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## School Night Is Planned For Farmers-Homemakers

### Week January 15 to 20

School of Agriculture Night is scheduled for January 17 on the program of Farmers and Homemakers Week. Speakers will include Mrs. Agnes M. Boysen, Principal, Lyndale School, Minneapolis, on "Character Education"; F. W. Peck, co-operative bank commissioner of the Farm Credit Administration, and a graduate of the School, class of 1908; and it is hoped to have Victor Christgau, School class of 1917, Director, Crop Production Control Division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in the Department of Agriculture.

The Aggie Octet, accordion solos, cornet solos, and special student members will introduce the main entertainment of the evening.

Farmers and Homemakers Week will be held at University Farm for the week of January 15-20. Two hours of each half day, the short course will offer separate programs of classes covering the field of home economics, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, agricultural economics, crops and soils, agricultural education, rural leadership, etc. A dozen different lectures or demonstrations will be going on at the same time and each visitor will have a complete program enabling him to choose those he most desires to attend. Each speaker will allow time for questions and Saturday forenoon will be left free for individual conferences with University Farm staff members.

### General Assemblies

General assemblies will be held in the University Farm Auditorium to bring the entire group together. Outstanding speakers will include Victor Christgau, whose topic will be "The AAA Meeting the Emergency"; William H. Settle, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, a director of the Farmers National Grain Corporation, and a member of the National Wheat Allotment Committee of Four; Frank W. Murphy, Northwest Public Works Administrator; Dean W. C. Coffey; and President Lotus D. Coffman.

Mr. Settle will also address the School of Agriculture assembly on Tuesday noon. While the entire Farmers and Homemakers Week program is not a part of the School of Agriculture, it is open to all of the School students.

### New Features

New among the short course offerings will be a series of meetings on rural leadership, recreation and dramatics. Miss Ella Gardner, recreation specialist, U. S. Department of Labor, will give daily instruction in organized games and how to lead them. How to put on one-act plays will constitute another series of discussions and there will be daily forums on community leadership plans and methods.

A new feature will be the presentation of several one-act plays by county groups competing in the first statewide one-act play contest. Another contest will be the annual state male quartet contest sponsored by the Farm Bureau. Ten or more county quartets

## Welcome

Even though these are years of depression they are YOUR BEST YEARS, and I sincerely hope that everyone of you will make the most of them. I have heard so many young folks plan on attending some school but always qualify those plans by saying,—we'll see how things turn out. Usually those students did not enroll at any school but continued hoping things would turn out some way so they could enroll. The best way to get any where is to PLAN DEFINITELY on doing it and THEN GO AHEAD AND DO IT. Here at the School of Agriculture at University Farm you will find an institution that is intensely human, an institution where the main interest and primary objective is the training for better citizenship and more happy and successful living. We at this institution believe more in teaching than we do in testing. We recognize the fact that each individual is not exactly like any other individual and must be dealt with as a person having special aptitudes, likes, hopes and aspirations.

We are looking forward to a large enrollment this winter term. All student activities are already well under way. We have here nearly 250 fine young men and women from all over the state of Minnesota who will be back here the winter term to greet you as returning old students and incoming new students. To all of you, on behalf of the faculty of the School of Agriculture, I say WELCOME. You'll find all of us here ready to help you in every way possible.

J. O. CHRISTIANSON,  
Principal, School of Agriculture

are expected to compete on Minnesota Farm Bureau Day.

### State Seed Show

Of the numerous educational exhibits to be seen at the Farmers and Homemakers Week, an outstanding one will be the state seed show, sponsored by the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association. Another big event for crops men will be the Association's annual banquet and recognition of the 1934 class of Minnesota premier seed growers.

Unparalleled in Minnesota livestock annals will be the recognition of 12 of the state's pioneer livestock improvers by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association at its annual meeting Friday afternoon, January 19. Pictures and biographies of the 12 men will be presented to the University.

This is but a hurried look at the attractions of Farmers and Homemakers Week, practically all of which will be free. Persons interested should write for further information to the Director of the Short Course, University Farm, St. Paul.

### Livestock Judging Team Enters Valley Meet

Monday, December 11, was the great day for the many enthusiastic livestock judging teams present at the Red River Valley Shows at Crookston. More than 25 4-H Clubs high school, farmers club, and sub-collegiate teams competed in the livestock judging events which featured the day. Teams from schools of agriculture at Brookings, So. Dak.; Park River, No. Dak.; Crookston, Morris, Grand Rapids and University Farm were entered in one event.

The team from University Farm, which included Lyndon Gammelson, Edward Neeser, and Allen Connel, captured third place in the contest, the first and second places going to the Crookston and the Grand Rapids teams, respectively. The team is very grateful to Don Johnson, coach, for his careful training and to the animal husbandry division for making the trip possible.

### Four New Courses To Be Offered Winter Term

New courses in business, home economics, and literature are added to the program for the coming term.

A new idea in electives is being tried out in the new courses to be offered in home economics. Instead of enrolling in the course for a quarter, a student may elect one or all of the three units in the course. The units, "Renovation of Clothing," "Unusual Dishes," and "Desserts," will be given three days a week for a month and each entitles the student to one credit, or if all are taken, a student may earn three credits in a term.

The other new elective will be given in conjunction with the agricultural engineering division and is called "Home Crafts." In it such crafts as work in wood, metal work, and lamp shades may be made. This is a three credit course.

Five terms of Gregg Shorthand will be offered. The work has been so arranged that nine units of Business Courses will be completed each term. Correlated work in Alice Hunter's book, "Graded Readings in Shorthand," will also be studied. Suitable dictation will be given with each course.

The fifth term should be of particular interest to students who wish to continue training. Much dictation will be given on letters and literary articles at increasing speeds. Accuracy in transcribing from shorthand notes on the typewriter will be emphasized. Material from "Speed Studies" will be read, and special attention will be paid to the phrase work of this text as an aid in developing speed.

A fourth term of typewriting has been added to the curriculum. This course is for students who have completed the first three courses in typing and wish to develop more accuracy and speed on the machine. It is also for students who have allowed some time to elapse since they took their course in typewriting and again wish to become efficient. An effort will be made in this course to secure the highest typing awards which are given by the School for accuracy and speed in typewriting.

Those who think that reading will add to their pleasure, education, and usefulness in the future are invited to enroll in Professor Lansing's new course in Books and Reading offered for the first time in the 1934 winter quarter.

These are some of the questions that will be answered: What periodicals are most profitable, most entertaining? Which ones best report Current Events, Agriculture, Home Life, Mechanics, and other activities?

What books should form basis of a home library? Where can these books be bought? How much should one pay for them?

How may one secure a state traveling library? What is the best way to organize a magazine club?

There will be discussions of current literature, of how to read systematically, intelligently and to prepare one to feel at home in the world of print.

Students may ask their instructors for aid in adding these subjects to their programs.

## Girls Bring Christmas to Jean Martin Brown Tots

Twenty children from the Jean Martin Brown Home were entertained at the annual Christmas party given by Miss Matson and the dormitory girls. Principal and Mrs. Christianson and son John, and the class godmothers, Mrs. William E. Peterson, Mrs. Chester L. Berggren, Mrs. Cecil Birder, and Mrs. Don Johnson were guests at the party.

Martha Freuchte presided over the candle-lighted buffet table from which supper was served by Marion Hillier, Cornelius Hoy, Martha Rehs, Esther Bajari, Ruth Iverson, Marie Minar, Cynthia Moechnig, Emma Negaard, and Teckla Nelson.

### Program Begins

Gaile Prushek and Ruth Iverson, Lois Sheldon and Erma Fruechte as "Dancing Midgets" delighted the children with their songs, "Jolly Old St. Nick," and "U on the House Top." So did Wilma Soehren's reading, "Just a'fore Christmas." And then came the Rhythm Band marching down the stairs to the music of their fancy instruments. "Jingle Bells" and "Listen to the Music of the Rhythm Band" were two popular numbers that had to be repeated.

The telling of "The Story of the First Christmas" by the Story Lady concluded the program. Wilma Soehren, as the Story Lady, told it to the children, Marie Minar, Marcella Moechnig, Opal Sharberg, Myrtle Hoven and Martha Richs. As the story was told, the Wise Men, Marion Noble, Dorothy Sleen, and Pearl Huisenga, appeared followed by the Shepherds, Julia Hoven, Erma Fruechte, Bernice Grieg, and Esther Bajari, all in search of the Babe in the Manger. During this time, too, the girls' quartette sang the Christmas carols, "It came upon the midnight clear," "While the shepherds watched their flocks by night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The First Noel," "Away in a Manger," "Joy to the World," and "Silent Night." As the last song was sung, a screen in the background was removed and a tableau of Mary and the Infant Jesus with the Shepherds and Wise Men standing at either side was revealed.

### Gifts Distributed

There was a sharp ring at the doorbell and in came a jolly old Santa Claus (Klara Fogt) loaded down with a pack of gifts for everybody!

The beautiful Christmas tree was the gift of Bernice Grieg who had gone into the North Woods, selected it, cut it down, and brought it to the dormitory for the dormitory party.

Pearl Huisenga, decorations chairman, was assisted by Myrtle Hoven, Grace Crooker, Betty Jonk, Drusilla Lange, Dorothy Sleen, Gertrude Barsness, Joyce Hinds, Marcella Lind, Thelma Martin, Marcella Moechnig, Marvel Moechnig, Vivian Peterson, Leona Reineccius, Opal Sharbert and Margaret McGillen in making the wreaths and decorating the tree.

Wilma Soehren was chairman of the program committee. Other members were Marian Noble, Julia Hoven, Lauretta Purfurst, Marian Wardell, and Klara Fogt.

Don't forget to renew your subscription to The News. It keeps you in touch with Aggie affairs throughout the year.

## Choral and Glee Clubs Present Messiah at Christmas Assembly December 20

One of the last impressions of school most treasured by alumni is the Christmas assembly which is held on the last Wednesday evening in the term. The 1933 assembly is only on paper when the News goes to the printer but the stage is set with a handsome balsam, decorated as only a Christmas tree can be decorated with tinsel and colored lights as the center of interest. There will be the odor of balsam when the auditorium doors open to admit students and faculty to hear the program which begins at 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening, December 20.

There are two parts to the program—and this is how it reads:

### PROGRAM

#### Part I

March—"United Liberty"	- - - - -	Losey
"Flag of Truce"	- - - - -	Laurendeau

SCHOOL-FACULTY ORCHESTRA  
Directed by MR. BOLAND

#### Announcements

J. O. CHRISTIANSON

#### Christmas Carols

Assembly  
Adams

#### Cornet Solo—"The Holy City"

MR. BOLAND accompanied by MISS WENDT

#### Selection

##### "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Obligato Solo by MISS LOIS SHELDON

Directed by MISS WENDT

Double Quartettes

#### Christmas Message

DR. W. C. COFFEY  
Dean, Department of Agriculture  
University of Minnesota

#### Part II

#### THE CHRISTMAS MESSIAH

by Handel

Presented by the

GLEE CLUBS and CHORAL CLASS  
of the School of Agriculture

#### Accompanist, MISS LOIS WENDT

Director, CECIL BIRDER

#### Soloists

LOIS SHELDON, VIRGINIA BARWISE, PEGGY GREGG, JEAN SCOTT

Tenor Solo

I Introduction—Comfort Ye My People

Chorus

II And the Glory of the Lord

Soprano Solo

III He Shall Feed His Flock

Chorus

IV Thou That Tellest Good Tidings

Chorus

V For Unto Us a Child is Born

Chorus

VI a. There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field

Recitatives

b. And Lo, the Angel of the Lord Came Upon Them

for Soprano

c. And the Angel Said Unto Them

d. And Suddenly There Was with the Angel

Soprano Solo

VII Rejoice Greatly

Boys Chorus

VIII Why Do the Nations Rage?

Soprano Solo

IX I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

X Hallelujah Chorus

Sopranos: Virginia Barwise, Mary Dunnwald, Gertrude Manley, Peggy Gregg, Muriel Molenaar, Jean Scott, Lois Sheldon, Bernadine Strub, Mildred Monson, Martha Rehs, Opal Scherberg, Elizabeth Scow, Vera Smith, Doris Amidon, Grace Crooker, Joyce Hinds, Julia Hoven, Marie Minar, Cornelius Hoy, Bertha Josephson, Dorothy Sleen, Martha Fruechte, Lauretta Purfurst.

Altos: Martha Baumhoefer, Margaret Roehl, Doris Dellmore, Marjorie Taylor, Jean Wallraff, Mary Jane Matschke, Cynthia Moechnig, Marvel Moechnig, Marion Noble, Olivia Schwinghamer, Erma Fruechte, Pearl Huisenga, Elizabeth Jonk, Frances Kindy, Thelma Martin, Margaret Lind, Wilma Soehren, Gail Prushek.

Tenors: Joseph Kuhl, Emil Blomberg, Charles Worcester, Lee Dalton, Wayne Holland, Felix Schmiesing, Allen Solem, Oleen Sonstegard, Frank B. Johnson, Clair Anderson, Marcus Fosket, Norris Nelson, Joseph Smisek, Alvin Sethre, Robert Durkee, Wyman Hanson, Richard Johnson.

Basses: Kenneth Turnham, Ted Stark, Paul Haven, Cleve Johnson, Ralph Laugtug, Russell Nelson, Eugene Thotland, Edward McGee, Michael Deutsch, Leo Greer, Robert Whitney, Paul Peterson, Clint Peterson, David Mayo, Edwin Cutting, Raymond From.

## Dormitory Girls Go Christmas Caroling

True to old and loved tradition, the dormitory girls started out early in the morning of the last day of school to sing Christmas carols. Well wrapped against the cold and carrying Japanese lanterns, they proceeded about the campus, stopping at Pendergast Hall to serenade the boys who had had their ears cocked all night to catch the first word of the first carol. Then on into St. Anthony Park, the girls went to stop before faculty homes to sing their songs. Some of the homes which they serenaded were those of Dean Coffey, Principal J. O. Christianson, P. L. Johnrud, L. B. Bassett, Phillip Larson, Mrs. Hause, Miss Wendt, Miss Fisher, and Miss Steers. Breakfast was served at Pendergast Hall.

## Dr. Lundquist Conducts December Song Services

Beginning on December 3, for three successive Sunday mornings Dr. G. A. Lundquist, Executive-secretary of the Welfare Department of St. Paul and Ramsey County, conducted an interesting series of talks in song service.

Student leaders in charge of these services were Wilma Soehren, Emil Blomberg and Erma Fruechte.

On December 17, a mixed quartette, Alvin Sethre, Wyman Hanson, Lois Sheldon, and Peggy Lind, sang "Silent Night" as a special number.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." The Jacks and Jills on this campus know how to combine the two for best results.

## Christmas Comes to Pendergast Hall

Wreaths tied with red hung at all the windows, above the piano, above the book case.

And then two huge bundles of trees and boughs arrived. In one were five spruce trees from Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Howard, nee Clara Charmley of Sebeka and four spruce trees from Melvin Kullhem '32 and Henry Nelson of Palisade. Earlier in the month Melvin had written that he would scour a radius of twelve miles to get the finest tree!

Had the donors visited the club room after the trees arrived, they would have seen the room transformed. On one side of it, were set the two largest trees, both hung with lights and tinsel decorations and gauzy spiderwebs. The other trees marked the corners of the stage on which the program would be given. "I think I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree." Here were nine trees more beautiful than a poem. Arranged informally, facing this setting were chairs and davenport.

It was in this room, dim except for candle light and tree light that the dormitory boys gathered at 8:30 o'clock, on the last night of school. With them was Principal J. O. Christianson, their guest of honor. House president, Edward Neeser, presided over the program that began with the singing of "Jingle Bells" and Christmas carols by all.

Ralph Mimbach gave a clarinet solo, Roland and Gordon Johnson played a violin-clarinet duet. Joseph Kuhl sang "'Twas the Birthday of a King."

Ed Neeser had not finished the reading "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" when Buck Rogers (Norbert Riley) and Kabatoga, the man from Mars, (Kenneth Turnham) broke in on the party, Kabatoga to discover Christmas and Rogers to meet "ould" friends. There they were, Lyndon Gammalson, Allen Solem, Wyman Hansen, and Santa Claus (Ernest Baughman). Rogers had brought Kabatoga to show him Christmas on Earth. To his many questions, the boys made their answers. Lyndon told how it came about that the fir tree is now a Christmas Tree. Allen explained how it began and why children today enjoy hanging stockings before the fires. Wyman found in the lights on the tree a symbol of Him who is the "Light of the World," and Santa told why he was Santa Claus.

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem" was sung by the boys' quartette before Principal Christianson was introduced to speak about the "Spirit of Christmas."

"Silent Night, Holy Night" was their last song and it was sung to the humming accompaniment of their audience.

Under the leadership of the quartette, the group then left to sing Christmas carols under the windows of the girls' dormitory.

Not all, however, for the refreshment committee, stayed to prepare the refreshments, decorated Christmas tree cookies and Christmas colored ice cream. Oral Ehlen was chairman of this committee.

Alvin Sethre was chairman of the program committee and Paul Peterson of the decoration committee.

Class spirit is the thing! The enthusiasm of every boy and girl is needed to make the Winter term happy and successful.

# ORGANIZATION NEWS

## **S.A.U.M. Meets Again**

On December 2 the members of the S.A.U.M. met to hear another program. Ed Cutting seemed to have a great deal of funny jokes to tell. Kenny Turnham told more stories about his trip. This time Italy was the theme. Joyce Hinds contributed a reading and Marvel Moechnig an accordion solo. When Dorothy Seleen had finished advertising the local wants, Kenny Turnham played the Jew's harp. Wyman Hanson acted as critic for the evening's program.

At the meeting on December 9, Felix Schmiesing, president of the Gopher Literary, was the man who kept things moving. After the group had sung several songs, Ed Cutting revealed the latest want ads. Emory Krahmer told the jokes. Marcus Teeter gave an interesting discussion on his trip to Chicago. A group of girls sang "Silent Night," first in Danish, then German, and finally in English. After the Johnson brothers, accompanied by Wyman Hanson, had played for us, who should return once again but the "Bronco Busters." Yes sir, Cleve Johnson, Ed Jones, Hjalmer Hulin, and Red Marrs, all four back again playing the old familiar melodies for us. Before the meeting was over most of the Gophers came down just to see what Felix thought of the S.A.U.M. He was the critic. All members hope they found the S.A.U.M. Literary had plenty of pep to it.

At the last meeting of the term, December 16, President Turnham was again at the helm. After the Literary had sung several songs, Reinhardt Jensen told the jokes, Erma Fruechte and Ed Cutting advertised the local wants. Neal Madsen and Ray Valek played a cornet and accordion duet. Cleve Johnson spoke of Norway, "his native land." After the boys' quartette had sung several songs, Rudy Clausen criticized the meeting.

## **News of the Gophers**

The splendid program of November 25 was arranged by the co-operation of the performers. Wyman Hanson played a piano solo, which was followed by Ernest Baughman's reading "When Father Carves the Turk." Cletus Hallquist, loyal Gopher, told about interesting things that happened in the Literary in his time. Other numbers on the program were Betty Jonk's "Want Ads," Martha Reih, "Puzzled Dutchman," Eldred Rieke's "Want Ads," and Marie Minar's "The Editor's Mistake." Walter Ditlevson capably critized the program.

It was a crowded room full of Gophers and guests that attended December 2. Chuck Worcester's jokes and Want Ads were pretty personal but caused lots of amusement and fun. The attraction of the evening was the debate, "Resolved that married life is better than single," Ed Neeser and Lyndon Gammalson defending married life and Michael Fogarty and Alfred Hunt pleading for the single. Harold Vold, editor, rang in with his news. Wayne Holland gave a few of his handy works on the piano. In conclusion, Norbert Riley and Wayne Holland rose to defend themselves in the matter of certain charges against their personal affairs made by the debaters.

## **Home Economics Club Holds Interesting Meetings**

Miss Fowler was the speaker when the Aggie Home Economics Club met on Monday, November 20. Miss Fowler, who is from the art department, talked about her experiences in France and particularly in Paris.

The December 4 meeting was a Christmas meeting. After several Christmas songs had been sung, Peggy Lind gave a description of "Christmas in Mexico." It was rather amazing to discover that the Mexican Christmas celebration lasts for nine days. Martha Reih read a poem telling of Christmas in Ireland. The girls all told how they celebrated Christmas. It was interesting to note in how many different ways Christmas is celebrated in Minnesota homes.

## **Birder Stresses Character In Class Meeting Address**

After the routine business of the last meeting of the Junior Class, held on Thursday, December 17, was finished, President Edgar Bryant introduced Mr. Cecil Birder, god-father of the class.

Mr. Birder used interesting experiences to show how important is character in the rating of a student; only as every member puts his shoulder to the wheel, will the Junior Class move forward with maximum results. That is the way to get ready for the February Field Meet.

## **The New Year**

Don't forget that New Year resolutions are made to be kept, not broken.

## **"Literaries" Take Over Aggie Assembly Period**

### **S.A.U.M Presents "Innocent Ruth"**

A melodrama, acted in pantomime, by a star cast of characters under the direction of President Kenneth A. Turnham. This sounds like an advertisement but it really took place when the S.A.U.M. Literary took charge of assembly exercises on Tuesday noon, December 11.

The act took place in the Johnson kitchen where Uncle Cleve, (Cleve Johnson), very strict and very stooped from hard work, was worrying about the mortgage, soon to fall due. Innocent Ruth, (Ruth Iverson), his beautiful niece, has been promised to the squire, (Ed Cutting), who holds the mortgage. Her lover, Honest King, (King Norton), the hired man, tells her he will buy the farm to save her, but Dangerous Karl, (Karl Glabe), aided by clever Marian, (Marian Noble), steals the money and entices Honest King who comes to his senses in time to recover his money, with the help of Sheriff Johnson, (Roland Johnson), and save Cleve's farm from the gloating miser squire. The debt paid, Cleve gives him the hand of beautiful Ruth. And so they were married.

## **International Relations Club Meets**

On December 1, Mr. Christianson from the main campus political science department, told about his life as a student at the University of Madrid, and described the government and customs of Spain.

The officers of this club who are influential in bringing speakers such as this to this campus are: Alfred Hunt, president; Gerardo Cueva, vice-president; and Ruth Iverson, secretary and treasurer.

## **4-H Club Meets**

The regular meeting of the 4-H Club was held November 22 and was called to order by the President, Marcus Teeter.

After the business meeting, Katherine Lind gave two humorous readings, "Yohanna High Hats the High-brows," and "Setting a Hen." Miss Amy Wessel gave a talk on leadership from which we all gained some valuable pointers to take back home. The meeting ended with a few musical numbers.

## **Cross Country Dance**

Saturday night, December 10, was a very enjoyable full evening. First, after supper, came the literaries. Then the show that we all liked so well, "Paddy, the Next Best Thing." Next, instead of following the usual custom of going home from the show, we went to the gymnasium, where a dance was given in honor of the Cross Country team by the Student Council. The music was furnished by William Edwards and his orchestra. Refreshments were sold by the Agrarian Board. The chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Christianson.

## **A Club Sponsors Dance on Thanksgiving Eve**

Streamers in rich fall colors, including the maroon and gold dear to all Aggies, draped tent-like in the ceiling of the gymnasium made a glad sight when dancers gathered there on the Wednesday evening, November 29, for the annual Thanksgiving ball sponsored by the newly reorganized "A" Club.

Good music was provided by Leonard Pfiffner's orchestra and everyone enjoyed dancing in and out among the shadows created by the swaying streamers.

More dances were enjoyed after this pause and needless to say everyone was sorry to hear the familiar strains of "Home, Sweet Home."

Chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gullickson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Neubauer, George Wise, Harry Trelogen and William Dankers.

Paul Haven was chairman of the decorating committee. Other chairmen of committees were Emil Blomberg, invitations; Edward Neester, refreshments; Ernest Baughman, checkings; and Ted Stark, tickets.

## **Minnesota Men's Quartette Named Winner in Farm Bureau Contest**

For the second time in two years, a Minnesota men's quartette won first place in the annual national Farm Bureau Federation singing contest, held in Chicago, the first week in December.

Readers of the November News will remember that this quartette is nearly an Aggie quartette. Two of the young men, Theodore Pearson and Fred Hanson are graduates of the school. The other two members are the Martin brothers. Herbert was enrolled for a short time in the School, during a winter quarter.

The News congratulates the quartette on its success.

## **Literary Presidents Exchange Visits**

Because President Kenneth Turnham of the Gophers and President Felix Schmiesing of the S.A.U.M. Literary exchanged visits on Saturday, December 9, Mildred Monson, vice-president of the Gophers presided over their meeting. Chuck Waldo and Virginia Barwise exchanged opinions on "the interests of certain students." Oleen Sonstegard came on with the jokes and Michael Fogarty read the Gopher's Gossip Sheet. Lee Dalton advertised student wants.

When the meeting was over, everyone ganged up and went over to play with the S.A.U.M.'s.

## **Girl Reserves Organize Rhythm Band**

Aren't they a snappy, peppy band, though? Who would have dreamed that just a bunch of girls (assisted, of course, by a boy—Wayne Holland) could make such snappy music? This is just a sample of what the G. R.'s are doing.

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With the girls' double quartette, the boys' double quartette joined forces to sing at the White Christmas assembly of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," under Miss Wendt's direction.

## SOCIAL PROGRAM

### Winter 1934

Jan. 6 Sat.	Movie .....	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
8 Mon.	Registration Day Movie .....	Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
10 Wed.	Men's S.G.A. Organization.....	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
	Women's S.G.A. Organization.....	Girls' Dorm. 7:30 p.m.
11 Thur.	Fellowship Hour, Y.M.C.A. ....	Y.M.C.A. Office 6:15 p.m.
	Girl Reserves .....	Y.W.C.A. Office 6:15 p.m.
12 Fri.	Basketball game, Bethel.....	Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.
*13 Sat.	All School Party in honor of new students .....	Gymnasium 8:00 p.m.
14 Sun.	Sunday Night Hour.....	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
15-19	Farmers and Homemakers Week	
16 Tues.	Farm Bureau Day, Called Assembly Wm. H. Settle, Indiana, Speaker....	Auditorium 12:00 m.
	Alumni Association Luncheon..	Party Din. Rm. 5:30 p.m.
17 Wed.	School of Agriculture Parents' Day of Farmers and Homemakers Week School of Agriculture Night.....	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
19 Fri.	Basketball game .....	Gymnasium 7:00 p.m.
20 Sat.	Movie .....	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
26 Fri.	Basketball game .....	Gymnasium 7:00 p.m.
27 Sat.	Movie .....	Auditorium, 2 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 2 Fri.	Style Show and Orchestra.....	Auditorium 6:30 p.m.
3 Sat.	Declamatory Contest with Morris....	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
	Midwinter Homecoming Assembly.....	Auditorium 12:00 m.
	Indoor Field Meet.....	Gymnasium 1:30 p.m.
	Basketball game, S.A.U.M.-Morris.....	Gymnasium 7:30 p.m.
10 Sat.	Homecoming Dance.....	Gymnasium 9:00 p.m.
	Basketball game, Luther.....	Gymnasium 6:30 p.m.
Movie .....	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.	
*11 Sun.	Open House .....	Dexter Hall 8-10 p.m.
13 Tues.	Basketball game, Bethel.....	Gymnasium 6:30 p.m.
17 Sat.	Basketball game—Away Movie .....	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
	*Dance .....	Gymnasium 9:30 p.m.
21 Wed.	Movie .....	Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
22 Thur.	Washington's Birthday, Holiday Livestock Judging Contest—Morning and Afternoon Old Fashioned Dancing Party.....	Gymnasium 8:30 p.m.
24 Sat.	Dairy Judging Contest Movie .....	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
26 Dairy	and Livestock Club Banquet....	Party Din. Rm. 6:15 p.m.
Mar. *3	Party in Honor of the Seniors.....	Gymnasium 8:00 p.m.
	Basketball game—Away	
9 Fri.	-Debate with Crookston.....	Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
10 Sat.	Movie (Our Debate team at Morris).....	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
*11 Sun.	Open House .....	Girls' Dorm. 8-10 p.m.
16 Fri.	Senior Class Play.....	Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
17 Sat.	Movie .....	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
18	Commencement Sermon—Called Assembly.	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
23 Fri.	Final Assembly .....	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
24 Sat.	School Closes	
26 Mon.	Alumni Day, Alumni Banquet, and Alumni Ball	
27 Tues.	Commencement	

\* Closed events, open only to students, those officially invited, and those holding Guest Tickets.

## Entertaining Movies Are Attractive Features

A noted man appeared in public and saw himself on the screen on December 2 in the Auditorium. Dr. Haeger, father of dairying in Minnesota and loved friend of the School of Agriculture, was the man. He saw himself talking with A. J. McGuire and Dean Coffey about co-operative creameries, their problems and advantages.

A very beautiful "Magic Carpet" scene from China preceded the showing of the feature, "Oliver Twist," picturing the story as written by Charles Dickens.

"Voltaire," the last movie in the fall term was presented on Saturday, December 16.

Besides the main show there was a news reel that showed and described some of the huge, destructive volcanoes of the world, and, most wonderful of all, the actual recent eruption of the volcano that once blew a whale island into dust, Krakatoa. This, with the addition of a good comedy, made the evening well spent.

### A. J. McGuire—

#### An Appreciation

When in December, 1903, after serving six years as the second superintendent of the Experiment Farm at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, succeeding Warren Pendergast, the writer resigned to complete his studies in forestry, the question of a successor to this position was a vital one for the great area which this station served. Sympathy for the struggling settlers and understanding of their problems, and a desire to ameliorate their conditions ranked first in importance, and outweighed mere technical efficiency.

#### Class of '87

I had known A. J. McGuire as a classmate in the School of Agriculture of the class of 1897. He told me that in his youth his ambition was to be a prize fighter but that when he finally essayed a match he had been soundly thrashed. That episode marked the turning point for Mac. He woke up, and realized that life had deeper purposes and he for one was going to see what he could do to realize them. Fundamentally clean and intelligent, limitless possibilities were concealed in this tall, rawboned Irishman. I strongly recommended him as my successor and the University authorities concurred in this selection.

#### McGuire Appointed

There was another reason for selecting McGuire for the post at the time. During the years '98 to '04, lumbering was at its height, vast areas of land were cut over and denuded, and the question of the future use of the land was acute. Sentiment universally favored the utmost possible exploitation of the region for agriculture. Lumbermen wanted to unload their cutover lands. Towns wanted population. Settlers needed roads and schools. County and town governments required taxes on land for the support of ambitious programs, including the ditching of muskeg swamps.

#### Swamp Problem

It was difficult for a state employee, as superintendent, to pierce the welter of propaganda and direct the state's work solely towards the objective of actual benefit to the permanent farmer while discouraging the uneconomic development of submarginal land. The method which the writer had chosen was a frontal attack which sought proper zoning or classification of land for forestry and withdrawal of these lands from settlement. This conception was unanimous

ously and violently rejected by the entire region, a result so clearly foreseen that the idea was promulgated only after and contingent to a plan to resign and take up forestry as a profession. If the Station was to continue to serve the settler adequately it was evident that the next superintendent must be free from the taint of the forestry heresy, yet be strong enough to resist the insidious propaganda of speculative agricultural development.

Mac was the man for this. Witness his prompt grasp of the fallacy of muskeg land use. A survey showed him that the settlers simply were not using this land, because the cost and uncertainties of crop production made it submarginal. Therefore he wasted no time on it but concentrated on dairying and hogs, which, added to the previous work of the Station in field crops, promised the greatest aid to the home maker and true settler. His indifference to forestry was sufficient to wipe out completely and promptly any lingering suspicion of heresy. Mac even went too far in endeavoring by clearing and sale of wood to make the farm look like the prairies of his native county. But it was not long before he realized that to the farmer in northern Minnesota woodland meant something for protection against winter storms and for fuel. The policy of clearing was reversed and promising young groves of seedling Jack pine saved, together with a fine stand of second growth Norway and white pine, now the show place of the Station.

#### Fought Liquor

Mac's growing active participation in the fight for abolition of these sink holes of iniquity, the saloons of northern Minnesota, is a matter of history. The fight was won and the saloon abolished in these towns where for decades the return of the lumberjack from camp had been the scene of orgies in which the wages of months disappeared in a few days.

His later work, after his transfer to St. Anthony Park, and his espousal of the cause of the Co-operative Creamery, was simply the logical result of his direct and practical determined way of going after results.

(Signed) H. H. Chapman  
New Haven, Conn.  
November 28, 1933.

## Who's Who at University Farm

Dr. Andrew Boss, who has been here almost as long as the School, started his career by a chance talk with a man who stayed overnight at his father's farm. This man told his father of the advantages of the farm school. He mentioned that they taught bookkeeping at the School and, as his father wanted him to be a bookkeeping expert, he decided to send him here. However, Mr. Boss wished to be a doctor and came here with the wish still in his mind. At the end of his first year here he was offered a job as a farm hand which he accepted. He has been here ever since.

His hobby at present is flowers and he spends a good share of his home hours during the summer out in his garden. He is very much interested in anything pertaining to agriculture and the greatest contribution that the School has given to the state and national agriculture came from the Crop Nursery department in bringing out new varieties of plants and fruits. His idea on how a young man should prepare himself for a useful life is quite simple; mainly, he should get a good foundation in the sciences, social and natural. Then he is ready to pick the courses he will major in.

His last vacation came a year ago last June, during which he went to Texas to see his daughter and was gone three weeks. He keeps in trim now by playing golf when the weather permits. Once in a while he will take a day and go hunting or fishing.

Lately, the government has picked Dr. Boss as the man to head the new "wheat allotment plan" for the state of Minnesota. His work as Vice Director of the Experiment Station consists of approving new experiments, receiving reports on experiments, making out reports, and other duties too numerous to mention. He has been a member of the University Farm Staff the longest of any man and he started as a farm hand.

His idea is that success comes as a result of Initiative, Ambition, and Hard Work.

When Dean Coffey was asked his opinion of Dr. Boss, this is what he said:

Fewer than five other men living have been in the continuous service of a given agricultural educational institution as long as has Professor Andrew Boss. When a long career in an institution such as ours is reviewed, we usually find that the person involved has made a meritorious contribution in research, in teaching, or in administration. It is rarely that the person has made noteworthy contributions in all three fields. But Professor Boss has been a triple contributor. Hundreds of men in the state know him as a teacher in the school and college. All over America and even in foreign countries his researches have attracted attention, and throughout the University there is a well defined recognition of his able administration.

It can be truthfully said that Professor Boss has done a very great deal in helping the Department of Agriculture to grow up. He was an able assistant to Willet M. Hayes back in the days when agronomic research was in its formative stages. Professor Hayes had the gift of great imaginative power and his ideas were born and came into full bloom faster than he could demonstrate them concretely. His usefulness depended upon the assistance of men like Boss who



DR. ANDREW BOSS

could mold his ideas into a systematic program of procedure that would terminate in either negative or positive results. I have never heard Professor Boss say so but I imagine that he would confess that his days and years with Professor Hayes, although trying and exacting in many respects, constituted one of the most romantic and inspiring periods of his life. In the formative years of our Experiment Station we needed men like Hayes to dream dreams because it was harder then than now to break away from long established and fully accepted practices in agriculture in the hope of finding new and better procedures. But Hayes never would have accomplished much by laboring alone. He gloried in dreaming and in turning over the prospects suggested by his dreams to more systematic and practically minded persons such as Professor Boss who had consuming curiosity to know whether or not these dreams could be made to come true.

Later Professor Boss as Chief of the Division of Agronomy and Farm Management made still further contributions to the Experiment Station in that field. Here his contributions were in very large part administrative and it was under him that our Dr. H. K. Hayes, now Chief of the Division of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, grew up and waxed strong as an outstanding scientist in his field. Professors Arny and Bassett were also associated with him in the agronomic work.

There came a time when Professor Boss was called upon to take charge of animal husbandry. In this capacity he was regarded as one of the capable animal husbandry leaders in the country. He erected the first meat slaughtering, cutting and curing college laboratory in America and under his tutelage some of the country's best men in meat work were developed. In the earlier days there were Tomhave and Gaumnitz. Later there was Tom Patterson, and now our own Philip Anderson and Kenneth Warner of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Now we come to farm management. In this field Professor Boss is a pioneer who has contributed as much or more to sound farm management theory and practice than any other man in this country. I recall the time when there were many doubting "Thomases" in agricultural colleges relative to the value of farm management. I was at the University of

## Planning to Attend Winter Term? Here Are Tips on Registration

### Students Urged to Send Room Deposits in Early

You are coming to the school of Agriculture, this winter? Your letters have told us so.

You asked what expenses were to be met? This is our answer. The total cost for the winter term including board, room, laundry, books, tuition, entertainment, is \$69.15.

To this, students not in attendance the first term will add \$5 as a deposit to guarantee the return of books and other equipment used. This \$5 deposit is returned at the end of the quarter if no damage is charged against it.

### Registration Procedure

Registration for the winter quarter courses will take place on Monday, January 8, and all classes will begin on Tuesday as scheduled.

All students who have not already made programs will report at 8:30 in the morning of January 8 to room 102, Administration building. Here will be their advisers who will assist them in making their programs.

When a group of new students has completed registration, former students will conduct them about the campus to show them important buildings, laboratories, and class rooms, and generally to acquaint them with the campus.

### Room Deposit

Send a deposit early. Rooms in the dormitories are in great demand. Several students made them for the winter term as early as October. All Fall, students have called to leave deposit in person. Others have mailed them in. The list is growing, every day.

Have you sent yours? No, not yet? You thought that there would be rooms too many to be filled? Not when winter comes.

Now is the time to mail it to the registrar.

You know the two dollars are returned to you early in January.

Send them in Now!

able man who has this attitude is nearly always imposed upon, and this is certainly true of Professor Boss. Right now he is carrying the additional load involved in directing the educational program in the extension division as it relates to production control under the AAA. He is doing as much as two or more men ought to do. But he is performing cheerfully and I strongly suspect more happily than he would be if he were carrying only one-half of a normal man's load. With all of this on his hands he is still Vice-Director of the Experiment Station and with reluctance he dropped the course in Basic Wealth he taught last year in the General College of the University.

There is no need to attempt to praise a man who has worked so capably, faithfully and loyally as has Professor Boss. There is no need to say that his heart and soul have always been in his work. It is almost superfluous to declare that he has an abiding interest in the people of Minnesota and in the University. It is enough accurately to appraise his work which I wish I could have done better than I have in this short statement.

W. C. COFFEY

## **They Wrote Their Names in the Visitors' Book**

Since the News last appeared hardly a day has passed without a visit from one or several alumni. The names that follow are of those who found time to register in the Visitors' Book in the Principal's office. Many others were too busy visiting old friends to leave their names. And others came after business hours.

It's a good habit, alumni, to leave a mark to show other alumni that you have passed this way again! You will be glad to know the news about the signers:

Alma Hammann '33, cooking in one of the Drs. Mayo homes in Rochester; Myron Clark '33, farming near Stewartville; Francis Smith ex-'30-'31, farming near Vergas, plans to return for intermediate work; Sadie Hoven '32 at home with her folks on their Zumbrota farm.

Alfred J. Lind, farming near Winthrop, is a frequent caller. Daughter Peggy is a student. Lynn Sheldon '13, farming near Spring Valley, Harvey Syverson '20, farming near Garfield; Clifford Staunes '34 of Lamberston, coming back to school in winter quarters.

Harold Halstead '31, farming near Underwood; Arnold Foslien ex-'28-'30 of Alexandria, planning to enter University; Albert Stenberg '34, farming near Grove City, returns to School to graduate; E. R. Eisert '13 of Waseca, selling life insurance; Carl Swanson '33, farming near Cannon Falls; Edgar Urevig '31, Carl's near neighbor; Alice Molenaar '32, at home near Remmerville; A. Werner Johnson '30 of Evansville, planning to come back to School.

Howard Friese '30 of Red Wing, in charge of 10 men engaged in barberry eradication in Goodhue county; Ted Kuhnman '29 of Heron Lake, planning to come back to School this winter; Fred Halstead '26 of Waseca, employed at Swift and Company plant; Arthur Blomberg '31 of Albert City, visiting brother Emil; Henry Thornton '09 of Eastend, Sask., Canada, engaged in the grain trade in Western Grain Company, Winnipeg.

## **Lyon County Reporter Says That:**

Carl Miller '17 farms near Cottonwood. Married. Two children.

Edwin G. Moede '17 is the pastor of the Evangelical Church in St. Cloud. Married. One child.

Paul Spong '17 farms near Marshall. Married. Two children.

Frank White '08 representative from the old seventh district, is now in St. Paul attending special sessions of the legislature. Frank Jr., Charles, and Robert are his three children.

Lynn Jackson '29, with his brother, owns and operates a garage in Marshall. Married.

Florence Nelson, now Mrs. Carl Maronde, is homemaker on farm near Marshall. One child.

Peter Labat helps father work farm near Ghent.

Alfred Schulte of Zimmerman visited the School twice in December, following his return from North Dakota, where he has been working for several months. He reported that Clarence Leider is working on a farm near his home, and John Charlesworth, Stanley Dawson and Alfred Schulte are helping manage the home enterprises.

Walter Clausen '31, sophomore in

## **Pendergast Hall Boys Hosts at Party**

A time honored tradition passed when the Y.M. and Y.W. secretaries found it impossible to arrange for a party for the students on Thanksgiving evening at the girls dormitory. To fill this gap in the social program, Pendergast Hall boys invited the girls to join with them in a party.

Jim Jennings, the cowboy crooner, headlined the program singing several groups of songs to repeated encores. No less interesting than his songs was his exhibit of cowboy clothing and his stories of life on the range. At the conclusion of his program, he was surrounded by autograph hunters and eager questioners who kept him engaged for another hour. Meanwhile, the rest of the group gathered around tables to play games of different kinds, the card games being played progressively.

The refreshments carried out the Thanksgiving colors. Gold and chocolate ice cream, black and gold candy kisses, and cookies were served.

The boys who served on party committees were Ed Cutting, Gordon Johnson, wraps; Allen Solem, Ernest Baughman, Alvin Shelley, entertainment; Cecil Berg, Michael Fogarty, Ralph Sample, Joseph Smisek, Charles Worcester, Clint Peterson, refreshments; and Arnold Almberg, George Lorenz, Emory Krahmer, general arrangements.

## **Correcting an Error**

In the November issue of the School News appeared an account of Don Johnson's appointment to his present position by Dr. C. H. Eckles. The reporter wishes to correct this to read that the appointment was made by Professor W. H. Peters, head of the animal husbandry division.

The News is sorry that the error occurred.

North Central College in Napierville, Illinois, is an associate editor of the College Chronicle, the School Paper.

Roy Peters '32 is a meat cutter in a meat packing plant in Des Moines, Iowa.

Taking a trip in the South, acting as chauffeur for his grandmother and aunt, will employ Robert Altman for several months this winter.

Verne Bracewell ex-'29, and his mother of Ogilvie, met with a severe accident on a recent trip to the cities in a truck loaded with turkeys, when it collided with a loaded lumber truck at an intersection in Cambridge. While Verne was not seriously hurt, his mother suffered fracture of both legs below the knees. A parked truck at the corner limited the vision of both of the drivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellens of Ogilvie called on friends at University Farm, the week end of December 16.

Harold Halstead stopped at the School coming and going to Waseca, where he visited his brother Fred, and his family. Harold shares with his father the management of the home farm at Underwood. He says that Elmer Fjistad and Hans Setre are members of the Carlisle band, while Elmer Johnson toots his horn in the Underwood band.

Harry Nelson '28 of Palisade is helping run the home farm. The School was his first port of call on December 2.

## **Marcus Teeter Chosen National 4-H Club Achievement Champion**

### **Describes His Trip to Int'l Livestock Show**

On this, my second trip to the International Livestock Show in Chicago, there were many new things that I saw, but nothing surprised me as much as the interest important business men took in the 4-H'er's and how much they did for our enjoyment.

In the group of forty-eight club members from Minnesota that arrived in Chicago, Sunday morning, December 3, were four other Aggies, Donald Caughey, Stanley Sather, Evelyn Henry, and Paul Garbe. Paul Garbe was leader of the champion 4-H Club in the state. Donald Caughey was a member of the State 4-H club seed judging team, and Evelyn Henry and Stanley Sather had won their trips as rewards for successful club leadership.

T. A. Erickson, State 4-H Club leader, was assisted by Mr. A. J. Kitleson, Mr. Gibberson, the Misses Amy Wessell and Mildred Schenk in the direction of the activities of the week. Just as soon as we had been assigned our rooms, Mr. Erickson called us together to hear the program for the week.

We began the day by attending services at either a Catholic Church or the Central Protestant Church, each of which had prepared special services for the club members. A choir of one hundred and twenty-five voices helped make the Protestant services very impressive. It was the biggest choir I had ever heard.

A visit to the zoo, where we saw many and unheard of varieties of animals, and a seven-mile bus ride looking over the World's Fair Grounds occupied Sunday afternoon. Modern architecture in flashy colors, the foreign villages, the gold-domed Japanese building, and the fort like the old one that had once been where Chicago is now, were the things I liked best.

A group of Iowa 4-H Club girls provided the music for the entertainment we heard at the Chicago Art Institute in the evening.

On Monday morning, we were off to the International Livestock Show, the biggest and best in the world. It is some sight.

At the Sears Roebuck and Company luncheon, that noon, we were entertained by the WLS Radio entertainers. One of them played two mouth organs at the same time and then played one and whistled at the same time. Some stunt. Figure it out.

Coaches sent by Thomas E. Wilson, 4-H Club fan, called for us 4-H'ers at four o'clock and took us to his plant where the best entertainment of the week was had. The best jugglers, dancers, magicians and musicians were there to amuse us, but better than that, two famous men, commander Tuttle and Major Fortney, who a short time ago had gone up to the highest altitude reached in a balloon, 61,000 feet, were there and spoke. The Sinclair Minstrels made their weekly broadcast in front of us. It was their first stage appearance.

In the evening, we were in the parade of 1500 4-H'ers that marched before the spectators at the horse show. Leading the parade was a wagon drawn by a 4-horse team of black percherons hooked tandem. In it, were the twenty boys and girls who had won national championships, four of them being from Minnesota. They

were Mr. Erickson, the national champion crop judge, Dorsay Pase and Evelyn Lehnertz, the national champion of the canning judging team, and myself.

We were divided into two delegations for breakfast in the morning, one going to the Armour and Company Plant, the other to Swifts. Breakfast was followed by a visit through their plants. After the luncheon given us by the National Livestock Marketing Association, that noon, we visited the only air tight building in the world, the merchandise mart, a building that has ninety-two acres of floor space, covers two city blocks, and has six tower floors besides the eighteen main floors. It is owned by Marshall, Field and Company and does a business of over \$100,000,000 a year.

Awards were presented at the annual 4-H Club Congress banquet held in the evening at the Sherman Hotel. The dining-room was decorated with a small forest of Evergreens and was very beautiful. A stage review ended the entertainment.

On Wednesday morning, we had a bus excursion about the city. Some of the most interesting places we stopped to visit were the Rockefeller Institute and the Stevens Hotel, which is so large that one can live in it for eight years and never stay in the same room twice. There are 3500 of them.

Lunch was served us by the International Harvester Company at their plant and there we were guests of the company at the Matinee Horse Show where we saw a polo game.

At the 4-H Club Round Up, in the evening, we had a chance to get acquainted with boys and girls from other states in a Merry-Go-Round party under the direction of Fanny Buchanan of Iowa.

A visit to Chicago's tallest building, the Chicago Board of Trade, began our activities on Thursday. We saw grain sold in the pit and viewed Chicago from the top of the tower. It is some sooty city.

At the Alder Planetarium we saw the most complicated machinery I ever imagined. It cast a spot of light on the dome shaped ceiling for each of the 3500 visible stars in the heavens. Then to top it all, the stars moved just as they did in the sky. The sun came up and went down, the moon followed suit exactly as in nature. Then the machine was speeded up and we saw the movement of the heavens for a year in five minutes, first, and then in five seconds. Watching the show closely, my head felt as if it were spinning like a top.

The Field Museum of Art, where hang some of the finest pictures in the world, was the last place I visited before going to see Mr. Dawes, President of the World's Fair, with whom we had our pictures taken in Chicago.

In this way, our week came to an end. Back home, I can't help but feel that I cannot be too thankful to Mr. T. A. Erickson and all others who helped me win the trip. I hope they read this so that they know how I feel about it.

MARCUS TEETER

All you students and grads can point with pride to the fact that the School of Agriculture is the oldest school of its kind. We leave it to you to add—"Oldest and best!"

## Whom Shall We Nominate?

This will be one of the questions answered early in the term. There are self-government officers, society officers to elect. Who should be selected?

Those that will make good officers?  
Those that are responsible?

Those that use their office for service?

Those that are popular?

Those that have many friends?

Student eligibilities measured in terms of honor points. Who determines eligibility?

This is the new ruling for the winter term—student nominating committees must present names of candidates for office in the winter term to the principal's office for clearance. No election to student office can take place unless this procedure is followed.

If observed, it will make elections more satisfactory and give more students a chance to be elected to office.

Every student holding an office to which he had been elected to the year can help by checking his honor points before accepting a new office.

Check your honor points!

## Hospitality Extended by Dormitory Girls

They say they were lucky. Their dormitory brothers agreed. Yes, they were lucky. You see the girls had carefully considered the matter, and that was why just as many boys as there were dormitory girls were invited to spend the evening at the girls' dormitory on Sunday, December 10.

Can you see them leave? Several others wished they could go. You know, some fellows get all the breaks. And this gang certainly got the breaks. They had an invitation to spend the evening, playing cards, pit, rummy, five-hundred and lots of other games.

And that grate fire. And the lights dimmed. Say, a fellow almost forgets he's bashful. Sure, we did. The girls are dandy entertainers.

## Girls Give Thanksgiving Basket to Needy Family

It was a generous basket which the dormitory girls donated to a needy family in Northeast Minneapolis at Thanksgiving time. Besides a generous grocery order, which included everything from chicken to cranberries, several of the girls brought boxes of foodstuffs from home and added them as their gifts.

## Class in Social Problems Entertains Girl Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Orr were chaperons at the informal party given their girl guests by one section of the social problems class at Pendergast Hall, on Friday evening, December 8.

Confetti streamers draped from a network of wires in the ceiling. The west office was reserved for dancing.

A number of mixers preceded the table games in the club room under the direction of Ben Stewig.

Arnold Almberg was chairman of the committee that served refreshments at the close of the party. Elbert Meade issued the invitations. Herbert Foster chairman-ed the arrangements committee, and John Jansa managed finances. An enthusiastic group attended.

## Rural Florida Visited On Bassett's Vacation Tour

By L. B. BASSETT

Mrs. Bassett and myself left St. Paul on November 22, driving south, our objective being Chattanooga, Tennessee, where we were to meet Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ayer and continue our trip thru Florida.

On our way to Chattanooga, we stopped a few hours at Springfield, Illinois, the home of Abraham Lincoln, where we visited the house owned by him at the time he was President of the United States. The house is a colonial type, built by Dr. Charles Dresser in 1839 and sold to Mr. Lincoln in 1844. The original floor is in excellent state of preservation, being made of hued white oak. The interior of the house is finished in black walnut. In the house is to be found a collection of furniture used by Lincoln, both while he lived in Springfield and in Washington.

From Springfield we went to Nashville, Tennessee, where we made a short stop and then continued to Chattanooga, where we met Mr. and Mrs. Ayer.

Before leaving Chattanooga, we visited the scene of the old battlefield of the old Lookout Mountain. This battle was fought above the clouds. While the mountain is not very high, yet on many days the mist is below the peak. About 10 or 12 miles out from Chattanooga is the scene of the old battlefield of Chickamauga. I was particularly interested in this battlefield because I had an uncle who was killed during this battle and was fortunate in locating the position of his regiment, the Second Minnesota, and the battery it supported during the fight. The battlefield is owned by the National Government and is several thousand acres in extent, being wonderfully preserved. The artillery that was used during the battle is replaced and one gets a very vivid picture of what actually happened at that time. I was told by older citizens that 36,000 men were killed during the battle and from the size of the field and number of pieces of artillery used, I can readily see how this might easily have occurred.

From Chickamauga we went south to Atlanta, another famous war town, being the start of Sherman's march to the sea. While there are many interesting things to see around Atlanta we felt that we did not have the time, so spent only a few hours in the city. From Atlanta we drove southwest thru Georgia to Jacksonville, Florida, and from Jacksonville to St. Augustine, which is reported to be the oldest permanent settlement on the continent. Part of the town of St. Augustine still resembles the old Spanish settlement. We were particularly interested in Fort Marion, a fort built by the Spaniards in the year 1565. The walls of this fort are still in excellent condition and are surmounted by the old fashioned Spanish cannon that was used over 2 centuries ago. It was said of this fort that it has never been captured.

From St. Augustine we drove south to Daytona Beach, the beach where many of the automobile race records are made. We spent a few hours on the beach, driving from one town to another just to see how a car behaved in the sand. The sand was almost as hard as the cement paving and presented an ideal condition for record driving.

From Daytona Beach, we turned inland to Sanford and Orlando, where

we visited the citrus fruit districts, driving thru thousands of acres of orange and grapefruit orchards, all the trees being heavily loaded with ripe fruit. Around Orlando there are many large vegetable growers. I saw one field of celery alone that was said to contain a thousand acres. This would give one an idea of the size of many of the tracts used for producing vegetables for the northern market.

From Orlando we turned back to the beach and drove to Palm Beach, spending a few hours in the city and then going south to Miami. While we would have liked to have spent more time in Miami, we were more interested in the rural districts of Florida, so contented ourselves by driving around the beach districts where estates valued at more than a million dollars are very common. The beach itself is low and sandy and ideal for summer bathing. Rents in Miami during the tourist season, which is from December to May, are exceedingly high, some places renting for as much as \$1,200 per month.

From Miami, we went south following the line of islands down to the first ferry. This took us about 75 miles below the extreme southern point of Florida proper. From there we turned back, driving thru the everglades to the east coast. The everglade country was very interesting to us because it seemed to be a home of northern birds. Many thousands of northern birds were to be found in the trees and grass along the highway. The distance from Miami to the west coast is about 150 miles, the road running thru everglade swamps and aside from one or two filling stations there are no habitations.

From the east coast we turned north to old Fort Myers, then to a town called Sarasota. At Sarasota, Ringling Bros. Circus and the old Barnum and Bailey Circus have their winter headquarters. We had an opportunity to visit the circus in its winter headquarters.

From Sarasota, we drove to Tampa. At Tampa we visited the Brewster Vocational School, a school that was built, equipped and financed by Mr. and Mrs. Brewster—the Dr. Brewster who was the second principal of the School of Agriculture. The school is located in the city of Tampa and occupies a whole block. The purpose of the school is to furnish educational opportunities to the poorer class of white people. It is patterned much after our Agricultural School, the courses of study, of course, being modified to meet southern conditions. This year they are giving night classes for those who can not attend the regular day courses.

From Tampa we drove to Tallahassee and then north to Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama, to Memphis, Tennessee; from Memphis to St. Louis and from St. Louis, home. We covered about 4,500 miles in the trip, driving entirely around the whole state of Florida. In a trip of this kind where we spent much of our time in the country, we gained a very good idea of the conditions under which the people in the various states live. We came back to Minnesota better satisfied with our state than ever. There is no state, I think, in the Union that has greater opportunity and is suffering less from the depression than the state of Minnesota.

## Athletics

### Girls B.B. Team Defeats Oak Hall

Aggie basket ball girls are some scrappers, for even if they did lose 20 to 18 (in an overtime period) to Oak Hall the first time they played them, they went back on December 4, the second time, and won 44 to 16. Some of the girls who played outstandingly well in the games were: Esther Bajari, Martha Baumhoefer, Grace Crooker, Mary Dunnwald, Pearl Huisinga, Pauline Gibeau, Bernice Greig, Drusilla Lange, Peggy Lind, Muriel Molenaar, Thelma Martin, Marie Minar, Marcella Moehnig, Martha Reihs, and Elizabeth Scow. These were the first outside games the girls have played. After the holidays they expect to meet several other school teams. Let's get out and give them the support that they deserve.

### Basketball Advances Takes Place as Major Sport

The last basketball practice before the close of the fall term in the gym found fifteen boys still going strong. They were Paul Haven, Ted Stark, John Paschke, Alvin Sethre, Charles Worcester, Elbert Meade, Chuck Waldo, Howard West, Eldred Rieke, John Jansa, Nor Schoenheider, Herbert Foster, Bob Durkee, Bill Kanuth and Bob Whitney.

The boys have done well under the coaching of Erhardt Bremer, and have had some good practice games. They have had several with the college fraternity houses and have made a good showing in each game. The first practice, next term, will be on Monday night, January 8, in the gymnasium at six fifteen o'clock. On the first Friday of the new term, the team will play Bethel Academy, here. Let's all turn out and give them our encouragement.

## Boxing Team

The boxing team coached by Mr. Crossett is meeting for practice every Monday and Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A good number of boys that have come out are showing promise of soon doing as the old saying goes, "lick their weight in wildcats." The list of tryouts include Norbert Riley, Bob Meehan, Donald Wardell, Ralph Howard, Francis Culbertson, Ralph Sample, Forest Clements, Mike Fogarty, Emil Blomberg, Neal Madsen, Earl Harding, and Felix Schmeising. Several of the boys have been boxing before and are showing promise. There will be no meets until in the winter term.

### Cross Country Letters Awarded at Assembly

At the Christmas Assembly, December 20, members of the cross country team were awarded letters as follows: Old English "A": Robert Durkee, Raymond From, Capt. Norbert Riley, and Howard West; Block "A": Arnold Almberg, John Kern, King Norton, Allen Solem, manager.

Are we going to break some records this Winter? We'll tell the athletic world we are!

**Assemblies**

Do you read the St. Paul Dispatch sport section? Then you already know Hoff of Hawf and Hawf and that he really is Mr. Hoffstrom and has a daughter who is the other member of the firm. He showed us how to make our own Christmas cards. First, he made the drawing on a square of ordinary linoleum. Then he gouged out the parts that were to be light and brushed black printers' ink over the square. After laying a white card on this square, he put the two through the rollers of an ordinary clothes wringer, and presto, here was a card with an original drawing on it. It looked easy and worth trying.

November 29. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving day and today we have a Thanksgiving program. Miss Hogan-nson is in charge but she said that Miss Langtry had trained the speakers and Miss Wendt, the singers. The singers were the combined boys and girls double quartettes. And how they did sing "America, the Beautiful" at the beginning, and "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" at the close of the program. Pearl Huisenga read and Bradford Croston told the story of the first Thanksgiving. The wonderful Thanksgiving food Annette Wilkins prepared for dinner fairly made my mouth water. Ernest Baughman's talks chased away depression blues and prepared us for an argument that made all thankful. December 1. Mr. Christianson told us that Washington was a busy place full of young men, experts in their fields. All working hard to pull us out of this depression. He promised to tell us more about his visit. Wouldn't I like to see the place and help, too?

Dr. Haydak of the entomology division spoke. He is a Ukrainian who left his country in 1921 to go to Poland and Czechoslovakia and came to the United States nine years later. I think that he hopes that Ukrainia will be a free state some day. It is the richest part of the Soviet Republics, rich in oil, minerals, forests and land. Poland would like to have a slice of it and so would Germany. The Ukrainians are hard workers and they play hard, too. They even sing while riding on the street cars to and from work.

December 2. We don't need song books, today. The lights go out and we sing the songs that are thrown on the screen. It must be Saturday because the literaries are being announced. We are having news reels, too. Wonder how many words I would need to describe everything we saw in the picture.

December 6. "Snow Drops" is the song the girls double quartette chose to sing for us, today. Pretty one, too. Mr. H. J. Henney, a graduate student in agricultural economics, told us just how the wheat allotment plan is to work and said that his home state, Kansas, was at the top of the list in number of supporters of it.

December 6. Look in my memory book for the story of the Gopher assembly.

December 8. Called assembly, today. And who did we hear but Mr. Phillip Swenson as the old farmer who had no use for schooling and Mr. William Dankers, as the secretary of the local creamery. Swenson had a son who wanted to come to the School of Agriculture, but the father just couldn't see it that way. The secretary was a graduate and he had to work pretty fast to finally show Mr. Swenson and convince him that the

**President Coffman Heads Social Science Commission**

To the victors belong the spoils is a slogan old in the history of politics. To members of the victorious party has gone political preferment. Paralleling this well known feature in politics has been the struggle to make preparation and fitness for office requirements for office, and to make civil services a lifetime profession. Since nearly one half of all the people in the United States hold public office, a study of these opposing tendencies under the chairmanship of President Lotus D. Coffman is to be made for the Social Science Research Council.

What is discovered and what is recommended will be of interest to every student of the Social Sciences as well as to young people who are choosing their life work. Of interest because so many of the old professions are already overcrowded. Of interest, too, because there is a growing feeling that cities should be better governed than they are today; that public office should be a lifetime profession.

school was just the best place that he could send his son.

December 9. More good news reels. I don't think I would ever care to become a newsreel camera man because we saw some of the dangers they have to go through when taking pictures, especially if taking pictures of a flood or an earthquake or a fire in an oil well. What I want to know is where does a man stand when he is taking a picture of a lava flood and an erupting volcano.

December 12. This time it was the turn of the S. A. U. M literary to strut its stuff. I put the dope in my scrapbook, too. Wonder which program was really the best.

December 13. Jack Sleeper tells us a joke and then he invites us to the College White Christmas assembly, tomorrow. The girls' tumbling class tumbled all over the stage to music. It looked easy. Pretty good exercise, too.

The boys' quartette sang "Come to the Fair." They sing better every time.

Dr. Kathleen Jordan of the Minnesota Public Health Service was the speaker today. She was raised in Algeria and came to this country to finish her education. She had a funny little burr to her r's but not hard to understand. Even though T.B. as a cause of death has been lowered from first place it still stands at the top of the list as the cause of death of people between the ages of 15 and 35 years. If eating helps, I'll never get it. Buy Christmas Seals is Dr. Jordan's slogan. Help prevent, help cure tuberculosis, for 5 cents. One bar of candy gone. That's easy.

December 15. "The United Liberty March" was the number played by the orchestra under Mr. Boland's baton. We certainly enjoy hearing them.

This is going to be interesting. Mr. Christianson says he is a character analyst. Mr. Fosbroke is a real estate man but reads character as a hobby. He explained how important it was to be trained observers because 87 per cent of everything we take in through our five senses comes in through the eye. I did not get all he said about the shape of the face and head and how the expression on a man's face came to show his character but I guess it was true by the way he hit the truth when he analyzed students.

**Livestock, Crop Judging Teams Attend Red River Valley Meet****Student Recounts****Tale of Journey**

On the morning of December 10, at nine-thirty, I saw four persons board the northbound Northern Pacific train that runs between St. Paul and Grand Forks, North Dakota. After the train had left the station, I thought it would be interesting to follow their actions during the next few days. With this in mind I studied my records and in a few minutes I had gathered the following information. Their names were Darl M. Hall, Walter Buberl, Walter Ditlevsen and Chuck Worcester from the School of Agriculture in St. Paul. The first named was the coach and the others were members of the crop judging team that was to compete at the Crookston Winter Shows of Crookston, Minnesota. These facts convinced me that I would enjoy following the activities of these four excursionists.

Only a few miles of their three hundred mile trip had been covered when Mr. Hall reached for his brief case and produced that which was to change a tedious nine-hour train ride into an interesting, fascinating study of Minnesota geology. A few bulletins, a book on the state's geological formations, together with an appreciable personal knowledge of the subject were Mr. Hall's sources of information. He introduced the subject by telling his companions briefly about the numerous glaciers that at different times passed over nearly all of Minnesota. These glaciers all came from a generally north direction, and moved slowly southward. After thousands of years the earth grew warmer and these great ice sheets began melting northward. This, of course, released a great amount of water that had to find its way to the sea. In running off these waters often had to cut deep channels and wide valleys through comparatively high land divides.

After introducing the subject in this general way, Mr. Hall passed out the reading material and told his team members to see if they could find any connection between glaciers and a trip to Crookston. Only a few minutes had elapsed when Walter Ditlevsen remarked that according to his bulletin, Crookston is located on the edge of the glacial Lake Agassiz. Upon receiving this information, Chuck, always sleepy and lacking ambition, stated, "What say you read it all and then tell us about it?" To which

Walter readily agreed and after an hour or so of concentration, he gave the following account of his study.

"Many million years ago, due to the accumulation of snow and ice in the north regions, a great mass of ice very, very slowly moved southward. After thousands of years nearly all of Minnesota was covered by this ice, which in some places was as much as two miles in thickness. Many ages later the earth became warmer and this ice sheet began to melt. Imagine a wall of ice two miles high melting slowly—an immense amount of water would be produced. Then suppose that a high ridge of land ran from one edge of the glacier, making a wide circle to the south, clear around to the other side of the glacier. This ridge of land on three sides and the melting ice on the other would form a huge basin in which the water would collect. This example is exactly true to life. The continental divide that runs from the Minnesota highland near Lake Superior south and west through the present-day Traverse Pass, north and west to north central North Dakota is the high ridge that held the water on the south, while the ice wall of the great glacier held it on the north. The great basin thus formed finally filled with water and, as full basins will, overflowed at the lowest point of the rim. This point was at what is now Traverse Pass. A huge volume of water passed over it.

(To Be Continued)

**Debate Teams Chosen**

When the school debate teams were selected the following were included in their personnel: Bradford Croston, Alfred Hunt, Allen Solem on the affirmative team; Lyndon Gammelson, Edward Neeser, Ernest Baughman on the negative team; and a girls' negative team including Annette Wilkens, Pearl Huisenga, and Peggy Lind.

The question which these young people debate is that British radio control and operation is superior to that practiced in the United States.

Miss Monica Langtry and Professor R. L. Lansing, who have coached the School of Agriculture debate teams, say that each team is well balanced and will no doubt give their opponents some stiff arguments to meet.

Practice debates will be held with city high school teams in preparation for the triangular tournament with the sister school teams at Morris and Crookston.

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