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Yearbook Hailed as of All Predecessors

Laura Matson, faculty advisor of the Agrarian, announces that the Agrarian has been awarded the highest of all-American rating. This is the eighteenth consecutive year the Agrarian of Agriculture yearbook has received this rating.

Henry Langseth was editor-in-chief of the yearbook; Marlys Coulter, assistant editor; Vera Poppe, business manager; Arlene Palmer, assistant manager; Elmer Johnson, School general faculty, was financial advisor to the staff.

Comments made in the ratings of the yearbook were on the basis of individuality and personality shown in the book. The Student Section was also commended in entirety.

International Relations

Devoted to Politics

Ruth Wichelmann presided at the meeting of the International Relations Club on Friday, October 13, in the auditorium.

Elmer Johnson, faculty advisor of the club, reviewed the work covered by it in the past year. He made several suggestions for this year's work. Plans were made for a political campaign to be sponsored by the club.

On October 27, officers were elected for the coming year. The campaign then got under way with the Republicans and Democrats as their platforms. Representing the Republicans were: Ruth Wichelmann, Loren Butterfield, Evelyne Rychner, Harold Weich and Carol Ross. The Democrats were Betty Strom-Allene Johnson, Carl Youngblom, and Magler.

Speakers on "Know Your China" were given at the November 30 meeting. Dr. Tzong Tsiang also described life in the Republic of China. Following his speech, the names of the club members and told the meanings of the various names.

My Wish for Each of You Is a Merry Christmas

As we approach the Christmas season I hope we may become more aware of those abiding values which transcend all that is material and temporal—those values of kindness, of giving, of helping others along the way. As we join in "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Little town of Bethlehem" in our School assemblies, the very spirit of the entire student group seems to change. A sort of transfiguration takes place, and we find ourselves in tune with the infinite. The spirit of Christmas is truly a tonic for our souls. May it make us stronger throughout the year. May we not forget that "It isn't far to Bethlehem town, it's anywhere that Christ comes down and finds in people's friendly faces a welcome and abiding place. The road to Bethlehem runs right through the homes of folks like me and you."



Dr. J. O. Christianson

My wish for each of you is a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year, made doubly so through your own helpfulness and service in strengthening the forces of decency and Christian fellowship.

Thanksgiving Eve Party Replaces Traditional Ball

Thanksgiving Eve was celebrated at the Gymnasium by students and faculty in a social and dancing party under the leadership of Joe Nowotny, physical education director, and the dance committee, Frances Rother, Vera Poppe, Norval Hoverstad, Ray Krull, and Allan Rovang.

Several singing mixers were followed by the Virginia reel and circle two-step and dancing to records. After refreshments, which were served on the balcony, another circle two-step preceded a quadrille and more dancing to records.

The party was marked by the spirit of the holiday and complete participation of the party goers.

Among the faculty guests who were present were Dr. J. O. Christianson, Dr. Ella Rose, the Misses Hedda Kafka, Johanna Hognason, Laura Matson, Jay Walters, Mrs. Radelsque, Mrs. Eudora K. Waddell, the Messrs. and Mesdames Ralph Miller, Truman Nodland, Thomas Larimore, Clarence Coulter, and Dr. William Dankers, and Mr. Johnsrud.

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Ray Christenson

Ray Christenson was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously for wounds received in action resulting in his death on May 14, 1944. A memorial service in his honor was conducted on Sunday, December 3, at the Gloria Dei Church in St. Paul.

Kubier and Metusalemsson Are Dormitory Counselors

Julius Kubier, 1942 graduate of St. Thomas College and assistant counselor in the St. Thomas academy dormitory in 1942-43, a second year law student at the University of Minnesota, assumed the post of counselor at the Dining Hall dormitory this fall. Mr. Kubier's home is at Red Wing. He is interested in debating and public speaking and took active part in the political convention at the University in late October.

Jon Metusalemsson of Reykjavik, Iceland, is the counselor to the Dexter Hall boys. He is a recent arrival in this country and is attending the University of Minnesota on a scholarship from the Icelandic government. He is majoring in agricultural economics. His previous education included graduation from high school followed by completion of the course offered in a vocational agricultural school.

Students Gather at Assembly Hear Information and Entertainment

Perfect attendance is the goal set for assemblies in the auditorium, this year. It is here that the large number of Freshman students is noted, their total being greater than the combined numbers of Juniors and Seniors.

Following an old custom the Saturday program includes the usual announcements by the students of their activities, plus a movie short, and news reels.

Several assemblies have been devoted to orientation and information gathering. On Wednesdays and Fridays, Dr. J. O. Christianson has the special speaker also appear on the "Friendly Hour" program over WLB.

Among the speakers who have appeared at assemblies are: Reverend George H. Tolley of Cavalry Baptist Church in Minneapolis, on October 13; Harry Burtis of the Veterans Administration, October 14; Mrs. Louis Babbitt gave an illustrated talk with colored movies on her and her husband's work as collectors of reptiles and amphibians in Florida, October 18; Reverend A. H. Gilmore of St. Anthony Park Congregational Church, October 20; Robert Belton of Youngstown, Ohio, gave a program of Negro poetry and spirituals, October 25; "The ABC's of Aeronautics" was the subject of Wesley Flannery's talk on October 27; on October 31, a debate between the Democratic and Republican parties sponsored by the students of the International Relations Club. Representing the Democratic party were Allene Johnson, Betty Stromquist, Roy Magler, and Carl Youngblom; the Republican party, Ruth Wichelmann, Evelyn Rychner, Evelyn Gray, and Carol Rossbach. Following the debate, a vote was cast in the student body, the results of which were: Republicans—135, Democrats—77.

On November 1, Reverend James Boren of Bankok, Thailand related events of his life there; Reverend Henry H. Lewis pastor of the Lake Harriet Methodist Church, Minneapolis spoke on November 3. He said, "The extent and cause of our sacrifices are determining factors in our lives." November 8, Father Guinney of the Corpus Christi Church spoke on the opportunities of the students in the School. He said, "You who are fortunate enough to be enrolled in the School of Agriculture have untold op-

portunities before you." Reverend Wilbur Grose, pastor of the St. Anthony Park Congregational Church, spoke at the annual Armistice Day assembly on November 10 and pronounced benediction at the close of the program. He said, "On this Armistice Day in 1944 we must not only think of those who have died on the battlefields of war; but we must pray for those now fighting on those battlefields." Following this talk, taps were played by Mr. D. W. Boland of the Music Department. Dr. J. O. Christianson then read the names of former School of Agriculture students who gave their lives in World Wars I and II.

November 15, Mr. Frank Nelson of the Rhetoric Department in the College of Agriculture related his experiences in a German concentration camp in Norway. "We here in America have a valuable lesson to learn from the peoples of occupied Europe," was his conclusion; Bjorn Stellari related incidents in the struggles of the Norwegian underground against the Nazi army of occupation on November 21; on November 22 the tradition of the Pricilla Parade was observed. Talks on Thanksgiving were given by Ruth Wichelmann, Allene Johnson and Roy Magler; Mrs. James Boren of Bankok, Thailand spoke on the native customs of that country on November 24; Mrs. George Lorenzen, related the Christmas customs of Sweden on November 29. She stated, "Christmas preparations in Sweden begin about December 1 and the celebration of Christmas comes to an end about January thirteenth."

Players Witness U Plays

One feature enjoyed by those students who are members of Dean Wenstroms classes in acting and Play Production as well as members of the SAUM Players is that of attending the plays at the University Theatre in the Music Building.

On October 28, these students attended the presentation of "She Stoops to Conquer" by Oliver Goldsmith and "First Lady" by Kathryn Dayton and George S. Kaufman on November 17. In the latter play Mr. Wenstrom took the part "George Mason."

Two Dormitories Restored To Full Use for School Boys

Dexter Hall and the Dining Hall dormitory were released by the Navy in mid-August and reassigned to the School of Agriculture for use by its students. On the first of August, carpenters, plasterers, painters, plumbers, steamfitters, and electricians moved in to completely restore and redecorate the dormitories. Equipment from the two houses which had been stored and moved several times was partially recovered. Together with double-deck beds purchased for all rooms in Dexter Hall and several rooms in the Dining Hall, furniture from Pendergast Hall was needed to fully equip the two dormitories. This was all put in place on the day before the dormitories were opened to students on October 8.

The 140 boys who took possession of their rooms that day found Dexter Hall and Dining Hall in the best condition they have been since they were first built. To keep them looking like that is a matter of pride with each boy.

Pendergast Hall was released by the civilian air pilot trainees last March, but is not now occupied. It is planned that it will be redecorated and refinished this winter and made ready for use of students, next fall.

Brewster and Meredith Halls are being redecorated on the installment plan since there are few vacant rooms in Brewster and none in Meredith. North Brewster has been occupied by cadet nurses in training at the University, this fall.

Preceding the movie on Saturday evening, December 2, Burton Lyon Jackson presented a musical program on the marimba and related the history of the instrument and instruments similar to it. Among the selections played were Schubert's "Ave Maria," and "The Harmonica Player."

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Deere and Webber Visited

election day, Nov. 7, an excursion was conducted by the School to the Deere and Webber Co. in Minneapolis. Here they were met by Chas. J. Keherer who was in charge of the tour.

The boys were divided into groups of seven and were taken through by guide. They saw a corn picker assembled, piece by piece, painted and ready for shipping by freight. They also saw a moving picture on "Care and Operation of Your Motor."

Mr. Gordon Johnson was faculty member of the group which left the campus at one and returned at four o'clock. Harley Gronau, James Doyle, and Doubek were on the committee in charge of the sale of tickets.

The November 11-12 weekend saw many students at home enjoying the holiday. The Dining Hall boys who did not go home were houseguests of the Dexter Hall boys who stayed here over the weekend. Saturday morning, twenty-one boys were Miss Mason's guests at a waffle breakfast at Dexter Hall.

Recently, the Dining Hall and Dexter Hall boys collected money enough to purchase Thanksgiving groceries in two baskets for each of three families selected as beneficiaries. Professor Ralph Miller provided transportation for the dormitory committee, Armin Losleben, Milton Schelet, James Doyle, and Willard Woodman, for delivery of the baskets on Wednesday, November 22.

Well Broberg of Waconia called at Dexter Hall on November first to inquire about the status of the school and reminisce.

E. Koller of the Agricultural Economics division answered questions after he told about the "whole milk industry and its development at the November meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Delbert Woodman presided and Ralph Larson led in the devotions.

Chemical Sgt. Marlin Gratz of the Marine Corps has seen duty with an anti-aircraft battalion at Samoa, the Gilberts and Pearl Harbor. He was on 30-day furlough previous to being assigned to special duty at New River, North Carolina.

Halloween Party Enlivened By Costumed Party Goers

Trying hard to recognize their friends, meanwhile making sure their own identities were not being revealed too quickly, students in the School had a grand time "being what they ain't" at the Halloween costume party at the gymnasium. The costumes, some very elegant and attractive, others just funny, were furnished for the most part by the University dramatics department through the efforts of Mr. Dean Wenstrom. Some students, however had the originality to originate their own character costumes and had a good time doing it.

Several circle games were played under the direction of Miss Eibner and Mr. Nowotny. A skit "The Fatal Quest" was presented by the SAUM Players. Instrumental music numbers were given by Amelia Karol, Margaret Ellison, Marian Karstad, and Audrey Alberts on the piano, by Frank Stowers on his accordian, and by Harry Larson and Jack Weitzel on their guitars. Ruth Wichelmann sang "Birthday" by H. Woodman to Mr. Thomas Larimore's accompaniment.

Mrs. Wenstrom judged the costumes and awarded first places to Pricilla Painter, prettiest girls costume; Owen Hernke, handsomest boys costume; Evelyn Rychner, Mary Miller and Rhoda Glaser, funniest girls costumes; Evelyn Gray and Jimmie Kellerhals, funniest couple; and Kenny Sandberg, funniest boys costume.

A bonfire marked the spot in the athletic field where a wiener roast was held at the conclusion of the party which had been planned by Miss Marie Eibner, Joe Nowotny, and Dean Wenstrom.

Y's Join to Hear Music

Phyllis Nordquist, violinist, accompanied by Thomas Larimore, pianist, gave a program of songs at the November 16 YW meeting in the Music building.

Marguerite Paulsen, of the Home Economics faculty demonstrated gift wrapping and Christmas decorations on November thirtieth.

John Whittaker of the Halley Q. Brown House, St. Paul, presented the story of the negro in America in familiar spirituals and Christmas carols at the December 7 meeting which was shared jointly by the Y.M.C.A.

His audience accepted Mr. Whittaker's invitation to join in his singing of both carols and spirituals.

Thanksgiving—1944

Not for the harvest
Gleaned from vast acres—
(Gladly we yield it; the world
must be fed.)

Not for youth's playtime
Carefree and joyous—
(This we have given; earth's
rivers run red.)

Not for dominion
Over far islands,
Not for diplomacy's cunning and
skill;

Not for our ships
In the air, on the ocean—
(These are crusading for brotherhood still.)

Humbly we ask Thee,
God of our fathers,
Keep our integrity ever supreme—

This be the zenith
Of our Thanksgiving:
That America ever hold fast to
her dream.

—B. Y. WILLIAMS

Sadie Hawkins Day

Greatly amused and just a little bewildered, the boys assisted the spirit of Sadie Hawkins Day by allowing the girls to do such things as open doors, assist them with their coats and other things that girls would ordinarily expect of the boys.

After this turn of events had been announced in assembly, the girls were all busy corraling the boys for Saturday night. They did reasonably well too considering the number which advanced bravely toward the boys dorms when Saturday night finally rolled around.

The boys did pretty well too, by not keeping the girls waiting very long, and soon everyone was on their way to the show.

After this there was the dance in the gymnasium where the girls exercised their new privileges still further by asking the boys for dances.

It didn't take long for twelve o'clock to roll around and the girls—a little braver now—assisted the boys into their coats, escorted them back to the dormitories, said goodnight, and . . . Sadie Hawkins Day was over!

When? O—yes—It was on November fourth.

Milton Heins is entering military service on December second.

Lits Hold Joint Meetings

Three literary societies, SAUM-Gophers, Dynamo-Owls, and North Star, meet regularly Saturday evenings after supper, and carry on popular traditions in combining a social hour with a planned program which includes roll call, a special speaker, community singing, a newspaper and other varying features.

Membership is limited to forty so as to permit participation by each member during the quarter. Points are earned by each literary for the privilege of competing for a name-plate on the Literary Cup.

One joint meeting of all the literaries was held on November fourth when Rhoda Glaser, president of the North Star Literary presided. Evelyn Rychner led in group singing.

The program was in the form of a radio broadcast. Mary Miller, acting as Kate Smith, gave a serious reading. Frances Rother, also of the Owl Literary read the news column and Lucille Berning gave a news flash.

Dick Barthelemy and Daniel Roegiers sang "The Bells of St. Mary's."

Dr. J. O. Christianson, main speaker of the evening, played several violin selections and spoke on "Abraham Lincoln's Farm Life."

Dynamo-Owl Literary 107 Engineering Building

- Oct. 14—"Norway," Mrs. Eudora Waddell
 Oct. 21—"Literaries," Prof. Ralph Miller
 Oct. 28—"Gems," Prof. Peder Johnsrud
 Nov. 4—Joint meeting of all literaries
 Nov. 18—Roll call, my most embarrassing moment.

November 25—Elmer Johnson, "History of the Jewish race." A mock wedding was staged by members of the club and the scandal sheet was read.

December 2—Jon Metusalemsson, "The country of Iceland," followed by a question period. The scandal sheet was read and Truth or Consequences was played.

North Star Literary 317 Engineering Building

- Oct. 14—Election of officers
 Oct. 21—"Alaska," Miss Doris Nelson
 Oct. 28—Joint meeting with SAUM-Gopher
 Nov. 4—Joint meeting of all literary societies.

Juniors Sponsor Dance

An all-school dance in the gym following the Saturday night movie was sponsored by the Junior class on December second.

Chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Borgeson, Julius Kubier, and Mr. Joe Nowotny.

Informal Dorm Party Marks End of Thanks Day

Arlowyne Olsen and Margaret Brooks were responsible for the general good time had in Brewster Hall on Thanksgiving night, when puzzles, games and songs kept the girls occupied for the evening.

A peanut hunt started off the party and games and group singing followed. Refreshments were served by Arlowyne and Margaret at the close of the party.

November 25—"How people can be fooled," Professor Ralph E. Miller. The literary quartette sang, "The Old Rugged Cross."

December 2—Roll call "Things you like to do." "Observation of Stars," Professor Johnsrud.

SAUM-Gopher Literary 301 Administration Building

- Oct. 14—Impromptu readings, "Excelsior," Lorraine Thomforde; "Lake Pepin," Harold Weich; "An Embarrassing Moment," Allene Johnson; "The Art of Poetry," Evelyn Gray. Harry Larson and Jack Weizel harmonized to the music of their own guitars.
 Oct. 21—Roll call, hometown and county, impromptu speeches and reading, Dick Barthelemy.
 Oct. 28—Joint meeting with North Star Literary. Illustrated talk on horses and horseback riding, Miss Marie Eibner.

Nov. 4—Joint meeting.

November 25—Roll call, "favorite subject." "History of Canada," Dr. John McGregor, division of soils. Forum, "Should we change dates of our holidays?" led by Ruth Wichelmann.

December 2—Roll call, "favorite poem." "My trip to Norway," Mrs. Eudora Waddell, Home Economics division. Evelyn Rychner, Mildred Little, Harold Weich, and Carl Youngblom, known as the Literary Quartet sang several songs.

Each Class Holds Party On Election Day Holiday

The Senior Class held its Election Day Party in the parlor of the Hall from 6:30 until 10:30 in the evening, November seventh.

Chaperones of the party were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Borgeson, Godparents of the class, and Dr. and Mrs. Brookins.

Group games were played in the first part of the evening, after which lunch was served around the fire-table. Table games were played next and a few more group games followed before the party broke up.

Those who served on the party committee were Allene Johnson, Youngblom, and Norval Hoverson. The refreshment committee consisted of Annette Held, Irene Knutson, Betty Stromquist.

Harold Weick was chairman of the committee which helped Mr. Nowotny plan the Junior class party held the evening of election day in room Dexter Hall. Assisting him were Rhoda Glaser, Delores Nelson, Goodwin Rogness.

Faculty guests who were present were Godfather Joe Nowotny and Canfield.

The evening was spent in playing games and dancing to records.

The Freshman Class Party was held from eight until ten in the gymnasium.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Larimore, Godparents of the class, and Marie Eibner were the chaperones of the party.

Entertainment by class members constituted a large part of the program with songs and guitar selections by Harry Larson and Jack Weizel start off the evening. Following this Daniel Roegiers and Dick Barthelemy entertained the group with songs.

The scandal sheet was the first thing on the program after which the group played games. Frank Stow played some selections on his accordion and the games were resumed.

While lunch was being prepared Mr. Larimore entertained the students with several piano selections for the few minutes.

The members of the class who served on the Party Committee were Dorothy Walser, Russell Delaney, Doubek, Phillip Shea, and Haabala.