JUNIOR HIGHS HOLD DECLAMATORY CONTEST

Interesting Contests Reveal Oratorical Talent in the Training Department

The first declamatory contest of the Training Department held Friday evening, February 2, proved a great success. The ablest speakers of the training school were selected for this contest by preliminary tryouts in each grade the previous week. The contestants were divided into four groups according to grades. Decisions of the judges were as follows:

GROUP I. FIRST AND SECOND GRADES

GROUP II. THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES

GROUP III. FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES
First place—"The Flag Goes By"—Henry Kilmowicz. Second place—"The Other Fellow"—Herbert Thompson. Third place—"Your Flag and My Flag"—Douglas Mainland.

GROUP IV. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The judges were Professor T. A. Rogers, Miss Bertha Hussey and Miss Mary Bronson.

While the judges were rendering their decisions, the audience was entertained by folk dances from the second grade, by piano duets by Misses Elizabeth and Helen Bartin, and by a vocal solo by Miss Lonella Kankrud.

GRAMMARS WIN TOURNAMENT

Watson's Aggregation Proves Invincible During the Entire Tournament

The annual interdepartment basketball tournament proved to be a great success due to the skill and energy of the athletes and to the interest and enthusiasm manifested by the townspeople as well as by the students.

The conflict between the various teams on February 16 resulted in the following scores: Grammars 35, Rurals 2; Home Economics 12, and High School 10.

The tournament was continued following Friday with the resulting scores: Rural, 5; High School, 4; Grammar, 20; and Primary, 7. The Home Economics drew the bye and therefore did not play on Friday. The High School team was eliminated from the final tourney, as they had been defeated twice. The remaining four teams competed for final honors; the Primaries conquered the Rurals with a score of 23 to 9; and the Grammars beat the Home Economics with a score of 9 to 5, thus the Grammars gained first honors.

Second honors were awarded to the Primaries, who won over the Home Economics with a score of 6 to 21; the Home Economics thus secured third place.

Following is the personnel of teams and their positions:

Grammars
Forwards—Marcella Kennedy, Winifred Wysocki; center—Inga Fernstahl; guards—Esther Kamps, Emily Carter; subs—Rachael Cole, Erna Friedl.

Primaries
Forwards—Naomi Ritchie, Viola St. Clair; center—Alta Tewksbury; guards—Helen Hopkins, Francis Hopkins; subs—Leora Haight, Grace Anderson.

Home Ec.
Forwards—Antonette Brielmeir, Helen Asdahl; center—Leone Pazourek; guards

OSHKOSH WINS CONFERENCE GAME

Visitors Defeat Stevens Point Normal 12-13 in Hard Fought Contest

The Purple and Gold quintet again experienced defeat, 12-13, at the hands of the strong Oshkosh aggregation in the Normal gymnasium on Friday night, Feb. 18. Determined to reverse, if possible, their defeat at Oshkosh a few weeks ago, the locals staged such an excellent brand of basketball that the visitors several times found themselves on the verge of defeat. Coming as they did, intent on an easy victory, the Oshkosh five was exasperated beyond control at the unexpected turn of the tables; so that the intense fighting culminated in a pugilistic outbreak between two of the opposing players. The other individuals on each team came to the rescue of their mates, and the fistic combat that ensued was in full sway before the spectators realized what had happened. De Vine, Oshkosh forward, while in the act of leaving the gymnasium, was beset by a Stevens Point fan, and rendered unconscious by a blow that took him unawares.

A general feeling of deep regret for this disagreeable brawl is evident among S. P. N. students, and the hope that the other Normal schools will not regard S. P. N. as unsportsmanlike have been widely expressed. It was indeed unfortunate that with only two minutes more to play that the game should have been marred by this altercation. Could the affair have been avoided, the game would have been classed just as highly as was the Eau Claire tilt.

Visitors Show Form

The visiting five showed surprising cleverness in passing, in dribbling and in general team work. Their strong defensive was also very difficult to break through. De Vine, Oshkosh forward, started scoring, with a field goal, followed by a free throw caged by McCarr, who played in fine form, and three single

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Editorial

Our state legislature at the present time is facing a very difficult and perplexing situation. A debt of approximately one million dollars was incurred by the last administration; this deficit must be paid by the people of the State of Wisconsin in addition to the regular expenses of government during the coming year.

This will mean cutting of expenditures wherever possible. The question in which we as students and future educators are interested is, 'How much will the educational institutions suffer?' We have asked for a new Junior High School building. Will we get it? The answer to that question remains with our State Legislature.

There is congestion everywhere in our building at the present time. Students have no suitable place to study, except in the library which is so small that it can accommodate only about 5% of our students. We find those who are interested in the pursuit of knowledge in the auditorium, on the stairs, in class rooms, and in nooks and corners where quietness prevails, endeavoring to "absorb an education." We need a place to study. Will we get it? Ask the Legislature.

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PROF. DELZELL PAYS TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON

Mr. James E. Delzell, head of the Primary Department, delivered a very interesting address on "Washington" during assembly hour on February 22. A brief sketch of his speech was as follows:

"Washington," is a synonym of truth, loyalty, courtesy, obedience and right living. Washington was a dutiful son, a faithful student, an excellent statesman, an esteemed citizen,—a man among men. His philosophy of life was built up in his boyhood days. One example is his rules of etiquette; a few of which are:

"Every action in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those present.

"Strive not with your superiors in argument, but always submit your judgment to others with modesty.

"Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any.

"Think before you speak; pronounce not imperfectly, nor bring out your words too hastily, but orderly and distinctly.

"Speak not of the absent, for it is unjust.

"Let your recreations be manful, not sinful."

At the age of nineteen, Washington held the rank of Major; at the age of twenty-three, he was dubbed "Colonel Bucksbin" by General Braddock, but the youth was the salvation of Braddock's defeated troops.

In 1759 he was married and entered political life by becoming a member of the House of Burgesses; on July 3, 1775, he took charge of the Revolutionary army; this position he held until England bowed in humility before the Honorable Washington and his loyal supporters.

Washington served efficiently and faithfully as president of the United States from 1789 to 1797. About two years later on December 14, 1799, he passed away at his home in Mt. Vernon.

Washington's name has been exalted by the hero's own carving of its letters on the highest and most dashing elevation of the "Natural Bridge"; it has been celebrated in sculpture, in painting, and in literature; it has been commemorated in names of men, of towns, of cities, of counties, and of one state in our Union. In countless ways are we Americans today striving to honor "The Father of Our Country."

As a farmer, a surveyor, a businessman, as an educator, a soldier, and a warrior, Washington surely was a living example of Daniel Webster's excellent admonition: "Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, establish all of its great industries and see whether we, in our day and generation, may not do something worthy to be remembered.

As an ideal American, "He was the first; the last, the best, the Cincinnati of the west."
DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Alpha Kappa Sigma is no more! That is, the name is no more; the organization is to all intents and purposes eternal. By a decision of the president of the Normal School no Greek letter names for societies are to be employed at S. P. N.

At the short business meeting held Monday evening, Feb. 28th, a committee composed of Eleanor Stencil, Estelle Burns, and Royal Gordon with Mr. Smith acting as chairman, was appointed and instructed either to find or to invent a new name.

The department voted unanimously to send Mabel Peterson as a delegate to the Oratorical Contest, held at Platteville, March 18. Each one was assessed twenty-five cents to pay the delegate’s expenses. Esther Moxon, Mildred Droske, Wm. Krause, and Lawrence Hebal are collecting this fee, and they request that the members refrain from using the time-worn excuse, “I am financially embarrassed.”

For the next meeting an excellent program is promised, prepared under the direction of Ethel Alton and Esther Forget.

In the grand scramble for intellectual honors which culminated at the end of the semester, the High School Department forged ahead again with a record of 43.9%. Excellent students. Highest honors were granted to Mabel Peterson.

The College Department broke all records for advance and holds fourth place now, with 22.9% of their enrollment on the excellent list against sixth place and 4% last year.

It behoves the professionals to increase their momentum lest the Collegians gain the lead.

There are three classes of people in the world, namely, the “boosters,” the “knockers,” and the “go-between.”

Someone mentioned the other day that this school needs dynamite and that person was not a Bolshevik, but a real booster. The way to get it beside buying it at the store is to reduce the number of knockers and go-betweens and all unite in boosting for S. P. N.

GORDON ELECTED PRESIDENT
OF ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION

On February 24, during assembly, Royal Gordon, prominent in forensics and other activities of the school was unanimously elected to the presidency of the Normal Oratorical Association. Gordon well deserves the honor tendered him. His immediate duty will be to make the necessary arrangements for part of the program at the State Oratorical Contest to be held at Platteville on March 18.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT

PROGRAMS

A new system of arranging programs for the meetings of the Round Table was recently adopted. The plans are left entirely in the hands of a standing committee for the quarter; they make out a series of entertainments and then post the numbers. The present committee in charge consists of the following: Winifred Wysocki, Chairman, Louise Luchterhand, and Leona Sackett.

The first of the series was given at the regular meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 28. It not only afforded enjoyment but it also created an interest in one of the prominent present day writers.

The following members took part:

Life of Booth Tarkington

Dorothy Myrick

The Turmoil

Sybil Alban

Little Gentlemen

Viola Hoffman

Inga Firsztal

It was decided to send Viola Hoffman, a member of the Glee Club, to the oratorical contest at Platteville as a delegate from the Grammar department.

To increase the funds in the department treasury, a candy sale will be held during the High School basketball tournament. Be sure to bring your dimes and quarters, and we wager you will be anxious for our next sale which will be held shortly after Easter.

PRIMARY LISTENING POST

Boost The Pointer! What did I say? I said, “Boost The Pointer.” Why? Must I tell you why? Don’t you know? Well, here are some reasons:

1. Because The Pointer is interesting reading for you.

2. Because The Pointer advertises the school and shows S. P. N. to be a live wire among the Normal Schools. If all your friends and the Alumni read the Pointer, they will naturally talk about the Stevens Point Normal School. In this way people who doubtless have never heard of S. P. N. may be interested.

Suppose you say, “I’m from the Stevens Point Normal School,” you may be met with a blank look in return, but if the Pointer is snappy and you—Y-O-U have helped to make it so, then suppose you say “I’m from S. P. N.”

“O! yes, Stevens Point, that is the place where they edit that splendid school paper—Pointer, isn’t it?”

Then you students who can’t take time to write more than this home:

“Dear Folks:

Please send me some cash.

Yours lovingly,

Mary,”

why can’t you send the Pointer home to tell your people the school news in an interesting way? Can’t you see now, why you should “Boost The Pointer”? Of course you can and YOU are going to do your part.

The Spice of Life

Mr. Collins—“I made a startling discovery, Harvey.”

Harvey—“What was it Mr. Collins?”

Mr. C.—“That Kraus can get his lessons when he studies.”

(P. S. Kraus has known his lessons the last two days.)

Bill—“Are you fond of autos?”

Joe—“You ought to see the truck I ate for dinner.”

Fond Parent—“I believe my son, Parker, is taking geometry in your class.”

Mr. Collins—“Well, he has been exposed to it for several months but he hasn’t taken it yet.”

Prof. Burroughs—“What is there to substantiate the opinion that Shakespeare was a prophet?”

Sophomore—“He was foretelling the era of home brew when he wrote the recipe for witches’ broth in Macbeth.”

Watson—“What are the four seasons?”

Krumm—“Pepper, salt, vinegar and mustard.”

Poems

When you are in the classroom, On the lesson you must dwell. There’s no more heavenly sound on earth Than the ringing of the bell.

A. High Flyer

A jolly young chemistry buff, While making a compound of stuff, Held a match to the wall, And after a while They found his front teeth and a cuff.

Riddles

1. If Aura loves, why does Leora hate? (Haight)

2. If Alice is a bear, is Valmer a bird? (Parker)

3. If Vera made the deal, was Thelma the buyer? (Bier)

4. If Esther is a harper, is Mildred a bard?

5. If Thelma was the cook, was Rachel the coals? (Cole) And did Irene burn-a?

6. If Lolita is a dishwasher, why did Eleanor Stencil Thomas White?

Help

Mr. Rightsell—“How many in this class have ever seen a post hole?” (Class looks blank. Finally a few students hold up their hands.)

Mr. Rightsell—“Well, I never saw one, but what did I see?”

Joe Kraus—“A hole in the ground.”

Parker—“Then you can’t see the hole in a doughnut.”

Mr. Rightsell—“Very well, what do you see?”

Parker—“A light shining through it.”
I, ... worthwhile.

E. Rexford Kraus's talk caused us to feel that Ebon Reading's speech rendering:

Piano Solo

Loyola Club Feb. 23, the following programs:

Piano Solo Miss Kathleen Clifford

Oration-The Meaning of Our Flag Harold De Lain

Talk-Work of National Catholic Welfare Council at Ellis Island Miss Tessis De Base

Reading-'For the Love of Country' Esther Kampine

Two of our members, Miss Adeline Schierl and Pres. Eddie McCarr, have been chosen by the club to represent it in the delegation that is to accompany our orator to Platteville.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, and the committee promises another good program. Though the club is to be congratulated upon the splendid gatherings upon these occasions, we still miss several and only one hundred per cent attendance will satisfy us.

RURAL LIFE CLUB

The Rural Life Club held its regular meeting Monday evening Feb. 21. Joseph Kraus, a former graduate of our department, addressed the Club on the life and writings of Ebon E. Rexford. His talk was interesting and instructive, and was presented in a manner that held the attention of his audience. Mr. Kraus's talk caused us to feel that Ebon E. Rexford was a man, and a writer worth while.

A community meeting was held at the Powers Demonstration School on Monday night. The meeting was featured by a very interesting address by Mr. Neale, director of the Rural Department.

Among those of our graduates who...
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTES TO SUPPORT OF FRENCH BOY

During the summer school of 1919 the students of this school adopted a French boy who was left fatherless as a result of the war. The students raised the money for his support by donations. When the lad received the gift sometime during the year of 1920, he wrote a letter of appreciation from which we learned that Raymond Petitfrere is the name of the boy we have adopted; that he is about seven or eight years old and lives with his mother at 28 rue de la Reine Blanche, Paris, France.

It takes $36.50 a year to support one child. At a recent meeting of the student body, at which time everyone contributed, we raised enough to send Raymond another draft which will keep him for another year. The amount of the draft was $65 francs. We also have a small balance left in the bank which will be used next year.

Mr. Spindler, who is doing all the corresponding, has written to Raymond's mother asking her to send us a picture of the boy so that we may get an idea of the child we are helping to support.

PLANS MADE FOR LOCAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Elton R. Shaw of Chicago, known as the "Soulosopher" delivered two masterful addresses in the auditorium, one on February 28 at 8 P.M. and the other during assembly hour on March 1.

His purpose in coming to Stevens Point was to organize an Intercollegiate Civic Association in the Normal, the purpose of which is to study current governmental civic, social, industrial, and educational questions and to exert an influence in the enforcement of law.

Due to the fact that there are already a dozen organizations in school, the proposition of organizing a Civic Association was not well supported by the students. The Association, however, is a worthy one and plans have been made whereby an organization of the nature indicated above will be perfected in this school in the near future.

ATTENTION DEPARTMENTS

It may be interesting to know exactly to what extent the departments of the school are supporting the Pointer in subscriptions. The following figures will shed some light on the subject:

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The Grammar department ranks 100% in paid up subscriptions. Here's to the Grammars!

A hair net is a bunch of holes tied together—Christy.

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OSHKOSH WINS CONFERENCE GAME WITH A 12-13 SCORE

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points registered by Braisher, Oshkosh's red-headed star forward. The latter scored all of the Oshkosh baskets and points except the one field goal by De Vine. With the score 5-1, Andrews, after several unsuccessful attempts, tossed in a mid-floor shot, and the consequent 5-3 score was greeted by almost hysterical shouts and screams of the spectators. Oshkosh raised the score, however, 9-3, by two additional field goals. Bourn was replaced by Frank at the forward posi-
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