The Pointer Observes Its 50th Anniversary

This Pointer published for the week of December 12, 1945 is a far cry from the Pointer published 50 years ago, for the month of December, 1895. That was the very first Pointer of which we have a record. The title was quite a feather in the cap of that first business manager. In the column titled "with football denied to be repudiated," it was stated that the previous editor had scratched his pen on our school's journalistic efforts of the faculty are considered so by the author, wrote, "The young men and professors will please note that John Schmitt is the only tailor whose ad appears on our pages, therefore you know where to get your clothes made."

The editorial column of that first Pointer was mostly an account of the previous year's events that did not have a school publication. And here there was a lengthy paragraph about the advertisers being "the backbone and reliable business men in the city, especially desirous of pleasing normal students."

The editor was quite proud that "no professor has scratched his pen upon the present issue of the Normal Pointer", but also wanted it understood that this statement "did not carry with it any intimation that the journalistic efforts of the faculty are to be repudiated."

Football Is Brutal

The Athletics column concerned with football denied that "football is a brutal and non-intellectual sport, and one that tends to develop the animal side of the expense of the human side of life", in spite of its being considered so by many at that time.

It was confessed that "football is a somewhat dangerous game and one that requires nerve as well as these disadvantages are far outweighed by the benefits the game affords." The team of '99 was the first Point team to "really enter the spirit of football, although the previous [See Pointer, page 4]

WAAs to Celebrate

Members of WAAs are making plans for the annual Christmas Cheer to be given on December 19 in the Student Union from 8 to 10 o'clock. The committee are as follows: Invitations, Naomi Barthels, chairwoman, Helen Trewartha, Ramona Patnum, Ruth Wachholz, decorations, Dorothy Jelinek, chairman, Jeanette See, Shirley Brown and Marne Guth; food, Mary Korns, chairman, Pat Thorpe and Mary Noble.

Program, Dorothy Loberg, chair- woman, Alice Herzer, Margaret Bretz, Janie Adkins, Secretary, hor­ tesses, first hour, Louise Rogers, Yvonne Gabelson and Jeanne Cone; second hour, Jean Neely, Betty Ann Rich, Margaret Bretz, Margaret Smith, Janie Adkins, Gloria Smith, clean up, Toni Tushinski, chairman, Marjorie Schrader, Josephine Shanks and Virginia Hansen.

CSTC Squad to Meet River Falls Team

CSTC cagers will formally open their 1945-46 basketball season Saturday night, December 15, when they encounter the River Falls team on the training school floor. The contest is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

"Coach Berg will probably start the game with the veteran Crowners, Fred Math Pages and Worden forwards, and Zieper and Hartman at guards. Since this will be the Pointers' first game, Berg intends to send all of his players into the game in order to determine the best working combination."

Two more games have been added to the Pointers' schedule. Both games are to be played with White­ water. The first tilt will be played here on Saturday, January 26 and the second will be played at White­ water on Saturday, February 9.

Plan for Dinner

The girls of Nelson Hall have their formal Christmas dinner on Monday evening, December 17. Guests at the dinner will be: President and Mrs. William C. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Michel, Mr. and Mrs. George Trcwarth, Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Tolz, Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Thompson, Alex Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. George Berg.

Decorations will carry out the Christmas theme.

Elvira Lindow is general chairman of the dinner. The committees working under her are: Decorations, Elizabeth Stadler, Dolores Jelinek, Naomi Barthels and Doris Ocker; refreshments, Nelda Dopp and Betty Maki; invitations, Dolores Schulist, Toni Tushinski and Lucille Mantel.

NOTICE!

There will be a special student assembly on Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

Will Have Party

The college gym will be the scene of the traditional Glee club Christmas party to be held December 17, after the Christmas concert. A special invitation is extended to the business men taking part in the program and their wives.

Betty Ruth Crawford is general chairman. The committees are: Program, Pat Thorpe, chairman, Margaret Brette, Vi Lindow, Bess Jones and Mary Juettner; favors and decorations, Jeanne Cone, chairman, Barbara Neely, Jeanie Con, Dolores Cowles, Kathryn Phillips; invitations, Lucille Tanner, chairman, Marjorie Stimm, Eulah Walter, Ann Naeth, and Dolores Pfrey; arrangements, Mildred Ross, chairman, Rosemarie Bertz, Nelda Dopp and Sylvia Horn.

Christmas Concert Will Be Given December 16-17-18

The Pointer is celebrating its golden anniversary this evening, December 14. Birthday greetings have come from all parts of the country from students who will have formally held the position of editor. In this anniversary edition we are printing some of these messages.

"I still have the old issues of the Pointer in my files and it affords some amusement to turn to the ancient pages. Although I was editor-in-chief I found that I had to take over a great many of the duties of business manager, and many a mile I rode on the wooden sidewalks and the pine-block pavements which weevil roaded back to Point at that time. But we took a natural pride in keeping a balanced budget."

Prepare For Santa

The Primary Children of the training school are busy with preparations for Christmas. A trip to these rooms shows many artistic and attractive decorations.

The first things that meet your eye are the lovely Christmas scenes on each of the doors. These pictures have been created each year since 1912 when Patty Markie Bril drew the first ones.

The children in all three grades have been making decorations for the room and for the Christmas trees. They have also been making gifts for their parents. The first grade has made stationary portfolios for their mothers and memo pads for their fathers.

The second grade has a finished blotter and pencil sets for their fathers and hot pads for their mothers.

The third grade you will find a variety of gifts including jingle cones, candles, wall plaques, candle holders and other table decorations.

Spirits of Yuletide Seen in Art Room

Anyone stopping at the Art Department will find a constant buzz of activity, as students under the direction of Miss Edna Carlson are preparing for Christmas in a score of different ways. Besides working on decorations for the annual Christmas contest, many are planning to enter in the making. Art 103 is proceeding with stage decorations for the concert. Large aluminum foil stars will decorate a background of green, red and black in a conventional pattern. The freshman art class is working on a display in conjunction with a Wild Life Exhibit by the State Conservation department. It is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce during the holidays for the children of Portage County. Large cardboard cutouts of amusing animals will be used besides the cages of live animals.

On display in the art room is a plaster cast of an Italian Renaissance piece of the Virgin and Child. Halo candles on each side of the cast illuminate the soft features of the figures which are placed against a deep green background.

The exhibit case in the hall on second floor contains imported Christmas articles from Germany, Italy, France and Holland.

During the last two weeks before Christmas the students will create Christmas gifts and decorations.

Students, Townspeople Anticipate Annual Event

The 15th annual Christmas concert will be presented on Sunday and Monday, December 16 and 17, at 8 p.m., in the college auditorium and on Tuesday evening, December 18, at St. Peter's auditorium. The concert, sponsored by the music department of CSTC, is under the direction of Peter J. Michelsen. Miss May Roach will direct the Nativity tableau and Edna Carlson is in charge of stage decorations, and Warren G. Jenkins and his stage crew are in charge of the lighting effects. Eland J. Parry-Solberg, will read the program notes and will give the Scripture reading.

College students and townspeople who attend the concert will enter the auditorium to find it transformed into a festive setting of Yuletide spirit. Orange and colorful lighted trees will surround the front of the stage. An attractive backdrop made by Miss Carlson's Art 103 class will be the main decoration.

As in former years, the playing of traditional Christmas carols will precede the opening procession, "O Christmas Tree," (See CONCERT, page 4)
The Pointer is half a century old. In those fifty years it has evolved from an irregularly published literary magazine to a weekly news paper.

The Pointer has played an integral part in the history of CSTC. It has served as an expression of the ideas and opinions of the student body, besides serving as a record of events.

To those of us who congregate in the Pointer office each Monday night, our newspaper has an added significance, for we feel that we are a part of it. We may gripe about assignments and complaints about early morning deadlines, but the Pointer spirit lives on. Indeed, Wednesday afternoon we swell with pride and straightforward forget all about our troubles.

On this, our fiftieth anniversary, we are proud of the Pointer's past history and we look ahead to its promising future with a feeling of certainty that the years to come will see the Pointer carrying on in its accustomed way.

"There's a Song in the air, there's a Star in the sky—", and it's Christmas at Nelson Hall. Upstairs and downstairs our Dorn is decorated in the spirit of the season. Almost every room has some decoration for Christmas, from miniature trees to red bells on the doors. The office is festive with green boughs and red berries. The main bulletin board has a large Star of the Star of Bethlehem. In the living room a tiny Santa drives his reindeer across the snow on a croche t ornament that adorns the radio. (A big gift of gratitude to Betty Furstenberg who supervised the grand job of decoration in the office.)

"Merry Christmas", with a f ro sty branches, red candles, and shiny Christmas tree ornaments. Dormites at dinner fill the room with music as they sing the old sweet songs of Christmas.

At a house meeting on December 3, plans for a formal Christmas dinner to be held Monday night, December 17, were made. The night before we vacation and Christmas party will be held in the living room. First floor North is planning the party and Miss Hahn will be the vice-president of Nelson Hall at the house meeting. She will replace Vi Lingwood, who graduates at the semester.

Several Dormites have shown their skill in dress-making by making their own formal gowns for the concert. If you want to make your own dress, see Beatie Abraham or Elaine Becker.

Geoff Smith attended the wedding of her aunt, as bridesmaid, this weekend. Alice Klake is a happy girl with a big diamond which she received over Christmas.

Vi Lingwood's fiancé came to see her last week. Result — They went to a wedding — no, not their own but Rudy's brother's, in Detroit, Mich.

On Thursday the November and December birthday girls celebrated at a birthday dinner in Nelson Hall dining room. Miss Gertie L. Hanson was their guest.

Most of the girls who were ill have returned to the dorm. We were very sorry when Mrs. Theresa (Tracy) Higgins, our housekeeper, became ill last Friday. We're glad to see you up again, Tracy. Also "Hello", our man-about-the-dorm Eugene Diercks, who was gone all week.

To return to our favorite subject, it is expected that the Dorn Christmas trees will arrive on Thursday. The week is brief, so come down and help trim! Merry Christmas, everybody!

STUDENT OPINION

Among the many progressive activities of the student body of CSTC, that of having their blood typed is one which benefits not only themselves but the other people in the community. Knowing one’s own blood type may be the difference between life and death in case of an accident. In addition, and having a long and varied list of blood donors may help the hospital to save lives which might otherwise be lost.

The Student Council is to be complimented for instigating such a program in our school. Since there are no compulsory terms attached to this blood typing, it seems that every student should avail himself of the opportunity presented to him by the fraternity and the Student Council wholeheartedly in the undertaking.

A Student NOTICE

The Christmas issue of the POINTER will be published on Thursday of next week instead of Wednesday.

Under the Rug

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Deck the halls with boughs of holly, boys — well pine boughs, any way. Yup, that wonderful Christmas season is here! Just think! Only a week and a half! And the month of December will be upon us before we know it. And doesn't that mean the cold old blood (type O, incidentally) zinging in the veins. Say, have you had your blood typed yet? Carolling in the halls, and sign the list. Let’s be modern in our action as we are in spirit. At the rate cords and flu are making the rounds, we’ll probably all be needing transfusions before Christmas.

We send get well wishes to Miss Colman, who has been missing from the pages of our paper for some time now. And before we get off the subject, just a bit of motherly advice to you students. Watch those sniffs; don’t get your feet cold, and do cover your heads. Gracious! What if we all got sick and had to close school because of…anything. How tragic! (Are you still reading?) What, are you?

After all these dead days, it’s really great to see everyone resuming their places in the season. There’s nothing quite so grand as to head into the Dorn and gaped with delight at the lovely decorations around the place. Understand the Pointing.

BIRTHDAY

(Continued from page 1)

day, and the official frown of the Art Department was so strong that we reverted to a conservative single color.

By G. N. Glennon, Editor in 1911. (Mr. Glennon is manager of Commercial Sales, Milwau kee.)

It’s a long, long trail back to 1911 and a far cry from the monthly (or thereabouts) Pointers of that era to the new weekly of 1945. Any similarity between the two lies solely in the coincidence that our Feminine Sales department, like its successors, never lose their hair, and now after thirty odd years the dear gals are doing it again.

We had no particular deadline to meet in those leisurely days. If the paper weren’t published one week it probably would appear the next — and anyway by the time it was distributed its news was ancient history.

We were very literary — always a story or a profound (?) article on the current oratorical masterpiece. President Hansen was school orator in 1911, by the way, and was also Pointer reporter for the Athenaeum Literary Society, was president and a valiant debater. Myre Young, (Mrs. Steiner), whose boy friend, Herb Steiner, was graduating in 1910, and who drown her sorrows in hard work, was my assistant editor both then and now.

By Norman Knutzen, Editor in 1912. (Mr. Knutzen is an instructor of English at CSTC).

The Pointer has come a long way in the long time that I have been acquainted with it. The Pointer of my student days is now Miss Red O’Neill’s office. During those years the school paper was a monthly publication featuring student literary talent. I prefer the present weekly publication and wish the Staff much success in their efforts to give us a new, alert paper. Perhaps we job was engineered by Betty Furstenberg. Very nice we say.

We saw more people daggling Christmas trees and tinsel and what not in the dormitories. There were a few who also chelsea, down on the square, bagging for a tree; — Mr. Knutzen, trampling up to the art dept. with a load of cards and bulbs, with boys pounding on the stage — but as yet, sorry, very sorry, NO MIS chelseas.

As we walk down the hall and read all the bulletin boards, it seems practically all organizations are planning some sort of Christmas celebration — sleigh ride, dance, and what have you. (Why even Old PARKER is feeling one of these Monday nights.)

If you see Dolores Ebel walking about with green spots on her don’t worry — she has been painting a huge green frog — as part of the animal display the art department is making for the annual Federal gift to the Commerce. Seems the C. of C. is going to treat the kiddies to some “real live animals” at Christmas, and they want a good public build up. (Time out for a cold pill.)

How do some of you feel about coming to this right before Christmas? It’s a very good jol and we think it should be revised.

How about this? We’re not saying you can see we’re rather infatuated with the Christmas season. Just as a final note, you petunially grim faces around the halls, can’t you say that you feel better at this time of the year? Egad, you’ll have reason enough to glad enough to finish the vacation — but not now please. Let’s have a little Christmas cheer.

Cheerio.

You can have eventually an annual literary issue.

By Mary Mill Wheelihan, Editor in 1916.

The years have gone by since I last wrote for the Pointer. During these years I’ve watched the growth of CSTC with pleasure and satisfaction.

No Comparison Made

There can be no comparison of the Pointer of 15-16 with the Pointer of to-day, as it too, has grown with all of the activities of the school.

With best wishes for its continued success.

By Burton E. Horvedt, Editor in 1931. Horvedt is sales promotion manager of the Blackhawk Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee.

In my recollections, the job of purveying news is a secondary function of the Pointer. Primary is the job of the ever-avalable force, to be half of some one’s organization. To do its promotion and a constructive academic and social atmosphere, the Pointer must continue to be the major attention of those who sponsor, produce and read it.

A happy and dynamic birthday to you.

By Frank Klement, Editor in 1944. (Dr. Klement is an instructor in the social science department at Claire Claire State Teachers College.)

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Student Organizations

Primaries Have Party
Primary Council had its annual Christmas party on December 3 in the Student Lounge.

After several games were played, each member told about the way she plans to spend Christmas.

Following this, presents were exchanged and a lunch was served. The party was concluded by singing Christmas carols.

Guests were Miss Gladys Van Arsdale and Mrs. MildredE Williams.

Clara Huebscher and Verna Gernrich were on the food committee and Dolores Lepak and Clare Winter were in charge of the entertainment.

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Home Ecs Meet
Lawrence Gosch, a representative from the Nigbor Fur Coat Company, discussed the purchasing of fur coats at a meeting of the Home Ec club on Monday night in Room 160.

The highlight of the discussion occurred when a $6,000 mink coat was modeled by Monica Gill.

Plans were made for the sale of hand-made Christmas gifts on Thursday, December 13.

NOTICE
The Home Ec club will begin a series of radio programs over "Radio Workshop" on Thursday afternoon at 3:15. The title of the first program is "Looking to the Future in Home Economics".

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Student Speaks
Margie Hales gave a topic on "Christian Giving" at a meeting of LSA on Thursday, November 29. Rev. Orville Wold led Bible study on the book of Galatians. The program was closed with devotions, given by Jean Woltman.

Betsy Gene Houguen was appointed general chairman of a Christmas party to be held in the Student Lounge, Thursday evening, December 20, at 7:45 p.m.

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Gives Informal Party
The Student Council held an informal party Monday evening in the Student Lounge. For entertainment, the game charades was played. A lunch consisting of ice cream, cookies and coffee was served and concluded the party.

Among the luncheon guests of the Council were the POINTER staff and the stage decorating crew.

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CONCERT
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Come All Ye Faithful", by Johan
Brahms, will be played by the or-
chestra.
After the processional the Girls
Glee club will sing "The Voice of
Freedom". They will be accompa-
nied by the orchestra. "He Shall Per-
His Flock" and "White Christmas"
will follow.

The program will continue with
the orchestra playing "A Merry
Christmas" (Selection) and "Purpe
Valseante".

"Nativity" tableau Presented
"The Nativity" tableau will have
students portraying the characters of
the three kings, the shepherds and
Mary and Joseph. Elvira Lindow
will play the part of Mary. Mr.
Burroughs will read the Scripture
Reading and the choir will sing
"Cantique de Noel" and "Ave
Maria".

Following the tableau Miss Una
Mac Knutson and Miss Margaret
Miller will play two piano duets:
"Waltz from The Sleeping Beauty"
and "Russian Sailor Dance". The
Glee club will continue with
"Green Sleeves", "A Woodland
Symphony" and "Steal Away" (Negro
Spiritual). "Petite Suite de Ballet" and "Ga-
votte from Opera Mignon" will be
played by the orchestra.

The program will conclude with
the following group of songs to be
sung by the mixed chorus: "Silent
Night", "Gesu Bambino", "Send
Out Thy Light" and Handel's "Hal-
lelujah Chorus".

On Monday evening Rosemary
Nelson will play a piano solo, "La
Chasse", and on Tuesday evening
Alex Petersen will play Chopin's
"Nocturne". These numbers will be
in place of the piano duet.

Solos Named
Other soloists are: Eulah Walter,
Esther Davidson, Elvira Lindow,
Matrume Simmonson, Dolores Cowles
and Russell Broten. Piano accompa-
nists will be: Rosemary Nelson,
Shirley Brown, and Alex Petersen.

Besides students, the orchestra
will be made up of players from
surrounding cities, Clintonville, Au-
burndale, Marwood, Wisconsin Ra-
pids, Sparta, Madison, Nekoosa, Me-
nasha and Kenosh will be represent-
ated. Several local professional and
business men, along with college stu-
dents, are taking part in the mixed
chorus.

Monday evening a reception will
be held in the college gym for all
persons helping with the concert.

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year the feeling was in the air" They
called RAY CROFT of the U:
of Chicago up for a week, and he
made a promising start. There was
only one defeat that year out of
the four games played.

The first issue of the POINTER
had rough proper covers with the
name, date and contents on the fron-
tone. Next came several pages of ad-
vertisements including a full page layout for
the State Normal School, with a picture
of the building, and the west wing
of today, time the shrubs and bushes
and ivy covered walls, all but four or
five trees, plus a bike rack in
front of the main entrance.

The various courses offered were
described briefly, "assuring a selec-
tion of studies permitted to teachers
under favorable conditions" the
opening dates of quarters given with
the promise of new classes to be
formed at that time. Board was ad-
vertised at $5.00 a week; all school
charges about $1.25 per quarter; no
tuition fees for those expecting to
reach, but tuition of forty cents a
week in preparatory grades. This ad
continued to run till 1900 in almost
each number of the POINTER.
Starting in 1901, and continuing for
10 or 15 years, there was a new pic-
ture showing the west addition to
the building and a few young
people along the walk, but still no bushes
or Ivy.

Soon covers of glassy blue-green cover
paper replaced the rough white ones, and
by 1898, a bright orange cover
was on the first issue of that year, to
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