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VALLEY CITY SWAMPS LOCALS

POOR SHOOTING OF PEDS IS FACTOR IN SECOND DEFEAT

On a floor better suited for dancing than basketball, the Valley City Vikings downed the Peds by a score of 27-15 last Friday evening.

Valley City acquired an early lead on a free throw and field goal by Axelson. Baskets by Williams and Gowenlock and two free throws by Erickson gave the Peds the advantage for a short time, but Valley City forged ahead again and retained the lead for the rest of the game.

The score was 13-8 for the Vikings at the end of the half. The last half Valley City made 14 points to Moorhead's five, which brought the final score to 27-15 for the Dakotans.

The play was rough, and the slippery floor made good basketball impossible. Moorhead's floor work was good but their shooting was poor. Valley City had fewer shots than the Peds but took better advantage of shots they did have and succeeded in eging a fair amount of them.

Ployhar and Axelson played the best ball for the Vikings, while Erickson's floor work and Baldwin's guarding were the main features of Moorhead's play.

The lineups were as follows:

Valley City		Moorhead
Donkenwold	LF	Gowenlock
Burchill	RF	Williams
Maresh	C	Erickson
Axelson	RG	Baldwin
Schlechter	LG	Storms

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YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN DISCUSS HYPOCRITES

The Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. held a joint meeting in the auditorium on Monday evening, and discussed the topic, "Who Is A Hypocrite?" Some thought that all people are hypocrites; others thought that the use of tact paved the way for hypocrisy; still others thought not, or naught. Nor was hypocrisy the only subject of discussion. Mr. Sande told some reminiscences of his last political campaign in his own inimitable style; Mr. Lee read some illustrative passages from the Bible, and Miss Halvorsen and Miss Holmquist sang a delightful duet.

Mr. Harold Sand led the discussion very capably.

See You At the Game Tomorrow!

ARION ENJOYS RIDE AND DINNER AT PRESTON'S

Sunday afternoon at four o'clock the members of the Arion Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston. In five minutes a sleigh drove up, and while the more timid and dignified members got in the bob-sleigh, the rowdy ones managed to tie two small sleds behind. What's fun without a little risk? Several times the team was stopped while the girls picked themselves up from a snow-bank or a puddle of water.

The party returned to Mr. and Mrs. Preston's home and found a delicious dinner waiting to be served. The evening was spent informally. Little "Jimmy" Preston proved himself worthy of membership in the Arion, by singing "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam."

Mr. and Mrs. Preston were voted by one and all present to be perfect host and hostess.

J. H. S. ENTERTAINS CADETS AND INSTRUCTORS

A gay party left the campus on Thursday evening, January 14, as two well loaded bobsleds departed on a sleighride party. The students of the Junior High School were entertaining their teachers and student teachers, and jolly, good fun it was, too.

The ride in the frosty air took the pleasure seekers thru the business sections of the two cities, ending with a circling of Concordia College, and finally depositing everyone at the Training School entrance.

The party retired to the college gymnasium where further fun was planned for the guests. The feature of the evening was a basketball game between the Junior High School and the "Highland Lassies," alias Student Teachers. The middies and bloomers worn by the Lassie team caused a great deal of merriment. Many reinforcements were needed to "keep the dumb things on," as one of the players put it. Consternation reigned for a few minutes when Adolph Reski, of the Lassie team, was hit so severely on the jaw that he spat out two of his teeth (two beans). Frenchy complained about "hot rigs" or something, yet the game progressed. Harvey Monson refereed the game which ended in a decision in favor of the Junior High School boys.

The party ended with dainty refreshments served by the girls of the Junior High School.

"UNTOLD WEALTH" IS A PHRASE WHICH WAS COINED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST INCOME TAX LAW WAS WRITTEN.

FORMER LOCAL INSTRUCTORS HERE

SPEAK AT CHAPEL AND VISIT OUTLYING RURAL SCHOOLS

Two old friends of the State Teachers College spoke at the assembly exercises on Wednesday, January 20. They were Anna Swenson, who is a graduate of the institution, and Flora Trites, who was a member of the faculty last year. Miss Swenson, in her talk, urged future teachers to prepare themselves for wise selection of library and text books when they enter the field of teaching. She exhibited an old McGuffey's First Reader printed in 1879 and drew comparisons with the better, modern books to be had today. Miss Trites spoke briefly on their work as members of the Department of Education. She especially commended the college on its practical means of providing student teaching for those taking the one-year rural course.

VISIT AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

Miss Anna Swenson and Miss Flora Trites, of the State Department of Education, were spending a few days at the Teachers College last week. Together with Mr. Archer, Mrs. Lockwood, Miss Bieri, and President MacLean, they have visited some of the affiliated training centers of the college. The body of visitors spent Monday out at the Oak Mound school, and on Tuesday they visited the Clearview and Rustad schools.

GAMMA NU RECEIVES SILVER LOVING CUP

October 31, 1925, the "M" club sponsored homecoming exercises — the main event of which was a large parade composed of floats from the various organizations. A prize was offered for the best float and the Gamma Nu sorority was the fortunate winner. Friday at Chapel hour, Mr. Gates, vice-president of the "M" club, presented "Doll" Cronin, president of that sorority, with the prize—a silver loving cup. "What's the matter with the Gamma Nu's?"

ART CLUB IS ENTERTAINED

Miss McCarten entertained the members of the Art Club at her home Saturday, January 16, from 3 to 5 P. M.

The Club held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon, January 14. A social time was planned for the near future.

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Mr. Theodore Wantke, who for the past four months has been Editor-in-chief of the MISTIC has resigned his position on the staff. Since last September when Mr. Wantke became editor by competitive examination, he has faithfully served the school in this capacity. To be the Editor of a school paper is no easy task. It takes time and tact to successfully manage such a publication. At this time the staff wish to thank Mr. Wantke for his services, and to show that they are appreciative of the efforts he has made in making the paper live.

Margaret Maland will fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Wantke's resignation. During the fall Miss Maland served as one of the reporters. At the beginning of the winter quarter she became Associate editor—and now she steps in to head the editorial staff—a position she is well able to fill.

SCIENTISTS STUDY

EAR OF THE UNIVERSE

Last Tuesday evening, Mr. W. C. White addressed the Science Club on "The Vacuum Tube—the Ear to the Whole World," at the regular meeting of the club in Weld Hall.

He explained the principles of amplification of the very weak radio impulses picked up by the antenna, and showed graphically how the flow of electrons in the vacuum tube from the heated filament to the cold plate allowed the passage of current in one direction but prevented a current in opposite direction.

After his talk, the members of the club carried on a number of experiments with specially built and commercial receivers.

Local dealers in radio receiving sets are beginning to co-operate with the club by loaning sets for the purpose of testing the advantages of the various types of receivers.

OSKAR BEGS PUPPA FOR CASH

Dere Puppa:

Skule being still on & aye being out of cash aye taught aye wood drop yu a line. Aboslootly, puppa, don't get it into yur head aye ar begging for penge but aye vood appreciate it ef you vood drop me your signature on check blank, Aye ar abstively on das stones, puppa, & aye feel yust some like counterfit nickel in First National Bank.

Speaking of vimmen, puppa, aye ar almost off das Inga for life. She issent in my class & besides she ar abso-lutely insulting. She say to me aye "are regular Mercury" & aye taught she meant aye var speedy guy, aye looked it up today and aye found das mercury var God of liars. Aye are done vit her already & aye ar going to get back dose ring aye gave her. It cost me \$1.25 F. O. B. Sears Roebuck, Chicago and she issent going to get away vit das ring. All my odder girls gave it back.

Vell, puppa, last Friday aye var to basketball gam and it sure var vulgar. No manners at all.

Dere var 10 great big boys & dey had a fite ofer a cheep littel ball vot didn't cost more dent 3 iron mens. Dey didn't haf no respect for das game. Von dumbell stepped all ofer das face of a poor little boy that had das ball and viped on das boys soot his shoes. Den do yu spouse dey tel him keep das ball? Aye skall say no. Day ale yumped & took ball away from him. Vas dat manners, vet du? Dey stepped on das boys faces till he fainted & let go of ball. Ven das game var ofer, Mr. Pullman, some of dose vulgar guys called him coach, vell Mr. Pullman counted up dose dead & vounded & gave das ball to serwivers.

Vell, puppa, das ar all for vonce. Don't forget aye ar broke.

Yur loving son,

OSKAR.

The Book Shelf

SEVEN HISTORICAL NOVELS

When Sir Walter Scott turned himself, at forty-five, to the production of novels which dealt with near and remote history of his own country, he set a fashion. He must be called one of the innovators in literature. What he produced every school boy knows; what his followers and imitators have attempted we all read, at some period, avidly and with flaming interest. There is a kind of fascination in going thru a book n which live again gigantic figures out of history. The fashion may, as in Strachey's "Queen Victoria," drag a legend to our own level; or it may, as in Wallace's "Ben Hur," create a hero who is worthy even of the motion pictures. (See Ramon Novarro in the picture of that name when it reaches Fargo in three years. It is now playing New York.—Adv.)

The library has but recently installed seven such historical fictions, by William Stearns Davis, of the University of Minnesota, one of the best of the literators who use the past as material. The books are well-turned out by MacMillan, in assorted colors, and with varying heroes and varying periods as their themes, are all written in capital English, and with sound scholarship. They were written over a period from 1900 to 1925, and concern severally Belshazzar; the Greeks of the time of the Persian Wars ("A Victor of Salamis"); Rome of the time of the fall of the Republic ("A Friend of Caesar"); a tale of the first crusade ("God Wills It"); the exciting life and times of Martin Luther ("A Friar of Wittenberg"); "The White Queen," a story of France in the reign of the great Louis who became St. Louis; and Constantinople in the Eighth Century, when Leo, the Isaurian, turned back the Saracen and, with Charles Martel in the west, saved Europe for the Christians (popularly so-called.) This last, "The Beauty of the Purple," is the last to be published, and is one of the most interesting. We have five dollars which says it will get into the movies.

LAMBDA PHI SIGMA TO DISCUSS VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The Lambda Phi Sigma fraternity decided at their first meeting of the year last Wednesday, to discuss topics of interest to teachers in their work at each meeting for the remainder of the term. The topic selected for the next meeting was that of vocational training. It will include also something with reference to student government. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 27, at 7:00 p. m.

See You At the Game Tomorrow!

Gags by Gates

A COMPLEX

While mighty nimrods rove our prairies, what chances have the poor rabbits? Even those in cold storage escape not the eagle eye of the mightiest of our hunters!!!!

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MISS FRICK WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THAT SHE WANTS MORE DUMB-BELLS FOR HER PHYSICAL-ED. CLASSES. SWEDES MAY APPLY.

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Patsy: Say Smudge, I got a zero in spelling today.

Smudge: That's nothing.

Patsy: What's nothing?

Smudge: Zero.

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Alas! Miss Hawkinson's charger is gone. That noble steed that served so often in transporting the baby Peds to and from their battles, that tired and worn relic, which never more shall break the speed limits of our fair city.

Gone! Gone! Yes but who has wrecked that noble steed. It is said that our noble knight, Sir Harold was the last rider seen upon it's swaying back. No more was the critter safe from the pilferer. On the return of our gallant knight it was discovered that the thing had been tampered with, incurring the loss of the mud pan.

Let us rejoice in the exclusion of the unsafe unit of a caravan, for a new charge occupies the stall of the old, and for years to come it will render service such as its predecessor has done before it. And once more our children are safe upon the streets, safe from that vehicle that came thru the alleys in hurricane manner and speed (only making more noise) and not allowing the unfortunate the opportunity of escape. We mourn the loss of a friend.

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BESIDES TAKING UP BASKETBALL TO REDUCE, DOC STROMBO HAS RESORTED TO SHOVELING OUR SIDEWALKS.

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The semi-finals of the checker tournament will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, every period of every day, next week. The writer will give all those interested a tip. Bet heavy on Menser Anderson.

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NOW THAT THE GAMMA NUS HAVE WON A LOVING CUP IT IS RUMORED THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BUILD A SORORITY HOUSE TO PUT IT IN.

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Burdened by the weight of heavy artillery, Babe Nemzek and Mensor

Anderson plodded the fields of the frozen north seeking any form of the treacherous beasts that roam our pairies. All in vain. No! they fought until the last drop of blood in their bodies ran cold and returned from their hunt with not only cold feet, but a rabbit which cost them 50 cents.

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Since Miss Frick has crashed into the spotlight of the musical world, by singing her vocal selections, she has received an invitation to subscribe for PIERRE KEY'S MUSIC YEAR BOOK. We hope our future prima-donna has great success in her new profession.

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We understand that one of the instructors of the training school is trying out for the role of Cinderella. We might state that it is rather cold to be walking home in overshoes.

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NOTE: ANY PERSON WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS COLUMN MAY SEND SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WRITER'S POST OFFICE BOX. WE WILL GLADLY PUBLISH ALL ARTICLES AND WELCOME ANY HUMOROUS INFORMATION REGARDING MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL.

E. Gates.

Miss Frieda Johnson, an alumni member of the Gamma Nu sorority, and Miss Maria Johnson, supervisors at the Clearview school, entertained the active members of the sorority at a sleighride party at the Clearview school.

THE DINING HALL'S SIX O'CLOCK SESSION

About two minutes after the dinner bell rings the dining hall begins to fill with happy, maybe hungry coeds. When the last has arrived a deep silence falls over the room—but it is shortly broken and the noisy chatter is resumed. Once in a while, a loud crash is heard above the tumult, announcing the unintentional descent of a perfectly good and usable dish to the floor. When (rarely) a masculine voice is heard in this exclusively feminine portion of the "dorm" four hundred eyes are focused on its owner (unless a pillar obstructs the view). This may be one of the causes of broken dishes because, alas! Only when company is present do accidents occur.

EXCHANGES

Dr. H. L. Canright, who has been in China for 35 years, spoke to the students and faculty of the Dickinson Normal School on Monday morning. "The Chinese Language" was Dr. Canright's subject. This extremely interesting and instructive talk appealed to everyone present.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE MISTIC?

"I like it! In fact, I try to get it on Thursday nights."

MENSER ANDERSON,
President Junior Class.

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"I would like to see The MISTIC emphasize the following three points: (a) sports, (b) jokes, (c) sarcastic editorials.

GEORGE BOWERS,
Junior, M. S. T. C.

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"I think The MISTIC is fine, as a whole; everyone looks forward to getting it."

ROSE LUND,
Cheer Leader, Winter Quarter.

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"I think The MISTIC needs a "Student Expression Column" so as to reflect student life more effectively.

ORMENSO BJORK,
President of Y. M. C. A.

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"I think The MISTIC could be made more interesting, alive and vital, if each student realized that it was his own paper and would contribute accordingly."

DOLL CRONIN,
President, aGamma Nu.

JOURNAL CONTAINS ARTICLE BY HUFF

The January number of the Journal of the Minnesota Education Association, has an article which is of interest to friends of the State Teachers College who know Mr. Huff, the writer of the article. The theme is wound about a suggestive real estate sign, "It's a great life, It's a beautiful country, What's your hurry? Linger and Look!" The article brings out how the study of nature, and how travel will vitalize the school room work of any teacher.

ART CLUB SECURES EXHIBIT

An exhibit of pictures from the Pratt Institute, School of Fine and Applied Arts and the Rhode Island School of Design will be on display in the Art rooms until Wednesday of next week. This exhibit is sponsored by the Art Club, who invites you to enjoy this collection of pictures with them.

Marion Cronin, Comstock Hall, entertained her sister, Mrs. J. W. Lewis, of Watertown, S. D., last week-end. Accompanying Mrs. Lewis was a charming little miss of four years, namely, "Mickey Fern" Sullivan, a niece of the Cronin sisters. "She's my million dollar baby," says Doll.

Mr. Archer: What is a petty annoyance?

Miss Roberts: Hearing men rattle money in their pockets.

Training School

The Pinter Cunningham Primary Mental test has been given this week before promotions. Twelve kindergarten people will enter the primary department.

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Eskimo land of the primary department is now being inhabited by numerous fur-clad Eskimos.

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Our B division is about to begin its third reader.

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The second grade people have been busy this week studying the different types of residences in the city. They are now making a chart showing the different types of homes with modern conveniences.

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At the last program of the fourth grade club the main topic for discussion was "Why I Like Winter." The 4A class has charge of the club meeting this morning as it is the last meeting to be held before their promotion. Their program will consist of an original play which they have worked out in Geography study. Members of the fourth grade language class have written some interesting papers on "What Everyone agreed that they had ac- the Courtesy Project Did for Me." quired many new courtesies which they practice daily. Esther said, "I have learned to think of what others want to do not only what I want to do." George said, "I especially like the mottoes we learned. One was: "If you want to be happy give something away."

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At the last meeting of the Little Citizens Club of the Intermediate Grades the members gave an original play entitled "Franklin's Wit." Each member also told an entertaining story illustrating personal thrift.

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All the pupils are looking forward to mid-year promotions.

The pupils of the intermediate department again rated themselves on the qualities of a good citizen. The teachers' ratings are given on the same sheets.

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Miss Swenson of the State Department visited the intermediate department on Monday.

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Members of the 6A group have just finished building a medieval castle in the sand table showing the numerous towers, draw bridges, moats and high walls of ancient times.

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Children of the 6B geography class have been very interested in their project on the Scandinavian Peninsula. After a three-day study of two

countries the children took an imaginary trip across the sea and thru the peninsula. Many articles of interest were brought into the class including homespun towels, a shawl, and (even a Norwegian conversation was carried on.) The 5A geography class has been making an extensive study of Mexican life thru pictures. During their study they discovered that "Vera Cruz takes place in the Gulf of Mexico."

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DELTA SIGMA

INSTALLS OFFICERS

New officers were installed for the winter quarter at the Delta Sigma meeting Thursday evening, January 14. The ceremonials were preceded by a short program including:

Violin Solo.....Felix Boehme
Talk—"My Ambition" Claude Fischer
Talk—"A Good Deed".....Oscar Hough
Vocal Solo.....Marvin Rice

Theodore Nemzek, the retiring president, expressed his appreciation of the attitude of the members and their willingness to participate in the activities of the organization. Walter Williams, the new president, stated in his inaugural address, that the organization must always endeavor to work for more worthwhile things, and to make itself more influential in the life of the college.

EDITH CAMPBELL WINS

SNAPSHOT PRIZE

A snapshot of two girls delightfully dressed in Spanish costumes with the southern porch of Comstock Hall as a background, won the five-dollar prize in the recent contest put on by the Praeceptor. The picture was entered by Miss Edith Campbell. Judges in the contest were Miss McCarten, head of the Art department, Miss Marion Meecham, president of the Art Club, and Mr. White.

See You At the Game Tomorrow!

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Substitutes—Valley City: Ployhar, Jaster, Hold. Moorhead: Hostbjor, Wambach, Byler, T. Nemzek, Simpson, Anderson.

Field Goals—Williams 3, Donkenwald, Ployhar, Burchill 2, Jaster, Maresh, Holm, Axelson, Gowenlock, Baldwin.

Free Throws—Axelson 3, Donkenwald, Erickson 2, Burchill, Schleeter, Baldwin, Byler, Wambach.

Wahpeton Here Tomorrow

Tomorrow night the Peds meet Wahpeton in the Moorhead High School gym at 8:00 o'clock. Dope indicates a slight edge for Wahpeton as Valley City barely defeated them earlier in the season, so Moorhead will have to play better ball than they did against Valley City last Friday in order to win.

Music

PERSONNEL FOR TRIPS PICKED

The girls of the Girls' Chapel Choir to go on the spring tour have been picked by tryout and the following were chosen: Ruth Anderson, Helen Bergquist, Irma Bergquist, Sentina Crema, Louise Hendrickson, Agnes Halvorson, Beatrice Holmquist, Pearl Holmquist, Dorothy Johnson, Josephine Johnson, Della Johnson, Ruby Krogh, Louise Murray, Clementine Small, Edna Swan, Margaret Strommen and Ruth Tweeten. Merle Nelson is accompanist.

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MEN'S CHORUS

The following men were chosen to represent the club on the spring tour:

First tenor: James Dahl, Alfred Tollefson and Arthur Storms, alternate, Harold Preusse.

Second tenor: Edwin Malvey, Harvey Monson and Rudolph Stafne. Alternates, Claude Fisher and Marshall Shelstad.

First bass: Ole Sande, Marvin Rice and Dorman Sutton. Alternates, Walter Williams, Willard Gowenlock and Waldemar Wicklund.

Second bass: Horace Eklund, Felix Boehme, Harold Sand and Ernest Gates. No alternates.

From the alternates one additional member will be chosen for each part in the spring.

Clementine Small will be accompanist for the Men's Chorus on the spring ramble.

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On Thursday last week the Arion Club was entertained at the home of "Hod" Eklund, Fourth Avenue South, Moorhead. A fine program was presented and three people tried out for membership. Mr. James Dahl and Mr. Ole Sande sang a duet. Edwin Malvey was the third applicant trying out as a member of the Arion Club Male Quartette. All three of the applicants were accepted.

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The copies of the spring cantata have come and the chorus is beginning to work on the chorus parts. It is hoped that the branch of the New York Symphony Orchestra which is to appear as a Lyceum number here will be here to play for the rendering of this cantata. It is called "New Earth." The soloists have not yet been chosen.

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Members of the training school's chorus sang a number of carols for broadcasting during the holidays. Word has recently been received by the Strub twins from an uncle in New York stating that the carols were heard plainly over their radio.

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