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# THE MISTIC

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## M. S. T. C. PREPARES FOR FESTIVAL

REHEARSALS NOW BEING HELD  
FOR PAGEANT AND CANTATA  
TO BE GIVEN DURING FETE

Credit is due Miss Clementine Small, president of the Women's League, for the able direction of committees which decorated for and otherwise assisted at the party last Saturday evening. The good will of the members of the Junior class was in evidence for much of the preparation was done by them. About 100 couples enjoyed a pleasant evening of dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p. m.

Preparatory to the Arts Festival, to be held here May 17, 18 and 19, the Art club has hung many beautiful mountings of students' work in their rooms on second floor of Weld Hall. Particularly interesting are the still life studies in pastello, figure posing, designs on parchment, bird designs and historic ornament plates. The art exhibit, one of the big features of the festival, will be open to the public May 18.

Another feature is the Greek pageant. The cast committee, consisting of Irene Felde, Rubye Halvorson, Gladys Eastlund and Ruth Phillips, together with Miss Flora Frick and Miss Ethel Tainter have chosen the entire  
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## KAPPA PI CLUB HOLDS INITIATION FOR PLEDGES

The Kappa Pi held informal initiation last Friday for Esther Besses, Thief River Falls; Lorraine Gardner, Hallock; Ethel Davis, Detroit; Mildred Fossum, Fargo; Inga Casperson, Walcott; Elsa Krabbenhoft, Baker; Nellie Inglis, Hallock, and Ella Barstad of Lake Park. The event furnished much merriment and many pleasant and not a few gruesome thrills as the barefooted, blindfolded and paint-besmeared girls were piloted from the basement to the attic and to the extreme corners of the campus.

Eskimo pies and peanuts constituted the hearty repast which was served amid songs and stunts. Memories of the occasion will cause many a laugh in the future though the laugh provoking incident may not at present be thought funny. Miss Pearl Miller was in charge assisted by Miss Rae Bigelow and Miss Jo. Johnson. Mrs. Durboraw and Miss Williams were guests.

Reservations for the Little Symphony Orchestra will be made in Room 33, Wednesday, May 12, from 12:45 to 4:00 p. m.

The students must present their activity tickets.

## FIRST ROUNDS OF TENNIS TOURNAMENT PLAYED OFF

The tennis tournament is progressing nicely in spite of the disagreeable weather. The first round was played off last week as scheduled and the second round is now well under way and should be completed early next week.

The finals will be played during the last week in May. It is planned to have these contests in the evening and open them up to the public.

Y. M. C. A. will sponsor movie at Lyceum Theatre May 12 and 13. Rin Tin Tin, the wonder dog, will be shown in "The Lighthouse by the Sea". Prices 10 and 25 cents.

## ST. CLOUD TEACHER HONORED BY FRIENDS

In a program which included two former presidents of Moorhead State Teachers College, L. C. Lord and Frank Weld Darius Steward, member of the faculty of State Teachers College, St. Cloud, and for sixty years teacher, was honored last Wednesday, May 5. Other important speakers on the program were President J. C. Brown, St. Cloud; Mr. J. L. Washburn, Duluth; Mr. W. M. West, Minneapolis; President Lotus D. Coffman and Commissioner J. M. McConnell.

Mr. Steward has had a remarkable career in the profession. Over fifty of his sixty years of experience have been spent in the service in Minnesota. He was at one time superintendent of schools at Fargo; he has served in like capacity at Rochester and Stillwater; he has, for about fifteen years, been an instructor at St. Cloud State Teachers College. The program, in which the students of St. Cloud join with his colleagues on the faculty and his many friends throughout the state, is a form of recognition deservedly offered to him whom the College Chronicle, in its last issue, calls "Our Grand Old Man."

Mr. Lord, first president of Moorhead Normal, comes from Charleston, Illinois; Mr. Weld, second president of Moorhead Normal, from Lincoln, Nebraska, for the ceremony. Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Hagen went from here to attend.

Mrs. Melgaard of Minneapolis and Miss Ide of Glyndon were week-end guests of Miss Ina Fogg.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN COMPETE TODAY

IN PLAY DAY EVENTS, COMMUNITY SING AND PAGEANT

The annual Play Day activities of the Training Schools of the State Teachers College take place on the college campus today. The children of the local training school and those of the affiliated training schools, Clearview, Oakmound and the Demonstration School, will compete today in athletic events, community singing and a pageant, for which points will be given to winners for possession of the banner which was won by the Demonstration school last year.

The activities for the day begin at noon with a community picnic lunch to which parents and friends are invited. The lunch will be followed by a health parade in which all schools will be represented. The children of the Primary department under the direction of Miss Mary Rainey will enter the same health parade which was presented to the college some time ago. Twenty-five points will be given the winning school toward earning the banner.

A series of individual athletic events will take place in which the children of the upper grades will participate. They include the baseball throw for distance,  
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## ROUNDS FOR ARCHERY TOURNAMENT WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK

On Monday, May 10, the young women who have signed up for the Archery tournament, will shoot the first rounds. The hours for the round will be from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. Each girl will be allowed to shoot ten arrows at a distance of ten feet from the target and one arrow at flight.

The second round for the tournament will take place on Thursday, May 13, at the same hours. Entrants will shoot ten arrows at a distance of twenty feet from the target. One arrow will be shot at flight in the second round, also.

The date for the third round has not been decided upon yet, according to Miss Jessie McKellar, who is in charge of the Archery tourney. It will perhaps take place some evening at 6:45 and be followed by stunt shooting at a specially decorated target. Four W. A. L. college teams will be chosen from all entries made, two first and second teams in the Junior and Senior classes.



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### THE STARTLING STORY OF A FEW SCRAPES OF WASTE PAPER

It so happened, on a fine summer's day (by the way, what nice weather we're having—this as we go to press) that several polite, considerate, well-trained young persons said to each other, "What a lovely day to lunch outside!" So they did. There were ham sandwiches, done up in oil paper; there were lettuce sandwiches, done up in tissue; there were bananas done up in their own sleek skins; there was cake, in a paper napkin; there were several other things, in a paper sack. One by one, the surrounding wrappings were removed. One by one the dainty morsels were devoured. One by one the little scraps of paper floated about on the green lawn. How pretty they looked. The young persons watched them chasing each other in the wind, pleased with their handiwork. They tore out a few sheets of notebook paper, to keep them company. Eight little scraps of paper held a meeting in the gutter and decided to have a race. They raced from the Training School lawn to the front porch of Wheeler. Then they raced back. Seven of them got tired and stopped, right in the middle of things. The other came to rest, triumphant, in the gutter. He found two score of little playmates. They hailed a passing whirlwind and just flew about. What fun! The next noon the young persons were equally careful with the wrappings of their high noon luncheon. The two score scraps of paper became augmented. Hope beat high in every paper breast. At this rate soon the ground would be covered. Talk about snow! Waste paper, forever! Hurray, Passing motorists, seeing the waste paper, knew it to be a dumping ground. Cigaret, cracker-jack boxes, Sunday colored sections, thoughtfully were added.

One morning Louie, coming to work early, dug way, way down and found a college. Dusting it off, he opened school again.

### THE SOCIAL SWIRL IS ON

The college is at its height, it seems, buzzing with social events. This week-end sees the sixth of a series of more or less formal affairs on and off the campus. To some it means a rushing life, what with planning decorations to disguise the true appearance of the gym, to that of providing punch for large numbers (we meant to say frappe) and of lining up gentlemen escorts in the two cities and surrounding hinterland who own, can loan or rent tuxedos. Consternation rules in our peaceful corridors these turbulent days preceding our annual formals.

Female students can be seen tearing their hair because all the "tux-es" are taken. Male students are anxiously asking one another if six days ahead isn't pretty late for receiving a "bid."

At any rate tomorrow evening will find a select few of our college students enjoying the party of the year, swinging away to the tune of "Thanks for the Buggy Ride."

### DEBATERS WILL BE REWARDED AT DINNER

Bringing to an official close the debate season, eight members of the intercollegiate debate squad are to honored at a dinner given by Mr. Harold Johnsrud this evening at 6:30 at the Gardner, Fargo. Other guests will be President and Mrs. R. B. MacLean, and Miss Maude Hayes. The eight speakers, who represented Moorhead on the platform against the University of North Dakota, Jamestown College, St. Thomas College and Aberdeen State Teachers College are Miss Eva Madsen, who debated for the second year; Misses Alvera Brown, Marie Sorknes, Ragnhild Johnson, and Harold Preusse, Marshall Shelstad, Lawrence Lee and Ralph Smith, all of whom made the debate teams for the first time.

## The Book Shelf

Wonders of the Past, Hammerton, in Four Volumes.

The chief virtue of this set of books, now among the new books of the library, is its copious illustrations. Especially helpful in elementary teaching should be these books, carrying as they do, full and half page halftones of architectural magnificance, restored and in ruins, and traditional scenes from the glorious past.

Seventy Years of Life and Labor, by Samuel Gompers.

This, one of the important autobiographies to appear in recent years, more important than the Twain work, is a faithful and well-written record of labor situations in this country for many years, by the man who long served as head of the American Federation of Labor. Gompers in his life was a conservative force in a field where radicalism abounds. His restraining hand won him enemies in his own ranks, true, but respect outside them and abroad; and most of the force the A. F. L. now possesses can be credited to him. The book will stand for long as a document of the highest significance for students of labor problems.

Marbacka, by Selma Lagerlof.

This, the life story of the eminent Swedish woman, Nobel prize winner, master of fiction, creator of Gosta Bjorling, and the Emperor of Portugalia, will be read by all loyal Swedes, and by anyone who enjoys beautiful writing, done with continental grace, and a kind of simplicity and earthliness far removed from the polite cream puff concoctions of the Arlen school. Marbacka brings into being another culture, older, quieter than ours, and somehow richer in humanity.

David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens.

How long is it since you read this masterpiece? Sometimes it seems that calling it a masterpiece, putting it on Best Book lists is the certain way to keep a book unread, or at least not enjoyed. Yet David is among the most joyful, sorrowful, pain and joy-of-life books in the world. How long is it since you knew Peggotty, and Mr. Murdstone, and we say it hopefully, Mr. Micawber? Forgetfulness is no fate for such a book. Let Porter, Wright, Grey, Kyne, Curwood, Rhinehart, even Tarkington wait for awhile. Turn, do, and eagerly, to David Copperfield. This is a beautiful new edition by Dodd, Mead, matching the Jane Eyre and Vanity Fair mentioned a few weeks ago.



## Gags by Gates

Two colored boys sat on a plank  
Where a knot that isn't was.  
They were rolling bones and giving  
thanks,  
But now there's Paradise Lost.

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CY PERKINS SAID THAT HIS WIFE WAS SO DUMB THAT SHE THOT THE "KENTUCKY DERBY" WAS SOMETHING THAT THE STUDENTS WORE AT THE U. OF KENTUCKY TO BE COLLEGIATE.

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Mudd Center's folks were disturbed the other night by the Tom Cat Quartet. Pop Slope and other citizens fired a barrage of shoes for about an hour and finally disbursed the warblers. Anyway it was the most excitement Mudd Center had had since Ma Slope got her hair caught in the wringer.

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A SUCCESSFUL MONOPOLIST IS A STUDENT WHO GETS AN ELBOW ON THE ARM OF HIS OWN CHAIR AND ALSO THE ONE ON HIS LEFT.

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While Mr. Dodds was at home he was held up by two highwaymen. He put up a terrific battle and finally he was overcome. The bandits found 25 cents in his pocket. One of them said: You fool. Why did you put up such a terrible battle for twenty-five cents? We almost had to kill you. "Well," replied Dodds, "I didn't want my financial condition exposed."

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### A PROBLEM SOLVED BY MAGIC

One who feels the pressure of much to do and no time in which to do it, is always interested in time saving devices. Those of us who are engaged in educational work are always conscious of the difficulty of keeping in touch with current literature in our field. We wish there were some kind of magic art within our grasp whereby we could possess a knowledge of the latest developments without becoming a hunch-backed bookworm in attempting to bear the strain of pouring over volumes of magazine material. This magic art is in part achieved by the publication of a summary of leading articles in the field. This summary is called the "Teacher's Journal and Abstract," and is issued monthly by Colorado State Teachers College, Greeley, Colo. This little volume will be found on the magazine shelf of the library. Keep alive in your profession, and still have time to "eat, drink, and be merry."

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broad jump, dash and obstacle race. Teams from the various schools will take part in a newcomb tournament. The children of the lower grades will compete in singing games in which points will be awarded to the group showing the most enthusiasm. Plans have been made to have the competitive events close by 3 o'clock when the participants in the contests and the spectators will adjourn to the auditorium where awards to winning schools will be made, according to Miss Flora Frick, general manager of the Play Day activities.

Following the awarding of prizes there will be a short time devoted to community singing. Each school will be given four minutes for the singing. A pageant, "Heroes," written by Miss Frick last summer, will then be presented. Each school represented at the Play Day will present one scene of the pageant. The speaking parts will be taken Adolph Reski, as "Story," Genelle Donovan, "Little Girl," and Orville Kittle-son, as "Little Boy."

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cast and have made a complete schedule of all the part rehearsals. The dress rehearsals will be held Friday evening of next week.

For this dress rehearsal the costume committee will have ready appropriate costumes for the members taking part.

At a recent meeting of this committee, it was decided to inquire of the Costume House in Minneapolis as to the availability of suitable costumes for the chief characters. Harmonious color schemes are being planned to bring out the ideas of the story as portrayed by the pageant. Thus the followers of Pluto, of Diana, of Apollo, etc., will be attired to express what is to be symbolized.

Mr. Daniel Preston is holding daily practices of both the Male Chorus and the Chapel Choir for the cantata to be presented during the festival. This cantata, "The New Earth," is in keeping with the other features of the first annual May Festival.

### Y. M. C. A. PLANS ACTIVITIES

The local Y. M. C. A. made preliminary plans for a picnic or excursion in the near future at the regular weekly meeting last Monday night. The details are not yet completed, but prospects are bright for a good time. Plans were also made for another moving picture show.

Oscar Haugh led the discussion on the subject "Who Is Jesus Christ?" The greatest divergence of views was on the question whether He was just an ordinary human being like the rest of us, or if He were a supernatural being with divine powers and knowledge.

## Music

A musical program consisting of quartet numbers, solos and duets was broadcasted from WDAY, last Sunday. Members of the quartet were: Ruth Tweeton, Dorothy Johnson, Edna Swan and Beatrice Holmquist. Marvin Rice, baritone, and Merle Nelson, pianist, assisted. The same program was given at the Fargo Congregational Church, Sunday evening. Several numbers were sung by the quartet for Sunday School of the Moorhead Congregational Church.

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Last Thursday at a regular meeting of the Kiwanis club, Louise Murray sang several solos.

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Representing the Arion club, a sextette entertained at Wednesday's chapel. The following program was presented: Rest Thee, Sad Heart.....Teresa Del Riego  
Teach Me to Pray.....Jessie Mae Jewitt  
Edna Swan

Whate'er May Vex or Grieve.....Bach  
Protect Us Through the Coming Night  
.....Curschmann

Sextette

Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses.....  
.....John Openshaw

A Banjo Song.....Sidney Homer  
Louise Murray

Celtic Lullaby.....Joyce  
Mah Lindy Lou.....Lilly Strickland

Sextette

### "PAW'S NEW HOUSEKEEPER" PRESENTED BY NEW MEMBERS OF DRAMATIC CLUB

"Paw's New Housekeeper," a one-act comedy, was presented at chapel last Friday, by the new members of the Dramatic Club. Those appearing in the play were: Ormenso Bjork, Paw Jackson, a widower who has very decided intentions; Ernest Johnson, Jimmie Jackson, his son, who disapproves of these decided intentions; Willard Gowenlock, Jack Brown, Jimmie's chum, who helps to thwart the intentions; Ruth Tweeton, Mattie Jackson, Jimmie's sister, who cannot understand them; Dagny Hanson, Mollie Holbrook, her friend, who gets mixed up in the plans.

Miss Tainter directed the play, which was well received by the audience.

From pedagogy to contracting as a private entrepreneur is the metamorphosis recently achieved by Lawrence Lee, former member of the third year class, a graduate of 1925. Mr. Lee left college in April, and since then has been building a filling station at Casselton. This job will soon be completed, after which he plans to erect some residences in Moorhead, for sale.



## Training School

The work on the Junior High School Meccasin is progressing rapidly and will soon be ready for printing.

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The 5A geography class under the supervision of Nellie Meek have made a Mexican scene in their sand table. They have built pueblos of sun dried bricks.

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The Campfire girls of the Junior High School held a ceremonial and tea on Friday. A program of musical selections and short play was given by the members. Student teachers of both winter and spring terms with their supervisors, were the guests.

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The Intermediate grades have also been studying Holland. Last week they completed a Dutch sand table scene. This was supervised by Florence Stoneberg. At their club meeting on Friday the sixth grade showed slides of Holland and gave talks describing the pictures on the screen.

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Miss Ina Fogg spoke to the second and third grade language classes on her visit to Holland. She also showed a number of interesting pictures and cards from Holland. These grades have read several books about this country—The Dutch Primer, Ned and Nan in Holland, Dutch Twins, and A Story of Holland in the Elson Language Reader.

### DISTRICT COMPETITION HELD SATURDAY AT TEACHERS COLLEGE

Fergus Falls, with a total of 34 points won the high school music contest in the third district, which was held at the Moorhead State Teachers college Saturday. Detroit was second with 27 points and Moorhead third, with 20 points. Fergus Falls will represent the third district at the state contest at Minneapolis, May 13-15.

The contest opened at 9 a. m. with the girls' vocal solos. Eleven schools were entered, including Breckenridge, Barnesville, Moorhead, Hitterdal, Fertile, Detroit, Fergus Falls, Wheaton, Pelican Rapids, Frazee and Crookston. About 350 pupils took part, this being more than twice the number entered last year.

Daniel L. Preston, head of the music department at the Moorhead State Teachers college, was in charge of the contest. Judges were Mrs. Daniel L. Preston, violin; Leo Haisley, cello and band; Mrs. E. Wright, voice; Mrs. Frank I. Temple, piano; Mrs. Henry R. Best, voice, and Miss Myrtle Johnson, piano.

While singing "Holy, Holy, Holy," someone held a "hole—"

Mr. Preston: "If you do that any more I'll fall thru it."

### ON MEASURING

Cloth has its yard; land, its acres; milk, its gallons; coffee, its pound; wood, its cord; and at last, intelligence, its quotient. The faculty of understanding can be measured. The table reads thus: a moron equals seventy I. Q., and idiot equals twenty-five I. Q. Gray matter made up of nerve cells, and white matter composed of nerve fibers shall be weighed on the balance. How terrible if it shall be found wanting! What is this means of mensuration that gives us another age—makes us morons, idiots, and what not? No, it is not the yardstick, not a scale, not a measuring cup, but a test. A paper with quotients and problems is this criterion.

Only those who have gone thru the testing process know the awfulness of the ordeal. The austere examiner passes out the sheets of paper and gives instructions explicitly for the crucial moment seems to be at hand. The tensivity and rigidity of the student is all too noticeable. Turning neither to the right nor left, he fills out the first sheet with date, name, grade, and parent's name.

"When I say 'Begin,' you may begin, but not before," the examiner orders.

The students are set, ready to go, with their fingers on their pencils, their paper on the desk.

"Begin!"

They turn furiously to the next page and read "Fanny has a little red hen. Every day the hen goes to the nest and lays an egg for Fanny to eat. Then she makes a funny noise to tell Fanny to come and get the—"

"Egg" seems to fill the blank. The next page—Horrors! The thing gets harder. "Does it take courage to perform a dangerous task? Then, a scullion is a—" They know not. More questions, more problems, hard questions, hard problems follow. At last, they are measured. They stumble out of the room feeling as tho they had disclosed their innermost secrets. In solemn petition they beseech—in tests that are diagnostic, on tests that are an index to one's potential efficiency, on tests that are objective, on tests that are reliable, on tests that are valid, on tests that are well standardized—measure us not.

—"The Idiot."

### Book of Rural Life, in Ten Volumes.

This well bound and well printed set, recently given the college library by Miss Georgina Lommen, is a compendium of information on rural life. It is illustrated, alphabetically arranged in encyclopedic manner, and valuable.

DAHL: DID YOU EVER TAKE CHLOROFORM?

RICE: NO, WHO TEACHES IT?

## MiSTiCisms

Mr. and Mrs. Elofson visited their daughter, Pearl, Sunday.

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Watch for posters of the Y. M. C. A. movie to be given at the Lyceum theater, Thursday evening, May 13th.

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The Owl fraternity will have their annual picnic next Sunday at the Detroit lakes. Mr. Arthur Storms is in charge.

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The annual spring formal of Pi Mu Phi sorority will be held in the college gymnasium tomorrow evening, May 8.

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A Wheeler Hall guest over the week-end was Miss Minie Zimmerman of Bertha, who was entertained by Misses Vera Payne and Edna Wieseke.

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Other visitors on the campus were Misses Hilda Groberg of Fertile and Edith Davis of Detroit, who spent the week-end with their sisters, Lila Groberg and Ethel Davis, respectively.

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Having recovered from a short period of illness, Miss Norma Rover returned from her home at Norcross, Minn.

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Week-end travelers were Miss Myrtle Buck who visited at Detroit, Miss Mable Eichmiller, who went to Vergas, and Miss Bernice Reynolds, who went to Gardner, N. D.

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Mr. S. A. Hamrin of the Education Department, had a slight operation for sinus trouble, performed over the week-end, and is back at his desk again this week.

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There are between thirty and forty college students enrolled, and who regularly attend a student Bible class at the Grace Methodist Church of Moorhead. Next Saturday a picnic is to be given to the winners of a Biblical contest by the losers.

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The third and fourth year students will celebrate next Friday evening at a progressive party starting at the home of Miss Frances Hall in Dilworth, going from there to the homes of Miss Signe Erdahl and Miss Louise Hendrickson in Fargo with Miss Frances Hall in charge.

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Miss Ina Fogg and Miss Millie Dahl served a delightful luncheon Saturday afternoon at one-thirty, at Comstock Hall. Covers were laid for thirty-two. The decorations were carried out in May Day idea, with the May baskets and place cards. The flowers were pink sweet peas and snapdragons.