

# THE POINTER

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## OPERA AWAITS THE CURTAIN

### POINT AWARDED CROSS COUNTRY RUN, RIVER FALLS GAME HERE SAME DAY

#### Spring Field Events to be Held at La Crosse June 4.

Armistice day next year will be a gala day at Normal. The State cross-country meet will be held here November 11 as well as the River Falls football game, so students will have ample attractions for the whole day.

The meet was awarded to Stevens Point last week-end, when the Normal coaches met at Madison. A great deal of preference was given Stevens Point, due to its central location. The last year's cross-country run was held at Milwaukee, but only three schools competed, all of them from the southern part of the state.

#### Track Meet at La Crosse

The annual spring track meet will be held at La Crosse, June 4. La Crosse has spent considerable money in improving its track and field quarters, so the meet was placed there.

#### Ten Games Scheduled

A tentative basketball schedule for next year includes Eau Claire, Stout, Oshkosh, Whitewater, Milwaukee, and Superior. These games must receive the sanction of the local athletic board, composed of faculty members. The football schedule is also nearly complete. The Marquette, Mich. College wants to play the Purple on Oct. 1, at Marquette. It is not known whether this is assured as yet.

Coach Hunting was accompanied to Madison by Mr. Watson, who represented the faculty committee.

#### School Queen To Be Presented At Opera

Not to be outdone by Venice; California; Australia; Germany; Podunk; and Kansas, Stevens Point is to have a Queen, who, in true pulchritudinous fashion will be crowned "Miss Stevens Point".

The contest, running in conjunction with the opera, "The Maid and the Middy", which will be presented tomorrow evening, will close today at 4:30 P. M. Each department is represented by a candidate. Kathryn Kitowski represents the Primary Department; Dorothy Githens, Grammars; Nora Wunrow, Rurals; Velma Davis, High School; Norine Valentine, Home Ecs.

The queen will be presented at the performance tomorrow evening.

### State Debators To Meet Monday

The State Triangular debates to decide the State Championship team will be held on March 4. The negative teams will debate at home this round. S. P. N. affirmative will debate at River Falls, River Falls affirmative at Platteville, and Platteville affirmative at Stevens Point.

The debate between S. P. N. and Platteville will be held in the auditorium on Monday evening at 8:15 o'clock. The judge will be Professor Franzke, of the Speech department at Lawrence College.

A public debate between the two Point teams will be held in some Rural community on Saturday afternoon, similar to the one held on Wednesday at the Isherwood school, through the cooperation of the county agent, Mr. H. R. Noble.

The Wednesday debate was clear sledding for the affirmative until Don Vetter pulled some of his "sob stuff" about Portage county farmers. From then on the audience was in favor of the negative.

### Girl Teams Clash In Speedy Games

Girls' Volleyball season has opened with six teams entered in the tournament. There are eleven members in each group, seven playing on a team. The teams are numbered and each will play each other team twice. Captains chosen for the groups are: Team 1, Leona Ligmun; team 2, Helen Weber; team 3, Grace Roskie; team 4, Faith Herriek; team 5, Elizabeth Kelley; team 6, Alice Anderson.

Thus far four games have been played, team 2 winning from team 1, team 4 winning from team 3, team 5 winning from team 6, and team 1 winning from team 3.

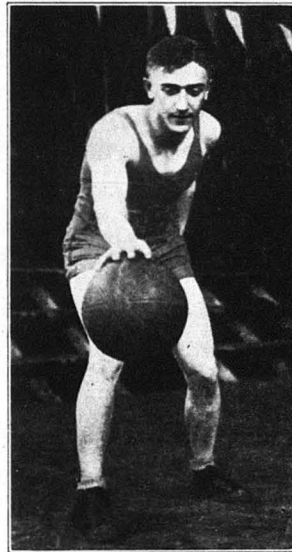
### Weronke Proves Best Bird Observer Here

The "Watch for the Birds" contest that Miss Jones inaugurated some weeks ago has disclosed surprising results. Whoever sees a bird that is not already recorded on the chart may write the name of that bird and his name after it. Ben Weronke is perhaps the keenest observer having seen and recognized the greatest number of birds.

### Wierizinski Cage Captain 1927-28

Frank Wierizinski, who earned his letter on the Purple and Gold Quintette this year as a forward, will lead the Pointers into battle during the 1927-1928 session. He was elected at a recent meeting and he should do great things during his tenor of office.

Frank has played two years



with the Normal five and has proven himself to be one of the most consistent performers. With the benefit of these two years and his previous experience, and with the aggregation that he will have back of him the Point cage outlook is brilliant.

### Dr. Baldwin's Radio Speech Is Published

On page 57 of OUTDOOR AMERICA for April appeared an article entitled "Conservation", by Robert Dodge Baldwin. The article explains the meaning of the word Conservation, and how to apply it. The word is derived from the Latin, meaning "Cooperative saving". The article is concluded with a plea to save the forests of Wisconsin from needless waste.

OUTDOOR AMERICA is the official publication of the Isaac Walton League of America. Dr. Baldwin gave the address over WLBL some time ago.

Purple grackle, meadow-lark, red-winged blackbird, cowbird, kill-deer, blue-bird, Bohemian wax-wing, crow and English Sparrow are among the birds already seen.

### 'MAID AND MIDDY' TO BE PRESENTED IN VIVID COLOR

#### Promises To Be Gem of Music, Romance And Comedy.

"The Maid and the Middy", a light opera, will be presented tomorrow night in the auditorium by the Opera Club. The very best of vocal and histrionic talent in the school has been enlisted. Special music by the school orchestra will accompany.

Rehearsals have been completed, ending, says Mr. Percival, months of inconceivably excruciating pain. The entire cast has worked tremendously hard and under the able direction which has sponsored the enterprise an extraordinary performance is expected.

#### Notables To Be Featured

In addition to other specialties, certain celebrities will be introduced in "The Maid and the Middy". The group to be introduced are: Robert Mantell — Allan McVey, David Warfield — Donald Vetter, David Belasco — Arthur McNow, Betty Bronson — Marie Davel, and William Gillette—Leo Krause. Miss Stevens Point, whose identity will not be divulged until tomorrow evening, will be introduced to the audience at the performance.

#### The Scene And The Story

The occasion is the annual of the Lakeville Boat Club, at which Cap't Dasher and his middies are guests. Billy is very popular until a Spanish Count arrives, and accuses him of having stolen a certain mysterious Anita. Valerie is interested in Billy and much disturbed in Anita. After a vaudeville which has been arranged in honor of the Cap't, Valerie is disguised as a Spanish Senorita, deceives her friends, but is detected by Billy. She promises that he will be restored in favor again if he will explain the mystery of Anita. He finally produces Anita, who explains herself. Billy is forgiven and all ends well.

### Short Story Contest To Close April 12

The Margaret Ashmun short story contest for which two prizes, \$15 and \$10, are being offered, will close April 12th. The judges have been selected. Manuscripts must be in the hands of Arnold Malmquist, President of the Club, not later than five P. M. on the closing day.

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## SOMETHING ABOUT A PRETTY DRESS

From time to time the POINTER has urged a movement for a Junior Prom. Students have voiced their opinions on the desirability of such an affair and everything indicates that it would be enthusiastically supported.

Homecoming has its place in the autumn; Mardi Gras its place in the late winter. Then comes the enervating lenten season and after that nothing important remains on the social horizon. A Junior Prom should be like the prettiest dress a girl has when she goes to spend a week in another city. She does not want to wear it until the last day. Then in her final burst of glory she wears it, and imparts to those who are doomed to be susceptible a flash of impressive color which they will ever remember when they think of her.

A Junior Prom with all the color, the finesse, the delicacy and the formality: a Junior Prom with a Queen and King; a Junior Prom with extraordinarily enchanting music to carry the dancers away in ecstasy is the dream of the student body.

How about it Junior? You can do it.

## ANTIDOTE FOR YOUNG MEN'S FANCIES

According to the calendar the time has come for the young men's fancies to return. Presently displays of these fancies will appear. They will appear in a great diversity of forms. Some of these forms will unquestionably be objectionable. Others will be of mere passing importance. But it is to meet the objectionable forms that steps must be taken.

One of the most efficacious manners in which to dispose of energy that is otherwise turned to the objectionable practices is to turn it into other channels.

A year or more ago dancing from 6:40 to 7:00 each night was permitted in the Dorm Recreation Room. Someone played the piano and students from far and near came to enjoy the twenty minutes of dancing. Under the supervision of chaperones the Dorm girls, girls staying outside the Dorm and men students gathered to sublimate their excess energy into the ample and pleasant diversion of dancing. A good crowd congregated there each night. A good spirit held sway. Students came in contact with one another who perhaps would not have met otherwise. The twenty minute dancing period became popular. The chaperones had their charges before them—they could wish for nothing better. Then, suddenly, these nightly minute periods came to an end. The men, it became known, could dance in the "Rec" Room but one night a week. The natural thing happened.

With no men a dancing party is not particularly successful. The men were barred and the girls ceased to go to the "Rec" Room. For a while a few girls satisfied themselves with dancing with one another. But that did not last long. Fewer and fewer of them were satisfied. The erstwhile popularity of the twenty minute dancing periods waned and died. Except for Tuesday nights (the sanctioned night) the "Rec" Room became a mere location for a few girls to dream of other nights. The Tuesday nights continued to be popular. And because they know the men will be over that night the girls flock to the scene. These nights have some of the color and spirit of the old nights.

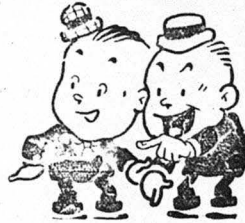
There is no place where better account of students can be kept than in the Dorm Recreation Room. The period is short and it ends before the study hours begin. It is in this place that the actual or the legendary "young men's fancies" should be allowed to run their routes. At least part of the objectionable forms of the moral problem could be met in this manner.

About the tennis courts there can only be one question. Everyone wants to play, but one wonders whether one should wear rubber-bottoms or skis. Never-the-less, Spring has come and the skis ought to go out of style directly.

Laws are like cobwebs, that entangle the weak, but are broken by the strong.—Solon.

# HUMOR

MORE OR LESS  
by "Rusty"



**NO IMPEDIMENT BUT SPEECH.**  
Sprague — I - er ah ummm.  
Jeweler — Bring out that tray of engagement rings, Harry.

## SUM PROBLEM.

Bob. K. — What is the biggest problem you've found since the days of your youth.  
Norman H. — Living them down, Robert.

## LEAN MIXTURE.

Patch — Do you know what makes the tower of Pisa lean?  
Holman — No; if I did I'd get a corner on some of it.

## STAR-T'LING.

Ina — My grandmother is as old as this joke, but her teeth are like stars.  
Mary — Huzzatt?  
Ina — They come out every night.

## CLOSE TENSION.

"When the eyes are closed," quotes a prominent medical authority, "the hearing becomes more acute." We have noticed a number of practical devotees to this principle. In fact, it has found a permanent place among our classroom amusements.

No wonder the world's asleep with so much bunk.

## VERY MOVING.

Mr. Burroughs — Do you know what it is to go before an audience, Mr. Arnold?

Mr. Arnold — No. They always leave before I do.

Teachers pet — of course they do!

## ENTER, ATLAS.

Mr. Percival — There's music in the air; mostly the air.

Bidwell — What's the difference; we carry it don't we.

## HIDING MR. HYDE.

Collector — Are you Mr. Peterson.  
Laurie — No, I'm my room-mate.

## DIVE, TOO.

It would be well for us men to remember that the only girls that leap from a stranger's automobile are those that climb into them.

## ALL WET.

Justman — I spring from a long line of peers.

Frank W. — I once jumped off a dock, myself.

## DIAGNOSTIC TEST.

Holmes — Can you fight?  
Fors — No.

Holmes — Come here, you scoundrel!

Garby — Do you know where shingles were first used?

Vrobel — I'd rather not tell.

Fishleigh — I had a good joke to tell you, but I see you are not in a position to receive it.

Eleanor — Why?  
Fishleigh — If your face lit up, the powder might go off.

Divided against itself like muttonchop whiskers. — Arthur Baer.

## CATCH AS CATCH-CAN COLUMN

Catch what you can;  
Can what you catch.

## What Is The Answer

"She's a nice girl," said Buzz peering through the Biology laboratory window at the sweet young thing crossing the campus. Ben peered too. "Which one?" he asked. By this time Tony Porter and Swan had hopped off their stools and were surveying the passing breath of sweetness. Homer, squirming through the mass observed that "she" must have been the one on the left. With this the Snyder duet arrived only to be thrust aside by the romantic Raymond Arno. Springer could restrain himself no longer and dashed to an adjoining window. There he found Maurice Rice and Neal Precourt dazzled by the entrancing feminine below. So engrossed were the onlookers that they did not see Ken Fishleigh and Joe Gunning fighting to the death for one fleeting glimpse. Arnold Malmquist was attempting vainly to see the fair demoralizer of the Biology Class when Miss Jones returned. She overheard, "Well Buzz, is she a nice girl or a wonderful girl?" But Buzz was flustered beyond ability to answer and before Miss Jones could see over the mob the sweet young thing had disappeared within the front portal of the school.

And so from that day to this a mystery remains that shall ever be thought of as the "enigma of the phylum platyhelminthes".

St. Patrick's dance found young men's fancies

Turning into softer channels;  
While the more-advanced among them

Boldly flaunted light spring flannels.

—The Philosopher

## NEMESSES?

The end of a nine reel melodrama appears to have taken place Sunday night, without an audience. As the story goes, someone seemed to prefer the briney deep to good, old terra firma. However, she changed her mind, either through persuasion, or otherwise.

## DIVERSION!

Even though Don Vetter won the extempore contest, it does not signify that he is an expert at keeping track of intimate belongings — or of opening a bottle without breaking off the neck. Still that has nothing on Frank Joswick and his dreams of "Theresa".

## OUR DICTION-BOOK:

Egotist — Who, reading a book, and not understanding something in it, decides it is a mis-print.

LOVE — The delusion that one woman differs from another.





# SOCIETY



## Spring Dance To Be Gala Affair

Plans are all made and it promises to be the best that has been held at S. P. N. this year. What? Why that dance you have been waiting for. In the Normal Gymnasium, the first Friday after Easter, April 22.

But just wait until you hear the details of it. We can't tell you all of them yet but we'll give you a hint. First, it's going to be informal and there are going to be decorations. And the orchestra! That is going to be one of the main features of the affair. It's a real one. Then, there's going to be entertainment during the intermission, and last but not least, some "specialty dances". Doesn't that sound like a good time?

But, this is a secret, girls, don't tell the fellows, but we are going to keep the fellows jumping to get dances, because we are "importing" men.

The Loyola Club is going to outdo itself April 22nd.

## Homesick Grads Back To Visit Old Haunts

Several of our old grads have been seen wandering about the corridors the past week. Elizabeth Weber, Ruth Copps and Robert Lowe, who are attending Minnesota University, have been spending the spring vacation at their homes here. Carl Bacher, who graduated a few years ago and has been teaching since, is running for Supt. of Schools of Waupaca County for the coming year. Walter Vornholt, who is teaching at Loyal was here on his way to Minneapolis to testify in a law suit against the Soo Line.

### CONTEST CLOSES SOON.

It won't be long now! Only two weeks before Margaret Ashmun Club Story Contest closes. Remember, this contest is open to the school as a whole. Have you commenced yours yet? The prizes are substantial enough to urge anyone to put forth his best efforts.

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## Opera Comique Star Will Appear Here

On May 23rd Stevens Point will have the unusual opportunity of hearing an artist recognized the world over. May Peterson, American Prima Donna soprano formerly of the Opera Comique, Paris, will appear at the High School auditorium.

May Peterson is a renowned artist having sung her way to fame both in the United States and on the continent. Her coming to Stevens Point will offer not only the student body but the towns folk a rare privilege. Entertainment such as this is extraordinary at the mildest.

## Informal Dinner Is Served Foods Class

The Junior Foods Class indulged in another social function recently, but this was quite different from any of the others that have been given. The class was divided into two groups of an equal number; one group with Lucile Green as its chairman served an informal dinner to the members of the other group last Tuesday evening. The dinner was very attractive, but its main purpose was to acquaint the girls with dishes quite new to them, and with ways of serving to accompany them. The affair was very entertaining and altogether successful.

### TEACHER VISITS HERE.

Miss Rose Lowe, who has been teaching at Marshfield since the beginning of the second semester, was a guest of Miss Adella Skutley, Miss Ellen Webster and Miss Norine Valentine over the weekend. She is much enthused about her teaching position although she does miss Stevens Point.... once in a while.

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## CAMPUS GLEANINGS

A new society has been formed at Butler which bars Frat men. The purpose of the club is to adjust unorganized student members into the activities of the school.

At the U. of Denver, they close the Sorority houses at eight o'clock on Monday nights, so that Frat men can be present at Frat meetings.

At La Crosse, they had a "Winter Play Day". All was fine, but Old Man Winter wouldn't do his stuff and so they had to wait until the ice froze again.

What do you think of a school where cuts are required? Well, there is such a place. It's the Lincoln-Lee College at Kansas City, Mo. They have a school of "Dermistry", which in common parlance means barbering.

Even if some of the tales which will undoubtedly be turned in to the Margaret Ashmun Club do not pan out to be winners, participants can easily sell them to Dusty Stories of the Bosh Magazine and turn a neat penny.

The Philosopher sends us this little communication, to wit: With the Spring comes the Co-eds dilemma. How shall she prove herself a good girl? If she comes home with muddy shoes, she has evidently broken the school's non-riding rule. If her shoes are not muddy, there aren't any of us that will believe she hasn't broken the rule anyway. What to do?

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