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MOORHEAD STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE Moorhead, Minnesota, March 15, 1929

## Plans Are Announced for the Fifth Annual Arts Festival to Be Held May 4, 5 and 6 in Weld Hall, Auditorium Building

### COMBINED CHOIRS WILL GIVE LYCEUM CONCERT NUMBER WEDNESDAY EVENING

SIXTY-THREE VOICES REPRE- \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* SENTED IN CONCERT OF LOCAL TALENT

A complete evening's entertainment is to be given by the combined choirs under the direction of Mr. Preston in the College auditorium at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 20. This is to be the second lyceum number of the '28-'29 school year Lyceum course.

A preliminary announcement was given in a previous issue of The MiSTiC to permit alumni and the general public who were interested to make necessary plans in order to attend.

It is understood that the combined choirs, which also include the Radio Girls and the Men's Double Quartet, has spent considerable time and strenuous effort in developing this program.

The Program.

1. Song of the Cherubin Klinka 2. God, My King, Thy Might Confessing Chapel Choir.

3. List! The Cherubic Host Women and Baritone Solo.

Ye Sons and Daughters of the King Leisring Double Choir.

5. Lo, A Voice to Heaven Soundeth Tschaikowsky Chapel Choir.

6. Etude Ole Syverson-Piano Solo. Andante from Sonata in G

Major Brahms Mrs. Daniel Preston-Violinist. Miserere Deus Allegri 150th Psalm Men's Voices.

9. Etude in C Major... Eleanor Nesheim Anderson, Piano Solo.

10. Hallelujah, Amen Chapel Choir. 11. How Blest Are They

....Tschaikowsky

-Choir and Soprano Solo, Ruth Meilecke,

12. Hear My Prayer.... .... Mendelssohn Chapel Choir.

Personnel Given.

The personnel of the choir is: SOPRANOS

Sophomores-Ruth Meilecke, Clar-Dahl, Cora Barsness, Helen Taylor, Glee Burrows, Ruth Ecklund, Alice Peterson, Grace Dahl, Grances Olrud

Freshmen-Roseltha Nesheim, Ila Cook, Doris Prichard, Beatrice Dalager, Gladyce Munsen, Helen Kroehler, Irene Hoghaug, Annabelle LeZalla, Dorothy Ness, Myrtle Nordlund, Eve lyn K. Johnson, Maurine Stinson, Evelyn Gunderson, Opal Dufoe, Kathryn

geborg Aas, Genevieve Halvorson, Ida man, Minneapolis; Myra Stockdale, Sherwood, Gladys Rodenberg, Doris Elliot, Lyleth Olson, Margaret Walz, Margarette Rosvold.

Freshmen-Olive Anderson, Eva Larson, Adelaide Bertsch, Kordula Erickson, Selma Tollefson, Audrey Casselman, Esther Njies, Mabel Fre deen, Olga Wieberg, Margaret Stin-

TENORS

Sophomores - Otas Botts, Simon Nakken, Christian Schulstad.

Freshmen-Vernon Jensen, Morris Fritz, Casper Mattson, Robert Walls, Gene Gunnerson.

Junior-Ernest Johnson. BARITONE

Junior-Edward Skjonsby

Freshmen-Arthur Skjonsby, Rue ben Parson.

Sophomore-Dwight Sherwood. Freshmen-Rudolph Gronbeck, Oscr Thompson, Leonard Mattson, Frank Long, Ole Syverson.

#### HONOR ROLL FOR J. H. S. STUDENTS ANNOUNCED

Two students were on the A, and nine on the B honor roll of the Junior High School this six weeks period. David Askegaard and Margaret Vowles made the A honor roll and the following are those who appear on the B honor list: Dorothy Bertholf, Martha Dupire, Margaret Moffett, Clifton Olson, Hugh Price, Ruth Sathre, Clarence Scheid, Lucille Scheid, and Doris ships in constant repair.

#### SPRING VACATION

Easter vacation this year begins next Friday, March 22, and classes will begin again on Tuesday morning, April 2. Easter Sunday this year is March 31. No MiSTiC will be issued next week.

# VALUES OF PAST

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NINE GRADUATE FRIDAY: INTER-MEDIATE CHILDREN IN WED-**NESDAY PROGRAM** 

Dr. D. H. Tippett, who has been speaking in Fargo this past week in connection with Religious Emphasis Week, gave an address in chapel this morning. Dr. Tippett is pastor and head worker of the Church of All Nations, New York City, the largest plant of its kind in the mission field, employing a staff of some 108 workers. Dr. Tippett is a frequent lecturer before college groups and service clubs.

Pointing out that because of the rapid changes in modern civilization people are inclined to look at anypresident of the Valley City State Dakota, gave the commencement address at chapel assembly on Friday morning, March 8, when nine students received advanced diplomas. His sub- MASTER PRINTS ject was "The Living Past."

The speaker cited three lessons that can be taken from the past, namely that might does not make right, either in war or in spiritual things; that the majority are not always right; and that wrong use of leisure time has been the downfall of many civilizations.

"For instance, illustrating what the past has given us to make our modern hibition for this year, and is being civilization more complete," the speaker said, "are paper, invented by issa Berquist, Leilla Miller, Evelyn the Chinese, the alphabet, first invented by the Phoenicians, and the calendar, invented by the Egyptians."

Radio Girls organization. Mr. Kise, S. C.; Richmond, Ky.; and Pittsburgh class advisor, presented the students, The Art Club extends an invitation tor, presented the diplomas.

Martha Anderson, Moorhead; Wilson masterpieces this week. Burton, Wheaton; John Costain, Moorhead; Hazel Erickson, Alexandria; Sophie M. Olson, Elbow Lake; LOUIS NYQUIST Sophomores—Thelma Erickson, In- Evelyn Paulson, Rothsay; Eve Rich-Fargo; and Esther Houge, Rothsay

#### Demonstration Wednesday.

physical education in the intermediate Moorhead, after an illness that exdepartment was given in the chapel tended over a period of several exercises Wednesday March 13, under months. the direction of Marion Cronin, who was in charge of the girls, and Ernest Gates, who was in charge of the boys. Announcements were made by the head people as "Louie." pupils.

exercises, and games which were directed by some of the third and fourth His sisters are Mrs. Christina Thomgrades. A marching drill by eight as, Moorhead; Mrs. William Howells, boys, informal exercises, and pyramid Hunter, N. D., and Mrs. Mary Lof- Harmonious Blacksmith building were features which followed. quist, Sweden.

Some of the stunts by the girls were hand-springs, cart-wheels, hand- the bereaved ones. walking, back-bending and pyramid building. The four interpretive dances which concluded the program were the scarf dance, tree dance, balloon dance, and a solo dance by Verna

dent; Ann Meyers, secretary.

A man, sir, should keep his friend-

DR. HAGEN HONORED BY COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

President R. B. MacLean and Dr. O. J. Hagen, resident director, returned Wednesday of this week from a meeting of the State Teachers College Board in St. Paul. While there, Dr. Hagen also attended the meeting of the American College of Surgeons, and was elected counsellor from Minnesota. The College is glad of the honor which has come to the resident

### DEBATE TUESDAY WITH JAMESTOWN

PED TEAM TAKES TRIP THURS-DAY; WILL PROBABLY MEET VIKINGS

The Jamestown College affirmative men's debate team is scheduled to HARD FOOTBALL meet the College negative team next Tuesday, March 19, in a decision contest in Weld Hall auditorium. The local team is to be selected from the squad, Francis Bordsen, Lyman Davis, Clarence Gludt, and Ralph Smith,

On Thursday the College affirma tive team will go to Jamestown, where they will engage in a return contest in Voorhees chapel, Jamestown Colelge. It is likely that the team will also engage Valley City State Teach ers College the next day on the return trip. The Viking school is tentatively scheduled for an April appearance at M. S. T. C. early in April. First Viking Tilt.

This is the first year that the Colthing old as useless, Dr. C. E. Allen, lege has had forensic relations with Valley City, but Jamestown has been Teachers College, Valley City, North on the regular schedule for several

# SHOWN BY CLUB

A collection of prints reproducing in full color paintings of great artists selected by a special committee of the American Federation of Arts, of which the Art Club of M. S. T. C. has been a member for four years, has been selected for the annual Traveling Exshown from two to five each afternoon this week. Twenty-eight subjects are included in this exhibition.

This collection was shown last year at Atlantic Highland, N. J.; Kensing-Special music was furnished by the ton, Md.; Elkins Park, Pa.; Gaffney

and Dr. O. J. Hagen, resident directo all who may be interested to come to the Art Rooms and see this beau-Those receiving diplomas were: tiful and worthwhile collection of

# DIES MARCH 10 spring sports.

Louis C. Nyquist died last Sunday, A demonstration of class work in March 10, in the St. Ansgar's hospital,

Mr. Nyquist had been continuously employed on the janitorial force of Hall. The program follows: the College since 1921 and was known Polish Dance Alice Lundgren assisted at the piano. to many alumni, students, and Moor- Hungarian Dance

He was born in Sweden on June 12, Good-Bye The first part of the demonstration 1875, and had resided in Moorhead for consisted of face settings, setting up many years. Surviving him are Mrs. Rhapsody in F. minor Nyquist, three sisters, and his mother.

The College extends sympathy to

#### Eight Students Leave For Glyndon Teaching

The following students left for Glyndon Sunday afternoon, where they will do their student teaching COLLEGE MUSICIANS TO The following persons were elected this term: Jeannette Bestick, Maras the new officers of the Junior High mion Hewitt, Constance Kladsvick, School Club: Margaret Winquist, Pearl Lee, Nettie Lorentzen, Agnes Fargo, Mrs. Eleanor Nesheim Anderpresident; Clifton Olson, vice-presi- Roney, Lillian Skistad, and Pearl So- son, Mrs. D. L. Preston, violin, Charles vich. Those who did their student Simmons, the Men's Double Quartet teaching there during the winter term from the Co.lege and Mr. Preston are: Anna Dahlen, Gertrude Jones, will give special numbers at the dedi-Hazel Wein, Dorothy Regimbal, Es- day at 5 o'clock, March 17, at the the Freshman Outside, and the Sopl

#### ALUMNI PLEASE NOTE

To those of the Alumni who intend to buy a copy of the 1929 Praeceptor, the staff respectfully requests that you send check or money order to the M. S. T. C. Praeceptor on or before April 1, because no copies will be ordered except those paid for in full in ad-

This request is made necessary by the financial condition of the publication. Order now and avoid disappointment! Thank you!

(Signed) The 1929 Praeceptor.

# SCHEDULE FOR '29

MAY PLAY U. OF M. "B" TEAM; A. C., HURON, BEMIDJI SIGN; SPRING DRILL SOON

The athletic program for the spring term will be one of the most exten- part will be the presentation of Hiasive ever planned. Nearly all varieties of outdoor and indoor sports will Training School will participate in

Six weeks will be devoted to minor sports such as boxing, wrestling, and program. The latter part of the pro gymnastic exercises, which will be carried on indoors. About six weeks will be devoted to

track, with preliminary training car- featured parts. Mr. Preston directs ried on indoors. Baseball will be car- the music ried on for six weeks. Spring Drill Three Weeks.

ally hard schedule next fall necessipermits, as Coach Nemzek is anxious charge of arrangements. to get in as much pre-season instruction as possible.

The schedule includes:

Sept. 28-Bemidji, here.

Oct. 5-Cobbers, there. Oct. 12-N. D. State, there.

Oct. 19-Huron College, here.

Oct. 26 - Valley City Teachers, 3-Wahpeton Science, here. 9-Jamestown, Homecoming.

Nov. 16-U. of Minnesota "B" (ten-

Negotiations are under way for a game with the University of Minnesota "B" team. If this deal is completed, it will bring to a climax the most strenuous football schedule ever attempted by the Peds.

Schedules for track and baseball will be completed soon.

Junior and Senior students will assist Coach Nemzek in the various

#### First Spring Recital To Be This Afternoon

Scharwenka MacDowell Anna Johnson.

Kathryn Hjertos, Soprano. Evelyn Olson. Jehlum River Woodford-Finden Robert Walls, Tenor.

Handel Brahms-Grainger Frederick Martin. My Heart, Ever Faithful Ruth Meilecke, Soprano.

Concerts for Two Pianos Alice Fernald, first piano. Eleanor Nesheim Anderson,

## DEDICATE CHURCH ORGAN Outside.

Mrs. Edith Sherwood Cleveland,

### TWO CONCERTS BY SYMPHONY MAY 6

"HIAWATHA" TO BE PRESENTED: CHOIR IN SACRED CONCERT: EXHIBIT MAY 4

Preliminary plans for the annual Arts Festival are now complete, it is announced by the various committee members working on the project This year the annual Art Exhibit will be held Saturday, May 4, followed that evening with the presentation of 'Hiawatha," a production which the Music, Reading and Speech, Physical Education, and Art departments will join in presenting.

On Sunday, May 5, the College Chapel Choir will give the annual sacred program. For this evening's feature two works are being considered, "Requiem," by Brahms, and "Hymn of Jesus," by Holst.

Orchestra, Tenor Here.

The professional number of the Festival, the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, together with George Meader, tenor, will bring to a finale the week of attractions, with an afternoon and an evening concert.

In the Hiawatha program, the first watha's childhood, in which the entire song and dialogue. Miss Bullard will direct the music of this part of the gram will be "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," a cantata by Coleridge Taylor. in which College students will have

Four Departments Join.

Miss Frick is at work in the adapta-Spring football will take up three tion of Longfellow's poem to the eve weeks instead of two, as the unusu- ning production. Miss Tainter will assist in the speaking parts. Mistates a more thorough drilling in fun- McCarten and the Art department will damentals than heretofore. Practice plan the art features. Mr. Christen will commence as soon as weather sen of the Lyceum committee is in

> Mr. Preston will direct the Chapel Choir and soloists in the evening con cert on Sunday.

The Minneapolis Symphony Orches tra, directed by Henri Verbrugghen will give both a matinee and an eve ning concert. This indeed is a splen did opportunity for alumni, students children, music lovers, and music di rectors in western Minnesota and eastern North Dakota. Undoubtedly the Festival will see many visitors from out of town in Weld Hall, spa cious and attractive auditorium build ing, where all numbers are given.

#### Junior High Almost Wins Game With Frosh

In the game played by the Fresh man Outside and the Junior High girls Monday, the latter team showed their tactics in basketball when they lost by but nine points to their opponents, the score being 31-22.

Helen Kiland, who has been coach ing the J. H. S., deserves a great deal of credit for bringing the J. H. S. from what might be called a mediocre team The first student recital of the up to a competitive team for the spring term is to be given this after- Freshman, although the score probnoon in the Music rooms of Weld ably does not indicate such. Good passing seemed to be the outstanding characteristic of this game.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 8-9 and at the end of the first half, 18-20, in favor of the Freshman at both intervals.

Lineups: Junior High Meyers Edwards Stinson Smith Schied Stinson Winquist RG MacKerracher LG Johnson Subs: Stulz for Edwards: Bertolf Grieg for Winquist.

There are the following four games left in the women's basketball tour ney, which will close Wednesday March 20:

Mar. 18-Sorenson vs. Freshman

Mar. 18-J. H. S. Outside. Mar. 20-Brodine vs. Goodhue

Mar. 20-Freshman Outside vs. F

As the tourney now stands, Bro-Lorraine Krause, Frances Kugler, catory organ recital to be given Sundine's team is in the lead, followed by

## THE MISTIC

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#### YOU CAN SEE MASTERPIECES

These are some of the masterpieces which are now on display in the Art Rooms: "Annunciation," by Fr. Angelico; "Venice," by Brangwyn; "Whistling Boy," by Duveneck; "Madonna Granduca," by Raphael; "Holy Family," by Rembrandt; "Age of Innocence," Reynolds; "The Letter," Vermeer; "The Music Lesson," Vermeer; "William II of Nassau," Van Dyck; "The Dogs," Bellini; "La Belle Feronnier," da Vinci; and Notre Dame," Riviere.

But progress there has belied of education as well Don't miss this opportunity!

#### THE POETRY OF DISCONTENT

Discontent may be termed the seedling which blooms in the tree of progress. The metaphor, though not of the highest literary quality, conveys the writer's thought adequately enough. Discontent is that quality which gave us our pioneers, which prevents the world from stagnating. If everyone were happy and ful in receiving a certificate, to enter contented (and according to the moral uplift books we should be) the teaching field. where would be our Lindberghs, Edisons, Marconis?

Columbus was not content with the theory that the earth standards for rural teachers have was flat. If all our explorers, scientists, and inventors had been satisfied with existing conditions, where would we be now? Doubtless bouncing over rough roads in oxcarts. Upon devoting ma, indicative of two years of teachany thought to the matter, one will discover that all great changes have come through the discontent of their perpetrators. a B. E. in some cases, can be found

The older generation say, very testily and in a superior man- in rural and consolidated schools. ner, that the younger generation is discontented. And why not? Would they have young people prosaic, smug, ambitionless? In such a case they could then say with real cause, "The world is going to the dogs.'

But youth, being youth, is dissatisfied with home, social, economic, and political conditions. Although these young people with their adventurous spirit may not change the world overnight, they may alter a few conditions and give the world new viewpoints. And that will be the true "poetry of discontent."

## Home Town School of Montana's M.S.T.C. Contingent Publishes Community Paper

Something new is being done by the students and faculty of the Community High School of Manhattan, Gallatin County, Montana, who, in co-operation with the patrons of the school, are publishing a newspaper for the not only of the school but of the en- nature? tire neighborhood.

Vol. 1, No. 1, has reached us, is a create a favorable impression as an four-page, six-column sheet. The artist, a foreign training is practicfront page is attractively done and ally indispensable. has two major two-column headlines. The second page contains the editor- a smart, svelte European label. Forial matter and local news of the vari- eign authors find this land of the free Manhattan, Logan, Dry Creek, Heeb, books are in more demand here than and Central Park. The subject mat- they are abroad. Even such a lowter of the third page consists of af- brow industry as pugilism recognizes fairs of the school, together with the box-office appeal of the older and some rare examples of scholastic humor. News of rural schools is found on page four together with some feature material and "boiler Russian actors for the terpsichorean plate" stuff.

The newspaper interests students of our own school because it is a concrete example of the application of theoretical knowledge to true life situations-the goal of the American school-and because from Manhattan three students have come to M.S. T.-C.-Gilpin, Ruegamer, and Talbot.

#### Alma Hanson Renamed As Head of Art Club

Alma Hanson was again named president of the Art Club at a meeting Thursday afternoon, March 7. The other officers, who were re-elected for the spring term, are: Clara Springer, vice president, and Margaret Waltz, secretary-treasurer.

After the business meeting these three newly elected officers surprised the club with a luncheon. St. Patrick's appointments were used. Martha Anderson, who graduated from the Art course last term, favored the club with a vocal solo, "Mother Machree." Miss Anderson was also presented with a graduation gift from and to teach taste is to form charac-

#### OPEN COLUMN

#### A PARADOX

Why is it that we Americans regard the Old World as being the ultracommunity and containing the news ultra in almost everything of cultural

To be considered as having a good The paper, called "The Manhattan musical training, it is almost impera-Community Searchlight," of which tive that one study in Europe. To

We revere antiquity—if it carries communities which it serves: to be a land of milk and honey. Their poorer side of the Atlantic.

English actors for legitimate drama, French actors for risque farces, and art, are the accepted thing.

Why should this situation meet with the acquiescence of Americans?

American musicians are equally as good as those of Europe. Lawrence Tibbits proved this. American actors are in great demand in London. In fact, parliament passed a law stating that an American actor could not accept a theatrical position in England unless the contract was signed before landing. This was a blow struck by British actors against the American invasion. England wants its own actors and we want England's. A paradox indeed.

Why not apply a little thought to the matter?

Truly a prophet is not without

honor save in his own country.

A man, sir, should keep his friendships in constant repair. -Samuel Johnson.

What we like determines what we are, and is the sign of what we are;

#### Rural Teaching Profession Is Now Being Placed on Level With Other Professions

that for doctors, lawyers and other pervision, hot lunch preparation, and professional men preparatory study school and community programs. How and practice is fundamental and es- much better equipped is a teacher sential. Thus, one does not put the with even six weeks of real participacare of one's physical self into the hands of an untrained person. Equally none at all! essential, on another basis, is the development of one's mental facultiesthe training of a mind to do one lifelong service. The nature and amount of knowledge we store for future ref- tion and school supervision. erence, the ability to keep on learning and applying knowledge; even a great share of moral training comes tages as living space for teachers, a largely from the service of instructors house mother, a janitor, some library -parents and teachers.

Can as much be said of the adequate preparation for service of these latter as for doctors, especially in past Clearview schools. years? The writer has in mind particularly those who have taken the responsibility of training, and aiding in the development of the minds of rural children.

A high school graduate in similar fashion could obtain a teaching posi-

But progress there has been in the field of education as well as in that of medicine, and requirements for work beyond grade or school work came into existence. Sometimes these could be fulfilled by attending summer sessions of "normal schools," a certificate to teach being granted. Later a year of work in such an institution would qualify one if success-

Now, as a blessing in many ways, risen and are continuing to rise. It is an excellent indication of such when students holding an advanced diploers college work, and even holders of

Moorhead Teachers College has played a leading part in the better training of rural teachers, in being the first of the Minnesota teachers colleges to develop an affiliated school system. In these schools, for teachers in charge, are placed those who are considered apt teachers and leaders. People at the College who are training for rural work with one year of preparation are required to spend six weeks at the actual work of teaching in schools such as Oak Mound, Clear view, and Sunnyside, getting at the same time a course in rural school management. In addition to actual eaching in the school they also aid

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It has long been an accepted theory in such activities as play ground sution in school than those who have

The College takes charge of such problems as transportation of student teachers and acts co-operatively with the local school boards in administra-

The consolidated type of affiliated school can often offer such advanfacilities, play rooms and space for community audiences. Under such a grouping come the Oak Mound and

Although all of the affiliated schools do not have all of the mentioned advantages, yet they are better equipped than in former years, and especially It is not so long ago that a boy or as to instructors, from whom more is girl having struggled in some fashion continually being demanded in the through eight grades (perhaps) of a way of preparation and abilities, all of rural school could by passing certain which is surely encouraging by being examinations teach in that same indicative of sure and upward prog-

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The questionnaire arranged for the convenience of Alumni in contributing son. My children have no teeth. news was rather completely answered 8. Material written for publication. by Mr. Ralph Iverson, '27, as follows:

Be it known that my name is still year. Ralph Iverson and my address is Hun- 9. News of alumni friends, tre, N. D. How long it will be so the signs of the zodiac have not fore-

4. Nature of position, Byler divorced. 3. Position if teaching.

My position varies with the times of day: 6:30 a.m., fireman; 7:30, chef; 8:45, principal; 9:10, teacher; 3:30 p.m., coach; 4:30 p.m., janitor.

My teaching position doesn't have me letters. any nature. It consists of rendering instruction in all the common and un- dise is right out on the middle of the common branches to the 5th, 6th, 7th, prairie, six miles west of civilization 8th, and 9th grades.

5. Activities or projects.

those already mentioned; getting the tranquillity of days or evenings. snow out of the roads as quickly as

My plans for next summer are very time. indefinite and indifferent.

## M. S. T. C. THIS SUMMER figures find a place here.

According to the plans of Miss Dorothy Lee, first and second grade teacher at Morgan, Minn., next summer will see her here at the College for the summer session.

Miss Lee of the Class of 1925, is teaching music in all the grades and honors almost even. The hypocrisy has a high school girls' glee club of the North is sharply contrasted 18 members. The Morgan school is with the grim heroism of the South. working on a grade operetta, "Yanki San," to be given March 15.

#### RUTH LUNDBLAD PLANS SUMMER WESTERN TRIP

Miss Ruth Lundblad, teacher of the were to the Trojan war. fifth grade at Moose Lake, Minn. writes of plans for a western trip during the coming summer. Lundblad has made the acquaintance of the following Moorhead graduates: Alma Anderson (now Mrs. Ernest Gafvert of Tower); Pauline Lord, Mildred Lindahl, and Evelyn Sullivan.

#### MINNEAPOLIS TEACHERS HEARD FROM BY MISTIC

The teaching work of Miss Elizabeth Mecham of '21 has taken her into Illinois and Montana, as well as Minnesota. She is now teaching Mathematics and History in the seventh and eighth grades of the Bryn Mawr School of Minneapolis. Ruth Bjor, another M. S. T. C. graduate, is teaching the fourth grade in the same building.

These "alums" say that the books they plan to write are still "nothing but plans."

#### THE BOOK SHELF .

#### JOHN BROWN'S BODY (By Stephen Benet)

In this day and age it seems that there is a popular demand for books of an historical nature. Biographies are now more profuse in book stores than ever before. Historical novelists find America their promised land. their Canaan, their Utopia. The erst while members of the literati have recognized the monetary value of the literary tastes of the country and have hastened to grind out volume after volume of historical material. Some has been proved to be fine material, most of it is mediocre, and some is, of course, badly done.

Stephen Vincent Benet has just recently published his book, "John Brown's Body." From my rather puerile attitude regarding literature, I believe that this book is destined to become one of the chief literary works of the early half-century.

He has chosen the Civil war as the Buck, Gertrude: Keys to the Halls of frame work upon which to weave a wondrous tale. I have read many histories dealing with the Rebellion, but I never realized the vital human importance and significance of this struggle until I encountered "John Brown's Body.

Part of the book is composed of verse, part consists of blank verse (the greatest part of it), and some prose is introduced at strategic intervals.

Benet treats of this period through the medium of its effect upon the lives of people. For this purpose he creates: Spade, a negro slave; Sally Dupre, a girl whose parents entered into a "mes alliance"; Henry Win- Syracuse Public Library: The gold gate, a young southerner; Jack Ellyat, a young Connecticut farmer.

Of course John Brown, Abraham

My maiden name was Ralph Iver-

2. Address publication was in The MiSTiC last

I haven't heard anything about my old friends, but I firmly believe that Art Storms is dead, Menser Anderson undoubtedly married, and Ron

10. News you might write to alumni friends.

There is nothing I would write to alumni friends whom I know to be

The location of my private para-(Gardner), where Willard Gowenlock 6. Summer plans. rather like this place out here where I am working on one project beyond neither man nor beast disturbs the

I deeply regret that local duties it can be done. Incidentally, I am prevented me from attending the working on a declamation for a local Senior class play. It is the first one churches, and the various early edu-I've missed since the beginning of

Mr. Iverson closed by wishing the 7. Maiden name, if married; news of alumni corner good luck and hopes to hear through it of many old friends.

DOROTHY LEE TO ATTEND | Lincoln, and all the chief historical

attack upon Harper's Ferry. The misinterpreted spirit of John Brown is clearly revealed by Benet. It is as United States Flag," by R. C. B. Thurshuman as an old shoe

Battle after battle is fought with Lincoln again paces up and down the White House. In all, it's so difficult to describe it!

Personally I think that "John Brown's Body" will be to the Civil war what the Iliad and the Odyssey

By all means read it.

-F. B.

#### NEW BOOKS

accessions in the library:

Andrews, Christopher C .: Recollections, 1829-1922. Mr. Andrews was a pioneer in forestry conservation in the U.S.; for sixty years a dominant influence in the public affairs of Minnesota; lawyer, editor, diplomat, general in the Civil War.

Bailey, Henry Turner: The Magic Realm of the Arts, suggesting incidentally the importance of fads. "A little talk that I prepared for some normal students more than thirty years ago," writes the author, "now seems to me to have been like a wild apple seedling. Ever since it has persisted in growing. Through all the tangle of grass, briars and bushes-the intellectual shrubbery of a teacher's life-that threatened its very existence, it has acquired firmer roots, lustier shoots, fairer blossoms and more abundant fruit. Some of its earlier product was packed twenty years ago into paper cartons labeled 'The City of Refuge. I shook the tree vigorously at a gathering of the Department of Superintendence of the N.E.A. in Cleveland in 1923 and received numerous requests from twenty-eight states for more. Therefore I have again gathered some of the fruit of this hardy tree under a new label. 'The Magic Realm of the Arts,' and hope it will help to furnish the larder of faithful instructors of children throughout all our friendly

Hough, Walter: Collection of heating and lighting utensils in the United States National Museum.

Hough, Walter: Fire-making apparatus in the United States National Museum.

Books: an aid to the independent use of libraries.

Johnson, Julia E.: Cabinet Form of Government: reprints of selected articles, briefs for debate, bibliographies, and study outlines.

N. E. A. Department of Superintendence: Seventh Yearbook: The articulation of the units of American education.

National Society for the Study of Education: Twenty-eighth Yearbook: Pre-school and parental education. Part 1, organization and development; Part 2, Research and

star list of American fiction 1821-1928: Five hundred titles classified

Three new volumes in the "Pageant graduate of 1928. of America" series have been received at the library. This makes twelve of working on items for an annual fair, The only thing I ever wrote for the fifteen volumes which will com- at which Tenney has won several plete this pictorial series in American first prizes. history. The new volumes are "Makers of a New Nation," by John Spencer Bassett; "American Idealism," by Luther A. Weigle, and "In Defense of Liberty," by William Wood and Ralph Henry Gabriel.

"Makers of a New Nation" describes and illustrates events and issues, inthe history of the American people on the committee making arrangeinterested in me-they are all owing following the Civil war, from the reconstruction period to the succession gram. of Coolidge to the presidency.

performs with unabated ardor. But I ideals as expressed in its religious life and educational institutions from the teaching of the Pilgrims, the work of the Spanish and French missionaries, the development of free cational methods, to the great universities of the present day.

"In Defense of Liberty" continues the story of the military achievements of America (begun in "the winning of freedom") bringing the record down The book opens with John Brown's to and including the World war.

> "The Origin and Evolution of the ton, traces the history of the flag, going back to the origin and development of the flag from which ours has been evolved. The work is a reprint of House Document No. 258 of the 69th Congress, first session. It is a valuable addition to our historical material on the subject.

> Jan Gordon's "Modern French Painters" is an exposition of modern tendencies and an analysis of the work of leading French artists. The author is an English painter.

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Miss Askegaard also conducts Sunday school class and acts as assistant organist. A recently organized quartet from her school room sang at a Washington program given at the church.

She reports Tenney an active town dustrial and political, that make up for community affairs, and is serving ments for an April community pro-

An article from Miss Askegaard's "American Idealism" traces the pen has just reached the publishers, growth and development of American and she hopes to see it in print. Her summer plans are as yet indefinite.

> Heer, is a publication from the Kent, Ohio, State Normal College and is the work of the director of teacher training in that school.

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7 GAMES WON, 11 LOST; WILD-CATS WIN FLAG; MOOR-HEAD IS FIFTH

As the Interstate Athletic Conference season has closed, it is yet early to look forward to next season's games, but one may review the results of the past. The Peds have won seven and lost eleven games, including those played in pre-season. In conference play six were lost and three won, M.S.T.C. ranking fifth. Many of these games were hotly contested, as in the case of the Valley City and Jamestown games.

In the traditional games with Concordia, runnersup in the State Denominational College Conference, the Teachers quint showed much power. but went down in defeat, losing the first game, 23 to 20; the second, 21-18; the third, 27-28; and the fourth,

Wahpeton Is Threatened.

The first road trip the Peds took to Valley City and Jamestown ended disastrously, for they lost to both. In the Wahpeton game Coach Bute sent in his reserves during the closing minutes; the Peds strengthened and cut down the lead, only to be defeated by the timer's gun. The Moorhead basketeers' first conference victory came when the Park Region team received a drubbing from a determined

The next night, the perambulating Peds journed to Morris, where they defeated the Aggies by one point in a torrid battle which resembled a football game. On February 9, the team played Wahpeton there, losing by a 36-26 score

Minot Defeated.

The third victim of Coach Nemzek's men was Minot Teachers, who fell before the Ped's onslaught; the game tion. was very rough, two of the Beavers being ejected on fouls. On Washington's birthday, the boys celebrated by taking the Park Region "Parkies" into camp by a 29-21 score. The game was dustry, having brought the tough winfairly rough during the first half. Leading by a 14-13 score at the half, the Peds were not headed for the remainder of the game. The Valley City Vikings appeared at the Armory February 28 in the last game of the season. The Vikings proved too fat test for milk; and Joseph Gold-strong for the local team, and took berger, experimenter with yeast. the contest 26-32.

1930 Prospects Good.

Coach Nemzek commends the student body for the fine support and tendance from the townspeople during the season was less than a year ago, due no doubt to money being tied up in the local bank. Two after-

Prospects for the next season are quite bright, as all the players from this year are eligible for another season. A number of first year men were on the squad, notably Hub Nelson, Bill Davis, Johnny Ingersoll, Tag are exciting and one is made to feel Talbot, Chet Gilpin, and Monk Ire- keenly the importance of success. and. Members of the squad were praised by the coach for their sportsmanship.

George Edwards, veteran forward, stood near the top of the individual scoring list as well as leading the Ped team in the matter of counters.

#### NEW BOOKS

HUNGER FIGHTERS

(By Dr. Paul deKruif)

The book entitled "Hunger Fighters" would have for the one not knowing the nature of its contents, many possibilities for the exercise of his imagination as to the material found therein. It might be a story of the poverty-stricken struggling to exist, of wild animal life in the dead of winter, or of lost explorers in the Arctic

Thus it is true, as reviewer Mac-Dougal points out, that a work of equal merit could be written with no mention of any name included by de-Kruif, and he goes on to mention various food agents-(root-diggers, producers, venders, harvesters, etc.) and enlarges upon the maize plant as the

initial basis of American culture. This may be all very true, but it seems beside the point. Dr. deKruif selected a certain group and proceeded to record their meritorious labors

ease germs. That he confined himself to these few makes them no less fighters of hunger-and very essential in a work of the same nature.

than such workers as root-diggers, producers. How many of these latter are engaged in such pursuits because them in the future. of love to serve humanity, of vital interest in the problems of graingrowing and disease prevention? They may like their work and be interested in it, but they likely think of it in terms of the emoluments offered, great financial compensation dangled is recently off the press. before their eyes to spur them on.

personal contact with most all of the University city. sketching of personality is quite ex- madness. cusable. Anyhow, to me it seemed that the author of "Hunger Fighters" was in a way using these particular scientists as mediums for emulating the accomplishments of all fighters

Dr. deKruif for inclusion in his book have among their number Mark Carleton, founder of the durum wheat inter wheat from Kharkov to our western plains; Marion Dorset, founder of the hog cholera remedy; John Mohler, curer of the foot-and-mouth disease; George H. Shull, the maize breeder; Stephen Babcock, discoverer of the

In a story savoring of the human element, deKruif tells of an innovation in wheat raising for the Canadian Northwest, which caused more rapid sportsmanship during the season. At- building of railroads and cities. The innovation was the outcome of study, trials and hardships of a worker with wheat who invented a wheat that ripens before the arrival of the Augnoon games were not so popular with ust frost which before had killed all of the wheat heads. Then there is the battle to secure rust-resisting wheat, also successful through persistency, experiment, and clear thinking.

The struggles with animal diseases

Kruif is very likely criticized by many for his style of writing, which is termed "snappy" in one instance, but accompanied by the assertion that such a method of treatment of scien-

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fighters. The others might be treated tific material is very pardonable if it of waiting, goes to meet it, leaving a results in capturing the interest of legacy that is never to reach the It seems to the present reviewer the average man. Those primarily that these selected by Dr. deKruif interested in science will read scienthough by no means the only ones tific matter regardless of its written found on their own level or plan of style. But why shouldn't the average work, deserve by far appreciation and every-day person become interested acclaim, to a much greater degree and appreciative of such admirable accomplishments also? In "Hunger harvesters, skilled food agents or crop Fighters" we find just the book for this purpose. May we have more of

THE MAD PROFESSOR

(By Henry Sudermann)

"The Mad Professor," a 1928 Gerand history proves that scientific ex- man novel by Henry Sudermann, perimenters certainly have had no author of "Dame Care" and "Magda,"

Being unpopular among the faculty Dr. MacDougal has a criticism of a at the University, Professor Sieburth, more severe nature, however. He after winning the much coveted chair claims that the personalities and mo- of Kant by reason of merit and influtivations of the scientists treated in ence, finds that it is an empty honor. Dr. deKruif's work are so "crudely Not only unpopular among his colsketched" as to be unrecognizable by leagues the Mad Professor is equally himself (MacDougal), who has had at variance with the social world of them. But when one cannot write of and loneliness, after four unhappy afmen's lives and works on the basis fairs with women, cause him to seek of having had personal contact with forgetfulness in debauch and drunkthem, how can personalities be per- enness. But this serves his purpose fectly portrayed? Provided that an merely for a time and the Mad Proauthor makes no gross false state- fessor at length does that which reasments, such a shortcoming as unexact sures the doubtful of his complete

Of the four women whose lives he intimately touched, the Mad Professor loved two, appreciated the intellect of one, and was disgusted with who work with science for ammuni- the remaining woman. Unsuccessful in his love, friends and career, it is The "hunger-fighters" selected by no wonder that the brilliant Professor Sieburth is disillusioned, casts all conventions to the wind and becomes

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