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POINT SCORES IN FORENSICS

REDGRANITE WINS TOURNAMENT FROM PARDEEVILLE

Hammond Takes Individual Honors. Westfield Third

In a last period windup, Redgranite won the supplementary basketball tourney championship by a score of 33-23, from Pardeeville. The game was fast and snappy from the first whistle to the bark of the timer's gun. Not one second of slow playing marred the spectators excitement. The game was tough and go until the very last, when the Quarrymen gained the advantage and spoiled the Downstaters hopes by a considerable margin.

Tournament a Success

The tournament was a great success, both from a monetary and athletic standpoint. The gate receipts netted enough to partially repay the competing team's expenses, as well as the considerable expense of the meet. Mr. Schmeekle announced his complete satisfaction over the outcome.

The awards were presented by Dr. Baldwin. The individual prize, a small statue in silver of a basketball player, went to ball player in silver, went to "Bill" Hammond of Westfield, the outstanding player of the Contest. Redgranite won the silver basketball, and each player was given a gold medal. Pardeeville was given the plaque for the best appearance, and silver medals for second place. Westfield was presented with bronze medals for third place.

A lively interest was displayed in the tourney by local townspeople. While the afternoon games were not well attended, the evening sessions made up for the lack of afternoon attendance. Numerous people from competing towns arrived for the last games on Saturday evening.

OPERA CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED AT MEETING

At the regular rehearsal of the Opera Club, last Wednesday, at 3:15, Officers for this season were elected. These officers will assist materially in getting the opera "The Maid and the Middy" ready for its performance, Friday evening, April 1.

Alma Jole was chosen president; Norma Borsack, secretary and treasurer; Donald Vetter, publicity manager; Lucille Markham, wardrobe mistress; Harmon Knaup, property man; and, Keith Berens, electrician.

Opera Club Holds "Queen" Contest

It has been some time since a "mystry" has developed in this part of the educational world, but now one has made it's appearance.

The "mystry" in reference is the opera "The Maid and the Middy" which will be given in the Auditorium next Friday, April 1. The story revolves about a mysterious "Anita" and her affiliations with the sailor men. The plot holds great possibilities.

The cast includes the following well known students: Bill, the Middy — Leander Van Hecke; Dawson, a retired farmer — Elmer Seeger; The Count, a Spanish gentleman — D. Vetter; Evans, master of ceremonies — Harmon Knaup; Fitz, of the Lakeville Boat Club — Carlton Lintner; Capt. Dasher, of the U. S. Dreadnought — Frank Martindale; Boulder, Champion oarsman — T. R. Heitzman; Young Slimson, the great unknown — Philip Pezza; Attendant, Walter Wasrud; Valerie Vane — J. Van Hecke; Mrs. Gaily — Dorothy Lowe; Alice — Claire Martin; Maud — Arlene Carlsen; Phyllis — Lucile Markham.

Contest To Be Run

In connection with the opera, a contest will be run to determine who will take the part of "Miss Stevens Point" in a pageant to be given between acts. Candidates have been selected by committees from the various departments as follows: Primaries — Kathryn Kitowski; Grammars — Dorothy Githens; H. S. — Velma Davis; Home Ecs — Norine Valentine; Rural — Nora Wunrow.

The contest will be run similar to the Iris contest before Mardi Gras.

Flowers Keep Memory of World War Hero

In remembrance of the birthday of Rex Beekler, a former S. P. N. student, a basket of flowers was placed near the memorial tablet on March 17. Rex Beekler was killed in action during the world war at the age of twenty-three.

The young man lived in Crandon, Wisconsin, coming here in 1916 to enroll in the High School department. He remained in school two years, leaving when a Junior to enlist in the army.

During this time he had become prominent in athletics and socially. He played on the football team both years and was a member of the reserve basketball team his second year.

"News" Ranks First In Pointer Canvas

In the canvas announced in last week's issue of the POINTER the "News" articles ranked first. This department is under the supervision of Helene Knope, News Editor. Editorial material generally ranked next. The "Catch-As-Catch-Can Column", which is the students' contributing department ranked second. Following close to this came the "Editorials" which ranked third, and the "Humor" column which ranked fourth. The "Sport" articles, the "Campus Gleanings" column and the "Society" department ranked fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively.

Some worth while criticisms were also received. It is the aim of the staff to utilize these evaluations so far as it is possible.

Soils Discussed By H. R. Noble

"Soils of Portage County" was the topic of a talk given to the Science Club at their monthly meeting Wednesday, March ninth, by H. R. Noble, County agricultural agent for Portage County. Mr. Noble discussed the various types of soils, where they are located and how they originated. He told why crops can be produced year after year in some sections of the County and only a year or two in others.

"Liming" is the cure for most County soil-ills according to Mr. Noble. The lime, either as an oxide or a hydroxide will put the sour soils into workable condition when they have become non-productive. Paper mill waste is an excellent material for this purpose, and Farmers are hauling much of it to their fields to sweeten the ground.

Two very interesting pictures from the University film library were shown by Mr. Schmeekle. One dealt with insects and the other with birds. Both proved of exceptional value to those members of the club who have taken and are taking Nature Study work, and of great interest to the other members. Ervin Gaulke and Keith Berens were unable to demonstrate a soil test, due to limited time.

Student Taken Ill With Appendicitis

Miss Lillian Richards underwent an operation for appendicitis at the local hospital last week. At this writing she is getting along nicely and it is hoped that

VETTER FIRST IN EXTEMP, JOSWICK PLACES THIRD

Debate Tie Decided When Point Wins Coin Toss

Stevens Point Normal has again "brought home the bacon". This time in extemporaneous speaking, oratory, and debate. Frank Joswick and Donald Vetter were our representatives at the State Forensic contest which was held at Eau Claire last Friday, March 18.

Donald Vetter won first place in the extempore contest with the subject "Federal Farm Loan Banks, a Cooperative Institution". This was a relatively new subject to him and the majority for his speech was gleaned during the four hours he had for preparation.

Don has been the Points' entrant in the State contest for the past three years but this is the first time he has had a chance to enter the Inter-state meet by virtue of winning first. The first two years he placed second.

Norseng, River Falls, First

Frank Joswick, school orator, placed third in the oratorical contest with the oration "Crime — A Challenge to Youth". In view of the stiff competition he had, third place is a position to be as proud of as first. It seems to be the consensus of opinion of people who were there that of all the orations delivered, Frank's was the most timely and the one which most vitally concerns everyone of us college students.

Mr. Burroughs of the Speech and English department coached both speakers for the occasion, and it is due to his splendid coaching that these honors have been brought home.

Point to Debate Falls

At a meeting of the executive board of the State College Forensic League, which was held at Eau Claire last Friday, it was decided that a coin be flipped, instead of holding another debate to eliminate one of the teams who were tied for League honors. Stevens Point won the toss-up from La Crosse and will debate the River Falls team on April 4 for State honors. The Point affirmative team at this time will travel to River Falls while the negative team will debate River Falls affirmative team here on that date.

she will be back at school again in a few weeks.

Professor Snodgrass has been appointed as President of the La Crosse Normal.

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LITERARY CONVULSIONS

Sinclair Lewis has brought the tirades of the sanctimonious down on his head again, this time by publishing "Elmer Gantry", his latest novel. As he was threatened with the social rack by the outraged by small town junteos for his "Main Street"; as he was immodestly denounced by portly members of the bourgeoisie for his "Babbitt"; as he was labeled a menace to modern society by quasi-charlatans for his "Arrowsmith", now he is being anathematized by the pseudo-straight-laced for his revelation of a character who has lived and is living in the very shadow of immaculacy.

"Elmer Gantry" is a thoroughly human person. He is capable of lofty, sincere reverence and the not unhuman passions. Moreover he is gifted with the faculties of an efficiency expert and the ultra-sollicitous pretensions of a not-too-scrupulous leader of the flocks. Sinclair Lewis has created in him a palpable, somewhat enterprising man who has turned to the clergy much as "Babbitt" turned to the highly satisfactory game of reality.

Lewis, who has been dubbed the Great Castigator, has simply dared to write a yarn about the same things that every regularly pulsating person has suspected. Book reviewers have struck their characteristic mental poses on the novel essaying impressiveness. Some members of the clergy have hurled the power of the pen at it, but withal it is an amazingly readable book.

WISCONSIN'S NORMAL SCHOOL POLICY

In handling the present Normal School situation the characteristic assortment of panaceas have been brought forward. These panaceas range from the ultra conservative to the ultra radical. They range from introducing restrictive ideas to abolishing some of the Normal Schools. It is quite impossible to think of anything actually extreme in either direction accomplishing anything to the permanent advantage of the State of Wisconsin. The best thing, in this case as in other cases where solutions are necessary, is the same thing.

Professor Sanford formerly of the Stevens Point Normal School and now head of the department of History at the La Crosse Normal has prepared a brief expounding the actual Normal School situation. His brief is based upon a scientific study of the conditions responsible for the present need of action, and it presents unquestionably the most practical, most efficacious plan so far brought forward. Professor Sanford has based his stance upon five points, viz.

1. Diffusion of Normal Schools. The professional influence that radiates from teacher-training institutions arouses the interest of patrons in school affairs in all adjacent communities. The location of Normal Schools in different sections of the State brings this gate of opportunity to the homes of many thousands more of young people than if such institutions were located in certain centers.

2. Oversupply of teachers is a temporary phenomenon. Economic conditions, which cannot be controlled by legislation, have brought this condition about but it is now adjusting itself in a healthy manner. Higher qualifications for teachers will be a strong force working for more and not less provision by the State for teacher training.

3. Superiority of the Normal School system to both the County Normal system and the State University in its economy upon the points of total cost per student and teaching cost per student.

4. Lack of grounds of the attack upon the Normal School system for enrolling non-residents and because Normal School graduates teach in other states. It would be preposterous as well as unfeasible to create and enforce a regulation to the effect that every Normal School graduate should find a teaching position in the State of Wisconsin or none at all. In the year ending 1926 the sum of \$14,058 (beyond the regular tuition that every student pays) was collected as tuition from non-resident students. The number of non-resident students was slightly over 5½ per cent of the total enrollment.

5. Abolition of the Normal Schools would seriously impair the educational position of Wisconsin.

HUMOR

MORE OR LESS
by "Rusty"



AND THEY DID.

Lucile Markham — Let's dance more scotch.
Ripon Rusher — How's that?
Lucille — Closer.

DATA!

Bob Kennedy — What is the date, Mr. Roberts?
Roberts — Never mind the date; the examination is more important.
Bob — Jeehosyfati! I wanted to have something right on my paper!

A MISS TAKE.

Miss Hanna — Jerry, go and wash your face and neck.
Jerome — Neck who, teacher?

ANOTHER FAMOUS "LAST WORD."

Victim of auto accident, recovering, "Yes, as Kertzheim and I went over the embankment she cried in utter despair."
Visitor — What was she saying.
Victim — No!

Arlene Carlsen — Had a big laugh the other night, at Bill's expense.
Julia Van Hecke — What happened?
Arlene — Well, after I started to walk home, he couldn't start the car and he had to walk in after me.

The roller-skating members of our Nelson Hall family are excellent advertisers. "They Satisfy", and "Such Popularity Must Be Deserved", are popular mottoes.

TENNIS COURT OATH.

Gwen — Doesn't that little boy swear terribly?
Ben — Sure does; no expression in it at all.

"Shut off dot wireless, izzy."
"But, papa, it's a swell piano solo."
"Eggsactly. Dunt be wasteful. Oiser tune in a full orchestra or turn it out."

Don — What is a dry dock?
Whitey — A physician who won't give out any perscriptions.

A scotchman informed a friend that the price of gasoline had been reduced a cent a gallon.
"What do you care," said the friend, "you haven't any car."
"No," said the scotchman, "but I have a cigar lighter."

A pessimist is a man who believes that every chestnut has a worm in it.

Too often the supposedly dead past is merely a case of suspended animation.

Some of his satanic majesty's lieutenants go about handling out free advice.

APPRECIATIVE.

— How wonderful it is to see the sun sink down behind the trees.
— Isn't it so! I could sit here and watch it all night.

CATCH AS CATCH-CAN COLUMN

Catch what you can;
Can what you catch.

Spring Time Idyll.

Spring fever had glazed his eyes with a rosy film; his heart expanded, and, as he walked with her through aisles of budding elm, his thoughts wandered hither and thither, often bruising themselves on contact with the harder gazes of unaffected observers. Finally, they entered a bungalow, leaving behind them an indefinable air of peace. Strangers thought them newly-weds, but we knew them to be Walter and "Heinie."

Love---How She Works

Due to the incessant demands of my friends, I have consented to write a little dissertation upon Love — how it is instigated, brought to a climax and kept sufficiently agitated for all practical purposes.

There are two cardinal principles which must be constantly observed by any girl out of a man-hunt. The first, is a constant weighing of the victim's amorous emotions. They must be kept in a nice balance or war is sure to be precipitated. The second, and most important, is to keep him guessing. This is a very delicate process. If overdone, he may desert. If neglected, you will become too familiar to him and he will go astray.

Being someone's sweet sheba is a business proposition, and must be treated as such.

To instigate Love in the masculine mind, one must flatter him subtly. Don't let him know you're out gunning or he'll not take the bait. Just encourage him gently and if he is at all normal, he will swallow hook, line and sinker.

To produce a climax, one must work hard. Apply all the psychology at hand. Observe what elevates the desired result, and feed it to him, but above all things — use discretion! If you let him think you're dizzy over him, he'll stick out his chest and become the most egotistical creature in seven counties. But once you find the right fuel, pyramid like a stock-operator on a spree, and you'll get your man as surely as a Mountie.

There is little to do, once the pot is boiling. Just watch your step, and always keep the two aforementioned points in mind. There is only one thing more. This business of amorism is just like driving a car — the more you practice, the better you become. M.M.

TO ONE, ALICE G:

When tin-type was graced
With a twenty yard dress,
A lady said "maybe"
But really meant "yes".

This fact, so conceived,
Was received and believed,
Until man-hood, bereaved
Beyond words, was deceived.

But now she says "yes"
When she really means "maybe",
And if she says "no",
Why, she's nobody's — Babette.

—R. L.

The utility of the door in the north end of the gym is not immediately apparent. But think of the steps it used to take to leave a dance and walk around the building.

—The Philosopher



SOCIETY



Miss Allen To Fete Home Ec. B. B. Team

It may be hard work winning a tournament, but the results are often times worth the efforts. At least this is the view of the members of the Home Economics basketball team, champions of 1927. Miss Allen has asked the girls and their coaches to a six-thirty dinner at Hotel Whiting this evening, to celebrate their victories. Invitations have been sent to the following girls: Helen Lohr (captain); Henrietta Timme; Dorothy Sheseley; Jane Wright; Realia Leitzke; Margaret Lord; Ruth Ascott; Dora Mae Losby; Florence Shoaf; Alice Anderson; and to their coaches Frank Wierinzinski and Harold Paukert.

GRAMMAR TEAM TO BE ENTERTAINED

The Grammar basketball team did not play in vain as they are to be rewarded for their fine playing. Mesdames C. F. Watson and A. J. Herriek are going to entertain at a dinner party, with the members of the team and its coach as guests. The following girls, under the tutelage of Gregory Charlesworth, played in the tournament: Graal and Faith Herriek, Anna Bartz, Thelma Kroll, Adeline Goetzke, Louise Richards, Pearl Jaaska, Dagmar Rasmussen, Alta Mantor and Berna Corning.

Primaries Entertained by Delzell's

Mr. and Mrs. Delzell entertained fifty members of the Primary Council at their home last Monday evening. Games were played and the time was spent informally. Refreshments consisting of toasted marshmallows and popcorn balls were served.

The guests included Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Tobias, Miss Pritchard and Miss Ivey.

Empty as a Detroit stable. — Anon.

Limp she hung in his arms like a slain snake.—Anon.

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MRS. MALONEY TALKS TO LITERARY CLUB

The Margaret Ashmun Club was most fortunate in securing Mrs. Elizabeth Maloney as the speaker on its program Tuesday evening of this week. Mrs. Maloney is a graceful speaker, and talked pleasantly on the "Literary Guild of America".

A duet composed of Arlene Carlsten, and Anne Rowe, sang two delightful numbers, and responded to an encore.

Miss Helene Knope read "The Highwayman", with "Little Boy Blue" as an encore.

Ice cream and cookies were served in honor of the new pledges who were admitted to membership at the meeting.

Girl Singers Appear At Eau Claire Meet

The Girls' Quartette composed of Julia Van Heeke, first soprano, Alma Jole, second soprano, Anne Rowe, first alto, and Arlene Carlsten, second alto, accompanied by Marjorie Morse, accompanist, and Mr. Percival, musical director, were at Eau Claire last Friday and took part in the stunts and musical numbers furnished by the various Normal schools of the State. Nearly all of the Normals sent music delegations but the group from S. P. N. was unusually well received and entertained, and of course, made a good showing.

Rare as an unbroken spring in a taxicab.—F. P. A.

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In a recent survey at Carroll College, 96% of the students declared their belief in God, and four per cent doubtful.

One professor C. J. McIntosh of the Oregon Agricultural college came down with a very bad case of Spring Fever lately. Placing what he thought was his overcoat over his arm, he left his home for school, and discovered that instead of the coat, he had brought his bathing suit.

The city pathologist at Milwaukee administered some poison "hooch" to a rabbit, and the small animal died in forty seconds. The test served to illustrate to Marquette students the effects of methyl alcohol and aldehydes in liquor.

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Miss Mabel Rice, a graduate of the class of '13, is winning distinction in the teaching field. She is a supervisor in the Teacher's College at Bemidji, Minnesota, and is state chairman of the Program Committee of the Minnesota Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Two articles written by Miss Rice have appeared in recent Editions of Educational magazines. One of them, "Training Winners in National Essay Contests," was printed in the Normal Instructor and Primary Plans of January, and the other, "Making The Parent Teacher Program" is a feature article of the Minnesota Parent-Teacher (the official publication of the Minnesota Congress of Parents and Teachers) for February.

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