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PEDS BEATEN BUT STILL PEPPY

ALTHOUGH BADLY BEATEN PEDS
PUT UP GOOD BATTLE
AT FORKS

Altho decisively beaten by the University of North Dakota last Saturday, the Peds put up a better battle than the 54-0 score indicates.

Three of the touchdowns made by the Flickertails were the result of forward passes and another long pass put them into position to score soon after. Nearly every first down made through our lines was made only after foul plays had been used to make the required ten yards.

Jelly Erickson and Ted Nemzek played the best game for the teachers, and Mattson, who replaced Frank Nemzek, disabled by a badly bruised leg, played a good defensive game at end.

The men received very courteous treatment after the game, many being invited to fraternity houses for dinner.

During the past week, the team practiced defense against passes, as Coach Nemzek considered his team lamentably weak in this phase of the game.

There will be no game this weekend but we play the University of North Dakota Frosh here on Memorial Field. At that time, Ped supporters will have their first time to see their team in action at home.

BURGLARS ENTER

ANOTHER HOME

This thing is beginning to look like a conspiracy. Another Moorhead residence, where M. S. T. C. instructors are housed, has been entered, contents noted, and subtractions made. The residence of Dr. L. C. Davenport, 323 South Seventh street, was raided Monday, some time during the night, by unknown burglars. Miss Katherine Leonard, Mrs. Ina Lockwood, and Mr. Herbert Hess have rooms at Davenport's, but since the gurglary at the McDonald home these cautious pedagogs have been keeping their bedroom doors locked. The three members of the faculty thus lost nothing, but the owner of the house, Dr. Davenport, reported the loss of approximately \$4, taken from a trousers' pocket. The police were notified, but they have no clues, the robbers are still at large, and it behooves the wary to keep their money in the bank.



J. M. McConnell.

State Commissioner of Education, who addressed the college on the occasion of his visit here this week.

DEGREE PEOPLE

CHOOSE OFFICERS

On Wednesday, September 30, the members of the third and fourth year groups organized as a class unit.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30, Alfred Tollefson acting as temporary chairman. The following officers were elected: Alfred Tollefson, president; Arthur Storms, vice-president; Francis Hall, secretary, and Marshall Shelstad, treasurer.

Other business taken up was the question of future meetings. It was decided to leave this up to the decision of the president.

The meeting was adjourned with a hope that this organization might grow steadily with the years.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

President R. B. MacLean, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Northwestern Division of the Minnesota Educational Association, and Miss Katherine Leonard, Secretary of the Association, went to Detroit last Wednesday, the 30th, to attend a meeting of the committee there.

Watch for M Club Program.

COLLEGE BOARD MET TUESDAY

TEACHERS COLLEGE BOARD
HERE FOR REGULAR
MEETING

A joint meeting of the six Minnesota State Teachers College presidents and the State Teachers College Board was held here on Tuesday, September 29. All of the presidents and six of the nine board members were present. Three members of the board addressed the student body at chapel assembly.

Visitors Speak at Chapel.

The chapel speakers on last Tuesday were favored with unusual attention on the part of the students. The unusual occasion of having all the heads of our Teachers Colleges as well as the College Board before us on the platform was both interesting and inspiring. The visitors were introduced by President MacLean, and in turn, they gave a bow or a talk. They were: Presidents C. H. Cooper, Mankato; G. E. Maxwell, Winona; N. W. Deputy, Bemidji; E. W. Bohannon, Duluth, and J. C. Brown, St. Cloud and Board Members S. H. Somsen Winona; E. J. Jones, Morris, who is president of the board; R. A. Schumaker, Bemidji; Dr. O. J. Hagen, Moorhead; Alva Eastman, St. Cloud, and Commissioner J. M. McConnell, St. Paul, Secretary of the Board.

The first of the three addresses was made by President Deputy. He stressed as his main point, "What, when, and how shall we teach?"

Commissioner J. M. McConnell spoke briefly on how the surplus teachers in the state would force a higher standard for the teaching profession.

Mr. Somsen discussed the purpose of man's being and closed with the quotation, "Nothing is better for man than he eat and drink and that he shall enjoy labor."

STATE DIRECTOR

SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

Mr. Edgar Everts, State Director of Physical Education, spoke to the assembly at chapel exercises last Friday. In connection with interscholastic contests he urged consideration of the good fight being made by the opposing team. His brief remarks were appropriate to the occasion as a pep meeting was held at the same period.

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"One takes a morose pleasure in the cheerful clatter of the cans as Mr. J. M. Barrie goes about delivering the milk of human kindness." Thus Bernard Shaw, the biting. The remark was aimed by Shaw, the critic, at a man who is a rival of Shaw, the dramatist. Like many another pungent sentence it hits whoever is in reach. There are so many good, kind, charitable people who, on principle, sweep grandiosely into works of philanthropy, moral uplift, spiritual regeneration, with a strident noise about their persons. It is deplorable that one cannot be holy and virtuous in these states without, in the usual ninety-nine cases, being slightly obnoxious. The blue-law people, many fundamentalists (and in their turn modernists), and large numbers of apostles of the good, the true, the beautiful are vocal to the point of blatancy, irritating, and become to the man who desires to possess his soul in peace general nuisances. Do not think we neglect the many good spirits (large numbers of them on this campus, one cannot doubt) who perform acts of mercy, tenderness, thoughtfulness, kindness, tolerance daily, without noise, and with no eye on the public. They exist, in a blessed army. The point remains that the possession of abnormal virtues, when allied with pride, intolerance, and, worst of all, prudery and priggishness, is neither Christian nor pagan. Regard the prohibitionists. They are morally no better than those candid persons who "can take it or leave it alone," morally no better than the major portion of the citizens of continental Europe and Great Britain, who drink steadily, temperately, and well. But in this America a halo hangs dangerously near the prohibitionist and his like, and he cultivates the phenomenon. We close with Shakespeare, having proved nothing, explained nothing, impressed nothing, expressed nothing but an attitude. It is the immortal Sir Toby speaking: "Because thou art virtuous, shall there be no more cakes and ale?"

This is our first booster editorial. Ordinarily we take no part in such childish sport, having been treated to too frequent specimens of boasting which are but inane optimism, soft-hearted hypocrisy, empty-headed joviality, the grin on the rapid face, the warm slap on the back, the air of determined cheerfulness. But today we have a CAUSE. We are lined up with the messiahs. The cause concerns the college, the whole of it. Not athletics. Not music. Not dramatics. Not forensics. Not student teaching. None of these things alone. But all of them. It is of the College Annual that we speak. The College Annual looks at them all, it unifies, it blends into one spiritual meaning the pageantry of college life; it imprisons the ecstatic joy of a game, the delight of a sorority or club, the memory of one's fellows, imprisons these in print, in picture, in art work, encloses and binds in a book, and comes to you with the record. Every student will own one; it is memory book, snap-shot album, calendar of the year, rolled into one. It is a permanent possession. Advances in college annual printing and engraving in the last four years have produced books that are classics of design and beauty. There will be an annual published this year, on this campus, for all loyal members of the body of Moorhead State Teachers College. We feel justified, for once, in boosting.

Mr. Archer, who is the president of the Schoolmaster's Study Club, and Mr. Hamrin attended the first meeting of the club at Detroit last Friday night. Mr. Hamrin was one of the speakers.

The Junior class elected at its meeting last Wednesday, Menser Anderson, president; Clarence Mattson, vice-president; Elizabeth Ranger, secretary; Esther Jorgenson, treasurer, and Mr. Johnsrud, adviser.

The Book Shelf

Thru the courtesy and co-operation of Miss Hougham, our librarian, we are now able to give our readers interesting and authentic information on the new books that come to our library. This department will be a permanent feature of the MiSTiC.

Home Book of Modern Verse compiled by Burton Stevenson. A selection from American and English poetry of the twentieth century. Supplements the **Home Book of Verse**.

Black Laughter by Llewelyn Powys. This account of actual life on a farm in equatorial Africa is a kind of Robinson Crusoe of the continent of Africa. "Not all the 'big game' books nor all the travel books make Africa so different and so real."

History of Physical Education by Fred Eugene Leonard. The first work in any language that has undertaken to trace the history of physical education in Europe and America and to describe the chief present day movements.

Watch for M Club Program.

The events of next week which pertain to the section meeting of the M. E. A. have been fully announced before. To avoid confusion The MiSTiC is repeating some of the announcements.

Classes will be held as usual Thursday morning, October 8. From nine to twelve visiting teachers will attend demonstration lessons in the training school. There will be no class routine Thursday afternoon nor Friday, but the free periods are not to be considered vacation time. It is customary to expect attendance on most of the sessions of the convention from the students. Membership in the association is but twenty-five cents for college students. Last year Moorhead had a record of 100 per cent.

The general sessions are at two and eight o'clock Thursday. Departmental meetings fill the time Friday morning and afternoon. Coach Nemzek is trying to arrange for a practice game with the N. D. A. C. reserves or the U. N. D. freshmen for Friday afternoon.

The principal event of Friday evening will be the home-coming dinner, at six in Comstock Hall. This is an annual affair, serving as a get-together for the teachers at the convention who are Moorhead alumni. The last general session comes at eight Friday evening.

Watch for M Club Program.

The Column

FASHION NOTE

It is with grave delight that The Column hails the arrival on this lady's campus of the decorated red, yellow, green, blue, violet, indigo slickers. We now pray daily for rain. Can anything be sweeter and at the same time more educational than to trip across to our neighboring building in the wake of a delicately broad back with a neat sample of portraiture square in the center? Or perhaps a gad-fly, rampant; or a pair of voluptuous sunbursts. They mark a distinct advance in the collegiate atmosphere of the place; they lend a spot of color to drab surroundings; they indicate a return to a healthy state of barbarism, where woman's natural flair for pretty decoration asserts itself. Vive Rousseau! Ave Vachel Lindsay! Hoch! Hoch! Hoch!

ART CLUB Officers.

President.....Marian Mecham
Secretary.....Evelyn Johnson
Treasurer.....Agnes Turnell
Adviser.....Miss McCarten
News Reporter.....Ivy Brandt

The first social event of the season will be a picnic Monday afternoon, October 5th.

The Club is planning something in keeping with the National Picture Week, October 12 to 22.

The Club is now a member of the National Federation of Arts. Exhibits will be sent during the year which will be open to the school.

LAMBDA PHI SIGMA

HAS BUSINESS MEET

A business meeting of the members of the Lambda Phi Sigma, honorary educational fraternity of the College, was held Monday evening.

The following vacant offices were filled by vote of those present: Vice-president, Henry Weltzin; corresponding secretary, Olive Townner; keeper of records, Mrs. Olson; treasurer, Bertha Rustvold; counsellors, Emma S. Erickson and C. P. Archer.

Plans were made for a tea to be given to visiting members of Lambda Phi Sigma who may be on the campus during the M. E. A. convention next week.

A special meeting of the society will be held next Monday evening at 7 o'clock, October 5. The place of meeting is Room D in the Junior High School.

There will be a general recreation hour of the students and faculty of the college at the gymnasium this evening from eight o'clock to ten-fifteen.

Y. M. C. A. GROUP HAS

HEATED DISCUSSION

Tho it had been previously supposed that the discussion "Shall We Keep Rules and Laws" would center about the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment, the debate took an entirely different course. The Ten Commandments were offered as a model set of laws, or moral code, that forms a good set of principles for the average man to accept and keep. But it was found that if one were to keep the Ten Commandments strictly one would have to disobey some of the civic laws of man. Especially was this the case during the World War when a man must stand at the crossroads and take his choice of two ways. The one was the moral way, marked by the words, "Thou Shalt Not Kill." The other was the civic duty to our country in time of distress, marked, "Your country needs you for the protection of democracy."

No definite conclusion was reached, but it was generally agreed that war was not a desirable way of settling disputes. On the other hand, the general opinion was that it is the duty of every citizen to support the mother country in time of war, even if such support conflicts with moral principles.

Marvin Rice, who led the discussion, announced the next discussion as being "Footnotes." The title is vague but it should be an interesting subject.

Miss Mayme Christenson, teacher in the primary department, was taken to St. Ansgar's hospital Monday morning, where Dr. Heimark performed an operation for appendicitis. She is now recovering nicely, and on Thursday evening was able to receive friends, altho naturally still very weak.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

HAS TAFFY PULL PARTY

The College class of the Grace Methodist Sunday School was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Leasure last Saturday evening. The main purpose was class organization.

After the election of the following officers, Ruth Scott, president; Lillian Bradley, vice-president, and Frances Greger, treasurer, the chosen "taffy fiends" made their way to the kitchen from whence issued delightfully appetizing odors. Several contestants took part in the many games, Miss Effie Stanton being the most learned advertisement identifier. Everyone then "trooped out" to the kitchen and many blistered hands resulted. Nevertheless, taffy and apples will always remind the class of the delightful evening of September 26, 1925.

MiSTiCisms

There has been a change in the business staff of the Praeceptor, made necessary by the resignation of Doll Cronin as business manager. Delores Allen is to serve as the new head of the business staff with Claude Nemzek and Harold Preusse as associates. In their hands will be the management of the subscription campaign, soon to be held; the solicitation of advertisements; the consideration of bids for printing and photography; and the general management of accounts, and collection and payment of funds. The first general staff meeting will be held this afternoon, for instruction in annual preparation, and consideration of plans for the Praeceptor, now fairly well formulated by the editors.

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Miss Maude Hayes drove to Fair Hills, Detroit, Saturday, and was a week-end guest at the A. G. Divet cottage.

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The Teachers College Board, and presidents of the six institutions, after their long business session Tuesday afternoon, spent what was left of their stay in Moorhead socially. Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Hagen entertained at the Gardner at dinner Tuesday evening. The board and presidents were guests of honor, with several women heads of departments from the training school and college. There were twenty-seven guests in all. As a pleasant surprise for the feast, Governor Theodore Christianson and Roy Dunn drove to Fargo from Dunn's Resort, Lake Lizzie, to be present at the dinner. The governor and his wife are guests at Dunn's for a week, but Mrs. Christianson was unable to make the trip with her husband to dine with the board.

Following the dinner the entire party adjourned to the Hagen residence on Eighth street for an informal reception and smoker. Twenty-five local citizens were invited to meet the board and the governor, and the evening passed pleasantly and quickly. All of the officials who were here for the quarterly meeting remained at Dr. Hagen's invitation, the majority of them taking late trains out last night.

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Delta Sigma held its first meeting of this year on Wednesday, September 30. The following officers were elected: Theodore Nemzek, president; Arlo Baldwin, vice-president; Alfred Tollefson, secretary; Horace Eklund, critic; Marvin Rice, chorister; Frank Nemzek, sergeant-at-arms; Harold Preusse, censor.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 8.

Training School

The Junior High School has organized a J. H. S. Co-operation Club. They held their first meeting Thursday, September 24, and elected the following officers: president, Vernie Winquist; vice-president, Fern Bean; secretary-treasurer, Karen Ericson. On the following Friday the club held its first business meeting at which it discussed the aim of the organization and elected captains of the boys' and girls' lines. Wilma Quick and Maxine Roberts are captain and lieutenant captain of the girls' lines; Donald Anderson, Walter Williams hold the same offices for the boys. Two committees were appointed by the president, one, on rules and regulations consisting of Holland Strub, chairman; Pearl Bean, Donald Anderson, and Grace Harriet Hagen; the other, on programs, consists of Viola Regnier, chairman, Marjorie Gerald, and Barbara Robertson. The programs are to be held every Friday at 1:15, the one this afternoon being musical. Every Tuesday, at the same hour, a business meeting is held. Next Tuesday the club will act on the resolutions of the committee on rules and regulations. A point honor system, whereby pupils will earn a school letter, is being worked out by the committee, to be presented to the school for adoption.

The pupils of the 7th and 8th grades are preparing a demonstration to be given Thursday, October 8. The 8th graders, who have been studying the principles of bacteriology and health habits, are taking it upon themselves to convert the 7th graders. This will be worked out in play form. The 8th grade, besides experimenting with bacteria cultures and studying the fly, has been working on posters in order to teach others the danger of bacteria transported by the common house fly. A new health creed has been recently adopted. It differs from most creeds in that the social importance of health is emphasized.

The 9th grade is working on demonstration and proper setting of a table, and correct methods of serving.

A large number of Campfire posters and information tables have been placed in Miss Hawkinson's office for the use of people interested in Campfire work and the varieties of activity which it offers.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting which was held last Thursday at 6:45 was chiefly an initiation service, at which all members, new or old, partook of the solemn ritual of the organization. About one hundred participated.

CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES UNCOVERED BY LOCAL SHERLOCK

There has been some controversy over the question of whether or not the members of the faculty are entirely upright and faultless in every way. Their high position makes it necessary for them to exert themselves to lead upright lives at least as far as outward appearances are concerned. But occasionally something happens that is not in keeping with the ideal we have set for faculty members.

We have in mind an incident that happened a few days ago. A member of our faculty entered a downtown garage early Friday morning and boldly drove off with a new Star sedan that was standing there unoccupied. A few people were at the entrance to the building, but the act was performed in such a casual way that no suspicion was aroused. An hour later the owner of the sedan appeared, and finding that his car had disappeared and that none of the garage officials knew anything about its disappearance, he reported the matter to the police department. A network of men was formed surrounding the city and every nook and cranny was combed without avail. The car and its driver had disappeared.

Mr. Leasure, that keen and discerning explorer, hearing of the matter, decided to take a hand in the case. Carefully he examined all signs that might lead to the discovery of the thief. He kept all the evidence to himself, and soon, to the surprise of all, he found the culprit in the Education office of the State Teachers College. The police force was notified and the matter was peaceably settled through the efforts of the other members of the faculty.

EPWORTH LEAGUERS GET ACQUAINTED

In the well-lighted classroom of the Grace Methodist Church, the members, new and old, of the Epworth League, assembled last Friday night at the first party of the season—a "Get-acquainted Social."

After being properly labelled, the more musical members sang several well chosen songs. Very amusing games followed the musical program, the most interesting of which was the "kangaroo race" that succeeded in finding a laughing chord in the most sober of the spectators. Exchange of complimentary adjectives brought to light several hitherto unknown characteristics. At ten, a delicious repast was served and the young people took their departure.

Eat, drink, and be merry
For tomorrow you may diet.

—The Modern Omar.

Music

Later in the season the Music Department will stage a benefit program for the support of the band and orchestra in the form of a minstrel show or comic opera. Mr. Preston is not ready to make full announcements at present.

Any who can obtain band instruments, of whatever sort, are urged to report for practice and begin, if you have not already, the study of band work. The band is not made up of experts, but of those in the process of learning.

The Arion Club had its term try-out on Thursday afternoon. Candidates performed on cornet, violin, piano, and with voice.

The training school orchestra has begun its season and the personnel includes twenty-five pieces, eighteen of which are violins. It is expected that this group will show real skill before the year is over.

Assisting Mr. Preston in musical instruction for Junior High School people are: Merle Nelson and Clementine Small, piano; Hod Eklund, reed instruments; Mr. Sand, cornet; Marvin Rice, tuba; Mr. Boehme, violin.

A further announcement seems in order as to the periods of band practice. Mr. Preston announced the following program so that the organization may be prepared for the Concordia game: Friday, immediately after chapel for 45 minutes; Tuesday evening, 6:45-7:30. Arrangements for noon lunch on Fridays are in the process of making, so that it will not be necessary to miss a meal for this regular weekly practice.

TRINITY SOCIETY GIVES RECEPTION

The Senior Society of Trinity Lutheran Church gave a reception last Friday evening in honor of the students of the M. S. T. C. and Concordia College. A short program of stunts and games followed by refreshments completed the events of the evening. A very large number of students from both colleges were present and enjoyed the homey spirit of Trinity Church.

SENIOR CLASS ELECTS

Hattie Osten was elected vice-president of the Senior class at a meeting held last Wednesday in the music room.

Several committees were also picked at this time, one on pins and rings, one on flowers, and one to make arrangements for a Senior party.