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## GOPHERS CHOOSE 1920 CAPTAIN AT BANQUET TONIGHT

Dr. Williams, Famous Coach, Will  
Give His Impressions of  
The Team.

### CAPTAIN IS CHOSEN BY SECRET BALLOT

Separate Tickets Will be Sold for  
Both the Dinner and the  
Dance.

Everything is in readiness for the "M" Dinner-Dance which will occupy the university arena this evening. With a large ticket sale as shown by reports from fraternities, and the W. S. G. A. well over 200 followers of the team will welcome "Doc" Williams and his cohorts.

During a five-course dinner, Dean Vance, of the Law school as toastmaster will introduce Dr. H. L. Williams, who for the first time this season will comment at great length on the team. What Walter Eckersall, of the Chicago Tribune, Patterson, of Colliers Weekly, or even Walter Camp, says of the Gopher fighting machine is relatively unimportant to Minnesota students. What Doc. Williams thinks of his own team will come like wisdom from the mouth of a sage.

Captain Ernest Lampl will lead the team for the last time, and will close his football career at Minnesota by speaking for the team. Then the team will file out to a separate room and by secret ballot choose their captain for the season. The captain-elect then will tell what rosters may expect of next year's varsity after the presentation of "M's."

Besides these football luminaries, the Hon. F. B. Snyder, president of the board of regents, will speak for the regents and alumni. W. L. Nolan, former speaker of the house, whose reputation as an after dinner speaker is state wide will narrate on a subject which he has not yet announced.

Both the lower dining room and Minnesota Union ballroom will be flooded with the Maroon and Gold. Goal posts painted in gold will be at the ends of the tables where the individual footballs may be passed over the line for a touchdown. The Phi Kappa Sigma four-piece orchestra will play during the hostilities, and Kelsey's six-piece orchestra has been engaged for the dance.

To make it possible for men to attend only the banquet and be on hand for the presentation of "M's" and election of captain, the committee has fixed a charge of \$1.00 for the banquet alone. Couples who attend only the dance may purchase tickets at the door for one dollar.

## Pres. Burton Suggests Relief For Congestion

Storehouse and Mines Experimental  
Station on Next Year's Building  
Program.

President Burton, in a meeting of the board of regents, at which the chief problem confronting them was the seriously low financial condition of the university, made several suggestions by which the congestion in the university buildings might be relieved. Seven hours a day is about the maximum time the buildings are in service at present. In order to increase their usefulness Dr. Burton thinks that the buildings may be worked in double shifts making longer working days.

It is evident that some plan must be formulated for taking care of the over crowded conditions and a survey of the class schedules in the different buildings is now being carried out. The plans for next year's construction have been made and excavation will begin as soon as possible. These include a new store house which is figured approximately at \$200,000, a mines experimental station at \$200,000 and a girl's dormitory at the same figure.

According to the building program, the following year a central administration building which will cost approximately \$400,000 and an electrical engineering building to cost about \$300,000 will be erected. A library and music hall will be considered next as urgent requirements.

USE RED CROSS SEALS FOR  
YOUR CHRISTMAS "STICKERS."

## "M" MEN. At the "M" Dinner-Dance this evening at 7:00 o'clock in the Min- nesota Union the following men will be awarded "M's."

Captain Ernest Lampl.  
Eddie Ruben.  
Arnold Oss.  
Tony Tomasek.  
Neil Arntson.  
Ralph Gruye.  
Carl Hanke.  
Charles Cantieny.  
Theron Gerow.  
Arnold Hawkinson.  
Trig Johnson.  
Verne Williams.  
Robert Butler.  
Harlow Bierman.  
Douglas Roos.  
Festus Tierney.  
Peter Regnier.  
Jack Phillips.  
Walter Haertel.

## Christmas Party To Be Held In Shevlin

University Choir to Sing Christmas  
Carols—Lucille Holliday Will  
Lead Mass Singing.

The Christmas party to be given under the joint auspices of the W. S. G. A. and the Minnesota Union board on Sunday, December 14th, is to be an event of unusual interest, according to the members in charge of arrangements. This party, to be modeled on the plan adopted by these two organizations in the previous Sunday parties, is not to be limited to out-of-town students. Also, as this party is to be staged in Shevlin hall from 4:00 to 7:00 p. m. the committee desires to impress the men students that their presence is very earnestly urged.

H. Janeke, who is heading the entertainment committee, has promised a program that will be unique in its originality. Certain numbers have already been announced with more to follow. The University choir has been secured for this occasion and will sing several Christmas carols. A. P. Stukeby will entertain on the saxophone and xylophone. Two humorous readings will be given by Betty Jones. The Glee Club quartet will also contribute something in the line of melody. Miss Lucille Holliday, remembered in her official capacity as war camp community worker, will lead the mass singing. Dr. C. P. Sigerfoos will be present to dispense Christmas gifts to everyone attending. The entertainment committee are planning little skits and take-offs on the various colleges, one of which is a burlesque on a poem by Lord Dunsany, dedicated to the engineers and entitled "Why the Engineers shudder when they perceive the Dawn."

To insure acquaintanceship of all those present an introduction committee has been appointed, comprising the following people: Dick Haupt, Steve Shannon, Eunice Spicer, Katherine Sweet, Lucille McNally, Dorothy Treacy, Norman Kingsley, Neal Arntson, Herbert Lefkowitz, David Branson, Warren Hamburg, Merton Anderson, Carl Yaeger, Frances Gunderson, Betty Jones, Pauline Warren, and Dorothy Johnson.

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## Tau Beta Pi Initiates

Honorary Fraternity Chooses Eighteen  
Men From the Class of  
1920.

Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering  
fraternity, announces the initiation of  
the following students from the class  
of 1920:

College of Engineering and Architecture:  
Vance C. Paterson.  
Floyd M. Eriar.  
William Fitzgerald.  
Ralph H. Triem.  
Donald O. Nelson, Minneapolis.  
Walter J. Larson.  
Hans E. Bernt, Duluth.  
Karl A. E. Berg.  
Helmer N. Anderson.  
Florian A. Klemeschmidt.  
Carl C. Hanko, St. Louis Park.  
Milton J. Anderson, Duluth.  
Harold R. Goss.  
Leonard F. McKenzie.  
Merle J. Williams.  
Lehan H. Hamlin, Minneapolis.  
School of Mines:  
L. E. Clark.  
A. K. Bailey.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS.

## NEWSPAPER MAN SPEAKS TO YOUNG JOURNALISTS AT U

Ralph L. Tennis, District Head,  
Describes Methods of  
Distributing.

### ACCURACY AND SPEED ARE TWO ESSENTIALS

Twin City Officers Send News  
to Pacific Coast and North  
as Far as Yukon.

"I know of no better preparatory school for big business men than journalism," said Mr. Ralph L. Tennis, northwest manager of the Associated Press bureau, speaking Wednesday night at a meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity.

Mr. Tennis, whose jurisdiction extends from northern Wisconsin through to the Pacific coast, and as far north as the Yukon, in Alaska, explained to the members methods employed by his bureau in collecting, assimilating and distributing news all over the world.

He said that the Associated Press, which is the largest news gathering bureau in the world, is simply a number of morning and evening newspapers banded together for mutual benefit. It includes more than 40,000 miles of leased telegraph wires in the United States, besides wireless communication with Alaska and Honolulu, Hawaii. News distributed over this system is read by nearly sixty million readers in the United States every day.

The territory is divided into four parts with central offices in New York, Washington, Chicago and San Francisco. (Continued on page 3.)

## H. E. A. Meets Today

Program Representative of All De-  
partments of School to Be Given  
in H. E. A. Building.

The Home Economics association of the Ag Boosters will have a meeting of all departments, in the fireplace room of the H. E. building, Friday, December 12, from 4 to 5:30.

A program representative of all sections of H. E. A. will be given. The food section will be represented by a talk by Mrs. Knapp. Her subject is "Research Work in Canning." Laurence Hempstead will discuss "Pending Textile Legislation." The management section will contribute a skit by girls who have been doing budget work.

Every girl on the campus is urged to attend this meeting.

## St. Thomas Quint Meets Gophers Sat.

Same Line-up Will Be Used in Sec-  
ond Game as that Which De-  
feated Stout.

St. Thomas is the next opponent of the Gopher quint on the local floor, the game to be played at the armory Saturday evening, December 13. St. Thomas has a strong team on the floor and will give the Gopher quintet a harder battle than Stout Institute. With the benefit of going through one game, the Minnesota team has been strengthened in some of the weaker points that were noticeable in the early practice. Dr. Cooke will put the same men on the floor that opened the Stout game.

The game will start at eight o'clock, and at the end of the game the audience will probably be allowed to trip the light fantastic. The band may be there to live up the affairs of the evening.

The Stout game showed the calibre of men that have donned the Maroon and Gold uniforms. In Oss and Arntson, Dr. Cooke has a pair of the fastest and sure shot forwards that have come under his tutoring. Captain Lawler and Enke at guard, and Johnson at center also showed up well. The Stout game attracted one of the largest crowds that have attended a preliminary basketball game at the university.

The lineup:  
Minnesota St. Thomas  
Oss ..... F. .... Swanson  
Arntson ..... F. .... Barton, Rees  
Johnson ..... C. .... Gibbs  
Enke ..... G. .... Strommwell  
Lawler ..... G. .... Christ's Lieb

## System Of Average Marking Adopted

Cases of More than Three per Cent  
of Flunks Will be Investigated  
says Burton.

Adoption of a law of averages in making university students at Minnesota was announced yesterday by President Marion Le Roy Burton. This is the result of experiments conducted at leading colleges all over the United States.

According to the schedule two per cent of students in a class should be given "A"; 30 per cent "B"; and a grade of "C" should be given to about 50 per cent. A grade of barely passing should be given to not more than 15 per cent and only two or three per cent failure.

Any instructor who "flunks" out a larger percentage than is scheduled will be tried for inefficient teaching Dr. Burton announced.

The system of marking students according to an average law has been unofficially in existence for some time at Minnesota. The application of it however, was left to the discretion of the instructor.

## Ag Booster Club To Award Prize

Prize to Be Given for Best Design for  
Medal—The Contest Closes  
December 22.

A prize of five dollars is being offered by the Ag Boosters club for the best original design submitted for a medal to be awarded to the members of the livestock and dairy judging teams.

This contest is open to every student and faculty member in the university and the committee in charge expects to obtain a medal which will do justice to the fine showing made by these teams at the International Stock Show at Chicago. No restrictions are placed upon designs, except that the medal should be suitable to wear as a watch fob or charm and the design truly distinctive of the University of Minnesota. The contest closes at midnight, December 22, and all designs must be submitted to Henry Kahdall, box 321 Farm, before that time. The prize will be awarded to the winner of the contest at the A. B. C. dance on January 9 at the Ag gym.

An earnest effort is being made by the Ag Boosters club to make the student and the university authorities realize the importance of these judging teams. Every year teams representing each agricultural college in the United States clash at the International Livestock Show. Heretofore the members of the team have paid their own expenses and have received no recompense for their services. It is now the plan of the A. B. C. to have the expenses incurred by these teams to be paid by the university.

\* At a meeting of the eligibility committee last night it was decided that all football men who had been on an out of town trip should attend the "M" banquet and could vote for the 1920 captain.

## Dramatist Reads

Half of Dramatic Department in Mac-  
Phail School Will Read at Vesper  
Service.

Mr. John Seaman Games, head of the dramatic department of the MacPhail School of Music, will read at Christmas Vespers, 5:30, Sunday, December 14, in the agricultural auditorium.

Mr. Games will read "Xmas Back Home," by Eugene Wood. Musical numbers on the program are:  
Violin solo, Ruth Pearson.  
Piano solo, Marie Lundberg.  
Vocal solo, Irma Baker.

### REGISTRATION SATISFACTORY.

According to Mr. Shumway, registration is proceeding very satisfactorily, the upperclassmen being already registered and the freshmen registering now. Except in cases of failure or conflict classes will be in progress the first day of the second quarter; in cases of failure or conflict changes in registration will be necessary.

## EXTRA RALPH CONNOR SPEAKS OF GAINS COMING FROM WAR

Believes that Gains of the Great  
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Sustained.

### HOPES AMERICA ADOPTS THE LEAGUE

Major Connor Addresses U Peo-  
ple at 4:30 in Little Thea-  
tre Today.

"There are those who tell us to forget the war and its causes but the wisest thing for us is to remember it and try to understand its causes and to gather up from it all its eternal gains," said Dr. Charles W. Gordon, addressing convocation yesterday on "The Spiritual Gains of the War."

Gains of War Outweigh Losses. "Now we are looking out upon the new world which has come into being as a result of the sacrifices that you and we and all of us have made. Great as the losses of the war were, and they were greater than at present we can estimate and more widely spread and go deeper into our hearts than we know, yet I heartily believe that the gains to humanity far outweigh those losses which we have suffered."

Some Who Cannot Forget. "There are some who may forget and who can forget but there are those who cannot and will not forget so long as they live. In my country there are thousands of homes where the war will not be forgotten in this or succeeding generations. It is because the hearts of these rise in proud and silent joy because they were given the opportunity of giving for the greatest cause for which men have died and women have wept."

Has Hope in League of Nations. "It is something that we have been able to redeem from slavery old nations long forgotten and to bring new nations to greater ideals for their preservation on the earth, and greater that we have been able to make and keep a League of Nations to preserve the finest thing the earth has fallen heir to in centuries. "May I express the hope that America will see that the League of Nations will bear interest not only to herself but to the small nations of the world. Whatever happens to the League of Nations one thing has arrived in which we have rejoiced, that at the heart of this league of nations there has risen another league, the league of the Anglo-Saxon peoples and if that league remains firm and steadfast the future of the world is assured."

Three Benefits of War. Major Connor emphasized benefits which we have attained from the war. These are first the reaffirmation of conscience as supreme in human conduct; second the supreme worth of comradeship; third the revelation of the worth of humanity. The thing which won the war, he declared, was the unity between the armies at the base and those at the front.

Last night Major Connor spoke at a dinner of the "Y" delegates to the Des Moines convention. At noon today he will speak at a luncheon on the Agricultural campus. At 4:30 he will address the students in the Little theatre and at 6:00 o'clock he will deliver an address at Andrew Presbyterian church, his last appearance during his brief stay here.

### REMEMBER THE "M" BANQUET.

All three organizations are making an earnest appeal to the women of the university for gifts for the children.

At one side was a little girl who apparently was taking no interest in the games. One of the University of Minnesota women who was directing the games made several efforts to draw the child into the group, but without success.

Finally, while the other children were absorbed in their play, the leader asked the girl why she didn't join the other children.

"I can't," the girl said. "I promised my mother that I wouldn't play because it would wear out my shoes."

Incidents like this are reported frequently by the group of University of Minnesota girls who are doing settlement work in Minneapolis. With the intention of bringing at least a little pleasure into the lives of these children at Christmas, the three important women's organizations on the campus—the W. S. G. A., the Y. W. C. A., and the W. A. A.—are giving a Christmas party for one hundred poor children from Pillsbury house tomorrow afternoon.

There will be a Christmas tree, a Santa Claus, and a spread of ice cream and cake for the youngsters. If the women of the university respond with donations of toys and games, it will be possible for each child to have a gift from the tree. A barrel has been placed in the entry of Shevlin hall. Today is your last opportunity to make contributions.

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ALUMNI ATHLETIC COACHES.

A question of vital importance to Minnesota is being discussed—the question of alumni athletic coaches. According to the strictest interpretation of the conference rules, professional players are barred from assisting in the coaching of the teams of their Alma Mater. This rule, were it obeyed to the letter, would mean that no conference athletic team could be assisted by graduate players as in the past. Minnesota has long maintained a reputation for spotless athletics and we surely want to see that enviable tradition preserved, but, would the violation of the rule in question brand us as being unfair and unscrupulous? Although the regulation in question has been an integral part of the conference rules for a period of years, no college has ever strictly followed it. Why should we then, despite our desire for clean play, enforce the rule when it is not a basic requirement, and when its enforcement and application would mean real hardship for our athletic coaches and teams?

We do not know what motives encourage former players to offer their services to Minnesota that they might help develop teams of championship calibre, but we do know for a certainty that remuneration is only a very negligible, if not wholly disregarded factor. We believe, as do the great majority of people, that persistent loyalty and real interest, as well as the natural desires for victory and Gopher honor, are the chief motives which actuate former Minnesota players to return. If such be the case, can we justly refuse to allow a continuance of such a state of affairs? A college lives as much in the past and future as in the present, and the alumni are the natural standard bearers of college tradition and spirit. Should we discourage alumni interest and concern especially when it is so materially beneficial as in the case in question? It seems to us that such a regulation would be counter to Minnesota's best interests; that it would detract rather than add to any standards we now hold; that it would be unpopular with both the students and the alumni; and that it would materially assist in quenching the now steadily burning fires of unquestionable loyalty, genuine interestedness, and undying love which every student and alumnus holds for Minnesota.

We don't know who the new football captain is going to be, but whoever is elected is our choice too.

FRIENDSHIP.

Be friendly. True friendship is one of life's greatest treasures. Opportunities for comradeship are too often neglected in a rush for some more selfish end. The result is that all too late one finds himself in possession of a lot of THINGS, together with a motley collection of shallow acquaintanceships, which in the end mean nothing.

Rather while youth remains, one should strive for friendship by making himself worthy to be a friend. He must be thoughtful of others, quick to see a situation where he can be of help, ready with a needed encouragement or little service which, though it may entail a bit of sacrifice on his part, means so much to some discouraged or tired one, who needs it more than even he himself knows.

Perhaps the word will seem to be unheeded, the service unnoticed. Perhaps often long afterwards the doer will learn how much his act has meant to the other. And always he will leave behind as he travels the short span of life, a way of loving hearts, a road of friendship, that will find its ending in the Valley of Contentment.—Ohio State Lantern.

A press headline says "Mexican Trouble Takes New Angle." It's about time it was a right angle.

We saw a poor fellow pull a red addressed envelope from his postoffice box this morning. Is the second instalment coming out?

500 students from the University of Nebraska have volunteered to go out and dig coal. That's one way to keep warm.

KINGDOMS AND COAL.

The world is on one big hunt for coal. The strike of the miners in the United States has brought this nation from a condition

of plenty to one of scarcity and is now leading it rapidly to the brink of absolute famine. But cold homes, closed schools, closed industries, have brought to us here in America a taste only of a condition that is chronic in Europe.

America clamors for coal during a general strike, but the condition is not beyond relief within a reasonable length of time. Not so in Europe. Central and Southern Europe are hungering, dying for coal, and there is no coal. The situation there has not even the promise of relief.

Germany has signed away to France many of her most valuable coal deposits. Much that she can still mine must go to Belgium and Italy under the terms of the same treaty. The new states in Southern Europe are to continue to want, as a result. Inherited animosities, racial prejudices, hatreds, suspicions and fears, do not beget coal, and in Europe there are inherited animosities, hatreds, suspicions and fears. Machinery lies idle, production lags, men starve, while governments search in vain for the new staff of life.

The time may come when kings will give their kingdoms for coal, for in the absence of some such barter there may be neither kingdoms nor coal.—The Daily Kansan.

We see that the university is in financial straits. After buying our Christmas presents, we are too.

Peggy Fisher, an English land girl, saved a farmer from a mad bull and later married him. Another application of "out of the frying pan and into the fire."

A New Jersey woman gained a divorce on the ground that her husband was addicted to the use of rouge, face powder, and an eyebrow pencil. We submit that the court was not aware of the growing movement to gain equal rights for men.

Mrs. Rosie Michel was fined \$10 for plastering a neighbor's face with a pumpkin pie. If her bank roll holds out, she will probably land in the movies.

Communication

This column is conducted for the benefit of readers desiring to present their views on all subjects of interest to the university. All communications must be signed as evidence of sincerity, but names will be withheld if desired. While the Daily does not hold itself responsible for the contents of its communications all such material must pass through the hands of the Managing Editor and should be so addressed.

CONSIDER THE POOR MAN!

To the Editor of the Daily:  
The blanket tax will be adopted at Minnesota. It is an innovation on the rights of individuals to choose how they shall spend their money, and it will take out of our university activity a phase of experience valuable to after life. But on the other hand, it will insure adequate support to certain university "tributaries," and in some manner alleviate the distress occasioned by the present plan of subscription.

When a blanket tax is decided upon, it will be levied without exemption on every student in the university, just as the "health fee" has been collected in the past. The student will then be issued a ticket which will serve as a receipt and entitle him to all privileges entailed. The aggregate tax will be divided up among the various school activities, such as athletics, publications, musicals, etc. Thus, each student will contribute his support to all these activities whether he is in favor of them or not. He will have no choice left but to attend or stay away.

These organizations, thus endowed, would no longer need to worry about whence would come their financial support. They would get it in a lump and all their further concern would be in its frugal disbursement. The business world is not conducted on any such basis. Competition is the prevailing characteristic of all trade and industry. To take competition out of these college enterprises would be to remove a school of experience valuable to all that are enrolled in it. Furthermore, the soliciting by agents, feminine or neuter, furnish a training in how to solicit and how to repel solicitors that none should scorn.

Some activities are almost unanimously considered essential to university life. One of these is athletics. Minnesota would not be Minnesota without her Gophers on the gridiron. It is evident then that some provision should be made so that athletics would be assured of adequate financial support. A tax on every student for that purpose would not be unfair, especially if the student were issued in return a ticket entitling him to admission to all athletic contests. Other tributaries, such as The Daily, The Gopher, The Foolscap, and other such for which the student has been urgently solicited, may not be so unanimously considered essential. To be required to pay for these, then, whether he wanted them or not, would be unjust to the student.

It is obvious that such a tax could not possibly cover all university activities. There would still be the shindig mine stock to dispose of and the tenth annual ball of the Phi Rollers' union to be boosted. The tax would not take away all of our dis-

comforts, then, for subscription to these would still be urged upon us by one means or another.

Much convenience, however, can rightfully be attributed to the blanket tax. "By paying out a lump sum of money, presumably at the beginning of each year, the student covers his part of all the various activities on the campus;—publications, athletics and various meetings and functions." An exceedingly convenient arrangement, and to those whose fees and tuition are dispensed by "pater," it means also more scope for the allowance or income during the term. But to the self-supporting student, who must make every penny count, or fail to make ends meet, it means expenditure of money for things which he feels he had better do without. Even now, the financial problem looms so large to the person who has to earn his own way that it is a real barrier to many who would otherwise undertake to go to college. To add the blanket tax to the entrance fees would raise the barrier still higher.

But, since the self-supporting students at Minnesota are much in the minority, their cause will have less weight. And since the attitude of the majority of students is to "take in everything," regardless of expenses, this tax, which affords an opportunity to "take in everything" at a cut rate will undoubtedly carry.  
IRVEN E. STEVENSON, '23.

CALLS ATTENTION TO CASTBERG LECTURE.

To the Editor of the Daily:  
I should like to call the attention of the students of the university, and particularly of students interested in history and the social service, to the lecture to be given Saturday at 10:30 in the Little theatre, by Mr. John Castberg. Mr. Castberg is a public man of distinction in Norway. He has been for many years the leader of the labor party (to be distinguished from social democrats), in the Norwegian Storting (parliament). He has been minister of labor in two cabinets, and carried through parliament a series of important social reform measures which have attracted attention the world over. He is at present president of the Odelsing, one of the chambers of the Storting. Mr. Castberg came to America as one of the delegates from Norway to the international labor conference at Washington, and he is devoting a few weeks before his return to travel and study in this country. I am sure that he will have something interesting to say of labor legislation and the labor solution in Norway, where, I may add, reforms that we are still discussing have long been enacted into law. The lecture will be in English.  
M. B. RUND.

BELIEVE VACATIONS SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

To the Editor of the Daily:  
It seems rather strange that nothing has been done or no steps have been taken to extend our Christmas vacation until the 6th of January, 1920. Evidently it has not been borne in mind that a large percentage of the students will, in accordance with the present program, have to leave home on New Year's day. The feeling which prevails on the campus indicates a desire for this extended vacation and there are many good rea-

sons that justify this feeling in the matter.

For students who expect to attend the summer session and who live a great distance from Minneapolis, this will be the only opportunity during the year to go home. Furthermore, to many who have been in the service, this will be their first opportunity for a real Christmas at home, and as the present program now stands, New Year's day will be spent riding on a train.

Several universities such as Chicago, Wisconsin and others have granted this extension, so why not consider this at Minnesota?

If deemed necessary, the students will gladly make up this time in the spring.

A FEW LOYAL STUDENTS.

FAVORS BLANKET TAX.

Editor of the Daily:  
For many years there has existed on the university campus a condition which has given rise to much heartfelt animosity. At intervals—which have been growing more frequent with time—there has been loosed upon the unprotected student body a swarm of solicitors. More often than not there has been no sufficient cause for such solicitation. Any excuse was enough to infest the campus with a mob of money-grabbing enthusiasts. Each male student was beset on every hand by groups of persistent co-eds who, relying upon their

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**NEWSPAPER MAN SPEAKS TO YOUNG JOURNALISTS AT U**  
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cisco. These regions are in turn subdivided, the Twin Cities branch being the central office for the northwest territory extending through Canada into Alaska.

Regional offices, such as those in Minneapolis and St. Paul, as a general rule, gather only so-called big news, or news of interest to the country as a whole. But because of the peculiar situation here, that of having six papers, all of which must cover Minnesota and North Dakota news more carefully than the Associated Press would normally cover it, this office gathers the northwest local, or small news exclusively for the Twin City papers. This is the only bureau in the country, according to Mr. Tannis, which gives city papers city, county, state and northwest service, as well as national and international news.

**How News is Obtained.**  
 The St. Paul office receives copies of all stories which are to appear in Twin City papers, except university sport and political news. Besides, the bureau has the right to copy anything from any of the papers for its use after publication. All this material is sorted, that suitable for immediate wire use being set aside to be rewritten if necessary and "put on the wires" that night. News which can be rewritten and mailed is separated from that which is absolutely worthless, and is sent to correspondent newspapers all over the country.

Telegraphic communication has been developed to such an extent that one man is able to sit in the St. Paul office and send news over the wire to every town of any size in the northwest over about 4,000 miles of wire. About 15,000 words are sent in this way each night.

**Effects of Northern Lights.**  
 Mr. Tannis explained the action of the Northern Lights on telegraphic communication. This phenomena, he said, adds electricity to that in use on the wire. Strange as it may seem it affects only wires running east and west; those running north and south are not bothered. At times this "A B current," as it is called, is so strong that all the manufactured current may be shut off and St. Paul can talk to Seattle using the Northern Lights to furnish the power. Scientists are now trying to work out a means of applying this fact in a practical manner.

In the case of an especially big story, such as a world series baseball game or a championship fight, the telegraph system is so arranged that all the wires in the entire United States can be linked together forming one circuit. Thus one man in New York is able to tell the entire country the story.

**News Spreads Rapidly.**  
 The speaker gave an interesting example of the speed with which the news is carried over the wires. Each wire circuit branching out from a central office must end somewhere. It so happened that Memphis was on the end of two circuits, one from Washington, the other one from Chicago through San Francisco and back to Memphis. A big story was breaking and New York was sending to the whole country. Memphis reported that the click in the receiving instrument on the Chicago-San Francisco circuit came just one-half a second later than the one direct from New York, through Washington.

**Representatives Are Everywhere.**  
 The Associated Press has representatives in practically every country of the globe, according to Mr. Tannis. Censorship is strict in many cases and wire service is poor but nearly always the "AP" man gets the news out somehow. South American service is in its infancy, but within the next five years the bureau hopes to become strongly established there. British and European service is good but plans are being made to reorganize it on an American basis. "The main difference between the British and American styles of writing news is this, while the Britisher always has plenty of time apparently in which to read his newspaper, reporters can write long leisurely stories, but the American always being in a hurry, seldom reads beyond the first paragraph and so must have the whole story crammed into the lead.

"Speed is essential in our work," continued Mr. Tannis. "We, unlike

the average newspaper office, have no special time when our forms lock. We are always making an edition. Some paper somewhere in the country needs our news for its edition and we must get it to them in the shortest possible time.

**Accuracy Necessary.**  
 "We must also be absolutely accurate. Accuracy means correctness not only in the big things, but also in the little things hardly noticed by the average reader, such as having names correctly spelled, and the like. When the man first comes into our work he is on probation for some time. His stories are carefully watched and if he shows himself to be careless in these little things, he is dropped. We cannot afford to make mistakes."

During his talk, Mr. Tannis told of many incidents in his life while running down news. He described his experiences in Louvain when the Belgian lancers came through to meet the Germans in the stormy days of 1914; he told of Havana, Cuba, when Jess Willard knocked out Johnson and captured the heavyweight crown; and he recounted some thrilling tales of life in Winnipeg during the riotous days of May, 1919, while he was covering the strike for the Associated Press. He said that while life of a journalist was highly interesting and crammed full of excitement, a man could stand the pace only until he was about 40 years old. At that age he would have to give in to younger and more agile brains.

Mr. Tannis extended a cordial invitation to all members of Sigma Delta Chi to visit his office. He recommended a time when some big story was breaking, so that a demonstration of the office working under stress could be obtained.

**A Fable**

By MELVIN J. MAAS.

A poor cripple sat upon the porch of his home one evening and watched two boys walking past. The cripple discontentedly said, "I wish I could get away from home and this porch and walk like others." About the same time, the two boys who were walking, were passed by a boy on a bicycle. Said one of the walking boys to the other, "I wish we had bicycles, and then we could ride."

Not much farther on, the boy on the bicycle was passed by a man on a motorcycle, and the boy on the bicycle murmured out loud, "I wish I had a motorcycle, then I wouldn't have to pump." The road was rough and a hard one on which to keep one's balance and when a small automobile passed the man on the motorcycle, the motorcyclist murmured to himself, "I wish I had one of those, I could ride in comfort then." Around a bend in the road, the small car was passed by a powerful roadster, and much dust was raised, which caused the driver of the small car to say aloud, "I wish I had a roadster like that. I wouldn't have to take anybody's dust then."

The powerful roadster swung out of the way of a great touring car. The occupant of the powerful roadster murmured to himself, "I wish I had a big car. I'm tired of just a roadster." The sun was hot and the dust choking and as a big, beautiful limousine rolled by, the driver of the big touring car grumbled dissatisfiedly, "I wish I had a limousine. I wouldn't have to worry about the dust and wind then." The sun beat hotter, and the wind became stronger, so that all the windows in the limousine had to be closed. The occupant of the limousine grumbled discontentedly, "I wish I were out of this hot contraption and home on my front porch."

Editor's note:—While the Daily has devoted no space this year to material of a literary nature, we believe that to adopt such a policy will meet with the approval of the students. The above "fable" is the first work of this nature that has been submitted to us. It is a fine piece of work. We will welcome further contributions of a literary nature. Contributors should realize, however, that since such material will be published on the editorial page, stories of great length will not be acceptable.

**THULANIAN CLUB DINNER.**

Wednesday evening the Thulanian fraternity gave its annual dinner and smoker for the alumni. About 30 of the alumni were present, among them Norman Holen, former managing editor of the Daily.

**Around the College World**

**ILLINOIS.**

Quietly and systematically the student body is withdrawing from the university in compliance with the ruling Saturday to send the students home in groups to prevent congestion due to the decreased railroad transportation facilities. Students who were ill left Sunday and students living out of the state went home yesterday. Those whose names begin with the letters A to D inclusive will leave today. Following the letters of the alphabet the exodus will continue as announced until Friday evening when classes will end.

**IOWA.**

All members of the three committees to pick a suitable memorial for Iowa State college are working hard to find the sentiment of all concerned. The fact that something big in the way of a building will require the backing of all students, alumni, and friends of the school is not to be overlooked and for this reason the committees feel that everyone should be allowed to give their opinion before definite action be taken.

**WISCONSIN.**

The Daily Cardinal has opened its columns to communications from men students of the university in answer to the question of what qualifications they exact in a wife, and whether they think that a college or non-college woman best fulfills these qualifications. For the best letter received on the subject The Daily Cardinal will offer a year's subscription as a prize.

**HARVARD.**

Harvard university is inaugurating this year a scheme of compulsory athletics for freshman classes. Shortly after each freshman arrives he is to be summoned to the physical director's office, which is a laboratory of physical training, and is put through a strenuous examination. On the basis of this test the men will be divided into five groups, each group representing a certain type and grade of athletics.

**Communications**

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personal pulchritude and the gallantry of the victim, coerced him into subscribing for he knew not what. For years this has been tolerated. The male student has considered it an unavoidable evil that he be required to learn, as a necessary part of his college education, the art of dodging importunate females. But of late there has been evolved a plan which will eliminate these campus pests. The plan, known as the Blanket Tax, provides for one all-enfolding assessment which will entitle each and every student to take part in each and every university activity without further cost. Not only will this tax do away with an extremely unpleasant custom, but it will insure to every student a share in the life of the university. Every Minnesota student should give the Blanket Tax serious thought. And, having learned its benefits, he should take upon himself the task of making it a reality. And when it is a reality, then will Minnesota have attained that blessed state wherein the pestiferous importunities of the solicitor are not.

COLLIN ROYCE.

**THE "M" CLUB BANQUET.**

To the Editor of the Daily:  
 In view of the many questions from persons who have asked the committee for the "M" dinner-dance tomorrow evening the why and wherefore for the \$2.50, I believe an explanation will not be amiss. After carefully estimating every expense the committee fixed this as the lowest price per couple at which receipts might equal

**PM LIKE A SHIP WITHOUT A SAIL**

**A SENSATIONAL SONG HIT**

the entire expenditure. The five-course dinner is costing a \$1.50 per couple, a modest figure, I believe, when one stops to consider what would be paid elsewhere. The \$1.00 is aimed to cover the expenses incident to the dance and dinner such as orchestra, decorations, individual favors, and advertising. When \$2.50 is mentioned it appears as an enormous figure at first thought. One naturally falls to consider, however, the dual feature of this occasion, that it is not merely a dance but a dinner-dance.

We all know only too well that in the past Minnesota students have been decidedly apathetic toward the annual football banquet, or dinner-dance. To face matters squarely, this same apathy exists at present. When everyone agrees that such a gathering is a proper climax to the football season, but yet lends only slight support, little can be accomplished. To 90 per cent of "U" students the statement that the deficit for last year's dinner-dance amounted to nearly \$200 would sound impossible. Nevertheless, it is true. Too many gave it silent approbation, but as for attending they let "George do it." No different result can be rationally expected this year unless students support the team now as they did at Northrop field and at Madison. For Doc Williams, for the team, whose work we too seldom appreciate, for

your own pleasure, and for the university, it appears to me that everyone should attend it at all possible. Tickets will be sold today and tomorrow by the W. S. G. A., and may always be secured in the manager's office of the Minnesota Union. So that groups might sit together, reservations may be made at the above office beginning this morning. For the football team, and as a occasion worthy of every Minnesotan's ardent support the committee asks that you adopt the slogan: "Follow the team to the M Dinner-Dance." Talk it up, and finally be there.  
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DEMING (N. M.) AND VICINITY.  
By Theodore L. Vallacher.

Foreword: For the benefit of those who think our Minnesota winters are "Hell" and those who would rather be any place but Minneapolis, we print the other side of the argument.

The blazing sun shines from the sky As hard and bright as burnished brass, And through the clear air one may spy The seeming near but distant pass.

The barren sands, hot, reddish brown, Lie thickly strewn and stretching far

On every side, and, like a frown On nature's face, or like a scar,

Appears each rocky canyon deep, The Gila monster here holds sway, Along with other things that creep, The starlit night, the glaring day,

In drear succession come and go, The desert hoary, dry with age, Is stirred at times by winds that blow Sand, dust and rocks in frantic rage.

Cliff-dwellings, 'dobe huts, scrub pines, Sage brush, flies, cactus, yacca plants,

Coyotes, gold and silver mines, Horned toads, squaws, centipedes, and ants,

Half-breeds and Greasers—all are here,

In and around camp Cody; come! This arid beauty has no peer;

This grandeur wild will strike you dumb.

Watch for our "For men only" each day. Nothing is too good for our readers.

According to Joseph Warren Beach, in a lecture recently, "Carlyle enjoyed a quiet smoke with his mother and father."

It's a good thing the family didn't have any bad habits.

The "Goody Goslings" have given us as much notoriety as the "Ugly Dukes."

Dick Confer claims that the rhetoric department is inconsistent, he makes incomplete sentences and punctuates incorrectly, so does Carlyle. Dick gets bawled out and Carlyle gets great applause.

Wanted—To rent dress suit complete for junior ball.—Tom Gallagher.

The roughest looking man on the campus is George Lamb, who is no relation to Charles. He'd be good looking except for his stocking cap. But then he belongs to the "Ugly Ducklings."

Some smart guy here tried to tell Dean Shumway where to get off at. He is now working in a downtown office.

Conservation.  
Rachel Beard.—Are you going to say

anything about me in the column "Ting?"  
T.—Haven't thought of it.  
R. B.—Say something won't you?  
T.—What shall I say?  
R. B.—Oh, tell what a nice little girl the Delta Gamma's have got.

Rachel tried to bribe us by giving us a piece of candy she found on the floor.

## Not So Easy To Get Married Finds U Employee

Residents in the vicinity of University avenue were startled late yesterday afternoon, when a taxicab, rounding a corner on two wheels straightened out, and dashed madly down the avenue, leaving in its wake the echo of shrieks and cries, that issued from within the cab. Visions of abduction, murder, or other infamous actions flitted through the minds of the terrified pedestrians. Then one, less fearful than the rest, started an investigation. This is what he found.

Wallace Bloomquist, assistant superintendent of buildings and grounds, suddenly contemplated the advisability of changing from the state of blessed singleness to one wherein late nights and stocking feet were synonymous. Miss Gertrude Ryan, chief telephone operator at the university aided and abetted Wallace in his new desire. In spite of the fact that both of these persons had reached the age of discretion, they decided to take the awful plunge. The zero hour was set for 5:00 p. m. Both Wallace and Gertrude being of wyolet natures did not inform their friends—which was sad.

Their friends suddenly became informed. They agreed as to the exact status of a friend who would marry without letting anyone in on it. They held confab. A committee of janitors, mechanics, and employees of the university were appointed to abduct Wallie and wife.

The plan worked out fine except that the retiring people had already said their little piece and were well on the road to domestic tranquility.

The committee was composed of men of brains. They were not discouraged. They shelled out various and diverse legal tender—hid themselves to a taxi—and drove in style to the home of the bride where the groom was already parking his feet. The committee had brains. They dropped healthy shekels in the palm of the driver until his physiognomy assumed human resemblance. And they received sudden service. Wallace Bloomquist was in their midst. The ride followed—the ride that caused the investigation. At the armory, the crafty Wallie slipped away—slipped for a couple of blocks, but was retrieved by a dozen or so affectionate friends, who hated to part with his company.

A Kangaroo court was held for the disillusioned Wallace. Coach Leonard Frank officiated as judge. The prosecuting attorney whose name has been withheld because he advocates "health above all" entered four charges against the alleged criminal as follows:

1. Getting hitched without informing friends.
2. Getting hitched after July 1.
3. Getting hitched during the sugar shortage.
4. Getting hitched during the fuel shortage.

To these charges, Mr. Bloomquist entered a plea of "not guilty," explaining that the latter two charges were null and void in view of the supreme sweetness of his life and extreme flame of his ardor.

From the heights of his knowledge, the learned judge found the accused guilty on all four counts—and thereby fining him \$10 worth of candy and cigars to be distributed to the employees of the university.

## Notes Of Interest

Probably D'Annunzio excuses his acts on the grounds of "poetic license."

Now that Lady Astor has secured the seat in Parliament, the British ought to be able to get a first hand glimpse of what American statesmanship is like even if it is put across by a woman.—Purdue Exponent.

### AIN'T ANGIE AWFUL?

The co-eds of the University of Cincinnati have a Man-Haters club. Two girls were recently requested to resign on the ground that they had not lived up to the ideals of the organization. After the business of the club had been transacted, an interesting paper on "Why We Hate Men Until We Have a Date" was read by one of the members.

### BERLIN HAS FACULTY CLUB HOUSE.

A new faculty club house was opened recently at Oberlin. Not until last spring did the faculty begin to work together for a club house. Regular features will be the informal teas on Mondays and Wednesdays. Saturday night will be "club night."

### BOXING GAINING PROMINENCE.

According to Coach Decker, of Pennsylvania, boxing is more popular this year than ever before. Four members of last year's team are back, and over 150 men are trying for a place on the squad.

Advanced courses in highway engineering are to be offered during the months from December to March at the University of Michigan. This is the first school to offer such a course which is made especially for engineers who desire further training or who are working for their degrees of Master of Arts in engineering.—Michigan.

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And girls! Don't let the men get ahead of you. Send in the worst shots you have of them. If you want the pictures returned to you, put your postoffice box number on the back. Don't forget that box 989 or the mailbox in front of the 1921 Gopher Hole is the place to deposit all ye olde penny pictures, ye medieval picture gallery groupings, and the modern photos. For the "rarest" picture submitted there will be a five-dollar award.

### XMAS PARTY IN SHEVLIN.

The faculty of the German department will give a Christmas party for students of the department tonight in Shevlin. A short program followed by dancing and refreshments will form the entertainment. All former students and friends are cordially invited.

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In my 11:30 Drama class on Monday, December 16th, meeting at 204 Polwell, the class will be addressed by Mr. Edward Bjorkman, the distinguished critic and translator of Scandinavian literature. His subject will be Strindberg and Ibsen. Members of the class are at liberty to invite friends up to the seating capacity of the room.  
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