with its banner of Purple and Gold.

You must work, you must be a trained soldier in the great army of efficiencyindustrial, social, civic, educational. In your study of psychology and history of education you have learned something of the great philosophers of ancient and modern times and have become immersed in principles which guide you to right conduct and determined effort. Immanuel Kant summarizes in a single phrase a principle known as "the Categorical Imperative," stated as follows: "So live that the principle of your life may be worthy of being made a Universal Law." How can you make this principle a governing and controlling force in your lives? Subject yourselves to searching daily examination.

What interest do I take in the community in which I live, giving to public affairs a certain amount of time and effort? How much time and energy do I give daily to professional work? What may I do to check the tide of gossip and fault finding with no constructive remedy? In my recreations would the standard be worthy of emulation? Do I try to mould my life in accordance with the principles of the Golden Rule? If all others lived as I do—no better, would men and women be more generous, sincere and true? These questions can be multiplied indefinitely but they serve to give point to the Categorical Imperative. I am trying to tell you that much is expected of you who leave this institution with its diploma. You have received and received abundantly. Much and more should you give, since it is more blessed to give than to receive.

It is my prayer that you become lead-If you analyze the difference beers. tween people who succeed and those who fail, you will find that it consists in giving attention to, of ignoring certain fundamental principles. In the first place you should plan ahead so that each day finds you further than the day before. You should put your best thot, your best energy, and your enthusiasm into everything in which you are interested, eliminating all nonessentials; become absorbed in your work, immersed in your Talk with those who know more task. about the work, attend educational associations, read magazines and books, put yourselves in touch with everything that will give suggestions concerning new ideas that can be employed in your work.

The Normal relies upon her sons and daughters for loyalty and devotion to the school and trusts that that reliance will never be in vain. Upon you all she invokes her richest blessings knowing that these are blessings of character which no worldly fortune can either give or take away.

-Pres. J. F. Sims.

### VOLUNTEER

"This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."





"Our flag! Ours by inheritance, ours by allegiance, ours by affection—long may you float on the free clouds of heaven, the emblem of Liberty, the hope of the world."

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Young men, your Country is calling! She wants the cleanest, the purest, the most vigorous in health, the best blood of our land. She is calling for the flower of our young manhood. Young men, your Country is calling you! Some of you have heard her summons and are answering her as only true patriots can answer, by offering to fight under her banner, the stars and stripes; to shed your blood, and to give your lives, if need be, in her service.

Our beloved country faces a crisis such as she has never known before in her history. The fearful results of the submarine warfare of the past weeks have revealed even more clearly than before that we have entered into a war with the best organized and most gigantic fighting machine that the world has ever known. It is the fight of Autocracy, disciplined by forty years of preparation, against Democracy, just awakening to the realization that there is a war.

We have been suddenly aroused out of the sweet dreams of peace, which we have so long enjoyed, by the roar of cannon, the rattle of musketry and the shock of the hidden submarine. It has all occurred so suddenly and so unexpectedly that we have not yet fully recovered our senses. We are just beginning to comprehend that we, the people of the United States, are actually at war, that some of our men are already on the field of action.

We can no longer cherish the hope that our boys will not have to go to the trenches across the ocean to fight. We now know that the battlefields beyond the seas demand that our soldiers fight side by side with those of our allies, and you may be among those to go. We are proud of the spirit that inspires you to volunteer instead of waiting to be drafted. It is a valiant thing to go forth of one's own free will to fight for right and justice. Were I young enough to go to war, I should certainly volunteer as you have done. I cannot think of a condition under which I should be willing to wait for my country to draft me into her service. I should want to feel that I had come to her rescue of my own free will and accord; that I had put on my armor and not had it forced upon me. You are going forth because you have been inspired by the true spirit of patriotism and love for country. You are willingly going to war, not being sent forth to battle by any force or power or person or institution.

We who remain at home glory in your patriotism. We are proud of your valor; we shall sympathize with you, and we shall pray for you, but our pride, our sympathy, our prayers, will avail you nothing unless along with our pride, our sympathy, and our prayers, there goes a spirit of work, of sacrifice, and of privation on our part. This is no time for summer soldiers nor sunshine patriots. This is a time for action. There is as truly a field of service for those who remain at home as there is a field of service for those who go to the front. While we who remain here, when you go, are not permitted to shoulder a musket, we must shoulder the responsibility of supporting you at the front. When you are fighting the battles for us in the trenches, you have a right to expect us to be providing for your wants on the farms and in the factories. We who remain at home have a duty toward you as clearly defined as your duty toward us. It is our duty to see that you do not want the necessities of life; that you not only have food but that it be good, wholesome food; that you have the proper clothing; that your arms and ammunition be of the best; that you be supplied with physicians and surgeons, and that hospital provisions be made for you in case of sickness or injury. In order that all these things shall be well done, it is necessary that we at home keep our hearts loyal and our heads level; that

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we do not become hysterical. We must see that our institutions are kept to the high standards which they have attained; that our factories do not become idle, and that our farms be made to produce to their utmost, so that there may be no loss to the business or industries of the land.

Our hearts are with you as you go from us to join the thousands of young men upon whom the fate of Democracy depends. We have faith in you, and our constant hope and prayer shall be that when the great dawn of a world peace shall come; and the stars and stripes, which are just beginning to unfold their glory to the world, shall be borne aloft above all the allied flags, to proclaim to the whole world that, through our intervention, Democracy has triumphed over Autocracy, you will return proudly conscious of your part in the righteous victory, a victory in which we shall rejoice with a joy that will be greater because we shall know that you young men have fought the fight that has won, and that we who have remained at home have faithfully done our part in the great struggle for humanity.

-Prof. F. S. Hyer.

But the boys who have shown their willingness to fight for their country are not the only ones who deserve credit. We hear a great deal now about conserving our food supply and helping to increase the production, and the boys of the school are volunteering for that work also. By a special arrangement all boys residing on farms have been allowed to return to their homes to help in the spring farm work. Many have already taken advantage of this and others are planning to leave soon.

Those who have left are: Bernard Precourt O. G. Guerin George Carlson Rex Beeckler Burton Ambrose John Reitan Neufrey Gosh Emanual Leuanizck Michael Tovey Myron Rand Geo. Carlson Emanuel Bentson Axel Hougum Myles Thompson Herbert Jensen John Whitmer

When President Wilson's call for volunteers was issued, the young men of Stevens Point began the formation of a cavalry troop. Among the squad raised were several Normal school students. We are proud to think that some of our boys were willing to give up their school work and go into their country's work and service. They have shown the true spirit of patriotism, and we, the other members of the school, appreciate what they have done. Among the volunteers who succeeded in passing all examinations and who have been sworn into service are:

> Henry Beglinger Sidney Eagleburger Alfred Houlehan Ferdinand Hirzy Frithjof Moeller Martin Paulson Anzelm Wysocki

The school will also be represented among the officers in our army as George Moxon, Max Gredlinski, Martin Paulson, Earle Chalk and Russell Skinner have appled for admission into the officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan and have already left to take up the course in military training.

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### Senior Notes

The Senior Class Play, Green Stockings, was played to a packed house on the evening of May 18.

#### THE CAST:

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Admiral GriceC. Burns
William FaradayG. Lovejoy
Robert TarnerM. Rybicki
Henry SteeleD. Curtis
James RaleighV. Ashman
Colonel SmithC. (Morley
MartinR. Pett
Celia FaradayH. Mohr
MadgeE. Blume
PhyllisB. Young
EvelynG. Blood
Mrs. Chrisholm FaradayI. Brevad
The plot is centered around an old
English custom in which an older sister
has to wear green stockings in case a
younger sister marries before she does.
Mr. E. T. Smith, the coach, is to be con- gratulated.

A large number of the seniors who will complete their courses at the close of this school year have already secured positions for the coming year. Those who have signed their contracts and the places to which they will go are as follows:

Louise Ashman, Madison. Ida Brevad, Osseo. Esther Carterton, Belleville. Lydia Clark, Stevens Point. Hazel Carleson, Necedah. Edith Blum, Whitewater. Mable Clements, Iron Belt. Hattie Cone, Thorpe. Gretchen Gillmore, Wausau. Florence Gething, Thorpe. Grace H. Hanson, Rhinelander. Mona Hennessey, Nekoosa.

Evelyn Horel, Plainfield. Irma Jenney, Shiocton. Maud Mathie, Almond. Marietta McDonough, Mosinee. Elsie Griffin, Beaver Dam. Bertha LaBudde, Colby. Leone Lohrey, Wausau. Mae Morrissey, Grand Rapids. Florence Mallory, Berlin. «George Moxon, Mauston. Carl Nelson, Westboro. - Ruth Nemachick, Clintonville. Frances Von Neupert, Columbus. Nettie Thompson, Blair. Alma Larson, Lancaster. Grace Nohr, Iron Belt. Agnes Rassmussen, Withee. Madeline Reyer, Jasper, Minn. Ida Rothman, Waupaca. Lillian Stewart, Drummond. Margaret Van Hecke, Marshfield. Florence Davis, St. Croix Falls. Marie Zimmerli, Stevens Point. Grace E. Hanson, Clintonville. Violet Hill, Merrill. Delma Padgmen, Chilton. Carl Nelson, Westboro.

On Saturday evening, May 12, about two hundred seniors attended the annual reception given to the Seniors by Pres. and Mrs. J. F. Sims and Prof. and Mrs. O. W. Neale. The gymnasium was beautifully decorated with the flags of all nations. The patriotic note was carried throughout the whole evening.

America was sung by the entire company with music by the orchestra.

Refreshments were served about ten o'clock by girls of the home economics department, assisted by sophomore boys.

The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

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More interest was shown in debating this year than any previous year. Two of the debates were held here and both werefavored by a large and interested audience. The four debates in which S. P. N. took part this year discussed the question of compulsory military training. The first debate was held at Oshkosh between the juniors of the two normals, with a unanimous decision in our favor.

The second debate was held here against River Falls. Our boys and their opponents classed point for point but the superior delivery on the part of our team again won for S. P. N. a unanimous decision.

The next debate was held at Superior, both teams did splendid work in delivery and material. A previous knowledge of the points to be brought forth by our speakers gave Superior an unfair advantage in rebuttal and the decision went against us.

The fourth debate brought the local' Normal school against Eau Claire. Our team outclassed their opponents both in presentation and rebuttal.

A Minstrel Show was put on by the Glee Club before a packed house on April 17th. The show was written by the cast. The leading features were songs by Messrs. M. Rybicki and Shallburg. We can well be proud of the success of our Normal teams in the line of debating for the past two years since we have won 6 debates out of seven.

The last number of the lecture course occurred on April 11, when Dr. Steiner lectured on the subject "On the Trail of the Immigrant."

"The Windmills of Holland" by the little folk of the school pleased the students so well on April 25 that it was repeated on the evening of May 1. The children interpreted their parts in a way that would have done credit to older folk. Miss Slater and her assistants are to be commended for their excellent efforts.

"Passing of the Third Floor Back", a play in three acts by Jerome K. Jerome, was successfully staged by the English classes under the able direction of Miss Hussey and Miss Brewster. The players showed a wonderful interpretation of their characters. The cast was as follows: H. Beglinger, R. Pett, M. Tovey, E. Chalk, P. Heffron, L. Jacobs, H. Parks, L. Hanan, E. Smith, T. Moe, H. Cone and B. Schoonover.

The tennis courts have been put in playing condition. One new court has been made. The use of the courts will hereafter be restricted to Normal students.

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A relay team representing S. P. N. was sent to compete in the Pennsylvania University Invitation Meet. The team was composed of Sidney Eagleburger, Lylas Klug, Earle Chalk and Charles Burns. Coach Corneal accompanied the boys.

The relay race occurred in Philadelphia on April 27. The S. P. N. team was listed in event 54 with the following teams: Bucknell, Carlisle Indians, Gettysburg, Indiana St. Normal, Washington and Jefferson, Franklin and Marshall.

Indiana Normal won the event in 3:34. S. P. N. was unplaced. The boys report a wonderful trip.

A hiking club has been organized under the direction of Miss M. Bronson. Several hikes have been enjoyed to Plover Hills and Echo Dells.

> Ashes to ashes, Dust to dust, If Uncle Sam doesn't get you, The farmer must.

"A Vision of the Homeland," a play of the open country given by the Rural Seniors on May 5, proved to be successful in every way.

The play was written and produced by Kirksville, Mo., Normal students last year. The plot is centered about the problem of rural consolidation. The cast, coached by Miss Rademacher and Miss Walsh, was made up of the following members of the Rural Department:

Sigrud Sigrudson Herbert Jensen Adah Allen **Emanuel Benton Edith Fritz** Theodore Woznick Eldore Bergsbaken Michael O'Keefe **Clara** Liepert Frances Bound **Rachel Blom** Isla Lampman Beth Alpine Pilgrims Children and audience on the stage

#### NORMAL CLASSICS

Story of my life, of the history of a microbe.—M. Rand.

How to live happy as a bachelor.— Mike R.

When I left the world behind, or my banishment to the cottage.—Eva Jepson.

The trip to Philadelphia; compounded from a series of letters—Bernice Maloney.

Geological tudy of Montello granite.— M. Paulson.

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#### LOST

One red hot debate—King, Blood & Natcheway

All of our prospective farmers.—S. P. N.

My package of Camels.—Professor— Wm. J. Gilson—She wont give her name but she is a freind.

Found: Gum on the back of a chair. Mr. Nelson may come and identify property. Mr. J. V. Collins.

Found: New occupation. M. O'Keefe. Found: A new joke for the Pointer. J. Ambrose.

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The Ohiyesa and Arena Societies have held regular meetings every two weeks. Both organizations have had new bulletin boards made by the manual training department. Each society has had a night at the Gem Theatre and a day at the Palace of Sweets, which were successful affairs.

The Forum-Athenaeum Society has increased in membership this year. Their work has consisted of orations and declamations, and a special study of parliamentary law. The organization has enjoyed the interest of Professors Watson and Walter Smith. Members of the Junior, Triangular, and Eau Claire debating teams, as well as our school orator, are people who belong to this society.

The Y. W. C. A. has the largest membership known in the history of this school—160 members. The girls have decided to organize Eight-week Clubs in their home communities during the summer vacation. Girls interested in this work meet at the homes of the different faculty members on Sunday afternoons, where they receive suggestions and instructions which, if carried out, will be of practical service in the organization of a club.

The big feature of the year to which the girls of the Y. W. C. A. look forward, is the banquet which is held annually. This year it was held in the gymnasium Thursday evening, April 19th. The room and tables were beautifully and appropriately decorated with our national colors and flags. Covers were laid for seventy people. Music, toasts, and readings furnished entertainment for the evening.

The second initiation ceremony of the Indians took place among the Plover Hills at high noon, May 12th. The girls were in full regalia, and the innovation was the ceremony of the "Scattering of the Tribe," which took plae on the school campus, before an interested audience.

The Arena Literary Society has enjoyed a prosperous 1916-1917. Not only has it gained in numbers, eighty-four being the total membership, but it has gained in the quality of the literary work and the feeling of good fellowship among the girls.

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# EPILOGUE

Our year's work is ended. We have at all times considered the interest of the students. This publication might have been either literary or confined to school news. We chose the latter because the students so wished. Picturing school life has been our aim; we have adhered to this principle throughout.

In closing, the staff wishes to thank the students for their hearty co-operation, and the advisors, Mr. E. T. Smith, Miss Brewster and Mrs. Short, for their cheerful and constant support. We heartily thank Miss Hussey for her help.

A parting word is not necessary. We expect to see all loyal S. P. N. students in these halls again, for never will their interest in this school be severed.

We will not say farewell forever, but merely good-by until we meet again.

#### FAREWELL TO SENIORS

The year has rolled around to the time when you, the members of the Senior class, will leave us to go out for faithful service in the great fields about you. How eagerly you must look forward to your new life of helpfulness and yet how regretfully you leave this dear old normal school with all its work and pleasures!

The time has come, when we must bid you farewell. Always remember, dear Seniors, in your new life, the Juniors back in old S. P. N. are thinking of you, and striving to fill the places you have vacated. We speed you on your way, our parting comrades, with a hearty "Good luck and God bless you."

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### TRACK MEET



The fifth annual S. P. N. interscholastic track meet took place on Saturday, May 19th.

Stevens Point won the meet; it was her first victory in five years. The total number of points made by Stevens Point was 29. Merrill was a close second with 21 points. The other schools finished in the following order: Chippewa Falls, 19, Wausau 18, Grand Rapids 13, Eau Claire 13, Rice Lake 4.

Nine schools participated in the meet; Neenah and Marshfield did not score.

Carl Kelsey of Stevens Point was the individual star, securing 16 points. He secured firsts in the 100 and the 220 dashes, seconds in the shot put and discus throw.

Ness of Wausau broke the discus record by throwing the discus 106 ft. 10 in. The former record was 99 ft.

The participating athletes were banqueted in the evening, after which the presentation of the cups and ribbons took place.

#### Mile Run

Record-4:52 3-5, L. Kinzel, Merrill, '16

1st, Anderson, Eau Claire; 2nd, Goetz, Merrill; 3rd, Boetcher, Chippewa Falls. Time-5:13 4-5

#### 100 Yard Dash

Record—10 1-4, Mayer, Merrill, 1913 1st, Kelsey, Stevens Point; 2nd, Eckerle, Wausau; 3rd, Hoffer, Chippewa Falls. Time—10 4-5

#### 440 Yard Dash

Record—53 2-5, Bacher, Merrill, 1916 1st, Eckerle, Wausau; 2nd, Jensen, Eau Claire; 3rd, Montgomery, Merrill. Time—55 seconds.

#### 120 Yard Hurdle

Record—17 4-5, Newell, Merrill, 1916 1st, Sheeley, Chippewa Falls; 2nd, Van Hecke, Stevens Point; 3rd, Schofield, Merrill. Time—18 2-5

#### 880 Yard Dash

Record—2:07 1-5, Bacher, Merrill, 1916 1st, Montgomery, Merrill; 2nd, Mc-Cathie, Grand Rapids; 3rd, Rellahan, Stevens Point. Time—2:14 4-5

#### 220 Yard Dash

Record—23 3-5, Klug, Merrill, 1916 1st, Kelsey, Stevens Point; 2nd, Roemer, Merrill; 3rd, Sheely, Chippewa Falls. Time—24 1-5

#### 220 Yard Hurdle

Record—26 2-5, Klug, Merrill, 1916 1st, Hoffer, Chippewa Falls; 2nd, Stark, Grand Rapids; 3rd, Van Hecke, Stevens Point. Time—28 2-5

#### One Mile Relay

Record—3:46 1-5, Merrill, 1916 1st, Grand Rapids (McCathie, Normington, Dolaway, Stark); 2nd, Merrill; 3rd, Chippewa Falls. Time—3:53 1-5.

#### 12 Pound Shot Put

Record-40 ft. 8 in., Ovrom, Waupaca, '16 1st, Hess, Wausau; 2nd, Kelsey, Stevens Point; 3rd, Donavan, Chippewa Falls. Distance-39 ft. 7 in.

#### Running High Jump

Rec.-5 ft. 6 in., Rusham, New London '16 1st, Getchell, Merrill; 2nd, Risteen, Chippewa Falls; 3rd, Thomas, Rice Lake. Height-5 ft. 4 in.

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#### Dicus Throw

Record—99 ft., Maloney, Merrill, 1916 1st, Hess, Wausau; 2nd, Kelsey, Stevens Point; 3rd, Zorn, Stevens Point. Distance—106 ft. 10 in. New record.

#### **Running Broad Jump**

Rec.—20 ft. 1 1-2 in., Stafford, C. F., '15 1st, Park, Stevens Point; 2nd, Thomas, Rice Lake; 3rd, Risteen, Chippewa Falls. Distance—18 ft. 4 in.

#### Pole Vault

Record-9 ft. 43/4 in., Stark, G. R., 1916

1st, Cummings, Eau Claire; Oster, Stevens Point and Dolaway, Grand Rapids, tied for 2nd. Height—9 ft. 4 in.

#### Standings of Teams

1st-Stevens Point, 29 points.

2nd-Merrill, 21 points.

3rd--Chippewa Falls, 19 points.

4th-Wausau, 18 points.

oth—Tie between Grand Rapids and Eau Claire, 13 points each.

7th-Rice Lake, 4 points.

#### "KEEP GOING"

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- Did you tackle the lesson that came your way,
  - With a happy song and a whistle,
- Or did you hide your face from the light of day
  - With a face as long as a thistle?
- Oh! a test is a ton, or a quiz is an ounce, Exams are always hard towing.
- But it isn't the fact that you "flunked" that counts,

But only did you "Keep Going."

What! You failed three times Wed., Well, what's that?

Come up with a smiling face.

It's nothing against you to fall down flat But to lie there—that's disgrace.

The harder you're thrown why the higher you bounce; Be proud of that black showing!

It isn't the fact that you flunked that counts,

It's did you "Keep Going."

- And though you be worked to death, what then?
  - If you battled the best you could,
- If you played your part in this, our school,
- Why, the critics will call it good.
- Success comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,

And whether it's coming or going,

It isn't the fact that you failed that counts,

But mostly will you "Keep Going?" --- "Knocky."



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