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CIRCUS IS COMING

"Ooo Circus Is Coming to Town!" Summer is just around the corner and the keepers are getting the zoos ready for the occasion. Unusual activity is noticeable in the wire enclosure just behind the Normal school.

All will come out well, however, for in a few weeks will be the parades before judges when each animal may strut his or her wares and display the form that their keepers, Doubles and Love-All-Set, have shown them.

And only the conscientious trainer and the deserving ones will have the ribbons pinned on them and will be given the cups to carry back to the zoo with them. Just a word of encouragement to the lovers of the Tennis game.

"W" CLUB TODAY.

In the tenth article on the organizations of the school, we will discuss the wearers of the Blue and White, the "W" club. This ever-growing group purposes to "promote better athletics; to attract more athletes and better ones to our school; and to promote the interests of the institution through better and stronger teams."

The membership of the club has been increased many times during the past years. At the present time there are thirty-one young men who have had the incentive to strive for the coveted emblem which this school bestows.

The "W" Club has extended its activities throughout every section of the state. Successful attempts have been made to locate alumni who have earned their letter in some sport and to interest them in the organization so that closer associations will result.

Officers of the club at the present time who are true representatives of the "fighting Viking" spirit include: Larry Werner, president. Carl Hoggatt, vice president.

Gussie Okerlund, secretary.

Mr. Carver, advisor. We are extremely proud of this group and watch with interest its activities which favorably affect the entire school and student body.

Fight 'em Teams! SPRING FEVER TIME. Yes, Spring Fever time is here.

"Ho hum!" you may say, "Is he going to rehash that old subject?" Well, I'm going to talk Spring Fever, anyhow. I have got it, in a way, but not in the old fashioned way.

I feel the warmth of the sunshine; I hear the birds singing, and I'd like to buy a new suit; I do not, however, want to lie down on the job; I do not want to quit school; and I do not want to loaf around.

I hear them all about me saying how they would much rather be out on the tennis court, or burning up the highways, or riding the blue sea waters than to be pouring over a Psychology or a School Law, and I envy their thoughts, but that is all.

I am going to climb the snow capped peaks that lie around this country, I am going to fish in the swift streams that race for the ocean, and I am going to burn up the highways (if that be possible with my Ford) but not until the proper time.

For one should not let thoughts and dreams of the future hinder him in his present work. It has become quite the custom for the American people to become—oh, lazy—at this time of the year; to sort of go through a mid-season slump and blame it onto Spring Fever.

For example; I am going to eat turkey dinner next Thanksgiving day (if I am living) and with the same if, I am going to do my Student Teaching next Winter quarter, but will I forget my studying now to dream of that?

I have said a few hundred words and made a plea for anti Spring Fever-itus. I will take a dozen more words and make another plea that sounds thusly: Let's put this Spring quarter over BIG and forget Summer until it gets here. Let's knock down the best grades of the year NOW and in that way get ready for vacation, and the fun and pleasures that it will bring.

Viking Skandal

Note: Anyone wishing to escape publicity in this column can do so by leaving his name, address and a five-dollar bill at the Messenger office. No soiled or worn bills accepted.

Johnny Kure, Les Rhodes, Harold Hawkins, Calvin Nichols, Chauncey Griffith, Russell Anderson, Wilfred Reeves, and Ralph Nelson joined the ranks of the W. A. A. on a recent hike to Normalstad. We understood the W. A. A. was an exclusive organization.

For the latest Ford joke, see J. Delaney Cline.

"She was only a particle with a past" is the latest song hit released by Chauncey Griffith and Thelma Benston.

We've heard of no casualties from the track squad this week, but Prigg and Abbey are still going strong.

Nellie Austin says, "We've got a paper in ou town now. A traveling man left it there."

A friend of mine thinks the Swift Packing Company is a street car corporation.

Esther Fisher wonders why they call men who are turning out for the sprints, sprinters, and don't call the rest of the track men tractors.

Bob Bohler tells the boys "that a telephone pole never hits an auto except in self-defense."

Calendar

- FRIDAY—April 16. 2 p. m., debate with Willamette, in assembly. 8 p. m., "Seven Last Words of Christ," by Choral Society, under direction of Mr. Smith. In the auditorium. TUESDAY—April 20. 11 a. m., assembly in regular Student Association meeting. WEDNESDAY—April 21. 8:00, recital by Emilie Lancel, in the auditorium. THURSDAY—April 23. 11:00 assembly with a lecture on U. S. Grant by G. W. Overmeyer.

JORGE MOZABEL IS AWARDED MEDAL

Jorge Mazabel, was awarded first place among student representatives of 29 countries that participated in the contest held among foreign students attending American colleges, by the Intercolligiate Prohibition Association, Student Department of the World League Against Alcoholism, the outcome of which was announced today. Mr. Mazabel is in the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan. He wrote on the theme, "Prohibition and the Rights of the Individual." The office of the Intercolligiate Prohibition Association is in Washington, D. C. Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington of Westerville, is chairman of the executive committee.

Student Opinion

He comes in, hesitates, and smiles. Bows awkwardly and passes us a pretty compliment. At which we feel like yawning. It is so old. Oh, well! We're used to it, so let him talk. Then he excuses himself, there really is no excuse. We must listen to someone, it might as well be him. Finally, after many hints leading up to it. He introduces his subject. It is not bad. Really a very good subject, would have been interesting. If only he had not covered it up with so much introduction.

FIFTH GRADE PUPILS WILL PLAN GARDEN

All School Garden Located Back of Buildings; Color Scheme, Blue and Yellow.

Pupils of the fifth grade of the training school have been assigned to make plans for the all-school garden, which is being made back of the buildings.

Miss Osborne, fifth grade teacher, conferred with Mr. Hendershott and Mr. Gamwell, a local landscape expert, as to the general plan. Mr. Gamwell presented a plan for laying out the paths, and also assisted in offering a color scheme of blue and yellow.

The fifth grade pupils first wrote letters to each room in the school, asking what flowers they wished planted, and where. They next measured the grounds, and each pupil made a map of the garden accordingly.

Mr. Gamwell suggested that all dandelions be removed from the soil and the pupils have proceeded to clean up the grounds in general, by removing the dandelions, chickweed, and other weeds. They also wrote a letter to the eighth grade boys, asking that they paint the telegraph poles and end of the greenhouse.

Paths are being made in curved lines, so that one will be curious to know what is around the bend, and thus view the whole garden carefully.

Interest has already been aroused in the children regarding the choice, arrangement, colors, and uses of flowers.

The garden idea was first started by the children of the first and second grades, but through experience it was found that the value, from the science and nature study standpoint, was not great enough to warrant carrying it in. Too much manual labor was required. However, the fifth grade was chosen to manage the project, since pupils of that age can get as much benefit from such things as those of younger years.

Some outlet was needed for surplus physical activity, and it is well provided for in the garden work. The project is being put into use mainly for the benefit which may be derived from an aesthetic standpoint, in regards to arrangements, use, and methods of placing flowers.

WOODBURY LECTURES ON WALDO EMERSON

In last Tuesday's assembly, Chas. J. Woodbury gave a lecture on the famous American men of letters of the last century.

Mr. Woodbury is the only lecturer living who knew Ralph Waldo Emerson personally. He was able to present the noted Concord group in such a way as to help students of literature to better understand their works. Mr. Woodbury was intimately associated with Emerson, Thoreau, and Alcott.

WORLD NEWS

Recent reports from Converse College, South Carolina, says that the girls there have adopted suspenders as a part of the official campus regalia.

Six hundred evergreen trees have been planted on the campus of the University of Colorado.

A modern version of the opera "Faust" is to be given by the Birmingham England Opera Company. Meechistophles will appear as a "lounging lizard" and wear a top hat. All traces of Hades and supernaturalism are to be eliminated.

The alumni and students of State Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minnesota, have been asked to raise \$16,000 to pay the expenses of a new athletic field.

The University of Kansas requires every man student to be able to swim one hundred feet before he can graduate.

In order to make the members of the senior class better acquainted with each other, the senior women of the University of Nevada have decided to hold a series of monthly luncheons.

Every student at the University of Iowa who earns four hours of "A" automatically receives an extra hour of "A" towards graduation.

Co-eds at the Denver University have agreed that a man must have an income of at least \$2200 in order to get married.

Of a total of 2,600 students at Washington State College, only thirty-four are not able to dance.

The Communist party in Russia is entering upon its ninth year. No political group in any important country in the world has held office so long.

CHORAL SOCIETY TO SING THIS EVENING

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Clarinets, W. S. Schirrmann, principal, E. L. Maire, and Marion Walters.

Flute, Mrs. Merle Daw.

Cornets, William Nellis and Carol Pease.

Trombone, Harry Spees.

All participants are highly enthused over the possibilities of making an annual event of the Spring cantata and those in charge are formulating plans that will be similar to the one used by the Normal Drama Club in its presentation of a Shakespearean play each summer.

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FREEDOM IN WORK ELEMENT DESIRED

Article Based on Social Studies Is Written for Educational Journal by Mildred Moffatt.

An article, dealing with the second grade curriculum, based on social studies, written by Miss Mildred Moffatt, of the training school, appeared in the last number of the Journal of Educational Methods.

The curriculum, as put into effect in this school, provided for freedom and liberty on the part of pupils, and also offered opportunities for teaching.

The program consists of a free work period in the morning, during which time the pupils worked at whatever subject they wished. Following this, each child presented to the class the thing that he had accomplished. Such a method of procedure permits freedom and yet develops a greater interest.

In referring to the free work period, the article states, "This period seemed then, to meet fairly well the ideals concerning purposeful thinking, independent action, and free and intelligent expression. The activities grew out of the children's interests and the teacher fulfilled a part of her function by helping to eliminate those having no educational value. She could not be sure, however, that one activity was bound to lead to another on a higher level and there was also a danger that the children were leaning too strongly toward individual interests.

It was with an idea of tempting the children into a situation having more social solidarity than the sand table." Having accomplished the above mentioned work in the first few weeks, the next step was to provide real situations. Materials were secured, for the children to work with, and among the projects carried to completion by the children were, the erection of a public market, gift shop, and seed store. Among other things produced by the children was that of the Weekly News Sheet, which gave opportunity for written composition,

class criticism and evolution. The curriculum followed in this second grade did not provide for "hard and fast" rule of learning, but incorporated development of social interest, and through it covered all of the fields ordinarily covered in the second grade as, reading, English, spelling, composition, etc.

"We did not allow large units of work to limit our interests. They served their purpose by making the schoolroom a place where children actually lived and forgot that they were being taught—a place where they felt free to bring their individual interests, sure of a sympathetic hearing," writes Miss Moffatt, in concluding her article.

The Stanford Achievement Test was the basis for promotion.

The Normal Opera Company, of Cheney Normal, recently presented the comic opera, "The Chimes of Normandy."

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