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# THE MISTIC

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## LAMBDA PHI SIGMA INSTALLS NINE

TO GRANT KEYS AT  
BANQUET SATURDAY

The quarterly initiation of new members to Lambda Phi Sigma, scholastic fraternity of the Teachers College, will take place at the Gardner hotel, Fargo, Saturday evening, February 13. The initiation exercises will take place at 5:30 followed by the banquet at 6:30.

Those admitted to membership in Lambda Phi Sigma this quarter are: Agnes Duffy, Fargo; Gem Faus, Detroit; Beatrice Holmquist, Warren; Esther Meyer, Detroit; Helen Roberts, Moorhead; Harold Sand, Elbow Lake; Marie Sorknes, Madison; Rose Lund, Bowbells, N. D.; Mrs. Ruth Dillavou, Kempton, N. D.

Miss Louise Murray, Parkers Prairie, president of the fraternity, will act as toastmistress at the banquet. The speech of welcome will be given by Alfred Tollefson, Ashby. Agnes Duffy, Fargo, will give the response. Other toasts will be given by Miss Ella Hawkinson and Mr. S. A. Hamrin, of the college faculty.

The program will be concluded by solo numbers and group singing.

The color scheme for table decorations will be worked out in gold and green, colors of the fraternity, with jonquils, roses and ferns.

## WOPS SHOW SUPERIOR FORM IN SHOOTING TO WIN 27 TO 18

The Wahpeton Wildcats defeated the Peds in the game at Wahpeton last Saturday by a score of 27 to 18.

The Peds played listless ball, none of the men playing up to form. Moorhead's floor work was as good as Wahpeton's but their poor shooting caused their downfall, many shots being missed close to the basket.

At the end of the first half the score was 7 to 7. In the last half the Wildcats took betetr advantage of their shots and caged a larger per cent of them than the Peds.

The lineups and summary:

Moorhead		Wahpeton
Williams	F	Bassett
Baldwin	F	Chezik
Erickson	C	Achter
Storms	G	Storms
Anderson	G	Anderson

Substitutions — Moorhead: Wambach and Gowenlock. Wahpeton:

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## COLLEGE DEBATERS TO MEET UNIVERSITY

Three teachers college debaters will leave Moorhead next Thursday afternoon for Grand Forks, bound for the first contest on the intercollegiate debate schedule, with the University of North Dakota. The local speakers will assume the negative of the proposition: "Resolved, That the National Child Labor Amendment Should Be Adopted." The debaters in the order in which they will speak are Ralph Smith, Moorhead; Eva Madsen, Mohall, N. D.; Marie Sorknes, Madison, Minn.

## W. A. L. PRESENTS ICE CARNIVAL

PRIZES AWARDED  
FOR VARIOUS EVENTS

One of the greatest events of the year has at last almost arrived. What could be better than an All College Ice Carnival? It is to be given Friday at 3:30 by the Women's Athletic League of M. S. T. C.

As all contests have certain requirements, likewise this has its three. You who are candidates must accurately measure yourselves by three measuring sticks, and woe unto you if you are found lacking in any of these required respects. Only those who are endowed either by heredity or environment with these three qualities can enter this wonderful contest. These essentials are good spirit, vim, and pep.

Who can enter? Why! Everybody! We, however, expect each organization of the college to borrow, beg, or steal a large enough number of qualified members in order that they may put on a stunt. These stunts must be original and also must reveal to the overwhelming audience the cleverness of the organization as a whole. Besides having stunts given by each organization individuals are given the opportunity to contest with one another for great rewards in such events as the following:

- The man with the best costume.
- The woman with the best costume.
- The best fancy skater (man or woman).
- The winner of the women's race.
- The winner of the men's race.

In order that we may award the prizes to the most worthy participants we have chosen very capable judges. Miss Gibbon and Mr. Hess have been

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## ENGLISH CRITIC LECTURES HERE

POWYS FINDS MYSTERY,  
BEAUTY, IN SHAKESPEARE

"To rescue Shakespeare from the professors and academic scholars and interpret him so that he would be of some use to the world," was the purpose of the lecture on Shakespeare given by John Cowper Powys, English author and lecturer, at a special assembly of the students of the Moorhead State Teachers College Monday afternoon.

There is a mystery, beauty, and universality in Shakespeare as there is in the sun, Mr. Powys said. He does not preach or moralize, but presents the good and bad, the ugly and beautiful as they are. It is foolish to try to discover whether Shakespeare or Francis Bacon wrote the plays, he declared. The plays are written, use them.

From different characters in Shakespeare's plays, however, one may secure a composite picture of Shakespeare, himself, Mr. Powys declared. Hamlet reflects the universality of Shakespeare understanding; Falstaff, his Rabelasian humor through which pathos creeps; Prince Hal, his English blood; Mercutio, his wisdom in "playing to both houses" and keeping himself free from the restrictions of any set viewpoint; and Prospero, the mature dramatist and poet in the last years of his life.

## RESULTS OF Y. M. C. A.

### MOVIE ARE GOOD

"Your Best Friend," which was shown at the auditorium last week, drew a large crowd, chiefly from the college and Junior High School. Tho the artistic touches of the picture were rather crude, and the acting could have been improved upon, and in spite of the condition of the machine, the crowd enjoyed the story. The picture showed a great moral truth,—that the best friend of any person is his mother.

## CLASS DEBATES WOMAN-

### BUSINESS QUESTION

The second hour sociology class held a most interesting debate Wednesday morning when they debated the question: "Resolved, that a woman cannot be a true mother and a business woman at the same time." The affirmative debaters were Mr.

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## THE MISTIC

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### ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The words he has spoken, the deeds he has done have made Abraham Lincoln one of the most outstanding figures of the world's history. But possibly the most fascinating phase of this man's life is a study of his moods, his beliefs.

"Lincoln was naturally despondent and sad, like many another who made mirth for a merry company. Lincoln was made two distinct persons in one. He was a man of keen insight and absorbing meditation. His swift changes from elate joy to silent brooding over the problems of life were noticeable to all his friends. One moment a merry boy, exultant, sunny, cheery; the next, a care-burdened man, deep in thought. His characteristics were honor, fidelity, and truth." So Lincoln's moods and beliefs are described by Ida Tarbell in her biography of his life.

We are familiar with this strange figure of history; we know his habitual moods of despondency and sadness. But he was a man of keen insight; he "made mirth for a merry company." His life's story is filled with those afterwards, amusing incidents, from which he obtained most of the humor with which he "made mirth for a merry company." Those little anecdotes which always begun, "that reminds me," were ready bits of entertainment for him and the crowd that invariably gathered about him. Lincoln's wit always brought a laugh; it resulted in general good feeling. That spirit of geniality and good fellowship with which he was blessed made him a welcome visitor wherever he went.

Not only that, but his varied experiences gave him many points of contact with his townspeople. A farmer,

a railsplitter, a soldier, a surveyor, a postmaster, a storekeeper, and later a man of politics—he became a keen student of human nature. He learned psychology first hand. He not only knew the doctrines of individual differences, but could make practical application of it. He could deal with such men as Douglas, Stanton, and Seward satisfactorily. At the same time he could write such letters as the one to the Boston widow who had lost five sons in the war; he could so far remove himself from his strictly executive duties as to pardon the country soldier who slept at his post.

He was a man whose nature appealed to every heart. His humble birth, his life of disappointments, his tragic death suggest another figure in the world's history. His love, which was universal in its nature, gave rise to that saying, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

His life was an exemplification of that, and it is for that reason, probably more than any other, that we today remember the birthday of that man who was destined to become the savior of our nation.

### TEAM LEAVES FOR MAYVILLE

Tonight the Peds journey to Mayville, where they will attempt to get revenge for the defeat Mayville handed them in the close game here early in the season. The Mayville gym is about the same speed as ours so the boys should feel at home.

Mmes. Frank Temple and F. D. Henderson, Fargo pianists, presented a musical program at chapel exercises at the College on Friday, February 5.

### WONDER WHAT ABE

#### LINCOLN THINKS ABOUT?

Most of us notice the statue of Abraham Lincoln which stands on the first landing of the broad stairway in the main building of our College. A statue of a man, tall, gaunt, rugged and possessed of quiet, kindly features.

Have you ever paused before this statue and wondered what Abe Lincoln is thinking about? Imagine that statue to be possessed of powers of thought. As he stands there day after day he thinks about this day, a day of national respect and tribute to his name. His mind goes back to his early life in the log cabin of frontier days. He thinks of the hardships he endured; but he thinks more about the sufferings of his dear mother and remembers her last words to him, "Be a good boy, Abe." He remembers how he tried to be good and honest; how he strove hard for an education.

His mind suddenly changes to thoughts of his later career. He thinks of his struggle for the principles of home government. He thinks of the great Civil war and regrets that so much of a sacrifice in lives and money was needed to win liberty for all. After all he is thankful that this blot on our economic life was removed.

Like the really great Lincoln does not think of his own greatness. He wonders whether his life was as great a success as we believe it is. He had not three or four rules for success. He did his duty as he saw it and his people acknowledged his honesty and devotion to their cause. He sees the honor we pay him and thanks us for it.

He sees many of the principles he fought for now established. He thinks of the changes that have come about since his life blood ebbed. Out of all these changes he sees a definite goal of achievement in government, education and industry. There may be whirls, back currents and halts in life's river but gradual change and evolution bring it to its destination.

His mind is composed as he sees crisis after crisis followed by greater and better ways of doing things. He is appreciative of his residence in an institution, for which he would have given much to have attended as a young man. Honest Abe watches day by day the working of the great machine, human progress, and sees that all is well.

### MEETING OF ALTHAIA

#### POSTPONED TWO WEEKS

The regular meeting of Althaiia Literary Society, which was to have been held last Tuesday evening, was postponed two weeks, due to conflict with other meetings. Dante's "Divine Comedy," is the main subject of discussion for the next meeting.

**LITTLE INGA LIKES  
"YOUR BEST FRIEND"**

Dere Oskar:

Last Friday aye celebrates & vent to picture show & party all in von evening. Das how pupular aye ar ven aye ar not gazing on study books. Das show var called "Yur best friend." Aye taut it var kind of foolish becus ver var sposed to pick out vich von in hole show yu vood like for yur best friend. Der vassent so much to pick from. Dere var 2 old ladies, 2 men, not haff so cute som yu ar, Oskar, 2 yung vimmen, and von littel boy. Aye finally decided aye liked von old lady best becus it showd picatur of her reading book and burning meny candles—and dat is yust vot littel Inga had been doing. Aye tank me & her vood get along svell togeter.

At danse aye shased around yust som like saxty-mile. go-som. Aye shure are pupplar vimmen, efr yon var yust crazy for to dance vit me & dey all told me meny cumplements. Von boy say something to me dat aye yust coont get meenin of. Here aye var dansing vit him, he say, "Vood yu yust som soon get off & danse for avile?" Aye say, "Huh?" cuss aye var dansing right along vit his feet all das time. Some peepel ar kind of foolish—aye tank, but aye spose he ment aye var so light danser aye var yust volking on air & he wanted me to get off it & dance on a floor. Oh aye don't like to brag but aye shure ar good for to danse, efen if I du say so myself.

Meny girls up have say to me, little Inga for vy don't yu diet. Dot is yust a polite vay of seeding aye ar too plump. Aye say—"For vy shood aye quite eeting vent dat is all vot keeps my verry hart beeting ven aye are away from my littel Oskar. Enyway dey all eet—vy shoodn't I do das same. Yu no aye nefer vas crazy for nie, vell das odder day efr yon var eeting pie, dey offered me some & aye say I issent so crazy for it but yust to show yu vat a good sport aye ar aye vill eet some. Aye ate only four pieces cus yu no dere ar meny odder tings aye like bedder.

Littel me vill half to be sedding bye bye now.

Pleese haf a hart for  
Yur littel Inga Sugar.

President MacLean was one of the speakers at the dedication exercises of the new addition to the Fergus Falls high school building, Tuesday evening. Mr. MacLean was at one time Superintendent of Schools at

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Erma Bergquist and Bernice Caughey were in charge of the coffee and doughnut sale put on by the Y. W. C. A. last Thursday. Net profits amounted to about \$7.00.

Skate Over to the Ice Carnival!

**ENTHUSIASM SHOWN AT  
JUNIOR HIGH MEET**

The Junior High School track meet held in the gymnasium on Friday was well attended. The usual order of events were carried out and the following students came out first in the different events:

Boys' obstacle race: Vernie Winquist, 10th grade.

Girls' obstacle race: Eudora Selleck, 7th grade.

Boys' broad jump: James Iverson, 7 ft. 5 in., 10th grade.

Girls' broad jump: Viola Regner, 6 ft., 3 in., 8th grade.

Boys' high jump: Maurice Johnson, 4 ft. 8 in., 10th grade.

Girls' high jump: Viola Regner, 4 ft. 3 in., 8th grade; Marjorie Garrow, 9th grade.

Boys' distance throw: Maurice Johnson, 55 ft. 2 in., 10th grade.

Girls' distance throw: Naomi Butler, 47 ft. 2 in., 9th grade.

Boys' dash: 81 feet, James Probstfield, 9th grade.

Girls' dash: 27 yards, Helen Thomsen, 10th grade.

Boys' hop, step, and jump: James Iverson, 24 ft. 3 in., 10th grade.

Girls' hop, step and jump: Marjorie Garrow, 9th grade.

Boys relay: 37 seconds, 10th grade.

Girls' relay: 41½ seconds, 7th grade.

Miss Frick, Clarice Holum, and Arlo Baldwin spoke for the J. H. S. assembly on Monday expressing their appreciation of the courteousness and cooperative spirit of the training school students at the meet.

**FACULTY FAMILY OF  
AUTOES INCREASED**

Miss Agnes Carlson, associate in the Intermediate grades of the training school, is one of the most recent to purchase an automobile. Miss Carlson is now the owner of an Oakland Coach. The new car was tried out Sunday afternoon by a drive to the vicinity of Detroit. Those in the company included Misses Jessie McKellar, Velma Forbes, Alfreda Jones and Agnes Carlson of the Teachers College, Bernice Drews, teacher at the Sharpe School, and Ruth Phillips of Moorhead.

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The members of the Senior play cast have ordered their costumes. It may be of interest to the college to know that there will be nine complete steel armor costumes, also a number of full court costumes.

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The Advanced Design Class has made posters illustrating certain scenes of the class play, "Jeanne D'Arc." These posters have now been judged. The first award goes to Marian Meecham, and the second to Agnes Turnell.

**MiSTiC isms**

Among those whose friends spent the week-end here are: Hattie Austin entertained Hannah Nessa of Leonard, N. D.; Ruth Stenerson entertained Clara Sannes; Inga Casperson and Ethel Morgan, Aletta Casperson and Gwendolyn Morgan of Wolcott, N. D.; Edna Swan entertained Irene Billings, who teaches at the Roosevelt school in Fargo, and Esther Bennes and Harriet Morgan of Comstock Hall entertained Maxine Johnson, Stella Norby and Stella Felde of Barnesville, who spent the week-end with the latter's sister, Irene Felde.

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Preston went to Crookston Wednesday morning. They presented a musical program at the Farm Crop Show in the afternoon. The Moorhead Choral Group, accompanied by Miss Florence Bullard, were entertained at a banquet Wednesday evening, after which a musical program was presented to the visitors at the Farm Crop Show.

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The following spent the week-end at their homes: Hannah Kuneberg at Kindred, N. D.; Delores Allen and Ruth Tweeten at Barnesville; Cora Smith, Edna Waterfall and Bernice Reynolds at Gardner, N. D., and Evelyn Paulson at Rothsay, Rae Bigelow at Jamestown, N. D.

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The Training School Staff of the State Teachers College met on Thursday afternoon, February 4. The progress of the Courtesy project was discussed. Plans were proposed for the culmination of the project in a knight-hood pageant in the spring.

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The S. G. Bridges and W. C. White families have issued invitations to the married folks of the State Teachers College faculty, to a Valentine party to be held at the Bridges home Friday evening, February 12.

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Several members of the Teachers College faculty report that they have received cards from Mr. C. E. Huff of the Geography department. Mr. Huff is sojourning at Tucson, Arizona, and reports lovely weather and improved health.

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Evelyn Johnson, 414 Ninth St. N., Fargo, entertained several members of the Gamma Nu sorority at an informal party Sunday afternoon.

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Nora Mesna, who for several weeks has been ill as a result of an appendicitis operation, returned to school Monday to resume her duties.

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Mr. Harold Johnsrud was a week-end visitor to the twin cities.

## Training School

Children of the kindergarten are having a Valentine party today. Each one is to give a Valentine to some friend in their room. Refreshments are to be prepared and served by the older children. Lacey paper doilies have been cut out for the occasion.

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Several members of the third grade have been trying easel painting during the past week.

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The members of the fourth grade geography class have enjoyed moving picture films of life along the Nile. The machine was made by John Stusiak. A committee has also worked out a desert scene in the sand table.

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The fifth and sixth grade boys and girls had a sleighride party Wednesday after school. Refreshments were served in the bobsleigh.

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Last Friday morning the sixth B had charge of the Intermediate club program. They gave three numbers: Dramatization of Kumplestilskin with these characters: Rumplestilskin, Esther Selleck; King, Olga Stusiak; Queen, Hilda Meyers; Servants, Ethel Alderman and Margaret Winquist.

Song, "I Come From Alabama," sung in costume.

Memory gems.

They repeated this program for the fourth grade and the intermediate teachers' meeting.

A Valentine box committee has prepared a Valentine box and set it up in the intermediate room to receive the Valentines. It will be opened on Friday.

### SPRING QUARTER OFFICERS ELECTED BY CLUB

The Country Life Club met last Wednesday, February 3, in the Junior High School Assembly. Besides the excellent program by the Swedes, there was an election of officers for the spring quarter. The following officers were elected: Waldemar Wicklund, president; Ruby Huggett, vice-president; Ruth Schott, secretary; Margaret Maland, treasurer.

The next meeting of the club will be a social hour in the gymnasium on Wednesday, February 17, at 6:45.

### PI MU PHI DANCE TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The Pi Mu Phi sorority will enjoy its annual winter dance in the Domestic Science rooms tomorrow evening. The party is in honor of the newer sorority girls and will take the form of a Valentine party. The following committees are in charge of the affair:

Favors—Dolores Allen and Zelda Resley.

Programs—Annie Dunn and Eva Madsen.

Decorating—Irene Felde and Ruth Phillips.

Refreshments—Hattie Austin.

Invitations—Clarice Holm.

Clean-up—RUBY HALVORSON.

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Wendell, Miss Erickson and Miss Borsheim, while the negative side was composed of Miss Swan, Mr. Reski, and Miss Maland. Miss Resley was in charge of the debate.

Splendid arguments were advanced by both teams. The decision was given to the affirmative side.

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given the great task of picking out, from the scores of costumed individuals, the best costume. Mr. Hamrin is to be the judge of the races. Miss McKeellar will decide who of M. S. T. C. is the fanciest skater, and, Mr. Johnsrud, and Mr. Burgy will give the decision for what organization displayed the most ability and greatest amount of cleverness in their stunt. The prizes are magnificent and it behooves each one of you to do your best in order that you may have the honor of receiving one of these rewards.

The carnival is to be given at the Moorhead Skating rink, and in order that we may all get there at the same time, and start very shortly after 3:30. It is planned that all the members of M. S. T. C. meet in front of the main building at 3:20, move in a body toward the scene of action. We therefore, urge you all to BE ON TIME!

If you are afraid that you will get cold standing around or that you will get hungry before it is all over, just bring a few of your stray dimes along with you to buy hot coffee and doughnuts, served by the Kappa Pi.

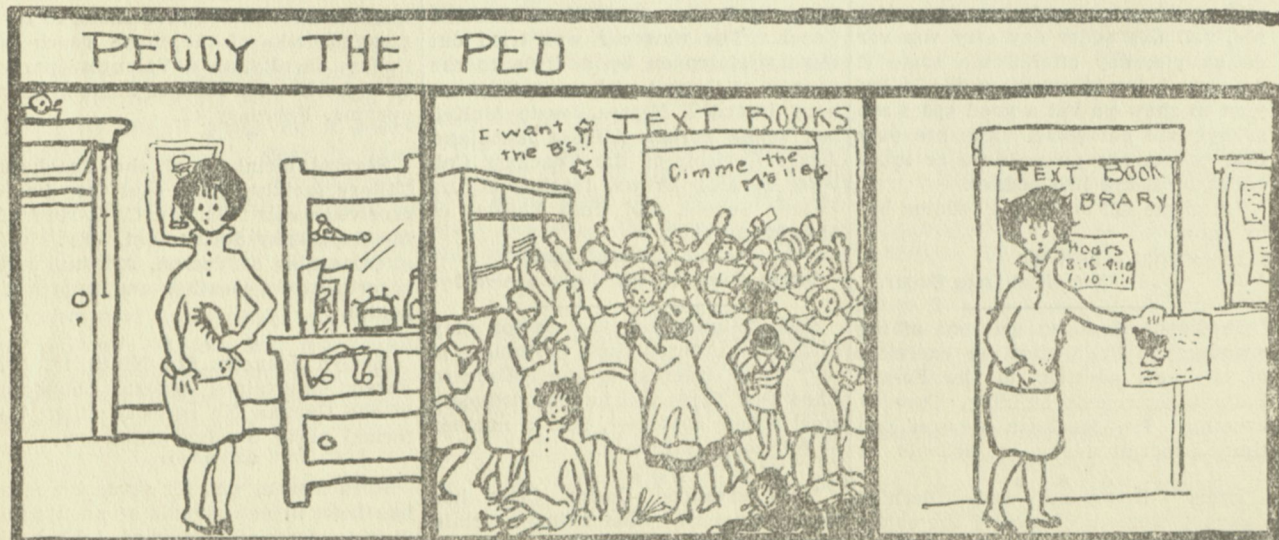
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Eidem, Williams and Brady.

Scoring—Field Goals: Bassett 3, Achter 3, Sunday 1, Williams (Wahpeton) 4, Baldwin 1, Williams (Moorhead) 3, Erickson 1, Storms 1.

Free Throws—Bassett 3, Achter 1, Williams (Wahpeton) 1, Baldwin 1, Williams (Moorhead) 1, Erickson 1.

Mr. S. A. Hamrin, of the college faculty, will talk at a father and son banquet at the Olivet Lutheran church in Fargo, Friday evening, February 12. His subject will be, "Fathers and Sons."



Peggy has just remembered it is St. Valentine's Day.

Washington may have been a hero, but the girl who can get her mail at T. C. is no slouch.

Peggy has received a comic Valentine. She knows she has a secret enemy. Who?? (Watch The MISTIC).