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# THE NORMAL MESSENGER

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THE B. S. N. S.—FROM 1891 TO 1905

**T**HE first definite step taken toward the establishment of a state normal school at Bellingham, or rather Whatcom as it was then called, was the introduction by the Hon. Michael Anderson of a bill providing for its establishment. The bill provided simply that the school be located somewhere in Whatcom county and that a commission of three men be appointed to select a suitable location.

The land finally selected by the commission, consisting of Gov. John H. McGraw, Geo. E. Atkinson, and W. H. Bateman, was a tract located on the northwesterly side of Sehome hill between the cities of Fairhaven and Whatcom. The donators of this land were the Bellingham Bay Improvement Co., the Fairhaven Land Co., and the heirs of the Lysle estate.

Gov. McGraw vetoed the first appropriation for the erection of a building. The first money appropriated was \$40,000 by the legislature of 1895 for the erection of the original building. The first board of trustees were Major Eli Wilkins of Fairhaven and Hon. R. C. Higginson and Hon. J. J. Edens of Whatcom. A third appropriation, that of 1897, suffered the fate of the first, a veto, and the building was unoccupied for two years.

The legislature of 1899 appropriated \$33,500 for equipment and maintenance of school. With this money the campus was cleared and fenced, sidewalks built, the building furnished, laboratories fitted up, the library opened with one thousand volumes and many other necessary items furnished.

The first faculty was installed in the spring of 1899. There were six members, three of whom, Dr. E. T. Mathes, Mr. John T. Forrest and Mr. F. W. Eply, are still doing good work for the institution. The other members of that first faculty were Miss Jane Connell, Miss Avadana Millet and Miss Sarah Rogers. Circulars of information were distributed throughout the western part of the state and the informal opening exercises were conducted September 6, 1899. The opening address was made by Judge Jere Neterer, president of the board of trustees. Mayor Hardin, of Whatcom, and Mayor Clark, of Fairhaven, also spoke. The enrollment the first day amounted to 160 young people. And it is interesting to note that all classes and all courses were included in the daily program made out for the first year's work. At the end of the first month the number of students had increased to 230, necessitating the addition of three more members to the faculty. Miss Ida Baker, Miss Catharine Montgomery and Robert B. Vail were chosen. Of these, Miss Baker and Miss Montgomery still remain.

The first year's graduating class numbered eight young ladies; graduates from the elementary course receiving five-year certificates were sixteen in number.

During the summer of 1900, the citizens of Bellingham Bay provided funds enough to finish five more rooms and to add three members to the faculty. Miss Tromanhauser succeeded Miss Rogers as supervisor of the training school. The senior class of 1901 contained 29 members, the corps of practice teachers about 50. The legislature of 1901 appropriated \$93,800 for the building of an annex and the maintenance of the school for two years. The school year beginning September, 1901, found the school with a faculty of fifteen members, a much larger number of



students, the annex built, the laboratories enlarged, the library improved, the museum arranged, etc.

Since then the work of the institution has advanced steadily. Each summer new improvements in the grounds and equipments have been made.

The library at the present time contains 8,000 volumes and the museum 5,000 specimens.

The building has furnished 72 rooms, which include a large auditorium, 3 laboratories, a well furnished gymnasium, fitted with hot, cold and shower baths and dressing rooms, a society hall, a Y. W. C. A. room, library, museum, office, faculty reception room, professional library and work room, manual training rooms, lunch hall, recitation rooms, and cloak rooms.

The average annual attendance for the first six years was 303. For the past two summers mid-year sessions have been held and regular work offered.

The legislature appropriated in 1903, \$83,000, \$9,000 of which was used for the completion of the annex. The appropriation for 1905 was \$80,000.

The most important recent improvement was the building of the new dining hall. The old dining hall was moved to a site south of the annex and more than doubled in size. It now contains a large public parlor, a private parlor, and three living rooms on the first floor, in addition to the dining room, kitchen, pantry and closets. The second and third floors have been devoted to sleeping rooms, bath rooms and a large trunk room. A furnished laundry occupies the basement. Each of the sleeping rooms is provided with steam heat, electric light, table, chairs, bed lounge, pillows, dresser, rug and window shades. Other furnishings are provided by the occupants of the rooms.

The boarding department of the dining hall is conducted upon the club plan, and all regular boarders will be given a voice in the management of the club.

The lecture courses provided by the Normal have become a feature of the literary life of the school and have been well patronized by the citizens of Bellingham. The cost of the lecture course tickets is nominal. The lecture course includes each year historical, scientific and ethical subjects.

The year 1905 has opened very auspiciously for the school. The faculty, originally six in number, are now nineteen. Dr. Mathes has consented to remain with the institution for the number of years for which he was recently re-elected. Mr. H. G. Lull has succeeded Miss Tromanhauser as supervisor of the training school. Miss Sperry, Miss Miller, Miss Gray and Mrs. Smith are also new teachers.

In every department the work is being carried on vigorously and thoroughly.

The rapid progress of the school may well be considered remarkable, but several conditions have combined to make it possible. Among these should be mentioned the need which was felt in the western part of the state for a normal school, and the harmony which has always existed between legislature and trustees, trustees and faculty, faculty and students, and, last but not least, the kindly support given by the people of the state.

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### A POEM

The fabled muses are again loose on earth and have been haunting the halls of our “Majestic Normal,” as the following eulogistic-elegy or elegystic-eulogy would indicate. The author, although not an expert in “feet” and “metre,” has the true poetic spirit and is un-erring in his (?) choice of lofty themes.

Oh, what is so rare as Dr. Jack?  
There are dozens of girls upon his track,

And his modest cheek turns a dainty red  
Whenever he hears a woman's tread;  
For he knows that Cupid with his darts  
Is searching for tender and manly hearts.  
So his maiden heart beats high with fear  
When assembly hour is drawing near.  
With trembling limbs he mounts the stage,  
This martyr of the Scholastic Age!  
And the kindly curtain shields his face  
From a hundred women's brazen gaze.  
Was man e'er known to suffer so?  
Cans't 'magazine a heavier load of woe  
Upon a mortal here below?  
It may ne'er be sung, and may ne'er be said,  
The burthen of this kinky head.  
But when this modest man is dead  
And all his eulogies are said,  
I pray thee come and drop a tear  
Upon his sweet, untimely bier;  
And read these words—  
There lieth here one whom the world too rudely  
    pressed,  
A man with all the charms possessed  
But his sweet young life was worn away,  
And his sunny curls turned an early grey,  
Because the unfeeling world would look  
At his charming face.  
So the sweet flower drooped 'neath the scorching  
    Sun  
And Dr. Jack's short race was run.

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## SIRIUS SOCIETY NOTES

### AIMS OF OUR SOCIETY

As we are beginning a new year and many of us are new to the work of the S. L. S., it is fitting that we discuss briefly the ends toward which we, as a unit and as individuals, are working. It should be remembered that first and foremost, we call ourselves a *literary society*. Let us then be in fact a literary society, our object being to raise literary ideals of our members by teaching appreciation of, and by encouraging the production of literary gems. (?) Do not smile, kind reader, diamond cutting takes time and who will say what talent is to be found within the Sirius Literary Society?

There is hardly one of us but what feels, constantly, an inability to express thought in a clear, concise, logical sequence. Our so-

ciety, by giving drill in debating, impromptu speaking, etc., tries to help its members to a more complete mastery of their mother tongue. This is a result well worth striving for, for upon our ability to use language depends, in a large measure, our growth, pedagogically speaking. The culture of a nation is measured by the flexibility of its language, that is, by its power to express subtle shades of meaning. As individuals we may rest assured that our culture will be measured by the same standard.

In close connection with fluency of speech we find fluency of *voice*. How much may be expressed by one sound uttered in varying tones. Tone lends color, life, soul, to spoken words. Histrionic ability is sought for and encouraged in recitations, essays, etc.

We all know that "music hath charms" and we seek them. Many of our members are familiar with the masters, and those of us who are not, attend Miss Moore's classes.

Just a word as to the social side. It pervades the entire work, making a unit of many minds working harmoniously towards the same end. As one, we enjoy our Friday sessions.

Officers of the Sirius Literary Society:

President.....	Miss Nellie Thompson
Vice-President.....	Miss May Sloan
Secretary.....	Miss Helen Miller
Treasurer.....	Mr. Chas. Jones
Sargeant-at-arms.....	Miss Selma Glineburg

The first meeting in the year 1905-06 of the Sirius Literary Society was held September 29. The program was short but very interesting. Miss Walda Wall recited in her usual interesting way; a piano solo by Miss Allen was well received. Miss Ellis and Miss Lewis rendered an instrumental duet with the skill we always expect from them. An impromptu debate on the subject, Resolved: That co-education be abolished, was decided in favor

of the negative, for which we girls are devoutly thankful, the opinions of the boys to the contrary notwithstanding. We really hope that we will not have a bad influence upon the young men of the institution.

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### THE CLIONIAN SOCIETY

The Clionian society this year numbers about one hundred and twenty-five members, of whom fifty-five are new students, whom we are glad to welcome. The society is planning to do some strong work this winter, though as yet there have been no carefully prepared programs, owing to the lack of time and the election of a new program committee.

The officers of the society for the first quarter are as follows:

President.....Miss Judith Hawes  
Vice-President.....Miss Lena Smith  
Secretary.....Miss Isabelle Holt  
Treasurer.....Mr. R. A. Moore  
Sargeant-at-Arms.....Miss Minnie Osberg  
Reporter.....Miss Mildred Wilson  
Pianist.....Miss Floy Sullivan  
Program Committee.....Miss Whitaker,  
Chairman, Miss Pearl Perine, Miss  
Frankie Sullivan, Miss Tressie Flesher,  
Miss Minnie LeSourd.

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### THE YOUNG MEN'S DEBATING CLUB

At a special meeting of a few members of last year's Debating Club, it was decided to carry on the work of the club. As only a few members had returned to school an invitation was extended to all the new young men to become members. A few accepted the invitation and signed the constitution. This increased the membership to sixteen of the most active young men in school. At the same special meeting the following officers were elected for a term of one month: Mr. Nichols, president; Mr. Cory, vice-president;

Mr. Scanell, secretary; Messrs. Smith, Tibbles and Anderson, program committee, and Mr. Montgomery, sargeant-at-arms. The first regular meeting was held the following Thursday and a good program was rendered.

As the purpose of the club is to cultivate ease and freedom in speaking, debates and impromptus are always given a prominent place on the program. To make the programs more interesting and for the sake of variety, essays, descriptions, invectives, orations, dialogues, declamations and songs are often given. Up to the present time all who have taken part in the program have shown a commendable spirit and if this spirit and activity is kept up we hope soon to be recognized as the third society of the school.

#### Y. W. C. A.

The Young Women's Christian Association is one of about six hundred student societies in this country affiliated with the national movement. It aims to unite all the young women of the school in mutual helpfulness as they strive to follow the teachings of the Master. By this Christian fellowship it aims to foster and promote the spiritual life of the student body. Through the training in Christian work which the association offers, through the summer conferences and through the help and inspiration received from the visits of the student secretaries and its weekly devotional meetings, it helps to send out of the school Christian women whose lives shall be a vital force working for all that is deepest and best in life.

The Young Women's Christian Association is not a substitute for the obligation one owes to the church of her choice, but joins more closely one class of people of all sects or no sect who have the same interests and the same problems and the same temptations as they seek to put into practice the teachings of Christ.

The Y. W. C. A. desires to be of real service in the school in the way of helping new students and in being ready at all times to lend a hand.

It is just because we students are so crowded with science and history, mathematics and language, methods, practice, physical culture and society; because we are removed from the restraints of home and thrown upon our own resources; because we are strangers in the churches, that we need this closer bond to keep our spiritual life apace with the intellectual—to keep both well poised, to make them steady in purpose and to give beauty of character. Because the Y. W. C. A. has come to fill this place in college life, it has won the devotion of thousands of the best students in the land.

The officers of the Y. W. C. A. this year are: President, Minnie Carver; Vice-President, Ethel Cook; Secretary, Walborg Olson; Treasurer, Minnie LeSourd.

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## ATHLETICS

Rickety! Zippity! Rickety! Zap!

The Athletic Season is on—

Now that the necessary red tape of organization is over, work has begun in earnest. The Association officers for the season are: President, Sarah L. Van Reypen; vice-president, Ray Montgomery; secretary and treasurer, Belle Holt; athletic editor, Nellie Appleby.

Interest at present is centered upon the winter sports of basket ball and foot ball, but until now little has been accomplished in either line.

Foot ball seems to be hampered, as various other Normal affairs often are, by a scarcity of young men; but it is to be hoped the ability and faithful practice evidenced are not to be wasted through unlucky circumstances.

On account of the heavy study program, the

Seniors will not be able to take as active a part as usual in the basket ball of this semester, but expect to enter the contest for the Kline cup. Miss Mildred Wilson has been chosen as manager of '06 team.

The Junior class teams have been organized and are practicing regularly. Manager Frances Coburn expects to have a good team as there are strong players from several well known High School teams to re-inforce last year's line-up. The present line-up is:

Forwards—Miss Johnson, Miss Pillman, Miss Goldthwaite, Miss Crocker, Miss O'Farrel.

Guards—Miss Perkins, Miss Coleman, Miss Appleby, Miss Moyer, Miss Corbet.

Centers—Miss Stanley, Miss Sloan.

With the two upper class teams and those being organized in the lower classes, an interesting contest for the "Kline Cup" is expected. Until the teams are selected and have had some practice no schedule can be arranged between the various managers, but the degree of class spirit now in evidence foreshadows an eager contest.

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## SENIORS

The present Senior class will, without doubt, be the "banner" graduating class of the Bellingham Normal, for we already have a membership of 47 and there are still others planning to enter next semester, which will probably swell our numbers to over half a hundred.

Soon after school opened the class met and elected the following officers:

President.....Jessie Scott Cowing  
 Secretary.....Lena Smith  
 Treasurer.....Georgie Ellis  
 Associate Editor.....Luella N. C. Whitaker  
 Basket Ball Manager.....Mildred Wilson

Our Senior class have caught the true Bel-



lingham spirit and although they cannot do much toward the subsidy plan or the electric sign on Sehome hill, yet they can unite their efforts to advertise the town, and that is what they are planning to do. They have designed and will soon place on the market a fine lot of novel Bellingham hat pins. These pins will be just the thing to send to eastern friends for Christmas gifts, for they will represent beauty, utility and best of all—your city. As soon as the order can be filled you will find them for sale by every enterprising, home-loving merchant of the city who carries that line of goods at all. First come, first served.

## THE CRY OF THE SENIORS

Little we ask for our wants are few,  
Our one great want is now well known  
Just one very plain little boy will do—  
A boy we can call our own.—Snap.

## COME EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH

Old gold, old gold, old gold  
Or new gold if you will,  
Old gold, old gold, old gold  
Old gold is our color still.—Snip.

Miss Fogg is developing the word rear in the primary department of the training school—used it in several sentences. Firmly believing that she had performed her duty, she said: "Johnnie you may use the word rear in a sentence." Johnnie replied—"I have a rear."

Oh this is the trial of the Juniors  
In mourning they wish to be,  
Are they mourning in black for the  
white Man  
Or in white for the heathen Chinee?  
Now this is a puzzel for teachers  
To find out what the Juniors be,  
Can we class them in with the white Man  
Or in with the yellow Chinee.—Snip.

## THE SENIOR RECEPTION

One of the most pleasant and successful student affairs that has been given since the founding of the institution, was the reception given by the Senior class on Friday evening, October 6. The society hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and made a most attractive and home-like reception room. Two interesting corners were the Japanese corner and the Indian corner. A table full of curios brought by Miss Horner from the Hawaiian Islands and some photographs loaned by Dr. Mathes were of interest to all.

The guests of the class, about two hundred and fifty in number, were received at the head of the stairs by the reception committee. Many students and friends of the school were present, but over half the faculty were conspicuous by their absence.

Music, rendered by different members of the class, made a pleasant undercurrent to conversation throughout the evening. The program was unique and pleasing, consisting of the following numbers.

Solo.....Miss Frankie Sullivan  
 Pantomime..Miss Krausse, Miss Van Reypen  
 Tableau.....A Modern Romeo  
 Miss Flesher, Miss Graham, Miss Van Reypen  
 Tableau..... The Three Stages  
 Miss Glineburg and Miss Peek

Miss Krausse and Miss Van Reypen made the hit of the evening in their Pantomime, The Modern Romeo was so true to life that it made the girls homesick. To appropriate music, selected, arranged, and played by Miss Geogie Ellis, Miss Glineburg moved through the three stages in a bachelor's life, "Single Blessedness" as he dreams over his paper, "Less Blessed" as he vainly attempts to sew on a button and "Blessed Indeed" when a little wife keeps him company in the evening.

Fruit punch and wafers were served by

members of the class in the Y. W. C. A. room. The punch table, strewn with ivy and nasturtiums, stood under a canopy of old gold bunting twined with ivy. The Y. W. C. A. room was decorated in old gold bunting and golden maple leaves.

THIRD YEARS

Hi-ho-mine! Hi-ho-mine!  
Bellingham Normal 1909,  
Along the line  
They can't outshine  
The skookum class 1909.

President.....Walter Nichols  
Vice-President.....Dorothy Jennings  
Secretary and Treasurer.....Ethel Cook  
Sargeant-at-arms.....Herman Smith

||: Brek-a-ke-kex, Quax! Quax! :||  
Third Year.

ALUMNI

A member of our staff visited the Skagit County Teachers' Institute last week and recognized among the assembly the following ex-students and alumni: Julia Argus, Alice Kellogg, Evelyn Kirkpatrick, Loretta O'Laughlin, Elsie Ware, Helen and Edna Whitney, Gertrude Bigelow, Edith Austin, Myrl Hays, Edith Trafton, Grace Dickey, Josie Little, Lottie Graham, Burton Doran and Mabel Steen.

It is the work of such teachers as the above that causes the superintendent and principals of Skagit county to look to our Normal school to supply them with assistants.

Institute week brought many familiar faces back among us. Several alumni were seen wandering through the halls of their Alma Mater.

Miss Mary McBride, '01, and Miss Hattie Pratt, '02, visited the primary department of the training school during institute week.

Miss Statira Biggs, '03, is a senior at the U. of W. this year.

Miss Elsie E. Ware, one of our elementaries of '04, is teaching another 9 months term of school at LaConner. Miss Ware is one of Skagit county's most successful teachers and ranks high in her chosen field of labor.

Miss Mary E. Patric of the class of '03 visited the Normal last week. Miss Patric is first primary teacher at Monroe this year, while other members of the same faculty are Alice Carmen, '03, Bessie J. Lloyd and Annie Noble. They have a fine basket ball team at Monroe composed wholly of teachers.

Sometimes when we look over the names and recall the familiar faces of the Alumni we cannot keep the following little stanza from chasing through and through our mind:

All are scatted now and fled,  
Some are married, some are dead,  
And when we ask with throbs of pain  
Oh, when shall we all meet again?

The ancient timepiece makes reply, "never."

Although first half of the second line seems almost an "ad absurdum" when thought of in connection with normal girls, yet in justice we must say that it sometimes does happen, for example Miss Ida Pillman, '03, became Mrs. W. E. Townsend last June and is now living at South Bend, Indiana; and Miss Anna Risley, an elementary of '04, gave up a promising career as a pedagog to unite her interests and fortune with that of Dr. Geo. Boyd, a brilliant young physician of Palouse. Others have "scattered and fled" to the following places: Jessie Jamieson, '05, teaching at East Sound; Florence Sears, '04, teacher at Snohomish; Jessie Lawrence, '02, german and mathematics in Snohomish high school; Lucy Vestal, '03, and Eva Comegy, '02, grade work in Snohomish; Ethel Hunt, '03, teaching in high school at Colfax, Wash.; Gert-rude Streator, '02, student at U. of W.; Lillian Burke, '05, teaching at Snohomish; Emma Gruber, '03, is at her home in Winlock—not

teaching; Emma Dubuque, elementary of '02, wielding the birch and chalk at Snohomish; Edith York, fourth and fifth grades at Wallace; Effie Rear, '03, Granite Falls; Helen Collins, fifth grade at Kirkland; Bess Darland, '04, Custer; Mrs. Anna Temple, '03, first primary at Chehalis; Gertrude Smith, '03, Everett; Myrtle Alexander, teaching near Snohomish; Ruby Smith at Downs, Lincoln county; Cassie Gifford, '05, at Robe; Ethel Everett, '04, Custer; and Myrl Hays, '05, is guiding the intellectual development of the seventh grade at Sedro-Woolley.

### JUNIOR'S PRAYER

Give us of your poise, O Seniors!  
Give us of your knowledge, also,  
Of your power of penetration,—  
Of your power to see through us.  
We, as little lambs, will follow  
Up the path if you will guide us,  
To the summit of the mountain  
Known to men as "Hill of Knowledge."  
We are young, our footsteps shakey,  
We are weak, our hearts are quakey.  
You are like the sun above us,—  
Like the shining orb of heaven  
To point out and light our pathway  
Up the Mount of Understanding,  
To the goal of Normal Wisdom,  
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### JOKES

1. Frequently heard in Junior roll call—  
"Miss McClure, er-rather, Mr. McClure?"  
——Because there are no boys in the Senior class is no reason to doubt that the Juniors have three.

2. Oh! Where's the Senior's bunting?  
The Seniors are a hunting  
To find their colors and a pin  
To wrap their baby Senior in,  
Oh! Where's the Senior's bunting?  
(Where?)

3. Junior girl, waiting for a car to pass—  
"Speaking of our class colors I—say, wasn't that the funeral car?" (A subject for discussion in psychology—Does one thought introduce another?)

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## EDITORIAL

With this issue the NORMAL MESSENGER appears before the public for the 6th year in its career. We are justly proud of our paper, not for itself alone, but because it stands as a representatives of one of the foremost Normal schools in the northwest. We extend congratulations to every one who has been instrumental in raising and maintaining the standard now prevailing in both school and paper.

It is our intention this year to publish eight numbers of the NORMAL MESSENGER, beginning with this—our first issue.

We gratefully appreciate the support given us, through our advertisers—for them we bespeak your patronage—without their support we could not publish a monthly paper.

Some great mind has put into words a motto, strictly followed by all normal boys—"There is safety in numbers"—Elementaries (1-2-4 years) put your books on the shelf

and just for one brief moment "come out," and show yourself.

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Oh, poet grand, well hast thou said, J——s  
"rush in where angels fear to tread."

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When reading these pages keep in mind the fact that we are but amateurs and offer your criticisms as you would if you were in the other fellow's place.

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### LOCALS

In the early part of July Miss Rose Wilson, who did substitute work in the English department last year, was married to Mr. Clarence Heuson, vice-principal of a New Orleans school. The young couple toured the southern states and are now at home in New Orleans.

Let the watch word of each old and each new student be,—Do your best.

During the teachers' institute week many old faces were welcomed to our school.

Miss Van Reypen went to Seattle to see Ben Hur; while there she paid a visit to the University.

The old students who know one of our former teachers, Mrs. C. N. Chaplin, nee Miss M. U. Myers, will be pleased to know that a baby boy came to gladden their home in September. The hearty congratulation of the students are extended, and best wishes for the health, wealth and happiness to the heir.

Ben Phelps and Gordon March, Normal boys of the last year, students of the University at present, came up to attend the Senior reception.

Miss Ada Hogle and Miss Lena Dodd took a pedimotor trip to Lake Padden one Sunday.

The "fierce Kabibonokka issued his lodge of snow-drifts" and made us an unbidden visit one day last week. Everyone but the Cherry Seniors seemed chilled by his icy presence, but nothing short of a "midnight minstrel" can phase a Senior.

Miss Edna France went to Seattle to see Ben Hur.

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