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COMPLETE CAST OF PLAY ANNOUNCED

STANLEY MURRAY IS PEDER VICTORIOUS; CHILDREN AND EXTRAS SELECTED

As the date for the presentation of "Giants in the Earth" by Rolvaag, on the stage in Weld Hall draws near, preparations are being completed, and the cast is working overtime securing the final polish and finesse which will assure the vivid portrayal of those hardy pioneer characters.

The cast as given in a recent issue of The MISTIC has been augmented by the addition of several students taking the parts of extras and the selection of seven children to complete that picture of life on the prairies. Of the additions one character is of particular interest in the tale, though naturally a light speaking part. This is Peder Victorious, son of Beret, which will be taken by Stanley Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Murray.

Announce Cast.

The complete cast is as follows, in order of their appearance on the stage:

- Beret—Viola Dixon, Fargo
- Ola, son of Per Hansa—John Bystrom
- Per Hansa—Raymond Simonitsch, Moorhead
- The Minister—Alf Sather, Halstad
- Aslak Tjome—Lerlowe Eastland, Henning
- Mrs. Tjome—Delia Peterson, Wheaton
- Kjersti, wife of Tonseten—Hazel Doty, Tintah
- Peder Victorious—Stanley Norman Murray
- Syvvert Tonseten—Axel Tafin, Winger
- Henry Solum—Ralph Johnson, Greenbush
- Sorina, wife of Hans Olsa—Louise Murray, Parkers Prairie
- Hans Olsa—Lyman Davis, Frazee
- Bridget—Willabelle Wasson, Fargo
- Extra Women—Dorothy Hoel, Frazee, Evelyn Pierce, Crookston.
- Extra Men—Eugene Eininger, Detroit Lakes; Clarence Berquist, Detroit Lakes.
- Children—Ruth Bystrom, Grace Kittleson, Teddy Kittleson, Mary Helen Preston, Muriel Wetmore, Lawrence Gilbert Murray.

DEBATERS ARGUE THRICE IN WEEK

MEET MAYVILLE, "U" OF N. D. IN PAST WEEK; WOMEN IN NEXT TILT

"Resolved, that all nations should adopt the policy of free trade" is the issue which both the men's debate team discussed in two tilts during the past week, and which the women will dispute Tuesday and the men Sunday and Tuesday.

Wednesday, February 18, a men's negative team composed of Arthur Rustvold, Donald Ingram, and Clarence Gludt, met the Mayville affirmative speakers in a no-decision debate at Mayville.

Meet "U" of N. D. Twice.

Donald Bird and Wilson Dokken, affirmative speakers, met the University of North Dakota team in the auditorium on Thursday, February 19, in a non-decision contest.

Before the Methodist Church congregation at Grand Forks on Sunday, February 22, three negative speakers, Art Rustvold, Clarence Glasrud, and Clarence Gludt, will argue with the University affirmative speakers on the free trade question.

Taking the affirmative side of the question, the women's negative team of Delia Peterson and Eva Arsenau will uphold the affirmative side of the free trade policy when they debate with the Jamestown women's team at 3:40 p. m. The negative men's duo will discuss the same question in the evening at 7:30 p. m. with the Jamestown affirmative group.

Sigma Tau Delta To Install Ten People

Tentatively, March 7 is the date chosen for the installation exercises of Sigma Tau Delta, national English fraternity, at which time twelve students will be admitted into the society.

All degree students majoring in English are eligible to membership after fulfilling certain designated requirements. Complete plans for the formal installation are being formulated, and it is thought that a detailed story may be forthcoming next week.

In Pioneer Role



Raymond Simonitsch, Moorhead, who will play the male lead as Per Hansa in that dynamic, vital drama of pioneer life, "Giants in the Earth" by Rolvaag, to be enacted on the auditorium stage February 28.

GILPIN ELECTED TO HEAD COMMISSION

COOK HEADS 1932 PRAECEPTOR; NEW COMMISSIONERS TAKE OFFICE ON MARCH 1

Casting more than three hundred and fifty votes, the students of the College elected Chester Gilpin, Manhattan, Montana, to head the student commission for 1931-32, in the annual election held last Monday.

Mr. Gilpin is a Junior at the College and has been an active member of the student body. Having served as Commissioner of Athletics on a previous commission, "Chet" is well qualified for his new position.

Evelyn Cook, Fargo, was chosen editor-in-chief of the 1932 Praeceptor, the M. S. T. C. yearbook, in the same election. Miss Cook is album editor of this year's Praeceptor.

Other members of the commission elected are Mildred Moberg, Clinton, secretary; and the following departmental commissioners: Eugene Eininger, Detroit Lakes, athletics; Eleanor Bruggeman, Fargo, N. D., education clubs; Lyman Bringgold, Pine Island, forensics; Reuben Parson, Battle Lake, music; Donald Bird, Detroit Lakes, publicity; Lucia Askegaard, Moorhead, religious groups; Henry Booher, Toston, Mont., social.

Mr. Schwendeman of the faculty was chosen a member of the activity fee committee. It may be interesting to know that of the members elected to the Commission four are now Sophomores, three are Juniors, and three are Freshmen.

McCarten Addresses Fargo Fine Arts Club

Miss McCarten, head of the Art department at the College, addressed the Art section of the Fine Arts Club of Fargo, Wednesday.

Miss McCarten, in her discussion which was given at the new club rooms of the organization, told of the Art of Italy, emphasizing the Duomo and Composite of Florence and illustrating by means of plans and pictures.

Rehearsals Geared Up To High Speed As Family Problems Call For Solution

With the performance of "Giants in the Earth" scheduled for February 28 (Saturday of next week), the cast is rapidly losing its erstwhile debonair nonchalance. Time formerly known as "leisure" and spent, well, doing almost anything, or nothing at all, is now spent feverishly pacing any available floor, wondering which speeches need the most work to put them in position to be tossed off at the crucial moment in a spontaneous manner.

Groans are heard of, "Zounds and curses!! If I ever venture to take part in another play, I hope someone shoots me!" "Say,—it was your fault that I messed up that scene between us yesterday. There are two speeches in your part that are almost alike, and you gave the first half of the second one first and the second part of the first one second!" "By the time this show comes off, I won't be looking the part at all. I'm supposed to

- ### FORTHCOMING EVENTS
- ◆ Tonight—Pi Delta Sigma, Exchange, 8:00 p. m.
 - ◆ Tomorrow Night—8:00 p. m., Dragons vs. Dusties, Armory.
 - ◆ 9:30 p. m., "M" Club Dance, Exchange.
 - ◆ Feb. 22—Debate, M. S. T. C. Neg. vs. "U" of N. D. Aff., there.
 - ◆ Feb. 24—3:40 p. m., Women's Debate, M. S. T. C. Neg. vs. Jamestown Aff.
 - ◆ 8:00 p. m., Men's Debate M. S. T. C. Neg. vs. Jamestown Aff.

ROLVAAG VIVIDLY DEPICTS PIONEERS

FEAR OF GOD IS DOMINANT IN POWERFUL NORWEGIAN EPIC OF THE SOIL

Editor's Note: "Giants in the Earth" is reviewed in the following article in order to give to the students a keener appreciation of the presentation of the class play, which is to be staged the evening of February 28.

(By Agnes J. Kise)

The early pioneer life on the frontier of the West has served as the source for the plots of many novels. But no author has been able to characterize it better than O. E. Rolvaag has in "Giants in the Earth." It is one of the most moving and most powerful novels written about this phase of life in the West. It is a westward migration of immigrants in the 'seventies and 'eighties, and their settling of the prairies of the Middle West. As the scene opens, we get a picture of a covered wagon with its family of five, Per Hansa, his wife Beret, and their three children, moving westward, always westward toward the setting sun. No trail marks the way, no human being is in sight. Only the vast plain in all its loneliness looms up before them, quiet and threatening by turns, giving hope, promising failure, and realizing both. The small caravan moves on, slowly and tediously, overcoming difficulties, until it reaches a small settlement of "Nordlanders" who had preceded them and had started to build temporary dwellings of sod.

Per Hansa, the destined leader of this group, tall and broad, looks out over the flowing prairie grass and glories in it all. To him this vast plain holds great promises, and it seems to him that fate has surely been kind to them. But Beret, his wife, has her forebodings. She views the flat country and thinks that God certainly could not have intended for man to live here. Man would be acting contrary to His will if he settled here to disturb the quiet solitude.

Throughout the story there runs a double conflict, one between man and earth, and the other between husband and wife. In the first struggle, man wins. He had come to wrest a living from the earth and to set up a home, and he would not turn back defeated. Man had strength to cope with the elemental forces of nature. But in the second struggle, physical strength

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To Play "Beret"



Viola Dixon, Fargo, who will play the versatile character of Beret, the wife of Per Hansa, in the dramatization of Rolvaag's great epic to be staged here next Saturday.

NEW PLAN TO BE USED AT DETROIT

TEN FACULTY MEMBERS JOIN IN OFFERING "AMERICAN CIVILIZATION" COURSE

Beginning February 24, ten instructors from Moorhead State Teachers College will offer at Detroit Lakes, a course in "American Civilization", which will analyze American life from the different viewpoints. The instructors who will give this course which will extend throughout the next ten weeks are: Messrs. Bridges, Schwendeman, Kise, Archer, Murray, Ballard, and Locke, and Misses Williams, Hayes, and Lommen. One speaker will travel each week to Detroit Lakes for the class.

The purpose of this course, which will be given for credit but which will also be opened to the general public in the evening session, is to give instruction in the development of the nation along practically every conceivable line and at the same time to arouse interest in adult education.

The intellectual, social, artistic, educational, political, scientific, literary, historical, geographical and other popular viewpoints of the problem will be discussed by members of the college faculty who specialize in each of these fields. Each unit will consist of two lectures, one at 4:30 o'clock and the other from seven to eight in the evening. It is thought that such a course may be later given in other towns of the western district.

FIRE PREVENTION IS CHAPEL THEME

DR. RATZ TALKS ON CULTURED LIFE TODAY; HEALTH LEADER EXPLAINS STATE WORK

Fire Prevention Week will be observed at M. S. T. C. when the Moorhead Chamber of Commerce presents its program in chapel next Wednesday, February 25. Fire inspectors have been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, and numbers on the programs will be given by them.

To this morning's assembly, Dr. A. W. Ratz, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Fargo, gave a very interesting talk on "The Two Elements of the Cultured Life."

That health is more important in the teaching profession than in any other was the main thought given by Miss Mary Bringgold, of the State Department of Health, to the student body at last Wednesday's chapel. Miss Bringgold urged the students of M. S. T. C. to make use of all divisions of the State Department of Public Health.

SECURE PLAY TICKETS

Students may obtain tickets for the class play "Giants in the Earth" on Wednesday, February 25, by presenting student activity tickets at the cloak hall.

Reserved tickets may be purchased by students who show activity tickets and pay an additional twenty-five cents.

DRAGONS TO MEET ELLENDALE QUINT

WILL DEFEND TITLE AGAINST STRONG N. D. QUINT; WIN TWICE IN WEEK

Invading the Dragon stronghold tomorrow night, the high scoring quintet of westerners from Ellendale will be here to challenge the right of the Dragons to the league leadership. The Ellendale aggregation, having defeated all opposition in western Dakota, ranks third in the conference, and indications are that the game tomorrow night will have a great deal to do in naming the Conference champions.

Establish Rank.

The Dragons have been plugging right along since their one conference setback from Wahpeton, and still lead the league. Since then they have scored victories over the Valley City and Mayville quintets. Taking the Vikings into camp last Friday night by a score of 35 to 26, they established their superiority over this high-standing Conference team. Although decidedly off form, they took the improved Mayville quintet into camp by a score of 35 to 25 last Monday evening in a rather poorly-played game in which the injured Lien's absence from the lineup was keenly felt.

Starring in both games, Bill Robinson led the Dragon offense by accounting for 37 points in the two games and is unquestionably a leader in Conference scoring.

Robinson Stars As Dragons Take Vikings

Plugging away at the basket in his characteristic sensational style, "Wild Bill" Robinson kept the Dragons in the forefront in a hard fought battle in which the desperate Vikings almost overcame the Dragons in a game which the Dragons won 31 to 20 after they staged a thrilling rally in the last few minutes of play.

Tie at Half.

Although the Vikings snatched a (Continued on Page Four)

FACULTY MEMBERS ATTENDING N.E.A.

MacLEAN, LUMELY, ARCHER, BIERI ATTEND VARIOUS SECTIONAL MEETS

To attend the meetings of the National Education Association, four of M. S. T. C.'s faculty members left this week for Detroit, Michigan. Miss Lumely left Monday evening and will attend the National Association of Deans of Women.

Dr. Archer, who left Wednesday evening, will attend the business meeting of the Department of Superintendence and sectional meetings, the Society for the Study of Education, and the Professional Education Association.

Pres. MacLean, who has been in St. Paul since last Friday, will go to Detroit to attend meeting of the American Association of Teachers Colleges and also the N. E. A. programs.

Miss Bieri will leave this afternoon for Detroit, Michigan, where she will attend the meetings of the National Society of Education, which is this year publishing a yearbook on rural education. Miss Bieri will join other members of the Minnesota delegation at St. Paul.

On Friday of next week she will be a member of a group which will visit the schools affiliated with the Teachers College of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

BIRD IS ELECTED FEDERATED HEAD

At the next meeting of the Federated Young People's class February 22, Mr. C. E. Brown of Moorhead, will address the group on the topic, "Smoothing Out the Rough Spots."

Featuring the meeting last Sunday the postponed election of officers took place. Donald Bird, Detroit Lakes, was chosen to head the organization. Assisting him in assuring the successful destiny of the class are: Henry Booher, Toston, Mont., vice-president; Catherine Kron, Frazee, secretary; and Eva Arsenau, Crookston, treasurer. Dorothy Hoel, Frazee, is pianist, and Louise Murray, Parkers Prairie, song leader.

Following the election of officers Principal B. C. Tighe of Fargo High School delivered the address of the morning.

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OUR PLATFORM

1. One hundred Seniors in 1933.
2. Every student in some Extra-Curricular Activity.
3. A male enrollment of two hundred in 1932.
4. A new, and more distinctive name for our newspaper.

IN MEMORY OF WASHINGTON

Washington! the ideal of the American nation, the man who guided our nation in its very infancy along the lines of truth, honor and righteousness, preserving its integrity and laying its foundation on a solid base that is preserved to this day.

His life was so praiseworthy, his every motive so true, that the American people give these stories to their children hoping that they will profit by his example and aspire to higher aims.

Years have passed since this great man lived, but years cannot blot from memory his immortal work as soldier, statesman, and patriot.

We, as Americans, owe our best to the preservation of the principles which he so firmly established. Let us commemorate the anniversary of his birth with a renewed resolve to do only that which we can be proud of and refrain from any act that he would think unworthy.

—L. M. J.

ATTEND VERBAL COMBATS!

The battle rages, the cannon roar, as the opposing forces clash in mighty combat! One moment one team is dominant; the next a clever retaliating sally has penetrated his defense. The bullets manned by the wit and intellect of the thinker speed swiftly to their mark either to glance from off the invulnerable armour of the enemy's case or to lodge steadfastly in the frail framework of a weak defense. A battle in Weld Hall? Yes! Next Tuesday, two such conflicts with wit pitted against wit will take place in the auditorium.

Both the mens' and womens' teams of this College will take part in that conflict of words. You say, "Oh, it's only a debate. Why should I spend my time listening to a dry discussion?" The person saying that, if he does attend, blinds himself to anything but those conditions. Too many of us have a stereotyped attitude when we attend a debate which not even the most witty repartee can disparage. Come to that debate not content to be bored, but seeking for evidence of combat. Then you seize from an otherwise uninteresting argument a zest of mental excitement as the words fly thick and fast.

Debate is not as you might suppose a pastime for book-worms or stay-at-homes. In its realm it ranks on a par with the physical contests of the field and grid-iron. Come open-minded, receptive of the clash of opinion, and anxious to weigh the arguments and their refutations. Let us be at that debate Tuesday to see the Dragons meet the Jimmies on the field of verbal controversy.

—D. B.

SUPPORT "MINOR" SPORTS

Whatever a person's attitude on the subject of school athletics; whether on one side or the other, everyone agrees that the problem is a serious one. In recent years sports writers, athletic coaches, students, educators, and the general voting public have been considering the pro and con of the question of interscholastic athletics, especially intercollegiate competition in the major sports.

During this controversy, most of the discussion has centered around the so-called "commercializing" and overemphasis of football and to a lesser extent basketball to the detriment of other sports. Our purpose here is not to plead for or against giving football or basketball the amount of time, attention, and money which they receive today, but in trying to put several other sports, especially those which can be played in the spring, on an equal basis.

When we consider the case of interschool athletics we are sure to run up against the question of which sport will benefit the most students and in what ways it will benefit these people. Surely the sports of tennis, baseball, and track have just as many enthusiasts as any of the so-called "major" sports! Surely these sports can be carried on as easily, probably much more easily, cheaply and democratically than football and basketball! Why, then, aren't these forms of athletics receive-

ing more attention from the students, from the athletic commission, from the school as a whole? Frankly, we do not know and would like very much to find out.

—C. A. G.

Campus Comment

The student body is to be highly commended, so it seems, on their patriotism. We beg your pardon if we have offended your view of patriotism, but we refer to the admirable turnout of voters for last Monday's election.

We appreciate the fact that the University of North Dakota has continued forensic relations with us these last seven years, but we fear that they are now reaching the end of their tether. Asking the debate squad to give their arguments at a church looks suspiciously like an attempt to catch the audience unawares.

We always have one consolation when the team isn't playing the kind of basketball that they are capable of (you know, the kind that makes baskets and wins games). When everything else fails, we still have Bill Robinson.

It seems quite likely that before long many of the high schools around here are going to hesitate considerably before calling the College High basketballers "Baby" Dragons. We shouldn't be surprised if Comstock, Oak Grove, and a few others would look askance at the first part of that name. (Baby-nothing; that looks like the real thing to me.)

The Open Column

STUDENT-TEACHING ELUCIDATED

Frequently heard anywhere and everywhere: "Done your teaching yet? I'm doing mine now, and is it hard! Went pretty good today, though, and my students actually behaved."

I think every student teacher will agree to the fact that the part of his teaching is the part which requires the most work. It is one subject that we cannot let "slide". Each day we must face our students, knowing that it is to us that they are looking for knowledge, and when we think seriously of the fact, it is a pretty big responsibility. If we got to our classes unprepared, not only are we ourselves hampered, but our pupils are also. Most student teachers are very conscientious about this responsibility, however, and more than one candle has burned until the wee, small hours in the dormitory whereby some student teacher was diligently writing lesson plans.

When one is student-teaching, he is continually in a rush, dashing from a class to teaching. Afraid he will be late, but having time enough to ask a fellow-teacher who has taught the previous period, "How's it go today?", gets for an answer anything from "O.K." to "terrible!"

I think people who have had the rapid idea that the teaching profession was going to be a "snap" generally change their ideas when they get to student-teaching. It is quite usually agreed that this is the course upon which more time is spent than all the others put together.

—Anon.

STRIVE FOR A DEGREE

An analysis of the question of why teachers are so poorly paid shows that previously it has been the teacher's fault. If a position is worth a hundred dollars a month, why should the person filling the position be paid ninety-five a month? Some will say that perhaps the teacher is not worth more than \$95 a month. Right here we see that if a teacher is worth only \$95 a month, that teacher can not fill a hundred dollar position. Consequently the teacher is misplaced? No, most of the time the position is worth \$125 a month to any good teacher and because "some teachers" will take it for \$95, no school board is going to give you in the teaching profession more than you demand.

Now we tackle the real problem of making ourselves worth the better wages and then demanding them. How can we accomplish this end? First, we can raise our standards, principally educational. In other words, aim at a degree.

—R. K.

MORE THAN "PULL"

That "Pull" is helpful in placing men and women in prominent positions and is a means of them retaining such positions was suggested by a writer of this column in a recent issue of our paper.

He may have written this letter because he has had a few acquaintances or friends, or a number of both, who were able to reach certain heights because they had friends farther up the ladder of success who were willing to reach back and help a fellowman. Should we really call it "Pull"? It seems to me that it is merely the recognition of one's ability in a field by those who have gone on before. There are cases, we must admit, where men and women are given positions, not because of their ability, but because of their affiliations with a certain organization, lodge, church or clique; this, of course, is undesirable, and "Pull" is the only name that can be applied to it.

But when a person who has worked hard for an education and has offered his services in a certain field in which he intends to conscientiously do his best has not he the right to that recognition and help of those who believe that he will be a success? He has. It is merely the fulfillment of the prophecy of the poet who said, "Give to the world your very best, and the best will come back to you."

—M. D. K.

The Modern Ped Pepys

This last week and especially last Saturday a number of us self-loved, vain nickel-chasers and what not got comic valentines that gave us a vivid impression of how other people see us and what they think of us. But still Adel Grina says that the one she got did not emphasize enough her weakness of blushing.

To others, this last week has been one of ecstasy—Reuben Parson and Lyman Bringgold were as fortunate as to have their better halves with them over the weekend, while Oscar Thompson, Rowena McMillan, Bob Brown and Helen Brisbane reversed matters by leaving town and spending a "Whoopee" week-end furthering their respective causes with their perspective weaknesses.

Some of the other social events of last week were that Hub Nelson continually spent more and more time at the dormitories, probably starting in where such ever constant and present fellows as George Anderson and Buzz Robinson left off. Anyway it seems as though there always does come a time when some favored people find a permanent happy hunting ground. A week ago last Sunday night it was rumored that the vivacious Melba Borton was out on a hiking party with a football hero who keeps in trim all seasons. Nevertheless, Chet Gilpin and Hank Booher have not been seen at the Maids home (or Dorm) since, as visiting interferes with their basketball proficiency and they have been playing too many games lately.

The formerly indomitable Dick Richardson shows signs of succumbing to the wiles and ways of one Stella Syvertson. Anyway, the other morning Dick started brushing his teeth with shaving cream, and it's things like that that make us realize how far we have really gone and feel the need of retrenchment.

The three "Musketeers," Hank Ruegamer, John Ingersoll and Gordon Grina, are still up to their old tricks. John brought home some souvenirs from Minneapolis and Hank and Gordon show these various collections to the more polished and refined class of girls who can appreciate their ingenuity. One of the things that the overly inquisitive Helen Chamberlain saw was a picture of "Judie."

Miss Hayes is not only head of the English department but is also trying her hand at matchmaking. The other night she dreamt that Ruth Hudeby and Eddie Halonen were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. This probably would have been feasible had it not been for the objections from the head of the Psychology department who could not tolerate having his secretary married off.

So is life, nothing but shattered dreams of "HOPE" riding eternally from within us. Yes, hope which is our only satisfaction and heart balm when our fickle and joy-seeking co-eds forsake us for the noble "Herrings" across the graveyard. True enough there may be as good a fish in the sea as has ever been caught, but isn't the technique or bait used getting just a wee bit second-handed.

NEW BOOKS

"ON FORSYTHE CHANGE" (By John Galsworthy)

This novel by Galsworthy reveals a new English middle class, as Galsworthy intends it should. It shows a tendency to decline in virtue; what was once obstinate, unreceptive and independent, has become broadminded and imitative. The old Forsythes doggedly cut out their own destinies and were accepted as they were. Exception, of course, must be made of Soames Forsythe, he of the unconquerable passion for Irene. Soames never got what he wanted and could not keep what he had. And in his latest volume it is Soames again who stands out most authentically. The depth of this particular picture of a man makes Galsworthy a considerable novelist, and the background of family chronicle with which the portrait is embellished makes him even greater.

AFFILIATED SCHOOL NEWS

The Junior Red Cross council met Thursday, February 12. The council decided to visit the Orphanage in Fargo and bring scrap books to the children. The Junior Red Cross members have sent for Junior Red Cross magazines.

Everyone at Oak Mound School enjoyed a Valentine party on Friday, February 13th. A stunt program was given by each of the grades. The Valentines were distributed after the program. Ice cream and candy were treated by the teachers as Valentine gifts to the pupils.

The adult members of the oak

Mound and Riverside school districts are preparing home talent plays to be given in the near future.

Libraries of the affiliated schools are taking on new life by being put into first class condition.

Selma Derkey, who has been ill, has resumed her student teaching at Oak Mound.

An informal "cootie" party was given at the Clearview school on Tuesday evening by members of the Clearview school board. The guests were teachers and members of the school boards of the affiliated schools, and members of the Department of Education.

The program consisted of music and talks. Margaret Baller played a piano solo and Clarence Olson and Florence Winters played violin solos. Miss Anderson, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Sande, and Mr. Baller gave talks. Refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in informal conversation.

Dragon's Dragnet

Sig. Simpson: Say! Ward (Thompson), I guess I must have blown a valve.

Ward: Gosh! better take off your head before you blow any more.

Reuben Parson, unbeknown to himself, has created the latest method of folding his hands behind himself and leading the "Pep Band". Naw, don't kid us; we saw him do it at the Valley City game.

We all know the reasons, the "whys", and the for "whys" for Dick Richardson's persistent efforts to maintain his seemingly payless job as ticket taker at the games. You should observe Dick's technic in extracting tickets from the "fair ones".

Some of the folks about the campus have declared that they have seen robins. However stimulating this spring weather may be we believe that "something" stranger than spring weather had stimulated the folks who had visions of robins.

Buzz Robinson declares that it is plenty "tuff" to be sick all week and then have to go to a Pi party on Saturday night.

Talk about transportation problems! "Easty" (Lerlowe Eastland) declares that his "knew" carriage has no limit for speed. "Dolly" (Delia Peterson) verifies his statement, too.

The Training School

The theme of the elementary school for last week was Saint Valentine. The Kindergarten children made two dollars and seventy-five cents on their Valentine card sale. They will decide very soon what item this will buy for their cottage.

The children in the Primary cottage made animal cookies, using their electric stove, for their Valentine party.

The second grade children organized a reading club. At these regular meetings, Friday at 1:15, different pupils try out for membership. A brief set of standards for admission have been agreed upon by the children.

The third and fourth grade children have been making travel posters in connection with their study of Southern lands. Babylonian houses and tables have been constructed out of clay. A movie project is being made to finish the study of the Tigris-Euphrates area.

The fifth and sixth grade children enjoyed a Valentine party last Friday. A committee prepared the Valentine box and took charge of the distribution of the Valentines. Another committee had charge of refreshments; ice cream and cake were served. One mother surprised the children with a box of heart-shaped cookies; another mother sent a bouquet of tulips.

The eight A Geography class finished the World Review last Friday by writing on a Minnesota State Board Examination. The outcome was most favorable, and they have now begun the study of Minnesota History.

TWO YEARS AGO

Mr. Hamrin and Mr. Christensen acted as judges for a debate between Pelican Rapids and Barnesville.

Mr. Murray went to Jamestown to act as judge in the North Dakota oratorical contest.



SOCIETIES



ART CLUB TO HEAR NOTED SCULPTOR AT A. C.

The value of being a member of the National Federation of American Art will be the Art Club's topic for discussion led by Nilma Chrisman, Crookston, at its next meeting. The date of this meeting has been changed to Wednesday, February 25, because of the appearance of Lorado Taft, noted American sculptor, at the North Dakota Agricultural college on the regular meeting night of the club. Miss McCarten urges all who can to hear this famous American artist at the A. C. Tuesday, February 24.

LAMBDA PHI WILL DISCUSS SALARY SCHEDULE

To complete the discussion dealing with the purpose and value of a teachers' salary schedule is the purpose of the next meeting of Lambda Phi. The president, Agnes Duffy, urges that all members be present, because those falling below in their percentage of attendance for the past month will be announced.

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB DISCUSSES FAMOUS PATRIOTS

A Washington and Lincoln program was the feature of the Country Life Club meeting Wednesday, February 18, at which time Elmer Stanghelle, Argyle, and Michael Wokasch, Frazee, entertained the club with humorous anecdote concerning Lincoln. A discussion of Washington, the father of this country, was given by Helen Mahoney, Perham, after which followed a duet of patriotic nature by Clarence Berquist, Detroit Lakes, and Ralph Erickson, Fertile.

At intervals, throughout the program the club joined in community singing led by Wilma Zimbrick, Wheaton, with Thea Saugen, Thief River Falls, accompanist.

THE BOOK SHELF

Acquaintance with cyclopedias and dictionaries of special subjects will make the student independent in search for reference material in special fields of study. Art, music, literature, history, science, education, sociology and all other fields are covered by special cyclopedias on the reference shelves in the library. These books or sets of books deal each with a single broad subject, in a treatment much more complete than is possible in general encyclopedias.

The list below, arranged by subject and briefly annotated, is intended to direct reference workers to the principal reference books in various fields. Students should have some knowledge of all of these and should be well acquainted with those relating to chosen departments of study. All are on the library shelves.

Literature.

Warner, Charles Dudley and others: Library of the World's best Literature Ancient and Modern. N. Y. Peale, 31 vols.

v. 1 to 27—Biographical and critical sketches and selections.

v. 28—Songs, hymns, lyrics.

v. 29—Biographical dictionary of authors.

v. 30—Synopsis of noted books, general index.

v. 31—Index guide.

This is the most useful of the general collections; arranged alphabetically by authors, with a biographical sketch of each author and representative selections from his writings. The biographical dictionary (v. 29) gives brief sketch of all writers treated in the main work and includes additional names also. The volume of synopses is frequently useful. (Slight variation in vols. and arrangement of materials in the various editions.)

Music.

Grove, Sir George: Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians. 3d. ed. 1927-28. 6 vols. (6th volume is an American supplement.)

This is the standard music dictionary in English, covering the whole field from 1450, with special emphasis on English subjects. Has good signed articles by specialists, with bibliographies. Includes articles on musical history, theory and practice, instruments, terms, etc., biographies of musicians and articles on individual compositions, songs, operas, etc., all in one alphabet. Does not give plots of operas.

The American supplement (v. 6) contains: 1. A compact historical introduction and a chronological register containing brief biographies of 1700 persons. 2. Main dictionary in which 700 names are given fuller treatment and other articles included. The American ma-

GAMMA NU SORORITY ENTERTAINS ALUMNI MEMBERS

Active members of the Gamma Nu sorority were entertained by the alumni members at a dinner Sunday, February 15, at 4 9th St. So., Moorhead. Games and stunts following the dinner were carried out in a Valentine motif.

Ruth Marr and Enid Pederson were hostesses at a meeting of the Gamma Nu sorority which was held at the home of Ruth Marr, 323 11th St. N., Moorhead, on Wednesday, February 18.

NEWMAN CLUB WILL DISCUSS THE REFORMATION

The Newman club, at a meeting on Thursday, February 26, will discuss the Reformation and Revolt. This discussion will be led by Frank Sherack, Crookston; Florence Renner, Pelican Rapids; and Peggy Shaw, Thief River Falls.

Also as a part of the program, Elizabeth Hiler, East Grand Forks; Jenny Lindstrom, Mahanomen; and Marcella Novak, Mahanomen, will render a skit.

"M" CLUB STAGES DANCE TOMORROW EVENING

A party in the form of a dance will feature the social event of the winter term for the "M" club members and their guests, tomorrow evening, which will be held in the Student Exchange.

material includes the United States, Canadian, and some South American names.

History.

Larned, Josephus Nelson: Larned History for ready reference.

New ed. 1930 in 12 vols. Old ed. in 6 vols. A dictionary of historical events arranged alphabetically with many cross references. Articles are brief and concise. Contains text of many historical documents.

Art.

Champlin, John D. & Perkins, C. C. Cyclopedias of Painters and Paintings. N. Y. Scrib. 1885-1915, 4 vols.

A dictionary giving in one alphabet biographical articles on painters and descriptive articles about famous paintings. The biographies give main facts of the artist's life, a list of his paintings with reference to the museums or collections where they are located, and some bibliography. Articles on paintings give some brief description, some facts of its history, name of museum, a statement of whether it has been engraved and by whom, and some bibliographical references. illus. by outline drawings in text.

Education.

Monroe, Paul, editor: Cyclopedias of Education. 1911-13, 5 vols.

The best encyclopedia of education in English with signed articles, good bibliographies and excellent illustrations. Scope of work is general, including education in all countries and all periods, but American subjects receive somewhat fuller treatment than foreign topics. The editor is professor of history of education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Geography.

Lippincott's New Gazetteer; a complete pronouncing gazetteer or geographical dictionary of the world,

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Social Sciences.

Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences; to be in 15 vols. N. Y. Macmillan. (Three vols. pub. to date.)

An encyclopedia of alphabetically arranged articles on all subjects in any way related to the social sciences. The sciences included are: politics, economics, history, jurisprudence, anthropology, penology, sociology, statistics, social work, ethics, education, philosophy, psychology, biology, geography, linguistics, art and medicine. Only those places that are social in their significance are considered: Many of the subjects considered cannot be found in general encyclopedias:

NOTE: The first half of the first vol. contains a series of brilliant treatises that survey the development of social organization and thought from the days of Greek culture to the World War and the re-orientation after. Unfortunately these treatises are not referred to in the cross references.

Catholic Church.

Catholic Encyclopedia: an international work of reference on the constitution, doctrine, discipline, and history of the Catholic Church. 17 vols. (c1907-22). "It differs from the general encyclopedia in omitting facts and information which have no relation to the Church. On the other hand it is not exclusively a church encyclopedia, nor is it limited to the ecclesiastical sciences and the doings of churchmen. It records all that Catholics have done, not only in charity and morals, but also for the intellectual and artistic development of mankind."

An authoritative work with long signed articles by specialists, good bibliographies and illustrations. Very useful for many questions on subjects in medieval literature, history, philosophy, art, etc., as well as for questions on Catholic subjects.

Biography.

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Who's Who, an annual biographical dictionary. London. Macmillan.

This is the most important work of its kind. Principally English but not limited to Englishmen, as a few prominent names of other nationalities are included. Biographies are reliable and fairly detailed: give main facts, addresses and, in case

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THREE YEARS AGO

Dr. C. P. Archer left for Boston, Mass., to attend the Superintendents' meeting of the National Education Association.

The debate team left for Grand Forks to meet the University of North Dakota.

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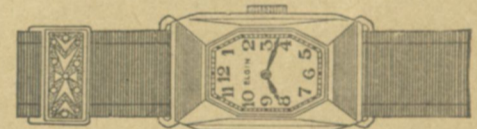
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DRAGONS TO MEET ELLENDALE QUINT

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slight three-point lead in the early moments of play by a field goal by Murdock and a gift toss by McCrady, the speedy Dragons, not to be denied, soon had matters on more even terms, and the first half ended in a deadlock, the score being 11 to 11. Both sides had been playing wonderful defensive ball. Robinson had accounted for 9 of the 11 points at half time.

During the course of the first half, Bibs Mattson was injected into the game and played well at his forward position.

Carrying all opposition before them during the first part of the second half, the Dragons piled up their largest advantage only to have Lien, star center, injured when he was run into by McCrady, Viking guard, in such a manner that Lien's head crashed into the north wall of the gym. He was unconscious for a half hour before he was revived and taken to the hospital. The Vikings, led by Murdock and McCrady, then began a determined rally, featured by effective long-range shooting, until they had run their score to within two points of the Dragon total.

At this juncture Booher replaced Bailey at center, and the Dragon team then began to function properly. Playing a waiting game, the Dragons pulled the Vikings out of position and then "Crafty" Gilpin twice whipped fast passes across the length of the floor to Robinson, who outdistanced his guard to sink a basket each time. Robinson surpassed any man on the floor with his uncanny and spectacular basket shooting.

The summary:

DRAGONS—	FG	FT	PF
Robinson, f	9	11	2
Moberg, f	2	2	1
Mattson, f	0	0	0
Lien, c	1	0	1
Booher, c	0	0	0
Bailey, c	0	1	0
Gilpin, g	1	1	1
Ingersoll, g	0	0	0
Totals	13	5	5

VIKINGS—	FG	FT	PF
Carlson, f	0	0	1
Murdock, f	4	0	1
West, f	0	0	0
Thorson, c	2	1	0
McQueen, c	0	0	0
McCrady, g	0	3	3
Jones, g	2	0	1
Totals	8	4	6

Free throws missed—McCrady 2, Robinson 2.
Officials—Charlie Kimball, P. E. Mickelson.

Comets Succumb In Inconsistent Game

Playing both flashy and mediocre basketball, the Dragons defeated the Mayville Comets 35 to 25 in a poorly played game that found both teams decidedly off form last Monday night. Caging nine baskets, Robinson started and finished the Dragon assault on the Comet basket by sinking the first and last baskets of the game.

Because of the rough antics of the players, the crowd was in a laughable mood throughout the tussle. Robinson put the Dragons in the lead with a field goal after three minutes of scoreless play had elapsed. The Comets tied matters up on a field goal by Sorenson, Mayville center, when he tipped in a rebound. Sorenson seemed very adept at this method of making baskets, accounting for four field goals during the course of the game in this manner.

Although the Dragons ran up a commanding lead in the early part of the game, the Comets came right back and were ever threatening to take the lead away from the Dragons. At half time the score was 17 to 14 in the Dragons' favor. The second half was a repetition of the first half with Robinson and Gilpin keeping the Dragons ahead by their ability to make good on the majority of their opportunities to score. On three occasions Gilpin sank one-handed shots from difficult angles at times when baskets were sorely needed.

Displaying the best floorwork for his team was Tele of Mayville, who was in every play and a constant threat on offense and defense. Whitlock also played well for Mayville, accounting for 13 points. Simson, Booher, and Bailey took turns filling the center position of Lien, injured in the Viking tilt.

Off-Campus Girls To Be Guests at Dinner

On Wednesday, February 25, all off-campus girls will congregate in the Student Exchange from 5:30 until 8:00 p. m., for a supper and get-together to be given in their honor. Twenty-five cents will be the cost of admission.

HUNTER'S CAGE TEAM TIES COLLEGE HI GIRLS MONDAY

With a tie score of 17 to 17, Mary Hunter's basketball team played a consolation game with the College High School girls' team in the Armory Monday, January 16.



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Encouraged by two decisive victories over the Moorhead Reserves and the Comstock High cagers, the Blue and Gold College High basketball team will meet Hitterdal High at the Armory tonight in an attempt to avenge an earlier defeat at the hands of this same fast team.

The men who will probably start against Hitterdal tonight are Carl Oss, Clifton Olsen, Julien Bjerkness, Harris Vowles, and Clarence Schied, whose showing in recent games has been outstanding. The teamwork of these five men largely accounted for the victories of the Baby Dragons over Comstock by a score of 19 to 3 at the Armory last Saturday and over the Moorhead High reserves by the score of 16 to 9 the preceding Thursday.

New Officers to Lead Y. M. C. A. Activities

As an outcome of the election of officers held February 12, Eddie Halonen, Sudan, assumes the presidency of the Y. M. C. A. for the coming year. Other officers elected were: Axel Taffin, Winger, vice-president; James Tye, Backus, treasurer; and Rudolph Glawe, Detroit Lakes, secretary.

At the same meeting committee heads were chosen. John Ingersoll, Moorhead, was selected to head the program committee; Ralph Johnson, Greenbush, will lead the membership committee; Oscar Thompson, Rosholt, pilots the music committee; Lyman Davis, Frazee, will arrange the social events; and Donald Bird, Detroit Lakes, was selected to manage publicity work.

ROLVAAG VIVIDLY DEPICTS PIONEERS

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had to yield to mental weakness. Beret, the wife, hated the new life and could only remember the land she had left. She longed for its comforts, for its happiness, for its hills and its woods. Per Hansa hoped that time would change her attitude, and that she would come to feel as he did. But Beret could not change. Religion, her

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The characters in "Giants in the Earth" will live on in the memories of those who read it. Per Hansa is depicted as a natural born leader of men, to whom comes every joy and sorrow, hope and terror of a pioneer. Yet he remains firm throughout. Beret, frightened from the beginning, follows her husband blindly even against her conscience and her will; follows him in spite of premonitions of evil, devoted yet irreconcilable.

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Rolvaag Immigrates.

Rolvaag's ancestors were fishermen, and had experienced some of the hardships of the Arctic in their fishing fleet in the Lofoten Islands. He was himself a fisherman until he reached the age of twenty-two. An uncle sent him a ticket for America, but he did not leave immediately. The captain of his fleet tried to induce him to stay in Norway by offering him the finest

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His father had discouraged him from attending school, telling him that he could never learn. Upon coming to America he worked on a farm and at other odd jobs for a number of years, remembering what his father had said. When he lost his job, however, he decided to enter school. He is at present professor of Norse at St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn. He has written several novels, but none has the universal appeal of "Giants in the Earth."

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