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# THE MiSTiC

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## DEBATE WORK GETS STARTED

EIGHT SPEAKERS WILL PRACTICE  
FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE  
COMPETITION

Moorhead Teachers College's second year of debating sees this branch of forensic work assuming larger proportions and bringing the college into relations with more colleges than was the case last year. From fourteen candidates who presented themselves for tryouts, a squad of eight was selected just before the holidays. These eight are divided into four teams, two negative and two affirmative. The personnel is as follows: affirmative, R. Johnson, first speaker; Eva Madson, second speaker; negative, Ralph Smith, first speaker; M. Sorknes, second speaker; affirmative, E. Brown, first speaker; Lawrence Lee, second speaker; negative, M. Shelstad, first speaker; H. Breusse, second speaker.

The order of speakers and position is tentative, and may be changed before the contests. It is likely that all eight will have a chance to speak in a debate against another college.

The question of the child labor amendment is proving fruitful for discussion; the material is voluminous tho sometimes contradictory, and in the weeks of practice it is hoped that the evidence of fact and opinion will range itself satisfactorily.

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## FACULTY SCATTERS FOR VACATION

Members of the faculty, many of them, scattered far during the holidays. Perhaps the longest trip was made by Miss Rainey, who returned to her home in New York state. Of course Miss Fogg's return from Maine has her trip out-distanced a little. Several of the faculty were either visiting or sojourning in Chicago. Miss Hostler, a former kindergarten instructor, now teaching at Cincinnati, met Mrs. Ethel Durboraw and spent some time in Chicago with her. Mrs. Durboraw's home is in Iowa. Miss Frick spent most of the holidays at her home in Indiana. Misses Gibbon and McKellar and Mr. Burgy returned from homes in Wisconsin. Mr. Hess, a native of Winona, this state, spent part of his vacation in Chicago. Other instructors traveled to homes or the homes of friends in various parts of Minnesota, and some found vacation spent right here in Moorhead very attractive and profitable.

## ALUMNI VISIT COLLEGE BEFORE VACATION

A considerable number of graduates of recent years were present on the campus the last few days before the close of school for the holidays. The MiSTiC was unable to get a list of all who were here, and as it was only an unofficial homecoming, no registry was made, but these were observed:

Ray C. Johnson, who is at Grand Rapids, and likes his work; Theodore Nelson, principal at Aldrich; George Doleman, teaching with Arnold Weik at Gemell, and a regular subscriber to the MiSTiC; Marion D. Cook, teaching at Virginia, honor guest of Pi Mu Phi December 19, at Miss Frick's apartment; Carrol Brown, practicing the profession at Morton; Hope Bertelson, who comes in frequently from Rustad; Marlys Carl, Martha Akeley, Harriet Julius, who is at Parker's Prairie and sang with the Chapel Choir in the cantata Sunday, December 20; and Florence Cronquist, class of '24, who was among the guests at the Owl dance Saturday evening.

## CHORUS GIVES GOOD PROGRAM

MIXED VOICES SING FOR RADIO  
AUDIENCE FOR FIRST  
TIME HERE

The Teachers College chorus, comprising the women's voices from the Chapel Choir, the men's voice from the Male Chorus, assisted by local soloists, sang the Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem," by J. H. Maunder, in the auditorium Sunday afternoon, December 20. The program was well attended, and was heard by a radio audience as well, thru co-operation with the Fargo station and a special wire.

The assisting soloists were Mrs. Marion Sutherland Page, soprano; Mr. Davidson, tenor; Mr. Oscar Martinson, baritone, and Mr. Walter Wright, bass. The rendition of the chorus was excellent, and was thoroly enjoyed by everyone, altho this cantata had been performed here before.

The broadcasting reached many points, among which were Warren, Crookston, Perley, Wheaton, and Plentywood, Mont. The air carried the voices to a number of teachers college alumni. This is the first venture of this sort, tho the Prestons and other musicians on the campus have broadcast from Fargo before. Other musical programs may be sent out on the air from this campus in future.

## QUINT BEGINS SEASON TONIGHT

STUDENT SUPPORT NEEDED  
FOR PRINCIPAL WINTER  
SPORT

The official basketball season opens tonight in Moorhead High School's gymnasium when Nemzek's red shirts clash with the Mayville Normal five. The game will be called at 8:00, and the seating capacity of the gym is sufficient for every coed who will turn out to back the local athletes.

There is no available dope as to the comparative strength of the two teams, but the Mayville players took a severe beating from N. D. U. earlier in the season, while the Peds easily won from a group of Fargo All-Stars. This may, or may not, indicate a slight superiority for the Moorhead ball-bouncers.

The starting lineup has not been announced by the coach, but according to the way they have been lining up in practices, the men who will probably begin the game are Erickson at center; Gowenlock and Wambach, forwards; Edwards and Williams, guards; this will leave as reserves Baldwin, Byler, T. Nemzek, Anderson, and C. Nemzek. The Ped schedule looks exceptionally interesting, and with these men to carry the red and white into the contests, basketball prospects at Moorhead are looking up a little from previous years.

## ALTHAIA REORGANIZES

The Althaia Literary Society, which has been dormant for some months, suddenly came to life shortly before the Christmas intermission. Officers were elected, and a program was tentatively sketched for the succeeding meeting. It is planned to meet two times each month and to discuss a different phase of literature each time.

The society has the flourishing number of nine. They are: Janet Smith, Alfred Tollefson, Mrs. Dillivon, Marion Cronin, Anne Lyslo, Lillian McDonald, Alice Boyum, Selma Hagen, and Edith Campbell.

The officers elected were: Alfred Tollefson, president; Mrs. Ruth Dillivon, vice president; and Anne Lyslo, secretary.

Miss Ina C. Fogg, who was called to her home at Gray, Maine, early in December, was welcomed back to her desk this week.



# THE MISTIC

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## RESOLUTIONS

Having celebrated the departure of annum 1925 in the traditional manner, and having looked about us as soon as the resultant tears had cleared from our eyes and we were done coughing, we discovered what a lovely fellow our neighbor was. Really, the chap was a most gracious specimen of the human race at its best. We looked to 'tother side and discovered more persons, bearing themselves proudly, as befitted kings of men, walking in a roseate aura of personality. We had not known such grand creatures lived among us. Discarding at once the habits of the old year, during which we had felt ourselves drifting into the deep waters of misanthropy, we swallowed another cheerful gulp, quoted to ourselves all we could remember of the first Eddie Guest rime which came handy, and went about slapping backs. What good there was in everyone, we said! We cheerfully kicked a man in the pants because we loved him so. How great to be alive! In our enthusiasm we tripped up a gentle couple who were Charlestoning past. There is something divine in us, each and every one, we murmured. And we bounded into the midst of the orchestra which was playing at that place and began beating the drum for equality, fraternity, and the brotherhood of man. We embraced the pianist, a male being weighing only slightly less than Paul Whiteman. We caromed from his capacious bosom again onto the floor. We seized a carafe of water and baptized a policeman. All in the best of spirits, you understand. It was only to show that we loved the human race, that we had resolved to forego our past habits of owly suspicion and mistrust. But the policeman did not understand. Policemen never understand. When we get out we shall damn the race, once more.

## LOGIC

*"I find that I am unable to concur in your opinions. I find that your way of looking at life, your style of speech, your beliefs in the departments of human knowledge and pseudo-knowledge, are at every point different from mine. Therefore you are a fool, you are dangerous, you are my enemy, I distrust you, you are possibly immoral, you are detestable, I do not like your face, I will do what I can to flout you, I will tell the neighbors the horrid truth about you, you ought not be permitted to exist."*

## WISDOM

*"Something ought to be done about it."*

## BACK FOR A REST

It's a great life! Yet it's a queer life too. For we have not been able to discover why the holiday we have just enjoyed should be called a vacation! Perhaps it is because the Christmas feasts were welcomed with such keen anticipation. Every student stoutly declares she has gained all of ten pounds!

Vacation brings a certain freedom which is bodily abused—judging from the socially dissipated people who have returned.

Sometimes we wish for more frequent vacations yet we are glad to return—and upon arriving spend the following week in a semi—or complete slumber regardless of place or time. All told, vacations are pleasant evils which we would hate to sacrifice.

## PI MU PHI AND GAMMA NU

### SORORITIES TO ENTERTAIN

The two sororities of the college will be hostesses tomorrow night to all girls of the college at a "coed rodeo" party. The request is made that the girls come in couples if possible, with one partner dressed as a man. A good time is assured and every girl in the college is urged to be present.

## The Book Shelf

### THE SOMETIMES GENTLE ART OF THE ESSAY

New volumes are coming thick and fast to the library. We single out three this week for the casual operations of critical acumen. "The Writer's Art" by Rollo Walter Brown, granted that one is relatively literate, is the single most valuable book for students of art and mystery of beautiful letters. Mr. Brown has successfully presided at courses of student writing at Wabash, Carleton, and Harvard, and is now engaged in writing. The collection under this title is the most representative selection of essays about writing by men who themselves were able to write. "What student," asks Mr. Brown in his introduction, "would not be quickened if in his college career he could have just one theme read and marked by Hazlitt or Thackeray or R. L. S.? Who would not work a little harder and a little longer because he had once taken a course in composition under Flaubert or Ruskin or Joseph Conrad?" The book, we repeat, is no compendium of rules for squirrels engaged in cracking the nuts of theory; and unless one is already literate, it is best to avoid it.

"The Critic and the Drama" is among the best of the pronouncements of George Jean Nathan about the art of the theatre. It reveals Mr. Nathan, thru his familiar pyrotechnic style, as a man with genuine interests in and philosophy of the theatre. "Glamour" is the excellent title chosen by Stark Young for a book of similiar length and almost similiar purpose, consideration of the theatre. Superior to Mr. Young's critical chapters, it seems to us, are the essays dealing with personalities, especially Eleanora Duse, and the portion devoted to "Letters From Dead Actors."

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The schedule is not quite complete, but contracts have been signed for a dual debate with Jamestown College on the night of March 13. The negative team will remain at home while the affirmative goes to Jamestown. Macalester College of St. Paul and Aberdeen State Teachers College, both four-year institutions, are sending teams here in March, but no definite date has yet been set. Arrangements are under way for a no-decision debate with the University of North Dakota, probably to be held at Grand Forks in February. There is a chance, also, that an intersectional debate may be arranged, with an eastern college which is sending a team of two men on a trip west, but no announcement of this debate can yet be made.



The Column

PUNGENT QUESTION

What, what could it have been in a young ladies' dormitory to have kept Mr. Bridges from his sleep? Was it the thought of the ghost walking, over Grandpa's Grave?

—Anxious Asker (Female).

DRUG STORE COWBOYS ORGANIZE

It has been rumored, very authoritatively, that several of the young men coeds are planning to attend the coed rodeo, incognito, Saturday evening. This is a dastardly plan, and should be nipped in the bud. We offer to the program committee this suggestion. When the festivity is at its height, release a choice collection of Wheeler Hall mice. As the real coeds scamper for higher regions the masqueraders will betray themselves. How's that, Hawkshaw?

—ABIE and ROSIE.

(No, we are not playing in Fargo this week.)

ABIE AND ROSIE: EXCELLENT PLAN, BUT ARE YOU SURE THE YOUNG MEN ARE NOT ALSO AFRAID OF MICE?\*

\*—ED. NOTE.

EVIDENCE THAT AMERICAN HUMOROUS APPRECIATION IS STILL IN THE STONE AGE: "ABIE'S IRISH ROSE."

Astonishing contribution to geological science offered by one of Burgy's Better Bipeds:

"Lake Agassiz is twelve feet deep, all over."

LITANY FOR COLLEGE MEN

From coeds who desire, most sweetly, to borrow our best trousers for the Coed Rodeo; from coeds who borrow any thing from us, presenting but a pleasant smile in return; from fair young things who clutter up the halls and make one's class-ward way a task for open-field runners; from serious young ladies who clog the class-rooms and prevent that flow of soul without which education becomes both blank and dreary; from young and loafing women who fill all the available seating places in the lower corridor whereas the whole world knows that we, the males, reserve to ourselves the right of hanging about and doing nothing; from girls who powder in public and chatter in private, from college girls who live in dormitories and from those who don't, from all women, girls, and infants of the feminine gender, Good Lord, deliver us!

THE LAND OF SUNSHINE, BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS AND GLACIERS

By M. Alice Ide

(Principal and Supervisor of the Glyndon Consolidated School.)

(Continued from last week)

As we approach Skagway on our northward journey the steamer takes a side trip into Taku Bay to give the tourists a near view of Taku Glacier. Taku Glacier is a mile wide where it enters the sea. It is ninety miles long and thirty miles wide in the interior. As we approach the glacier, the pilot blows the boat's whistle. The vibrations produced by the whistle cause great jagged parts of the glacier to break off. These fall into the water with a great splash and a thunderous sound and float off as small icebergs.

Skagway, the end of the journey, once a thriving town, contains now many deserted buildings. In its early days, it had the reputation of being rough. The prospectors with their outfit money and the returning miners with their gold attracted various bands of gamblers. One of these was the "Soapy Smith" gang. Soapy Smith was a notorious gambler who won his name from his slippery methods.

Skagway today is at the beginning of the White Horse Railway. The car shops are located here, and furnish the chief occupation of its people. Skagway is noted for its flower gardens and small fruits. The long hours of daylight and abundant moisture favor their growth. Sweet peas thrive luxuriantly, and dahlias are equal in size and brilliancy to the finest ever produced.

The people of Skagway are cordial nature loving people who seem to know how to enjoy some of the real values in life. As one of the women said, "We do the same things here that you do back home only we do them better. Only unusual people come to Alaska."

The Star, official motor of the college, and the little play-fellow of Misses Bieri, Lockwood, and others, on their trips to the rural parts of our campus; the Ford Bus, receptacle for the younger training school children, piloted by "Louie"—both these excellent machines are now quartered in the Backyard Haven, a newly erected brick garage just to the rear of the "gymnasium."

Miss Ruth Solem, Barnesville, student at this college last year, and now a sophomore at Carleton College, visited friends on the campus Tuesday.

Little Superstitions for Everybody.

1. It is very unlucky to lose \$13,013.013.13.

PRAECEPTOR RAPIDLY GETTING INTO SHAPE

With the dispatching of the senior panels designed, cut, and mounted by members of the 1926 Praeceptor staff, work on the yearbook took a long leap forward. The panels, thirty in number, constituting one of the largest and most expensive sections of the book, were sent shortly before the vacation. The proofs of the half-tones are expected this week.

Work of the editorial department during January will be concentrated upon the sections devoted to college life, organizations, athletics, and special features. The first and last named of these sections are expected to be innovations. The business department, under the leadership of Delores Allen, with Harold Preusse and Claude Nemzek as assistants, is finding the Moorhead and Fargo merchants very approachable. Half the advertising budget has already been secured, which indicates that local business men stand behind and are interested in teachers college activities.

To whatever powers that are responsible The MISTIC publicly renders appreciation for the efficient cleaning and occasional varnishing done during vacation. The floors fairly shine in places. Now, if the genius who created the main building had only prepared for winter, we could be relieved of the hideous presence of that little storm cabin in front of the entrance.

Because of a serious injury suffered by her mother, Miss Maude Hayes is remaining at her sister's home in Normal, Ill., for the present. Mrs. Hayes contracted pneumonia as a result of a fall and a fracture, and her recovery is reported to be problematical. The college extends its sympathy to Miss Hayes.

Miss Georgina Lommen delayed her return to the college until Thursday morning in order to have an opportunity to visit three members of the class of '25 who are teaching in the twin cities. Vera Converse and Delphine Huggett are in St. Paul schools, Marie Redlinger in Minneapolis.

Given but three days release from her work with the United Charities of St. Paul, Miss Frances MacLean spent them with her parents in Moorhead. These were Christmas day, and the two days which followed it.

Mrs. Paul V. Hutchinson of Fargo, who substituted for Miss Hayes for four days before vacation, is filling the same place this week and until Miss Hayes returns.



## Training School

### TRAINING SCHOOL PROGRAM APPRECIATED

The Christmas gift from the children of the Training School to the College, the Christmas Festival, was a successful affair, given on Monday, December 21. David Askegaard, of the second grade presented the gift in a very capable manner. The assistance of the music department added greatly to the effect of the four pictures depicted on the stage, the Annunciation of the coming of Christ, apparition to the Shepherds, coming of the Magi and Modern Wisemen.

The unusually good attention of the large audience of parents and students is proof that the gift of the Training School was appreciated. The college extends its "Thank you."

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Although Tuesday was the first day after vacation there was only one absence in the primary room.

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Stanley and James Schillerstrom and Martha Lou Price who were absent because of whooping cough returned to school on Tuesday.

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The Junior High School Basket Ball Team will play the Agassiz J. H. team on our floor next Friday at 4:10. Admission five cents.

About thirty-five fathers and mothers attended the Xmas party given in the kindergarten room the last day of school.

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The Kindergarten, under the supervision of Mrs. Durboraw, is working on a home project. The aim in view is to develop appreciation of the home as a place of shelter and comfort. A health project is being worked out at the same time and a "health movie" will be put on for the little people.

### LIFE

Life is a canvas upon which you and I are preparing to paint a picture which will be great or small as we make it. It is supported by a frame made up of our characters without which it would crumble. The colors, which are our thoughts, must be clean or the painting will be offensive. Our words and deeds are the brushes with which we paint.

Little words of kindness, little deeds of love, and little acts of self-sacrifice are the touches which make the picture of life more beautiful and pleasing to the eye of the Master for whom it must be unveiled.

—"The Wilohi."

### OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES—

Definition: An instructor is something set up in the front of a room.

### S. G. BRIDGES REPORTS MEETING OF HISTORIANS

Mr. Samuel Bridges, head of the department of history, was Wednesday's chapel speaker, presenting an interesting account of his attendance at the annual meeting of the American Historical Society in Ann Arbor, Mich., during the holidays. The meeting is the most important single gathering of American historians held anywhere during the year, and serves to collate the principal advances in historical research made each year. According to Mr. Bridges the principal benefit of such sessions is not in the meetings themselves, nor in the speeches which can be read in print, but in the inspiration of contact with the leaders of one's own profession, the inspiration of contact with the leaders of one's own profession, the inspiration of gathering on account of a common intellectual interest.

With several hundred instructors from all parts of the United States Mr. J. Herbert Burgy attended the sessions of the National Council of Geography Teachers in Madison, Wisconsin, December 23-29.

## Exchanges

We wish to congratulate "The Wilohi" of Willmar, Minnesota, on their splendid Christmas paper for December 23. It certainly showed the Christmas spirit that must have prevailed throughout their school.

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The "College Chronicle" of St. Cloud, Minnesota, printed an interesting Christmas number. The drawings were particularly good.

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The "Mistic" wishes to congratulate the "Winonian" on their Christmas paper. The green printing was very striking.

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Doctor Brown, Concordia President, delivered the Commencement address at Valley City College, December 18. Dr. Brown's address was full of homely advice to the prospective teachers. Dr. Brown stressed the importance of the unsatisfied individuals to world progress. "Teachers College Budget."

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The College Chronicle, St. Cloud Teachers College, and The 1925 Talahi, annual of the same institution, received high ratings at the Central Press Association, which met in Madison last November. The Chronicle is a bi-weekly, but is printed on an excellent format, is admirably made-up, and quite newsy. Our neighbor college is to be congratulated on these honors.

## Music

Among the music alumni who were back during vacation were: Mildred Distad, and Winnifred Ulsaker. Harlow Bergquist, Martha Akeley, and Harriet Julius.

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Coming back to the present, Arion Club will be entertained by the men of the club. Though they are few they will do their "stuff," and a good meeting will be inevitable. The program system will be of the new type. Each one on the program chooses his own piece and explains the work before rendering, doing away with the old system of each meeting being devoted to a composer.

The meeting will be held on next Thursday and the place will be announced later.

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A group of M. S. T. C. students, past and present, broadcasted a number of male quartette songs New Years eve.

Those who sang were Marvin Rice, Harlow Berquist, "Babe" Rusness, and Hod Eklund, Mr. Preston directed the group and sang the first tenor. Mr. Preston and Harlow Berquist sang a duet and Mr. Preston sang a group of solos.

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On Wednesday evening, December 20, Mr. and Mrs. Preston gave a dinner in honor of Harlow Berquist. A few male friends of Mr. Berquist were also guests.

### PI MU PHI SORORITY

#### ENJOYS REUNION

The Misses Lucille Phillips, Marion Cook and Mildred Distad, alumnae members of the Pi Mu Phi sorority, entertained active and alumni members of the sorority at a Christmas party at the home of Miss Distad, 6th Street, Moorhead, December 31, 1925 from 3 to 7 P. M.

Several of the recent graduates of the college, including Martha Akeley, Marlys Carl, Peg Aaland, Winnifred Ulsaker, Helen Augspurger, Adele Hanson and Marjorie Paulsrud were present, in addition to the local active members.

The appointments were in keeping with the holiday idea and the afternoon was spent in social chat. The hostesses served a delicious repast at 6:30.

### IS THERE A GOD?

The first Y. M. C. A. discussion of the new year will be held in the Y. M. room, Monday evening, Jan. 11. The title will be, "Is there a God? If so, what kind?" This is a question that should require the deepest thought of every young man, as it is rarely discussed in public. If every man can come with a little subject matter or an opinion to voice, the subject should prove interesting.