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# THE BULLETIN

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE, MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA

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## CHRISTMAS PLAY WELL RECEIVED

### DRAMATIC CLUB WINTER TERM PRODUCTION BEAUTIFULLY STAGED

A beautiful and effective performance of the Christmas play-pantomime, "Why the Chimes Rang," was given by members of the Dramatic Club under the direction of Miss Ethel Tainter, during assembly period Wednesday.

In the spoken part of the play appeared two country lads, Steen (Hulda Sirjord), and Holger, (Catherine Dunham), alone in their hut on Christmas eve. Their uncle, Bertel (Marvin Rice), comes to keep them company and they plead with him to take them to the great cathedral, where 'tis said, the chimes will ring out and the Christ appear when the perfect gift is laid on the altar. A poor old woman (Maybelle Game) enters, and Holger sacrifices his visit to the cathedral to care for her while his brother and their uncle leave him.

The hut vanishes and we are transported into a great cathedral on Christmas time, with a priest attendant at the altar. Enter, in slow procession, a Rich Man, a Courtier, a Beautiful Woman, a Philosopher, a Girl with Musical Talent, a Young Girl, and a King. Reverently they lay their most precious treasures on the altar, kneel expectantly, but the chimes do not ring out. Little Holger, who has been transported by magic to see this scene, wishes to present a gift, and offers the priest his small store of coppers. The chimes ring out, the characters in the pageant drop to their knees, and an angel enters who lends a final benediction to the final curtain, which goes down as little Holger sees the stars come out, the stars—"God's chimes."

In the spoken play there were four excellent characterizations, and the players' voices blended to just the right shade to convey the poetical quality of Miss McFadden's prose, an unusual thing in amateurs. The pantomime was impressive and beautiful; the gauze screen contributed directly to the setting, and every detail of setting, altar, and costuming, the colors, and the tall cathedral candles, was in harmony with the whole.

Persons appearing in the pageant were: Priest, Carrol Brown; Rich Man, Harold Carlstrom; Courtier, Adele Adams; Beautiful Woman, Alice Dunn; Philosopher, Gudrun Grimsrud; Girl with Musical Talent, Alice Grover; Young Girl, Berta Divet; King, Helen  
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## CAMPFIRE

The annual Christmas Party of the Camp Fire Girls was held on the 12th night of December beneath a full moon in the tepee called the gymnasium. The friends who gathered at this meeting numbered seventy-five and came dressed in the costumes of the ages. The rippling laughter of the onlookers began when "Young Lochinvar" was conjured to life and brought to the eyes of the people. A dance to the Grecian Gods portrayed by Rae Bigelow, was received with much appreciation by the audience. The Medicine Man gave an exhibition of his marvelous concoctions and the results were so good that several buxom Camp Fire Girls are now taking treatments. The family picture was a success in spite of the papoose. Louise Murray gave a Christmas reading which concluded the program. Santa Claus, dressed all in black (except the shoes) presented gifts of Myrrh, silver and gold. The waning moon shined upon the dancing figures of the group and before retiring to their own tents they wished that before many moons have passed a similar party should take place.

### PRESIDENT MACLEAN

#### RETURNS FROM TRIP

President R. B. MacLean returned home Friday evening, after spending a week in various parts of the state for educational purposes. He spent several days in the cities. On Friday, he met with the officers of the Minnesota Education Association of which he is president. Saturday he and Miss Leonard met with the executive committee of M. E. A., which planned next year's program.

Monday, he visited State Teachers College at Winona and observed their method of student teaching. At Winona they are using the intensive method of student teaching. Tuesday, he attended a meeting of Teachers College presidents. This meeting was of especial interest for they discussed scholarship and considered the Moorhead Teachers College system of honor points, in which the other Teachers' Colleges of the state are very much interested.

The rest of the time he spent in several towns on the range. Wednesday was spent at Nashwauk, and Friday at Chisholm, where he saw some very fine work in habit formation, correct use of English, Reading, and Language. Friday evening, he talked at a teachers' meeting to about one hundred and fifty teachers on "Some Characteristics of a Good School."

## COLLEGE ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAY

### FACULTY SCATTERS TO SPEND VACATION HERE AND ELSEWHERE

Like the student body, the faculty scatter far and wide at Christmas time. Although many remain at their homes in Moorhead and Fargo, a number leave for family reunions and visits with relatives in this and neighboring states. Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, and Wisconsin are the Midwest States represented; several plan to take longer trips.

Members of the faculty who are planning to spend their Christmas vacation in Fargo and Moorhead are: President MacLean, Misses Bieri, Dahl, Erickson, Fogg, Handyside, Hougham, Leonard, Loudon, McCarten, Owens, Wolcott; Mesdames Goodsell and Lockwood; Messrs. Archer, Ballard, Huff, Bridges, Leasure, Nemzek and Preston.

Members of the faculty who are to spend their Christmas vacation at their homes are: Misses Christianson, Glaser, Forbes, Lommen, McKellar, Johnson, Pennie, and Tainter; Mrs. Durboraw and Mr. Kise.

Miss Rainey has reserved a berth on the Oriental Limited, for Friday, December 19th, to take her to Hudson, N. Y., where she will spend her Christmas vacation.

Miss Anderson has a long distance to travel before she reaches her home to spend Christmas vacation. Her home is in Kennedy, N. Y.

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### ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

#### SPONSORS SKATING RINK

Our college is now the proud possessor of a fine skating rink which has been under construction for the past few weeks. It is situated on the field just east of Weld Hall, and is large enough to accommodate a great number of skaters at one time. The work on the rink was originally started by the Methods Class in Physical Education, but the interest of the student body soon made it a general college job. Coach Nemzek has supervised work on the rink. The Athletic League hopes to work out various ice contests and with the present condition of the rink and the enthusiasm of the students it is highly probable that we will have a successful season of winter sports.

## THE BULLETIN

A weekly newspaper published every Friday by the students and faculty of the State Teachers College of Moorhead, Minnesota

The thirteen original states struggled at cross purposes for several years without a federated body which could cement their common interests for the welfare of the whole. Petty jealousies and short-sighted principles tended to destroy those very units that the individual states hoped to preserve and to strengthen. Finally the very nature of affairs compelled them to realize that the interests of the individual units could be promoted only by a system whereby each sacrificed for the common welfare. The result was a strong centralized union with a corresponding strengthening of the individual states.

So often the comment is made either by a member of the student body or by a member of the faculty that there appears to be apparent a lack of co-operation at this institution when there is need of such for the interest of the group as a whole. Why the lack of interest in those school affairs that should be of interest to all? Why a failure to subordinate individual or personal group interests to those communal activities that must be the very nature of social laws which tend to strengthen personal groups and to enrich the nature of the individual? Our very spatial proximity to each other, our traditions, our chosen profession are favorable toward the developing of common feelings and ideas. We have those interests in common which are essential for a federal group. We lack, however, in the same way as did the original states, an organ to give effective expression and to put into actual practice those common ideas.

Why not then a student body organization, or a student council, or a student-whatever-you-will-call-it to crystallize these feelings into realities? Why not a federated group to work in the interest of the institution as a whole? Perhaps we already are over-organized. Perhaps there are too many extra-curricular activities that engage too much of the time and the attention of the student. If that be true, may it not be that some of these may well be sacrificed or at least subordinated in order that we may have the proposed organization? The achievement of worthwhile realities can only be accomplished by united endeavor.

The Bulletin, which first saw the light of day last Friday, achieved a mild success. It will be a long time, surely, finding its real place on this campus; just as this college has been a long time finding its real place on this campus; just as this college has been a long time finding its real place in the scheme of things educational; just as a man, unless superhumanly gifted, is a long time finding the place destined for him in the world. Good newspapers may spring full-grown from nothing, but more often they are dragged up from the commonplace dust by sheer force of hand and brain. The Bulletin may never reach the front rank of college newspapers. If it does not the superficial critic will blame The Bulletin; the more penetrating critic will examine rather thoroughly the soil from which The Bulletin sprang. A good college never yet had a poor newspaper for any length of time. The Bulletin, for better or worse, is the alter ego of this college; it is the little imp sitting just around the corner from our complacency and saying, "Here you are!" Sometimes, in the consistent dinning of class, lesson-plan, study-hour, and report, we forget, or for the moment fail to remember, the inspiring work we are all engaged in. Some of us in dead, and hence, rather laughable earnest; some of us lightly, and as it were, shallowly, in the midst of other things—but we are all, God willing, trying to be educators! Is there not something incredible in that? Something rather divinely moving? Something everlastingly brave in making a sincere attempt to mould and direct the plastic material of human character? Would you exchange tasks with the bricklayer, the coal-heaver, the dullard who turns a gear in a great factory? Would you choose, rather than human character, their unbending, unyielding, unanswering material? The Bulletin respectfully pauses for your answer.

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## Campus Indicator

### What Do You Want for Christmas?

Miss Fogg would like some sleep, two weeks' worth, if you please.

Mr. Archer's wish is for a picture. He loves real things, but ENJOYS representations.

Miss Owens longs for a piano, while Miss Handeyside is pining away for a scarf—it's cold in her car.

Mrs. Vowles has a deep desire for a pair of new overshoes.

—Thank you, Santa.

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### What Is Your Idea of Santa Claus?

Hod Ecklund: A guy that bounces around in a red coat with white trimming.

Margaret Lumpkin: He looks just like my grandpa.

Etheline Stuart: I always thought he was a real person living in the far north with lots of reindeer.

Harlow Berquist: He's robust and jolly, that's all I know.

Esther Wollan: A guy that always brings lots of presents to good little boys and girls.

George Edwards: I'd hate to tell you!

Laverne Bell: I haven't any!

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Berquist; Angel, Gladys Krogh.

Mr. Preston directed the choir which sang off-stage during the pageant. Every member of the club, with the exception of those newly inducted, appeared in this, the only production of the winter term.

### EXCHANGES

The Normal School at Dickinson, N. D., has very recently issued a complimentary edition of the "Dickinson Teacher." This is another new venture in college journalism. The regular edition of the paper is to consist of four pages, five columns each, published four times a quarter. Reasons given by "The Teacher" for its existence are:

1. To promote the interests of the present student body and to give some training to students in elementary journalism.

2. To keep the alumni and former students in touch with the events of school, news of their former school-mates, and also to give them some information that may assist them in meeting their own problems.

3. To assist the administration in securing a larger enrollment.

4. To widen the influence of the Dickinson State Normal.

5. To increase the efficiency of each department of the school.

6. To give the people of that section of the state some idea of the work the school is doing.

## The Clever Collegian

### College Yell.

(To be sung to the tune of "Just Before the Battle, Mother.")

Grind them into sausage meat,  
Tear them right in two,  
Kick their faces into mush,  
And beat them black and blue.  
Cut them into ribbons  
And throw them in the sea,  
When you uphold the honor  
Of old M. S. T. C.

WEEKLY HEALTH HINT: DON'T WEAR YOUR OVERSHOES IN BED.

### A PITIFUL APPEAL

It is sometimes said that Yale has the bowl, but Harvard furnishes the punch. The colyum-conductor finds it difficult to furnish both bowl and punch. Any assistance will be delightedly received.

The first young lady to guess these riddles correctly will be given, absolutely free, a sample box of Mennen's Borated Talcum Powder:

### WHO?

Who is the guy whose voice and tone  
Ouvrivals any megaphone;  
Who teaches foot- and basketball,  
With emphasis on how to fall?  
Whose football cursing's picturesque.  
Whose talks to men are good burlesque,  
Who thinks the name of DAD is fun,  
Because hes' father of a son;  
Who often fails his class to meet,  
But makes his athletes hard to beat?  
—(Adapted)

Who is the cold and haughty gent  
That teaches History III,  
Who, when we feebly try to speak,  
Will smile sarcastically,  
As though to say, from lofty heights  
Of knowledge reached by few,  
What foolishness you speak, poor child,  
Now who's been kidding you?  
—Ex.

MR. DONALD RUSNESS, GENIAL SOLICITOR OF ADVERTISING FOR THE PRAECEPTOR, REPORTS THAT HE RECEIVED TWO ORDERS FROM THE FIRST MOORHEAD BUSINESS MAN WHOM HE APPROACHED. THE FIRST WAS "GET OUT OF HERE!" AND THE SECOND WAS "STAY OUT!"

Headline: "Pres. MacLean Returns from Trip." Laying in the winter's supply of coal, sir?

### At Last! A Contrib!

Dear Col (short for Colyum-Conductor): In regard to the name "Training School" we have been puzzled for some time as to who gets the training—the unlucky children, the unfortunate prac-

tice teachers, or the unhappy supervisors? Our vote is cast with all the vigor of which we are capable for the supervisors. Then arises the question: training in what? Why, in that virtue for which Job became immortal, of course!—Thalia, Muse of Comedy.

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WELL, SEE YOU LATER. WHAT? NOT TILL NEXT YEAR? WHY, OF COURSE!

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### CLASS PLAY PREPARATIONS

One week has passed. That means that seven days have been struck from the list of days before Christmas; and that the class play committee has seven days less for its manifold duties. And, by the way, what are the duties of the members on the committee?

Jack Eininger, as general manager, has control of the entire committee. From him come the commands, "to do" and "not to do." Foremost among his aides are Misses Dommer and Sontag, upon whose capable shoulders rests the duty of securing the proper measurements for the costumes. Upon the arrival of the costumes they must see that each player receives his own outfit and that all are duly returned in good condition.

Miss Hall has charge of the hand properties. She must see that the candles are burning properly, that Friar Tuck's staff is of sufficient heft, and that the dishes for the feast are all tinted the right color. With her rests the care of helping to secure the desired effect by a judicious arrangement of smaller details of setting.

Curtis Ballard provides for the larger units of stage setting. As electrician he sees that the stage lights are in order, and has them so ordered that they will give the needed sunsets, dawns, and moonlit scenes. As carpenter he must see that the mouth of the outlaw cave is made, that the cell of the "dark tower" is rightly constructed, and that the necessary alterations are made in scenes. And so on until the larger units are all set up for the great opening.

And George Doleman does his best to advertise the thing. He tries to tell the public "What it is going to be about," "When it takes place," and "Who is working upon it." He must keep the college in contact with the groups of players, their satellites, and managers; and, as the play progresses, upon him rests the obligation of letting the college know of it so that interest in the play will be kept up until the final performance is successfully produced.

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## SOCIAL

Pi Mu Phi was entertained Monday afternoon by Miss Frick in her apartments in the First State Bank Building. The occasion was a sumptuous Christmas dinner. There was a tree, a Santa Claus, gifts, and everything.

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Miss Tainter entertained the members of the Dramatic Club at her apartments on Eighth Street last Friday evening. Entertainments of various sorts, games and a Christmas tree, topped off by a delicious lunch, completed a very pleasant evening.

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Miss Esther Olson, a graduate of 1924, visited at Comstock Hall last week-end.

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Gamme Neche celebrated its Christmas dinner at The Bluebird in Fargo, Tuesday evening.

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Pi Mu Phi Sorority was host at a dancing party in the Domestic Science rooms Saturday evening. Miss Martha Akely was in charge of arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. Brophy, Mrs. C. E. Huff, Misses Fogg, Dahl, and Frick, were patrons and patronesses of the dance.

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Gamma Neche has appointed Miss Vera Converse treasurer for the winter term. Miss Mildred McMahon formerly held the office.

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A Christmas dance will be given by members of the Owl Fraternity this evening in the gymnasium. Several of the alumni members are returning for the affair, which promises to be a gala event for the fraternity's winter social season.

### SCIENCE CLUB ORGANIZES

The Science Club held its second regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The following permanent officers have been chosen: Horace Eklund, President; Lowell Garron, Vice-President; George Doleman, Secretary; Henry Weltzin, Treasurer. Agnes Wangness, Jack Eininger, and Carrol Brown are in charge of laboratory apparatus, and Mr. White has general supervision. The excellent electrical equipment of the laboratory added to some radio apparatus being purchased for the club is making the work very interesting and instructive. The first part of each meeting is given over to a demonstration lecture followed by laboratory work. Already the members have some experiences with static, when they joined hands with the static machine and were projected into the upper regions of the demonstration room. After the holidays when the real radio work commences the rest of the college should hear from the club.

## TRAINING SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

That eternal concern about self is plainly shown in the interest shown in the group pictures which were taken of the intermediate and upper grades that took part in the play.

Miss Barr, representative from the Victor Talking Machine Company and an educational expert, spent Friday and Saturday in the Training School, giving the children very interesting lessons in the appreciation of music.

Miss Lommen visited in Fergus Falls last Tuesday, and spent the evening with the Rural Training Department of the High School.

Miss McCarten gave an interesting picture talk on "Madonnas" to the Little Citizens Club, telling the story of the Madonna, explaining the religious symbols used, and giving a short sketch of the life of the artists.

Along with the cross-word puzzle, you may list contests—of any kind—as winter sports.

The entire Training School is competing for the prize offered for the best verse appropriate for a Christmas greeting card to be sent out from this department. The following is part of a poem suggested by an Intermediate Grade pupil—it was rejected for rather obvious reasons: "Training School greetings are just the same, Even with its hard cold name."

In the Junior High School an interesting pictorial contest is being held to see which group can present the best Christmas attitude, through the use of a bulletin board.

Everyone's sweet tooth was treated on Thursday, at the Minnetonka Camp Fire candy sale, with candy the Junior High School girls had made in their cooking class.

Another Christmas activity in which a large number of the children in the Training School are indulging is the sale of Red Cross seals.

We have the tiny tots with us again since the nursery was opened last week.

The score of 19 to 2 in favor of the Junior High School tells the story of Friday's game with the team from the Sharp School.

The entire training school is anxiously waiting for the big event. Which one? Why! the Christmas program, of course.

The Fourth Grade is practicing "Christmas Fairy and Scrooge," to be given for the Little Citizens Club.

The one in the Kindergarten is to include songs, games and a play which represents the animals found in Santa's toy shop.

The Primary also plans to have a fine time Friday.

In the Fifth and Sixth Grades they plan a Christmas party for Thursday in the music room, with the Christmas tree, and Santa, who is to distribute the gifts for which the children exchanged names, and candy, nuts, and cornucopias, which the children have made, are to be passed. Each child is to bring a gift of food for the Christmas box of cheer the children plan to send.

The Junior High School plans a program for Friday morning in accordance with the Christmas spirit.

The children in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades are to be favored with the reading of "The Christmas Carol," by Mr. Johnsrud.

Did you ever wonder why you could see your breath on a cold morning? One tiny tot may have solved the problem for you when she said, "Oh, Mamme, see, my mouth's dusty."

The Junior High School is rejoicing over its latest achievement, the publication of the seventh issue of The Moccasin. The Eighth Grade has been in charge of this issue and is to be congratulated for this interesting school paper. Inside the attractive cover one finds informational articles, very original poems, interspersed with clever drawings, and, of course, a fine humorous section. Much of the material centers around the fall project, "The Evolution of the Book," which culminated in the pageant, "Book Spirits." It includes the processes of articles used in the making of a book, the pupils' work in the gathering of materials, and the exhibit they held—in short, it is very worth your reading. These young newspapermen, realizing the great difficulties involved in any publication, extend to the "Bulletin" their best wishes, and assure the college students that they take a great interest in the weekly newspaper.

Mr. Solomon, University of Chicago Hindu student, recently addressed the students at Valley City, on "The East and the West," according to the Teachers College Budget.

"The Normal Trumpet" of West Liberty Normal, West Virginia, is an eight page, three column paper, coming bi-weekly to the desk of The Bulletin, from a college of 110 students. Yet we have difficulty at Moorhead getting The Bulletin under way.

## CLUBS HOLD MEETINGS

The Home Economics Club elected on December 10th at a regular meeting, the following officers for the winter term: President, May Sontag; Vice-President, Pearl Bailey; Secretary, Maybelle Game; Treasurer, Marget Huseby. Marietta Nelson and Josephine Satter, respectively, were chosen as chairmen of the program and social committees.

The Arion Club held its regular meeting in the auditorium last Wednesday, December 10th. Schubert and Schumann were the composers studied at the meeting. The following program was given: Life of Schubert, Ila Eklund; Life of Schumann, Agnes Jorgenson. Musical numbers were rendered as follows: Compositions of Schubert: "Du Bist Ruh," Helen Bergquist; "Who Is Sylvia," Miss Bullard; Compositions of Schumann: "Traumerel," Adele Adams; "The Two Grenadiers," Marvin Rice; "Romanza," Winifred Ulsaker. The next meeting will be held shortly after Christmas at which tryouts for places in the club will be held for those interested in joining.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HARD AT WORK

The members of the Education Department will have a meeting this week to plan the curriculums for the next school year.

Mr. Archer and Miss Erickson are preparing a Study Guide for a Second Course in Educational Psychology in which they are providing a means for directing the study of essentials in Psychology of major importance to future teachers in the public schools. This guide points out important things to remember, attempts to stimulate the thinking of the student, and provides a number of exercises for the purpose of fixing the bonds of association.

Some new books have been added to the text book exhibit in this department.

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Miss Jones is expecting to spend her vacation in Chicago, Ill.

Miss Hawkinson and Miss Carlson are planning to go to St. Paul and Minneapolis, respectively, to spend their Christmas vacation.

Miss Hayes is making plans to leave on December 19th, for Normal, Ill., where she will spend her vacation with relatives and friends.

Miss Frick is another member of the faculty who came from the east to teach. She expects to go to her home in Indianapolis, Ind., for her vacation.

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