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MAIN BUILDING, WASHINGTON STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, BELLINGHAM

SCHOOL STANDARDS ARE MADE HIGHER

Present Courses in Curricula of School Demand More Work From Students Than Before.

Washington State Normal School has a program for consistently raising the professional standards in order to meet the increasing demands that are being made upon teachers.

This school has taken several different steps to raise the standards of teacher preparation. In the first place courses of study have been re-organized and are demanding more of students than the old courses did. In the next place the school is using an improved grading system that relates a student's ability to the kind of work he does. A conscious effort is being made to have the quality of work done by students equal to their native abilities. Intelligence tests are used to find out what abilities students have. Achievement tests are used in Arithmetic, English, Geography, and History, to find out what students can actually do in these subjects.

In the work of the classroom in different subjects, experiments have been made in past years to classify students according to abilities. This is done with a view to stimulating students to do the best that they can according to their abilities. It means that for different groups of students, different methods of teaching are used by the instructors. This plan has for its chief objective the rendering of the largest service to each individual student—an objective that is always in view in the Normal.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY NORMAL BUREAU

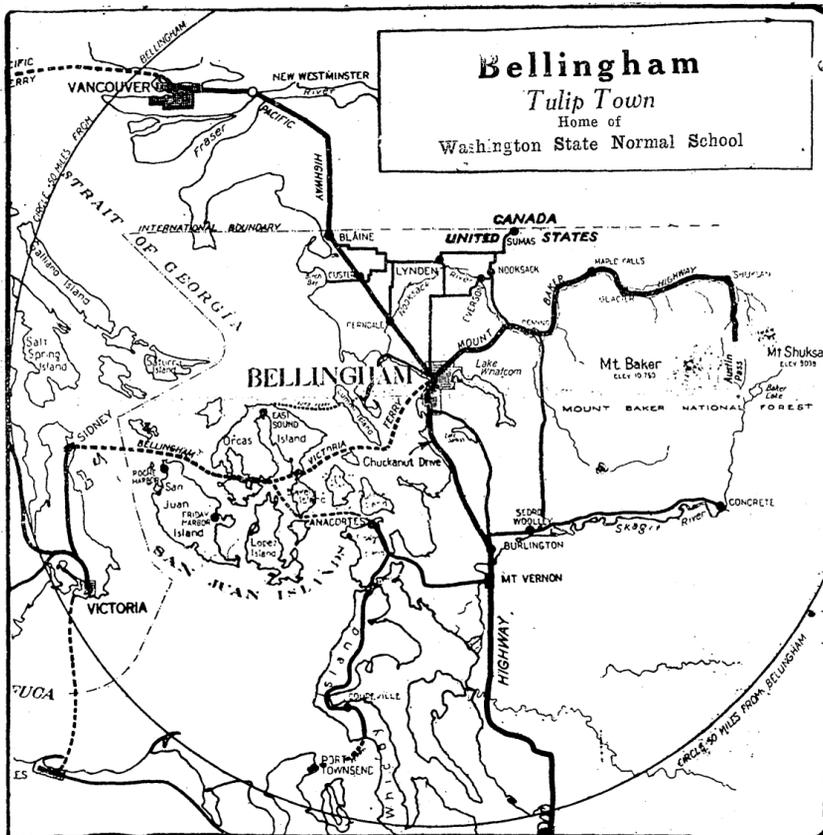
In order to assist students to secure teaching positions, the Bellingham Normal conducts a well organized department known as the Appointment Bureau, which has charge of the records and credentials of prospective teachers, and co-operates with school officials in filling vacancies with suitable applicants.

Besides assisting present students to find positions, especially those qualified for special work such as principalships, many superintendents secure their supervisors in this way.

Calls for teachers start coming in to the Appointment Bureau the last of February or the first of March, and from then on there is a steady demand for teachers in the elementary schools. Junior high school teachers are supplied from graduates of the three year course.

FACULTY MEMBERS ARE SCHOOL ALUMNI

Some of the prominent instructors of the Bellingham Normal are alumni of this institution. Miss Olive Edens and Mrs. Annette Vaughan, of the English department; Mr. S. E. Carver, director of physical education; Miss Gragg, teacher of penmanship; Miss Crawford, eighth grade supervisor; Miss Rosene, of the Science department; Miss Spieseke, sixth grade supervisor; and Mr. L. A. Kibbe, of the Education department, are all graduates of the Bellingham Normal.



STUDENTS LURED BY AGREEABLE CLIMATE

A compelling factor in bringing students to the Bellingham Normal is the agreeable climate of the region.

Not only are the summers cool and delightful, proving ideal for work or play, but the winters are also mild and pleasant. The severe blizzards, snow-storms, and cyclones of some regions are here unknown, as is the extreme heat of summer. The average maximum temperature is approximately 56 degrees, the average minimum temperature about 40 degrees. An average rainfall of 32 inches provides sufficient moisture to insure verdant surroundings and refreshing coolness.

Such an invigorating climate contributes much to the zeal and pleasure with which the student may pursue his work and spend his free hours in health-giving outdoor sport.

REPORTS SHOW THAT ALUMNI MAKE GOOD

The great majority of people who enter the Bellingham Normal with a purpose in mind, sooner or later meet with success in life. Whether they are going on in the teaching profession or entering some other lines of work, they find it convenient and profitable to attend the Normal-by-the-Sea.

Some of the Bellingham graduates who are now serving as county superintendents are: W. G. Callow, of Kitsap county; Mrs. Jenny Robin, of Whatcom county; Geneva Johnston, of Grays Harbor county; Joseph Gardner, of Cowlitz county; Lenna Kohne, of Island county. Others are in office in Oregon and Montana.

BELLINGHAM HAS SCENIC ADVANTAGES

Students at the Normal May See Most Beautiful Scenery in Northwest Washington.

The Bellingham Normal School has a distinct advantage in that it is located in a city large and prosperous, humming with industry and commerce. Ideally situated on Bellingham Bay, at the head of Puget Sound the "Tulip City" can boast of unsurpassed scenic beauty as well as commercial advantages. It is the largest city in the extreme Northwest, with a population of 35,000.

The students at Bellingham Normal are fortunate in having access to large and numerous shops and stores, markets, theaters, and parks.

Churches of practically all denominations may be found in the city.

Certainly the conveniences and the educational value of spending one's student years in a place so varied in attractions and opportunities is a great advantage, but Bellingham has also a setting which is inspirational and pleasure giving in its natural beauty. It has before it the beautiful sheltered bay, with the picturesque islands in the distance, while beyond it rise the wooded hills and white peaks of mountain ranges. Mount Baker is visible from all parts of the city, while Sehome Hill, where the Normal School is located, is a beautiful background for that section.

Work of completing the \$500,000 library at the University of Washington has been stopped by Governor Hartley's edict forbidding the spending of the appropriation money.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR PLANS FORMULATED

Library is First Building to be Constructed with Gymnasium and Training School Next.

Washington State Normal School has a building program mapped out that is designed to take care of the growing needs of the school over a period of twenty-five years. These needs have all been thought out in advance so that each new building can be erected in the order of its importance.

The first building to be added according to the plan is the library. A gymnasium will be next in order, then a training school building.

Probably the next in importance will be a dormitory for boys and an additional athletic field depending somewhat upon the number of men who become interested in teacher training.

As the population of the state increases it will be necessary to add facilities to accommodate the additional student population. To meet this need another dormitory for girls is planned which is to be equipped with a dining room.

The three last structures to be added to the campus, according to the plan, are an auditorium, a sylvan theater and a chimes tower.

This plan makes possible the build-

PART TIME WORK IS OFFERED BY SCHOOL

It is the policy of the Bellingham Normal School to provide as many opportunities as possible for students who desire to meet expenses by doing outside work. In carrying out this policy, the school is greatly facilitated by the size of the city and the variety of industrial and commercial businesses carried on.

Women of the school are particularly in demand for housework, and some find employment as waitresses at Edens Hall, helpers in the Cafeteria and office workers in the departments of the school as well as downtown.

Each year good places are available for men students desiring to find employment. Downtown business houses provide some openings, while many men may find work about the school and grounds.

ing of new units as fast as funds will permit. Temporary structures that must soon be torn down will find no space on the campus. Only permanent buildings that will be of lasting value to the school will be tolerated at the Bellingham Normal School.

Prof. Frye, director of the U. of W. biological station at Friday Harbor, announces that for \$91 one may live for nine weeks by the seashore and earn 13 university credits.

LOCATION OF TOWN IS VALUABLE ASSET

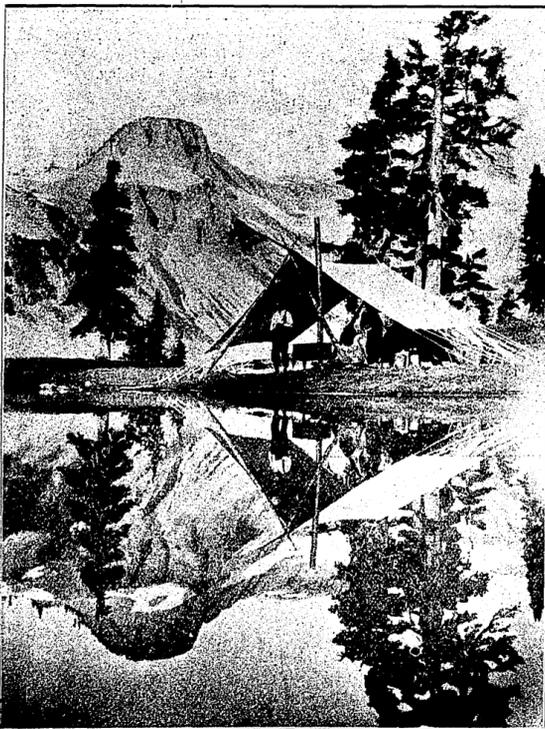
Unsurpassed Scenic Beauty and Commercial Advantages Make Local Normal Distinctive.

The Bellingham Normal School is located at the gateway to some of the best attractions in the realm of scenic beauty and grandeur—of mountains, snowfields, forests, and islands. The beauties of Bellingham and surrounding vicinity can be appreciated only by visiting them.

Mount Baker is one of the most picturesque of mountains. Anyone is amply repaid for his effort in reaching the summit. During the last year a lodge has been constructed which greatly facilitates the making of trips. This lodge has a view which is equal to any in the country. With Mount Baker Lodge as a center, a program of winter sports will be carried on which will compare favorably with that of the Alps.

Probably one of the most scenic of the marine beauties is found in the San Juan Islands. They are at their best during the summer months, and should not be missed by anyone visiting the coast. Boats run regularly to the larger islands and week-end excursions are planned by the school.

Another source of scenic beauty is Chuckanut Drive, just a few miles south of Bellingham. This drive challenges the world to offer anything in its class.



CAMP ON MIRROR LAKE



CHUCKANUT DRIVE, by the Sound



EDENS HALL, The Ideal Home for Girls

DEBATE SEASON IS A GREAT SUCCESS

In a series of inter-club debates held during the fall quarter under the supervision of Miss Alma Madden, the debate coach, the question "Resolved that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be appointed by a state board of education" was discussed. The Philomathean Club and the Independents were winners in the contest but because of the crowded school program preceding Christmas, were unable to schedule a final debate. From the thirty or more participating, nine were chosen for the inter-normal teams.

A dual debate with Cheney was held February 27, on the question "Resolved that the United States enter the World Court with the Harding-Hughes reservations." Inez Clark, Meryl Bird and Ethan Allen upheld the affirmative at Cheney while Velma LeMaster, Ralph Johnson and Floyd VanEtten supported the negative here. Both teams were successful, the affirmative winning by a majority and the negative by a unanimous vote.

The men's team, Floyd VanEtten and Meryl Bird, successfully debated the affirmative on the Child Labor Amendment with a seasoned team from Colorado College, at this school, April 3. The women's team, Margaret Black and Grace Jacobson, met an equally experienced team from the College of the Pacific, April 30, debating the same subject.

The season has been one of unusual success. Thirty persons took part in all the series, three questions were debated with other schools, and three victories won. This is the sort of thing which makes for leadership, the kind of training which will be an asset when these people are themselves teachers, sharing in the responsibilities of the community.

TRAINING SCHOOL IS MODERN AND VITAL

Supervision Given With View of Training Teachers to Become More Efficient.

The Training department of the Normal includes all schools where students do practice teaching, taking in the Normal Training School, as well as city and rural schools. It is organized with the special point in view of providing the very best opportunities for students to do a high grade of teaching, and of allowing for the growth of all the people concerned. On its faculty are teachers of technique, or method, who present courses in the theory of teaching, as well as training teachers in actual charge of the children. The director, Miss Mary Rich, is in general charge of the entire department.

Technique teachers, besides handling courses in theory, supervise student teachers from that standpoint, while the training teachers organize the courses of study in their respective grades and oversee the development of children. Special teachers handle such subjects as Art, Music, Home Economics and Industrial Arts.

The student teachers work under supervision from a double viewpoint, that of method and the course of study. They thereby come in contact with highly trained instructors from two angles, which serves to give them a well rounded training.

Students desiring practice teaching during any of the four quarters next year must sign in the director's office before November 1 of this year. Students coming from other institutions must do one year of resident work before being given practice

MANY OFFICES ARE FILLED QUARTERLY

Student government is an interesting feature of school life at the Bellingham Normal. All students enrolled are voting members of this Student Association.

The executive and legislative power of the organization is vested in a Board of Control, consisting of seven members elected by the entire student body. There are two faculty members and five student representatives on the Board.

The duties of the Board are to supervise the property and the activities of the organization, and to take charge of the disbursement of all funds in the manner provided for in the by-laws of the constitution.

All the officers of the association are elected for four quarters. The president presides over all meetings, which are held at least once every week.

During the existence of the student association many enterprises have been undertaken and have been successfully carried out. Among them was the purchase of a tract of land near Lake Whatcom, where the school lodge, Normalstad is being planned. An all school mixer is sponsored by the Board every quarter. All awards are made through the Board of Control.

Members of girls' double quartet, debating teams and board of control receive as compensation for their services rendered to the school, "W" pins. The athletic teams receive letters and sweaters. The Board of Control have always worked in harmony with President Fisher, and are constantly striving to render greater service to the school.

ARTISTS OF WORLD RENOWN OBTAINED

Course Is Given Yearly by the Bellingham Women's Music Club and the Normal School.

The Musical Artist Course, which is sponsored by the Bellingham Women's Music Club and the Bellingham Normal School, presents several world famous artists in concert each year.

Student activities tickets admit Normal students to the concerts, thus enabling them to hear the best which is offered in music, at a comparatively low cost. The concerts in the past have presented such artists as Tito Schipa, Louis Graveure, and Sophie Braslau.

That the past year has been no exception to the usual fine offerings, has been shown by the nature of its course. The first concert of the season presented Charles Hackett, famous American tenor, of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, on October 16. Mr. Hackett thrilled his audience with a program of well chosen numbers, eleven of which were in English.

Hulda La Shanska, lyric soprano, on November 9th, added to the success of the course with her concert.

The third concert of the season, presented on January 22, Benno Moisevitich, versatile Russian pianist. "Throughout the entire varied program, the artist maintained a delicacy of touch and purity of tone that was remarkable. Music lovers who attended the concert are clamoring for more entertainments of similar nature," says the Messenger, in commenting on the concert.

Mme. Marguerite Matzenauer, contralto, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, whose wonderful voice aided by her magnetic personality, has never ceased to captivate her audience, appeared on February 26, as the fourth artist on the course.

On March 12th, Cecilia Hansen, Russian artist, said to be one of the greatest living violinists, played an exceedingly fine program.

The sixth and last concert of the course presented Barrere's Little Symphony Orchestra, known as the finest orchestra of its kind in the world today. Composed as it is of wind and string instruments, it gives one a fine interpretation of good music.

Committees are at work on plans for the Musical Artists Course for the coming year and although nothing definite has yet been announced, it promises to be as good if not better than, those of preceding years.

BIOLOGICAL COURSE TO START JUNE 21

Dressed in old "duds," Normal students at the Puget Sound Biological Station near Friday Harbor, Washington, earn credits in nine weeks, beginning June 21. They explore crannie for insects; peep into bird nests; penetrate into bogs for cranberries and sundw, and into woods to find the haunts of some modest forest flower; lay traps for unsuspecting snakes; and even feed baby seals from milk bottles.

Strange sea life comes up on the dredge. Bogs, lakes, meadows, woods and seashore give up their treasures, and microscopes open magic doors to these seekers who work with notebooks and cameras.

Then after the day is done and dinner eaten in the big hall. The social life begins. A popular young instructor may receive a birthday spanking, surrounded by an amused crowd. There are lectures sometimes, books to read, boats to row, and always interesting places to visit. Sometimes beach parties are held and, on week-ends, the "Media" chugs away with a full load of students off for an outing. Yes, it is school—but with a difference.

A bill was recently introduced into the British Parliament to prohibit Americans from buying historical buildings and transporting them piece-meal from there.

MANY ATTRACTIVE ASSEMBLIES ARE NORMAL FEATURES

It is the President's Policy to Make the Assemblies as Interesting as Possible.

NOTED SPEAKERS APPEAR

Distinguished Lecturers and talented Musical Artists Are Presented Each Week.

The assemblies which are held twice each week at the Bellingham State Normal School prove very interesting as well as educational to the students of the "Normal-by-the-Sea."

A regular assembly is held on Tuesday and Friday morning of each week, where important announcements are made and many things of interest are brought before the student body. The regular business meeting of the Associated Student Body is held each month at the assembly hour, at which time, problems are discussed, nominations made, and letters and pins awarded.

On an average of once a week, an outside speaker or lecturer is presented from the Normal stage at the eleven o'clock assembly. These talks are very interesting since students may hear a very wide range of subjects discussed by these people who are all prominent in their respective fields.

It has been the policy of President Fisher to make these assemblies just as interesting as possible to the students, and in the past year his efforts are evident by the fact that some ten or twelve noted authors and poets as well as many distinguished musical artists were well received by the assembled student body.

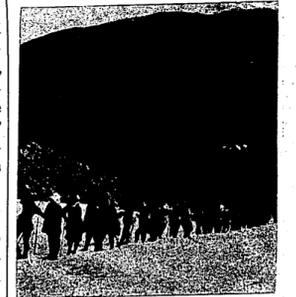
Many clubs sponsor assembly programs during the year, and each strives to give something original and interesting that will bring credit to its organization. The Drama Club presents numerous short plays and comic skits throughout the quarter, which are always enjoyed.

When the training school of the Normal is going to present an assembly program, the hall is always filled, as it is known that these little folk have worked up all their interesting bill themselves, and it is a fascinating thing to watch them act it out.

Anyone interested in music finds much of interest in classical music as it is presented in the Normal assemblies. Pianists and violinists as well as many other instrumental artists give very entertaining programs throughout the year. Vocal soloists, of Bellingham, as well as outside artists are frequently heard over the Normal footlights at assembly hour.

As a whole, a student may receive much benefit as well as entertainment from the two assemblies that are held each week in the auditorium, and in the future the assemblies promise to be just as active and interesting as they have been in the past, since efforts are constantly being made to improve them.

State College of Washington students who drive cars, are now under the rule of a traffic committee to prevent reckless driving.



ON THE TRAIL

TRAINING TEACHERS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS WORK OF NORMAL

Curricula Planned with View of Providing Experience to Prospective Teachers.

COURSES DIVERSIFIED

Foundation Courses Are Offered Dealing With Fundamental Problems of Modern Life.

The purpose of the Bellingham State Normal School is to train teachers for elementary schools and junior high schools. The curricula is planned with the view of training them to do their work efficiently. As analysis shows that there is considerable difference in the work done in primary, intermediate, upper grades and rural schools, a curriculum is offered for each type.

As teaching deals with fundamental life problems, courses that prepare for teaching must not be narrow and specialized. In reorganizing the Normal curricula two years ago, special attention was given to foundation courses that would have a broadening influence on students and relate them to problems of modern thought and life. There is a movement in education all over the country to give these foundation courses first, rather than highly specialized courses. Three foundation courses are given in the freshman year here, and are required of all students; they are history and social science, literature, and science. Experience shows that they are especially beneficial for teachers and the normal school gives as much time to them as the curricula permits. They may also be used as a foundation for other courses later on.

Provision is made for actual practice teaching in correlation with technique courses. This is done to make the course not merely theoretical but to test its results in teaching. Students taking the rural course get their practice in rural schools near Bellingham. Generally students show great development in dealing with real problems and get considerable pleasure from practical work with pupils. Nothing is more stimulating than the situations of real life.

The standard curriculum can be completed in two years and on completion a diploma is granted which is valid for five years and may be matured into a life diploma upon the required evidence of successful experience. Four two-year curricula are offered; primary, intermediate, grammar grade, and rural. The same general courses are given in each. Special courses are offered where they will be most beneficial. In each curriculum considerable time is given to art, music, industrial arts, and physical education, so as to equip teachers to meet demands for work of this kind.

NORMAL GIRLS FIND EDENS HALL IDEAL

Social Advantages, Nearness to School, Conveniences, Student Government Attract.

Because it is a most attractive and convenient home for girls, Edens Hall always has a long waiting list of students who seek accommodations there. One hundred sixteen girls enjoy the social advantages, comfortable living conditions, and general conveniences that life in the dormitory affords.

At the beginning of each quarter, new girls are initiated into dormitory life by a pajama party. The big informal dances and many parties continue the round of social affairs.

The large and beautifully appointed drawing room is the scene of the dances, receptions and teas, while smaller parlors provide opportunities for entertaining guests. A furnished kitchenette is used for the fudge parties and taffy pulls which the girls often have.

Officers are elected each quarter, and with the proctors from each floor, they comprise the executive council, which has charge of house affairs and rules. The general director of the hall is a faculty member.

In connection with the Hall, a dining room is operated, where outside students have their meals. An efficient dietitian supervises the preparation and service of excellent food. Holidays are always observed by serving particularly appropriate meals, a feature much enjoyed by students.

CLUB ACTIVITY IS AIDED BY COUNCIL

"Every student a member of some club" is a slogan of the Bellingham Normal, and in order to further this ideal, there has been formed a central organization known as the Inter-Club Council.

The members of this organization are regularly elected student representatives, chosen from each club not classified as social at the first meeting of the spring quarter. Special members consist of representatives of social clubs, who vote on social measures, the Dean of Women, the Social Director of Edens Hall, and the chairman of the Committee on Student Organizations.

So far, the meetings have discussed social affairs—when they shall be held and where—that there may be no conflicts. It has been decided that all literary and departmental clubs shall meet at the beginning of the week, while social clubs hold their meetings in the latter part on Friday and Saturday nights.

The work of the Inter-Club Council is as yet only in its infancy, and it may be expected, as time goes on, to enlarge its scope and interest.

When Washington was born there were only three colleges in America. They were Harvard, William and Mary, and Yale, with a combined attendance of 275 students. Today there are 913 with a total enrollment of 664,000.

ANNUAL MARATHON SCHOOL TRADITION

Race up Chuckanut Mountain Is Patterned After Greek Marathon; Classes Compete.

"Far above the bay's blue waters," sing Normalites in general assembly, and that's where they go in the annual Marathon race popularly known as the Chuckanut Marathon.

Chuckanut is a peak some 1400 feet high, with the waters of Puget Sound lapping at its feet. The Marathon, patterned after the Greek Marathon, is a race from the foot of the mountain to the summit. To prevent congestion of traffic, climbers sign at the foot and also at the top, the time being recorded at each place. Individuals start at any time most convenient to them. The books close at 12 o'clock. Prizes are given to the class with the largest percentage up and to the fastest climber, as well as the slowest. Competition is keen between classes, individual students and faculty members.

After the top is reached, a picnic lunch is served and races, games and stunts provide amusement as well as exercise for the pleasure seekers.

teaching. For the benefit of its rural students, the Bellingham Normal School has several rural schools where any Normal student interested may do his student teaching in circumstances similar to those in which he will be placed when he goes out into the field.

Normal Smiles

Meet it first thing every morning, coming up the walk to school. Though, round exams, maybe, it's weaker for awhile.

Still it pops up in a minute like the daisies of the spring. It's that cheerful, happy, friendly, Normal smile.

In the rush to get to classes just in time to miss the bell, When the crowd along the hall is milling round, Or in assembly, when the speaker quite forgets its time to stop. It may be hectic but that smile is always found.

It has got so we expect it at the Normal-by-the-Sea. In the school room, on the campus, work or play.

It helps a lot to know that what'er you have to do, A friendly smile will brighten every day.

PICNICS AND HIKES ENJOYED AT B.S.N.

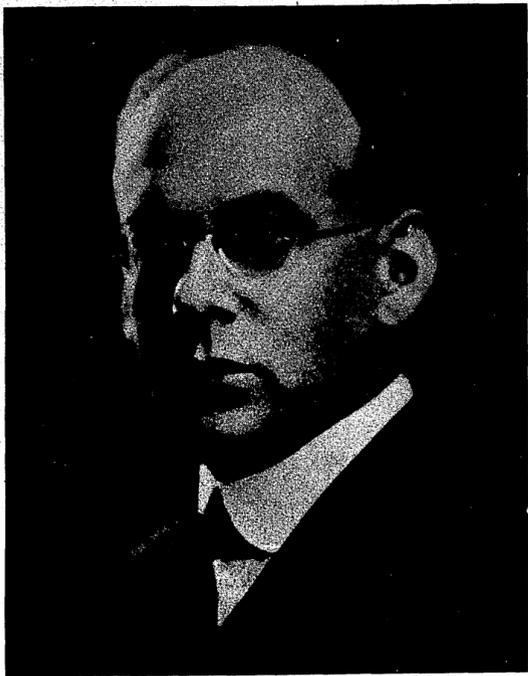
Clubs Sponsor Excursions and Hikes to Mount Baker, Lake Whatcom, and Normalstad.

Because of the many points of interest near Bellingham, Normal students can enjoy numerous hikes and excursions. During the entire year there are hikes scheduled by the W. A. A. to various scenic points. In the spring and summer quarters the various clubs of the school also sponsor hikes, picnics, and week-end parties. Not all hikes are organized ones, however, for groups of students start out in their hiking clothes for parties of their own.

Chuckanut Mountain, at an elevation of 1,460 feet, is an ideal climb for students. From the top there is a wonderful view of the islands, the mountains, and Bellingham, and the scene well repays one for the climb.

Normalstad, an eighty-acre tract of land on Lake Whatcom, owned by the Normal, is another favorite haunt of student. The Students' Association of the Normal is planning to build a lodge for week-end parties on this tract.





C. H. FISHER,
President Bellingham State Normal School.

UNUSUAL COURSES GIVEN AT NORMAL

Scout Craft, Ind. Arts Courses, Junior High School Work, Playground Included in List.

One of the most interesting courses given at the Bellingham Normal School and one that ranks with similar courses offered at Columbia University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Washington, is the training course for the Scout Masters offered each quarter.

The purpose of this course is to give the student a general knowledge of the aims and contents of the Boy Scout Movement, with stress on the methods of instruction. Upon satisfactory completion of this course the student will be presented with a National Certificate by the Local Council.

The Industrial Arts Department is offering an interesting group of courses for Junior High School teachers. One of these is a general shop course, including trade experience in woodwork, electricity, concrete, and photography.

Of special interest to summer students will be the formation of the Camera Club, where definite instruction will be given in the taking of pictures. Members of the club will have the privilege of using the new dark room.

Some of the other outstanding summer features are: Organization, management, and administration in Junior High School, presented by Mr. F. A. Irwin, and a new course in Advanced Reading, and play-ground work under the direction of Miss Kathryn Wilson, city supervisor.

To keep a close correlation between the most approved methods of teaching and the actual situation confronting teachers in rural schools, is the aim of the rural school department.

CLUBS CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIAL LIFE OF NORMAL STUDENTS

Literary, Departmental and Social Organizations Give Opportunity for Activity.

26 CLUBS IN SCHOOL

New Fields of Interest Open for Students in Pursuing Special Hobbies in Clubs.

An outstanding feature of student life at the Bellingham Normal is the opportunity for participating in the extensive club activity, whereby students meet socially and pursue some outside interest in company with congenial classmates.

The twenty-six clubs in the school are divided into three groups—literary, departmental, and social, and a student may belong to one literary, one departmental, and any number of social clubs.

The six literary societies meet twice a month for the purpose of studying literature and parliamentary drill. These literary societies, which include the Aletheian, Alkissiah, Ohlyesa, Philomathean, Rural Life, and Thespian clubs, also have interesting social functions such as dances, parties, picnics, hikes, and weekend parties at the many scenic resorts around Bellingham.

Each of the department clubs has a particular purpose such as debate, dramatics, music, athletics, and story telling. These interesting clubs include the Allison Debate Club, which sponsors debate work in the school; the Social Science Club, which studies modern social problems; the MacDonald Club, whose members are particularly interested in the study of music; and the Y. W. C. A., which

TWO HUGE ATHLETIC EVENTS EVERY YEAR

Fall Home Coming Football Game and Tri-Normal Track Meet, Outstanding Events.

The outstanding athletic activities of the year at Bellingham are the Home Coming Football Game in the fall and the Tri-Normal Track Meet in the spring.

The Home Coming Game is played with the Normal Schools, alternating each year, last year's game being between Bellingham and Ellensburg.

Many of the old grads come back from remote parts of the state to witness the game and to renew old acquaintances. A banquet is held at Edens Hall for the faculty, football team and alumni. Later in the evening everyone is invited to a big dance held in the Armory.

The Bellingham team has a record to be proud of, coming out on top in every Home Coming Game played.

The Tri-Normal Track Meet winds up the athletic activities of the year. Every third year this event is held at Bellingham; this year, however, the big meet will be held at Cheney. Beginning last year this event became more than a track meet, tennis and baseball being added. Keen interest is shown as there are three championships in track, in baseball, and in tennis.

Again, Bellingham has proven her sovereignty in the spring sports, taking all three championships last year at the big day in Ellensburg.

The Vikings hold four permanent Loving Cups as compensation for their efforts extended at these events.

The spring of 1927 will find Bellingham the host of Cheney and Ellensburg in the Fifth Tri-Normal Track Meet.

NEW METHODS OF REGISTRATION USED

Something new for registration was planned and worked out last year by the program committee, in the form of a Freshman week.

Hitherto the first few days of the quarter were practically wasted by registration, not only for freshmen but also for upper-classmen. The new plan provides for the most efficient method of getting to work.

By this plan, sophomores and upper-classmen are registered Monday and their classes are started Tuesday. Freshmen have the entire week to get adjusted to new situations, which are perhaps more complex than any before met. The adjustment is facilitated by a number of lectures and tests. President Fisher gives a series of addresses upon the purpose of the course of study, student life and student activities.

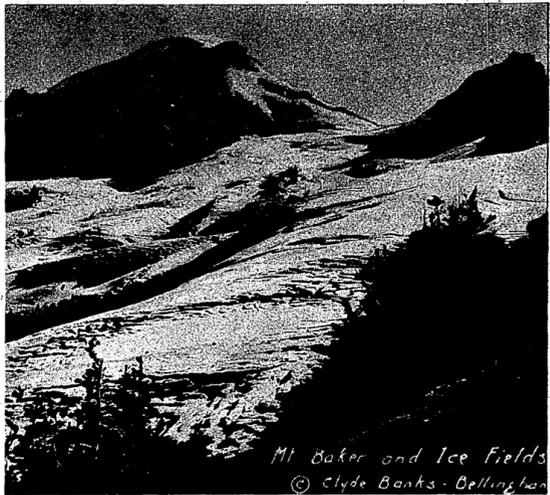
Tests are given Tuesday and Wednesday, the intelligence test preceding the achievement tests in order that students may be properly classified. On Thursday the actual registration takes place, this part being easily managed as certain set programs for Freshmen are already made out.

Regular classes start on Friday and by this time most students are familiar with the building, reducing to a minimum the number of students who formerly ran wildly from room to room, and finally collapsed in the nurse's office with a vacant stare and incoherent ravings.

CAMP FIRE WORK HERE

A camp fire course for leaders will be held at Camp Samish in Skagit County, near Edison, Washington, during the week of June 11-18, under supervision of Miss Hilda Rosene who has charge of all Campfire work at the Normal School. Summer school students will be excused to attend and will be allowed one and one-half points credit.

No campfire course was offered by the Normal this winter but girls interested were organized into groups holding regular meetings. Several hikes were taken and the groups cooperated with the downtown campfire girls by assisting with the Grand Council held recently. A number of the girls have become campfire leaders in Washington and other states.



Mt. Baker and Ice Fields
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EVERYBODY DANCES FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Among the things which add variety and zest to the week at Normal is Recreation Hour. Every Friday afternoon at four o'clock the students and faculty lay aside their work and assemble in the big gymnasium for an hour of recreation and dancing. At Recreation Hour the Freshman meets his classmate socially and thereby comes in contact with students and activities of the school. Consequently, he develops that school spirit which is carried out on the athletic field.

Every quarter the leading orchestras of the school compete for the opportunity of playing at "Recreation Hour." This year Chauncey Griffith's Collegians, a peppy five-piece jazz orchestra, made up of men of the school, has held that honor. Not only have the Collegians played at recreation hour, but they have furnished syncopation for various other dances given by the school.

ATHLETICS OCCUPY PLACE IN WHITE AND BLUE REALM

Men and Women Who Meet Requirements Are Awarded Sweaters for Service.

FIVE MAJOR SPORTS

Games Are Scheduled Each Year in Football, Basketball, Baseball and Track.

Bellingham Normal compares favorably with any school in the country in variety of sports and athletics offered. All sports are under the direct supervision of an expert and the many branches are ably superintended. Coaches Carver and Keeney take care of the boys' activities, while Miss Skalley and Miss Frank oversee the physical education of the girls. Five sports are recognized as major sports, these being tennis, track, football, baseball and basketball. Men participating in these sports who meet the set requirements, are awarded sweaters in recognition of service on the various teams.

Football, which reigns supreme during the fall, is handled by Coaches Carver and Keeney. Men turning out for the team are tendered the best in the line of football equipment, and are under the expert tutelage of the above named coaches. As an added incentive to hard work, the team takes an annual road trip to either Ellensburg or Cheney, besides going to Seattle to play the University Frosh or Super-Varsity. Recent records of the players show the calibre of teams turned out at the Normal School.

As basketball is the only winter sport, there is a capacity turnout, which probably accounts for the fine teams developed. Games are scheduled with the Normal schools, minor colleges and the U. of W. Frosh. The basketball team last season won twelve out of fifteen games played.

Of the spring sports track probably ranks highest. There are usually one or two meets with minor colleges besides the Tri-Normal meet and the Annual Relay Carnival at Seattle.

MESSENGER KLIPSUN VIKING PUBLICATIONS

The Messenger, Weekly Issue, The Klipsun, Annual Publication, Sponsored by School.

The Messenger, a weekly newspaper and the Klipsun, a school annual are two very excellent publications sponsored by the Bellingham Normal. They have done a great deal toward fostering school spirit and promoting the general welfare of the school in the past year.

To those of journalistic inclination the Weekly Messenger has a great deal to offer. Practical courses in news writing, journalism and staff work are given under expert supervision. Norman Burchette, present Editor-in-chief of the Messenger, says, "The aim of the Messenger is to develop better news writers. The attainment of this aim must show itself in the improvements made in the paper."

Those who have been connected with the publication of the Klipsun have gained invaluable experience. The annual has been worked up in departments and is similar to a large college publication. A great deal of the credit this year goes to the editor-in-chief, Velma LeMaster, who has worked hard to make the Klipsun a success.

SPRING SPORTS NOW IN FULL SWING

Baseball holds a prominent part in the spring sports and good teams are developed. Games are played with the minor colleges and Normal schools. Classes dealing in the technique and practice of coaching are offered for those aspiring to this type of work.

There are three concrete tennis courts which are constantly in use, so consequently good teams are developed. Matches with the University Frosh and Normal school are annual.



OFF WITH A FLASH.

DRAMATIC ART IS A MAJOR ACTIVITY OF NORMAL SCHOOL

Club Consists of Fifty Members Who Are Chosen for Their Dramatic Ability.

PLAYS GIVEN QUARTERLY

The Object of Club is to Encourage Better Plays; Past Year Reveals Good Showing.

The Drama Club, of the "Normal-by-the-Sea," has done a great deal during the past year in making dramatics one of the major activities of the school. The objective of the club has always been to encourage better dramatics in the Normal, and their presentations show that they have held steadfastly to that ideal. The club consists of fifty members who have been chosen for their marked dramatic ability. They are selected in competitive quarterly tryouts. The club gives those gifted in dramatics a wonderful opportunity to make a name for themselves in the "Hill Institution."

Every quarter the club presents one large play of three or more acts. In the fall quarter the club presented a three-act comedy, "The Goose Hangs High," by Lewis Beach. By special arrangement with the Samuel French Publishing Co., the club was able to secure the rights for the first presentation of this play in the West. The cast worked very hard on the play and it was presented to a crowded house, December 19, in place of the regular Christmas program.

In the winter the club presented the three act comedy, "Adam and Eva."

The play was very successful and part of the proceeds were used by the club to give a dinner dance at the Hotel Leopold.

The play which the club is presenting this quarter is the comedy drama, "Minick," by Edna Ferber.

Every summer the club puts on a Shakespearean drama. They have carried out this practice for the past five years. This summer they plan to give "Romeo and Juliet," in the Greenwood Theater, below the Campus knoll.

Early Gothic tapestries, valued at two million dollars, were recently found in the attic of St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, by two Americans who were looking for ancient carpets. The tapestries illustrate the passion of Christ and are believed to have been made during the fifteenth century.

GEOLOGICAL COURSE NEW VENTURE HERE

The Geography Department of the Bellingham Normal is offering a course in which a limited number of students may study geographic and physiographic forms in the Mount Baker and Austin Pass Region during the last six weeks of the summer quarter, beginning shortly after July 4, under the direction of Mr. Robert Landon, of the University of Chicago. The amount of credit given will be governed by the quantity of work completed. It is hoped that groups will go up for week-ends from the Normal and if sufficient work is done by these students credit will be allowed them also. The classwork will be conducted in the field with a certain amount of time devoted to actual classroom procedure. Students will be accommodated at Mount Baker Lodge.

CHORAL CLUB HAS 150 MIXED VOICES

Opportunity for Music Study Is Given Talented Students; Public Recitals Successful.

The Music department of the Bellingham Normal offers a number of courses in addition to those required for graduation.

The Choral Society, an organization of 150 mixed voices, under the direction of Mr. Smith, presented DuBois' "Seven Last Words of Christ," and Rossini's "Stabat Mater," during the last school year. An orchestra of 20 pieces made up of the best instrumentalists of the school and of Bellingham was used to accompany these works. The soloists were brought from Tacoma and Seattle.

Academic credit is given for this work, and all persons interested in choral singing are eligible to membership.

Both a ladies' and men's double quartet are chosen every year. These singers are rewarded by the Associated Students for their services.

A school orchestra is maintained throughout the year. They play at numerous school entertainments, and receive credit for their work.

Besides the regular music courses, private instruction is given in voice, violin, and piano.

Students interested in music have ample opportunities for development at Bellingham in that field.

Girls who are outstanding in the different sports are awarded letters, while those distinguishing themselves in several sports receive sweaters.

A nation-wide spelling bee contest will be one of the features at the Sequi Centennial to be held in Philadelphia this year.



SCENE ON CAMPUS DAY

LEADERSHIP SOCIETY NEW ORGANIZATION

Two new societies were formed at Bellingham Normal last year, known as the Scholarship Society and the Leadership Society. These societies were organized to meet a growing need for some means of discovering and developing the qualities of leadership and scholarship which might be in the student body.

The Scholarship Society has for one of its main purposes the promoting and fostering of scholarship in the entire student body. Another of their aims is that of helping freshmen to get started by giving practical suggestions as to methods of study. Grades alone do not gain one entrance into the Scholarship Society but each applicant must also be passed on by a faculty committee as to moral responsibility and intellectual honesty. In this way, members are obtained who are worthy to carry out the large task which they have set themselves.

The Leadership Society is also an honorary society, with a slightly different purpose. The aim it has in view is to select as members those who have shown their capabilities and, in the society, to give further opportunity for the training of those qualities.

is open to all girls of the school interested in work of that kind.

The Normal Dramatic Club is composed of students having particular interest in dramatic activities.

The "W" Club and the W. A. A. are two departmental clubs concerned with athletics, the "W" club consisting of men in the school who have won the blue "W"; and the W. A. A. being the group of girls interested in athletics. Another departmental organization is the Camp Fire Girls, which is open to girls interested in taking up this work in addition to regular school work. The Leowyrth Club is the "story telling" club of the school. The Choral Society is the singers' organization, which meets once a week in the evening with regular school credit given for active work. Two recently organized clubs are the Camera Club and Science Discussion Club, opening new fields of interest for the student.

The social organizations, which take care of the social work of the school, are: The Skagit County Club, the Norcentra Club, College Club, Sourdough Club, the Oregon Club, Seattle Club, Newman Club, Tahoma Club, Olympian Club, Sagebrush Club, and the B. B. G's.

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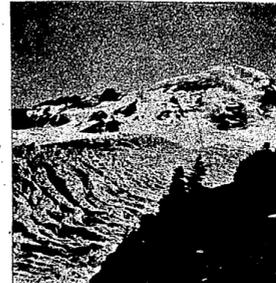
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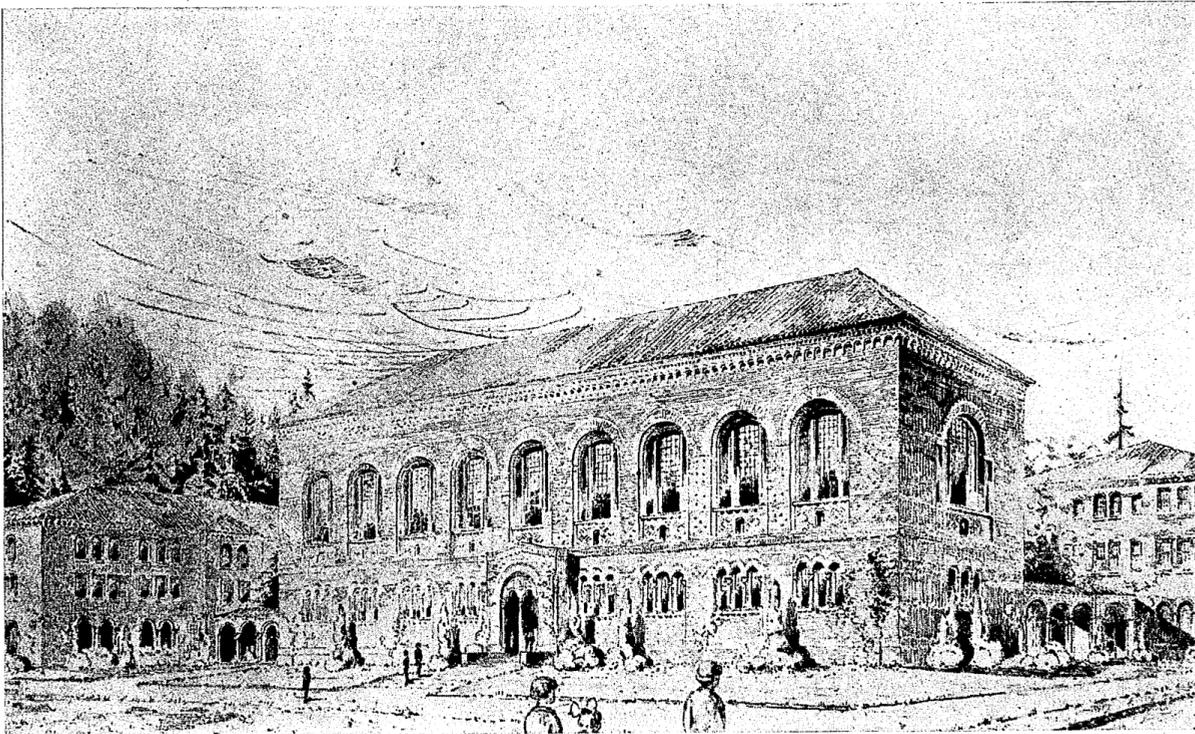
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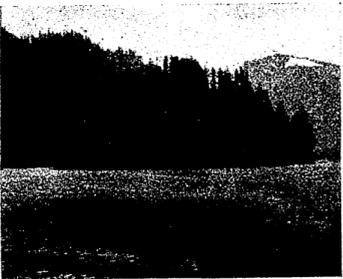
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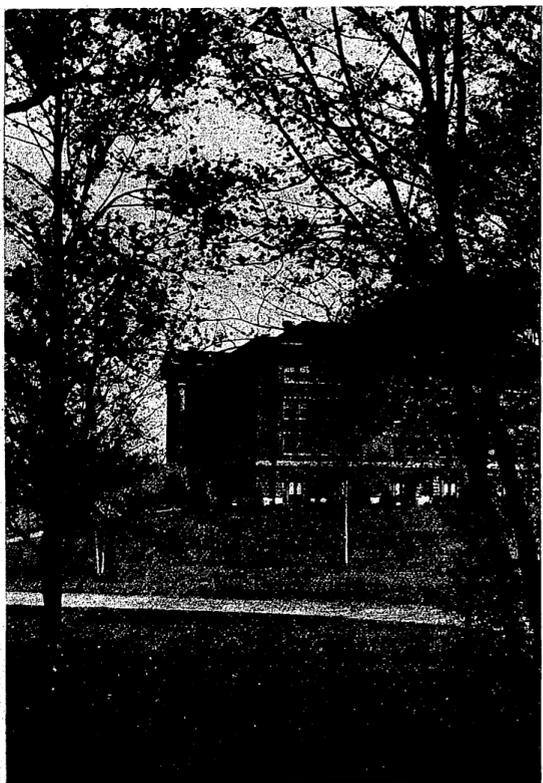
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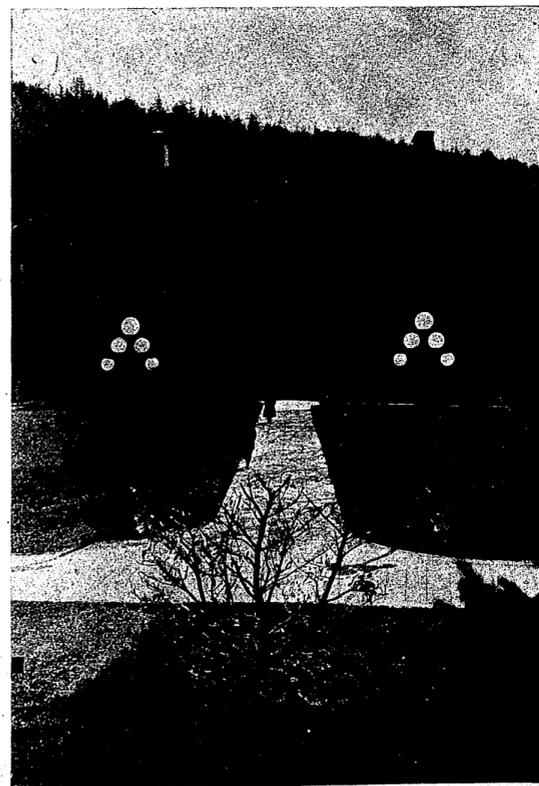
THE SILENT WATCHER,
From the Meadows.



A SIDE VIEW OF THE GIRLS' DORMITORY,
From the Normal Campus.



MOUNT SHUKSAN,
As Seen From the Trail.



MAIN BUILDING OF THE BELLINGHAM NORMAL SCHOOL,
From the Knoll.