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# THE MiSTiC

#### SPEAKERS AND BOOK PAGEANT FEATURED

#### In Rural Education Week Scheduled for Celebration Here Next Tuesday to Friday.

Visiting speakers for the events of Rural Education Week, July 6-9, include Dean W. C. Coffey, College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota; and Miss Erba E. Pouliot, Superintendent of Schools, Red Lake county, Miss Pouliot will address convocation Wednesday, and is the speaker at the Clay county schools graduation exercises. Dean Coffey has been speaking this summer at a good many teachers colleges. He has been heard lately at Valley City and Mayville, and favorably commented on there. He addresses convocation Friday.

Of great interest to summer school students will be the closing event of the week, "The Pageant of Books," which will be presented on Friday evening, July 9, at 7:45, in the auditorium. The underlying idea of the pageant is to show teachers how to use dramatization material to interest children and parents in school libraries. The plan of the "Pageant of Books" is to show in different episodes various methods of approach for such productions which include dramatization, pantomime, and interpret ing music thru dancing. The episodes for this pageant are being prepared by Miss Bieri's class in "Supervision." Mrs. Lockwood's class in "Manage ment," several training school groups, and Miss Frick's dancing class.

Rural Education Week is expected

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### COED ROBIN HOODS

#### MAY ENTER TOURNAMENT

The summer archery tournament, open to anyone interested, poens next Tuesday, July 6. The first round may be shot at any time between 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The distance is fifteen feet from the target, and score will be counted on ten arrows Two arrows are to be shot for flight.

The second round at 25 feet will be shot July 13, and the finals, including "stunt" shooting and William Tell trials will occur some day that week. Anyone may enter by registering for the meet with Miss Frick.

High archery scores this week were made by Mae Bakken, who again leads the list with 84 points, lowering her own high score by one point; Alma Shelstad with 76; Elnora Arneson with 73; Olga Loken with 61; Edna Hanson 60; Cecilia Miller 57. Miss Miller holds high score for flight shooting, with a record of 200 feet. Elnora Arneson and Olga Lorentzen have second place with 180 feet.

#### NEXT EXCURSIONS TO

#### VISIT FARGO CONCERNS The policy of Tuesday excursions to places of interest in the two cities will be continued next week. The trip July 6 should be particularly interesting. The Fargo Forum, largest newspaper in North Dakota, and the Fargo telephone exchange, branch of the Northwest Bell Telephone Company, will be visited. Those who have never seen either a telephone exchange or a modern city newspaper plant should not fail to take in this excursion. Carfare is the only expense connected with the trip. Notices are posted, and interested students are asked to sign. And to come, if they do sign. Only about fifty per cent of those who signed last week were on hand for the trip Tuesday.

#### THREE DAYS FREE, HURRAY!

There will be a general exodus in the direction of places of pleasure over the Fourth. Independence Day will be marked, in many instances, by the free and untrammeled consump tion of home cooking; by free dust swallowed on a score of highways; by free air forced into punctured and blown-out tires; by free meals at the homes of friends and relatives; by a freedom from bell, college rule and assignment. The Fathers did not declare their freedom in vain.

Many students are deserting the dormitories for homes in nearby villages. Miss Dahl estimates a fifty per cent attendance at meals over the Fourth. Miss Fogg predicts fifty per cent less noise. Large numbers of the faculty are deserting the city in wholesale lots, by foot, car, and buggy. Miss Handeyside, as we go to press, indicates that she will make Lake of the Woods or break a spring. Misses Owens, Bieri, and Ide, in the Buick, are driving to Fish Lake, near Fergus Falls, where it will be possible to see the sun rise every morning and set every night, on the water. This is geographically possible, too, but we've not figured it out yet. Miss Hayes, as usual, is off for the weekend. Mr. Johnsrud is walking across North Dakota and back, and is receiving contributions to buy him a new pair of shoes. A party comprising Misses Carlson, Lommen, Jones, Joan Johnson, Ragnhild Johnson, and Frick will, weather and inclination permitting, investigate hotel conditions in Itasca State Park. Other journeys contemplated are either equally or more interesting, but our inquiring reporter is not privy to all secrets, and can tell only what he knows, and that, perhaps, inaccurately.

The director of the training school at St. Cloud State Teachers College, Mr. J. T. Talbot, was a visitor at the training school here this Wednesday. for her brother's happy recovery.

#### VISITING ASTRONOMER CONDUCTS CELESTIAL TRIPS

#### Popularizer of One of Oldest Science Relates Facts and Myths About Sun, Moons, and Planets,

That the planets have their own years determined by the period of their revolution about the sun: that there is no water on the moon, tho there are oceans; that the earth is very, very small and inconsequential in a vast stellar space; that the rings of Saturn, prettiest sight in the heavens, are collections of millions of moons describing their own orbits; that Jupiter, hugest of the planets, has a dense, cloudy atmosphere, and nine moons; that the moons of Uranus are English, not Greek or Roman; that the heat of the sun is inconceivable; that sun spots are not permanent markings; and that the new, or "wet" moon has no connection with rainfall-these and other more or less amazing facts were recounted by Mr. A. M. Harding, Ph. D., instructor in astronomy at the University of Arkansas, in two addresses given on this campus Tuesday and Wednesday. A small audience heard him Tuesday afternoon, the whole college Wednesday morning. Mr. Harding's delivery was colloquial and entertaining, and tho the information he brought is elementary, it is interesting. It is the sort of a popular lecture one might expect him to deliver before a mixed crowd, containing many uneducated and superstitious people. Before an audience of teachers, passably enlightened, it seemed a bit obvious and unnecessary.

#### PRESIDENT MEETS WITH OTHER T. C. EXECUTIVES

President R. B. MacLean and Mrs. MacLean drove Friday to Pelican Lake, where the MacLeans have a cottage for the summer. Sunday the president drove to the cities, and Tuesday attended the June meeting of the Presidents of the State Teachers Colleges. At the university on Tuesday he had the opportunity of hearing the Crown Prince of Sweden.

### MISS TURNER ATTENDS

HOME ECON. CONFERENCE The National Association of Teachers of Home Economics is meeting in Minneapolis this week. The representative of this college who is attending the meetings is Miss May Turner, head of the department.

Called to Glendive, Mont., by the illness of her brother, Miss Margaret McCarten writes that he is no better. The sympathy of the college is extended to Miss McCarten, with a wish

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#### PLEASURE TRIP WITH AUTHORS ENJOYED BY MISTIC REPORTER AT FASCINATING EXHIBIT AR-RANGED BY LIBRARIANS FOR BOOK WEEK.

An excursion of five days into the delightful world of imagination! But five days were so short we would need a guide to lead us to the choicest spots. Our guide was skilful; under her supervision we visited the land of Literature for Children. We marveled at the collection of magazines, stories, biographies, travels, history, and adventure. We were positively thrilled by the volumes, illustrated by such artists as Maxfield Parrish, Milo Winter, Arthur Rackham, Jessie Smith, W. C. Wyeth, and Blanche Fisher Wright. We found on the different tables the books we read as children, and we were proud to exclaim, "How many I know!" Carl Sandburg kept us at his table nearly an hour, as we read his "Rootabaga Stories."

Our guide reminded us of the wealth ahead of us and we left our favorite poets for our favorite authors. Novels! Novels! Hosts of novels! Conrad, Cervnantes, Galsworthy, Kipling, Hugo, Cather, Young, Scott, Du-mas, Thackeray, Dickens, Bronte, Stevenson, Ferber, Lewis - all of them! And new ones-Ostenso, Anne Parrish, Ertz. We wandered over to Longfellow, Van Loon, Osborne, Garland, Cook, Mark Twain, Sandburg, Drinkwater, Bok, Seymour-we were living with real live HE men. We traveled, we visited the Catskills, the Rockies, Labrador, Glacier Park, Alaska. We were hoboes. We roamed the earth.

We studied people thru our educational telescope. We studied man's inheritance, self-development, junior high problems, the making of personality, and the psychology of persuasion. We last of all had our dessert. We were taken to the realm of art Raphael was studied. We read of art from Hugh Arnold, Arthur Holber, Cox, Lovery, Lewis, and Goldstein. Every moment was fascinating, thrilling. It was educational recreation, and it was recreational education.— B. A. B.

#### INSTRUCTOR PLACED IN SMITH COLLEGE

There was excitement at the Mac-Millan boarding house last Saturday when Miss Emma Glaser announced that she had that morning received notice of her appointment to the staff of Smith College, Melrose Highlands, Mass. Miss Glaser will leave Minnesota in September. Her work in the East will be with the experimental school of Smith College.

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY

(We print herewith portions of the famous Declaraiton, put into the American Language by H. L. Mencken, for those uneducated folk who are unable to grasp the fine Johnsonian periods of the original document.)

"When things get so balled up that the people of a country have got to cut loose from some other country, and go it on their own hook, without asking no permission from nobody, excepting maybe the Almighty, then they ought to let everybody know why they done it, so that everybody can see they are on the level, and not trying to put nothing over on nobody.

"All we got to say on this proposition is this: first, me and you is as good as anybody else, and maybe a damn sight better; second, nobody ain't got no right to take away none of our rights; third, every man has got a right to live, to come and go as he pleases, and to have a good time whichever way he likes, so long as he don't interfere with nobody else. That any government that don't give a man them rights ain't worth a damn; also, people ought to choose the kind of government they want themselves, and nobody else ought to have no say in the matter . . . ."

A number of the active and alumni members of Pi Mu Phi sorority were entertained at a theatre party in compliment to Miss Lucille Phillips '24, who is a bride of the month, last Friday evening. Mrs. Distad and Miss Millie Distad were hostesses. About fifteen were present. After the theatre, the party enjoyed refreshments at Tea Cup Inn, at tables appropriately decorated.

A typical community program was given in the Junior High School assembly, Thursday evening at 6:45, by Mrs. Lockwood's class in School Management. Refreshments were served to the visiting students and teachers. There will be other recreation hours during what is left of the summer session.

## DO YOU KNOW-

That Richard Brinsley Sheridan, author of "The Rivals," is a principal figure in a new romance by E. Barrington, author of "The Divine Lady," "Glorious Apollo," et cetera, called "The Exquisite Perdita," just out?

That the majority of the ten outstanding magazine articles of the month, as printed on the list just inside the east door of the library, are on the periodical racks, and can be read by anyone, free, at any time?

## The Morgue

THE INSTRUCTOR WHO ACCOM-PANIED A GOODLY NUMBER OF SWEET YOUNG THINGS ON AN IN-SPECTION TOUR OF THE WEATH-ER BUREAU REPORTS THAT ALL WAS "FAIR AND WARMER." \* \* \*

Heard in literature class during a discussion of Burns' poetry: "You who like 'One Fond Kiss' would appreciate this explanation of it." \* \* \*

It is courageous in Mr. Preston to approach so large an instrument as the student body with intent to see if it be in tune, without tools. A few hand grenades, a trench mortar, a pick and shovel, are offered for the next experiment.

#### \* \* \* THE RISE OF NATIONALITY

SEVERAL OF OUR SWEDISH PEDS SPENT A RECENT AFTER-NOON WAVING SWEDISH FLAGS AND SINGING THE NATIONAL AN-THEM IN EXPECTATION OF THE VISIT OF GUSTAV, THEIR CROWN PRINCE.

The difference between Sweden and the British Isles is that the Swedish Crown Prince has, so far as history records, never been thrown by a horse. \* \* \*

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That smart popping noise you will hear this afternoon is not the noise of firecrackers. A good many young pedagogs are simultaneously blowing off the lid for three days. \* \* \*

IF SOME CHAPEL SPEAKER WITH A GLINT OF GENIUS WOULD ONLY COME ALONG AND TELL ONE ON THE SWEDES!

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grendall of Minneapolis, Miss Millie Dahl entertained at dinner Monday evening at six, in Comstock Hall. Mrs. Grendall is the former Miss Fannie B. Coveney, once school nurse here; the Grendalls drove from Minneapolis and spent the week-end as guests of Miss Dahl. Their little daughter accompanied them. Other guests at Miss Dahl's dinner Monday were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ballard, Margaret and Edward Ballard, and Misses Flora Frick, Alfreda Jones, and Ina Fogg.

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to attract many county superintendents, who will have a chance to meet one another, and to receive fresh stimulus from the college. The county organizations have something on tap for the week in the way of demonstrations.