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JINX STILL WITH US

NEMZEK'S RED SHIRTS FAIL TO
LEAD THEIR JAMESTOWN
GRID RIVALS.

The "Jinx" is still with us! Last Saturday the Peds played their third consecutive tie game of the season. A Jamestown substitute making a dropkick in the closing minutes of the Ped-Jimmie game, tying the score at 10-10.

Things looked promising for a Ped victory at first; Captain Malvey made a neat dropkick in the first quarter and early in the second quarter made a touchdown after the ball had been advanced to the Jamestown goal on line plunges and cross-bucks; the try for point was successful, making the score 10-0 in our favor.

Then late in the second quarter, Rougust, Jamestown half, intercepted a pass and ran fifty yards for a touchdown, and dropkick was successful, making the score 10-7.

Neither side threatened to score in the third quarter. Early in the fourth quarter the Peds were within Jamestown's ten yard line but failed to put the ball across.

In the last five minutes the Jimmies intercepted a pass in midfield and ran to the thirty yard line. Two passes failed and then Williams intercepted a Jimmie pass on the one-yard line. Williams punted out from behind the goal to the 30-yard line. With 50 seconds of play left Ellsworth, sub-half, was sent in and made a dropkick from the 36 yard line, making the score 10-10. The Peds tried desperately to score on long passes in the remaining seconds of play but were unsuccessful in completing any of them.

Baldwin was the offensive star of the game making many good gains.

Y. W. C. A. SECRETARY SPEAKS

The national secretary of the Y. W. C. A., Miss Gurlock, gave a very interesting talk at the Y. W. C. A. assemblage last night. The members of the Y. W. C. A. also gave a tea in her honor yesterday afternoon.

Seniors Meet Monday.

Last Monday afternoon the Seniors met to place their individual orders for class rings and pins, and to fill our blanks which the Praeceptor staff will use to properly identify their members in the Annual.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

October 30-November 6.

Friday, Oct. 30 — Junior High School Party—Gym.

Oct. 31 — All College Hallowe'en Party—Gym.

Nov. 5-6—M. E. A. at St. Paul. Faculty in St. Paul.

Students enjoy vacation.

HONOR SOCIETY CHOOSES MEMBERS

OFFERS SIX SENIORS MEMBERSHIP AT REGULAR FALL
QUARTER ELECTIONS

Lambda Phi Sigma, honorary educational fraternity of the college, has honored six students by offering them membership, as a result of the regular fall quarter elections. The society was established in 1923, and since then nearly one hundred Moorhead students have won the coveted key. Pearl Fisch, Evelyn Jorgenson, Anne Lysio, Kathryn McGraw, Louise Murray, and Anna Nokken are to be installed at this time.

The purpose of the society is to raise the scholarship standards of the school, by honoring those who have made outstanding achievements during their courses. Election is from members of the Senior Class, is regularly held each quarter, and is based upon class averages, force of character, ability of leadership, and professional interest and promise. Selection is made by the active members of the society, upon recommendation of a committee of the faculty. The active members of the society at present are: Miss Rhoda Maland, president; Misses Bertha Rustvold, Lillian Sigerud, Olive Towner, Moorhead teachers; Mr. Alfred Tollefson and Mr. Henry Weltzin.

PEDS MAY WIN CONFERENCE TITLE

Tomorrow morning at 10:30 we play Wahpeton on our field. Dope indicates a close game as the Wops tied the Jimmies two weeks ago by a 7-7 score. The down-staters have a good pass game and Coach Nemzek has been drilling his men on pass defense the last week in order to strengthen the work of the team in this department.

The Peds still have a chance to cop the conference title if they defeat both Wahpeton and Valley City, and tomorrow they expect to remove the next obstacle remaining in the race for the championship.

MRS. MACDOWELL HERE NOV. 10

THE WIFE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST COMPOSER TO APPEAR
IN LECTURE-RECITAL

The entertainment committee presents Mrs. Edward MacDowell, the great pianist, in a lecture-recital in the College Auditorium, Tuesday evening, November 10th.

Her husband, who died in 1908, was America's greatest composer. His lifelong dream was the founding of a colony at Peterboro, New Hampshire, where worthy artists — musicians, painters, sculptors, poets, writers — might spend their entire time in creative work without the handicap of financial worry. He died, however, without having begun his great project and without having amassed sufficient money even to make a bold beginning.

Nothing daunted, his wife took up the work. She was handicapped by the fact that, in spite of a crippled body, she had to become in turn a concert pianist, a farmer, a manager of a big estate. Beginning with a fifteen thousand dollar estate, she has built up a colony, which now is valued at more than three hundred thousand dollars.

In her concerts, she plays the MacDowell music—such old favorites as "To a Wild Rose," "Thy Beaming Eyes," "Etude de Concert," and "Woodland Sketches." She is an excellent pianist, with cleancut and brilliant technique, and no one knows better than she how her great husband wanted his music to be interpreted.

The American Magazine for November contains an article which tells of her trials and ambitions and achievements. It is well worth reading.

DR. HALL URGES

SELF DEVELOPMENT

Last Friday, Dr. W. J. Hall, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead, delivered an inspiring talk in chapel on "What My Beliefs Would Be If I Were Twenty-One."

He emphasized the conviction that at twenty-one, as at any other time in his life, the greatest contribution he could make to society was himself. He urged us all to so fashion our lives that our contributions would be lasting ones and helpful.

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The week of November 8th to 14th is Children's Book Week. During this week, the public schools of America will exert a greater effort to interest children in good books and encourage them to begin now to build up their own private libraries. This, because, as Nicholas Murray Butler said, "Guidance in the right use of leisure is vastly more important than vocational guidance." If we can help the sixty-four per cent of our school children who never get beyond the eighth grade to obtain that broader view of life that comes through much travel or much reading, we shall have done an inestimable good. Unfortunately, at present, many of the sixty-four per cent believe that they already know enough. The answer again is books and more books, whether they be read for pleasure or for personal help. A well-read citizenry will not be led astray by the demagog. So buy a worth-while book for your young friend.

Mr. Arnold Bennett, the English novelist, presents in his greatest work, "The Old Wife's Tale," a special man who happens to be universal. It is often so with the works of literary genius. A creative mind is able to pierce thru the externals which set us apart, which seem to make us distinct individuals, and is able to find that common humanity which debases and glorifies us all. Samuel Povey is the man in this novel. He is little, he is inoffensive, he is indifferent, honest, indifferent intelligent, mediocre, colorless, drab. He is, but for the grace of God, what we all are. Just folks, Guest would say. To look at him no one would say he was capable of anything magnificent. He would never do a great, a noble thing, you would say. He accepted the light, the sun, the air, like a vegetable. In him there were about as many possibilities of excitement as there are in the earthworm. One day an unfortunate crime occurred, and Samuel Povey's brother was accused. The little man came to life. He became an analyst, summoning evidence, finding witnesses, coralling arguments. He journeyed long distances in the cold of winter to appear at the trial. He left his sleep. He forgot his little business. He was a man transformed. And why not! Never in his mousy life had there been anything to really stir what was in him. "The Old Wife's Tale" contains no soft palaver in which virtue is always rewarded, wickedness always punished. Hence the brother is hanged, and Samuel Povey, spent by his great effort dies, too. It is not the happy ending way. It transcends that, being full of what is always higher, truth to character, truth to life. But Samuel Povey, dying, rose infinitely above himself, and presented a claim to immortality superior, we feel, to undeserving acceptance of God's grace.

PI MU PHI MAKES

"CRUISE OF THE ORIENT"

The rushing season of the Pi Mu Phi sorority closed Sunday, Oct. 25. The entire scheme for rushing week was a "Cruise of the Orient." The itinerary was as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 21—"Bon Voyage."

Thursday, Oct. 22—"Among the Islands of the Pacific."

Friday, Oct. 23—"Gala Night on Ship-board."

Saturday, Oct. 24—"Chow at Hong-kong."

Sunday, Oct. 25—"All Day Trip to the

Forbidden City."

The trip to the Forbidden City proved to be an all-day jaunt in Barnesville. The rushees and actives enjoyed the first snowstorm of the year on their homecoming trip.

Formal pledging of the sorority will take place Saturday, Oct. 31.

The girls to be pledged are: Marie Sorkness, Roghnild Johnson, Lucille George, Ruth Smith, Ruby Smith, Louise Hendrickson, Merle Nelson, Berta Divet, Florence Thorson, and Nellie Ingils.

The Book Shelf

The seventh annual celebration of Children's Book Week occurs this year November 8th to 14th.

This celebration has become an event of national importance, and during this one week every year schools, libraries, book-stores, churches, clubs, magazines and newspapers turn the attention of boys and girls and their parents to books; books to read and enjoy books to own.

The recognition of Children's Book Week in the Teachers College has a double significance and makes its appeal not only to the children in the training school and to their parents, but to all the college students as well, who, as prospective teachers, are deeply interested in books for children and who, through the beautiful book exhibit, make the better acquaintances of the best things in literature for children.

The children's book exhibit at M. S. T. C. this year will excell all previous exhibits here. During the last two years, in addition to the excellent collection of books purchased for the children's section, the Library has been developing an exhibition collection of children's books. Through purchase and through the generous gifts of publishers there has been assembled a collection of the most beautiful editions of books of all times for children, representing the work of the most famous illustrators and of the publishers most gifted in the art of fine book making.

For this exhibit the book publishers have made also generous contributions of book jackets and other poster materials and the art classes are at work on the making of posters for the display.

The exhibit will be held in Room 30. It will open November 9th and will be held open not only during Book Week but through Education Week as well, and the Library invites you, during these two weeks to spend as much time as possible in the enjoyment of this delightful display.

ART CLUB SELLS CANDY

TO RAISE FUNDS

The Art Club had a candy sale in the main corridor of the Administration building Wednesday afternoon. The results were financially satisfactory, according to Miss McCarten, faculty adviser of the club.

The club is a member of the National Federation of Art, and will use the funds raised by the sale to pay, in part at least, expenses incidental to membership, and to secure art exhibits from the Federation.

Margery McHendrick returned from her home in Montana after attending the funeral of her mother.

The Column

IT NEVER HELPS A MAN'S APPEARANCE TO HAVE HIS BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT PRESSED.

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We didn't know there were so many sinners before these confession magazines started.

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THE ONE ROAD THAT HAS NO TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IS THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW PATH.

* * *
Give a sentence with the word "Notre Dame." There are some people who Notre Dame much.

* * *
A divorce court scene has often a double exposure.

* * *
A TIGER CAN CHANGE HIS SPOTS BY MOVING.

* * *
Often check books don't—which is their chief defect.

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In spite of the belief that absence makes the heart grow fonder, it's the presents that count.

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Son: "If Dad doesn't take back what he said I'll be leaving soon."

Mother: "What did he say?"

Son: "He gave me two weeks free trial."

HUGO THOMPSON ADDRESSES Y. M. C. A. DISCUSSION GROUP

An interesting discussion was participated in by those who attended the Y. M. C. A. meeting Monday night. Mr. Bjork, who led the discussion, raised the question whether or not students are given a fair chance on the campus. Some maintained that experienced teachers have an advantage in school work because they are better acquainted with the subject matter and methods. It was also maintained that honorary organizations and fraternities do not give a fair chance to all because personal feelings are likely to creep in.

Mr. Hugo Thompson of Minneapolis, student Y. M. C. A. secretary for North Dakota and Minnesota, was present during the discussion and made a few remarks after it was concluded. He defined a group discussion as a "pool" where the individuals are "pooling" their experiences and seeking to find a solution. It is, in fact, a "life-experiment" group.

Next Monday an interesting question is scheduled for discussion. "Is Popularity Worth Seeking" should interest the whole campus.

Bernice Voight returned Monday from Nome, N. D., where she attended a convention.

A DAY IN THE TROSSACHS

(By Ina B. Fogg)

The tour of the Trossachs is one of the most popular excursions in Scotland. By railway from Glasgow our first stop was at Stirling, interesting alike for its romantic location on a sloping ridge of the rock and for its place of prominence in Scottish history. The precipitous end of this rock is occupied by that famous fortress, Stirling Castle, from which may be seen the battlefields on which the fate of Scotland was decided in the days when Wallace fought for the liberty of his country and Robert the Bruce secured his hard-earned crown.

"Grey Stirling," as it is sometimes called, is also the outpost of the land "The Lady of the Lake." Its ancient name was Snowdown, which explains why James Fitz-James introduced himself to Ellen as the "Knight of Snowdown." It was from this same Stirling Castle that Fitz-James went forth to hunt the stag, and at its court that the last scenes of the poem were laid. A purely imaginary story, to be sure, but the glamour of Scott has clothed its characters and incidents with such vitality that Ellen Douglas and Roderick Dhu are as real as many who have adorned the pages of history. From the ramparts of Stirling Castle you can trace the progress of the poem from start to finish. In fact the poem is so topographically correct that it easily qualifies as a guide book to this part of Scotland even today.

From the train shortly after leaving Stirling we had a good view of Abbey Craig surmounted by the Wallace Monument, a fitting memorial to Scotland's deliverer, immortalized in Scottish Chiefs. After following the River Teith for several miles we detrained at Callander where we were met by char-a-bancs, big motor-buses, which took us through the Trossachs proper to Loch Katrine.

The Trossachs are a wild gorge extending through less than two miles of uncultivated country, typical of Highland scenery. "Brown heath and shaggy wood" are there in abundance as well as rugged peaks, rushing streams, deep blue lakes, and lonely wooded glens. Bracken and heather clothe the hillsides and everywhere the purple fox-glove dots the moorland. While waiting for the boat at Loch Katrine we strolled along the roadside and over the hills. Here we picked the purple heather, saw quantities of purple fox-glove in full bloom, and tasted the huckleberries which were just beginning to ripen.

(To be continued)

MiSTiCisms

The History of Art Class is now studying Roman and Grecian art, and, in connection with their work, the members went over to Fargo to see the photo-play, "Quo Vadis."

Owing to a misunderstanding, it has been found necessary to announce that the Hallowe'en party to be given tomorrow night by the Women's League, is not to be a costume affair. But there will be seasonal decorations, stunts, entertainment, and dancing, sufficient attractions for anyone.

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The Art Club had a business meeting last Thursday afternoon.

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Miss Mildred Smith of St. Cloud, who is engaged in travelling thru Minnesota on duties of organization and supervision connected with the State Department of Health, was the guest of Miss May Turner last Saturday and Sunday. Miss Turner and Miss Smith are college friends, who had not seen each other for nine years until this meeting.

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The MiSTiC regrets that it omitted to mention last week the very pleasant visit which Miss Flora Trites paid to this campus two weeks ago. Miss Trites was in the education department here for last spring quarter and had formerly been on the staff at Winona Teachers College. She is now in the state department, working in the rural schools of the state. She was the house guest of Miss Lommen during her stay here, was entertained at dinner by several of her friends, and visited the rural teaching centers at Oak Mound and Clearview.

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Ralph Taylor, living at home at New York Mills, and teaching at North Perham, and Joseph Eifert, industrial arts department at Detroit, drove in together for the homecoming.

MISS LOMMEN TO SPEAK AT MINOT AND MANKATO

The North Dakota Educational Association meets at Minot this week. Miss Georgina Lommen, Director of the Training School, is one of the speakers at this meeting. She will use the following subjects, "Children's Books in the Home," "Liberalizing Tendencies in Method," and "English for Joy."

Miss Lommen also speaks at the State Parent-Teachers Association meeting at Mankato, ov. 4. Her subject there will be, "Children's Books in the Home."

Misses Martha Akeley, Hope Bertelson, Alice Brockmueller, of 1925, were among the many who returned for homecoming.

Training School

The students of the Junior High School are planning a Hallowe'en party to which they are inviting the student teachers and supervisors. It will be held tonight in the gymnasium. The program is to be carried out in circus form. The Junior High School band will be there in the red and white regalia. Other important circus people will be: an elephant, lions, Spark Plug, Barney Google, the ostrich, ten clowns, a monkey, organ grinder and the Pigmy Coon Quartet. It is even rumored that Uncle Walt and Skeeze will attend.

The program given last Friday in the Junior High School consisted of:
 Piano Solo Fern Bean
 Piano Solo Naomi Butler
 Reading—"The Moonshiner" Mr. Johnsrud
 Reading—"Casey at the Bat" Mr. Johnsrud
 A challenge to the room for supporting afternoon's football game Helen Nelson
 "Play Up" Helen Nelson

Today's program will be the first of a series of readings in connection with Book Week, the aim of which is to stimulate a desire to read worthwhile literature. Miss Murray is taking charge of this.

Every student teacher along with regular work of the department keeps a record of character growth as evidenced in every child in his class.

After a conversational study of the farm and farm life the first graders have made a very interesting sand table upon which is displayed a miniature but "life-like" farm.

The Junior High School loaned the third graders some microscopes which they are using to examine flowers and insect wings, thus developing a broader knowledge of nature.

The third grade, under Miss Ma-land's direction, read the story "Red Cross Knight," around which they centered a small play, the plans and costuming of which were entirely the work of the children. This play was given in the presence of the first and second graders, the two principal characters being James Hustad as Red Cross Knight and Martha Lou Price as Lady Una. At the close the children were surprised and delighted by a reading given by Mr. Johnsrud.

Miss Hawkinson's Upper Grade Methods Class is now working on two big projects: One on inspiring the child to read more and better books, the other on developing moral conduct in the school child.

LIEBLING COMPLETELY WINS AUDIENCE

If the Wednesday evening number is an augury, the current course of entertainments is one of the best which students of the college and citizens of Fargo and Moorhead have been offered. The celebrated European pianist, George Liebling, coming here to offer the first program on the course, moved his audience to interest, praise, enthusiasm.

Mr. Liebling is an absolute master of the piano. Playing on an instrument not his own, he drew from it matchless tone, revealed a surpassing attention to the details of the compositions, and in high moments of the music, proved that he is master not alone of technic and tone, but of dramatic climax and interpretation. The artist's tonal superiority was marked in the delicate Beethoven Andante FAVORI, particularly; his command of details, his beautiful feeling for every piece of the pattern, was especially plain in the Chopin Berceuse, that lovely thing. In the Mendelssohn Rondo, in his own Waltz, Mr. Liebling further elaborated a technic that was never relaxed, that was always clean-cut. The brilliant conclusion of the Rondo was a promise of the power that was later unleashed in the Liszt numbers.

One of the privileges of the recital was the interpretation of Liszt, not only in the popular Rigoletto Fantasy, but in Liebling's most important encore, the Second Hungarian Rhapsody, and in his final encore, the Liszt arrangement of the Waltz from Faust. Mr. Liebling's other encores, which he gave generously, were Hark, Hark, the Lark, by Schubert, and Chopin's Waltz of the Minute.

COLLEGE CLASS PARTY AT GRACE M. E. CHURCH

Last Friday evening the members of the college class of Grace Methodist Sunday school assembled in the church basement to participate in a Hallowe'en party. The first part of the evening was spent in matching Hallowe'en verses and reading them. Several games followed, the most exciting and the one which all were most enthusiastic over was the modeling of a black cat from a stick of "Black Jack" chewing gum. The most successful modelers were Effie Stanton and Ella Sandy, who received suitable prizes for their efforts. Shortly following this episode the guests were ushered into the daintily decorated serving room, dimly illumined by candles and jack-o-lanterns where they were given a delicious repast. Misses Ruth Welander and Lillian Bredlie presided at the table. After the "munching" of apples had subsided each left for his home with

Music

The Concordia band boys showed a fine spirit in our parade last Saturday. They took a genuine interest in the music and helped a great deal in creating a fine spirit. We should be very grateful to them for their help.

The Arion Club held its first open meeting on Thursday afternoon and the following program was offered:

Violin Solo Felix Boehme
 Paper—"Musical Pageant in Honor of Mrs. McDowell" Agnes Halvorson
 Piano Solo Clementine Small
 Paper—"McDowell, the American Tone Master" Dorothy Johnson

Our Music Department is sending out some of its abundant talent. Miss Edna Swan, soprano, sang at the Congregational church, Moorhead, last Sunday.

Plymouth Congregational church, Fargo, is looking for a soprano for their choir. Anyone interested see Mr. Preston to get in touch with their director.

Men's Glee Club tryouts were held on Tuesday night and a goodly number were taken among whom are: Harold Sand, Hod Eklund, Adolph Reski, Oscar Haugh, Felix Boehme, Willard Gowenlock, Marshall Sheldstad, Marvin Rice, Waldemar Wickland, and Dorman Sutton. A fine tour is being planned for spring.

The instrument class composed of Junior High School people will be brought together Monday for the first trial as a group. Much time has been put in and those in charge are very anxious to see the fruits of their labors in this line.

Little Boy: Sin—Sins.
 Clerk: Heard you the first time.

PERSONALITY BIG FACTOR OF SUCCESS, SAYS DR. WICKEY

Dr. N. J. Gould Wickey, pastor of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Fargo, and a faculty member at Concordia, addressed the student body Wednesday morning during the chapel period. The subject of his talk was "The Race of the Teacher in the Curriculum." He brought out the fact that while there are other factors determining a teacher's success or failure, yet after all it is his personality that is the big determiner. Without much iron in the backbone, a teacher's ultimate success is questionable, he said.

It will be remembered that Dr. Wickey was an instructor of Management during the summer session of 1923.

pleasant recollections of their first Hallowe'en party in 1925.