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TWO FLORENCE A. BREWSTER SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED TO SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE



The School of Agriculture first opened its doors in October, 1888. On the faculty list of that day is found the name of H. W. Brewster, assistant principal and instructor in mathematics. The School, consisting of 48 boys, was housed in a building designated as "The School of Agriculture" on a shield set in a panel above the entrance. This panel was embellished with hand carved figures of the heads of sheep, horses, cattle, and swine.

In issuing the prospectus for the school the administrative authorities of the University referred to the "Farm Home" on the experiment station as "a beautiful and commodious building erected for the comfort of students." They also stated that the "culinary service was under the supervision of an experienced matron." That experienced matron was Mrs. Florence A. Brewster, wife of the assistant principal, who was also librarian. She might well have been termed "nurse" also, because she served in that capacity. Dr. and Mrs. Brewster were in residence at the Home Building and therefore

available at all times to those early "Farm" students.

Boys in those days were but little different from boys of the present day. They were just as likely to have indigestion from overeating. Colds were fashionable at times. Both the colds and indigestion were followed by spells of homesickness and the blues. The boys of the present day know that a father's advice and a mother's care are essential at such times. It is probable that the boys of '88 and '89 were even more inclined to homesickness than those of the present day because facilities for quick communication and rapid transportation were not so easily available. In the Brewsters the boys found this fatherly and motherly care in the way of a sympathetic and genuine interest, wise guidance, and sound advice. The little parlor in the "Home Building" became a social center. Community interest was stimulated and found expression in games and sports, in literary entertainments, and in lectures, the most famous of which were those of Mrs.

Brewster. These consisted of surprise treats in the way of apples, oranges, or other fruit, popcorn or a candy pull. The "Home Building" became a home in fact to the forty or more boys housed under its shelter, and strong attachments were formed between the students and the members of the faculty participating.

Each succeeding year brought an increase in enrollment, new buildings were added, Professor Brewster became principal of the school, the faculty was enlarged, and still Professor and Mrs. Brewster continued to counsel, advise and guide the students who enrolled, until they found it necessary because of ill health to sever their connections with the School in 1899.

While at the School the Brewsters became indeed foster parents to the school boys who were away from their own parents for the first time. It was these personal contacts with students that so greatly stimulated their interest in the School of Agriculture which developed into a lasting affection for it. This affection was expressed after their retire-

ment by frequent visits to the campus, by letters to alumni and members of the faculty, and by continual inquiry as to its progress and future.

As a testimonial to their interest in the School of Agriculture and to their faith in the type of education provided by it, Mrs. Florence A. Brewster has, upon the death of Dr. Brewster, given to the University a bequest of \$10,000, the income from which is to provide for two scholarships of \$125 each in the School and one of \$250 in the College of Agriculture, these scholarships to be named the "Florence A. Brewster Scholarships" and the "Henry Webb Brewster Scholarships," respectively.

In presenting these scholarships, Mrs. Brewster specified that "These scholarships shall be offered subject to these conditions: The beneficiaries must be young men or young women who are and must continue of exemplary moral character, and of temperate and in-

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webb Brewster

PROFESSOR FREDERICK WASHBURN WAS WELL KNOWN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE OF ENTOMOLOGY



Professor Frederick Washburn

NOTED ENTOMOLOGIST DIES

Professor Frederick Washburn died in Minneapolis Saturday, October 15, following an attack of pneumonia.

Professor Washburn was a member of the staff of the entomology division at University Farm from 1902 to 1926 and was state entomologist from 1902 to 1918.

His latest contribution to science was a study of insects in the South Sea Islands. Professor Washburn made two extended trips to these islands, where he made pictures of insect life and collected insects. His collection of over twelve thousand insects is the property of the University.

Professor Washburn was 67 years old at the time of his death. He had waited nearly all that time to satisfy his ambition to paint and his ambition was just being realized at his death, but he had been permitted to realize the artistic in the beautiful collections he made and mounted and he had had the recognition of his peers for his contributions to science by election to membership in such societies as Sigma Xi, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Society of Economic Entomologists.

DORMITORY RADIOS ENTERTAIN

A six-tube Atwater Kent radio set was installed in each dormitory, the West Girls' Hall and Pendergast Hall, on October 14 for the entertainment of all dormitory students and their guests.

S.S.G.A. ORGANIZED

Each term, a new staff of officers for the S.S.G.A. is elected on the first Wednesday evening. This fall, following a custom of long standing, principal Mayne opened the meeting with an explanation of the aims and ideals of the Students' Self Government Association. Miss Hognason followed him with a short talk on the benefits of dormitory life.

Emil Johnson, receiving the highest number of ballots cast, was elected president of the association. Herbert Sponberg and William Albright were made vice-president and secretary, respectively.

After the general election, house elections were held, the following officers being chosen: for Dexter Hall, president, Peter Giske, and floor monitors, Lester Howatt, Charles Phillips, and Victor Pearson; for Pendergast Hall, president, George Wehrend, and floor monitors, Harry Marshall, George Winquist, Rodney Butson, and Frank Crippen.

On the following Thursday, Miss Hognason entertained all the officers of the association at supper in the party room of the cafeteria, where plans for the term were made.

EACH ONE BUILDS HIS OWN HOUSE

A striking story is told of a business man who wanted to help a carpenter and his family.

He hired a carpenter to build a house on a hillside and then went away on a long journey.

The carpenter said to himself: "My boss is away and I can use shoddy materials and neglect the supporting work that doesn't show. The house will be weak, but nobody will know it." So he built a ramshackle house.

When the business man came back, the carpenter said, "Here is your house." "Thank you," said the man. "Here is the deed and the key. I'm giving it to you."

And the carpenter grieved that he had robbed himself of a good house.

We reap what we sow. We have to live in the house of life we build. If we do shoddy work, if we "soldier" on the boss, we pinch ourselves, shrivel up and lose our ability to discern between right and wrong. We have to live in the house we build. If it is without character we are the ones who suffer. We have to live with ourselves!

It is a tremendous fact that each one of us is building today the house we must live in tomorrow. We can build a palace or a hovel, a mansion or a jail or a pigpen, but we must live in it.—Exchange.

AGGIES GO TO COLLEGE

Aggie graduates helped swell the roll of this 12,000 student university. Six of them registered as freshmen in the college of agriculture this fall. They are Philip Swenson, ex '28; Kenneth Chapman, '26; Fred Ward, '27; George Hofstad, '26; Ralph Wood, '27; Gerald Wise, '27; and Eric Ahlstrand, '25.

SENATOR HENRICK SHIPSTEAD ADDRESSES ASSEMBLY MUSIC THEME FOR SCHOOL YEAR

THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The Junior Livestock Show will be held at the Union Stock Yards, South St. Paul, on November 8, 9, and 10. One thousand animals will be exhibited by from seven to eight hundred club boys and girls, the best of 10,400 livestock club members. All except a few counties will be represented.

The judging of beef calves will take place on Tuesday, November 9; the poultry, hog, and sheep judging will take place on Wednesday, and the auction sale will be held on Thursday. T. A. Erickson said, "We expect a better show than we have ever had."

There will be sightseeing trips for the club members to the Stockyards, Ford Plant, State Capitol, and various places of interest. They will be entertained at a banquet given by the St. Paul Association on Wednesday.

The club members will room in the dormitories, and special entertainment will be provided for them during their stay at University Farm.

Y.M.C.A. STAG PARTY

On Tuesday evening, October 4, the Aggie boys were entertained at a stag party in the Gymnasium from 6:15 until 8:00 o'clock.

Al Wurzbach had charge of the program and was assisted by Ole Engene, Fred Johnston, and George Wehrend. Among other events of the evening were a boxing exhibition by Bill Wiener and Alfred Wise, and a wrestling match by Wallace Miller and George Pederson, members of the Minnesota Varsity wrestling team.

The last entertainment feature was refreshments. Apples, apples, and apples were served. Even the seeds were named and counted! The count may not have been satisfactory in every case but each boy counted the party a success and Al a capital entertainer.

PICNIC SUPPER

A pleasant variation from the usual Sunday night box lunch was the picnic supper provided by the dining hall management and served by the students' self government association, Sunday evening, October 9, at Pendergast Hall. The event was made the pleasanter by the sing conducted by Frederick Johnston, who was accompanied by Jertina Anderson on the piano. Rounds and favorite songs were sung.

JOKES

The inventor of the mirror made it possible for us all to see the one perfect person.

An optimist is a tourist who starts out with poor brakes, no spare, a knock in the motor, and who wires 250 miles ahead for hotel reservations.

When the world laughs at you, laugh back. It is just as funny as you are.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

October 4, the first assembly of the year was held. Every old student and every new student was there. Principal Mayne introduced Dean Coffey, who in turn welcomed the students to the School.

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October 5, Mr. Mayne announced that this is to be music year at the School of Agriculture. Musical numbers were presented by Mr. Boland, Misses Willson and Dickerman, and Einar Eilertson.

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October 7, Professor Bird of the department of psychology gave an unusually interesting explanation of how to study. Fred Johnston sang "The Old Road."

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October 8, the school band made its first appearance in the assembly with a group of fine selections.

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October 11, Professor Ervine Jones of the extension division of the University told of the value of music in the daily lives of all people and urged all students to have some share in it while they are in school.

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October 12, Dorothy Sprenger sang "Storyland." Mr. "Swede" Paulson, a classmate of Mr. Peters at Ames and a well known Y.M.C.A. worker, told of his travels in South America and the interesting customs of courtship in Chili.

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October 14, Dr. Powell gave a talk on "French Life During the World War" and explained why it was that the American boys found it so hard to accept them and to be friendly to the French people.

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October 15, Einar Eilertson sang some lullabies with yodeling variations. Principal Mayne stated the functions of the students' council and introduced the newly elected members from the stage. They are Lucile Cook, Rodney Butson, Marcella Wittwer, Walfrid Mattson, Alfred Wise, Roger Poole, Rollo Campe, Marjorie Halverson, Dorothy Olson, Harold Hoffman, Ruby Quist, May Thomson, and Lillian Muckala.

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October 18, Mr. Birder of the Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory, and Dramatic Art, who is to instruct in vocal music, sang two pleasing selections. Dean Coffey introduced Senator Henrick Shipstead, who set up the problems that the coming farmer will have to solve to be even more successful than the farmer of today. He advised study of economic problems as well as study of production, and above all, STUDY.

TWO AGGIES ARE HARRIERS

Errol Anderson, '23, is rated as one of the best cross country runners in the University team and Coach Iverson is depending upon him to perform well.

Alton Hanson, '26, raced with the University harriers against North Dakota, October 15, and made such a good record that he, too, becomes a regular member of the squad.

NEWS OF THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

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Clark Piper	Freshman Reporter
Anita Wagner	Freshman Reporter

INVITATION STAFF

Because the election of the editorial staff of the News of the School of Agriculture was not completed in time to begin work on the paper, a staff by invitation was selected to include any representatives already elected. This group also conducted a sales campaign under the leadership of Dorothy Sprenger and Marcella Wittwer, Dorothy Sprenger leading the Alphas and Marcella Wittwer, the Omegas. The other members of the Alpha team were Clark Piper, Marion Jones, Warren Churchward, Clarence Jonk, Leona Schmiesing and Anita Wagner. The Omegas included Howard Roberts, Agnes Kirkeeng, Lucile Cook, Vernon Moore, Margaret Miller and Victor Pearson.

Friday, October 14, was designated "Tag Day" and sales began on the previous evening. When the points were counted, Saturday noon, the Alphas had won by a margin of four points. There must be something in a name!

The next issue of the paper will be in charge of the staff regularly elected by the classes.

GOOD TIMBER DOES NOT GROW AT EASE

The man who never had to toil,
Who never had to win his share
Of sun and sky and light and air,
Never became a manly man,
But lived and died as he began.

Good timber does not grow in ease;
The stronger wind, the tougher trees;
The farther sky, the greater length;
The more the storm, the more the strength;
By sun and cold, by rain and snows,
In tree or man good timber grows.

Where thickest stands the forest growth,
We find the patriarchs of both.
And they hold converse with the stars—;
Their broken branches show the scars
Of many winds and much of strife.
This is the common law of life.

—Unknown.

FACULTY NEWS

Professor H. B. Roe of the Agricultural Engineering division has written an article in the October Scribner's on Agricultural Engineering, and the need for men who are trained and qualified for the profession.

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L. S. Jackson, who was an instructor in the North Dakota Agricultural College last year, is now an instructor in agricultural education at University Farm.

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Miss Lenore Andrist resigned her position as instructor in English to accept a like position at North High School, Minneapolis. Miss Marjorie Holbrook of Minneapolis succeeded her.

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Miss Lola Cremeans, formerly of the staff of the West Central School of Agriculture, is now a member of the teacher training staff of the Home Economics Department.

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Miss Hedda Kafka, from the University of Illinois, is now instructor in garment and dressmaking, and Miss Helen Topp, who studied in the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts, instructs in home planning, furnishing, and designing.

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Miss Hazel Wade, a graduate of the Business College of the University of Minnesota, is instructing in bookkeeping.

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Miss Carrie Leavitt is instructor in stenography and typing in the business department.

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Several instructors in home economics accepted positions elsewhere during the summer. Miss Louise Landis is an assistant state supervisor of home economics in Texas. Miss Muriel McFarland is studying at Columbia University. Miss Lucile Horton is an instructor at Ames, Iowa. Miss Aura Keever is State Inspector of Home Economics in Minnesota. Miss Louise Stoddard is now on the educational staff of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

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The first Sunlight Hop of the school year was held in the gymnasium, October 15, the Apollo orchestra of St. Paul providing the music. Emil Johnson was general chairman and was assisted on the floor by Peter Giske, John Jaenicke, and Roy Munson.

THE 1928 AGRARIAN

"This is to be music year in the School of Agriculture," was Principal Mayne's announcement at one of the first assemblies, this year.

"Music is the theme of the 1928 Agrarian" is the editor's announcement.

These announcements suggest a new departure in the material that will appear in the Agrarian, and that departure will keep the board of editors busy until its publication.

Especial emphasis will be placed on good photographic work and prizes are offered for the best collections of kodak pictures made by any student.

Without doubt, the 1928 Agrarian will be an outstanding book, one that every Aggie will want to own. Save for it now!

WEDDINGS AND BIRTHS COMPETE FOR ALUMNI INTEREST

ALUMNI NEWS

Recent visitors to the campus were Verna Brush, '21, and her brother John, '20, Marion Dealand, ex '23, Clara Wickstrom, '00, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Anderson, '17, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Pederson, '21, and Malinda Wild, '26.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Pearson of Ogilvie, twin boys, on October 3. Mrs. Pearson was Alice Odegraard, '20.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Poole (Ethel Sayers, '14) of Farmington, September 15.

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August 25 is Alexander Renny Dunn's birthday. His parents are Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunn (Gertrude Sayers, '13) of Lansing, Michigan.

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Bernard Junior has come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Swanson of Nicollet.

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Clifford Tvedt, '27, has rented a farm near his home at Mantorville, and will begin operating it this winter.

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H. S. Freyum, ex '22, and Clara Breckstrom were married at Zumbrota, October 1. They visited University Farm while on their wedding trip.

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A recent marriage reported to the News is that of Myrtle Hunstad, ex '28, to Mr. Carl Severson. They are living on a farm near Butterfield.

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Leigh Bredfield, '23, is a student at the Texas Chiropractic College at San Antonio, Texas.

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Dale Kelsey, ex '28, and Myrtle Ogden, both prominent 4-H Club workers, were married in June and are making their home on the Kelsey farm near Madelia.

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H. M. Johnshoy, '02, assisted his son Herbert register in the School this fall. Mr. Johnshoy is state representative from his district.

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Genevieve Stike, '26, is attending State Teachers College at St. Cloud. She was a campus visitor October 17.

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C. B. Rahm, '23, of Owatonna scored 824 points out of a possible 900 in the annual dairy cattle judging contest for testers at the Minnesota State Fair, this fall, and was awarded possession for one year of the L. V. Wilson Trophy Cup. In this contest, Merle Pulling, '26, placed fifth and Eugene Guggemos, '26, sixth.

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Roy Lennertson, a former student and Caleb Dorr scholar, won a Minneapolis Journal trip to the National Livestock Show held at Memphis, Tennessee, October 15 to 22.

Francis Cox, '26, who is the superintendent of the Moore Valley Farm near Duluth, visited University Farm, October 7.

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M. B. Taylor, '19, is the county agricultural agent at Bemidji, Minn.

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Harold P. Morris, '21, who is attending the state University at Urbana, Illinois, visited the campus, September 16.

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Marie Setzler, '24, is the October bride of Mr. R. Grey of Brooklyn Center.

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Cecil Churchward, '26, and Miss Harriet Thompson of Dodge Center were married March 5. They are living on the Churchward place near Dodge Center.

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Freeman Wold, '25, made preparations to return to school this fall and then failed to come. His friends report that he is married. Maybe Freeman can verify this.

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Irving Freeman, '25, is going to Imperial Valley, California, as cow tester for the University Department of Agriculture of that state.

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On Sunday, August 28, at Inspiration Point, southwest of Parkers Prairie, the following Aggies, Bert O. Lien, '16, of Battle Lake, Leonard M. Young, '16, of Richville, Nels M. Nelson, '16, of Eagle Bend, and John A. Huntsinger, '15, and their families with other friends met for a reunion where memories of School days were recalled with interest.

EUROPE SENDS VISITORS

It would surprise many alumni and students to know how many people from abroad come to University Farm during the summer. It has been reported from the Plant Pathology Division that one member of the staff gave, on the average, one day per week to showing foreign visitors the experimental seed plots this summer.

Among the most recent visitors was Mr. B. Hoverstad, who is a cousin to T. A. Hoverstad, one of the earliest alumni of this school. Mr. B. Hoverstad is the owner and principal of a folk school in Lena, Norway. A. F. Hinricks, a 1917 alumnus, says that the importance of good citizenship, an appreciation of life, and an enviable home membership are stressed in his school. Mr. Hoverstad's companion was Mr. Kr. Tollersrud, who is the owner and principal of an agricultural school located in the same region.

Another distinguished visitor was Dr. Stephen Schmidt, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Karow, Poland. Mr. Schmidt is principally interested in how Polish peasants can advance their present marketing channels by adopting a proper co-operative system. He marveled at the size of Minnesota's plant for giving practical agricultural instruction to her farm youth.

GIRLS ARE WELCOMED TO DORMITORY LITERARY UNION SELECTS CAST FOR PLAY

BEFORE THEY TOOK THE PLEDGE

They were the "new girls" and the others were the "old girls." And then invitations were given the "new girls" by Miss Matson and the girls' student council to attend a party in the sitting room of the girls' dormitory on Tuesday night, October 4, at seven-thirty o'clock.

The "new girls" came. So did the "old girls," and Margaret Miller was their leader. After welcoming the "new girls" she told them that before they could be admitted to full membership in the dormitory that they would need to pass a series of tests to see if they were properly qualified. The fledglings were then given tests to see if they were apt to "break the rules," "stay out late of nights," "pine away with homesickness," and "make too many dates." After admonishing those who showed tendencies toward these faults, Margaret Miller administered the pledge to the "new girls" that "by the Great Yellow Pumpkin" they would forswear all temptation and be loyal to the dormitory and its principles.

In two rows, the girls now faced each other as Big Sisters and Little Sisters, cementing this relationship in a candle-lighting service.

Refreshments were served from a prettily appointed table over which Miss Hognason presided. She was assisted by Dorothy Sprenger and Ruby Quist.

How the Big Sisters and Little Sisters lived happy ever after will be reported in another issue of the News.

HAVE YOU HEARD

That the annual Y.M.-Y.W. Mixer was held at the Gymnasium, Saturday, October 8? Everybody was there; at least, three hundred Aggies were there.

The party began with a grand march led by Al Wurzbach and Miss Hoover. Following this, the game of "Lucky Spots" kept the crowd moving until the leader announced that George Wehrend, Valborg Flint, Frank Crippen and Leonard Gladen had missed the lucky spot and would have to pay forfeit to Judge Rudolph Froker. Sentence was withheld while Mr. J. O. Christianson led the crowd in a "sing" and Al Wurzbach demonstrated his skill as a magician. Then the suspense was ended and the sentence was announced and the forfeit paid by each culprit walking ten times around a cane on which he rested his forehead.

Cider and doughnuts were then served. This concluded the first all-school party of the year and new students and old students were strangers no more. They were alike grateful to Miss Hoover and Mr. Wurzbach for a happy evening.

Dr. Royal N. Chapman, chief of the Entomology division, has returned from 15 months of study and travel in Europe. After surveying methods of education in the foremost universities in Europe, Dr. Chapman says that "American educational institutions and equipments are equal or superior to those of Europe."

"MISS SOMEBODY ELSE"

This is the interesting title of the play that is to be presented by the Literary Union, this fall. Miss McNabb has chosen the following cast of characters to represent the Union: Constance, Lucille Cook; Mrs. Ann Delevan, Dorothy Sprenger; Mildred, Dorothy Olson; Susan, Lillian Hughes; Mrs. Blainwood, Margaret Miller; Cruger Blainwood, Harold Hoffman; Ralph Hastings, Clarence Jonk; Jasper Delevan, Chester Billings. A few characters still remain to be selected.

ALL-SCHOOL PARTY FOR FRESHMEN

The party given in honor of the Freshmen by the upper classes has been postponed until November 5. As usual, it will be held in the gymnasium after literary society meetings, and is the most important student social function of the fall term. These committees are hard at work preparing for it: invitations, Edith Ben- nion, Marjory Halvorson, Herbert Sponberg; general arrangements, Emery Carlson, William Wiener, Milton Fuglie; entertainment, Fred Johnston, Margaret Miller, Wilfred Tvedt; refreshments, Ruby Quist, Rodney Butson, Florence Johnson; decorations, George Weh- rend, Esther Schulz, Victor Pearson; and finance, Stella Williams.

AGGIE BOYS ENJOY HIKE TO ARDEN FARMS

On Saturday afternoon, October 8, ten boys, led by George Wehrend, enjoyed a trip to Arden Farms, one of the largest dairy farms near St. Paul. The farm is located about an hour's walk from the campus and it proved an ideal hike.

About seventy-five head of purebred Holsteins are kept on this farm, and the milk from the large herd is all bottled and sold in the Twin Cities. The large barns are fully equipped with every modern convenience for handling the herd, and for cooling and bottling the milk. The hike was the first of several hikes to be conducted to various parts of interest, in and around the Twin Cities.

CLASSES ELECT OFFICERS

At the first meeting of each class in October, officers were elected as follows: seniors, Edgar Bachtle, president; Harvey Dankers, vice president; Ruby Quist, secretary; Carl Hanson, treasurer; and Charley Baker, sergeant-at-arms; juniors, Clarence Jonk, president; Agnes Wiebusch, vice president; Leonard Gladen, secretary; Stella Williams, treasurer; Agnes Kirkeeng and Victor Pearson, reporters; freshmen, Harold Hoff- man, president; Howard Friese, vice president; May Thomson, secretary; Vernie Clementson, treasurer; Omar Holland, sports manager; Clark Piper and Anita Wagner, reporters.

The Board of Regents announced, October 18, that Professor Francis Jager's resignation from the post of chief of the division of bee culture to go into effect October, 1928, was accepted at their last meeting.

DEAN COFFEY IS SUNDAY SONG SERVICE SPEAKER GIRL RESERVES CLUB MEETS WEEKLY

STUDENTS SING AT SONG SERVICE; DEAN COFFEY TALKS

The first song service of the school year was held in the auditorium, October 9, with Jertine Anderson as accompanist. Frederick Johnston led the singing of favorite hymns. After this, Dean Coffey pleased the students with the announcement that he would speak at song service whenever he was at home, and began this series of talks with one about "Talent, Will, and Character," emphasizing the need of the last two in developing the first to its highest powers.

On October 16, Dean Coffey appeared again and spoke on "The Elements that Constitute Happiness."

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT PRIZES AWARDED TO NINE SCHOOL STUDENTS

At the close of the winter quarter, nine students in the School of Agriculture were awarded cash prizes for excellence in projects pursued in community betterment during the summer of 1926. The nine winners were Otto Fahning, Le Sueur County, first prize, \$35; Emil Johnson, Granite Falls, second prize, \$30; Genevieve Stike, Aitkin, third prize, \$25; Frances Hopkins, Withrow, fourth prize, \$20; Theodore Neske, Princeton, fifth prize, \$15; Lowell Juni, New Ulm, sixth prize, \$5; Almer E. Ecklund, Askov, seventh prize, \$5; Marcella Wittwer, Redwood Falls, eighth prize, \$5; Lionel Hopkins, Withrow, ninth prize, \$5.

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Mrs. Phillip Larson has chosen the members of the boys' and the girls' quartettes, tho the selection was difficult because there were so many good candidates. Peter Giske, Harris Knutson, Einar Eilertson, Orlando Greseth, Fred Johnston, Lloyd Madison, Omar Holland, and Ralph Eckblad comprise the boys' double quartette, and Gay Mahoney, Dorothy Sprenger, Margaret Miller, and Esther Braddock are the members of the girl's quartette. In this, the music year of the School, the organizations will be called on frequently for entertainment.

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R. M. Washburn, '95, is the secretary-treasurer of the Liquid Dehydration Corporation of Chicago. This corporation is successfully dehydrating foods of high water content such as fruits and vegetables. Mr. Washburn is well known in connection with his work in powdering milk.

MINNEHAHA PARK VISITED

Under the leadership of Marcella Wittwer and Rodney Butson a large group of students visited the Ford plant, hiked across the Ford bridge to Minnehaha Park, where they viewed the Falls and inspected Long-fellow Gardens. This excursion was made Sunday afternoon, October 16.

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dustrious habits. They must be such as by trial and examination shall evince and maintain a habit and aptitude for study and improvement. Any student who shall fail to come or cease to be within the above conditions shall forfeit all benefits of these scholarships."

GIRL RESERVES CLUB MEETINGS

The Girl Reserves Club met at 6:15 o'clock, Thursday evening, October 6, in the Fireplace Room, for the first meeting of the year. Forty girls were present and enjoyed a program of song and poetry. Agnes Wiebusch, the president, gave a short talk telling the purpose of the club and invited the new girls to become members.

On October 13, the club met again in the Fireplace Room and the two girls who were delegates to the camp at Lake Okiboji, this summer, had charge of the social program, and Marcella Wittwer gave a report on the conference. A very special feature was the talk by Miss Leta Gallpin, a Girl Reserves secretary from Minneapolis.

THE QUEST

BY MABEL SMITH BROOKS

I am looking for a wife, sir;
Can you find me one today,
With a sort of homy set-up
And a bit of wifely way?
For wherever I am roaming
And I see a girl I know
I have in my mind a picture
Of a woman mixing dough.

The girls today are witty
And I like their frank appeal,
But somehow I always wonder
Could they get a decent meal?
And back my fancy wanders
To a kitchen long ago,
And a picture of my mother
As she stood there mixing dough.

I see a little cottage
With curtains blowing white,
And my magazines and papers
And a room by evening light,
And a little fellow coming
With unsteady steps and slow,
And my wife says, "Take the baby,
For my hands are in the dough."

Will the flapper fit my picture,
And when I come at night,
Will I find this homy mixture
In the soft and mellow light?
Or will auto, movie, dance hall
Be the way I have to go
With no baby, but to jazz it
While the bakers mix the dough?

I am just a working fellow,
But somehow I hate to spare
This picture that for many years
I've looked for one to share;
And I think I'll keep on looking,
For I sort o' think I know
I'd never be quite happy,
If wife couldn't mix the dough.

DR. HARRY SNYDER, EMINENT CHEMIST, ORGANIZED DIVISION OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND SOILS



Dr. Harry Snyder

HARRY SNYDER, CHEMIST, DIES

Harry Snyder, chief chemist of the Russell-Miller Milling Company for the past 18 years, died at his home in Minneapolis, October 11.

To alumni and faculty of the School of Agriculture this news is of more than passing interest, for Mr. Snyder was a member of the faculty of the School from 1891 to 1909, god-father of the class of 1907, and a loyal supporter of the School at all times.

Mr. Snyder was one of a group known as the "Big Three" in the early days of the School of Agriculture, the other two being Professor Green, chief of the horticulture division, and Professor Hayes of the agronomy division. The three men made outstanding contributions to agricultural education, among them the publication of books suitable for use in secondary schools of agriculture. Dr. Snyder published "Chemistry of Plant and Animal Life" in 1903 and "Soils and Fertilizers" in 1906. He was a pioneer in the field of nutrition, publishing "Human Foods and Their Nutritive Value" in 1906.

During the time that Dr. Snyder was on the staff at University Farm, he made notable studies of human nutrition and more than thirty years ago proposed what some regard as a recent discovery, namely, that foods producing acid reactions in the body should be omitted from the diet, and those producing basic reactions should be included.

Dr. Snyder was the organizer and first chief of the Division of Biochemistry and Soils. After his

FROKER AND WURZBACH VISIT THREE NATIONAL PARKS

"Al and I agree that seeing and livin' in Uncle Sam's great outdoor playgrounds was the most enjoyable part of our long-distance trip. In making this statement we do not overlook such places as the historic cliff dwellers' ruins, old Indian Missions, Pike's Peak region, Painted Desert, Royal Gorge, a glimpse of Mexico, the Great Salt Lake and Salt Desert, besides many other worthwhile scenes.

"Each one of our national parks makes its own unique contribution. Grand Canyon Park in Arizona gives the greatest example of erosion and is the most sublime spectacle in the world. Rocky Mountain Park in Colorado with its snowy range, peaks 11,000 to 14,255 feet in altitude, offers remarkable records of glaciers. A valley of world-famed beauty, waterfalls, lofty cliffs and three groves of California's big trees are within the boundaries of Yellowstone Park. Yellowstone Park in Wyoming is known as "Geyser Land." Besides such natural wonders as geysers, hot springs, mud volcanoes and petrified forests, this park claims the greatest wild bird and animal preserve in existence. These four national parks cover the vast area of 3,742,000 acres and are dedicated 'for the benefit and the enjoyment of the people.'"

This quotation from Mr. Froker is only a hint of the extensiveness of the trip he and Al Wurzbach made this summer.

SENIORS SELECT SPEAKERS

The highest compliment that a senior class can pay to any of its members is to nominate them to represent the class on commencement day. Six speakers are selected from the class, one of these being, always, the president of the class.

At the first meeting of the senior class, October 17, Ruby Quist, Marcella Wittwer, Frederick Johnston, Harvey Dankers, and John Jaenicke were nominated. The faculty committee on commencement speakers approved the nominations on the following day.

Twelve Caleb Dorr Scholarships of \$100 each were awarded this summer to students who expect to enter the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics as Freshmen this fall. Genevieve Stike, '26, was made an alternate to those students who were named from the graduates of the schools of agriculture.

resignation, Soils became a separate division.

His ability as an administrator was recognized by the Board of Regents by considering him a suitable candidate for dean of the department. Dr. Snyder fell short of election by but one vote.

As a scientist employed by the Russell Milling company, Dr. Snyder found time and opportunity to continue research studies in nutrition and in foods, and received wide recognition for his findings.

His wife, Adelaide Craig Snyder, and two brothers, Charles E. Snyder of Nerkimmer and L. H. Snyder of Chicago, survive him.