

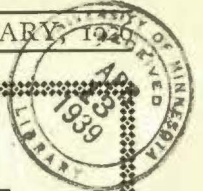
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Aggies--- There Will Be Room For You Come Back To Homecoming And Field Meet

SONS AND DAUGHTERS

When Victor Uhlhorn registered for his dormitory room in the winter of 1924, he discovered to his great surprise that his roommate, Harold Ziemer, was a son of the man who had been his father's roommate when they were students in the school together. The fathers were graduated in 1897, and as the passage of time broke down their correspondence, neither knew what the other was doing nor where he might be found. Now they were reunited in their sons finding each other.

Why did those sons come to the School of Agriculture? Why do the sons and daughters of other graduates come to the School of Agriculture? Could a finer tribute be given the Aggie spirit than the presence of sons and daughters of former students?

The number of sons and daughters of former students in attendance at the school grows each year, and no more loyal group of Aggies can be found on the campus.

N. J. Holmberg, graduate of the School in 1902, who for several years has been State Commissioner of Agriculture, was recently appointed State Dairy and Food Commissioner. He holds both positions now. This is the first time in the history of the state that this has been done. He was a representative from the 23rd legislative district in 1907 to 1913. He served in the State Senate in 1915-17, and was appointed to the Board of Grain Appeals January 1, 1919, and Commissioner of Agriculture, June 1, 1919.

THE 1926 HOMECOMING AND FIELD MEET

Plans are now being made for the Twelfth Annual Indoor Track and Field Meet, and Midwinter Homecoming, which is to be held on Saturday, January 30, 1926. The field meet and the homecoming basket-ball game dance in the evening will be the major attractions, although that is to be held by the class of 1925 is certain to attract many.

The general arrangements are like those of previous years. Homecoming proper will begin at 12:10 o'clock Saturday in Assembly by an address by some alumnus. After dinner, the students will again assemble in the Auditorium, this time to try to outdo one another in class yells and songs. Then will come the march to the gym-

nasium for one "battle royal." Much interest is being manifested in this field meet because many of the boys are out practicing daily and there are indications that records will be broken because there are several good men in school this year who are starring in their respective sports. After the games are over peace will reign during supper. Literary societies and the visiting hour at Pendergast Hall will fill the time until eight-thirty, when hostilities will be resumed in the school-alumni basket-ball game. Then follows the dance.

The following day, the boys of Pendergast Hall hold open house. This will give the alumni another opportunity to meet old students and faculty friends.

Everyone should co-operate to make this "Our Best Homecoming."



SONS AND DAUGHTERS

of former students and graduates of the School of Agriculture. They are, beginning at the upper left hand corner, Harold Swenson, Arnold Aakre, Chester Ward, Clifford Lee, Arnold Flom, Leola Ludke, Martha Freuchte, Hazel Sheldon, Florence Hopkins, Laura Freuchte, and Francis Hopkins.

FARMER'S AND HOMEMAKER'S SHORT COURSE SCHEDULED FOR WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 19

FARMERS' AND HOME-MAKERS' WEEK

The twelfth annual Farmers' and Home-Makers' Week Short Course, given at the University Farm by the University Department of Agriculture, will be given this year January 18 to 23, 1926.

The only change in plan from former years is that the Short Course students will need to find lodgings in the homes near University Farm and in the city hotels. A committee has made a canvass, and states now that they will have accommodations for all who will desire them. Of course, there is some uncertainty as to the effect the change of date will have upon the numbers in attendance, but unless it far exceeds past experience, there will be lodging rooms for all within reasonable walking distance of the campus.

The cafeteria management has made plans for furnishing meals to all three groups, and in addition, to provide an evening banquet for the Livestock Association on Thursday evening, and a Farmers' and Home-Makers' Supper Friday evening.

The work of the day, including addresses, talks, conferences, demonstrations, discussions, exhibits, conventions, entertainments, will not be changed in character from previous years. There will be three periods in the forenoon and from 3:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon devoted to this work. Besides this, there will be a noon mass meeting in the Auditorium immediately following the School of Agriculture assembly, and an entertainment in the same room each evening. The class work and the noon meetings will be open to all without charge. The evening meetings will be free to all regular Short Course students, but for others a nominal charge will be made, excepting Friday evening, which is devoted to the supper, for which a charge of sixty-five cents will be made to all. After the supper, however, others may attend the remaining program without charge. Supper tickets will be sold to Short Course members, Faculty members, and School and College students to the limit of the capacity of the Dining Hall.

The evening programs will consist of moving pictures, music, both vocal and instrumental, other entertaining features, and addresses by prominent persons from Minnesota and other states. Among the prominent people to be present are: Hon. John Hammill, Governor of Iowa (tentative); Hon. Theodore Christianson, Governor of Minnesota; Hon. J. F. Reed, President, Minnesota Farm Bureau; Hon. N. J. Holmberg, Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture; Hugh J. Hughes, Assistant Executive Director, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association; Perry Greeley Holden, Specialist in Agriculture; L. Benschhof, Editor, *Detroit Record*; and Mrs. Clara Ingram Judson, Home Economics Budget Expert, Chicago. The famous "Aggie" Male Quartet will be present to assist in the entertainment. Besides these, the faculties of both the School and the College to the number of one hundred ten will give the lectures, demonstrations, etc., mentioned above, assisted by practical men and women from the farms and homes of Minnesota who are not members of the faculty. One evening, a special program will be given under the auspices of the School of Agriculture.

The Crop Improvement association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, and will have its annual seed show throughout the week. The Minnesota Livestock Breeders' association, and various breed associations to the number of thirteen will hold their meetings on Friday. The Farm Bureau Federation will hold its annual public meeting on Tuesday; the Poultry Raisers and Vegetable Growers on Wednesday; the Garden Flower Growers on Thursday; and the Fruit Growers on Friday. The alumni of the School of Agriculture will hold a meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

There will be no expense to Short Course students except for their railroad fare coming and going, and for board and room while here. There are no educational or other requirements for entrance. There are reduced railroad rates on the certificate plan. Those purchasing a ticket in Minnesota at a cost of sixty-seven cents or more coming can secure a certificate which, if 250 bring such certificates, will enable the holders to purchase their home going tickets at one-half fare. Be sure to get a certificate from your station agent at the time you purchase your ticket, and present this at the time of your registration at the Short Course.

An Announcement Bulletin has been published, which can be obtained from the county agent, home demonstration agent, the high school teacher of agriculture or home economics in your vicinity, or will be sent to anyone who will request it, by A. V. Storm, Director of Short Courses at University Farm.

SIMON SAYS

- HEADS UP: School of Agriculture alumni.
 DRESS UP: in your "heavies" and furs and
 COME UP: to University Farm.
 WHAT'S UP: Mid-Winter meeting of the Alumni Association and 12th Annual Farmers' and Home-Makers' Week.
 TIME'S UP: Wednesday, January 20, 1926.
 WHO'S UP: Old Grads, Young Grads, Grads all along the line.
 MOVE UP: to the "party room" in the Cafeteria, 5:00 p.m. where you can
 FILL UP: with Old School Day Spirit, Whim and Wigor.
 WAKE UP: For t'morrow 'twill be history.

JOHN FELL FOR ALICE

Alice Sheldon and John Fell, both graduates of 1925, were married at the Sheldon home at Waseca, November 5.

The News congratulates.

Dr. C. H. Eckles, chief of the Dairy Division, was one of the speakers at the Red River Valley Dairy Association November 22, held at Detroit, Minnesota.

E. L. Thorpe, '02, of Pennock, Minn., spent Sunday afternoon, December 5, visiting familiar places about the campus. He is president of the Pennock State Bank, and is in St. Paul for a few weeks serving on the federal grand jury.

INTEREST IN DEBATE AND PUBLIC SPEAKING IS FOSTERED BY PRINCIPAL MAYNE

DEBATER VS. DEBATED

This is the season of debate. Internationally, we are debating the World Court. The National Congress has convened and is debating the question of tax reduction. The literary societies have just finished the first of a series of debates. All about, the Farm folks are debating campus politics.

In previous issues, the News has published pictures of two dramatic debates by School Alumni which have



Mayne and Mayne

been heard in assembly and in every county in the state.

Principal D. D. Mayne has always fostered debate and public speaking in the School of Agriculture, but no one here has been privileged to know the origin of his interest in debate. Maybe it began in the famous school question, "Resolved, the weather is better in the country than in the city."

Every student knows Mr. Mayne's capacity for seeing both sides of the question, but it has been the good fortune of The News alone to be able to publish the only picture taken of Mr. Mayne debating both sides of the question. Can you do it?

Mary Head to Pete (who is digging a hole): You won't get all that dirt back in there, will you?

Pete: Naw, Sis, I guess I'll have to dig it a little deeper.

IDEAL MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD

The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. conducted discussions in their December 3 meetings on the ideal qualities that boys look for in girls and those that girls look for in boys. The following Thursday the two organizations met in joint session to hear what each expected of the other. Ray Cunningham presented the conclusions from each of the meetings.

The girls rated these as ideal qualities: sincerity, honesty, intelligence, courtesy, neat appearance, kindness, good morals, unselfishness, ambition, personal purity, physical fitness and Christian character. Most of the girls objected to smoking and all were opposed to the use of liquor.

The boys had a longer list. They want these qualities in the ideal girl: character, health, education, femininity, culture, the capacity to appreciate fine things in life, natural complexion, beauty, cheerfulness, patience, Christian character, purity, high ideals, thrift, honesty, motherliness, gentleness, appreciativeness, and the ability to cook well.

S. A. U. M. VERSUS GOPHERS

Another victory for the S. A. U. M. Literary was won, Monday evening, December 7, when their debaters won a 3 to 0 decision from the Gopher Literary debaters. The question debated was, "Resolved, that the United States shall enter the World Court." Olaf Palm, Ralph Wood and Joel Rosengren, spoke for the Gophers on the negative side of the question; Hazel Sheldon, Fred Halstead and Charles Robinson successfully upheld the affirmative for the S. A. U. M.

OWL DEBATING TEAM WINS

The Owl debating team defeated the Eagle debating team in the first series of the inter society debates Monday evening, December 7, the decision of the judges being two to one in favor of the Owl team.

The question for the debate was: "Resolved, that the United States should join the world court of justice."

The affirmative was upheld by Emil Johrtson, Herman Nielson and Ole Engene; the negative, by Clifford Ukkleberg, Everett Keyes and William Dankers.

Miss Nell Merrill's many friends will be glad to know of her steady recovery from her recent illness. Her absence from Principal Mayne's office has given all students a real appreciation of the place she has occupied in the organization of student affairs. All look forward to her early return to health and to her work.

Dr. Miklos de Siegescu, secretary to the Minister of Hungary, talked on Agricultural Education in Hungary at the November faculty meeting. Dr. Siegescu is sent to the United States by his government to study agricultural education.

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**WE GIVE THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS
FOR THE BLESSINGS OF THE OLD YEAR.
WE WISH THEM GOOD LUCK IN THE
NEW.**

CLUB CONGRESS

The Club Congress is an annual event which is held in connection with the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago, Illinois. It consists of groups of club girls and boys who have been winners in various projects, such as leadership, dairy and beef calf, colt, poultry, and others. The club members who represented the School of Agriculture this fall were Rudolph Holmberg and Otto Fahning. These two were given free trips by the Omaha Railroad and won their trips thru leadership work in their home communities.

There are many valuable things in a trip of this kind. Some of them are seeing new places of interest, getting a touch of city life, seeing the interest of the business men as a whole in 4 H club work, and last but not most important, the friendship and co-operation of the boys and girls from the different parts of the nation.

In this Club Congress, there were about twelve hundred boys and girls representing almost every state in the Union, and also parts of Canada. These young people spent from one to three days in getting to Chicago. During this time they were given all possible comforts, and in many cases, men from the various railroads went with them to see that they enjoyed their trips.

Upon their arrival they were given rooms at the hotels and then the business men spent the whole week in entertaining the 4 H group. Some of the places visited were the International Livestock Exposition, Armour & Company, Art Institute, Field Museum, Cyclone Fence Company, American Furniture Mart, Lincoln Park, International Harvester Company, Marshall Field Company, Chicago Theatre, and various large hotels of the city. Besides being shown these places, the group was entertained at breakfasts, luncheons and banquets by these and other business organizations.

The groups from the various states did all they could to put their part of the nation on the map with cheers, songs and banners. Minnesota had one of the largest groups present. Are we going to stop at that? No, let us do all that is in our power to boost 4 H club work and follow the motto, "To Make the Best, Better."

WHAT ARE THE GIRLS DOING?

The students in the Garment Making I classes have completed their cooking uniforms of white apron and head bands, and they are wearing these in their Selection and Preparation of Foods classes. The girls in the Garment Making II classes are making clothing for their little brothers and sisters.

If you have seen girls carrying attractive blotter pads, book ends, pictures and bowls or vases of Wandering Jew toward the dormitory, you may know those girls are members of the Related Art I classes. Their problem is to make their rooms at home or at the dormitory more attractive and individual.

Every girl likes to go shopping and if she can do it as part of her class work so much the better. If a girl in the Related Art II class wants a new coat, a new hat, or a new dress, the instructors and some of the members of the class go with her to help her select this new garment. They learn how to select the clothes they should wear for various occasions, and the colors that are most becoming to them.

The girls in the Millinery class are learning to make hats that are attractive and becoming to them in both line and color.

The classes in Foods Selection and Preparation have served breakfasts. A typical menu was stewed prunes, cream of wheat, bran muffins, jelly and cocoa. They are now preparing vegetables for luncheon dishes.

The Meal Preparation and Serving class problem is to learn to prepare foods suitable for a dinner. The girls will serve a dinner soon.

If you want to grow lean or gain in weight, ask a member of the Nutrition class how to do it. They have planned and served meals suitable for the overweight person and those suitable for the underweight person.

Would you like to be able to manage work in such a way that you could do it in much less time, and use the smallest possible amount of energy in doing it. The girls in the Home Management class are finding out how this is done.

The school dining room in the Home Economics building has been made much more attractive as a result of the work of the girls in the House Planning and Furnishing class.

The members of the Related Science class are finding out about the bacteria that are helpful and those that are harmful, and discussing ways to control the growth of the harmful ones.

The Textile class is most interested in the various fabrics on the market, and which of these materials to use for different purposes, which ones are cheapest, most durable, and most easily laundered and cleaned.

God made such nights, all white an' still,
Fur'z you can look or listen;
Moonshine an' snow, on field an' hill,
All silent an' all glisten.

—James Russell Lowell.

INSPIRATION, INSTRUCTION, ENTERTAINMENT OFFERED IN VARIED ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

SCIENTIFIC ATTITUDE

Mr. C. H. Barnes, who is engaged in the insurance business in St. Paul, is a believer in investigation and observer. He advised the students in November 17 assembly to acquire the scientific bent of mind, to analyze and thus to find the right course of action.

TEST OF SOVEREIGNTY

Is made when a nation is able to live within its means. That country lost the war whose economic losses were greater than her gains. France lost the war on both counts. Those opinions were backed up by arguments drawn from personal observations of conditions in all the European countries and in the United States by the November 18 assembly speaker, Mr. John Sinclair, well known newspaper writer and economist.

VIEWS OF ALASKA

Were shown by Professor William S. Cooper of the botany division to the November 20 assembly. These views were of the new national park, Glacier Bay in Alaska. Professor Cooper took these pictures while in Alaska studying the botany, past and present of that region.

HE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

Not in the opinion of the students. In the November 21 assembly, Dean Coffey said he suspected that he was one, but Mr. Mayne would not admit it. Dean Coffey had just returned from the annual meeting of the Federal Land Grant Colleges and told of the important questions considered there.

THE STUDENT RELIEF FUND

Was a topic of interest presented by Miss Margaret Quayle who is working in the interest of that fund in Europe. Miss Quayle told the November 24 assembly of the conditions there and how the students were willing to sacrifice to get an education. Since the war, Miss Quayle has helped to raise money for the much needed dormitories at their universities, which the students build with their own hands. She sponsored relief projects to obtain new clothing for the men who had not seen a new suit since the war and were still in their ragged war clothes. The suits were of paper and wool, costing \$3.50 each, but the men, "who are the same all over the world, strutted before the glass thinking they looked pretty nice."

A tea was given for Miss Quayle by the Y.W.C.A. in the Home Economics building in the afternoon, and she told more of her experiences.

Problem in Advanced Arithmetic

Johnsrud: Holmberg, how many acres can a man plow with a 16-inch plow, going in one direction for ten hours? Both the horses are lame and the man's name is Adolph.

FOUR ATTRIBUTES OF LIFE

November 25, Mr. Bruce Tallman, state secretary of boys' work in the Y. M. C. A., addressed the assembly. He compared life to a game of baseball with justice, purity, reverence on each base with service up to bat. A home run is sure.

A NOVELTY MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Was given by Mr. C. R. Rogers of Mound, Minnesota, before the November 27th assembly. His instrument was made up of finely blown glass goblets set firmly on a board base. On it he played several familiar melodies and afterwards explained how he played his instrument.

ESPERANTO

Dr. L. Wendell, who is a dentist in Minneapolis and an instructor in the dental department at the University, spoke on "Esperanto," in the November 28 assembly. He showed slides from Europe, where he had made use of the language and of friends—from all parts of the world—with whom he communicates.

TREE FARMING

Mr. H. D. Cochran from Denver, Colorado, who is in the United States Forestry Service, and who was attending the State Horticulture Society held in St. Paul, spoke to the students in the December 1 assembly on tree farming, its importance and benefits to agriculture. It makes use of waste land, is not a perishable crop and can be handled in the farmer's spare time.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Tuberculosis is still the white plague. Buying Christmas Seals will help finance the campaign to control and prevent it. A man has a long time lease on his body, from nature, if he cares for it properly. Some must be helped to do this in order to hold the lease. This was the gist of Rev. W. C. Sainsbury's talk to the December 4 assembly.

THE CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

The homey setting of the stage, lighted fireplace and fir wreaths and candle lights, contributed to the atmosphere of the December 18 assembly that quality which is always associated with Christmas.

Dean Coffey's address, Professor Mayne's Christmas poem, Christmas songs by the girls' and boys' double quartettes, a Christmas song by Hannah Ring and Christmas selections by the brass quartette all served to make the annual Christmas assembly a fitting close to a season of Christmas observance at the School of Agriculture.

VINCENT GOIHL HEAD CROSS COUNTRY SQUAD INTEREST IN INTERCLASS BASKETBALL KEEN

AGGIES LOSE TO AUGSBURG

The S. A. U. M. basket-ball quint lost the first game of the season to the strong Augsburg team of Minneapolis. The game was played Thursday afternoon at the Aggie gym. Their opponents took the lead in the early part of the game and maintained it throughout the game. Elmer Bean and Captain Keyes played well as forwards while Clementson tipped the ball from center. Cline, Head, Ukkleburg, and DeGriselles did good work at guard. Captain Keyes was the outstanding player of the Aggie team, making more than half of our total score. When we consider that Augsburg has one of the strongest teams in the Minnesota College Conference, the team did well to hold them to a 37 to 15 score.

INTERCLASS BASKET BALL

The first series of the interclass basket-ball was played Thursday night, December 10. In the first game the Juniors defeated the Freshmen in a rough and tumble game, the final score being 16 to 10.

In the second game, the Seniors proved too much for the Intermediates, winning from them by a score of 27 to 12.

ATHLETIC BALL

The annual Athletic Ball was held Thanksgiving eve at the Gymnasium, which was decorated with streamers of maroon and gold. The large dancing floor was filled to capacity. Liesen's Orchestra with their snappy music had the crowd full of pep in due time. Many alumni and former students attended, and helped make the evening an enjoyable one. Refreshments were served on the balcony from tables presided over by the Misses Hognason and Kaercher. Mr. and Mrs. John O. Christianson were chaperons.

The proceeds from the ball go to furnish necessary equipment for the various athletic teams.

GOIHL ELECTED CROSS COUNTRY CAPTAIN

On the evening of December third, Coach Thompson and the cross country squad were invited by Miss Hognason to a "feed" in the club room at Pendergast Hall. After the season's meets were reviewed and lived over again, the lunch was served on the "A" table, around which linger so many traditions. Goihl was unanimously elected captain because of the fighting qualities he showed this fall. Like Bremer, high point man, Goihl hails from Lake City. Does that count?

Coach Thompson, Erhardt Bremer, Vincent Goihl, and Miss Hognason gave short talks. After a successful season the one regret the squad felt on parting was that the 1926 season was not close at hand so that each could do his stuff at once.

MUSIC FEATURED IN ASSEMBLY

The music department contributes numbers to each assembly program. The following numbers show how varied the entertainment is, but only those who are in regular attendance know how much each number is appreciated:

November 17, Cecil Churchward sang, "The Ocean King."

November 20, "The Little Grey Home in the West," was sung by Mary Larson.

November 24, Erdie Erickson played the accompaniment to Fred Irvin's saxophone solo.

November 25, Kenneth Larson sang "Mother in Ireland."

December 5, Mrs. Larson directed the mixed chorus in a group of songs, "Praise Ye the Father," "All Through the Night," and "Come Where the Lilies Bloom."

December 5, Harold Thompson played "O Sole Mio" as a violin solo.

December 9, several selections were played by the band, under direction of Mr. Boland.

RUFE CHRISTGAU HAND BALL CHAMPION

Rufe Christgau won the handball tournament held on the Farm Campus in November. The tournament was open to the faculty, graduate students, and students of the college. The finalists were the two brothers, Vic and Rufe. Rufe won, thereby making him the Ag Campus Champion. He will meet the winner of the University handball tournament.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC INSTRUCTORS

Through the efforts of Coach Robert Thompson, the School has been exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Skurdalsvold to teach tumbling, and Mr. Contanzaro to teach wrestling. These men are captains of the University squads engaged in these sports, and excel in their respective fields. Many students are benefitting from their expert advice. After the holidays, boxing will also be taught.

MOVIES

Saturday night, November 21, Douglas Fairbanks in "Don Q" was shown to a large audience in the Auditorium, and it was perhaps the most exciting movie shown this semester.

"Peter Pan" was the last movie of this season, and was shown Saturday night, November 28, in the School Auditorium. An exceptionally large crowd attended.

Suggested Epitaph for Red Hanson

To know him was to love him.

A second boys' quartette has been organized and is under the direction of Miss Julia Erickson. The members of the quartette are Emil Johnson, first tenor; Clifford Ukkelberg, second tenor; Donald McGilivray, first bass, and Clifford Lee, second bass.

GIRL'S STUDENT COUNCIL CELEBRATES BIRTHDAYS OPEN HOUSE ATTRACTS MANY VISITORS

Girls' Dormitory,

Dear Mother:

December 9, 1925.

It was so like you to have that delightful long letter reach me on my birthday. You know how I dreaded my first birthday away from home, but, instead of being lonesome and homesick, I had one of the happiest birthdays imaginable.

When I returned from cooking class, I found a beautiful pink rose on my desk and a birthday card with kindest greetings from the Girls' Student Council. The rose was a bright spot in my room for nearly a week, and the friendly greeting left a glow in my heart that will last for many a day.

My birthday was on Thursday. On Friday a mysterious message appeared on the bulletin board, requesting all the girls in the dormitory to meet in the parlor at seven o'clock. We were all curious to know what was going to happen, and everyone was there on time. There was a friendly fire in the grate, and on the table opposite was a huge white cake covered with tiny green candles. Some of the girls were sure it was Miss Matson's birthday, because there were so many candles on the cake, but no one knew.

Presently the president of the Girls' Student Council read the names of fourteen girls, and we were asked to form a semi-circle in front of the fireplace and around the table. As we took our places, another member of the council pinned a spray of chrysanthemum pompons on each of us. We wondered what it was all about. When the candles were lighted, and, as the tiny flames flickered and danced in the darkened room, the members of the Girls' Student Council sang this little song:

(Tune—"Auld Lange Syne")

We girls have come to sing a song
And cheer you all along,
Whose birthdays in this quarter fall,
So here's to one and all.

Congratulations to you all.
We heard with joy the call
To help your birthdays celebrate,
Though 'tis a little late.

In honor of your birthdays now
We'll sweetly smile and bow
And give three cheers—Hip! Hip! Hooray!
In mem'ry of that day.

At last we knew that the party was in honor of all girls who had birthdays during the fall quarter.

We drew lots to see who should blow out the candles. When Laura blew them all out in three blows, she blushed so rosily that we were convinced the candles prophesied truly.

The president of the Girls' Student Council cut the cake, and each girl received a generous piece. We lingered for a time in front of the fire, enjoying the cake. Then with an added feeling of loyalty and devotion we sang "The Maroon and Gold" and went back to our work.

So you see, Mother dear, I didn't have a chance to be homesick, and my first birthday away from home will always be one of the bappy memories of my "Aggie" school days.

Lovingly,

Marie.

GIRLS ENTERTAIN AT OPEN HOUSE

A large holly wreath hung before the door which was opened by a smiling girl who told you where to dispose of your wraps. Then you found yourself one of a group of visitors in charge of another smiley girl who conducted you down stairs and finally into "my Lady's parlor." What was it all about? Each room you visited seemed more attractive than the last. Some one asked you which one you liked best. In desperation you said "the last one." Each was immaculately clean. Beds were crisply made. Prettily decorated desk pads and book ends made the study tables attractive. Bright flowers, gay curtains and neat rugs made the rooms homey. Mentally, you wondered how your own room compared with each. What a pretty picture that was. And another. Each one hung just where it could best be seen.

And so on and so on from room to room, you marvelled how they could be so nice. Whose rooms were they? O, that explains it. The girls of the School of Agriculture live here.

Then they directed you and your friends to the grey parlor, where a candle-lit Christmas tea table attracted your attention. But you did not notice that long, for a charming miss stood before you, offering you tea and cakes. Then you talked with your neighbors about the things you had seen. That conversation ended when you were invited to come to the sitting room, where you greeted Miss Matson and the girls clustered about her.

Here was Christmas. At every window a holly wreath. On the tables, tall red candles surrounded with mounds of fir boughs. In the grate, a fire. In the corner, a glittery Christmas tree. On the mantels, more candles and more boughs. You searched for the mistletoe. Did you find it?

You did find more friends. You heard a song sung, an instrument played. You lingered a little longer. Reluctantly, you said your good-byes and hospitable doors closed behind you.

What was it all about? The girls at the dormitory had held open house. Miss Matson and the girls had entertained you. Mesdames Gullickson, Larson, and Christianson had presided over the tea tables, from which were served the refreshments prepared by Miss Soby's class. Miss Stoddard's class in Drawing and Designing had decorated the sitting rooms. Over three hundred guests—faculty and students in the School of Agriculture—had been received. All co-operated in making happy an event that is now only a pleasant memory. When did this happen? Lest you forget. It was on Sunday afternoon, December 13.

TEXTILE CLASS VISITS WOOLEN MILLS

Miss Louis Landis' class in Textiles made a visit to the North Star Woolen Mills, Wednesday, December 2. Every process of manufacture was shown and explained to the class. All were interested in seeing how the wool was scoured, carded, spun and woven into cloth, everything from fine flannel to heavy blankets.

DEXTER HALL ENTERTAINS HOST OF FRIENDS 1926 SOCIAL CALANDER CROWDED

SOCIAL PROGRAM

School of Agriculture, Winter Term, 1926

- Jan.—
- 4—Registration Day; Movies, Harold Lloyd in "The Freshman" Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 5—Tuesday, Girls' Dormitory Get-Together.....
..... Parlor, Girls' Dormitory, 6:15 p.m.
- Stag Party (Y. M. C. A.)..... Gymnasium, 6:15 p.m.
- 6—Wednesday, Dormitory Organization.....
..... Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 9—Saturday, Y. M. & Y. W. C. A. Reception.....
..... Gymnasium, 8:00 p.m.
- 16—Saturday, Sunlight Hop.....9..... Gymnasium, 3:00 p.m.
- Basket Ball Gymnasium, 8:00 p.m.
- 23—Saturday, Basket Ball..... Gymnasium, 3:00 p.m.
- Movies Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 30—Saturday, Midwinter Indoor Field Meet and Home
Coming Gymnasium, 7:15 p.m.
- 31—Sunday, Open House..... Pendergast Hall, 3-5 p.m.
- Feb.—
- 6—Saturday, Basket Ball..... Gymnasium, 3:00 p.m.
- Literary Union Play..... Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 11—Thursday, Basket Ball..... Gymnasium, 8:00 p.m.
- 12—Lincoln's Birthday; Sunlight Hop.....
..... Gymnasium, 3:00 p.m.
- Movies Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 13—Saturday, Basket Ball..... Gymnasium, 3:00 p.m.
- Musical Festival..... Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 19—Friday, Community Betterment Contest.....
..... Auditorium, 12:10 p.m.
- 20—Saturday, Old-Fashioned Dancing Party.....
..... Gymnasium, 3:00 p.m.
- Movies Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 22—Monday, Athletic Club Banquet.....
..... Dining Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Movies Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 27—Saturday, Sunlight Hop..... Gymnasium, 3:00 p.m.
- Declamation Contest Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- Mar.—
- 6—Saturday, Dairy Day—Dairy Judging.....
..... Livestock Pavilion, 2:00 p.m.
- Class Party—Seniors Honor Guests.....
..... Gymnasium, 8:00 p.m.
- 13—Saturday, Extemporaneous Speaking Contest...
..... Auditorium, 12:10 p.m.
- Dairy Club Banquet..... Dining Hall, 6:00 p.m.
- 19—Friday, Class Night Exercises.. Auditorium, 8:00 p.m.
- 20—Saturday, Reception to Seniors.....
..... Home Economics Bldg., 8:00 p.m.
- 21—Sunday, Commencement Sermon.....
..... Auditorium, 3:00 p.m.
- 22—Monday, Class Play..... Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.
- 23—Tuesday, Alumni Day
- 24—Wednesday, Graduation Exercises.....
..... Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.

"SINGING PRAISES"

Charles Robinson announced to the December 2 assembly that a quartette of Aggies would follow him "Singing Praises." The Aggie quartette was Victor Christgau, Rudolph Froker, Elmer Starch, and Alfred Sjowall. They "sang praises" of the Agrarian in a clever skit written by Victor Christgau. Robinson then made the announcement of the beginning of the Agrarian sales campaign.

The effectiveness of the "song of praise" may be shown by the advance sale of three hundred 1926 Agrarians within twenty-four hours.

THERE AIN'T NO SANTA CLAUS?

Yes, there ain't. He used the airplane McMillan discarded at the North Pole to carry his gifts this year. His first stop was made on the roof of Pendergast Hall, where his pilot and mechanic opened the secret door and the trio found their way through the attic to the fourth floor. Santa was rather exhausted, but as soon as he had his bells adjusted, he and his helpers started down the stairs. That was the first sign of his coming, but all the Dormitory boys gathered in the club room heard that first jingle of the bells. Even with that warning most of them did not believe their eyes when Santa strutted into the room, followed by his helpers loaded with huge bags of dunnage. After the gifts were distributed, all were so interested in their own that no one knew when Santa left. It was not until they sat down to enjoy their refreshments that they missed him. When the whole party of boys went to serenade the girls in the Dormitory, they learned that he had been there. They found no other trace of Santa and his helpers.

This actually happened at Pendergast Hall Friday evening, December 18, at the annual party of the Dormitory boys. The boys had assembled about nine o'clock in the fir decorated and candle lit room, to hear Principal Mayne's Christmas message. After his talk there were vocal solos by Cecil Churchward and Kenneth Larson, and a violin solo by Harold Thompson. Then all joined in singing Christmas carols. That was the signal for Santa's coming. Have you seen him since then?

OPEN HOUSE AT DEXTER HALL

Sunday afternoon, November 22, from three to five o'clock, the doors of Dexter Hall stood open to a stream of visitors, that included members of the faculty, relatives, dormitory girls and other friends.

Clifford Ukkleberg was chairman of the group of boys who conducted the visitors thru the Hall to call on each student in his room. Principal D. D. Mayne, Axel Hanson, president of the Students' Self Government Association; Henry Schwermann, president of Dexter Hall; Alton Hanson, president of the Senior class, and Miss Hognason received the visitors in the sitting room.

A program of musical selections by the Jazz Orchestra, solos by William Dankers and Cecil Churchward, duets by Cecil Churchward and Edgar Parker, and songs by the boys' double quartette was provided by the entertainment committee, of which Charles Neitzel was chairman.

The refreshment committee, headed by Erhardt Bremer, contributed to the pleasure of the guests by serving Dr. Combs' choicest ice cream, especially manufactured for the occasion.

The success of the open house was due to the co-operation of all the boys in Dexter Hall, and the friendly interest in the dormitory life of the boys shown by the visitors was much appreciated by them.

CHILDREN FROM JEAN MARTIN BROWN HOME GUESTS AT GIRLS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE GIRLS' DORMITORY

Early in December, the girls in the Dormitory decided to have a Christmas party on the last evening, December 18, that would be spent in the house before the holidays.

To make the occasion one of the greater importance ten little boys and girls from the Jean Martin Brown Home were invited to the party. They arrived at the Dormitory late in the afternoon and from there were taken to the Dining Hall for supper. This was an exciting hour for the children as well as an interesting one to the students who wanted the children seated so that they could be enjoyed by the greatest number.

After supper, even a bigger event took place when the children were taken to the parlor at the Girls' Dormitory where a petty tree awaited them.

The girls entertained the children with songs and stories until Santa came carrying a bag of gifts as large as himself. He delighted the children with his funny remarks and gifts of toys and candy and apples for each one of them. He had remembered to bring gifts for all the girls, too. Every one seemed delighted with their gifts. The children especially expressed their joy by laughter and happy smiling faces.

The time came all too soon when the children had to leave for home. Safely there, the girls returned to the Dormitory, to linger about the tree, talk over the evening's experience, and wish each other a Merry Christmas.

IDEALS

- To live in the affections; not to dwell in pride.
- To cultivate courtesy, which fosters brotherhood and is the manner of the heart.
- To be gentle with those who serve, since they are not free to resent.
- To avoid arrongance, which corrodes the man and estranges his fellows.
- To mingle freely with all classes, and thus to know mankind.
- To be mastered by no habit or prejudice, no triumph or misfortune.
- To promise rarely, and perform faithfully.
- To choose hobbies with care, and pursue them with diligence.
- To value people above thoughts, and thoughts above things.
- To curb the personal wants, which expand easily but shrink with difficulty.
- To forswear luxuries, ever indulged by shunting the cost onto others.
- To be just, man's supreme virtue, which requires the best of head and heart.

Robert McMurdy,
(*Educational Review*, Sept. 1925)

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND PLAY

On Saturday evening, December 12th, there was presented in the S. A. U. M. Auditorium, a play and pageant which were in keeping with the Christmas spirit. "Christmas Day in the Morning" was a play portraying the fact that the true Christmas spirit is not enwrapped in tissue paper but abounds and lives in the hearts of human beings.

The pageant was entitled "The First Christmas Eve." It was a presentation of the first Christmas in Bethlehem. It was made especially realistic by the use of rich costumes and elaborate scenery. Much was added to the effectiveness of the pageant by the assistance of the men's octette and the mixed chorus.

AGGIE POP

The fifth annual Aggie Pop was given December 5 at the University Farm Auditorium under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. The program follows:

Cleopatra's Jazz Makers—Home Economics Association Skit.....Play Production Class
Days of Real Sport.....Athenian Literary Society
Dance of the Autumn Leaves.....S. A. U. M. Girls
Anti-Radiant in' Si.....Block and Bridle
Satisfaction Guaranteed..Philomathian Literary Society
The Fatal Necklace (a mellow drama).....
.....Minnesota Masquers
Orchestra directed by Abe Pepinsky.

The audience selected the best act and the Aggie Pop cup was presented to the Block and Bridle Club. The Home Economics Association was awarded second place.

SAVE FOR AN EDUCATION

A boy must learn to look out for himself. He must foresee his future needs and sometimes forego present pleasures in the anticipation of future pleasures. That is, he must save money. Most boys have an opportunity of earning money by one means or another. Having earned it, they may choose between spending it for things that are pleasant today or saving a portion of it and putting it at interest so that it will be available to spend for things that will be wanted later. The most important thing for which a boy needs to save is an education. Start a bank account by depositing the first dollar that you ever earn. Put a portion of each additional dollar with it. If you do not need it while obtaining your education you will certainly need it when you start farming.—*University of New York News*.

Just as Noisy

Mrs. Johnsing: "Ah thought you-all said you was gwine to name your new baby 'Victrola,' but Ah hears you-all done make a change."

Mrs. Moses: "Yes. Ah expected it would be a girl and Ah had decided to name her Victrola, but she turned out to be a boy, so Ah done name him 'Radio'."—*The Christian Advocate*.

TEMPTING PRIZES OFFERED IN EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CONTEST

SUBJECTS FOR EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CONTEST FOR 1926

1. Rural vs. Urban Home Ownership.
 2. Climbing the Agricultural Ladder.
 3. Rural vs. Urban School Attendance.
 4. County and Township Manager Plan.
 5. Educational Value of the Ton Litter.
 6. The European Debt to the United States.
 7. Junior Live Stock Show.
 8. Does the Home Electric System Pay?
 9. Well Balanced Farming.
 10. Books and Magazines for Farm Home.
1. Are Congressional Blocs Necessary?
 2. What Co-operation Cannot Do.
 3. Padlocking in Prohibition Enforcement.
 4. The Family Budget.
 5. What Freight Costs the Farmer.
 6. The Revival of Agriculture.
 7. Are Good Roads Worth the Cost?
 8. The Golden Rule.
 9. Alfalfa for Every Farm.
 10. United States and the World Court.
1. What Does the Graduate of This School Owe the State?
 2. How Restricted Immigration is Working.
 3. Economy and Taxation.
 4. What is the Value of an Education?
 5. Some Threatening Insects.
 6. Is There a Crime Wave?
 7. Swiftmess vs. Severity in Punishing Criminals.
 8. The Traffic Problems.
 9. Rules of the Road.
 10. The Locarno Agreement.
1. Why Does the Country Girl Leave the Farm?
 2. Girls' Clubs.
 3. Where Should We Get Our Vitamines?
 4. Recent Developments in Bus Traffic.
 5. Labor Saving Devices in the Home.
 6. Minnesota and Tourists.
 7. Value of Being a Girl Scout.
 8. Flowers and Shrubs for the Farm Home.
 9. "Rayon," What is it and What is its Use?
 10. Child Life on the Farm.

CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICE

On Wednesday evening, the 9th of December, the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics presented their annual Christmas tree service.

A large Christmas tree prettily decorated and loaded with gifts stood erect in one corner of the platform, which proved to us that Santa had already made his appearance, although it was still a little early, but this is necessary in order to accommodate Santa so that it would be possible for him to make his rounds by Christmas. The gifts which Santa left were presented to various members of faculty and students of the colleges by Dean Freeman.

The gifts received were not only beautiful, but also practical and such that each member had secretly wished for. A few words of explanation, some of which were written in poetry, stating the reason that Santa had selected this particular gift for that particular person, were attached to each gift.

"How have I betrayed my secret," or, "is Santa a mind reader," were some of the questions these people asked themselves. Music was furnished by the School of Agriculture orchestra, Christmas carols were sung by the college men's chorus, and a solo rendered by Miss Inga Hill. The program was concluded by a tableau "The Adoration," and a solo, "Silent Night, Holy Night," by Mrs. Paul D. Peterson. The large audience which listened to the Christmas tree service went home convinced that Christmas is near at hand.



Mrs. Phillip Larson

The freshmen are fortunate in securing the consent of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Larson to act as godparents for their class. Mr. Larson is a 1923 graduate of the School. Mrs. Larson is the popular head of the voice department.

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Early in the morning before the break of dawn, Saturday, December 19, the air seemed full of music, Christmas carols were being sung. The people in St. Anthony Park awakened and some wondered where this music came from. The older residents and the boys in the dormitories knew and came to the windows to see a large group of girls marching by twos, carrying Japanese lanterns and singing Christmas carols. Occasionally, they stopped before a boys' dormitory or a professor's home and sang. They were girls from the School of Agriculture carrying on one of the dearest traditions of the School. After they had made the long circuit of the campus and park, they returned to the Dining Hall to find the boys waiting to join with them once more in singing "Silent Night."

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HAECKER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The seventeenth of October, 1925, will long be remembered by the members of the Dairy club of the S. A. U. M., for on that evening they were called upon to help organize the Haecker Historical Association.

A constitution presented by Mr. Walter Venske, '22, was unanimously adopted as read. The following officers were then elected: President, Walter Venske; first vice president, Everett Keyes; second vice president, Fred Halstead; treasurer, A. E. Groth; and secretary, Stanley Merrill.

The membership in this society is open to any Minnesotan who is interested in dairying. Any member of the association is eligible to office. With the exception of the second vice president, who is elected each year from the Dairy Club, officers will hold office for four years. They will be elected at the annual banquet of the Dairy Club, at which time one new officer is elected.

The dues for this organization are one dollar per year or ten dollars for a life membership.

The association is named in honor of that veteran dairy enthusiast, Dr. Theophilus Haecker, and is organized for the purpose of promoting better dairying, assembling historical matter for a dairy library, providing dairy trophies and giving honor to those who have distinguished themselves in the field of dairying.

FACULTY NEWS

F. W. Peck of the extension division was a speaker at the annual meeting of the Becker County Farm Bureau Association, at Becker, Minn., November 28.

Dr. J. H. Beaumont of the Horticultural division attended the meeting of the American Pomology Society and the Central States Horticultural Exposition at Kansas City, December 8 and 9. He showed an exhibition of the new fruits that have been developed at the State Fruit Breeding Farm, recently.

William Alderman, chief of the Horticultural division was elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Minnesota Horticultural Society at its annual meeting.

THANKSGIVING DAY ON THE CAMPUS

Before eight o'clock every boy had found his place in the dining room. Ready for breakfast? No. Ready for the Priscilla parade. A long line of white capped, kerchiefed, singing girls carrying lighted candles marched into the room. Up the aisles into the bay windows and down the aisles they filed singing Thanksgiving songs and patriotic songs. After the girls had found their places at the tables the boys joined them in singing the Doxology.

After breakfast, all accepted Mr. Cunningham's invitation to song service at the auditorium, where Reverend Gilmore of the St. Anthony Park Congregational Church gave the students a fresh idea as to the true meaning of appreciation. Cecil Churchward and Julia Erickson sang solos appropriate to the day.

Drawn curtains at the windows of the dining room made every student curious as to what was behind them. Promptly at one o'clock, the doors opened to a dining room transformed into a banquet hall. Tables were arranged in a large "U". Smaller tables were arranged within the "U". Lighted candles and bowls of chrysanthemums decorated the tables. The jazz orchestra led by Mr. Wogenson was seated in the bow beyond the table and played a snappy program while everyone else enjoyed a real Thanksgiving dinner. To show their appreciation, cheer after cheer was given by the students for Miss McFarland and the orchestra.

Six o'clock found boys and girls gathered before the fireplace in the girls' dormitory. Two hours of fun, jokes and songs were inspired and directed by Miss Phillips, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. J. O. Christianson.

"Good Night Ladies" ended a day for which one could be thankful.

ALUMNI NEWS

Egbert J. Hedblom, '20, and Miss Edna Anderson of Minneapolis were married, August 19, 1925, at the home of the bride. They are now living in their new home at 4115 27th Avenue South, Minneapolis. The News congratulates.

Andrew Boss, Distinguished Alumnus, Accepts Leave of Absence

BOSS GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Andrew Boss, chief of the Farm Management Division and Vice Director of the Experimental Station, has been granted a three months leave of absence beginning December 1, at the request of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics.



Andrew Boss
Courtesy St. Paul Pioneer Press

Professor Boss was graduated from the School with the class of 1891 and has been connected with the University ever since, this being his first leave during the thirty-five years he has been at the University Farm.

He will make his headquarters at Washington during his absence, and will visit various experiment stations in the eastern states to study the work of the different stations, with a view of bringing about closer co-operation

between the different experiment stations and the United States Department of Agriculture in solving some of the national problems confronting agriculture.

RULES FOR THE CONTEST IN EXTEMPO- RANEOUS SPEAKING, 1926

- I. Division of prizes: \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5.
- II. Eligibility: Any regular student, man or woman, in the School of Agriculture shall be eligible provided that he satisfies the requirements of the Eligibility Committee.
- III. Number of Contests: The elimination contest will be held at 1:30 on Saturday afternoon, February 13th, in Engineering 217. The final contest will be held in School Assembly, Saturday, March 6th.
- IV. Points to be considered:
 - A. Extemporaneous: No speech is to be committed word for word.
 - B. Substance and originality of thought.
 - C. Length: The speech should require three minutes for delivery.
 - D. Composition: The points should be clear and in logical order.
The language should be correct.
 - E. Platform deportment and delivery.

ALUMNI NOTES

Fred Stanford, '25, who is now located at Mankato, escorted a group of boys from his locality to the Y. M. C. A. boys' conference held in Minneapolis last month. He came to the Farm to visit friends.

Roy Labitt, '12, is employed by an insurance company of Detroit, Michigan. His address is 1523 Hurlbriest Avenue.

Harry G. Willey, '21, was a recent campus visitor. He is farming at Holmen, Wisconsin.

Imo Converse, '25, is attending the Mankato Teachers College at Mankato, Minnesota.

Ira Lambert, '16, is farming at Chatfield, Minnesota. He visited the campus last month.

Ed. Gophleen, '17, is farming at Zumbrota, Minnesota.

J. B. Davis, '16, is employed by the Washburn-Crosby Company at Mankato. He lives at 517 Wheeler Avenue.

Quite a few of the members of the '25 class were back for the Thanksgiving Dance. Fourteen of them had supper in the dining hall, with their godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Christianson.

Roy Oby, Eric Bakke, Wallace Larson, Reuben Felt, John Goihl, R. Van Voorhis, Pete Langemo, and Fred Stanford registered in the visitors' book at Mr. Mayne's office.

Y. Kato, '06, is now Professor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Hokkaido, Japan.

Ed. Goihl, '24, the other member of the famous Goihl trio, was here for the Athletic Dance and Thanksgiving.

F. A. Anderson, '08, of Minneapolis, visited the Farm December 10.

Clifford Rahm, '22, came all the way from Garrison, North Dakota, to visit the Farm friends and places.

Arthur Johnson, '24, is farming at Hallock, Minnesota.

S. E. Dewey, '20, is employed as an Advertising Manager by the Standard Oil Company, in Minneapolis.

Clyde Lewis of Lewisville was back to see his old friends recently.

E. Schroeder, '18, was another recent campus visitor. He is farming at Dundas, Minnesota.

Fred Chatfield, '13, is farming at Campbell. He says the School looks familiar.

Jacob Simonson, '20, is showing people at Sargeant how to farm.

Ruth Pearson, '22, visited her brother Theodore the week of November 15. She is studying violin with Walter Scott Johnson at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.

May Torgerson, '22, died at her home near Dalton, November 29. She is remembered at the School of Agriculture as a bright, lovable girl. The News extends its sympathy to the members of her family.

Miss Andrist: How would you punctuate this sentence: "Phyllis a pretty girl smiled at the boys as she went down the street"?

Fron Dahl: I'd make a dash after Phyllis.