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MANY FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND TEACHERS' MEET

State conventions are great character builders. They develop a most unusual spirit of thanksgiving in student bodies. We're thankful for the teachers, when they can go to Milwaukee - reduction on railroad fares, too and, perhaps, even slip off to Chicago. Of course, we have to have a two days vacation, but we're thankful anyway. We even are glad that the Milwaukee train still leaves at 12:15. Some of our faculty members forego the pleasure of a ride on a train, though, and use their cars on such occasions. Mr. Spindler hit only the holes in the road and made Milwaukee in five hours and fifteen minutes. We would claim that a good record, but Mr. Burroughs pooh-pooh's that time, declaring that he left Mr. Spindler floundering in his dust. However, Mr. Burroughs does not boast any time limit, so who knows?

Everyone agrees upon the merits of the convention. The seventy-first annual meeting of teachers on Nov. 6, 7, 8, was under the direction of an alumna of S. P. N., Lillia E. Johnson, County Super-intendent of Eau Claire County. The program of the General Sessions included many interesting speakers, among whom were State Superintendent John Callahan, who extended a greeting to the teachers; William Lowe Bryan of the Indiana University, whose topic was 'The Conquest of Nature and Human Nature"; Henry Tur-ner Bailey, the man in America who has done more for establishing art in the public schools than any other teacher, who spoke on the "Home Land of the Spirit"; E. H Lindley, chancellor of Kansas University, who spoke on "The American Spirit"; the President of Simmond's College, Boston, Sarah Louise Arnold, also an author, whose speech considered "Teaching, Life's Biggest Business"; Thomas Skeyhill, an Australian poet and lecturer, who spoke on "The Coming Renais-sance"; besides, S. A. Convis, an American Red Cross representative in Russia, and Ada Ward, an English author, lecturer and war worker.

Faculty members of S. P. N. again distinguished themselves. Mr. Dyer was noticeable in his leading in community singing, besides in his work as accompanist. He was again made chairman of the Music Section. Miss Allen was elected president of the Home Economics Section for next year, and was the subject of a flattering write-up in the Milwaukee Sentinel. At the banquet of the Home Economics Alumni of S. P. N., the Vocational teachers presented Miss Allen with a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums sweet peas.

More than two hundred people

DORM INVADED

Nelson Hall no Longer Safe

Fond parents send their darling daughters to Nelson Hall where they will be safe from the wicked world, but even Nelson Hall is no longer safe.

It was Sunday night. Every girl was wondering if she would have a date. The occupant of Room 226 was busy writing her lesson plan. She little knew how near she came to having a man.

Helen Donaldson came walking down the Dorm steps. Up past her went rushing a male who seemed to be in such a hurry that he didn't notice Miss Rowe's sign. "Please Ring the Bell", but ran in and bolted up the steps to the second floor. Helen of course did her duty and ran for Miss Rowe, who fairly flew upstairs to find the polished gentleman busy scanning the numbers on the doors.

"My dear man," said the matron, "What are you doing here?"

"W-why," stammered he, "I'm looking for Room 226. My sister is in there."

"Do you know this is a girl's dormitory and that men are not admitted upstairs?"

Gasps from the man. — "Good lord, I thought it was the hospi-

Exit.

And now the question is: shall a new dormitory be built, or shall Nelson Hall be equipped with

S. P. N.'s TRIANGLE.

We have one right here in our school — a deadly triangle, two men and a lady. This is how it began: Miss Hussey with her detective propensities found, blushingly to be sure, a can of tobacco in the desk in Room 221. It didn't belong to her, she said, so she forthwith took it to Mr. Knutzen. He hurriedly explained that he intended to wear his fur coat this year, not store it, and, as the Lit '8 class knows, he hopes he doesn't have to buy a fur coat for any lady for several years, so it isn't likely he has one of those hidden away somewhere. Miss Hussey acknowledged the validity of his answer, and again looked for the rightful owner. There is always a third person in a triangle, as we all know, and in this case Mr. Burroughs was acutely involved. Did the can of tobacco belong to him? He with all possible dignity denied the ownership of the article. Now who? Who? Miss Hussey, Mr. Knutzen, Mr. Burroughs? Who put it in the desk if not one of these three? Neither one of them wants it, yet either of them can have it by simply taking it from the desk. Which one will take it, and how?

ORATORICAL SEASON STARTED UNDER PROF. BURROUGHS

Since Stevens Point Normal has become distinguished through the winning of two State contests and one Interstate Contest within the last two years, interest in oratory has become more than perfunc-The students know that there is a winner in school and are determined to do their best to be that one or to bring one better then they to light. This year thirty-five people have signed up for oratory, and the variety of interesting, practical subjects they have chosen would indicate a live local contest.

Tuesday night, Nov. 18, the orators met for the reading of the first drafts of their speeches. this meeting Mr. Burroughs discussed the salient principles in the construction of an oration. There will be two more gatherings of like nature, and then from the contestants a group of twelve will be chosen to represent the school in a local contest immediately after the Christmas vacation.

The State Oratorical Contest will be held at Superior this year. Work has already begun on the organization of the schools for this event. S. P. N. students realize the importance of this phase of school work and are vigorously writing to carry on the slogan 'Suppress Superior".

At the Milwaukee State Teacher's Convention, the Debate Committee, consisting of representatives of one school from each of the three leagues, met to select the question for debate. They settled upon the following: Resolved: That the power of the Supreme Court of the U.S. should be limited by a constitutional amendment providing that Congress may, by reenacting a statute by a twothirds vote in each House, make it effective over a judicial veto.

This question has been much discussed in political circles recently and had attracted a great deal of attention. All students who want to try out for debate, and we want as good an answer to this call as that brought forth by oratory, should begin reading the material which has been filed on the reference shelves. This year twelve people will be selected to work on the debate right through to the contest.

This year the negative team of S. P. N. will go to Oshkosh for debate, while the affirmative will remain here to meet La Crosse. Of the last eight debates, five have been won by Stevens Point. A continuation of this record will set a high standard in debate work in S. P. N.

President of Lawrence Dies.

The Lawrence College Home (By the way, we have hired a Coming was postponed because of detective to watch all three of the death of President Samuel Plantz on November 14.

CAGE PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Six Veterans Out For First Practic

With the close of this year's football season, the bee of basket ball begins to hum and buzz about the Normal gym. Candidates who were not out for football may be seen down in the gym 'most any hour of the day shooting baskets
— getting their basket shooting eye ready for the beginning of the season.

This season, from the present outlook, promises to be one of the brightest Stevens Point Normal has ever experienced. The return of Captain-Elect "Ham" Williams, "Virg." Herrick, "Hank" Swan, "Fritz" Vaughn, Harold Craney, and "Chet" Atkinson of last year's squad gives Coach Swetland a nucleus about which to build a team.

This year's problem for Coach Swetland appears to be the development of a center to fill the shoes of Smith Davis, last year's Captain and center, and also to develop a pair of high scoring forwards. Vaughn and Craney, forwards from last year's squad, are back and ought to give Coach Swetland some good material to work with. What may be enrolled in school this year in the line of forward material is as yet unknown though reports are that the coach will find some promising candidates among them.

Who will be the center prospects for this year are also unknown, Herrick played the position part of the time last year, and if no new material turns up may be used in that capacity again this year He is a valuable *all-around man and can be used at any posi-tion. There is also "Hank" Swan from last year, whom Coach Swetland may develop into a center. Laabs, from Wausau, center on this year's football team, will also be a probably candidate for the center position.

There appears to be wealth of guarding material this year. Capt. Elect Williams and Herrick, last year's guards, are back, and also "Chet" Atkinson, and "Hank" Swan, guards of the '24 team. This situation presages a hot contest for positions among the can-

What may develop later is difficult to predict at this time, but present indications all point to a successful seacon.

HAVE YOU READ THIS RE-CENT FICTION?

The editor of the Bookman recommends the following books: These Charming People

..... Michael Arlen

The Green Bay Tree Louis Bromfield The Interpreter's House

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MOCK FACULTY.

During the preparation for the Homecoming game, a very elever mock faculty stunt was given at pep meeting. We all enjoyed it greatly; it was funny; Still wasn't there a good bit of truth displayed there? We have enough of the spirit of emulation in us to want to follow the examples set by our leaders. Surely we consider the faculty our leaders, yet we must not imitate all their ways. If we did, what would result? Certainly, we could whisper at will, every one of us, during the assembly exercises, or better than that we could leave the auditorium entirely when a speaker was announced. Again, we could maintain quiet, be present in body, and at the same time enjoy a pleasant nap. Shall we do this students? No, for that is not our privilege. However, let us begin now to consider what a reflection we wish to east in the mirror of our future students.

THE NEW POINTER.

The Pointer has changed in all but name and location. Since a great deal of trouble has been caused in past years by a misunder-standing of the nature of the paper, we wish to inform our readers of the organization and purpose of the present publication.

The Pointer is now being undertaken as a class project by the Literature 18 class the first semester, and the Composition 19 class the second semester. In addition to members of the class the staff consists of one representative and two assistants from each department in school. The Editor-in-chief, and Business Manager have been chosen from these representatives, with an assistant Business Manager selected from the student body at large. This form of a representative staff implies that the will of the majority of students will be carried out. That is exactly what we want. A lively interest in the paper resulting in constructive criticism will be one of the great aids in perfecting our publication. Further, we want the Pointer to be, not a postmortem, a perfunctory statement of past events, but a narration of items of interest which runs right along with the present and keeps us posted on things worthy of note. This desire of the staff also requires the cooperation of the student body in keeping their representatives supplied with material for print.

Cooperation of the students with the staff is what we are asking for, what we know we shall receive judging from the indications of sturdy school spirit shown during the foot-ball season; therefore, we

thank you now.

SCARCELY 'SCAPES SCATH-ING.

She was in Appleton; she wanted to get back to Stevens Point; a bus to be her means of transportation. Blithely she tripped along, to cross the street, when a mad automobile driven by an excited lady from Shawano interfered with the progress of our new assistant librarian, Miss Beulah She allowed herself to be Larson. knocked down without resistance, for she was wearing a coat more protecting than any suit of armor. When she regained her feet, although the coat was in tatters, Miss Larson was unscathed. The lady from Shawano seeing her plight offered her a coat which she had along and Miss Larson accepted it without further ado. Now she is safely here again, but henceforth she will be an enthusiastic exponent of the value of fur coats as life savers.

All girls of the Round Table who are at all interested in basket ball are urged to report for practice. If you have played for your high school, come! If you have played in interclass games, come! If you are interested and want to learn the game, come! We want a large turnout.

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were present at the annual reception of all S. P. N. alumni held at Juneau Hall. President Sims presided; good rousing speeches were given by Pres. Sims, and Professors Culver, Collins, and Spindler. Mr. Rogers presented the Culver Memorial Fund, which is being raised to endow the Chemistry—Science shelves of the new library.

Students who attended the Convention came back full of enthusiasm. They say it's a worthwhile trip, and, while you come back broke, you have a feeling of satisfaction that shouldn't be passed up.

SCIENCE CLUB.

One of the most desirable organizations in S. P. N. is the Science Club. Members of this club are chosen from those of the faculty and student body who are interested in all lines of activity and especially in scientific work. The new members who have been elected this year by the committee are: Harold Losby, Virgil Herrick, Walter Bruce, Olive Kelley, Phyllis Fish, Marie Tesch, Irene Haan, Margaret England, Theresa Goetz, Cora Olson, Mildred Novotney, Carl Handke, Margaret Burroughs, and Maude Marsh.

ORGANIZATIONS

HOME EC CLUB.

This year marks the end of the two year course in this department and from now on all courses will be three or four years in length. Although the course has been extended forty sophomores enrolled this fall. This makes a total of about eighty in the department.

The teaching profession is not the only work open to our graduates. We may complete our training in Dietetics, Hotel Management, Professional Demonstrating, and our credits are transferable to Nurse's Training Courses. There is no end to the achievements which may be accomplished in our department under the able and careful supervision of our director Miss Allen.

To enliven interest in the Home Economics work, and to arouse social activity, a club has been organized. The officers who have been elected are Galdys Flannagen, President; Cora Olson, Vice-President; Margaret Lorn, Secretary and Treasurer.

RURAL DEPARTMENT.

One of the great needs of the Rural Schools has been, and is at present, better supervision. Stevens Point Normal realized this great problem and through the cooperation of the State Department was the first Normal School in the State to establish a course to train teachers for the job of supervising rural schools.

The main aim in this course is to develop skill in supervision as applied to the different types of work which a rural supervisor is called upon to do. Some special aims of this course are to prepare the supervisor to care for the individual differences of pupils such as: the over-age child, the subnormal and super-normal children, retarded pupils and how to deal with them. A good Supervisor must also know how to give tests as a measure of improving the instruction in rural schools.

No one should enter this course, however, who has not had experience in teaching in the rural school and who does not feel that he is going at his work with a definite purpose in mind. The present enrollment in this course is small, although at the summer session it was much larger. But with the increasing demand for trained workers in the field of rural school supervision, the Supervisor's Course wil be one of the popular courses, for S. P. N. has a national reputation for the work it is doing in the field of rural education. It is in a position to give effective training along this line.

GRAMMAR ROUND TABLE.

The Round Table has met and elected by majority vote Virgil Herrick for president, Dorothy Carlson, vice-president, and Martha Herman, secretary and treasurer. Tis rumored that the Round Table will be a rounded organization this year by having dramatics, oratory, and debate interwoven with its social hours.

THE FORUM.

Have you ever seen all of those good looking, industrious, and optimistic students around this school? Why of course you have! You can't step into the library but what you see them laboriously pondering over huge manuscripts. At the games they are there full force putting the pep into affairs. Anywhere you go, you meet them. It isn't necessary to tell you who they are, but just the same we repeat - They are the High School Department! And say, just watch their step! There are more of them this year, and the quality is just as good as ever. If you don't believe it, wait until the Basket Ball season opens and our teams shine forth. Hear our orators, our debaters, and our actors. Sometime in the near future

Sometime in the near future when you hear lots of noise over at school and a stranger asks you if there is a stampede, just tell him that it's only the High School Department having a party.

We have a peppy organization, the Forum, with competent officers at the head of it; Walter Bruce, the fellow with the mustache a la Chaplin, as president, Blanche Reeder of Nelson Hall, Caroline Boles, who is also editor of the Pointer, and Henry Kolka, a valiant veteran of the foot ball season. These with the co-operation of all the others expect to do wonders in the future.

If any one doesn't believe all this you just remark, "Aw — go braid your shingle."

PRIMARY COUNCIL.

The Primary Department is made up of about 108 girls with a great deal of real spirit. It is shown by their attendance at the Primary Council meetings.

The Primary Council is the gathering together of all those taking the Primary Course for the purpose of promoting interest in the school and its activities, to get the girls acquainted with their sister classmates, and to get hints about teaching primary children.

The officers of the Council are President, Winifred Burns, Vicepresident, Secretary, Lois Williams, and Treasurer, Edna White. Under this leadership and with the backing from the class the Primaries determine to be the best department in the school and as things are now, we have a good start and are going rapidly ahead.

Under the direction of Mr. Delzell we know we can expect to get the most out of the course, and we must honestly and truthfully say, and we are glad because of it, that we know we have the best director anyone can ever hope to

Whenever anyone is called on to do something, the Primaries are always ready to answer. We know that when the call comes for Girl's Basket ball, Oratory and the like that the Primaries will be there with colors flying. Just watch us, people, and you'll be seeing something worthwhile.

The law allowing only one wife is monotony.

FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS

Normal Makes Hard Fight With Light Team

After two weeks of practice Stevens Point opened the season on foreign soil playing Ripon at Ripon. Playing on rain-soaked field and in a constant downfall of rain old S. P. N. defeated Ripon 3 to 0. It was undoubtedly the best game the Pointers played all Fighting all the way through and taking advantage of every break, Stevens Point advanced to Ripon's twenty-yard line from where "Fritz" Vaughn sent a perfect drop kick squarely between the uprights for three points, the only score of the game.

The next week Stevens Point journeyed to Platteville where they easily defeated the local gridiron team by the score of 13 to 2.

On October 10, the team went to Stout to play one of the roughest games of the season. Stout were 7 to 0, mostly because of their size and unsportsmanlike tactics.

Then the team got a rest. The Home Coming game with Eau Claire was the first game of the Point, hoodooed by the Eau Claire jinx and the jinx of playing on their own field, played almost its worst game there, and went down to a 20 to 0 defeat. However, Eau Claire was far heavier then our team and got most of the breaks of the game.

Superior came here November 1, and using a close-up formation that was next to impossible to solve, defeated the Point 26 to 0.

With about half the team laid up with injuries, the boys left for River Falls to play an eleven which had defeated both Eau Claire and The game was played in Stout. about three inches of snow. River Falls kicked off to us and the Point marched straight down the field within three inches of the goal line; and there is hardly a man on the Stevens Point squad that does not truly believe the ball was across the goal line. The Falls then punted out of danger, and in the second quarter got their touch down on a fluke screen pass making the only score of the game, the final score being 6 to 0.

The last game was at Osnkosh, and it ended 31 to 0 in favor of Oshkosh. Outweighed twenty to fifty pounds to the man the Point held them 12 to 0 until the last five minutes when Oshkosh, aided by Dame Luck made three touch downs in a row from three successful forward passes.

VIRGIL HERRICK ELECTED SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

Carl Maslowski Editor-in-Chief of the Iris

After several urgent calls the Senior Class met and elected offi-The voting resulted unusually in the election of people representative of the four departments. Virgil Herrick of the Junior High Department is President; Winifred Burns, a Primary, Vice President; Margaret Davis of the Home Economics Department, Secretary, and "Butch" Anderson, High School Department,

The first thing to be considered by the Seniors was the election of the Editor-in-Chief of the Iris, the annual publication of S. P. N. Of the candidates submitted by the faculty, Carl Maslowski was elected Editor, and Francis Knope, a local man, formerly Business Manager of the Pointer, was elected Business Manager of the Iris. Further organization will take place soon. Meanwhile, work will begin at once. The nucleus of the staff we now have assures a fine quality of work in the great task of getting out the Iris.

Why Cats Leave Home.

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The team this year was light and very seriously handicapped by the lack of substitutes; but what they lacked in weight they made up in fight. It was only that "never-say-die" spirit, characteristic of old S. P. N.'s teams, that kept the team going, and you could always count on the fellows to be in there fighting, fighting, fighting every minute of the game.

The following men finish this year: Captain Knope, Weisner, Herrick, Swan, Williams, Bacher, Anderson.

The Games are lined up as follows:

Ripon at Ripon Sept. 27 0 — 3 Platteville at Platteville ...

..... Oct. 3 2 — 13 Stout at Stout Oct. 10 Eau Claire at Stevens Point Oct. 25 20 - 0

Superior at Stevens Point Nov. 1 26 — 0 River Falls at River Falls

..... Nov. 7 6 — 0

Oshkosh at Oshkosh Nov. 15 31 — 0

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Where do these ideas come from? Pete Haight thinks that you sleep at Slumber parties.

Miss Carlsten (from platform Thursday) — "Two years ago, when I was teaching in Indiana, I used to take a street car to school every morning."

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The Dramatic department of this school consists of the class in Public Speaking headed by Mr. Burroughs. This class has for its purpose a training in the elements of effective speech, and the preparation for teaching such work. To attain this end it gives itself to a study of one-act plays, humorous and dramatic readings, and various famous lectures. These selections are often given before the public as a part of other programs or as a whole in themselves.

The class this year has twenty three members. Thus far the work has consisted of learning segments of two lectures, "The Rise and the Fall of the Mustache" which Mr. Burroughs so admirably presented in Assembly just recently, and "Acres of Di-amonds". A one-act play, "Six Who Pass While the Lentils Boil", was presented before the Central Wisconsin Teachers' Convention, and again to a small audience November 4th.

The big project for this semester is the presentation of Shakespeare's play, "A Midsummer Night's Dream". It is a threeact play with a cast of twenty three characters, most of them having a prominent part personnel has not been definitely chosen yet, but we shall let you know all about it in the next issue. This play is to be given sometime in January, so if you want a real reminder of the 'good old summer time" here is the place to get it. We hope to make this a beautiful production as Miss Carlsten offered to make the costumes, which will save the expense of sending for them. Thus we can use our efforts in making the scenery as We hope, effective as possible. that for the evening at least, we shall be able to transport you to fairy land, where miracles are commonplace, and where song and dance are always present.

Heard in North Cottage.

(indicating Mertice finger bowls) And what are these for, ma'am?

Miss Allen - To wash your fingers in, of course.

Mertice — Goodbye, ma'am, I'm leaving! At home we have a few towels and a sink.

Every time Mrs. Williams hangs Ham's socks on the line the neighbors think she has been fishing.

Page Santa Claus!

Mr. Knutzen has expressed an earnest wish that Santa Claus bring him a room all for himself for a Christmas present. Surely the North Pole isn't too busy to hear this earliest of pleas.

New Botanist in School.

Every one will be interested to know the latest discovery in the plant kingdom by one of our students. Alice Benson has added to the large list of fall flowers a new variety, "Ham and Eggs."

CHORUS BROADCASTS

From Local Station

The women's chorus is an organization of 120 people. Their practices are held on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Mr. Dyer is the director, and Miss Irene Hite accompanist. The object of the work is to prepare a concert to be given during the middle of the year. They plan to give concerts not only in Stevens Point, but in other places, too. Perhaps a smaller group of this organization will go to Superior in March when the oratorical contest is to be given there. They have sung at two Normal programs and have broadcast a few numbers, also.

The following songs are in their practice list:

"River, River" Chilean Folk Song "Mah Lindy Lou" Lily Strickland
"Moonlight" ... Beethoven-Spross

Officers were elected Tuesday evening, November 11. Maude Marsh is president, Marcelaine Milbee is librarian. An executive committee of three was also elected, consisting of the president, Winifred Burns and Kathryn Jole.

WISCONSIN GLEE CLUB POS-SIBILITY.

Mr. Dyer is attempting to have the University of Wisconsin Men's Glee Club arrange for a concert This will be in addition to here. the Artist Course.

THE MARGARET ASHMUN CLUB.

S. P. N. took another step forward with the organization of the Margaret Ashmun Club. club is an organization of students who are especially interested in English and Speech. It has been named in honor of Margaret Ashmun, the first graduate of S. P. N. to gain fame in the literary world.

The first meeting of the club was held late last year, at which time the officers were elected. They are as follows: Edwin Jensen, President; Virgil Herrick, Vice President; and Marguerite Secretary - Treasurer. Stenseth. Mr. Burroughs, Miss Hussey, Mr. Knutzen, Miss Hanna, Miss Welch, Miss Mansur, and Miss Larson are faculty advisors. At the October meeting, a constitution was submitted and adopted, and a club project, Present-Day Drama, was agreed upon.

The club plans to take in new members during the remainder of the year as such desirable individuals are found. Membership requires a consistently excellent quality of work in English or in Speech.

Members of the Club will be interested to know that Margaret Ashmun has just published another book.

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