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## Christmas Spirit Survives in Generous Giving

### Dormitory Boys Adopt Needy Families

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." With this quotation in mind the boys from Dexter at Christmas adopted two needy families, hoping that they might brighten a home which, perhaps, would otherwise have been forgotten. No doubt it also brightened their own Christmas by knowing that they had helped make Christmas a happier event for those who were not so fortunate as they.

The necessary funds to carry on this work were raised by selling candy and apples in the dormitory coupled with a small contribution from the members of the Dexter Hall Self Government Association.

Guided by the same motive, the Pendergast Hall boys adopted three families, the number being determined by the ratio between number of residents in the two dormitories.

Money was raised by selling ice-cream sandwiches in the administration building, penny collections, and sale of fruit and candy in the dormitory.

Committees from each of the buildings secured the names of the needy families from the St. Paul Welfare board of which Dr. G. A. Lundquist is secretary. These committees, Emerson Sartain and Gerit Douwsma from Dexter Hall and Herman Imdieke and Aurthur Hawkinson from Pendergast Hall visited each one of the families in the effort to learn what was the greatest need of each. Baskets of food and some clothing were delivered to each home.

—C. G.

### The Dormitory Boys Celebrate Christmas

Following a custom of many years standing, the boys who live in the dormitories met at Pendergast Hall for their Christmas party on Thursday evening, December 17 at eight-thirty o'clock.

Previous to the gathering, the decorations committee, Carl Sierk, Paul Vruwink, Chester Ullman, and

### To the Students of 1932

**A hearty welcome to each of you! The holidays are over. Again corridors and classrooms will re-echo your cheery laughter and pleasant chatter. The halls will once more be full of animated groups of students passing gaily and hurriedly from classroom to classroom, stopping along the way to give a cheery "hello" or some other pleasant greeting. We hope that this term will be as exciting as worthwhile and as interesting to the new students as to the old!**

**Olga Fruechte, president of Girls Student Council  
Fred Johnson, president of Boys Student Council**

Ralph Sonju had decorated the handsome Christmas tree which occupied the center of the stage and about which seats were grouped. At each window and on some of the walls hung evergreen wreaths tied with huge bows of red crepe paper.

Harry Nelson, president of the S.S.G.A. presided over the program which opened with the singing of "Joy to the World" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," followed by an accordion solo by Herman Frederickson, and a saxophone solo by Aloys Gruenke. Myron Clark read a Christmas story and the boys' double quartette made up of Fred Johnson, Henry Dammann, David Johnson, Donovan Ogren, Chester Ullman, Earl Lindberg, and Robert Flesland sang "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Hanging beside the tree and above the speakers table was the Mayne Christmas bell and from it hung six tags which bore the names of the speakers and their topics in the next part of the program. Harry Nelson started to talk about "School Friendships" when he was interrupted in turn by Clarence Goff asking for help with his farm management, then by Goody Sonstegaard with a hard luck story, next by Mel-

vin Kullhem, who was mourning over having gotten a low C in American Government, then by Sonny Nehl who needed to borrow a tie to wear at the "laundry party," and last, by Maurice Wilkinson who came in to tell about his wonderful trip to Chicago. Each boy gets sympathy, advice, encouragement and Harry told his audience that these boys are typical Aggie friends and he knows that they would do for him the hardest thing he could ask. Milton Swenson talked about "What shall be given" and helped Harry recall that wonderful train that Santa once brot him. Herman Imdieke's picture of home was interrupted by the arrival of a special delivery letter from home with money in it! And Harry had a letter to match it! Carl Sierk's first Christmas tree was his topic. After relating this memory, he read Van Dyke's "The First Christmas Tree." Antonio Fernandez shared his tale about Christmas in other lands with Gerardo Cueva, who told about the customs of that holiday in Peru, his home. "Our eyes turn toward school" as soon as Christmas is over said Arthur Fahland in telling of the joys of looking forward to being with school friends again.

And then the bell tinkled for Mr. J. O. Christianson, who told the boys of his conception of the meaning of Christmas.

The last number on the program was the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night" by all. Following this, the boys went in a body to the girls' dormitory where they sang Christmas carols, and then "Good Night, Ladies." When they returned they found the refreshment committee, Emerson Sartain, Carl Swanson, Henry Dammann and Cyrus Midje, were ready to serve the chilled serenaders hot chocolate, apple turnovers and candy and then came "good night."

Arthur Eckblad visited the campus on December 10 and made plans for his return after Christmas.

### Registration Procedure, Winter Term, 1932

**GENERAL:** Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 4. Former students and students who have sent in Certificate of Admission blank report to Room 202 Administration Building for making of program. After making out the program, proceed to Room 202 Administration Building to complete registration. *New students* who have not sent in Certificate of Admission blank report to Room 205 Administration Building to see the Principal. Then proceed to Room 202 to make program and complete registration in Room 203.

**TRUNK CHECKS:** If you wish your trunk brought out by station truck, present trunk checks at Cashier's Office on Second Floor, Administration Building.

**POST OFFICE BOX:** Secure your post office box number in hall, Second Floor.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS:** Examinations: begin at 9 a.m. Monday, January 4, First Floor, Health Service.

**ROOMS:** Rooms will be assigned as follows: Boys, first floor, Pendergast Hall; Girls, Girls' Dormitory.

**BOOKS:** Before you apply for books, the program must have an "M" punch which is obtained in the hall on Second Floor, Administration Building. Program and fee statement must be presented when applying for books at Book Room, 121, First Floor, Administration Building.

**CLASSES:** All classes will be held as scheduled beginning Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. Be sure to find your classrooms in advance and be prompt in attendance at all classes. In case of absence or tardiness for any reason at all, go to the Principals' office for a pass before returning to class.

**INFORMATION:** In case of any difficulty in finding classrooms or any other information, call at Room 205 Administration Building.

**ASSEMBLY:** First general assembly for all the students of the School will be at 12:10 noon, Tuesday, January 5. Dean W. C. Coffey of the Department of Agriculture will welcome you. Be sure to hear him.

**EVENING PROGRAM:** "Huckleberry Finn," Monday evening, January 4 at 8 o'clock. Admission, 25 cents for those not holding student privilege tickets.

### Dean Coffey Speaks Christmas Message

The last assembly! The Christmas assembly! What memories do these phrases call to mind and what a pleasant memory the last one is. The dazzling glistening Christmas tree was the point on the stage to which all eyes were drawn. To it the eyes returned again and again. Dean Coffey's inspiring message, the tree, the music, the play, combined to create a Christmas atmosphere and teach the lesson of good will whose symbol is light. The program follows:

Selections by School of Agriculture orchestra, directed by Mr. D. W. Boland  
Announcements and roll call.....Mr. Christianson  
Christmas carols.....Assembly

Led by Miss Wendt

The Holy City.....Adams  
Cornet solo by Mr. Boland, accompanied by Miss Wendt

Selections—

"I Saw Three Ships".....Traditional

"We Three Kings of Orient Are".....Hopkins

S.A.U.M. Double Male Quartette

Violin solo—"Cavatina".....Bohm  
Miss Lucile Wendt

Tenor solo—Selections from "The Messiah".....Handel  
Mr. Cecil Birder, accompanied by Mrs. Birder

Selections—

"The First Nowell".....Traditional

"Beauty Spot".....Arthur

Miss Willson, Miss Wendt, Mr. Boland

Christmas Message.....Dean Coffey

"The Great Walled Country".....The Dramatic Club

The cast that took part in the play included Paul Popken, the king; Loretta Gabriel, the queen; Dallas Oberg, the herald; Robert Flesland, chronicler; Esther Skylstad, lady-in-waiting; Mable Cairncross, Inge; Reynold Bergman, Wise; and Fred Johnson, Grandfather Christmas.

### Girls Invite Guests to Christmas Tea

A beautiful blanket of fresh snow, a bright clear sky, both combined to create the Christmas atmosphere on the campus on the day the girls opened their dormitory to student and faculty friends. Sunday, December 6, was the day and when the hour three o'clock arrived, each girl was eagerly awaiting the arrival of the invited guests.

Leone Langford received the guests at the wreath decked door and Alma Josephson was chairman of the group of girls who guided the guests from one attractive room to another yet more attractive. It was a first experience for many of the boys who were interested in seeing how the other half lives.

Gertrude Esteros was chairman of the refreshment committee that served tea and Christmas cakes in the Sunset Parlor. Miss H. J. Fisher received the guests and Mrs. J. O. Christianson and Miss Ella Rose presided in turn over the pretty tea table. At the windows of this room, hung beribboned balsam wreaths and at one entrance a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree.

In the main parlor, Miss Matson, assisted by Miss Hognason, Lillian Wilson, Dorothy Sterner, and

Esther Bajari, received the guests. Christmas wreaths hung in the windows which looked out on a snowy campus, cheery fires burned in the grates, and in one corner, glowing with silver balls and green and crimson lights stood the beautiful Christmas tree. In this lovely atmosphere, the girls entertained their guests with a program that included music by Mr. Boland, David Boland, Jr., and Miss Wendt; Christmas carols by the girls glee club; a solo, "Dr. Tinkle Tinker" by Loretta Gabriel; a recitation, "Two Little Stockings," by Ruth Turner; a solo, "He Shall Lead His Flock," Eunice Charlson; recitations, "For Shepherds Watched Thru the Night," "Just Before Christmas," by Wilma Soehren; solo, "The Cradle Song" by Arlene Anderson; and solo; "Trees" by Alice BuDahn. It was not strange that here the guests lingered and found it hard to leave.

Each girl had a share in making the event one that their guests will long remember.

W. A. Schmidt, '08, Osseo, Minnesota, was re-elected president of the Hennepin County Farm Bureau, December 9. He has served efficiently in this capacity for a number of years.

### Boys Athletics

As the end of the 1931 fall quarter draws to its end, athletics becomes more and more attractive. The paths leading to the gymnasium are kept well packed by footsteps of young husky farmer boys eager for athletic fame. For what brings more fame or glory than to be able to lead Paavo Nurmi to the tape after a five mile race, or beat young Percy Williams in a 100-yard dash! And think of the glory that could be gotten by being able to absorb Max Schmeling's terrific right hand smashes and not only grin and say to him, "Ah, where's your punch?" but able to percolate some good old thunderbolts back to his whiskers and lunch room that would make his knees wobble just as bad as Mike Kullhem's knees did when he made his first public speech. That would beat farming.

Take a look out on the basketball floor some evening when basketball practice is on. What a thrill to watch those gliding, speedy boys as they fight for positions on the school team. The hardest fought battles are those between the lads fighting for the same positions on the team. Some boys play cleverly and cagey, some plow right in and keep on plowing, while others just play. If you could see Ralph Sonju taking the ball away from some opposite player, you'd think he was bulldoggin' some wild Montana steer. You know they are plenty rough out there.

If you are a swimming fan just shuffle your ukeleles into the swimming room but be careful that you don't get too close to the water's edge because the boys are full of fun. And who wouldn't admire those glistening well developed bodies of the swimmers! As a diver springs from the diving board and shoots through the air to finally disappear into the water he makes a beautiful picture. So, come on team, show them they made no mistake when they made swimming one of the major sports. Anyhow if you could see Alfred Nelson training in the pool, you couldn't help but wonder whether it was a certain girl, or that Athletic "A" which was responsible for his determination.

When it was announced that letters would be given to the wrestling team no broader smiles were seen any place than those seen in the wrestling room. All those who visited this room during practice or any other time of day left convinced

that farmer boys sure can grapple. What a sight to see two of them coming out of their corners with the smoke of battle in their nostrils! And what masculine physiques they present as they swiftly and smoothly charge into each other. The muscles ripple up and down their bodies. Fiercely they go after each other and not only use Gus Sonenberg's famous tackle but are constantly applying such fitting holds as the double wrists lock, bar arm lock, body and crotch hold, short arm scissors, etc. Melvin Kullhem is plenty good with the neck hold. Wonder where he gets his practice! And if you should ever feel the earth shake very hard again don't be alarmed and think an earth quake is coming, it is only Harry Nelsen "The Wild Bull of the Farm School" slamming somebody onto the mat again. Harry must have gotten his practice throwing the bull around out on the farm. It takes men with hair on their chests to do those things. Here's good luck to the wrestling team and remember that "a quitter never finishes."

— Hulin

### Will They Keep These Resolutions?

- Carl Sierk—Never argue with his instructor on whether the subject is practical or not.
- Gertrude Esttros—Indulge in more frivolity.
- Russell Hoven—Spend 11 p.m. on east side of street.
- Gerritt Douwsma—To find some more arguments on why it is morally detrimental to students to assemble at P.O. after supper.
- Clarence Goff—Refrain from matching for candy bars.
- Fred Johnson—To save money by spending week ends on campus.
- Hjalmer Hulin—To bane one gud feller to the Engelska sprak.
- Alma Josephson—To study the Wisconsin-Minnesota criminal code.
- Herman Frederickson—Not let the girls interfere with my musical career.
- Clara Sogge—Get a clearer and more intimate conception of music.
- David Johnson—To be less fussy about my hair-cut.
- Ben Lewis—Always to take out a blond.
- Engval Oanes—To learn how to crows.
- Lillian Wilson—To learn to say "success."

Emil Blomberg—Have more frequent interviews at the Health Service.

Paul Pearson—Reserve a place on the steps of the G.D.

Einar Saarela—Utilize more midnight hours by doing my sleeping in classes.

Aloys Gruenke—Be sure of myself when I make announcements in dining-hall.

Milton Swenson—Never to take "no" for an answer.

Robert Norris—To learn how to add.

Richard Mendenhall—Take less credits on my program.

Robert King—Learn to remember girls' names better.

Paul Popken—Get acquainted with the long as well as the short of the "question."

Harry Nelson—Think twice before rooming with a Swede again.

### Drew Solves New York Man's "Knotty" Problem

'Tis said that if a man succeeds in making a better mouse-trap, the world will beat a path to his door. The same is true of the tying of knots. J. M. Drew last months received a request from New York City to tie a knot of the attractive, but difficult, English diamond variety for W. C. Wessel, assistant national director of camping, Boy Scouts of America.

It seems that Mr. Wessel had gone to England some time ago, where he graduated from the famous Gilwell scout training course, in token of which he received a collar tie made from black leather, tied with an English diamond knot, and decorated at the ends with two wooden beads. The necklace was just a bit too short, and as Mr. Wessel wanted to keep the original anyway, he decided to have a duplicate made up; whereupon he sent the material to Mr. Drew and asked him to tie the knot. Which was no trick at all for J.M.

Mr. Drew is well known to Boy Scout executives all over the country, and about a year ago was called upon to prepare several trays of mounted knots made from rope so they could be carried about from place to place by Boy Scout educational leaders.

Asked how many different kinds of knots he could tie, Mr. Drew replied it would be easier to tell which kind he could not tie, there being only one—the matrimonial knot.—Extension News.

### Assembly Affords Entertainment and Information

November 24—What harmony! "Swinging 'neath the Old Apple Tree" tempted the basses and tenors to harmonize.

Mr. Johnson of the St. Paul Fire Department made us sit up and think. In 1930, 35,000 lives in the country were lost by fire, and 15,000 lives were lost in the city thru the same cause. How can this be prevented? Fight the fire before it begins. Most of them can be prevented.

November 25—"The Maroon and Gold," remember the last verse! The assembly was filled to hear Dr. Lloyd Rising prepare us for Thanksgiving Day. "We should be thankful we live in the United States, that we are in good health, that we have a family that cares for us. Write home and tell them how glad you are to have a good father and good mother and a good home."

November 28—Strange, wasn't it? No student announcements. Too much turkey? Two movies, "The Magic Carpet of Nature," and "The Homeland of the Danes" were lovely and interesting pictures.

December 2—Jack Sleeper announced the joint meeting of the Girl Reserves and the Y.M.C.A. amusingly. Two extremes, the desert in the southwest and crowded New York City, and we visited both inside of fifteen minutes! Reptiles in the desert, skyscrapers in the city. We saw the spot on Wall Street where Washington took his oath as president.

December 5—Mr. Christianson out of town and Mr. Dankers does honors. To our north is the great Dominion of Canada, larger than the United States proper, and how much do we know about it! Not much of what Mr. Ramsey of the University of Saskatchewan told us. And now I want to know more. Why should there be tariff walls between us?

December 8—The first appearance! The boys double quartet sang "Old Pals" and "Little Wish." Mr. Christianson had Mr. Dankers introduce his former teacher, Mr. Lowe of the division of agricultural economics, the blind speaker for whom we had written questions about how it feels to be blind. And he answered them all, making us feel that there are worse things than becoming blind. Mr. Lowe was given a fifty dollar award, first prize, for having made most progress as a

blind man in the first two years of his blindness. It pays to have a good head.

### My 4-H Club Trip to Chicago

With forty-eight other Minnesota 4-H Club members who were to attend the International Livestock Show, I arrived in Chicago on Sunday morning, November 29, for a stay of five days, five days crowded full with interesting events.

The Minnesota delegation was housed at the Auditorium Hotel and from these headquarters we made many interesting excursions. At the Civic Opera House, we were shown a miniature city and a house on the stage. Clever and unusual lighting effects were thrown on the little city and house to show how best to light them. The Coliseum Poultry Show was visited and the many fine birds examined and admired. How meat is prepared for the market in the best commercial way was seen when we visited the Swift and Company plant. Only a few hours were spent seeing the handsome pictures that hang in the Marshall Field Art Gallery. The greater part of one day was spent at the International Livestock Show, an interesting place because of high quality of livestock shown and because of the chance to meet other 4-H Club exhibitors.

"Where do we eat?" was easily answered. "What do we eat?" was satisfying, for our hosts seemed to compete in serving us the best in the land. Luncheons were served us by the Swift and Company at their plant, The Livestock Commission at the Belmont Hotel, and by the International Harvester Company at their plant. Dinner was served by Thomas E. Wilson Company at their plant and the 4-H Club banquet was served at the Sheridan Hotel. At each of these luncheons and dinners, programs of entertainment were provided.

Theresa Rico, a Minnesota 4-H Club girl, who is a freshman in the College of Home Economics was awarded first place as typical club girl. Three five-hundred dollar scholarships were awarded to Minnesota 4-H Club members.

4-H Club work is becoming increasingly effective. The enrollment is 850,000 members. These members carried on 1,500,000 projects in 50,000 local clubs and used 150,000 acres of land for grain, fruit, forestry, and other crops. They grew 1,500,000 bushels of corn, raised 2,275,000 fowl, canned

21,500,000 jars of vegetables and fruits, won \$1,000,000 in cash prizes, employed 175,000 animals in projects, producing 17,000,000 products. Besides these material products of 4-H Club work, its members gained preparation for successful farm life and citizenship.

Our trip to Chicago gave us better understanding of club work and made us acquainted with hundreds of other boys and girls engaged in the same work as we are. It was my first experience in a big city, I shall not forget its immense size, the noise of traffic, especially of the elevated, the location of the city on beautiful Lake Michigan, the sooty air and the huge skyscrapers. Tho it was nice to leave and come back to school, I hope I can go again.

—Maurice Wilkinson

### Eligibility Rules Are Revised

In order that there may be uniformity in the eligibility of students participating in interscholastic contests the rules have been revised. The new rules will also apply to eligibility for office in student organizations and for those taking part in school plays. These rules were acted on by the faculty and approved in the December 10 meeting and appears here for the general information of all who are concerned.

To be eligible to participate in extra curricular activities a student must meet following requirements:

1. Student must have been in school at least two weeks prior to activity participated in, or from beginning of term.
2. Student must be registered for at least 15 hours of work exclusive of gymnasium.
3. Student will be regarded as ineligible if at any time there is standing against his record, either an incomplete, condition or failure, whether these delinquencies are the results of current or former term work.
4. A student must have a satisfactory health record.
5. Student must comply with all rules and regulations governing limitations of student activities.
6. Where awards, as recognition of services rendered, are made, student must remain eligible to the time of making such awards.
7. In order to be eligible a student must be in good standing with reference to attitude and deportment.

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**School Friendships**

It is pleasant to know what wise men have thought about friendships. However no philosophical or poetical description seems to us as satisfactory as our own experiences with it and sentiments about it. To all of us a real friend is one with whom we like to share the things that we most enjoy doing. Such a friendship is brought about if the friend has interests which correlates with ours.

Consider the case of two students in the School of Agriculture. They are drawn together through the mutual interest which attracted them to the school. Close association makes apparent certain traits of each which the other admires. As their acquaintance becomes more intimate they find many interests in common and each admits to himself that the other is not ordinary but of a privileged class. A secure place is reserved in the affections of each.

To what may the important friendships be attributed? Simply the discovery of one who holds things in common with you. It is surely worth our while to learn as much as possible about our classmates. Friendship is the thing which is especially exemplified this year in the social life of the school and, well it should be so, for "friendly co-operation multiplies power."  
—M.K.

**Fahland Succeeds Fred Johnson**

Arthur Fahland has been elected by the Boys Student Council to succeed Fred Johnson, resigned, as representative of the intermediate class on the council. Fred Johnson enters the college in the winter quarter.

**School Will Open January 4**

Registration in the School of Agriculture will occur on Monday, January 4. The dormitories will be open for new students, only, on Sunday, but they are advised not to come until Monday.

The regular classes will begin recitations on Tuesday morning, January 5, at which time all students are required to be present.

The fees for all students follow:  
Tuition—\$3.00 resident; non-resident .....\$ 6.00  
Gymnasium fee ..... 1.00  
Post office box ..... .20  
Health Service Fee ..... 2.00  
Textbook rental ..... 1.75  
Recreation ticket ..... 4.00

\$11.95

A deposit of five dollars is required of each student but will be returned at the end of the quarter, less any charges for breakage or damage.

Students who will live in the dormitories will add to the above fees \$16.00 for room rent, \$43.05 for board and \$4.00 for laundry.

**Four N. W. Agents Join in Issuing 4-H Topics**

The county agents in Norman, Clearwater, and East and West Polk have a unique, cooperative plan for supplying their 4-H clubs with program material. The agents take turns preparing monthly budgets of program suggestions. Each month, the agent preparing the material makes enough copies for all four counties. This arrangement insures each club of ready, timely material with a minimum of effort on the part of the agents.

A recent budget of material prepared by O. K. Engene includes a suggested order of business, two poems, a mock debate, three readings and two talks, affording a variety of offerings.

Ole Engene, School '25; College '29 was a member of the Owls Literary Society and a member of the winning debate team in the School of Agriculture in '25.

At the December 4 meeting of the Crystal Bay Troop 121 of Boy Scouts at Crystal Bay, a pageant of camp memories was presented to parents and other guests. Gerardo Cueva was a guest speaker. Kenneth Turnham and Graydon McCulley are members of the Crystal Bay troop.

**Reynold Jensen Speaks at Sunday Morning Song Service**

The Fireplace room in the Home Economics building is a beautiful room in which to hold the Sunday morning song service and there is always a goodly number of students in attendance. At the December 6 meeting, which was held here, Mr. Jack Sleeper, Y.M.C.A. secretary, lead the devotionals and introduced Robert Norris who told how he thought Sunday should be observed.

Because the Fireplace room was being used for other purposes on Sunday, November 29, the song service was held in the parlor in the Girls Dormitory. Miss Collicot conducted the devotionals and introduced Mr. Reynold Jensen, recently Y.M.C.A. secretary at University Farm, as the speaker. Mr. Jensen used as his theme the challenge of Gandhi to Christians, that they adopt Christian principles to live by. He advised students to study the sermon on the mount and other teachings of Jesus and use them as rules of conduct.

On December 6, Mr. Sleeper made the welcome announcement that Dean W. C. Coffey is to be the regular speaker at song service after Christmas.

Einar Eilertson regularly leads the singing of familiar hymns at each service.

**Girl Reserves**

November 12—After the singing of songs, together, the girls divided into groups and drew plans for the leather purses which they had decided to make under Elizabeth Noble's instruction.

Other November meetings were spent in the same way, but on December 3, lots were drawn for the names of orphans in the Jean Martin Brown Home. The child whose name was drawn was then adopted, and the girl adopting the orphan was given the privilege of providing a Christmas gift for it at the Christmas Party in the girls' dormitory. At this meeting, the girls also chose as delegates to the Minneapolis Girl Reserve Conference, Wilma Soehren, Esther Bajari, and Martha Fruechte. The meeting adjourned, the Girl Reserves joined the Y.M.-C.A. in their stunt clinic and won first prize for their stunt for its originality, and another first prize for its execution.

—E. M.

### Contest Instituted by the Literary Union

Last winter, the Literary Union initiated a contest between the literaries. A cup will be awarded the one scoring the highest number of points. They are calculated on the basis of program, membership, attendance, alumni members present, report of social committee, type of entertainment. Paid up membership only scores in grading programs and attendance. The first society which presents a paid up membership list scores five points. Mrs. Johnston, of the Rhetoric department, is the chairman of the committee which scores the reports each secretary makes of each program.

Maximum number of points scored by individual program features follows: debate, formal, 25; debate, informal, 15; plays, 15; memorized readings, 15; readings, 10; music, 5; outside speaker, 5; talk, 10; newspaper, 5; jokes, 5; parliamentary practice, 15; and written comments of critic, 10. Credit will also be given for the program given in assembly. The cup won in the fall term will be awarded at beginning of winter quarter.

—W. C.

### Gopher Literary Society

We're telling the world we're right on deck! The Gopher programs have many listeners and many students taking part.

The literary is known for its unusual debates and field meets. Such an unusual question as "Resolved that the boys be not required to be in at a certain hour" was debated by Lillian Wilson and Alma Josephson on the affirmative side and George Wilkins and Elmer Woehler on the negative. Elmer Soehren and Aloys Gruenke upheld the negative of the question "Resolved that certain restrictions be put upon the boys when they are guests at the girls' open house," and Alma Josephson and Leone Langford, the affirmative. This was held on the evening before the girls' open house, December 6.

Our music has been varied. John Marrs has played his harmonica for us; Clara Benrud, the piano; and Herman Frederickson, the accordion. Elmer Zienhagen has contributed several songs to our program.

Every member participated in our field meet on October 24 which was directed by Dorene Smith. It was so successful that another was

scheduled for Dec. 12. At one meeting, a special feature was the baby show at which tearful Gertrude Esteros won first prize.

Impromptu talks are always interesting. Robert Norris told us about his trip into the west by motorcycle. Gertrude Esteros chose as her subject, her favorite one, "Cats." Her kittenball team was the subject of Leone Langford's talk. Alma Josephson talked about her trip to Chicago.

Sometimes our jokesters and editors tell tales out of school. Newspapers or jokes have been read by Leone Langford, Lillian Nelson, Ruth Turner, Mildred Falk, Robert Norris, Dorene Smith, Gertrude Esteros, and Russell Nelson.

This may give you an idea of what has been happening at the Gopher Literary, this term. We are looking forward to an even better literary, next term, and wishing the old members back and extending a cordial welcome to the new members. The Gophers wish you all a "Very Happy New Year."

—Ruth Turner, Secretary

### Students Hear "The Messiah" Sung

Walter Clausen was the leader for the group of students who visited Central Lutheran church in Minneapolis to hear the combined choirs of St. Marks' and Central Lutheran give the sacred oratorio by Handel, "The Messiah." The soloists were Gertrude Lutzi, soprano; Olive McDougall, contralto; Harold Klauck, tenor; and Ralph Magelsen, bass. The director was George Hultgren, the choirmaster of Central Lutheran. Rev. J. A. O. Stub of Central Lutheran spoke words of welcome to the audience and Rev. Phillip Osgood made contemplative remarks.

### Principal J. O. Christianson Prepares Paper for American Vocational Association

Mr. Christianson was asked to speak at the annual meeting of the American Vocational Association in New York, December 9. Not being able to attend this meeting he prepared an article on "Educational Services of the School of Agriculture Apart from Resident Instruction" which was read at this meeting. This is worthwhile recognition for the School of Agriculture.

J. O. Christianson, Principal of the School of Agriculture, has spoken at a number of county Farm Bureau meetings in the past month. Included in these are the units of Fillmore, Steele, Blue Earth, Watonwan, and Hennepin Counties. Mr. Christianson also gave talks at numerous other meetings, on November 8, he spoke to a fellowship group at the St. Paul Y.M.C.A.; November 16, at the Parent Teacher's Association of Mora and on December 11, Mr. Christianson spoke over WLB and WCCO on the future of agriculture, and in the evening addressed the joint meeting of four Parent Teacher's Associations at Dalbo. Mr. Christianson has spoken at about fifty meetings in thirty counties since June.

### Arthur Knows Why

In public speaking class, the boys give up the best seats to the girls, the seats in the last row, in spite of being greatly inconvenienced by this arrangement. For one has to rubber to see or to hear the girls, especially to see them.

Not understanding this puzzle, Mrs. Johnston remarked that she had never seen so much rubbering in her class, last year. Says Arthur Hawkinson, "But Mrs. Johnson, you weren't married, last year."

*Parents and Older Brothers and Sisters* of School of Agriculture students are cordially invited and earnestly urged to attend the Farmers' and Homemakers' Short Course at University Farm, January 18 to 23, 1932.

Attend short course classes, evening entertainments, mass meetings of many kinds; see exhibits and demonstrations of crops, animals, machinery, household conveniences; hear national and local speakers; eat at the Cafeteria; room in a home near by; visit with other farmers and homemakers and enjoy yourself fully for five days.

Become acquainted with the teachers and friends of the school students and know how they live and what they do here.

Railroad fare—one and one-third round trip fare for the Short Course. Send for complete information.

We welcome you.

A. V. Storm,  
Director, Short Course

**S.A.U.M. Literary Fares Well**

An enthusiastic group of boys and girls gathered at the first meeting of the S.A.U.M. literary this term. Soon the membership list was filled. Each evening a good program was given and numerous games played. We will all be ready for more good times in January.

Music has played an important part in the programs. Herman Frederickson and Milton Swenson played an accordion band duet. Robert Altman played his accordion for our delight. An accordion-violin duet was given by Joe Kuhl and Edwin Schwinghammer. Alice Molenaar, Dorothy Gunderson, and Martha Fruechte were called on for piano solos. Alice BuDahn, David Johnson, and Arlene Anderson have contributed vocal solos. Kenneth Turnham exhibited his ability on the jews harp.

Readings have been popular and interesting. Late numbers have come from William Thompson, Gerit Douwsma, and Wilma Soehren. Those participating in skits are Engval Oanes, Helen Prushek, Edith Molenaar, Vera Drake, Esther Bajari, Pansy Drake, and Wilma Soehren.

Those recently serving on program committees are Olga Fruechte, Paul Popken, Alfred Nelson, David Johnson, Gordon Johnson, Elizabeth Noble, Emil Blomberg, Florence Peterson, and Ben Lewis. Paul Popken, Paul Vruwink, and Myron Clark have read the jokes. The newspaper has been edited by Ruth Starz, Melvin Kullhem, and Elizabeth Noble. Want ads were solicited by Carol O'Daniels, and Evelyn Cording.

Critics were chosen at random from the audience. In this capacity Melvin Kullhem, Elizabeth Noble, Myron Clark, and Walter Clausen have served. The program was always followed by group games until time for the evening entertainment at the auditorium or the gymnasium.

—W. C.

**The Owl Literary Is Wise to Its Merits**

The Owl Literary has always been an outstanding literary on the campus. This year, in spite of the small enrollment, we find the meetings, are well attended. It has achieved the objective of a good literary society, to train members in leadership and effective participation.

The literary is providing keen competition for the literary cup and these are some of the reasons and some of the instances. Three Owls, Arthur Fahland, Harry Nelson, Aloys Gruenke, were named on the school debating squad. A few of the talented members who have provided the musical numbers are Henry Dammann "the crooning troubadour," Loretta Gabriel, accomplished pianist and singer, and Alice BuDahn, soprano. Two intermediates, Einar Saarela and Lambert Erickson, have given a series of interesting talks. Carl Sierk, Fred Johnson, and Russell Hoven have also contributed to the programs.

Unusual features have attracted large numbers of students. A pair of new shoes was awarded to the person present at meeting and having the largest feet. The owner of the smallest pair was awarded a pair of roller skates. A "Backwards Program," beginning with the critics report and ending with the reading of the minutes was very amusing. A dancing contest featured the reciprocity meeting with the Gophers, the Owls' Orchestra piano, drums, and saxophone furnishing the music.

The fact that the enrollment of the literary was not unusually large has proven advantageous to the individual member as it gave him a better chance to take active part in society, business, and programs. New students, join the Owls Literary.

—Aloys Gruenke, president

**Movies Reviewed**

On Saturday evening, November 28, we made a short excursion to the province of Nova Scotia, where we watched the fall and rise of the tides, the rivers that flow both ways, and viewed other picturesque scenes. We were then quickly transferred to tropical South America.

Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor starred in "Merely Mary Ann," a picture of truly modern romanticism. Some were heard to say that although they had seen the picture before, they liked it so well they came to see it again. It is a popular new picture. We took a trip to the top of the world on Saturday evening, December 6. This was in Norway. The beauty of the snow-capped mountains and numerous waterfalls brought many gasps from the crowd.

The main attraction was "Penrod and Sam." The trials of Penrod and Sam brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience. "Would I like to be initiated?" "Not in that way and manner."

The ruins we visited December 12 in a gold prospecting district of Colorado showed us what had once been prosperous business centers. The tumble down historic structures were once thriving with activity but gold was not found by all and many gave up penniless, and left the structures they had erected.

Walter Huston proved himself a true American citizen in "The Star Witness." The country needs more that will say the truth regardless of cost, that the lives of children like "Donny" may be safe. —W. C.

**SOCIAL PROGRAM**

**School of Agriculture, Winter Term 1932**

Jan. 4	Monday, Registration Day	
	Movie—"Huckleberry Finn" .....	Aud. 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	Tuesday, Girls' Get Together .....	Girls' Dorm. 6:15 p.m.
	Y. M. Stag Party .....	Gym 6:15 p.m.
Jan. 6	Wednesday, Dormitory organization Meeting (men's S. G. A.) .....	Aud. 8:00 p.m.
	Dormitory organization Meeting (Girls' S. G. A.) .....	Girls' Dorm. 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 9	Saturday, Y. M.—Y. W. Mixer .....	Gym. 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	Sunday, Sunday Night Hour .....	Aud. 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	Saturday, Student's Council Excursion .....	1:30 p.m.
	Movie .....	Aud. 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 18-23	Farmers' and Homemakers' Week	
Jan. 19	Tuesday, Alumni Association Luncheon and Meeting.	
	Party Dining Room .....	5:30 p.m.
	School of Agri. Night at Short Course (Parent's Day) .....	Aud. 6:45 p.m.
Jan. 23	Saturday, Movie .....	Aud. 8:00 p.m.
	Basket Ball Game—Phalen Luther .....	Gym. 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Saturday, Movie .....	Aud. 8:00 p.m.
	Wrestling Match .....	Gym. 2:00 p.m.
Jan. 31	Sunday, Sunday Night Hour .....	Aud. 7:30 p.m.

### The Alumni Remember

Probably that is why they sent the trees and the boughs to the boys' dormitories. If they had visited Dexter Hall, the last week of school, they would have seen two balsam trees flanking each entrance. In the clubroom, they would have found balsam wreaths at every window, the trees and the boughs for the wreaths, the gift of Olaf Torvick '30. In the middle of the west wall, was a heavily needled spruce decorated with silver balls and silver tinsel and in each corner on the east side was another tinsel-decked spruce, the three the gift of Kenneth Welde, last a student in the winter of 1930.

If the visit had been made to Pendergast Hall, the alumnus would have seen the same evidences of the fact that the alumni remember. Here in the club room windows were Olaf Torvick's balsam wreaths. If the time had been Thursday, December 17, the visitor would have admired Freeman Wold's tall balsam set near the middle of the west wall in the club room, glittering with tinsel icicles, silver balls, and many colored lights. Freeman Wold and John Howard were the generous donors of the smaller trees that filled the corners on the opposite wall, the donors, too, of the boughs that filled the jardiniere near the office entrance and filled the basket on the piano. The office was not forgotten, for Howard and Freeman had given enough boughs and spruce trees to make it a Christmas bower.

And in Dexter Hall and in Pendergast Hall, one entered into an atmosphere pungent with the odor of spruce and balsam, in the fragrance of the friendship of alumni who do not forget.

On their wedding trip, they visited friends at University Farm and attended assembly. Merry-Ellen Witter and Floyd Schwahn '29 were married at Morgan on Tuesday, December 1, and will make their home on Floyd's and his brother's farm near Wabasso. After leaving University Farm, they autoed to Madison and other points in Wisconsin where they visited friends.

Elizabeth Howe, class of 1922 was married on October 21, to Paul Dworakoski. They are living on a farm near Hopkins, Minnesota.

Commissioner R. A. Trovatten, '10, will speak on the School of Agriculture program during Farmers'

and Homemakers' Week on Tuesday evening, January 19, Plan to hear him. His talk will be worth while.

J. Elmer Setrum, '15, is making good as county auditor in Watonwan County.

Miss Nell E. Merrill, former secretary to Principal D. D. Mayne, is advertising manager for the Rap-in-Wax Paper Co. of St. Paul. She has held this position since leaving the School. She is doing very well in her present position.

Oren Shelley '30 and Felix Schmiesing visited friends at University Farm on December 2. Both boys will attend school during the winter quarter.

### They Go Carolling

It is six o'clock on Friday morning, the last Friday morning! All is quiet on the Aggie campus. But not all are asleep. Were you there, you would see the girls dorm door open, see the light flood the snowy walk, and then a gay procession of girls come down the steps. These are the carollers bundled up in their warmest clothes and each carrying a lighted lantern.

On they go, past the dining hall, to stop at Pendergast on the hill. Here the carollers halt. They talk in laughing whispers as they notice the dark windows. Then some one gives the signal and the Christmas Carol rings out on the cold crisp air. And then another carol. Now lights appear in some windows; in others, dark forms, from all of them comes vigorous applause. But the carollers are off. Off to Dexter Hall where the same act is repeated, songs, lights, applause.

From Dexter Hall, the carollers go to the Park to sing before faculty homes. But all the windows in the boys dorms stay open, for there are those who listen to the songs that sound so faint but crystal clear as the singers march away.

After the circle in the Park has been made, the carollers come back to the campus past Pendergast on the Hill. No, not *past*, but *to* and *into*. Here, numbed fingers and toes are warmed, the Christmas tree is lighted, and there is a bit of sweets for each of the singers. One more carol and the boys are on the stairs and together they and the singers leave to eat that last school breakfast before Christmas. The singing is over but the memory of the songs is cherished.

—E. M.

### Agrarian Stunt

"It was the best Agrarian stunt that has been put on." This is the sentiment that many have expressed concerning the sales campaign stunt presented during assembly hour, Tuesday noon, December 1. This feature which has been an annual event for the past few years was written by Miss Laura Matson, faculty advisor of the yearbook, and coached by Mr. Cecil Birder. Lillian Wilson, the assistant editor, announced the entrance of each section of the book which was represented by a member of the staff. The bugle call by Graydon McCulley which preceded each new arrival and the theme song for each section, played by Miss Wendt, to which each performer marched on to the stage, gave a dramatic touch to the proceedings.

After each member of the staff had concluded the story of his section in the Agrarian, he took his place in the group that was posed on either side of the announcer.

The theme of the Agrarian "Friendliness" was impersonated by Alice Bu Dahn; the scene section, Wilbur Magnuson; faculty, Robert Flesland; the classes, Alma Josephson, freshmen; Melvin Kullhem, junior; Leone Langford, senior; Clifford Gilbertson, intermediate; organizations, Clara Sogge; activities, Aloys Gruenke; boys' athletics, Carl Sierk; girls' athletics by Gail Prushek, Emma Dennison and Bertha Koch in a tap dance; photography, David Johnson, and the boy who didn't get his picture taken, Vincent Swanson; student life, William Haight; business manager, Milton Swenson. Russell Hoven, the editor-in-chief gave us a glimpse into the completed yearbook and handed a copy out to each of the interested Aggies who pressed eagerly forward from the auditorium singing "The Agrarian of 1932." An original composition "The Spirit of the Aggies of '32" composed by Herman Frederickson and played by himself on his piano accordion concluded the program. To its spirited melody, the tableau of the editorial staff moved forward and then wheeled off the stage.

Incidental result. Sales campaign in dormitories is reported to have met with huge success, sales reported from the several dormitories varying from 95% to 100% of number of residents.

—M.K.