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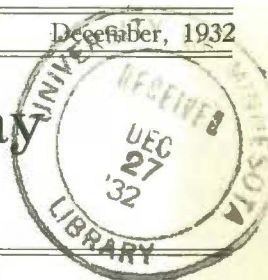
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## Merry Christmas! With Tiny Tim We Say "God Bless You, Everyone!"



### Two Aggies Win Honors At Junior Livestock Show

Is it any wonder that school students are so interested in the Junior Livestock Show when two fellow Aggies carried away some of the highest honors awarded at the show?

Ruth Turner, '32, of Nicollet county won the Reserve Championship on her Shrop-Southdown cross lamb. Ruth has been very active as a club member in her county for the past seven years and had a trip to the state fair this fall as a member of a canning and demonstration team.

Edward Smisek of Rice county who has been a club member for eight years, was awarded the highest honor of the show, that of having the grand champion baby beef. Edward's calf was a grade Aberdeen Angus and sold for 44 cents a pound to the First National Bank of St. Paul. It brought him approximately \$560. Other cash prizes will make his winnings about \$700. If more beef sold at that price, the enrollment at our School would be increased considerably, and there would be no depression among the farmers.

The many Aggie friends of Ruth and Edward extend their heartiest congratulations on these very fine achievements.

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### Miscreants Haled to Court

Guilty? Guilty! Why, of course you are guilty! These were the words Judge Lind used in pronouncing sentence on students who were summoned into her court. At times the jurors, Mildred Bissen, Dorothy Fruechte, and Muriel Molenaar dissented from her judgment, but leniency was seldom shown. Pet hobbies and foibles of well known students from giggles to thirty-two page letters, from glazed coiffeur to memory tests, from squared circles to fossilized foot-prints on the steps of the girls dormitory were exposed. Gabriel (Evelyn Young) opened the court and closed it with three mighty blasts on his trumpet. St. Peter (Francys Young) called the cases into court which sat in the parlors of the girls dormitory on Sunday evening, December 4.

Preceding the trial, Margaret Weber as Mrs. I. M. Dumb, her daughter, Magnolia, Erma Fruechte, and Muriel Molenaar as depot agent, staged a clever skit.

The girls glee club sang Christmas carols, and the same theme was celebrated by a solo by Arlene Anderson, and a duet by Edith Molenaar and Margaret Lind.

Jerry Harrington, entertainer over WCCO, assisted by his wife at the piano, sang songs and lead group singing, told jokes, and read stories, and autographed pages of numberless memory books.

Chocolate cake and chocolate ice cream were served.

### Cletus Hallquist Describes Trip to Washington

Every day crowded full of interesting experiences. Historical spots visited. Important people met. All these furnished the basis for an interesting talk about Washington given by Cletus Hallquist at the November 4 meeting of the 4-H club. Cletus had been sent as one of four Minnesota delegates to the National 4-H Club camp in June in recognition of outstanding achievements in 4-H club work.

Viewing Washington from the top of the Washington monument, being one of the group photographed with the President, being served a second helping of ice cream and cake urged on him by the First Lady of the Land at an informal reception in the White House, visiting Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery and the Smithsonian Institute, and seeing Niagara Falls while on the trip home were some of the thrills Cletus enjoyed and shared with his audience.

Miss Amy Wessell, one of the state 4-H club leaders, found it easy to persuade her audience that club work has its rewards, and urged all to prepare to strengthen the work in the home communities.

At this meeting, the following officers were elected: Evelyn Henry, president; Lyndon Gammalson, vice-president; Muriel Molenaar, secretary-treasurer; and Wayne Holland, sergeant-at-arms.

The club meets on the first and third Fridays in each month in Room 217, Engineering Building.

### THE LITTLE CHRIST

The stable roof was slant and mean,  
The rushes on the floor spread thin;  
There was no fire to warm him by  
When the little Christ came in.  
There was no fire to warm him by,  
They laid him in the prickly straw;  
The humble, witless oxen saw  
How helpless he did lie.

So helpless, and the stall so dim!  
And yet, so near, the darkness riven

Of an archangel chanting him  
With cherubim and seraphim:  
"Glory to God in Heaven!"

His tiny whimper brake above  
The patient sound of Mary's sigh;  
The drowsy cattle stirred to hear  
The little Christ's low cry.  
The silent cattle heard him weep.  
And waked, and lifted gentle heads;  
Careless, nearby, on dreamful beds,  
The inn-folk were asleep.

While, to their rocking camels bent,  
Three dared the desert from afar.  
One clear light in their firmament,  
One cry among them as they went—  
"The Star, the Star, the Star!"

### Borgeson Orchestra Plays For Thanksgiving Ball

Upon entering the gymnasium on Wednesday evening, November 23, we found decorations consisting of maroon, gold, and green streamers suspended from the running track with tall cornstalks forming a background and cedar boughs covering the lights were all in accord with the spirit of the occasion, the annual Thanksgiving Ball given under the auspices of the Boys' Athletic Association.

Faculty, student, and alumni enjoyed dancing to the rhythm of Howard Borgeson's orchestra. When the numbers were being played very few were in the sidelines. Many remarked on the pleasure of dancing to good music.

At ten-thirty everyone was served a glass of orangeade and after a short social visit and a few more dances the gong struck twelve and the orchestra played "Home Sweet Home."

The committees responsible for the success of the dance are as follows: invitation committee, Marion Noble, chairman; Ruth Iverson, Ruth Otterness, Harry Nelson and John Marrs; refreshment committee, Cleve Johnson, chairman, Margaret Lind and Kenneth Turnham; decoration committee, Gilman Hoven, chairman; Russell Hoven, Howard Baer, Lambert Erickson, William Haight, Doris Axelson and Alice BuDahn; checking committee, Alvin Sethre, Elmer Hexum, and Allen Solem. The chaperones were Principal and Mrs. J. O. Christianson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Berggren, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peterson, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Birder.

Among the alumni and former students whom the reporters recognized were: Julia Hoven, Sadie Hoven, Gemila Clementson, Conrad and Joel Clementson, Ben Lewis, Florence Peterson, Albert Nelson, Barbara Hallquist, Olga Fruechte, Mildred Falk, Myrtle Sunness, Allen Baughman, Carl Johnson, William Erickson, Mae Otterness, Robert Garbe, Harold Bielenberg and Obert Loken.

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### 1933 Agrargian Dedicated To Fathers and Mothers

In these days of independence we sometimes neglect to express our gratitude to our parents who may be striving and sacrificing for us. But the fact remains that we are grateful for their untiring efforts in our behalf, and as a tribute to parents the Seniors of '33 will dedicate their Agrarian to "Fathers and Mothers." The annual will have as its theme, student life. Plans for the arrangement and organization of the book are steadily progressing as the several members of the Agrarian Board concentrate their efforts on the work.

### Eugene Thotland Tells of 4-H Club Congress Trip

Because of my success in a dairy calf project, I was sent to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago as a delegate from Hennepin county by the Minneapolis Journal.

At nine o'clock Saturday morning, November 28, the delegates left St. Paul, arriving in Chicago at 7:10 o'clock the same evening—a fast trip. The next day being Sunday, we attended church, and spent the afternoon visiting the Field Museum and the Planetarium at the Field Museum. We found everything from ancient coins and stone coffins to famous paintings. I took particular interest in the groups of mounted animals. At the Planetarium, which is built for the 1934 World's Fair, we were shown pictures of the stars and planets. The ceiling of the dome is like the sky, and can be made to change and show where a planet is on Christmas Day, 1933, or a thousand years later.

At the International Livestock Show we found a show very similar to our livestock show. However, the exhibits were larger and included one of varieties of grains. Draft horses featured the horse show.

In the 4-H Club building the girls had a very fine exhibit of canning and of clothing, and the boys had eggs, potatoes, cotton, peanuts, and other farm products on display.

An interesting event of the trip was the fifteenth annual Thomas E. Wilson day. At the banquet that day, club members were arranged in small groups for the sake of sociability. After dinner, a good program was given, but the greatest thrill came when Mr. Wilson introduced Amelia Earhart, the woman who mastered the dangerous flight across the Atlantic alone last summer.

At the 4-H club banquet, given at the Belmont Hotel, most of the prizes were awarded and the Minnesota delegation was happy when Dorothy Eihler was chosen as the healthiest 4-H club girl in the nation.

On Wednesday evening, I was one of ten lucky Minnesota 4-H'ers who were invited to have dinner with Jane Addams at Hull House. Until we got there, I did not know what a famous woman I was to meet. Hull House is a neighborhood house which aims to help the needy people of Chicago.

I had several experiences that were new to me, among them was my first train ride which was a thrill at first, though it got rather tiresome. This was my first visit to Chicago, and also the first visit outside of the state. I shall always remember the trip and know that other 4-H'ers who may receive such a trip as a prize in the future will enjoy it as much as I did.

Eugene Thotland

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MINNEAPOLIS CAMPUS



## Home Problems Offers Boys Surprise

Miss Ella J. Rose of the home economics division says the boys will have the opportunity of choosing the subject matter they want taught in the course called Home Problems.

This is not a new course for it has been open to boys only for a number of years, but it has dealt chiefly with food selection and food preparation. At the close of the course the boys in the class have taken turns in inviting guests to a three course dinner which they have prepared and served.

This year the boys who register in this class will find that they may choose to include in this course besides food selection and food preparation such subjects as how to select clothing, how to judge materials used in men's clothing, how to make a clothing budget and to get the most for one's money, and because a man usually provides the money necessary to equip a home, boys in the home problems class may choose to study house furnishing and learn what equipment to choose and how to budget costs.

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## Interscholastic Debaters To Meet Teams From Sister Schools

Miss Langtry, debate coach, has announced the selection of members of the debate teams which will meet the Morris team here on March 10 and the Crookston team there on March 11. Harry Nelsen, Myron Clark and George Wilkens will defend the affirmative side of the question, Resolved: That at least one half of all state and local revenues should be derived from sources other than tangible property, at Crookston. The members of the negative team, Russell Hoven, Carol O'Daniels, and Melvin Kullhem, will debate the question with the Morris team. All are experienced debaters with the exception of Russell Hoven and Melvin Kullhem.

Miss Langtry has introduced a new feature into the debate program, the selection of a girls' team which will debate locally one of the boys' team, depending on which side of the question they choose to debate. Margaret Lind, Alma Hamman and Edith Molenaar are the girls chosen to make the team.

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## Dormitory Girls Fete November Birthdays

What lucky girls they are! Born in November, Verona Haseman and Evelyn Henry, were the guests of honor at the birthday party celebrated at the girls' dormitory on Sunday evening, November 13.

"Happy Birthday to You" greeted them when they joined the girls seated about the parlor, where the time was passed in telling stories and doing tricks. Popped corn and marshmallows toasted before a glowing grate fire were the refreshments served. Margaret Lind and Dorothy Fruechte were members of the committee that assisted Miss Matson plan and direct the party.

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Edith Molenaar was elected to membership on the executive committee of the Minnesota Federation of Unitarian Young People at their 9th annual gathering at Hanska in June.

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It Is Winter on the Hill

## Mendenhall Elected Captain 1933 Harriers

Dick Mendenhall was unanimously chosen to lead next year's harrier team at a recent meeting of the squad. After the votes were counted Johnny Marrs made a short talk, praising the boys for their diligence and co-operative spirit throughout the season, and calling on the new captain for a few remarks.

Dick pointed out that now was the time to begin preparing for next year. Most of the boys will be back and should have improved due to this year's experience and another summer on the farm. The new leader was the first of the Aggie team to cross the finishing line in every race this fall. In the last meet, he tied the record for the two mile course, which was set by Martin Dankers in 1930.

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## Mendenhall President Of Boys' Athletic Club

Hjalmar Hulin presided over the meeting of the Boys' Athletic Club which met on October 3 at the gymnasium when Richard Mendenhall was elected president. The other officers of the organization are: Russell Hoven, vice-president; Melvin Kullhem, secretary-treasurer; and John Marrs, athletic manager.

The chairman appointed, Russell Hoven, John Marrs, and Melvin Kullhem to act as a committee to draw up rules for an Ag Lettermen's Club. The duty of this committee is to decide who shall be eligible to the membership in the club. The question to be decided is whether or not all who have either block or varsity letters shall be admitted or just those having varsity letters, the latter being the major award.

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## Cross-Country Season

The Aggie cross-country team finished the season by losing to the strong University freshmen outfit on November 12, and by taking second place in the annual St. Paul Y. M. C. A. run on Thanksgiving morning.

For the first time in the seven years that the Y event has been run, it was held at University Farm. Thus the danger of running through down-town

traffic was avoided, and the runners did not suffer the injury to feet and leg muscles that usually accompanies racing on a hard pavement. It is hoped that the Y meet will be held here every year in the future.

A summary of the season's results follows: (Low score wins in cross-country)

Oct. 22, Inter-class run: Juniors, 8; Freshmen, 24; Oct. 28, Aggie Squad Race: Jack Rabbits, 26; Greyhounds, 29; Nov. 5, Dual meet with Hamline: Aggies, 16; Hamline, 20; Nov. 12, Dual meet with U. Frosh: Freshmen, 22; Aggies, 33; Nov. 24, Y. M. C. A. run: Hill and Dale Club, 18; Aggies, 41.

The members of the Jackrabbit team were Mendenhall, Stark, Anderson, Stone, Kullhem, Bianchi, and Ellens. The Greyhounds were Tonn, Rarig, Holland, A. Nelson, Duane, R. Nelson, Marrs, Hoven, Sonstegard, Miller, Clark, and Johnson. The choosing of two such teams from the Aggie squad for an early season training race is an annual feature of the cross-country season, and always produces some close competition.

Horace L. Thomas, assistant in agronomy, has been assisted in coaching the team by Harry S. Trelogen, assistant in dairy husbandry. Both did the work without compensation and have as their common reward the knowledge that each member of the team gives them credit for whatever successes the team has enjoyed.

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## Doris Axelson President of Girls' Athletic Association

Girls, let's all work to be members of the G. A. A. Club. It is going to be lots of fun! On Wednesday evening, November 9, we had a meeting and elected our officers for the year. Doris Axelson is our president; Martha Baumhoefner, vice-president; and Esther Bajari, secretary-treasurer.

To become a member of the G. A. A. Club, each girl must earn 100 honor points. This must be done by keeping a health record for four weeks. Other ways of earning honor points are by hiking, skating, swimming, perfect attendance in gymnasium, field meet, holding offices in G. A. A. Club, volley ball, basket ball and other sports. A bronze pin will be given each girl who earns 2,000 honor points.

## Hoogeven Appraises Basketball Material

A squad of 29 candidates has been reporting for basketball practice under the direction of Coach Hoogeven twice a week at the gymnasium.

Inexperience is the greatest handicap of the group. Most of the boys have played very little basketball and it may take some time before they play in good style. Fundamentals have been taken up in most of the practices thus far. From the few scrimmages that have been held considerable speed was shown.

There is a fighting spirit, plenty of determination and a good morale in the squad. If this continues, a good team will be worked out by Coach Hoogeven and assistant Coach Friese.

The players on squad are: Carl Anderson, Robert Ashback, Herald Barton, Ralph Churchward, Edwin Cutting, Vernie Clementson, Joe Duane, Henry Ellens, Sam Franz, Paul Haven, Elmer Hexum, Gilman Hoven, Alden Josephson, William Kanduth, Graydon McCulley, William Miller, Glenn Miller, John Marrs, Edward Norton, Ted Stark, Alvin Sethre, Frank Taylor, Carl Tonn, Kenneth Turnham, Charles Waldo, Arnold Widmark, Kenneth Wharton, George Wilkens, and Palmer Landro.

Kenneth Wharton is out at present with a sprained ankle.

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## Cecil Birder Tops Symphony Program

Cecil Birder and Clyde Stephens step out of their roles as instructors in the department of music to be soloists with the University Symphony tonight. So read the announcement of the concert in the Tuesday, December 14, Minnesota Daily.

Several students in the School of Agriculture were attracted by this notice and attended this concert. Mr. Birder was well received by the audience and responded to several encores.

The program of this concert would have meaning to former students and alumni of the school because the conductor of the symphony, once the head of the music department and conductor of the orchestra and band, was Abe Pepinsky.

Cecil Birder is known to students in the school as teacher of voices, dramatic coach and godfather of the freshman class. He is also an instructor in the department of music in the University, has classes at St. Catherine's College, leads the choir of a Twin City church, and is frequently heard over the radio.

The program which was presented at Northrop Memorial auditorium was as follows:

Symphony No. 1, in E minor *Sibelius*  
Andante (ma non Troppo)  
Allegro energici  
Andante (ma non Troppo lento)  
Scherzo. Allegro  
Finale, quasi una Fantasia  
Radamisto "Aria di Polissena" *Handel*  
L'Elisard d'amore "Uni furtiva lagrima" ..... *Dowizetti*  
Mr. Birder

Concerto No. 1, in E sharp major *Liszt*  
Allegro Maestoso. Tempo giusto  
Quasi Adagio  
Allegretto vivace  
Allegro marziale animato  
Mr. Stephens



## Assemblies

**November 4**—Mr. Lamb is a member of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. and the secretary for the state of Minnesota. His message to us, punctuated with his humorous mannerisms, found instant response. Is your interest in how cute and smart you can be in winning a game or is it in getting the greatest amount of joy out of it? He criticized the attitude of the fans on the sidelines who devoted all their energy in booing and jeering the player to make him display his poorest instead of encouraging him to do his best.

**November 5**—Don White is a magician that we would like to imitate. After he had baffled us by his sleight of hand in making the little green balls appear and disappear mysteriously, he proved that Myron Clark and Paul Popken had weaknesses in arithmetic by showing that they held six and ten cards, respectively, in their hands instead of eight each as they themselves had counted. His other tricks with rings, colored silks, and bowls of expanding rice were further instances of his skill and dexterity.

**November 9**—Ralph Mimbach demonstrated what can be done with organized noises emitted from a saxophone in a solo and an encore!

Mr. Christianson gave us the returns on the election and interesting facts concerning it. The total of 472 electoral votes for Roosevelt as compared to 59 for Hoover was the largest majority given a presidential candidate in the history of the nation. Because of the abnormal conditions of the country the returns were unusual and states which have never before gone Democratic turned in veritable landslides.

**November 11**—A special number by the faculty-student orchestra, Mr. and Mrs. Boland, Ralph Mimbach and Arthur Fahland, delighted their listeners.

Mrs. A. J. McGuire, vice-president of the State League of Women Voters, reminded us again of the dreadful cost in money, lives, and happiness suffered in the war to end war, where thirty million were killed and wounded and a gross of 337 billions of dollars were spent in destruction. All this she attributed to the lack of world organizations for peace and the presence of huge armaments. Since the close of the World War the trend of thought has turned away from the idea that war is inevitable. It is up to us to contribute thought, word, and deed for promotion of world peace.

After this talk had revived our realization of the monstrosity of war, we arose and paid silent tribute to the Aggies who gave the supreme sacrifice in the late war. Mr. Boland played "Taps" and we left with a determination to do our utmost in furthering world peace and understanding.

**November 12**—Mr. Christianson gave an estimate of the number of passengers per car in each country. We found that we could ride quite comfortably in this country, but should we be asked to join all the Chinese in a caravan riding in the cars they possess, we fear that we would be tempted to politely decline.

The movie, "The Fourth Necessity of Life," depicting transportation, shown under the auspices of General Motors Company, disclosed some interesting facts in the mass production of automobiles.

**November 15**—The Boys' Glee Club pleased their audience with the song, "Billy Eatin'."

Mr. J. Smith of Indiana was at University Farm this week attending the beekeepers' convention. We agreed with him that the life of a bee was romantic after we had heard of their methods of choosing their home sites, building their homes and cells, gathering their nectar and making the honey. Truly they are engineers which could merit degrees enough to make a professor green with envy.

**November 16**—Music was the theme today. After a fine opening selection by the faculty-student orchestra, we listened to a program by the accordion artist, Mr. Hilding Bergquist, who often plays from radio station WCCO. He played the popular tunes and also caused large smiles of pleased response from the Scandinavians in the audience when he played "Fiskar Valzen," "Janta och Ja," and other favorites.

**November 18**—We were glad that called assembly gave us a longer time to listen to the speaker today. Mr. A. J. Olson, president of Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation and member of the Board of Regents, introduced the speaker, Mr. Lucius Wilson of Michigan, who spoke under the auspices of the Farm Bureau. How will we emerge from this period of deflation? Why are we all broke in the midst of abundance? These, he said, are the vital questions of today. He agreed with many economists that it was not overproduction that deflated prices but the decrease in circulation of money. The best remedy is not to decrease the mountain of production but increase the molehill of money.

**November 19**—The short movie sketches today were sponsored by the American Public Health Society and the manufacturers of Nashua blankets. We were impressed by the contamination that can be spread by careless handling of water and yet it has such a tremendous importance in body functions. The "factory scenes in which raw cotton finally emerged in carefully woven and dyed products answered many questions about textile making.

**November 22**—Alice Bu Dahn sang "The Moonbeam." Mr. B. O. Williams told how to get the most out of the School of Agriculture. He said we come here to widen our scope of knowledge, to develop culture and refinement and to increase our opportunity for service. The best way of utilizing the school is to budget one's time and cultivate systematic and thorough habits. He stressed "do things that you do not have to do; become engaged in extra-curricular activities." Get the habit of reading while getting your education and training. School merely trains so one must develop his own character.

**November 23**—Harmony exemplified! Arlene Anderson and Edith Molenaar in two songs "Thanksgiving" and "Keep A'going."

We always expect an interesting talk from Reverend Gilmore when he appears in assembly. When Mr. Christianson announced Reverend Gilmore would give us a book review of books he had read, we knew that we were to hear an especially interesting talk for we had heard him discuss this topic before. In his review he spoke of John Calvin who had similar conditions as those of today to contend with such as: economics for the farmer, substitute for the saloon, and loss of interest in the church. His description of the novels "Inheritance" by Phyllis Bentley and "The Answering Glory" by Hutchinson will undoubtedly influence many to read them.

**November 25**—A vocal solo "My Dreams" sung by Arlene Anderson was the special musical number.

Miss Ella Rose of the Home Economics Department took a trip through Europe by auto this summer, starting from in front of the Home Economics building and taking the auto across the ocean, landing in France. In the 6000 miles of driving in Europe she and her party experienced but one flat tire. Few people can give such an interesting and accurate description of a travel trip as Miss Rose and besides that she showed examples and goods and souvenirs from the countries through which she had traveled.

**November 26**—Today we traveled to Tripoli by moving pictures instead of a traveler's talk. We noted that the natives of Tripoli had a few customs that were similar to those seen in the travels over Europe yesterday. A short cartoon sketch illustrated the song "Russian Lullaby" by Arthur Tracy, the Fox sound film artist.

**November 29**—Mr. and Mrs. Boland and Ralph Mimbach, the cornet trio, played "One Fleeting Hour" as Miss Wendt accompanied them on the piano.

Maybe Mr. Tirko is not responsible for the juggled condition of the country, but after we watched him juggle seven balls at once and four Indian clubs, balance a large ball on a round rod held in his teeth, and do three things including juggling balls, balancing a staff on his chin and twirling a ball on one finger we would be inclined to believe that he was capable of creating such a condition. Mr. Tirko became interested in juggling by attempting to juggle three pebbles at a time as we have often tried also. He offered to help us learn if we came to the St. Paul Y. M. C. A., where he is now staying.

**November 30**—Earlier in the term Miss Ruth Segolson discussed her trip through Europe but the allotted time did not allow her to complete her talk. We were so interested that we asked her to come back again. Today she told us that she found out that the famous blue Danube was not blue but a greenish-gray. In Venice all the streets were canals. The St. Marks church, which is one of the most beautiful cathedrals in the world, has no stained glass windows. In Budapest she viewed the car in which the archduke whose assassination aggravated the World War, was riding at the time of his death.

**December 2**—Dr. F. M. Elliot, pastor of the Unity church in St. Paul, declared that the qualities of heroism and patience which many people of ill health possess have been acquired at too high a price for us to disregard ill health. The dread plague, called T.B., demands attention and restraint. The assistance derived from Christmas seals is more vitally needed than ever before. Worry, lack of rest, and improper nourishment which are most prevalent in times of economic stress aggravate the disease. The death rate from T. B. is greatest in the years when a young person is in the years of greatest promise.

**December 3**—The grades for the first eight weeks of school had been compiled. They revealed some outstandingly low marks among the satisfactory ones. When one stops to consider, holding up the walls of the P.O. becomes an expensive privilege if nothing else is accomplished during the school year.

The Fox news-reel offered a fine opportunity for becoming informed on

the current events. The travel picture of the Japanese whaling ship indicated that not all the big fish (or 'are they mammals?) get away.

**December 6**—We sang several songs and then sang some more songs. Betty Phelps and Margaret Roehl tap-danced. The Girls' Glee Club sang "Sometime—Somewhere" and Miss Wendt played the accompaniment. Mr. Christianson named some of the motion pictures which are being considered for the winter term social program, and we voted by ballot for those which we wished especially to see.

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## Girls Are Honor Guests—Boys Are Go-get-'ers

Fifty go-get-er's went to the girls' dormitory to get them! Their idea was to bring all the girls over to Pendergast Hall to spend the evening with them. Were the girls surprised? Only Miss Matson dared to go to the door to admit the boys!

Having arrived at Pendergast Hall, the entertainment committee divided boys and their guests into four groups, the several groups being assigned to the hallways on the three upper floors to play games under the direction of Graydon McCulley, Melvin Kullhem and Ted Stark, and to the amusement room on the first floor to tell stories and eat popcorn which was served by Wayne Holland, Bob King, Herald Barton and Elmer Hexum. At a blast from Myron Clark's whistle, the groups shifted from floor to floor until the rounds had been made.

Then all tramped to the club room where Myron Clark introduced those who took part in the program. Mrs. Phillip Larson, once teacher of voice, led the enthusiastic group singing. Professor Rarig, chairman of the speech department of the University, read a number of poems of modern poets. A short comedy and movie closed the program. Myron Clark, Joseph Duane and Ted Stark were the committee in charge of the party which was held on Sunday evening, November 20, at Pendergast Hall.

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## Hunting for a Senior? Look at His Hand

On it is one of those snappy ruby (synthetic) studded class rings. The senior girls are wearing them, too.

Another distinguishing mark? Senior boys and girls attend class meetings bristling with business. On November 28, the class organized a campaign for the advance sale of tickets for the St. Olaf Choir concert to be held on the Sunday following Field Meet and Homecoming day, February 5. If advance sale is satisfactory, the concert will be given under the auspices of the class, the net proceeds going to Agrafian fund.

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## New Awards Plan Studied by New Committee

Johanna Hognason is chairman of a faculty committee appointed by Principal J. O. Christianson to revise present system of letter awards so that recognition may be given to students excelling in any or every extra-curricular activity. This plan is to go before the faculty in January. Other members are Mr. Robert Thompson, Mr. D. W. Boland, Miss Gladys Kaercher and Miss Langtry.

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## Scholastic Achievement

What does scholastic achievement mean to you?

To some people perhaps scholastic achievement suggests poring over books continually and sitting up late into the night studying, and giving up all extra-curricular activities. If that were all that it could mean to us it would be of little satisfaction. There is always a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that one has put forth his best efforts in doing a task well. Why shouldn't students be just as eager to do the task of school work well? If not, why spend the time attending school if you do not try to get the most out of it? Students sometimes say they are doing the best they can, yet if some other person were to tell them the same thing, they would resent the idea—because they themselves know they are capable of doing better.

Must one give up all extra-curricular work to be able to achieve scholastic honor? No, more often it is the student who has achieved scholastic honor who is the most active in extra-curricular work because he has tried to do his best in whatever he attempts to do. However, it does not mean that he is active in every extra-curricular activity, but he is 100 per cent active in a few and a booster for them all. No student can expect to be active in all activities, and yet achieve scholastic honors. There are not enough hours in the day to permit him to do this successfully.

Many students are at school at the sacrifice of some member of their families. Surely each student wants his family to be able to feel proud of him and feel that their sacrifice has been worthwhile. Who would want to go home and report himself a failure in scholastic achievement just because he didn't try?

When you go back into your home community, the people look to you as an example of the school. Is your scholastic achievement such that you will be a true representative of our school?

True, every student can not be at the head of the class, but every student can try his best to be near the top.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Should the School of Agriculture award a letter A to students who have excelled in activities other than sports? Think this over.

## There Is a New Way To Earn a School "A"

"Are you out to win an 'A'?" asked the new student who admired his new friend, the senior, John Max.

"Well enough," said he. "In fact, I'd be pretty tickled if I could, but, you see, I don't play basketball and can't run. So, you see, I've no chance to win an 'A.'"

"Isn't there any other way to earn one here? All the fellows say that you are the big guy here."

"That's all bunk. I haven't a chance to earn a letter," insisted John.

"My older brother is a senior in a school where they say every student is a candidate for a school letter. There are dozens of ways of earning points besides in athletics."

John was not certain about the wisdom of such a plan and asked if that would not make the letter too common, so his visitor went on to explain how the number was limited.

"Of course, all members of each athletic team have a chance to earn the school letter, but if all a member does is to play the game, he is not likely to get a school letter. You see, for instance, the school has listed all the officers in student activities and fixed a certain number of points that each can earn while in office. A score can be as low as '0.' Those entering school contests, such as debating, public speaking, and livestock judging, can earn points toward a school letter, too."

Still not satisfied, John asked:

"Can one earn points in more than one activity? Will it help to take part in more than one? Can the girls compete for letters?"

"Sure they can, because every student has a chance. And if he is active in many school affairs, he gets more points than if he gives all his time to one."

The next question John asked was, "Who decides how many points a student can get? How is that going to be settled fairly?"

"That is done partly by getting student and faculty opinion to check on a student's achievement. Scholarship will count, too, for the letter is a recognition of a student's work as a whole for a year."

"What kind of a letter do they award? Is it like the one given to athletes?"

"No, for the athletes are given the same kind of letters I've seen the boys wear here. The School letter is a simple gold pin either worn as a fob or pinned on one's clothes. So wherever you meet a letter person from that school, he will be recognized by that pin."

"What I'd like to know is how many points a student would have to earn to get a letter?" said John, thinking aloud as he spoke.

"I don't know, but if you want me to, I'll write to my brother and ask him to send me his score book. Every student gets one."

"All right. I'm sure the fellows would like to know how it works. Get it as soon as you can, will you?"

"Bet I will. I've got to go to class now. See you later?"

"Okay!"

Left alone, John goes to his room and figures out his honor points wondering how much they would count toward earning a school letter. "The plan sounds good to me. I wonder if we could work out a plan like that for our School?"

## REVERIE OF A FRESHMAN

The seniors always snub me,  
The juniors call me green  
The intermediates laugh at me  
And oh, it's just a scream.

But some fine day I'll show them all  
I'm not so small and green.  
I'll start right in to fool them all  
In ways they never dream.

I'll first go out for basketball  
And show them how to play.  
In drama I will charm them all,  
The idol of the day.

Cross country, track, and swimming, too,  
I'll tackle each in turn.  
I'll dazzle all with records new  
And golden medals earn..

The Agrarian Board will welcome me,  
My help will them delight.  
And on the School News staff I'll be.

Oh, boy! what news I'll write.

Commencement sneaker I may be,  
And president of my class.  
Then watch them all look up to me,  
When these things come to pass!

## Honor Scholarship Awarded

There are many ways in which students of the School of Agriculture may win honors, such as holding offices in the various student organizations, being elected to serve on the School News staff and the Agrarian board, and taking part in debate, oratory, and athletic contests; but the greatest honor is due those who achieve outstanding scholastic records.

Those awarded the Caleb Dorr winter term cash scholarships for 1932 are Walter Clausen, Rice, first; Esther Nelson, Winthrop, second; Myron Clark, Stewartville, third; Boyd Ehret, North St. Paul, fourth; and Robert Carr, 1923 Oliver Ave. N., Minneapolis, fifth.

The Caleb Dorr five-term scholarship of twenty-five dollars was awarded to Alma Josephson, a senior of 1932.

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## Johnston Quartette Wins National Honors

Two graduates of the School of Agriculture, Frederick, '28, and Howard Johnston, '29, of Hines, Minnesota, are members of the family quartette which won first place in the singing contest sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago on December 6.

Readers will recall that this quartette took part in the state contest held at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, last January, and there won the right to represent the state in the national contest.

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## Practical and Otherwise

They were speaking of the ruddy sunset which everyone was admiring during a recent cold snap when Clarence K. came into Pendergast Hall rubbing his hands and stamping his feet. Said Miss H., "Did you see it? The sun just fell into a furnace." Countered Clarence: "You mean it fell into a Frigidaire, don't you, Miss Hognason?"

## Freshmen Entertained At All-School Party

An old-fashioned country store was the setting for the party which took place at the gymnasium on election evening, November 8. It was given by the upper classes in honor of the freshmen.

Ham Popkens, the proprietor of the store and his clerks, Ken Turnip and Russell Sprouts, invited all their customers to come and enjoy a social hour at the store while political questions of the day were discussed.

The keys to grandmother's trunk must have been found because many garments of the early '90's were worn by several of the customers who accepted the invitation. Even Mr. Boland came dressed as a dutchman and brought with him his "Little German Band" which sat around the big oak heater and entertained the listeners with their music.

Upon arriving at the store each customer was given a party ticket, either an elephant or a donkey.

Tables of various election games were set up at one end of the store and at each table two democrats played against two republicans. The winners at each table were given paper money which had purchasing power at Ham's store. And what an assortment of articles to choose from. Counters were loaded with soap, glasses, socks, wash clothes, gold fish, corn plasters, vases, powder, flower bulbs and these are only a few of the articles which were offered for sale.

The boy and girl winning the most money in the games were pronounced President and First Lady of the Land and led the way to the White House where each person was granted some farm relief. It was the type of farm relief everyone appreciates at the close of a lively party—cider, doughnuts, and delicious caramelized apples.

A closing out sale at Ham's store gave the customers an opportunity to purchase something for the paper money which they had won to bring home and help them to recall the many joys of the party which seemed to end all too soon. But the fun of the evening didn't end with the party, for at the auditorium two movies awaited the happy group.

The committees which were responsible for the success of the party were: entertainment committee, Paul Popken, chairman; Melvin Kullhem, Margaret Lind, Alma Josephson, Cletus Hallquist; refreshment committee Marion Noble, chairman; Ruth Iverson, Dorothy Fruechte, Russell Hoven, Robert King; decoration committee, Russell Hoven, chairman, John Marrs, Goodwin Sonstegard, Ruth Otterness, Edith Molenaar, Gilman Hoven, Gerald Leuer, Eugene Thotland; invitation committee, Kenneth Turnham, chairman; Gilman Hoven, Antonio Fernandez. General arrangements committee, Paul Popken, chairman; Kenneth Turnham, Russell Hoven.

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## Gammalson Wins Bronze Typing Medal

A number of students in the Typewriting classes are attempting to win the awards which are given by the School of Agriculture for efficiency in typing. Robert Mechan won the Certificate of Award and Lyndon Gammalson the Bronze Medal in recent Official Tests. It is expected that several more students will succeed in winning awards before the close of this fall term.



**Gay Pajamas Lend Color To Dormitory Fete**

A pop corn and candy-making party on Tuesday evening, October 4, marked the beginning of many new Aggie friendships, when all the girls of the dormitory, dressed in their gayest pajamas, gathered in the parlor and waited to see what was in store for them.

It was not long before the girls were divided into three groups, each with a captain, and sent on mysterious journeys throughout the dormitory with mystic cards to direct them to the secret places. And what a journey! The phonograph, the attic, the basement and even the fire-bell yielded up the most curious objects and packages. Finally the secret was revealed, and each group set to work as directed. The results were taffy, pop corn and delicious fudge. Everyone had a hand in the making of something, and this proved to be one time when too many cooks did not spoil the broth. After the taffy had been pulled and pulled, the fudge cooled and the corn popped, the girls gathered around the open fire in the living room to eat the goodies, and to get acquainted.

And here is another secret. Not a single girl looked homesick, but how could she in an atmosphere that made everyone feel at home?

Dorothy Sterner was chairman of the committee that arranged this party in honor of the new girls. Other members of the committee were Alma Josephson, Dorothy Früechte, Edith Molenaar and Dorothy Seleen.

Note.—This interesting story had to be omitted on account of lack of space in the last issue of The School News.

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**Erhardt Bremer Will Lead University Harriers**

Erhardt Bremer '27 now a sophomore in the College of Agriculture was elected captain of the 1933 University cross country team at the close of the season. He was the only member of the 1932 squad besides the captain to be awarded the coveted "M" by the Senate committee.

The Minnesota Daily says of him: Bremer ran a steady brand of hill climbing all season. Coach Finger looks forward to a highly successful season under the leadership of Bremer.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Landwirtschaftsschule Wirtschaftsberatung**

These were the imposing words at the head of a letter from a former student in the University of Minnesota who is now in Treptow, Germany, in the school named above, a school of agriculture. The writer signs himself G. Harig and he says he is "very desirous of establishing friendly relations between students of your Minnesota School of Agriculture and students in our institution, Landwirtschaftsschule, Treptow, Rega, through correspondence." This letter is an outcome of inquiries made by the foreign correspondence committee of B. S. G. A. in the 1932 winter quarter. It is expected that the correspondence solicited in this letter will begun in the coming winter quarter.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Visitors Book in the principal's office is the official confidant of alumni who visit University Farm.

**Florence A. Brewster, Matron and Librarian in Early Years, Eulogized**

Students and graduates of the School of Agriculture prior to 1900 have very kind remembrances of Mrs. Florence A. Brewster, who during the early days of the school served as matron and librarian. Outside of these official duties she was the non-official house mother and nurse for those suffering from physical ills or from homesickness. These will especially appreciate the accompanying poem dedicated to her by friends at Tampa, Florida, where Dr. Brewster, the first principal of the school and Mrs. Brewster established Brewster Vocational School. This school has obtained signal success in providing educational facilities for the working classes.

Dedicated to Mrs. Brewster:

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us  
Foot-prints in the sands of time.  
Did the poet when he spoke thus  
Of the men whose deeds of gold  
Living ever in the memory  
More impressive than of old,

Know that women too were doing  
In their kind and gentle way  
Deeds of valor, deeds of greatness,  
Deeds of help we can't repay?  
There is one who seeks not honor,  
Gratitude nor worldly fame;  
One we know who is the donor  
Of our school and holds its name.

One who works for love of giving,  
Making foot-prints in the sand,  
Through her kindness we are striving  
In the world to make our stand.  
We, the boys and girls of Brewster,  
Hope to keep the name enshrined  
In our hearts, and in our bosoms  
Gratitude to her we find.

—By Mrs. A. W. Goodson  
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Donald McGillivray of the class of '26 stopped in at University Farm Saturday, November 12th, on his way north for deerhunting. He reports the coming of Donald McGillivray, Jr., into their home on May 3rd, 1932. We shall be expecting Donald McGillivray, Jr., to enroll in the School of Agriculture in the fall of 1949 or '50 to carry on the splendid record made by his father.

**Mr. and Mrs. Bassett Vacation in Southwest**

We left St. Paul on October 29 for a three weeks' visit in southwestern United States. We drove south thru Des Moines and Columbia, Missouri, where we spent part of the day visiting our daughter Marjorie, who is attending Stephens College. We also spent a few hours looking over the University of Missouri which is located at this place. From Missouri, we drove west to Kansas City, Topeka and Hutchinson, Kansas, where Mrs. Bassett got her first glimpse of the oil fields.

From Hutchinson, our route was straight west, leaving Kansas from a little town called Coolidge. Our next stop was at Trinidad, Colorado, where we met Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ayer. Mr. Ayer was, for many years, station photographer at University Farm. From Trinidad, we took a two-day trip north toward Denver. In this trip we had our first glimpse of snow-capped mountains. We planned on visiting a beautiful lake called Greene Lake which is something over 10,000 feet over the sea level, but were stopped by snow when about two miles from the lake. The country north of Trinidad is exceedingly mountainous and picturesque, a bounding in many beautiful trout brooks, snow-capped peaks, and a great variety of timber.

From Trinidad, we motored south over the Raton Pass. This pass is the same pass that was used by the old timers that went west when gold was first discovered in California and leads down to Santa Fe over the old Santa Fe trail. We stopped at Taos, an old Indian village, where we visited a Pubelo where 700 Indians were living in one house. From here, we went to Santa Fe, visiting the museum and some of the old Spanish missions.

From Santa Fe we went south to Albuquerque, then west to Gallup, then into Arizona as far west as Flagstaff. From Flagstaff, we went north to the Grand Canyon where we spent a day, then thru the Hopa Indian country to Tuba City. From Tuba City, we travelled south to Winslow, going thru the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest. From Winslow, we drove south to the Cimmaron Forest to the Roosevelt Dam, and from there to Phoenix, Arizona. We spent a couple days at

Phoenix which is one of the most beautiful towns in the southwest.

Phoenix is located in the center of the desert but supplied with irrigation water from the Roosevelt Dam. From Phoenix we travelled south to Tucson and east to El Paso and clear across the big state of Texas, by way of Dallas, coming to Texarkana which is located in Arkansas. The state of Texas is over 1000 miles across. From Texarkana, we travelled to Joplin, Missouri, then to Kansas City and home by way of Des Moines.

Our car was equipped with bedding so that we slept in the car nights, camping in the open. The weather during this time of the year in southwestern United States is sunshine over 99 per cent of the time. Nights are cool and days are warm, ranging in temperature from 60 to 80 degrees, depending somewhat on the latitude.

L. B. BASSETT

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**Lyndon Gammalson Succeeds Harry Nelsen**

The staff of the News has elected Lyndon Gammalson '34, to succeed Harry Nelsen, whose resignation from the staff was accepted at Miss Langtry's request. Harry was a member of the school debating team which defeated the Crookston debating team in the 1932 winter term and is selected to be a member of one of the 1933 debate teams which will meet teams from the sister schools of agriculture in the winter term.

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**County Agent Conference Attracts Alumni**

The annual agricultural conference has attracted a number of alumni to the campus. Among them were the following county agents: Al Sjowall, Washington; Walter Swenson, formerly assistant to Mower county agent; Hjalmar Anderson, Houston; Thorstein Grinager, Lake; J. I. Swedberg, Watonwan; M. B. Taylor, Beltrami; J. N. Taylor, Roseau; C. H. Schrader, Murray; Lynn Sheldon, Lac Qui Parle; W. A. Dickenson '04, Cottonwood; and Eugene Stower of Sherburne county. Obert Grover of Wilkin county is a former student whose high school education admitted him to college without graduation from the school.

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**Peck Directs Annual Service Conference**

Frank Peck, School '08, College '12, chief of the extension division, is rapidly recovering from a goiter operation performed on November 15. He planned and presided over the annual agricultural extension conference which was held at University Farm, December 12 to 15.

Some of the important out of state people appearing on this program were George Farrell, United States Department of Agriculture; Dr. B. H. Hibbard, University of Wisconsin; Murl McDonald, Ames, Iowa. Among the local people contributing to the program were Dean W. C. Coffey, Frank Peck, O. B. Jesness, E. C. Johnson, A. J. Olson, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau and member of the Board of regents, A. M. Field, and S. B. Cleland.



The Library Invites You to Study



## Alumni Make News

Victor Christgau, congressman from the first district, recorded his vote against the passage of the resolution in Congress to repeal the Eighteenth amendment. The resolution was defeated by a margin of six votes.

Lynn Sheldon, '13, after about fifteen years spent in county agent work, is retiring and will farm the old home place in Fillmore county. Mr. Sheldon came as county agent to Redwood county in 1923 and to Lac qui Parle county in 1929, and achieved conspicuous success in his work.

Oren Shelley, '31, and Herman Frederickson, '32, visited friends in Pendergast Hall early in December and reserved rooms in Pendergast Hall for the winter quarter. Oren will be employed in the agricultural economics department.

Nuel Olson, '22, of Cottonwood has been elected as a premier seed grower of Minnesota because of his outstanding work in the production of approved crop varieties. This award carries with it a trip to the Farmers' and Homemakers' Week in January and special recognition at the Crop Improvement Association banquet.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stone of Verndale, a daughter, in September. Married in June, Charley Baker, '28, and Pearl Webster. They are making their home in Owatonna.

Albin Miller, student in 1930-31, of Roseau county paid a visit to friends at University Farm early in December.

Reuben Nelson, '31, of Litchfield is attending Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois.

Allen Johnson, '21, was elected from the south half of the thirty-sixth district to the legislature in the November elections.

Bob Jeffers, ex '32, is managing a farm following a year spent in the Windom high school.

Paul Martz, student in 1930, of Montevideo is in the navy, his boat being stationed in the Philippines, where he and his mates are spending their leisure hours in organized play. Paul is a member of the swimming team of his boat.

Gordon Sayers, '25, and Sylvia Alton of Lakeville were married last June.

Rufus Christgau, School '20, College '25, now assistant professor of animal husbandry and athletic coach at the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston, was a visitor at Pendergast Hall on Saturday, November 26. He had brought seven boys of his football squad to attend the Minnesota-Michigan game. In defeating the Morris and Grand Rapids teams, Rufus' team had won the championship of the football league of the state schools of agriculture. He was very proud to report the progress of Alice Kathleen, aged four and Roger Alfred, aged two years.

Fred Brown, '30, of Dent is engaged in barberry eradication work in the southern part of the state.

"A prospective Ag from an Ag family," announced the arrival of Charles Frederick to bless the home of Porter, '22, and Adelia, '30, Olstad at Hanska. A dormitory room is reserved for him in the fall of 1950!

John Fruechte of '26 is operating an apiary at Verdi, Minnesota, in Pipestone county. He reports that he has 240 hives of bees.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Albright, classes of '27 and '26, respectively, announce the arrival of a baby girl on October 19th. Mrs. Albright was formerly Lucille Cook of Osseo.

Ada Oberg, student in 1923, is at home in Lake Wilson keeping home for father. Ada reports that a large part of her time is spent helping her brothers who are operating the home farm. The Aggie spirit will prevail. Ada says that she and Clare Odegard of Kenyon have written to each other regularly since they became acquainted at the S.A.U.M. in 1923. Ada has not been on the campus since 1924.

Carl Sierk, president of the class of 1932, reports having spent most of his time at home the past summer. He expects to return for intermediate work in the winter term, 1933.

Dr. E. P. Sandsten, S.A.U.M. '91, has recently been elected director of the Colorado Station. He was one of the first students enrolled when the school started in 1888.

Helmer and Stanley Lind have rented a farm near Winthrop.

Ralph Eckblad owns and operates a grocery and feed store at Cushing, Minn.

Hubert Schneider of Hastings, '32, married Agnes Schiltgren of Lake Elmo this past summer. They are living on a farm near Hastings.

Oswald Hallquist, '28, and Eunice Mehrkens, both of Red Wing, were married on Saturday, November 19. Cletus Hallquist, '30, was his brother's best man, and La Verna Mehrkens, the bride's sister, was her maid of honor. They will make their home in Red Wing.

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## Graduates of '29 Wed

Doretta Rasmussen of Comfrey and Percy Perretin of Carlos, both of the class of '29, were united in marriage on Monday afternoon, September 12, at the home of Muriel Day, '29, 2303 Standish St., St. Paul.

The bride wore beige chiffon and lace dress, and carried a bouquet of roses and daisies. She was attended by Clara Rasmussen, a sister, as bridesmaid, who also wore a gown of beige chiffon and carried a bouquet of roses and daisies.

Edward Hawkins attended the room.

After the ceremony a luncheon was served to sixteen guests. The couple left for a trip to Comfrey to visit the bride's parents. They are making their home on the Perretin farm at Carlos, Minn. Their many Aggie friends wish them luck and happiness.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Cowboy Songs Feature Dorm Party

The Girls' Dormitory was the scene of an unusual entertainment for the school students on Sunday evening, October 30. For the time being, the large living room was transformed into a little theatre in which motion pictures were shown as a diminutive screen. "Felix Puts It Over," a Krazy Kat picture, won many laughs and everyone enjoyed "Ella Cinders," the story of a modern Cinderella who made good in the movies.

The climax of the program was the arrival in person of Jim Jennings, cowboy crooner over WCCO. In his cowboy outfit, strumming a guitar, he presented a striking figure, and his repertoire of western songs brought enthusiastic applause. After the program was over, the girls and boys crowded around Mr. Jennings, as he told them about the Flying V Ranch in Newcastle, Wyoming, from which he has recently come to Minnesota.

## 1932 Agrarian Given Coveted Recognition

The 1932 Agrarian followed in the footsteps of its famed predecessors when the National Scholastic Press Association awarded it the highest yearbook rating—"All American." Two departments, the activities and student life, were highly commended or their degree of perfection. Miss Laura Matson, faculty advisor, has assisted the student staff gain this placing every year since 1927. Russell Hoven was chief editor of the 1932 Agrarian and Milton Swenson, the business manager.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Cecil Birder, Godfather, Class of 1935

## Freshman Reports Class Activities

We are the green and awkward freshmen whom our principal, Mr. J. O. Christianson, welcomed into membership in the School on October 3. We are as shy as we feel we ought to be in the presence of our big brothers and sisters, but know that ability and talent will be discovered in our group.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Birder have consented to be our god-parents, and we are looking forward to knowing them. "Today decides tomorrow" is our motto. Silver and rose are our colors and you will see them flying at the big field meet we hear so much about.

Mildred Munson,  
Freshman Reporter

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Gerardo Cueva Describes Sport of Kings to Juniors

As a drawing card at the December 1 meeting of the Junior class, Gerardo Cueva described a pastime known as the "Sport of Kings," but better understood as bullfighting, as he had witnessed it in his native country, Peru.

The class is grateful to Mr. Berggren, class god-father, for the attractive and amusing announcements he has designed and prepared for each meeting as well as for his regular attendance on class meetings.

Kenneth Turnham, class president, and the committee on athletics reserved the gym for the exclusive use of the Juniors on Wednesday evening, December 7, for try-outs in preparation for the February field meet.

## Y.M.C.A. Names Cabinet Kullhem Publicity Man

Jack Sleeper, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., has named the following boys as the cabinet of the School organization for the fall and winter, term: Lloyd Stone, Sam Franz, Harold Barton, Joseph Duane, Edwin Cutting, Glenn L. Miller, Elmer Hexum, Alvin Sethre, Chester Uilman, Myron Clark Paul Popken, Melvin Kullhem, Cleve Johnson, Hjalmar Hulin, Antonio Fernandez, Wayne Holland, and John Dunnwald. Meetings are held during the noon hour on Mondays at two week intervals. Plans are discussed on how the campus Y.M.C.A. can be of greatest service to the boys. Melvin Kullhem was elected publicity man, November 28. At the next meeting the cabinet will debate the question: "Resolved, It is better to be a good horsethief than a poor king."

Myron Clark was elected president of the Y.M.C.A. at the close of the School last winter.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Do You Know?

That the School News staff would appreciate having Wayne H. present at the meetings on Monday evenings on time.

That Goodwin S. can recognize a quiz even when it is given the second time in Miss Langtry's class.

That Francys Young occasionally spends a night at the girls' dorm.

That the Hovens blow the dust out of their P. O. boxes on the first of every month to make room for any mail that may happen to arrive.

That Grady was really puzzled when he said "What about this one? Is it hard seeing Nellie Home?"

That Clarence Kittleson went the go-get-ers one better when he phoned to M—, "Will you wait for me?" and she did.

That Harry N. has resolved to admire circles others draw whether every point on the weaving circumference is equidistant from the center or not.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Girls' Dormitory Scene of Thanksgiving Eve Party

Long before the hour set for the party, the guests began to arrive! And, as soon as the clock indicated the starting time, the card tables filled with curious players. On each table was a box containing a mysterious something. When the signal was given, jigsaw puzzles were emptied out of the boxes and the fun began. The applause of the winners was the signal for the move from one table to the next. The supply of puzzles exhausted, the crowd turned to playing cards for amusement, and the winners found that in progressing they sometimes became the losers and vice versa. These transformations were checked when Miss Matson and Miss Hognason appeared with cups of fragrant coffee and platters piled high with sandwiches and turkey cookies! Refreshment served, goodnights were spoken and the annual Thanksgiving eve party at the girls' dormitory came to a close.

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It happened in English VI class Cleve Johnson was having difficulty in defining the word *stippancy*. Miss Langtry suggested that he use it in a sentence. Cleve hesitated and then came this: "Let's *stippancy* whether I pass or flunk."



**Drama Class Presents  
Plays, Birder Coaches**

On Saturday evening, November 12, in place of the regular movie we were entertained by three one-act plays presented by the dramatic art class.

The curtain first rose on the scene for "If Men Played Cards as Women Do." The characters, Antonio Fernandez, George Wilkens, Carl Swanson, and Walter Clausen portrayed with humorous accuracy the conversations and mannerisms of a group of ladies at a game of bridge.

Joseph Duane took the part of Elmer in a scene which has its setting in the dining-room at the Collier home. The play "Elmer" was the story of how the "Kid" brother helps his mother and the petted twin sisters realize that they have unconsciously wronged their oldest sister by keeping her in the background while the charms of the twins were enhanced by the pretty clothes. Edith Molenaar was the uncomplaining sister, Arlene Anderson was her mother, Doris Amidon and Evelyn Henry were the twins, Margaret Roehl and Francys Young were maids of the household, and Carl Swanson and Rudolph Clausen were friends of the twins.

"The Choir Rehearsal" demonstrated the vocal ability of Cletus Hallquist, William Haight, Margaret Lind, Howard Baer, John Dunnwald and Neva Harris. The story takes place in Esmeraldy's house in Tucker-town on a spring evening long ago. Esmeraldy, Neva Harris, had been banished from the church choir when the deacons heard her play a song in a church which they did not consider a hymn. The new minister comes to see her about her absence from church and after she has explained her reason for not being there, he listens to her song and is impressed by the beauty of her voice. He convinces the deacons that the song is a hymn and Esmeraldy is again made happy when she is asked to rejoin the choir.

Numerous compliments on the productions have been heard. It must be remembered that Cecil Birder, the instructor in dramatics is in a large measure responsible for the success of these and many former productions. His efficient coaching and jovial patience have inspired all participants to their best efforts.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Boys and Girls Analyze  
Ideal Characters**

The boys of the Fellowship club have been holding meetings in the Y.M.C.A. room on nearly every Thursday evening, Jack Sleeper leading the discussions on topics of spiritual significance. On December 1, a joint meeting with the Girl Reserves was held in the Fireplace Room of the Home Economics building. Under the direction of Jack Sleeper, the boys listed and discussed ten of the characteristics which they considered an ideal man should possess. The girls then named the ten which they considered necessary. After both lists had been condensed each had five requisites which the other had not mentioned. The boys said pleasing personality, physical strength, honesty, high morals, and thriftiness, while the girls contended sense of humor, good physical appearance, generosity, intelligence and kindness were indispensable.

On December 8, Mr. P. L. Johnsrud will give a talk. Another joint meeting for the boys and girls is scheduled.

**At the Shows**

Warner Baxter gets into complicated situations when he promises his dying friend that he would go West and care for his family in the picture "Amateur Daddy" which was presented October 29. Marion Nixon, as the oldest child and on whose shoulders rests the responsibility of caring for the rest of the family and the ranch, resents his intrusion into her affairs but finally "love conquers all."

The scenery in "Igloo" shown November 5 was cold enough to almost congeal the blood of the audience. We would not relish being one of the all-star cast which crossed blizzard swept wastes, dodged crashing ice-floes, and was plunged into the icy waters when the areas of sponge ice parted.

The picture "Young America" which was shown on the evening preceding election day portrayed clearly the all too common misunderstanding which almost ruined a young boy's chance for happiness and success, when he was made the object of suspicion when any wrongdoing was committed, and would have sent him to the house of correction had it not been for the understanding of a juvenile judge and the kindness of a woman who had confidence in him.

On election day evening we enjoyed two shows while receiving the returns of the election. "Mystery Ranch" starring George O'Brien was a western play with scenery, riding, and gun-play. Will Rogers in "Ambassador Bill" brought the royal family together by his informal manners and common sense.

"The Doomed Battalion" presented November 19 came up to our expectations of a good show. It impressed upon us the cruelty, destruction, and hardships of war. One of the outstanding features was the trip by skis which the scout of the army made where the steep mountain sides enabled them to dash down too swiftly for the enemies sights.

We had all been waiting impatiently for "Tarzan the Ape Man" to be shown and were already for the presentation November 26. Johnny Weismuller gives us a remarkable example of swimming in his race for life with the man-eating crocodiles. It seems miraculous that a picture with so many wild animal characters could be successfully filmed.

December 3 was the date of showing for "Down to Earth," Will Rogers' humor and common sense were evident in the scenes occurring in the mansion and in his modest home to which he returned after the financial crash. Comments indicate that Will Rogers ranks high as a favorite actor.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Student Committee Leads  
Song Service**

Paul Popken is chairman of a student group including Melvin Kullhem, Edwin Cutting, Evelyn Henry, Dorothy Fruechte, and Marian Noble, which plans and leads the devotionals at song services. Neva Harris plays the accompaniment for group singing of hymns.

Mr. Watkins of the agricultural economics department has co-operated with the committee in securing speakers. Appearing in that capacity in November have been Frank Hopkins, a lawyer from Fairfax, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Hennepin county agent, Reuben Ginsberg, a Christian Jew, Melvin Berg, a student from the Lutheran Seminary.

**Dull Care Driven Away at  
S. A. U. M.**

Those not knowing what organization is functioning in the Old Dairy Hall on Saturday evenings might think that something has gone wrong. But it is only the natural outburst of a carefree group of students after the week's work is done.

When President Melvin Kullhem calls the meeting to order each Saturday evening, all present realize that the fun is just to begin. When Kenneth Turnham and John Marrs lend volume to the tune of "Yankee Doodle," it is indeed a wonder that the ceiling remains in position.

The program committee has furnished well planned programs, besides always arranging to have some surprise number for each evening. Those who have served on the program committee are: Esther Bajari, Emma Denison, Carol O'Daniels, Graydon McCulley, Lydon Gammalson, Carl Tonn, Elmer Hexum, Alvin Sethre, Harry Nelsen, Kermit Olson, Antonio Fernandez, Ruth Iverson, Zona Heller, Gerardo Cueva and William Thompson.

The newspaper interests the hearers because it relates many incidents which occur on the campus. Robert King, Myron Clark, William Thompson, Walter Clausen and Goodwin Sonstegard have edited it. The wants of the students have been broadcast by Ralph Mimbach, Kenneth Turnham, Betty Jonk, Carl Swanson and Carl Tonn, and jokes have been told by Ruth Otterness, Edwin Cutting, Carl Anderson, Ruth Iverson and Glenn Miller.

The applause which calls for encores is an expression of appreciation for the musical numbers which have been rendered by Margaret Lind, Neva Harris, Francys Young and Wayne Holland on the piano. Wayne Holland also entertains the listeners with his banjo and accordion music. Other musical entertainers are John Marrs with his harmonica solos, Ralph Mimbach on his saxophone and Cleve Johnson on his uke.

Readings and talks which always have a part on every literary program have been given by Rudolph Clausen, Marie Minar, Harry Nelsen, Margaret Lind, Myron Clark, and Carol O'Daniels.

Former students and alumni who have visited the literary and given talks were Gerrit Douwsma, Ted Kuhnau, Elmer Woehler, Wesley Moeching, Carl and Julius Gohl and Olaf Torvick.

Drive dull care away by coming to the S.A.U.M. every Saturday evening at 6:15 in 108 Old Dairy Hall.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Girls March in Priscilla  
Parade**

An old tradition was observed on Thanksgiving morning in the dining hall when the lights were turned off after the boys had found their places at the tables. From the hallway came the sound of girls' voices in song. Soon the girls appeared wearing Priscilla costumes and carrying lighted candles and singing "America, the Beautiful." After circling the room, they gathered in a group, making a lovely tableau, while they sang "Rejoice and Sing." The boys joined them in singing the Doxology after which the girls went to their several tables—and Thanksgiving day was properly begun on dormitory hill.

**Martha Collicot Plans  
Girl Reserves Meetings**

Martha Collicot, Y.W.C.A. secretary, is adviser to the Girl Reserves and helps plan the programs for the Thursday evening meetings. Because it is large enough to accommodate the group, the girls meet with Miss Collicot in her office, where the continued reading of "An Americal Idyll" is followed by a social hour.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Hallquist and Gonsales  
Headline Party Program**

School girls were the guests of honor at Pendergast Hall on Sunday evening, November 27, when Cletus Hallquist entertained with his skillful sleight of hand performances. Setting out to solve the farm relief problem, he produced a dozen eggs from the folds of a red handkerchief. Better than that, this famous magician converted a one dollar bill borrowed from a friend in the audience, into ten one dollar bills! He kept the nine new ones! Magic succeeded magic for nearly an hour.

Then Francesco Gonsales, a friend of Agapeto Savellano from the Philippines, sang a program of songs, accompanying himself on his guitar. The songs were in Spanish, English and his native tongue. His hearers demanded several encores.

The program closed with the singing of group songs.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**On January Eighth  
Registration Begins**

And on Tuesday, January 9, classes will be organized. Plan to be at the first session of each of your classes!

You who read this may be making an important decision. You know that you want to attend the School of Agriculture, but that ever present question, "How much will it cost?" has to be answered first. To answer that question and to establish your decision to come to University Farm this is written.

Here are the facts about school rates for Minnesota boys and girls:

Tuition .....	\$ 3.00
Activities Ticket .....	3.75
Gymnasium Fee .....	1.00
Post Office Box .....	.20
Book Rental .....	1.50
Health Fee .....	2.00
Room Rent .....	16.00
Board .....	37.70
Laundry .....	4.00
Deposit .....	5.00

\$74.15

The five dollar deposit is returned at the end of the term intact unless damage of some kind has to be covered.

Total Expense for Winter Term, Jan. 9 to March 25, including Board, Room, Laundry, Books, Tuition, and Entertainment .....	\$69.15
Total Cost for Day Students .....	\$11.95
(Those students who have not been here during the past Fall Term must add a deposit fee of \$5.00 to guarantee return of books and equipment used.)	
Monday, Jan. 9, is Registration Day	
Tuesday, Jan. 10, Classes Begin	





Snow Symphony

## Why Attend the School of Agriculture

J. S. JONES

Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

In connection with my duties as secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Farm Bureau and the Minnesota Live Stock Breeders' Association I have had the opportunity of getting into nearly every rural community in the state of Minnesota. Among the things that have contributed to the interest and enjoyment of these experiences in rural communities are the many examples of excellent rural leadership as demonstrated by the graduates and former students of the School of Agriculture. There are those who hold that our rural communities have been bereft of leadership and that agriculture is becoming a decadent industry. I fail to find general evidence to support this viewpoint.

It is true that the cities have drawn a host of competent persons from the country, but it is also true that there continues to be an abundance of material from which constructive leadership comes in the country. If you doubt this, study the list of graduates and former students in any community who have attended our Schools of Agriculture in this state. Check and find out what they are doing, and invariably you will find that they are modestly and quietly, without ostentation, making good in the conduct and operation of the farming business in their local communities. They are the men and women who are presiding over public functions of a farm nature,—who are maintaining, guiding, and directing the destinies of that little community organization which means so much to rural life. In so doing they are furnishing a practical demonstration of the value of educational training. Every farm young man woman should consider very seriously what a future farming has to offer compared with other activities that he or she may consider entering into as a life's work. Think of the background he or she may have had in rural experience. Analyze and observe what training in the School of Agriculture has done for those who have attended such schools, who they are and what they are doing, and prove what definite, special training in the School of Agriculture has done in making a man or woman a better artist in the job of farming. Think seriously before deciding where you could go into other fields that would offer better opportunities than does agriculture.

When we consider the superior opportunities that today are being offered

to the rural youth, in spite of the fact that the path of the farmer right now may be littered with adversity, we need but compare the situation of the farmer with that of other groups to find that agriculture, he first and most basic of industries, bears favorable comparison. There will always be a place in the scheme of life for the producers of foods, clothing and the essential necessities of mankind which must come from the soil, though possibly not with a high remuneration, but with a safe and sure return. That being true, it certainly behooves those contemplating farming as a means of life, and the farm as a place to live to prepare and better qualify themselves in this the most necessary and ennobling business of mankind. Such training is provided in the Minnesota School of Agriculture. I know from experience in many cases that the training in the School of Agriculture furnishes a broader perspective, through the realization, gratification and self-satisfaction of knowing how to take the materials of nature, combined with the knowledge of science to blend, produce and practice the greatest art necessary for the sustenance of mankind.

Attending a School of Agriculture will:

1. Bring to any farm boy or girl the broader perspective and show the necessity of agriculture and its possibilities in comparison with any other job, business or profession.

2. There the student receives training in science, research and investigation, brief but sufficiently comprehension, bearing on rural life.

3. Attendance at the School of Agriculture furnishes an opportunity to examine the latest facilities as provided by invention and science and to contact with people recognized as authorities and specialists in the various fields of activities relating to the farm business.

4. Attendance at the School of Agriculture furnishes the training that can be obtained in no other manner, in providing for a future sound citizenship and leadership. Agriculture's greatest need today is organization on a sound, constructive basis,—such organization coming from within and by the farm people themselves.

5. I have found in my experience that graduates and former students of the School of Agriculture are today occupying positions of leadership and trust in their rural communities, serving as officers in the farm bureau units, creameries, shipping associations, elevators, county fairs. To those of us who have been around for awhile struggling with the farm problem it is evident that the future of farming is very largely dependent on a thorough, complete organization embracing agriculture as a whole. To do this is a momentous task. The strength and stability of such organization will depend very largely on its leadership, which means a trained leadership coming from the farm home itself. The schools of agriculture furnish the greatest means of training young people for rural leadership that I know of. Such training as given at the age when the ideals of youth, combined with visions and

dreams of the future can make for effective leadership. In the School of Agriculture students have opportunities in literary societies, debating and dramatic clubs, stock judging contests, and daily assemblies wherein the best and biggest minds furnish an inspiration and a lesson in leadership, such as can be obtained in no other school.

I would suggest that after thorough, complete analysis and investigation of the future of agriculture, you take the initial step and decide that you will do your bit and make your life work furnish a small contribution to make farming what it should be and prepare for the better day that is surely coming to agriculture. Plan, prepare and determine that you are going to do this thing, that you will become a trained leader by attending the School of Agriculture.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## To Parents and Young Folks on the Farms

(Excerpt from radio address delivered over WCCO)

DEAN W. C. COFFEY

University Department of Agriculture

We have come to the time when provision for the adequate education of children is looked upon as a parental duty and it constitutes a vital part of what we may term a desirable standard of living.

But what kind of education? When it comes to the case of a certain child, we cannot say. Many factors enter into the determination of the type of education for the particular child. There is, however, a great basic industry, agriculture, which in these days of complexity and sources of power other than man power, requires more brains than brawn to run it. Despite low prices now, rest assured that this industry is calling for the service of trained minds and that minds trained to work in agriculture may expect to be rewarded quite as much as minds trained to work in various other fields.

I say, as emphatically as I can, that any capable boy or girl who likes to live in the country should be encouraged to stay there. And our country-minded children should have a type of schooling which fits them for working and living on the land. In our Schools of Agriculture they can get this kind of training. More than that, their respect for farming and

their ambition to engage in it will increase as they study in these schools. Boys have enrolled in our schools of agriculture hoping thereby to find a means of getting away from the farm only to have their viewpoint changed; as a result they have gone back to the farm with a new vision relative to the possibilities of country life.

The records being made by our School of Agriculture graduates on the farms of Minnesota are ample proof that more of them are needed in the state. Their ability as farmers and as leaders in their communities proves the value of the technical, economic and social training given in the School of Agriculture. The cost of this training to the individual is very low.

The economic depression which is upon us has made thousands poor who were well-to-do. Most of them are past the age of being able to recover their former standing. The hope of becoming well-to-do on the land or elsewhere rests largely with the young. Also, the responsibility of building a sound social structure, a structure in which the individual must not work selfishly, but rather for the common good, rests primarily with the young. You young people of the land who would plan to make it your place of habitation, come to our School of Agriculture at University Farm where the type of training offered is especially adapted to your needs. The training you will receive will assist you who have chosen to live in the country, in realizing the opportunities you seek and in preparing you for a citizenship which befits the finest ideals of our nation.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Principal J. O. Christianson has spoken at the following places during the past two months: On November 26, he addressed the Kanabec County 4-H Club banquet at Mora, and on December 3 the 5-point Club at Scottish Rite Temple.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Skit Broadcast by School Students

On November 18, students of the School of Agriculture continued their broadcast of the skit which they started two weeks previously, the same characters continuing in the parts and speaking from the School of Agriculture to the folks at home.



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