

Normal Schools To Inaugurate New Athletic Policy



The High Wind

by
Poor Duke

YOU, who have troubles—troubles in love in business, in anything—write to Poor Duke and let him solve them for you. Every since he was two years old he has surprised and shocked the world by his sayings. At first his parents were ashamed of him, and they still are. Scientists cannot solve the problem of his wonderful psychic mind. He was kept under close observation by eminent physicians and scientists for six months, but it was no use; they could do nothing for him.

Owing to numerous engagements with the crowned heads of Europe, no private readings can be given, but Poor Duke will answer a few of the most urgent questions that are sent to him, care of this paper. Write and ask him about your difficulties; if you have no troubles, write anyway and he will find you some.

OoO



Dear P. D.:
My boy friend says he likes old-fashioned girls. He wants me to let my hair grow and wear long skirts as my little sister does. Should I take him seriously?

You Know Who.

Do I?:
No. Don't take him at all. Come down to the Messenger office and look us over and you will never think of him again. I am here from eleven to twelve in the mornings.

Poor Duke.

OoO

Dear Doctor:
I had a large wart on the end of my nose and reading of your remedy in the Messenger, I determined to try it. After taking one bottle I ordered two more and now my face is entirely gone, but the wart still remains.

Very truly yours

Ray Odell.
(Pd. Adv.)

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Ray—That prof. is a seismometer.
Ray—A what?
Ray—A seismometer—always recording catastrophes.

OoO

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Gumbo Soup

Take an old dishpan and add two quarts and three inches of distilled water. When this has started to boil drop in a dozen eggs and stir slowly till the shells are all broken; then add sugar vinegar, potatoes, two pounds of finely ground glass, and a small dog. Thicken with shaving soap and serve while in a liquid state. Fix this up for your hubby and surprise him.

Antidotes Drink two quarts of wood alcohol and notify the corner.

OoO

CURIOUS FACTS

Do you know that if all the money Squandered by College Women on Cigarettes was given to Reginald McKee, he would probably spend it?

Be virtuous and you will be happy—in heaven, maybe.

Oooh!

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN ENGLAND, EUROPE INFERIOR—WILLIAMS

Normal Professor Just Home from Four-months Tour British Isles and Europe. Tells Condition.

EUROPE HAS ADVANCED

Modern Machinery Introduced in Industry and Product is Greater Now than During Pre-war Days

(By Mark Jarrett)
Professor Pelagius Williams, well known to second year students, has returned from a leave of absence. He has completed a four-months tour of the British Isles and Continental Europe. He traveled a total of 18,000 miles and visited ten different countries. He tried to combine a study of political, social, economic and educational conditions with sight-seeing.

He found the educational system in general to be inferior to that of America. Outside of Scotland, their teacher training institutions are behind our own.

Europe Has Advanced.
Economically, continental Europe is ahead of her position before the war. Modern machinery and methods have been introduced in industry, to the extent that each country is producing far more efficiently and several times the quantity of goods produced in pre-war days.

Economic conditions in England were found to be much behind those of the Continent, due to the ill effects of the coal strike. The unemployment situation is very critical, with more than a million and one-half people on the dole.

Conference Good Measure.
Mr. Williams believes that the imperial conference recently held in London is destined to have a marked influence on both political and economic life in the Empire. Germany has recovered to a wonderful degree. Prof. Williams states that Hamburg looks as prosperous as any American city.

Mr. Williams made a particular study of the co-operative associations of Denmark, where it has been carried out to a greater extent than any other place in the world. Czechoslovakia Interesting.
Czechoslovakia was the most interesting country visited. At present, the Agrarian political party are in control, but the real contest is between the Czech and the German groups.

The University of Prague has over 12,000 students who are organized in a great student union. The State has

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Fat Fellow in Fluttering Flivver Flees From Frightful Phenomena

A fat man in a rattling Ford car suddenly jammed on his brakes and stared past the flapping window curtain. The place was the corner of High and Cedar at the southwest corner of the Normal campus. The time was one of these foggy evenings.

"Jerusalem!" he ejaculated, fervently. "But it's a wonderful age. Only to other night I drove past here and there weren't no tree. Now it's growing there, nice as you please."

His eyes were turned in the direction of the tall, leafless locust tree which was recently moved to that part of the campus from the row of locusts along the sidewalk in front of the building.

He shook his head. "I reckon," he mumbled incredulously, "that now-a-days they got something what makes trees grow overnight. Must be." And with another rattle he and

Students Name New Member for Board of Control

By popular vote Elsa Pearl has been elected to succeed Grace Jacobson on the Board of Control for four quarters.

Miss Pearl comes to us highly recommended from the high school from which she graduated having been active there in numerous student activities. She declares that her policy as a representative will be strictly non-partisan regarding her sex.

Miss Jacobson who has just completed the four quarter term, has done faithful service and will be awarded the coveted "Bar W" pin.

KODAK ENTHUSIASTS ORGANIZE NEW CLUB

Aim to Develop Enthusiasm and Interest in Art of Amateur Photography Among Students.

"This is a picture of Queen Marie—Where? Why that's her hat down in the corner."

Do you know how to get the most for your money when you put your Kodak in your pocket and start on that hike? Are you sure to have six good pictures on that roll—or does it all depend on your luck?

Increased ability in the art-of-amateur photography is one of the principal purposes of our new Camera club.

Students who are interested met for organization with Mr. Ruckmick and Mr. Philippi in Room 105 last night and plans for the quarter were discussed.

In addition to the practical aims, a deeper appreciation of the work of the camera will be gained.

The formation of such a club is the result of the interest and enthusiasm of a number of students who are interested in this work.

CANDIDATES NAMED

The following frosh girls are rumored to be candidates for winter carnival queen: Kella Ebling, Carrie Tucker, Jean Banisto, Madeline Boshardt and Ann Lund. Each 25c class dues entitles the payee to 100 votes for the queen. Future dues as well as back dues are acceptable.

President Coolidge is opposed to the Democratic tax reduction plan for the elimination of automobile taxes when the government is spending about \$90,000,000 annually for roads.

FAMOUS AMERICAN POET WILL LECTURE HERE JANUARY 15

Carl Sandburg, One of the Most Interesting of Contemporary Writers, to Give Literary Treat.

WAS FORMERLY A HOBO

Has Had Varied Life, Working in Chicago Stockyards, Later a Journalist, Now a Famous Poet.

Townpeople as well as students and faculty are looking forward to the appearance of Carl Sandburg, American poet, who will be here January 15, in the second number on the lecture course.

Mr. Sandburg has led an unusual and interesting life which has naturally affected his poetry.

He was born in Galesburg, Illinois, and there received his education. After leaving college, he became a hobo and wandered all over the United States, learning much of various classes of people.

Later he found employment in the stockyards of Chicago, spending his spare time in the writing of poetry.

His start as a writer was made in hack journalism, and until recently he has served as motion picture critic on the Chicago News.

Contrary to many poets, his creations have not been written for the purpose of earning a living and is free from the influence of readers and publishers.

His poetry is a queer exotic combination of beautiful expressions, deeply mystic in quality and resembling the old Norse sagas. He has the ability to create the most vivid of mind pictures. There is a vigor and strength in his lines, expressing a brutal realism, most prominent in his poems about Chicago.

He is rated by critics as one of America's best contemporary poets.

CITY ESTABLISHES ZONING COMMISSION

President Fisher Is Member of Zoning Commission Established to Regulate Construction.

The six appointive members of the city zoning commission who were named by Mayor John A. Kellogg Monday, December 20, met in the mayor's city hall office today and determined by lot their terms of office. The terms were allotted as follows: One year, W. C. Wilcox and Dr. T. M. Barlow; two years, H. H. Ellis and F. M. Blomquist; three years, Dr. C. H. Fisher and F. E. Headrick.

Before adjourning, the appointive members announced that they would meet with Mayor John A. Kellogg, and the three non-appointive commissioners—City Engineer J. C. Hills, Fire Chief Frank E. Stearns and Arthur Blythe, representing the park board—in the city council chambers at 8 p. m. Thursday, January 20. At that meeting, the first to be held by the commission, a chairman will be selected.

The zoning commission was established by the city ordinance, passed by the city council October 11, and published two days later. The ordinance provides that the zoning commission shall hold its first meeting within thirty days after January 1, when the ordinance becomes effective and the board is capable of functioning.

The object of the commission is to regulate the type and material of building construction, to permit the segregation of certain districts deemed so fitted, and devotion of such districts to uses which will make for the development of the city from the standpoint of sanitation, safety and beauty.

Plans Are Made For Interesting Debate Season

Prospects for a successful debate season are looking better as each day passes, according to Miss Madden. Tryouts were held last Wednesday night when debating aspirants labored over the question of whether or not the Direct Primary in the state of Washington justifies its retention. The two teams receiving the most points will debate the same question in assembly Jan. 25.

Two intra-collegiate debates have already been arranged for. The University of Montana is sending their arguers here in April, and the Normal is sending their delegation to Mount Vernon about the same time.

DAVID CAMPBELL IN TUESDAY ASSEMBLY

Music From the Listener's Viewpoint Is the Subject for Tuesday Morning Lecturer.

The first regular assembly of the Witner quarter was held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the auditorium. President Fisher made several announcements and introduced Mr. David Campbell, musician from Portland, Oregon.

A lecture recital in music from the student's or listener's viewpoint was given by Mr. Campbell.

He said that every person was interested in music of some sort. Many music students and children are learning to play the piano and other instruments. Foreign people study music in their own country and then come to America to seek new fields. Some people when listening to music become critics and only look for mistakes and shortcomings instead of really appreciating the good points and effort put forth by the player.

Music has an appeal to foreigners, savages and children as well as educated Americans. Music must have form as well as architecture. Altho in music the form can not be seen at a glance but must be seen as it is played. Writing and music are also similar in the respect that they must both have emphasis and coherence.

In closing the program Mr. Campbell played two selections entitled "Sonata in A Major" and "Turkish March in A Major."

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY RECEIVE NEW BOOKS

Many new books have been received in the Children's Library, which are of especial interest to both the Normal students and children in the training school. These include several old classics gotten out in new and attractive editions. These books include travel, and the latest of fiction.

There are more students taking the course in library practice in the Children's literature than before. Previously five girls did the work while now nine are registered for the course.

Members of Faculty Have Out-Door Picnic at Rosario Beach, January 2

A real "out-door" picnic at Rosario Beach was enjoyed by several members of the faculty on Sunday, January the second. It was the first "January Picnic" Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Huff and Miss Emma Erickson had ever experienced. The novelty of the occasion and the beautiful scenery of

WORK IN LIBRARY BUILDING STARTS WITHIN FOUR WEEKS

Construction Assured by Contract Being Signed by the Architects and Trustees of Normal School.

NEW STREET NECESSARY

Proposed Building Blocks up Cedar Street. New Street Will Have to be Constructed Soon.

The construction of the proposed library for the Bellingham State Normal school will be started in three or four weeks if present plans materialize. The architects engaged are working as fast as they can on detailed drawings, which will be ready soon. These drawings are necessary before work on the construction can be undertaken.

Assurance of an early start is promised by the fact that the contract for the construction has already been signed by the architects, C. H. Bebb and C. E. Gould, and the Normal School. Another contract has also been signed between the architects and the local supervisor of the construction, Stanley F. Piper, of Bellingham. This shows that everything is ready for the project. As soon as the drawings have been completed call for bids for the construction of the building will follow.

The time for beginning the construction is somewhat dependent, however, upon the construction of a new street to take the place of the one (Cedar street) which will be vacated by the proposed building. The City Engineer of Bellingham is drawing up specifications for this new street. Until this new street is constructed the construction on the library can't go ahead. Weather condition, it is pointed, will also determine the time the work will start.

Another problem in connection with the construction of the library is the grading of the lots along Cedar Street, from which houses will have to be removed. These lots will have to be leveled to the level of the campus. Work is already begun on plans for excavation and removal of rock. It is hoped this will be done by the time construction on the building is ready.

Calendar

FRIDAY, January 7—
Interclub Council Banquet.

SATURDAY, January 8—
"W" Club Dance at the Big Gym, at 8 o'clock.
Basketball game—Normal vs. Lynden, Whatcom High gymnasium, 7:30.

TUESDAY, January 11—
Assembly, 11; Plymouth Quartette in recital.
Basketball game at Y. M. C. A. at 8:40. Class "B" vs. Midway Cigar.

WEDNESDAY, January 12—
Basketball game at Y. M. C. A., Brown and Cole vs. Supervarsity.

THURSDAY, January 13—
Beginning of Bible Institute. Continues through Sunday.

FRIDAY, January 14—
Assembly.

NEW ASSOCIATION TO REGULATE ATHLETICS IN NORMAL SCHOOLS

Has Been Approved by Bellingham Faculty; Must Have Ratification of Cheney and Ellensburg Men.

NEW RULES IMPORTANT

Provisions to Effect Tri-Normal Contests Only; Will be Managed by Small Board of Control.

Organization of a new body—the Washington State Normal School Athletic Association—for the regulation of athletics among the Normal schools of this state and drawing up of a proposed constitution for this association; were effected at a meeting of Bellingham, Cheney, and Ellensburg representatives held at Ellensburg on December tenth. Dean of Men W. J. Marquis, of Bellingham; J. W. Hungate, of Cheney, and L. D. Sarks, of Ellensburg, formed the committee that worked on the rules and regulations.

The proposed constitution is to be adopted upon its ratification by the faculties of the three schools and is to go into effect the spring quarter of 1927. Already the Bellingham faculty has ratified it (on December 14), so only the approval of Cheney and Ellensburg is necessary for its adoption. Its provisions are to be effective only in Tri-Normal contests.

The entire management of the Athletic association is to be in the hands of the Board of Control, made up of one member from each of the State Normal Schools. These members will be appointed by the presidents of their respective schools.

Eligibility Rules Important.
According to the new eligibility rules embodied in the constitution, students who engage in inter-school competition must be obtaining passing grades in twelve credit hours. They will not be permitted to take part more than once in any given sport unless in attendance for at least two quarters with twenty-four credits earned.

Students may not represent a school more than three times in one sport during a two year course and never more than four times.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE NORMAL SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

1. The name of this organization shall be the Washington State Normal School Athletic Association.
2. The object of the organization shall be to bring the Normal Schools of the State of Washington closer together along athletic lines and to continue the good feeling and understanding now existing.
3. The Association shall consist of the State Normal Schools of the State of Washington each of which shall become a member upon ratification of this constitution.
4. The management of the Association shall be vested in a Board of Control made up of one member from each of the State Normal Schools. This board shall meet at the time and place of the annual track and field meet and shall elect from its membership a President and a Secretary-Treasurer who shall perform the duties usually pertaining to each office. Special meetings, shall be called by the President upon the request of a majority of the members of the Board.
5. The President of each institution shall select a member of the faculty of his institution who shall represent that school upon the Board of Control. This selection shall take place not later than the first of May of each year.
6. The Board of Control shall have control of the funds of the Association shall be the committee on eligi-

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BACK TO SCHOOL

We are once more on the threshold of another scholastic quarter. Just what the twelve weeks following mean to us, depends upon individual differences in attitude and view. To some, it means a constant grinding so to speak, a diligent devotion of all the minutes there are to the printed matters we carry back and forth to school. Rightly, it should be this way. It is the only justification there can be offered to our coming back, and to the sacrifices of those who have sent us here.

To some, however, and we hope they are very few, coming back to school means merely escaping the obligation of doing some work at home or somewhere, and whiling time until Fate causes a significant turn in the course of their destiny. Coming back to school thus offers some food for thought and only in an early contemplation of it can its outcome be determined.

Let us get down to work and burn the midnight oil to advantage and profit, that in the end we can pause and look back and exclaim: "My efforts were not spent in vain."

BRING 'EM A BED

Those "Kids" in the front row of the auditorium are probably in the wrong pew. Judging from actions they should either be in bed or in the nursery department of the pre-primary grades.

It is very annoying and disconcerting to a speaker to be continually swept off his feet by incessant volumes of noise from the pit immediately below him. This noise is caused primarily by too much "foot work" and general restlessness. Be considerate and try to act your age although you feel much younger.

EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR

As forward looking students of this institution we are awaiting with anxiety the adoption of the Washington State Normal School Athletic constitution, by the Cheney and Ellensburg Normals.

Under the present system, (which is no system at all), a student may compete in a sport as many seasons as he is of worth to the team. The proposed constitution for the three Normal schools places some restrictions upon the players. It demands of them certain standards of excellence in scholarship along with their athletic ability. (As examples of students who have combined scholarship with strenuous athletics and have made a success of both, we need only look eastward to Notre Dame and bow to the famous four horsemen. In fact we have only to look within our own sanctuary behind some old bookcase and we discover Dan Beighle, an excellent scholar and a marvelous athlete).

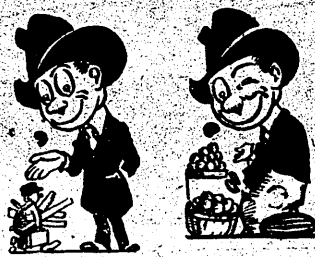
There is probably not a positive correlation between scholarship and athletic prowess, but there is enough correlation between the two to place some restrictions upon the athlete who "just gets by."

The new plan if adopted will do away with the students who get the habit to "drift" from one school to another for football or basketball, and such. The system now pending will also provide for a more reasonable distribution of awards, which will give the student who receives a "W" sweater a keener satisfaction in knowing that he has really earned something and not just "had it given him."

TAPPS

(By MARY WILLIAMS)

The orchestra celestial of the music of the spheres
 Which goes ever throbbing, pulsing through the epic of the years
 Now has reached diminuendo in the interlude of dusk
 With the censors of the evening spreading sleep like dewy musk
 And the sun with golden sandals now has trod across the waves
 And withdrawn the golden ladder which his regal footstep paves
 And the sea is wrapped in silence, and in mantles of the mist
 And a lonely ship goes outward, from the harbor bar, a mist
 With a pilot all unmindful, all unchanted and alone
 While the little winds are fretting in a dreamy undertone
 And the waves are softly lapping, and the under tow is keen
 And the evening star is gleaming where the boundless wastes are seen.
 Oh! when flees the ship unguided, so our dreams have fled before!
 While bereaved, bereft and lonely, we are standing on the shore!
 They have fled with footsteps golden that have glorified the waves,
 They have cried with voices lonely as of rivers in deep caves!
 Oh graying sea unchanted! as our own unchanted thought!
 Which like you has lovely things, and alabaster brought,
 But its ships have all retreated, and its countless spars are fled!
 And their sunken masts are bleaching on its many-fathomed bed.
 Oh! we stretch our arms to emptiness; we call but call in vain.
 For the argosies the Dawn levat will never come again.
 (This is one of the two contributions which were given second place in the Messenger Literary Contest.—Editor.)



The Passing Week

By VIC

As I begin to pound the rusty keys of my typewriter I immediately begin to call to mind the two weeks just past, during which time I, and a thousand other students of the B. S. N. S. have had what we call in every day parlance, a swell, grand and glorious vacation. The late nights, happy parties, crowded dates, and many other essentials of a real vacation, haunt my memory. So that in trying to revive, to resume rather, the task imposed upon me by this column, I inevitably come to think that I am going to write on the past two weeks.

But pause, gentle reader, can you expect from me experiences more thrilling, more unusual, or more entertaining, than those which you and the rest of us have had during the short time we were blessedly granted?

The fact that membership in this club is based upon ability to write, shows that it will not just be a provisional organization. By its nature, it is destined to be one that is enduring, endearing, and permanent in the galaxy of Normal student activities. This is also due to the fact that those who are in this club are undoubtedly serious and interested in the aims which the club has in view.

At last the proposed and well-considered SCRIBES CLUB has been organized. At it has been predicted in this column the turnout for membership has been very encouraging. There are more applicants than can be possibly accommodated. The school should be happy to know that in an undertaking like this, where the more serious aspect of life rather than the ephemeral is given more attention, there are a great many who can intelligently respond.

Don't you imagine that there are many things in our individual everyday lives which are common? Here, then, lies my difficulty. I cannot write on matters without at least repeating what you already know. I, therefore, resolve to refrain from harping on incidents which do not need any further relating. This will avoid unnecessary exertion upon the reader, who is even now, perhaps, suffering from the strains physical and otherwise, brought about by his over-engaged vacation.

However, lest I forget, I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year, and may I hope that you and I will enjoy this quarter in the Normal, and take more interest in the affairs that would bring honor to this institution.

In the beginning of each quarter there are always some new students in school. This necessitates a re-announcing of school regulations, traditions and what nots. In the assembly, Tuesday morning, while the speaker was trying to drive home his message there were a number of students, either old or new, who caused some unnecessary noise and disturbance by going out of the assembly at no appropriate time. While it will be brought to the attention of the student body for the thousandth time by President Fisher at the next opportunity, it cannot be amiss to state it here.

Who are going to write for the Messenger this quarter? The staff may be composed of names new to the reader, but the self-same old spirit prevails. And most of those who worked on it last quarter are back on the job. But there is an improvement, too. Our associate editor, and some new members on the staff have to their credit wide experience in journalistic work.

"Did you get music 1A? Did you get anything out of it?" A co-ed was heard at the top of her voice, one day. There is some humor in this quotation. Granting that she did not get anything out of the course, at least she found that she had no ears for music, and that is just as much of an asset as knowing lots about music.

New Student Teachers on Job Bright and Early Monday and Rarin' to Go!

Due to the fact that the majority of teaching assignments were made at the end of last quarter, the new student teachers were on the job ready to begin their work when the training school opened Monday morning, eliminating the usual break made by the change.

Miss Skalley had the playground classes organized and ready for work on Tuesday and the work that has been carried on by the nutrition classes will be resumed next week.

This quarter will prove a more difficult one for the student teachers due to the mid-year promotion, which takes place three weeks after the beginning of the quarter.

At the time of promotion a change will be made in the seventh and eighth grade programs giving the pupils an opportunity for more concentrated study in special subjects. While the seventh grade girls will

study art and not home economics the eighth graders will work on home economics and let art rest for a while.

A new work room is being prepared for the use of the student teachers in the primary department. This room will be equipped with a primer typewriter, printing sets and other materials necessary in the making of primary charts and tests.

Another type of student teaching, which is being introduced this quarter, is that which is being done by third and fourth year students. Four students have been given assignments and are at work. Olive Legoe will work on informal number tests for the third grade, Ruth Sturman will do the same type of work in first grade reading, Gladys Jones will work on remedial reading, and Mrs. Nye will study one curriculum unit in rural school work.

Student Opinion

We students have never realized until the last issue of the Messenger that we had among us such an excellent dramatic critic. Modestly he has evidently kept silent until the last issue of the paper when he, in a clever feature story offered his kind but exacting criticism on the Drama Club production and its director.

The fact that great critics rarely, if ever, praise shows that this critic must be great. We notice, however, that he is as charitable as his experience and knowledge would allow him to be. Of course we could not expect this performance to delight his critical professional eyes as it did our untrained uneducated ones. We are exceedingly glad that the Normal has such a person for if it were not for him we would be ignorantly laboring under the impression that the play "The Road to Yesterday," was of the type to appeal to a young American audience and that the Drama Club interpretation of this play was a "howling success."

(We are sorry to inform the writer that this excellent young sprout in the field of dramatic criticism has migrated to the University of Washington, where he is continuing his work in literature and dramatic art.—Editor.)

The Messenger is not a medium for the discussion of religion because it is the organ of students who are attending a state financed institution. The Messenger is not entirely in ac-

cord with the plan discussed below. As far as the women who are seeking a religious atmosphere are concerned, it may be found in the Y. W. C. A. organization of which Miss Sperry is director.—Editor).

STOP—READ—THINK

What is the relation of religion to the school? What is the effect of religion on life? What is the effect of religion on education and of education and of education on religion? Do we ever stop to turn over in our mind these and similar questions? Perhaps we have more or less of a vague idea about these things. What does the other person think about these things? A few words from him might help us to form a more definite opinion.

At the present time there is no place in this school where we can express ourselves on the questions. A forum, discussion class, or whatever you may desire to call it, is being set in motion under the auspices of the Men's Club. The purpose of this forum is to provide an opportunity to discuss questions concerning religions and perhaps to discuss values of different religions. Just what the nature of this forum or organization will be is to be decided by those interested. Just because it is under the auspices of the Men's Club is no reason why the women should stay away. They should be just as interested as the men. Those who are interested can get further information from the writer. —Fred Soehl.

A BIRD'S DREAM OF HEAVEN

(By June Wetherell)

Up in the sky, beyond the stars,
 Where there are no streets, no folk,
 no cars,
 I'll build my nest of a downy cloud
 And sing by songs to a piping crowd
 Of little birds, all perched below,
 On the edge of a star in an uncertain
 row
 And I'll laugh to the skies till the
 world shall have heard
 The silvery song of a heavenly bird.

I'll ride on the wind till it rocks me
 to sleep
 And we'll swoop down below o'er the
 waters so deep
 We'll follow the silvery path to the
 moon
 And sing to the stars with a gay
 lilting tune
 Oh! the people won't watch and the
 kittens won't climb
 And the birds will all have a most
 wonderful time
 And I'll laugh to the skies till the
 world shall have heard

All through our life, much of our enjoyment and knowledge has been gained by active use of our eyes. We use our eyes so constantly, neglect them so shamefully that the slightest defect, if let go, can become a serious matter. Play safe. Have John P. Woll examine your eyes at once. Eyesight Specialist, 205 W. Holly Street.

The silvery song of a heavenly bird.

His Girl: "As soon as the holidays are over, you'll forget all about me, I know."
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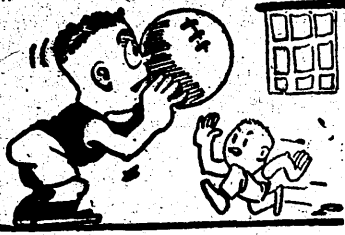
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Viking Sport Page

INTRA-MURAL LEAGUE OPENS NEXT MONDAY

Varsity Basketball Squad Opens Season Tomorrow Evening At Whatcom



The Low Down

By NORBY

ANNOUNCEMENT

"Bolivar" Estill has left the Junior Varsity squad to join the Soupers...

"Honey Boy" Joseph V. N. X. L. Hermesen Jr., has announced his intention of turning out for Varsity Basketball...

We have heard of point a minute football scoring aggregations, but as yet no point a minute basketball man...

As long as he can keep this pace, he might have a chance to make the Varsity squad...

- Did you ever see 1. Jensen miss a goal? 2. Occie Thorsen speak to a co-ed? ...

NEW ASSOCIATION TO REGULATE ATHLETICS

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bility of contestants, and shall hear and decide all protests and complaints that may arise.

7. The Board of Control shall determine the amount of funds necessary for carrying on the business of the Board...

8. The Constitution and By-Laws of this Association may be amended by unanimous vote of the Board of Control...

BY-LAWS

1. At least one week before any contest, eligibility lists of players shall be exchanged.

2. Eligibility. 1. A student must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have earned at least fifteen units made up of such courses...

7. A student who has attended one Washington State Normal School and shall have represented it on any team shall not be eligible to compete on the teams of another Washington State Normal School...

Note: This rule is not applicable to non-conference games.

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4. A student who may have attended another school of collegiate rank and who may have been dropped because of unsatisfactory work shall not represent the

MANY SPORTS ON DECK FOR WOMEN

Basketball, Swimming, Volleyball, to Receive Athletes' Attention This Quarter. Sports Rally Held

Basketball, volleyball, swimming, horseback riding and hiking promise to be the leading sports for the winter quarter...

The Sports Rally, held Monday evening in the big gym was well attended, there being about 70 girls present...

She also stressed the fact that cooperation was very necessary in sports as well as in any other phase of school life.

Instructions Given

Miss Keller, who will have charge of one section of basketball and one of volleyball, talked to the girls of the types of games to be played...

Swimming to Be Held

Miss Weythman, who will have charge of one section each of basketball and volleyball and who will also coach the swimming teams...

This meet or demonstration will be held the latter part of the quarter and advanced swimmers are urged to try out for the teams.

Grace Phelps has charge of the horseback riding program. Each group was given two minutes in which to prepare a stunt typical of their sport...

Riders Give Demonstration

The horseback riders demonstrated the art of mounting a nervous steed, the faithful hockey clubs acting the part and proved that any one can learn to fall off a horse.

A thrilling relay race was staged by the swimmers, in which all styles of strokes were used.

The meeting closed with the election of the following managers: Basketball Adrienne Vandegriend; volleyball Carrie Tucker; swimming Gwendolyn Shakespeare.

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5. A student may not represent the school more than once in any given activity unless he shall have been in attendance at least two quarters and shall have earned at least twenty-four credits.

6. A student shall not represent the school in any given activity more than three seasons unless he shall have completed the two-year course or shall have completed an equivalent amount of work...

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VIKINGS TO ENGAGE LYNDEN ZEBRAS IN INITIAL HOOP GAME

Fast Semi-pro Team With Line-up of Former High School Men to Battle Strong Normal Hoopsters

CONTEST AT 7:30 O'CLOCK

Carver's Outfit Doped as the Best in Recent Years with Three Star Lettermen; New Men Are Good

Coach Carver's Varsity basketball squad opens its 1927 season tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Whatcom High School gym against the Lynden Zebras...

The Zebras are an independent semi-pro aggregation composed of former Lynden High School stars. They have on their roster many of the best ex-high school stars in the state...

Vikings are Strong

According to all available evidence, the Vikings will have a winning aggregation on the floor. With Ray Odell and Earl Kepingner, star forwards of 1926, and Lyman Stickney, guard on the same team, as a nucleus...

Odell and Kepy, who led last year's men through the season with but three defeats, are even better this year. Stickney, probably the best guard in a Viking uniform for a long time, is continuing his steady and dependable play.

Jensen, the new man from Chehalis, is favored over Ockie Thorsen of Whatcom, for the tip-off post. He has the makings of a wonderful offensive man and basket-shooter...

At the other guard position, Art Isaacson looks to be the best man. Playing in the City League, he has been the outstanding defensive man, and also has a good eye for long shots...

Several new candidates for varsity honors have appeared this week, and may prove to be real stars. Standing out among these is Teddy Burke of Issaquah...

McClurken of Richmond Beach, also has shown promise.

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Jay Vees Conquer Shell Oil Team in a Practice Tilt

The Jayvees continued on their five game winning streak by defeating the fast Shell Oil hoop squad 37-22 in the Normmal gym Tuesday evening.

Getting off to a flying start, the Vikings were never headed. They showed a greatly improved brand of basketball over that dished up last week, when the same "Oilers" were defeated 30-23.

Bob Fisher regained his basket eye and led the scoring with eighteen markers, throwing several nice shots in from the middle. Blizard was second high with nine.

Summary—Shell Oil (22) Jayvees (37) Myes (6) F. Blizard (9) Sullivan (5) F. Thorlakson (8) Muscutt (2) C. Fisher (18) Hook (4) G. Meek (2) Stewart (5) G. Morse (0) Substitutes: Shell Oil—Jackson for Myers, Lock for Jackson, Myers for Lock.

Normal—Norbby for Blizard, Blizard for Morse. Referee—Ray Odell.

SUPERS CONTINUE STREAK OF WINS

Table with columns W, L, M, G. Rows: Super Varsity (1, 0, 1, 0), Brown and Cole (1, 0, 1, 0), Y. M. C. A. (0, 1, 1, 0), Baker Lbr. Co. (0, 1, 1, 0)

The Normal Supers continued their winning habit over the vacation by winning two games. The first gave them the A League championship for the first half with six straight wins while the second game started them towards the second half title.

Brown and Cole was defeated in the first contest 45-37, while the Baker Lumber Co. team fell easy prey 47-18. It appears probable that Coach Keene's men will annex the second half championship, in which event a play-off will be unnecessary.

Schedule for the Season.

After much trouble, Coach Carver has succeeded in arranging a full schedule for the season. The Lynden team opens activities, then follow from one to three games each week during January and February. The complete schedule is:

- January 8—Lynden A. C. here. January 15—New Westminster Adanacs, at New Westminster. January 22—U. of W. Frosh, here. January 25—Ellensburg Normal at Ellensburg. January 27—Cheney Normal at Cheney. January 28—Spokane College, at Spokane.

January 29—Open. February 5—St. Martin's College, here. February 7—Cheney Normal, here. February 10—Ellensburg Normal, here. February 19—St. Martin's College, at Lacey.

February 22—Spokane College, here. February 26—U. of W. Frosh, at Seattle.

INTRA-MURAL GAMES UNDERWAY MONDAY IN THE LITTLE GYM

Six Teams Enter in Race for Bond Cup. Managers Draw up Rules for Eligibility of Contestants.

ORPHAN "V" REFEREE

Co-op vs. Rural Life in Opening Mix Scheduled for 4 P. M. Play Continues Until March 2.

The schedule is now ready and the Men's Intra-Mural Basketball League will get under way next Monday, Jan. 10, when the Co-Ops meet the Rural Life.

At a meeting of the Managers of the various teams, the following managers were present:

Philos Henry Durr Co-Op Tom Marsden Freshmen Theo. Norby Rural Life Elton Korsborn Cave Dwellers Bill Morse Independents John Girarde Theo. Norby was elected secretary of the Intra-Mural League.

The following rules were drawn up:

- 1. Games are to be played on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 4:00 P. M. 2. Scheduled games cannot be called off, except by mutual consent. 3. No team shall carry more than ten men. 4. Players must be signed up with the secretary five days before the scheduled game. 5. Any team, playing an ineligible man in a game, forfeits said game. 6. Not more than two Junior Varsity men shall be eligible to play on the same team. 7. No Varsity or Supervarsity men shall be eligible to take part in Intra-Mural competition. 8. The referee shall be elected by the managers of the various teams. M. A. Orphan, athletic director of



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Supervarsity to Meet Grocers in Titular Contest

Coach Keene's Supervarsity squad, first-half City League title-winners, plays its third contest of the six second-half games next Wednesday at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium against the Brown and Cole Grocers at 8:30 P. M.

The Supers are considerably weakened by the loss of Art Isaacson, Occie Thorsen and Harry Benson, who graduated to the first squad, and so are not considered cinches for the second-half title. But, with a strong aggregation still left, they are a threat to any pennant aspirant.

The team is now composed of Rife Hanson and Jack Harper, forwards; Harold Hawkings, center; and Don Stickney and Myron Estill, guards. Some of the new men turning out for the Varsity will probably be added soon to the line-up.

the Bellingham Y. M. C. A. will referee the contests.

The Schedule

- Jan. 10—Co-op vs. Rural Life. Jan. 12—Cave Dwellers vs. Frosh. Jan. 14—Philos vs. Independents. Jan. 17—Thespians vs. Co-Op. Jan. 19—Rural Life vs. Cave Dwellers. Jan. 21—Frosh vs. Philos. Jan. 24—Independents vs. Frosh.

JUNIOR VARSITY IN SECOND PLACE FOR HALF IN B LEAGUE

The Viking Junior Varsity will attempt to uphold its second place honors tonight when it meets the Midway Cigarmakers on the Y. M. C. A. floor at 8:30. The contest marks the opening of the second half of the Class B City League.

Coach Keene will probably start his regular line-up of Blizard, Thorlakson, Fisher, Morse, and Lundberg Meek or Norby.

- Jan. 26—Co-op vs. Cave Dwellers. Jan. 31—Rural Life vs. Frosh. Feb. 2—Philos vs. Thespians. Feb. 4—Co-op vs. Independents. Feb. 7—Cave Dwellers vs. Thespians. Feb. 9—Rural Life vs. Philos. Feb. 11—Frosh vs. Independents. Feb. 14—Co-op vs. Philos. Feb. 16—Rural Life vs. Thespians. Feb. 21—Cave Dwellers vs. Independents. Feb. 23—Co-op vs. Frosh. Feb. 25—Cave Dwellers vs. Philos. Feb. 28—Rural Life vs. Independents. Mar. 2—Frosh vs. Thespians.

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Cedar Chips

By Ted
EXTRA!
By Marie (Not the Queen)

Now You Tell Me
Well, here we are, back from vacation—all rested up.

Friends, while you were away—Dorothy Ervin to Everett, Mr. Arrestad to Custer (but this is shameful of me to scoop the society editor), I say, while you were away, a few of us stayed in town—to sort of "keep the home fires burning," you might say.

By last week the newspapers actually printed as the diurnal weather forecasts, as, "Fair today—tonight probable fire."

We didn't go to the fair during the day, so's to be prime for the nightly blazes.

I am told that in the reading room of a library in New York City there is a sign placed on the wall with the following inscription: ONLY LOW TALK PERMITTED HERE.

Perhaps that's the library where Hank Meucken hangs out.

We just wonder what the editors of the Messenger resolved for 1927. We just wonder. Yes, we just wonder, don't we, Mr. Fisher?

A Messenger reporter in Boston says he happened on to the following inscriptions on an old grave stone, the other day: HEZERIAH BUTTERWORTH

Born, March 14, 1708.
Died, May 21, 1792.
Aged 84 years, 2 mo., 7d.

We had just begun to love him When the angels took him home. What a help he would have been to his mother, if he'd only grown up.

Ask Mr. Marquis if it is really true that he resolved to give no tests during 1927.

TO HER WHO WAITS
Just one more year, now, girls.

Eaves dropped from the Men's Locker Room—"I never really appreciated Shakespeare until I took the course last quarter."

And, do you know, Miss Edens, that that fellow thinks the trees are being juggled about on the campus, as men on a chessboard, to illustrate how it seemed to Macbeth, when Birnam Wood came to Dunsinane.

THE SPEAKER
Someday, you'll tell me
Why I came,
Seeking on the journey neither
Gold nor fame.
Someday, I'll hear you
Call my name.
And you shall smile, forgetting
Every blame.
Someday, I'll turn my
ace from you;
Recalling then the deeds that
Now you do.
Oh, heck, when will I
Roam away?
By heck, next June on My
Diploma day.

LIFE'S LITTLE JOKE
The state is shy in giving the Normal spending money, but goes right ahead and swipes a ur school colors for the 1927 Ford license plates.

Samous Fayings
'Twas a lovely day in winter
One morning, last July,
When the peanut and the grapefruit
Did drink Sahara dry.
In the dimmest northeast distant,
Twenty feet before me lay,
Where the moon and sun were shining,
Fishes creeping in the hay.
All the school was in an uproar,
And silence reigned supreme.
The students, loud and noisy,
Stood sitting in a dream.
—Unther Anknoun.

EDENS HALL DAMES HOLD PEPPY VOTE

President, V-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Social Chairman, and Fire Chief Named in Duel.

At a peppy election Tuesday evening, the Edens Hall girls chose Anna Marie Cronin for house president for this quarter.

Other officers elected in close contests were: Vice president Fonia Wakin; secretary-treasurer, Mary Bearisto; social chairman, Emmaline Moss; fire chief, Edith Westling, and Messenger reporter, Jessie Whitten.

SOCIAL AND PERSONALS

Fifteen freshman boys have signed up for the Frosh basketball team.

All this week, students have been returning to school with tales of wonderful times had during the Christmas vacation. These vacations were enjoyed by all the students of the school in many places not only in the State of Washington, but all over the United States. It is no longer the policy of this department to make a weekly list of those people going or coming for week-ends or vacations but to put in stories, social happenings, such as dances, fudge parties, birthdays, etc. Please tell your house reporter to hand an account of it to the Messenger office. Other people are interested and like to read about such things.

Miss Barbara Dixon, the librarian of children's literature, spent the holidays at her home at Battleground, Oregon, and in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Clifford Newdall, a former member of the music department, wishes to send New Years greetings to all his Normal friends. He is doing very promising work in preparing for the operatic stage under the direction of Yeatman Griffith in New York City.

A pleasant automobile trip to California was made by Miss Fannie Ragland and Miss Marjorie Dawson of the faculty during the holidays. They drove as far as Carmel-by-the-Sea, which is situated a few miles south of San Francisco. According to their report there was very little snow and a great deal of sunshine throughout the whole trip.

Miss Elizabeth Eaton, a 1925 graduate of Bellingham, entertained at her home in Seattle during the holidays, at a surprise dinner in honor of Miss Belle Sperry. Among the guests were many former Normal graduates and Y. W. C. A. members, Frances Denniston, Ellenora Hobbs, Violet Holstein, Willow Jean Herron, Elita Seierstad, Mabel Nelson and Florence Liestner. Also Dr. Georgia Satler and Mrs. J. Addison Campbell, who will be the speakers at the Y. W. C. A. Bible Institute which will be held next week.

BIBLE INSTITUTE TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

The annual Y. W. C. A. Bible Institute will be held next week. Dr. Georgia Satler, a leading Bible teacher of Seattle, and Mrs. J. Addison Campbell will be the speakers. A program of the meetings will be given next week. Those who have ever attended Bible Institute in other years are loud in praise of its wonderful benefits and blessings and are looking forward to this year's institute. Several of the former graduates are returning for it.

THE EBONY CAT.

By JUNE WETHERELL.
Out there on the backyard fence
By the orange moon,
An ebony cat waves his whiskers
sadly
For the dusk has come too soon.

The tip of a fir tree stretches
For the amber sky, and seems
Like the long, lean tail of a monkey
To the cat there with his dreams.

His green eyes scan the long sweet
grass appraisingly
For there he plays
With the blue darning-needles and
spiders
—On the long, hot days.

And out there on the backyard fence
When the orange moon has set
An ebony cat waves his whiskers
sadly,
For the dew has come and the long,
soft grass is wet.

Heart Throbs

(This is a regular feature of the Messenger, picturing Normal life. The characters are fictitious, but the events portray every-day life in school.—The authors.)

October 8, 1926. Eight o'clock in the evening. In the social hall of the magnificent Edens Hall, joyous faces of co-eds gleamed in the splendor of the lights. Rosy lips murmured tender greetings and the company was vivacious as a mountain rill in summer.

I quietly took a seat in a neglected corner, but fortunately as if guided by the invisible hands of Fate, I found myself in the front line near a blushing member of the fair sex, who nodded to me a warm welcome.

As I returned the compliment with a graceful bow, I felt as I never felt before. I doubted my presence in that circle of co-eds. I heard the autumn wind whistling among the trees in the campus, and I thought I was just in a dreamy mood. But I knew that in the exquisite brilliance of the room, I saw tangible human forms, and the next moment, as if warmed by the evening breeze, the following revived my senses:

"Como se llama Usted, Señor?" The sweet voice was born from the lips of a maiden yet in her teens. From a distance of hardly a foot, I whispered my humble name with all that solemnity and humility characteristic of oriental culture. Smiles met smiles. Conversation progressed, interspersed now and then by sweet, hearty laughter, just as the country summer breeze spreads now and then the fresh and balmy odor of new-mown hay. The room was like a mountain rivulet murmuring as it glides along.

"Cual es la gracia de Usted, Señorita?" It was my turn to ask her.

In my B book there is now a name, dear and inspiring to my heart, and a rosary to my lips. The sweet blessing of that rare and memorable night may be effaced from the tablets of my memory as Time corrodes my mental faculties, but can I forget the lovely maiden who owns that name, now often lisped by my lips? Can I?

The pendulum of Time swings unceasingly. But I can yet trace back the days to that blessed night of October 8, 1926.

The End.

Auditory Organs Severely Censured by Harsh Anatomy Critic of Today

While this is not to be an erudite dissertation upon any grave subject, it is intended to call attention to one of the greatest hindrances in the path of human progress.

This hindrance is ears—that is, external, physical ears; not that gift, so highly prized, of receiving audible sounds by the sensitive inner mechanism.

While ears are perhaps a necessity, there are many, or at least several, reasons why we, individually and collectively, would be better off and happier without them. It is an undisputed fact that bric-a-brac is excessively liable to catch dust and other objectionable effluvia. Now ears, by reason of their shape and their many corrugations, hollows and ridges, prove themselves excellent in this class. It seems as though the small particles of dust hide from one another behind the bolder ridges, and in the deeper recesses, they have gatherings, resembling in color, an African Sunday School picnic.

Everyone is aware of the necessity of ablutions, frequently indulged in for the good of the human inhabitants of our sphere. Ears have, I think, proved themselves a great hindrance to the performance of this necessary rite. If a small boy, exhorted by maternal persuasion, is impelled to attempt the cleaning of his person, say above his shoulders—there would be little hesitation or difficulty in carrying out this procedure if it were not for those ever-present ears. It is humanly possible—while not perhaps probable—for a

small male child, under twelve years of age, to wash his face, hands and neck, but when two large and ample ears are added to this collection, juvenile endurance is put to a strain to sustain this added burden.

For a young child to gaze raptly into a mirror, only to be confronted by his visage flanked by a pair of ears, ranging in color from pink at the circumference to chocolate brown in the deep interior, and varying in shape from a shell to a scoop, is disheartening. He broods upon it and upon the impossibility of ever effecting a lasting change. At last, continued worry and mental strain bring about their usual result, and the child, a martyr to an unfeeling Nature, is incarcerated, in the bloom of his youthful existence in some home for the feeble minded, if Death itself does not claim the innocent one as a victim.

Truly, this is a direful picture but instances approaching the above, are all too numerous.

I hope that the points brought out in this short dissertation have touched your heart, and that you, O fair reader, feel a measure (however small it may be) of the spirit which prompted me to pen these few lines. Such is my wish. If you have devolved any serious thought to the problems presented, you cannot, I feel sure, fail to do your share in remedying them: So—I hope that in my appeal I may be sure of your support, and of your enlistment in the society recently formed, "The Society for the Universal Amputation of Aural Appendages."

HOP TO BE FAD OF "W" CLUB TOMORROW

The "W" club is sponsoring a dance to be given at the Big Gym at eight o'clock.

The committee in charge of the dance is: Roy O'dell, Bill Hinds and Al Karahoen.

The dance has been limited to eighty couples. There will be a dance feature from the Pantages circuit. Frannie Wilcox's orchestra will furnish the music.

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turned over to the Union for their headquarters a building as large as the main building of B. S. N. S.

Italy is prospering under the strong hand of Mussolini, who has succeeded in balancing the budget and reducing the national debt. And what is more, he has, according to Prof. Williams, succeeded in making the Italians work—a notable feat. Mussolini is not only interested in the political and economical development of Italy but is greatly interested in education and the development of culture.

Travel Is Good Teacher.
Prof. Williams received cordial and friendly treatment throughout his trip. He found that Europeans are very fond of Americans, but, on the other hand, they dislike America. A definite plan for traveling will stimulate saving among students and create a desire to learn a foreign language or to master more fully some phase of history and literature, Mr. Williams thinks.

EXTENSION DEPT. RECEIVES INQUIRIES

Inquiries from six different states have come in lately to the Extension department of the Bellingham Normal for correspondence work. The mimeograph is being kept busy constantly getting the final tests ready.

Bielby Manor.
The first house meeting of the winter quarter was held by the students of Bielby Manor, on Monday evening January third. Officers were elected for the winter quarter as follows:
President—Dorothy Goodman.
Social Director—Lottie Watson.
Only slight changes were made in the Bielby Manor household during the Fall and Winter quarters.

Mrs. Williams in history: "What was George Washington noted for?"
Phyllis Crabill: "His memory."
Mrs. W.: "What makes you think his memory was so great?"
P. C.: "They erected a monument to it."

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Many graduates of Bellingham Normal distinguish themselves in the world and deserve much credit.

Among them is Lawrence Bohanon, a graduate of the class of '21. He has been teaching in several places and is now principal of the Whitworth school, the largest grade school building in Moscow, Idaho.

Lew Green who graduated about ten years ago was awarded a cash prize for advertising by the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Lew started school here in the first grade in the training school and was the first boy to complete a course and graduate from the Normal. He also was a graduate from the University of Washington. While there he wrote articles for the Seattle papers. During the war Lew held a very responsible position in the air service.

Miss Esther Shepherd who graduated in the class of '17 and is now residing in Seattle is the author of "Paul Bunyan." She has another manuscript under way at present.
George Stephens, a graduate from Bellingham Normal class of '26, is now teaching school in the northern part of Alaska.

While attending Normal, George made annual trips to the north. He was much interested in the north and stories. He made a success in writing and won many prizes for his stories and poems.

He left in June from Vancouver and went to Taku Harbor which is about twenty miles from Juneau. In August he went to Seward and then by rail to Nenana. He sailed 1600 miles on the Yukon river. George longshored,

cooked and loaded wood to earn his way up to Nome. He then traveled about 300 miles in a gas boat to Deering.

George is teaching farther north than any other graduate. There is only one stone road house in the town and all the white men gather there. He is getting plots for stories from the people up north.

It is very cold and the Arctic Ocean is all huge blocks of ice and snow. George finds it very interesting teaching and living among the natives.

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