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## School Students are Ready to Begin the New Year With a Variety of Programs Arranged for Them

### Stanley George Describes Trip to Chicago

Stanley George, '36, won the privilege of being one of Minnesota's 4-H Club delegates to the National 4-H Club Congress at the International Livestock show in Chicago, December 1-8, by winning first place in the Meat Identification contest at the Junior Livestock show, held in South St. Paul in November. What follows is his account of the trip.

"On the trip to Chicago, the Milwaukee Railroad was our host. We rode in one of their new modernistic coaches which had been on exhibition at the World's Fair.

"We were housed in the Congress Hotel during our stay in Chicago. From it, on the first night of our stay, we viewed the skyline by night. Myriads of lights made it a glamorous sight.

"I shall not try to tell all about all we saw and did. We were entertained with programs, excursions, luncheons and banquets from the time we arrived until we left. But I shall try to tell about some of the things I enjoyed the most.

### Royally Entertained

"On Sunday evening, we heard Dr. Preston Bradley of the People's Church in Chicago speak in the Goodman Theatre. He challenged the 4-H Clubs to solve the problems they face in the future better than did their fathers those of the past. To meet their problems, club members will need to draw on all the resources of each H in the 4-H symbol.

"The world's largest livestock show, The International, was the most interesting place I visited. There were over 12,000 exhibits, coming from nearly every province in Canada. We visited it on Monday. That day I took part in the Meat Identification contest. The championship in this event went to the Nebraska team.

"Of the many banquets we attended, I thought that three were outstanding. Thos. E. Wilson is the national chairman of 4-H Club work. At the banquet, which he gave the 4-H Club Congress in the Wilson Auditorium, he recited the history of 4-H Club work and complimented the 4-H 'Clubbers' on their accomplishments. At this banquet famous sports characters were introduced. Among them were: Chic Evans, Charlie Grimm, Red Grange, Helen Hicks, Shirley Ann Johnson and Hal Totten.

"We were guests of the National Livestock Marketing Association at a banquet held in the College Inn of Hotel Sherman. Murray S. Barker, president of the Commission Association of Indianapolis, spoke on the relation between club work and co-operative marketing.



These students are members of this year's Student Council. They are back row, left to right: Paul Peterson, Richard Pengilly, Joseph Sendelbach, Robert Durkee, Ted Stark, Einar Feldheim and Norman Holm; front row, Teckla Nelson, Cornelia Hoy, Myrtle Hoven, Grace Crooker, Joyce Hinds, Drusilla Lange, and Catherine Doran.

### Educational Trips

"The 4-H Club banquet was held in the Stevens Hotel. A program of songs was sung by members of the Chicago Grand Opera Company and a musical drama, 'The Spirit of American Music,' was presented by a cast of 100 persons which included among many other celebrities, Joe Penner and the Picard family, both of radio fame. This drama paid tribute to music, proclaiming it the most universal of all the arts.

"We had many opportunities of taking many educational trips. We visited the Field Museum of Natural History. Here the Prehistoric Hall with its habitat groups impressed me especially. We visited Shedd Aquarium and saw its wonderful aquatic exhibits. At the Adler Planetarium, where the heavens are reproduced, we heard an illustrated lecture by Professor Philip Fox on the amazing architecture of the universe. Other trips included the huge Merchandise Mart, where we visited one of the large N.B.C. studios, Lincoln Park, the International Harvester Company and the famous packing town in the stockyards district.

"I shall always be grateful to those who made this trip possible. It is one which is worth every effort made in achievement in the 4-H Club work."

Ray Pauly and Ruth Thorpe were married on October 4, in St. Agnes' Church at Walker. Ray is head gardener at the Andrus estate in Walker but expects to go into the greenhouse business there.

### Dormitory Girls Hostesses At Christmas Party

For certain twenty little boys and girls from the Jean Martin Brown Home in St. Anthony Park, Christmas began when they were brought to the girls' dormitory Thursday evening, December 20, in time for supper. Each little child found a guardian who helped him or her explore the large parlors, the be-ribboned wreaths that hung at the window, lighted tapers on piano and mantels, the grate fires, and most wonderful of all, the glowing Christmas tree. Sharing this pleasure with the children were the other invited guests, Superintendent and Mrs. J. O. Christianson, Miss Segolson, Miss Fisher, Mrs. Birder, Mrs. Berggren, Mrs. Lansing and Mrs. Don Johnson.

Following the buffet supper, which was enjoyed by hostesses and guests before the lighted fireplaces, the program, which has been planned by Miss Matson, Esther Bajari, Esther Nelson, Ida Madsen, Vivian Dose and Cynthia Moechnig, proceeded.

### Program

After the reading, "The Squeaky Mouse," by Dorothy Thibodeau, and "Noel" sung by the Girls' Octette, came the presentation of the cantata, "The Wondrous Story." Mary Jane Matschke, Ann Scotting, Katherine Doran and Dora Krueger took the part of the four shepherds; Joyce Hinds, Edna Richards and Drusilla Lange, the Three Wise Men; and Cynthia Moechnig, the part of Mary. Songs appropriate to the tableaux of the First Christmas, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Away in a Manger," were sung by the Girls' Octette.

Katherine Nelson read "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and after Virginia Barwise had sung a song announcing him, Santa Claus the delight of all the children, both big and little, appeared with bells and bag bursting with gifts for all. Ida Madsen, as Santa Claus, did not overlook anyone.

Esther Barjari then gave a talk on the spirit of giving and told about the family which had been adopted by the dormitory girls and the gifts that had been assembled for their Christmas.

Thelma Thielbar's reading, "Little Willie's Christmas," concluded the program and then the little guests left for their home loaded with gifts and happy memories. Memories shared by all those who had made their evening a happy one.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lind of Winthrop December 2.

### Registration

Registration at the School for the Winter term hit a new high a few hours after droves of young people from all parts of the state poured into the Administration building to begin enrolling. As the News goes to press, all available room in the School dormitories is taken and Superintendent Christianson expects the enrollment to be more than 400—a record since 1929-30.

### National Radio Program Features School

Minnesota's far-famed School of Agriculture at University Farm was invited to use the National Broadcasting Company's coast-to-coast Farm and Home Hour hook-up to tell the farm people of the whole United States about the School's unique ideals and methods of training young people for life on the farm. Saturday, December 29, was the date of the program, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Superintendent J. O. Christianson of the School of Agriculture arranged the program and spoke on "Agricultural Education and Farm Organization." Victor A. Christgau, assistant administrator of the AAA, spoke from Washington, D.C. Mr. Christgau is a 1917 graduate of the School of Agriculture. Songs of agricultural schools over the nation were played during the hour by the Home-steaders' orchestra.

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## The Christmas Assembly

The stage of the auditorium was set for the Christmas Assembly. A fire glowed in the fireplace. A handsomely decorated Christmas tree stood off at one side of the stage. Comfortable chairs were placed so that the occupants could watch the lights on the tree. The sweet heavy odor of spruce filled the auditorium.

Into this "Christmassy" atmosphere came the student body to attend the Christmas exercises, the last Assembly of the fall quarter.

From the stage they heard Superintendent Christianson announce the following program:

"Silent Night, Holy Night"  
"Deck the Halls"  
S.A.U.M. Chorus  
Announcements and awards by Superintendent Christianson  
Christmas Carols  
Assembly and Choir  
Christmas Lullaby  
Girls' Octet  
Cornet Solo, "The Holy City"  
Mr. Boland  
"We Have Seen Him"  
Boys' Octet assisted by Jean Scott and Virginia Barwise  
Solo  
Mr. Birder  
"Underneath the Christmas Starlight"  
Girls' Octet  
Christmas Message  
Dean W. C. Coffey  
"Hark! the Notes of Joy"  
S.A.U.M. Chorus

Concluding the program was the singing of Christmas Carols by the audience under the direction of Miss Wendt. And too soon the last Assembly came to a close.

At about eight o'clock in the morning on Thanksgiving Day, twenty-four girls, demurely dressed in Priscilla scarfs and caps, and carrying candles, marched into the darkened Dining Room, where the boys had gathered at their tables, singing, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart." The line of march lead up and down the aisles between the tables to the space beside the faculty table, where the girls paused to sing "America, the Beautiful." That ended, Esther Nelson invited all to join in singing the "Doxology." Candles were snuffed, overhead lights turned on as the girls took their places at the breakfast tables. So passed the traditional Priscilla Parade of Thanksgiving into history.

## SOCIAL PROGRAM

### Winter 1935

Jan. 7 Mon.	Registration	Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
	Movie, "Judge Priest"	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
9 Wed.	Men's S.G.A. Organization	Dormitory 7:50 p.m.
	Women's S.G.A. Organization	Girls' Dormitory 7:50 p.m.
10 Thur.	Fellowship Hour—Y.M.C.A. Fireplace	Room H.E. 6:15 p.m.
	School Y.W.C.A.	Y.W.C.A. Office
12 Sat.	Basketball Game (Concordia)	Gymnasium 7:00 p.m.
	J. W. Zellner—Character Portrayals	Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
	All School Dance	Gymnasium 9:45 p.m.
14-19	Farmers and Homemakers Week	
15 Tues.	Farm Bureau Day—Called Assembly	Auditorium 12 noon
	Alumni Ass'n. Luncheon	Party Dining Room 5:30 p.m.
17 Thur.	School of Agriculture Parents' Day of Farmers and Homemakers Week.	
	School of Agriculture Farmers and Homemakers program	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
19 Sat.	Movie	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
26 Sat.	Movie	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
27 Sun.	Sunday Night Hour	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
29 Tues.	Basketball Game (Luther College)	Gymnasium 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 2 Sat.	Midwinter Homecoming Assembly	Auditorium 12 noon
	Indoor Field Meet	1:30 p.m.
	Basketball Game (S.A.U.M.—Crookston)	7:30 p.m.
	Homecoming Dance	9:00 p.m.
9 Sat.	Basketball Game (So. Dak. School of Agriculture)	Gymnasium 2:30 p.m.
	Movie, "White Parade"	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
10 Sun.	Open House	Dexter 8-10 p.m.
11 Mon.	Basketball Game (Dunn County, Wis., School of Agriculture)	Gymnasium 7:00 p.m.
12 Tues.	Student Excursions	Forenoon
	All School Dance	Gymnasium 8:00 p.m.
16 Sat.	Movie, "Barretts of Wimpole Street"	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
20 Wed.	Declamatory and Oratorical Contest (Morris)	Auditorium 6:30 p.m.
22 Fri.	Livestock Judging Contest	Morning and Afternoon
	Old Fashioned Dancing Party	Gymnasium 8:30 p.m.
23 Sat.	Dairy Judging Contest	
	Movie, "Chu-Chin-Chow"	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
25 Mon.	Dairy and Livestock Club Banquet	Party Dining Room 6:15 p.m.
Mar. 2 Sat.	Party in Honor of Seniors	Gymnasium 8:00 p.m.
5 Tues.	Basketball Game (Bethel Jr. College)	Gymnasium 7:00 p.m.
8 Fri.	Debate with Morris	Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
9 Sat.	Basketball Game (Grand Rapids)	Gymnasium 7:00 p.m.
	Our Debate Team at Crookston	
	Movie, "Peck's Bad Boy"	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
15 Fri.	Senior Class Play	Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
16 Sat.	Movie, "Bright Eyes"	Auditorium 2 & 8 p.m.
17 Sun.	Commencement Sermon (Called Assembly)	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
22 Fri.	Final Assembly	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
23 Sat.	School Closes at Noon	
24 Sun.	Alumni Reunion Day—Pendergast Hall. Honored Classes, '95, '05, '15, '25	
25 Mon.	Alumni Day—Alumni Banquet—and	Alumni Ball
26 Tues.	Commencement	Auditorium 2:00 p.m.

## Satire on Advertising

It might have happened in the P.O. Mary lingered after all others had gone. Would he come? Surely he would not miss their appointment. But Arnold did not come. What could be the matter? Her eyes were alluring with Winx eye shadow and Murine eye wash. That morning she had washed with Lifebuoy soap. Her Pepsodent smile would slay any man. No, those were not the reasons he had not come. She had eaten Kellogg's and drunk Sanborn's dated coffee one day before the date. Surely that should bring him. Alas, he has not come. She hurries home and unburdens her heart to Dorothy Dix who can solve this mystery as she has countless others. Supported by this belief she goes home to dream on a Beautyrest mattress.

J. R. Jones, '28, Eldora, Ia., is the official caretaker in his neighborhood.

## Sleigh Ride

One day two very ambitious and fun loving girls, Happy Harding and Elizabeth Jonk, requested permission from Superintendent Christianson to organize a sleigh ride. The permission was granted, plans were made and on Sunday night, December 2 at 8:30 o'clock, fifty-four laughing shouting Aggies piled onto the sleighs and were off for a jolly ride. At 10 o'clock they crowded into the parlor of the girls' dormitory and were served hot cocoa and doughnuts. Everyone joined in the singing of a number of well known songs. After the final song, "Good Night, Ladies" the boys and city girls made their exit. Miss Bredberg, Ralph Miller and William Dankers acted as chaperons for the occasion.

Moris Hoversten calls everyone "Herman." But he tells no one what his middle name is! We don't know.

## Song Service

"Thanksgiving Today and Yesterday," was the subject of Rev. Lloyd Rising's song service talk on Sunday morning, November 25. His story of the hardships that the Pilgrims endured in the first years spent in New England made his hearers realize how much they have to be thankful for.

The giving of one's effort to the development of material things for the common good will accomplish as much for the individual as the worshipping of some supernatural power or thing, and it will accomplish far more toward raising the general level of living to a higher standard. This was the main thought that our popular instructor, Dr. W. E. Petersen, left with his audience when he spoke on "Some Practical Phases of Religion" at the December 2 Song Service.

Dr. Petersen pointed out that there should not be less worshipping but that a greater reward may be enjoyed from practical worship rather than from worship of the supernatural alone.

Trygve Eastvold very capably lead the song service.

Cynthia Moechnig lead the service of songs and responsive readings and introduced Y.M.C.A. Secretary Ralph Miller as the speaker at the December 9 Song Service.

Mr. Miller had chosen "Being Happy" as his subject. He said:

"There is a large part of the population today which is discontented with the things which they have and would like to find something which would bring them happiness. The vagabond is the individual who would leave responsibilities and other things of interest to him to attempt to seek that thing which he calls happiness. These individuals are never sure of what they are looking for and consequently never find it.

"Happiness is something that must be acquired by searching for it through the unselfish tasks which one may do for other people. It is not found by experiencing the greatest number of thrills or putting in the most time at the things which require no effort on the part of the individual, but by learning how to be happy by learning how to live with other people. One must train to acquire happiness as an athletic team trains to gain fame. It must become a habit to be happy. The best passport to happiness is a good character."

At the last Song Service of the fall quarter, held on Sunday, December 16, Everett Clauson lead the service. There was special Christmas music by the Boys' Quartette. Everett introduced Professor L. B. Bassett, well known to all the student body, a teacher who has long been a person of major importance in the School of Agriculture.

He was particularly well fitted to answer the question which he had chosen as his topic, "What is success in life?"

"Success in life does not depend so much on one's position, wealth, education, or the amount of leisure time that he has, but rather on his ability and willingness to make the most of his opportunity to serve humanity happily, honestly, and enthusiastically," said Mr. Bassett.

To Jack Kern and Harold Vold, snowballing before class, Fosket said, "What do you think this is, a public playground?"

## Who's Who at University Farm

Dr. C. P. Fitch, chief of the veterinary division, claims Sauquoit, New York, as his birthplace. He was graduated from Hamilton College at Clinton, New York, with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1906. Three years later he received his masters' degree from this institution. Dr. Fitch went to Cornell for his veterinary training. Following his graduation as Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1911 he became a member of the staff at Cornell, teaching Bacteriology until 1917.

It was in 1917 that he was invited by Dr. Carl W. Gay to be chief of the local veterinary division. That fall he and his family moved to St. Anthony Park where they now make their home.

Dr. Fitch chuckles when he recalls how he was told tall tales of Minnesota arctic winters and the not infrequent visits of Indians he might expect. "But we have liked Minnesota very much," said Dr. Fitch. "We enjoy going back to New York for visits but we wouldn't move back there now."

For sixteen years Dr. Fitch has been Secretary of the State Veterinary Association. This association, with its 250 members, indirectly affects more people than any association



Dr. C. P. Fitch

of its size in the state. Minnesota is the largest cattle producing state in the union and consequently the veterinarians of this association come in contact with a large number of people throughout the whole state.

The control of Bang's disease has been the most productive of all his research work. The control of this disease has become world renowned and is now on the national program of the United States Department of Agriculture. Over 2500 tests for this disease are made daily in the laboratory of the Veterinary Division.

"The teaching of veterinary subjects in the School of Agriculture helps bring to the attention of the people the dangers of disease among livestock and the value of veterinary service," said Dr. Fitch. When asked what future there is for a School student who is trained in veterinary medicine he replied, "I think there is an excellent future for those who want to go on after their intermediate year to some veterinary college. The sphere of a veterinarian's influence has broadened. At the present time there is greater opportunity for employment in veterinary medicine than in nearly any other profession. There are quite a number of veterinarians throughout the states who are graduates of this School. Being raised on a farm furnishes a good background for veterinary training."

Dr. Fitch is a busy man. Besides his research work and teaching he has taken part in many extra-curricular activities. For many years he was chairman of the curriculum committee of the School of Agriculture. The

curriculum that is being used today is largely a product of that committee. He is chairman of the scholarship and awards committee that administers the Caleb Dorr awards that are shared by the School and College of Agriculture.

Dr. Fitch is a member of the State Livestock Sanitary Board and a member of the executive board of the American Veterinary Medical Association. He was also president of this association last year.

"I enjoyed my relations with the American Veterinary Medical Association. While president of this association, I travelled a good deal and came in contact with many men in my profession all over the country."

Last August, when the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Twelfth International Veterinary Congress met for the first time in the United States there were delegates present from 48 foreign countries. Dr. John Mohler, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D.C., was elected president and Dr. Fitch first vice president of this congress.

When asked what a busy man did when he had leisure, he said, "I like hunting and fishing." But he did not tell how big the fish was that got away. Reading, especially travel literature, biography, and contract bridge are his favorite pastimes.

## Basketball

On Monday evening, December 10, Coach Kraus issued basketball jerseys to Otis Stoa, Chuck Waldo, Eldor Hultgren, Elbert Meade, Donald Werner, Norman Holm, Ivar Peterson, Eldred Rieke and Frank Croston. Other players who are pressing hard for places on the squad are Fordyce Larm, Floyd Drewes, Ray Wassom, Moris Hoversten, Robert Durkee, Einar Feldheim, Howard West, Olaf Sethre, David Zimmerman and Leonard Anderson.

## Farmers-Homemakers

It will be open house week at University Farm, January 14-19, when the thirty-fifth annual Farmers and Homemakers short course convenes for one of the largest and most varied programs ever offered the Minnesota farmer and homemaker.

Looming large on the general program are the agricultural economics program, designed to assist the individual in placing his farm on a business basis; the building program, to assist those contemplating modernizing or adding to their present set-up; the drouth program, in which all divisions are co-operating in presenting information of value in arranging the 1935 program, and the home economics program for women.

Dairymen, poultrymen, crops men, horticulturists and other types of specialized farmers will find the programs covering their particular fields filled with valuable suggestions which have been brought to light in the past 12 months. All told, the completed program will carry over 175 classes, exhibits, demonstrations and conferences on all phases of agriculture and homemaking.

An S.A.U.M. hour will be held daily at 4:30 p.m. to give graduates and former students an opportunity to get together, and to hear such speakers as J. O. Christianson, R. F. Crim, Iver J. Johnson, Dean W. C. Coffey,

Dr. Andrew Boss, and Mrs. Harry Krum. A luncheon for "aggies" will be held Tuesday evening, and Thursday evening the School of Agriculture will provide an assembly program.

Farm credit, rural rehabilitation and AAA county administration will be emphasized in special conferences featuring such speakers as Wm. I. Myers, Washington, D.C., governor of the Farm Credit Administration, Claude Wickard, Washington, D.C., assistant chief of the corn-hog section of the AAA, and Dr. Andrew Boss, AAA administrator for Minnesota. Other conferences of importance to S.A.U.M. graduates will deal with community leadership, dramatics, recreation, 4-H club leadership, and the problems confronting rural youth.

Folders describing the program may be obtained from county attendance committees, county agents, or by writing directly to L. A. Churchill, chairman, University Farm, asking to be placed on the mailing list.

## The Christmas Serenade

Following a time honored custom, at the close of their Christmas party on Thursday evening, December 20, the dormitory boys, under the leadership of President Charles Waldo and the boys' quartette, set out from Pendergast Hall singing carols. Their march lead down to the Administration Building, past the Horticulture and Home Economics buildings to the school girls' dormitory. Here they grouped themselves in a hollow square about the octette and sang their Christmas serenade. "Taps" and "Good Night, Ladies" echoed about the campus as they took their departure.

Robert Pauly and Charlotte Fisher were married in the St. Agnes' Rectory in Walker on September 22. Robert specializes in the building of rock gardens at Walker and in neighboring towns.

## Winter Sports

Heavy snow, ideal for winter sports, under a clear frosty sky, made the ideal setting for the toboggan party which the dormitory boys gave dormitory girls Sunday afternoon, December 9 on the athletic field, south of the gymnasium. Other sports, planned for the occasion went by the board as soon as the toboggans were brought on to the field. Following hours of vigorous exercise, whetted appetites found cocoa and doughnuts served in the gymnasium savory.

Ervin Smith, chairman, John Clark, Paul Peterson and Moris Hoversten planned the program of the party and directed it. Refreshments were served by Trygve Eastvold, chairman, Carl Bremer, Wilbur Pratt, Albert Flesland, Olaf Sethre, Clarence Carpenter, Fordyce Larm, Harold Lamb and Charles Miller.

A representative group of students are taking social dancing lessons Tuesday evenings from Lillian Vail of the McPhail School of Music. They meet in the gymnasium.

## Splash Party

Splash! Splash! Splash! That's what you would have heard from the swimming pool if you had happened to come up to the gym on Monday night, November 27, at 7:30 o'clock. It was a splash party sponsored by the Girls' Athletic Association. Thelma Martin and Miss Kaercher were in charge of the party.

Miss Eibner presented prizes to the following girls, winners in different events: Dorothy Heifort, Drusilla Lange, Jean Abraham, Virginia Deemer, Mary Jane Matschke, Ida Madsen, Joyce Hinds and Lois Wallraff.

The judges were Miss Kaercher, Miss Eibner and Miss Bredberg.

People are too prone to live their way into thinking than to think their way into living.

## Carolling

Through frost and snow, be the day fair or stormy, cold or warm, one tradition of the School of Agriculture is always observed by the dormitory girls on the morning of the last day of school.

True to this tradition, the girls set out early Saturday morning, December 22, and made their first stop to sing Christmas carols under the windows of Dexter Hall. From there, they proceeded with their lighted Japanese lanterns into the Park to sing before the doors of Superintendent Christianson and members of the faculty. The dawn was breaking when they climbed Pendergast Hill and came in to Pendergast Club Room to have a bite to eat and thaw out cold toes and fingers and, best of all, to sing more carols. They were too few to suit the listeners, for singers and listeners alike had to answer the 7:30 call to breakfast. But the carollers are not forgotten.

## "Ladies Aid"

"The Ladies Aid, a Musical Satire" was the name of the one-act play the Choral class presented in assembly on November 28, under the direction of Cecil Birder. Taking part in the many ridiculous situations in the play were Vivian Dose as Mrs. P. Hydrogen; Virginia Barwise, Mrs. Howe D. Dugh; Catherine Doran, Miss Huntaman; Vera Smith, Mrs. Stout; Evelyn Henry, Mrs. Letherbrain; Doris Amidon, Mrs. Tombstone; Katrina Day, Mrs. Snappy; Marion Picha, Miss Schrawy; Mary Jane Matschke, Mrs. Ruffles; Lois Wallraff, Mrs. Everpest; Edna Richards, Pineapple Everpest; Pauline Gibeau, Miss Dippy and Jean Wallraff, Polly. "How-Do-You-Do," "Seated in a Circle," and "Hello" were the songs sung by the circle. Solos were sung by Virginia Barwise, Marion Picha, Vivian Dose and Lois Wallraff.

"Why don't you use your common sense?"

## Assemblies

**November 27.** The mixed chorus under the direction of Miss Wendt sang "Come, Ye Thankful, Come."

The 1935 Agrarian is in the making. Editor-in-chief George Lorenz and Business Manager Howard West told us about what the Agrarian board is doing, and asked our cooperation.

"This was one of the most interesting speeches we have had this quarter," said Superintendent Christianson when the speaker had finished, and judging from the amount of applause everyone else thought so, too. Who was the speaker? It was Ernest Baughman, a member of the student body, who has just returned from the Country Life Association meeting at Washington. Ernest told us something about the places he had seen, the speakers he heard, and some experiences on this trip. But Ernest is going to tell the readers of the News in his own words about his trip. Look for it elsewhere in this issue.

**November 28.** We had called assembly today. The Choral Class under the direction of Mr. Birder, presented a musical satire entitled "The Ladies Aid." It seemed that no matter how often Vivian Dose, president of the Ladies Aid, called for order, tongues flew faster than the needles.

**November 30.** We sang "Jingle Bells" today while the first snowstorm of the season raged outside. This kind of weather seemed to fit right in keeping with the speaker's talk on his trip to Iceland. Valdimar Bjornson, editor of the Minnesota Mascot, told us that in Iceland the weather never gets as hot or as cold as in Minnesota. Illiteracy is unknown in that country and the home is a more important unit in the education of children than it is in America. Each child must be able to read and write before entering school. The Icelanders are confronted with much the same problems as we with the exception of the drought.

**December 1.** Snowballs flew across the stage and then a sleighride party was announced for tomorrow night. I can vision more snowballs flying before the party is over. We saw another newsreel today and had a glimpse of a large number of football stars from all over the country.

**December 4.** Who likes accordion music? I believe everyone would if they could have heard Ray Rose of WCCO when he played for us today, "from the ridiculous to the sublime" as he said when he switched from a jazz number to "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise." He also played several requests, such as "The Man on the Flying Trapeze" and "Golden Slippers."

**December 5.** We had a rather unusual special number today by the School harmonic band. They played two selections, "Old Black Joe" and "Home Sweet Home."

Our friend and neighbor, Rev. Rising of St. Anthony Park Methodist Church, spoke to us today on "What Is Education?"

"Education should enable us to live with others and also enable us to live alone," said Rev. Rising.

**December 7.** Lucille Peters played a cornet solo, "One Fleeting Hour." She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Wendt.

I've heard a lot about the road to success but Mr. Harry Burtis told us today that there are five roads. On

## Ernest Baughman Describes Washington Trip

Ernest Baughman, '34, was the student elected by the student body to represent it at the meeting of the National Country Life Association, held in Washington, D.C., November 16-19.

This association of people and organizations working for a worthy country life in America was organized in 1919 by the Country Life Commission appointed by Theodore Roosevelt, then president of the United States. The theme of the conference this year was "National Planning and Rural Life." The adult section and student sections held separate meetings except when general assembly was desirable.

Ernest was a delegate to the student section, which was made up of 250 delegates from all the states east of the Mississippi, Kansas, and Minnesota. What follows is his condensed account of a very eventful trip and conference.

"In our meeting, we were first addressed by some person well acquainted with the topic to be discussed. This was followed by group discussions, where we became acquainted with problems that confront people in different sections of the country and how differently they react to the same problems and obstacles.

### Speakers

"To my mind, the most interesting speakers we heard were: Dr. Kirkpatrick, professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin, whose topic was, 'Is There an American Youth Movement?'; Carl C. Taylor of the Land Policy Section of the A.A.A., on 'Land Planning and Rural Rehabilitation As a Means of Preserving Rural Life Values'; T. O. Walton, president of the Mechanical and Agricultural Engineering College of Texas, on 'The Cotton Grower and the A.A.A.' and, best of all, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, who, with deliberation, pointed out to us the need for a long time agricultural policy in this country. 'A program must be worked out on the foundation of how much demand there is going to be for agricultural products in the future,' he said. This figure he thinks is to be arrived at by first deciding on the amount of goods we shall be able to export in the future and also computing the amount of agricultural products that will be consumed at home. After this, there must be determined the number of acres needed to produce goods for export and internal consumption. Secretary Wallace said definitely that we cannot return to our old method of uncontrolled production without first regaining those foreign markets we had before and during the World War. These we cannot hope to reclaim in the near future.

"After taking part in such a conference as this, one begins to realize the great handicaps under which the

some roads we find untrained workers and on others routine workers. He advised us to stay on the road of the trained worker and be ready for our "lucky opportunities" when they came.

**December 8.** Mr. Dankers presided today.

Instead of usual newsreels, a ventriloquist, Mr. Spencer, entertained us. He had quite a time making the dummy, "Quits," behave as he should.

government is working and the magnitude of the problems with which it must cope. I was impressed, too, by the difference in rural problems found in the several states. I came away satisfied that rural people in Minnesota are better off as a whole than those of any state represented in the conference.

### Historic Spots

"Washington is a well planned city with beautiful public and private buildings and broad, handsome streets. It is the hotel man's paradise and he has built many elegant hotels to house the thousands that are attracted to the Capitol from abroad as well as from the states. The most interesting places which we visited were the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Arlington cemetery and Mount Vernon, where we saw the tombs of Martha and George Washington. Not only had this home of Washington a beautiful setting on the hills above the Potomac, but it was beautiful itself. The furniture and fittings of the house were more elegant than I had imagined existed in colonial days.

"In Virginia, we visited the Natural Bridge, the most remarkable natural feature which we saw on our trip. From its top to the river below is a distance of 215 feet. We passed through the battlefields of Bull Run. History was written on nearly every spot we passed east of Indiana.

"One of the objectives we had set up for our trip was to know better the universities in the states we visited, and our trip was planned to take us through important university cities, such as those of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Virginia, and Kentucky.

### Educational Value

"What interested me most on the trip was the variation in agricultural practices from state to state. In Wisconsin, leading state in the production of cheese, we passed through whole districts devoted to tobacco raising. In Illinois and Indiana, famous for corn and rich soil, we drove through waste land for miles. The Kentucky Blue Grass country was not blue and much of it was rough and hilly and fit only for stock raising. But the farm homes in this section were the handsomest we saw on our trip. In Virginia and Kentucky we saw what seemed nearly perpendicular fields being cultivated. The chief source of income in this mountainous country seemed to be coal and there were indications of coal mining near every home. West Virginia was dotted with the derricks of oil wells, though many of them appeared dry. Shenandoah Valley, known to me from the famous Civil War raids, was fertile. Large orchards surrounded the many prosperous looking farm homes which we saw.

"We traversed nearly 3,000 miles on our trip. As we returned to Minnesota, we honestly felt that no place we had seen on this long trip looked so good to us as the state from which we hailed.

"There is no need to say I enjoyed the trip. I felt it to be an honor and a responsibility to represent the School of Agriculture at the Country Life Conference, and I often wished that each student in the School could have shared with me the rich experiences I had, that each might have profited from them as richly as I feel I did."

Recommendation for a politician—"John Smith has a spotless future."

## Newman Club

An event interesting to Newman Club members took place in St. Paul during the second week in November when the Catholic Rural Life conference was in session. Members of the club attended the lectures, dinners, and entertainments and reported on them at the November 10 meeting which was held in the Fireplace Room of the Home Economics building.

On Sunday, December 9, thirty members received Holy Communion at the St. Thomas College Chapel and afterwards were guests of the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lawson at luncheon in their home in St. Paul. This was followed by a club program. Through Mr. Lawson's generosity, cars were provided for the round trip.

Miss Hedda Kafka of the Home Economics Division has accepted the faculty advisorship, and with her help the club looks forward to the successful close of a successful quarter. Members of the club will go home proud of the splendid Catholic club which they have organized on the campus.

## Literaries

The Literaries have staged some unusual programs this fall. On November 24, the *Owls* heard a program of thirteen members which included a one act play, "Radio Recipes," by Martha Riehs, Jean Abraham and Vivian Dose. On the same night the *S.A.U.M. Literary* added variety to its program by having Gerard Doom, the great hypnotist, show his stuff, and by having Professor Tyler tell the story of his trip to the Southwest, this summer. The *Gopher* program was both lengthy and well given. The highlight of this program was Mr. Ralph Miller's account of his travels in the west.

The Literaries held their seventh meeting on December 2. The *Owls* introduced a new group of entertainers, the Cornstassel Sisters, Alma Fruechte, Wilma Bondeson and Marcella Moechnig. Glenn Kaehler and Winton Madsen played an accordion duet. The *S.A.U.M. Literary* also featured Winton Madsen and Glenn Kaehler's accordion duet.

The *Gopher*, not to be outdone by anyone, presented something different, a mock trial. A breach of promise suit was brought against Chuck Waldo by Leona Reinneccius, Norbert Riley and Ernest Baughman were their lawyers. A jury was sworn in, and the judge, John Flueger, heard the case, which was settled out of court.

## Haps and Mishaps

It happened to Ed Flannery and Norman Holm in the same week. They were victims of the two outside doors in Room 302, Pendergast Hall in the same week.

Ed came in through one door, carefully swept and dusted the room and left. He came in through the second door and repeated the performance, just as carefully! And Norman did the same thing the next day!

Ted Kuhnau's theme song is—"I Wish I Was Single Again."

Dora Kruger talks in her sleep. But Edna Richards can keep a secret.

Chaperons can have a good time. A little brown-eyed nurse we all know did. Can it be because she was treated like one of ourselves on that sleigh ride party?