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## EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE MARKS NORMAL ANNIVERSARY

### VIKING VAUDEVILLE TRY-OUTS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 30

Best Acts Will Be Presented in Evening Performance On May 17.

The Viking Vaudeville, the first all-school program, which is to be held on May 17, gives promise of being one of the most successful events of the school year.

The tryout will be held on April 30, where the various clubs and organizations, as well as several groups of students who are preparing acts, will present them for the consideration of the judges.

#### Dinner Given by Jack Martin.

The judges will be the Executive board of the Vaudeville and three faculty members who are: Mr. Hoppe, Miss Frank and Miss Lasie. Competition between the various groups has become keener upon the announcement that the sponsor and a representative of the club that is adjudged to have the best act will be the guest of Mr. Jack Martin, at his restaurant on the following Sunday evening, May 18.

The fact that the Viking Vaudeville is a combined effort of the Normal school to present an entertainment, rather than that of a single group, makes its success of great interest to all Normal students.

### MISS JONES REPORTS ON TRIP THRU EAST

Miss Adele Jones, dean of women, gave an interesting report Tuesday, April 22, to the girls of the school, on her recent trip to Spokane, where she attended the Inland Empire convention. While away, Miss Jones also visited the State Normal school at Cheney, and the Washington Agricultural college at Pullman.

#### Points Stressed at Convention.

Miss Jones spoke of the address of Miss Olive Jones of New York, president of the National Educational Association, laying particular emphasis in her speeches on the importance of leadership and the importance of professional spirit. According to Miss Olive Jones, students should be brought in closer contact with each other so all may have equal chances to develop leadership qualities. To be really professional, a teacher must take advantage of every opportunity to attend educational meetings and so broaden her views and knowledge of the particular subject or problem.

#### Womens Organizations at Conference.

Representatives from the high schools of Spokane, Seattle and Portland spoke on the subject of the meaning of the Girls League to the girls of their schools.

Miss Jones reports an organization of the girls at Cheney similar to that existing here. The girls in the two dormitories at Cheney are organized into different units for social purposes as are the "campus girls" or those not housed in the dormitory.

#### Big Sister Movement.

At Pullman, more stress is placed on the "big sister" movement. Every girl is assigned some new girl for her "sister." It is the duty of the elder girl to meet her "sister" at the train; see that she is registered, and is taken into the school activities. Service is the keynote of the entire organization.

### FINE LECTURE COURSE ON SUMMER CALENDAR

Training School Will Continue For Six Weeks.

The summer quarter at the Bellingham Normal will begin June 16, and end August 29. A bulletin showing the full schedule of courses may be had upon application to the Presidents office.

On the calendar for the summer session will be found such notable speakers as Dr. Ambrose L. Suhre, who will speak on educational topics of interest to teachers. Mr. Suhre has charge of the city training school which trains teachers for the schools of Cleveland, Ohio. His work in this field is probably the best in the United States. He will be in Bellingham the week of August 11.

James Quayle Dealey, Professor of Sociology at Brown university, Providence, R. I., will give a series of lectures during the week of July 7. In the morning he will speak on the subject "Dreams or Visions in Social Progress," and in the afternoon will give a series on "Fundamental Problems of American Civilization."

#### U. of W. Sends Speakers.

James Ralph Jewell, Dean of the College of Education of the University of Arkansas, will also spend some time here in July, and some of the instructors from the summer session of the University of Washington will speak. In addition to the lectures on professional subjects, musical and dramatic entertainments will be offered.

The courses offered during the summer session, or fourth quarter, are practically identical to those of other quarters, except for the fact that many special courses are added to meet the needs of the advanced students. All courses count toward the Normal school diploma and certificates.

The Training school will be in session for the first six weeks with the regular staff of teachers in charge. A limited number of students will be assigned work in the Training school and observation classes will be assigned periods to observe the work of the pupils of the Training school.

### LARGE GATHERING ATTENDS SERVICE

The Y. W. C. A. service on Sehome hill Easter morning was attended by about 130 Normal students and townspeople. The sun had risen when the singing was started at 6:45 and the beauty of nature in the early morning sunlight added much to the impressive service.

Frances Denniston, president of the Y. W. C. A., led the singing. The "Story of the Resurrection" was told by Mary Thomas. Miss Edrie Ault spoke on "The Meaning of the Cross to Normal." The service was closed with a prayer by Miss Sperry.

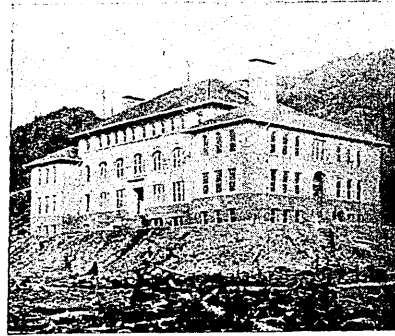
#### MOTHERS' TEA PLANNED.

A short meeting of the Women's League was held Tuesday, April 22, at the beginning of the Dean's hour. Plans were discussed for a Mothers' tea. It was decided to have the tea May 11, on Mothers' day, in Edens hall.

Committees will be announced later for the program, flowers and refreshments. As many girls as possible are encouraged to bring their mothers. If the tea is a success it is planned to make it an annual affair.

The date for the Kid party has been set for May 24. Each group is planning on presenting some stunt for the entertainment of the League.

### Ninety-five Students at Normal 25 Years Ago



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY.

Ninety-five students enrolled for the first quarter of the Bellingham Normal.

Two hundred sixty-four was the complete enrollment for the year.

The school opened with six faculty members. All of them had classes, including the president, Dr. E. T. Mathes.

In October, three more members were added to the faculty. Miss Montgomery came to the Normal at that time. She has been a member of the faculty most of the time since.

Students were slightly handicapped for room accommodations. Only four houses were then built on this part of High street.

There was no dormitory. The first dormitory was built two years later, right opposite Mrs. Higginson's home. It was twenty-four by thirty-six feet. The legislature did not appropriate money to build it so it was paid for by subscriptions from business men. The state refunded their money some years afterward.

The dormitory stood opposite Mrs. Higginson's home for a few years and then was moved to the site of old Edens hall. Additions were made and it served until the new building was constructed.

Students were forced to walk from the corner of Oak and High for, except in summer, carriages could come no farther.

The Normal sidewalk was built the first year. It began at the corner of Oak and Garden, ran up Oak to High, up High to Mrs. Higginson's and from there diagonally across the swamp to the entrance of the building.

The swamp extended from the other end of Waldo Field, around in front of the school building, and out to the present site of Edens hall. It was filled with soil from beyond the Edens hall site and with that of a hill which was lowered.

The hill, which ends abruptly on Cedar between High street and Normal drive, used to reach across directly in front of the main building.

The sidewalk was built high right in front of the building and for some distance out. A little pond stood on the left side of the walk most of the year. Mr. Kibbe once fell into it and for years after it was called "Kibbe Lake."

Considering such incidents, the faculty always carried lanterns when they came to eight o'clock classes on dark winter mornings.

The school building consisted of what we know now as the center building. The wings were not built for several years. The basement and first floor were finished.

The middle room of the library was the only room finished on the second floor. The Normal library consisted of 800 volumes. The library and study room was room 115, where Mr. Salisbury now reigns most of the time. It was as crowded as the present library.

There was a Training school of forty pupils. The nurse's office and the room just opposite, now a locker room, were used for the Training school. What is now the men's locker room was then the gymnasium.

The middle room of the library was the auditorium. A reception was held the first of the year. Governor John R. Rogers was to speak but refused because the auditorium was so crowded that people could not make themselves comfortable.

The first graduating class consisted of six students, most of whom had spent the previous year at Ellensburg. The commencement exercises were held in the old Bellingham theater, which is now a part of the Great Northern hotel.

High street was not open in front of the Normal. The best that could be said for it was that it was a log-strewn trail. The supply of wood for the Normal had to be hauled during the summer months, because the road was so bad.

Sehome hill was not the pleasant retreat for students then that it now is. It had been burned not long before and was covered with a close growth of firs about five or six feet high, except in spots where it was yet black.

### Calendar

SATURDAY, April 26. Auditorium, 10 a. m., lecture by Professor Gray and Superintendent Wilson. Informal dance by girls of Edens hall, 9 p. m.

MONDAY—April 28. Board of Control meeting, 4 p. m.

TUESDAY—April 29. Assembly 10 a. m., and 1 p. m., lectures by Miss Helen Reynolds of Seattle. Lecture at 3:30 p. m., for city and primary teachers.

WEDNESDAY—April 30. Baseball game, Battersby field, 3 p. m., Vikings vs. University of Washington Frosh. Viking Vaudeville try-out.

FRIDAY—May 2. Assembly 10 a. m., Art lecture by Professor Isaacs of the State University.

### WINNERS OF KLIPSUN PRIZES ANNOUNCED

George Sherman's Poem and Mary Hibner's Story Win.

The winners of the awards offered for the best literary contributions to the 1924 issue of the Klipsun have been announced by the committee in charge, Miss Wallace, Mr. Fowler, and Miss Edens.

Three prizes were offered for the three best stories and three for the best poems. By decision of the committee, however, no first prize in either case was awarded. They maintained that the quality of the works fell below the standard set.

The following are the winners in the poetry division: George Sherman, \$5.00 on his poem, "Spring Caravan"; Pearl Bailey, "Trails to Fairyland," prize; an extra Klipsun; Helen Hightower received honorable mention on her poem "Come Tell Me a Story."

Winners in the story division are Mary Hibner \$5.00 on a story entitled "Gold"; Don Tunstall, an extra copy of the Klipsun, on a story "Valentines and Cupid"; and Veda Marfitt received honorable mention on her story "The Heart of Jim."

### HOUSEHOLD MANAGERS

#### FORMULATE A BUDGET

A year's budget for a Normal school girl has been made by the class in Household Management.

According to the budget, the total expenses of the girl attending Normal should average \$447 for the school year of three quarters. This compares very favorably with the University budget total which is a minimum of \$500.

In estimating the amount to be used for clothes, \$125 is taken as an average amount. It is considered in this case that the girl has on hand \$100 or \$150 of clothes to begin the school year.

The budget as planned is as follows:  
Books ..... \$ 25.00  
Fees, Laboratory, Library ..... 18.00  
Dues ..... 3.00  
Gymnasium (suit and shoes) ..... 5.00  
Clothes ..... 125.00  
Recreation ..... 30.00  
Board and Room ..... 225.00  
Miscellaneous ..... 15.00  
Total ..... \$447.00

### CONFERENCE CLOSES WITH SESSION ON SATURDAY MORNING

Reception to be Given at Edens Hall This Evening for All Who Attend Program.

Three of the noteworthy days of this institution are now being observed in such a manner that they will not soon be forgotten. The educational conference began yesterday morning at ten o'clock with an address by H. L. Miller, of the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Miller, an acknowledged authority in his field, treated his subject "Directing Study for Mastery and Initiative" in a most capable fashion. At 2:00 in the afternoon he discussed another phase of the same topic under the head, "Directing Study for Creativeness," which was accepted with enthusiasm by the students and outsiders.

In the evening at eight o'clock, Mr. Miller spoke on "The Junior High School," which interested not only those studying that department, but the entire audience.

Professor Gray Speaks in Assembly Professor W. S. Gray from the University of Chicago talked in assembly this forenoon to the student group and visitors, on "Scientific Organization of the Program for Reading Instruction." He pointed out some of the difficulties encountered in teaching reading, and seven of the possible remedies.

Mr. H. B. Wilson to speak this evening. This afternoon at two o'clock, Professor Gray will again speak in the auditorium. At this time he will talk about the "Eye Movement Studies in Reading and their Contributions to Methods of Study." Tonight at eight o'clock Mr. Gray will give an address on "Current Tendencies in Curriculum Building and Class Room Method," which all normal students and teachers are interested in. Concluding the evening program Superintendent H. B. Wilson from Berkeley, California will speak on a topic which is vital to every teacher and citizen of this country, "Maintaining a Progressive Educational Program."

Conference Will Close Saturday. Saturday morning at ten o'clock, Professor Gray will again talk; his subject this time will be "Methods of Teaching Pupils to Read Effectively." Superintendent Wilson will close the session with an address on "Critics."

A reception will be held at Edens hall, after the program Friday evening. All who attend the conference are invited to attend.

### EASTER DANCE AT DORM.

Saturday evening between the hours of nine and twelve the damsels of Edens hall and their Leap Year escorts will roll the Easter Ball with all possible speed.

The reception hall will be transformed into a garden of tulips of beautiful pastel shades. The clever programs, which are being painted by Pauline Hutchison, will harmonize in design with the many posies in view. Members of the school faculty will be on the sidelines to maintain order while the young folks play among the tulips.

"Vandy's" orchestra will inspire the merry-makers as they demolish the shins of the dazzling new Easter Pumps. Light refreshments will be "shelled out" to the heavy-footed "egg breakers."

### Hikers Claim Virgin Forest Around Lost Lake is Doomed

If a rumor circulating among Normal students is true, Art is again to be sacrificed to Commercialism.

The placid jet waters of Lost Lake are to be disturbed by the deafening sound of the woodsman's axe; the towering regiments of fir on a part of the eastern end of Mt. Chuckanut have been proscribed by an aggressive lumber company. What has been the still, beautiful playground of Normal students for so many week-ends is to be the scene of premeditated slaughter and massacre. The pandemonium of commercialized din will reign where deep, awe-inspiring stillness has been supreme in Nature's mighty chancel.

This report comes from a group of Normal students who hiked to Lost Lake a short time ago and claim to have seen virgin timber in this region bearing the proscriptions of the woodman's axe.

#### Comparatively Little Known.

Scarcely anything of commercialism's inroad into the vicinity is known. The information given out by the hikers has spread among the students of the school, but the report has not as yet been actually confirmed. Many persons who are enthusiastic about the Lost Lake region are planning to fish in it, and kodak it before its natural beauty is ruined.

### DEBATING TEAM IS AWARDED SWEATERS

A motion to award sweaters to the debating team was passed by the Board of Control at their weekly meeting April 22. The motion had been made at past meetings of the Board, but had been passed and then remanded.

#### Student Party May 23.

May 23 was selected for the date of the Student party at the Armory. Plans for the entertainment will be made in the future.

#### Other Business.

A motion was made and passed that the manager of the Messenger's expenses

### SAM FORD APPOINTED NEW CO-OP. MANAGER

Sam Ford, a student of the Normal 1922-23 has just signed a contract to manage the Normal Book Store, beginning June 1. He has been prominent in school affairs, being manager of the Weekly Messenger during 1922-23.

Mr. Ford's contract, beginning June 1, is for fifteen months. Mr. Ford succeeds C. C. Baughman, who has had charge for the last eight years.

He was paid for the trip he took to Seattle, where he attended a journalism conference.

### Strange and Startling Facts Come to Light in Late Exams

Two plus two equals six. This and other statements equally as rank are now proving their popularity, for with the advent of a new quarter's work, tests are again coming into their own.

For the past week or two, Profs. with a queer sense of the eternal fitness of things, have been diligently dishing out portions of that stuff of which grades are formed.

Among the many teachers that rumor has connected with the group that is showing such great consideration for the well-being of their pupils the instructors in the Education and Social Science department might be recognized as the ring leaders. Other teachers are equally guilty and when the truth is completely known many

juicy morsels of scandal regarding malfeasance of teaching ability will be made public.

Test papers of the History 7 class revealed the fact that a new history of the Pacific Northwest is being contemplated. The original manuscript was completed and turned in to Mr. Bever for correction a week ago. Many events connected with the development of this portion of God's country, but which for many reasons have never before been made public, have been incorporated in the manuscript. Events, which through a lack of a vivid imagination in former historians had never before been revealed within the pages of history, have been created for the express purpose of obtaining a passing grade.



### COACH CARVER BRINGS ATHLETES FROM THREE COUNTIES TO NORMAL

Officials Are Nabbed for Meet on May 10.

First and second place winners from twenty-five high schools in Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish counties will compete on Waldo field Saturday, May 10. Winners in this meet will be the representative athletes of the northwest to compete in the state meet at Pullman, May 17.

Three county meets held Saturday, May 3, will decide the contestants for the district meet. Eleven schools in Whatcom county will be represented at Lynden. They are: Whatcom, Fairhaven, Lynden, Ferndale, Blaine, Harmony, Nooksack, Sumas, Mt. Baker, Maple Falls, and Meridian. In Skagit county the eight schools that will vie for first and second place winners are: Mt. Vernon, Burlington, Anacortes, Sedro-Woolley, Edison, LaConner, Hamilton, and Concrete. Everett will entertain a half dozen schools at the Snohomish county meet, Arlington, Everett, Stanwood, Marysville, Snohomish, and Edmonds.

Officials Chosen.  
Sam Carver has named the following



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officials for the meets, where it is expected 18 or 20 schools will be represented.

Dan North, referee; Richard Pierron, starter; Len Anstett and Will Cockeran, scorers; Thomas Frank, chief field judge; Dawson, Bartsch, and Rinearson, judges at the finish; Rankin, Thomas and Crawford, timers; Bruland, Bowman, Johnson and Parrett, field judges; Cole and Clinton, announcers.

Following is the order of events, as they will get away at 1:30 o'clock.

Shot put, pole vault, 50-yard dash, 880-yard run, 100-yard dash, discus, high jump, 120-yard high hurdles, 440-yard dash, javelin, broad jump, 220-yard low hurdles, mile run, 220-yard relay.

### CONFERENCE OPENS WITH FROSH, APRIL 30

First Scheduled Game To Be On Battersby Field.

Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Manager Rankin will lead his Vikings forth to Battersby field to do battle with the University of Washington Yearlings. From all advanced dope and hearsay from the South, the first year men are a determined aggregation and intend to repeat the trouncing which they administered to the locals last season. But be that as it may, the members of the Blue and White squad are not contradicting any advanced data but hope to surprise the wise ones by bringing home the proverbial bacon.

**Many Heavy Hitters.**  
The Frosh team consists of a gaudy array of ex-high school stars, including a half dozen good pitchers and four or five Tyrus Cobbs. Coach Torchy Torrance has four men on whom the hurling duty falls, Butler, Gardner, Delaney, and Haggerty. This quartet has puzzled the batters of several teams already this season and will undoubtedly cause plenty of trouble to several more. Meeker, Cameron, Tesreau, and Schuss have been doing the heavy stick work for the Yearlings. Old timers say that the best of them miss them once in a while, and that is exactly what the Purple and Gold supporters contend—they miss them just once in a while. This Meeker will undoubtedly deserve close attention by the Viking battery men.

The Babes have played three of the Seattle Prep Schools, winning from two and dropping the other by the close count of 5 to 4.

**Fulp Will Pitch.**  
Fulp will start the game with Staggs behind the plate. Upon these two men will fall the wearisome burden of retiring the Freshmen batsmen. Crawford, Swenson, Bruland, and Graham will hold down the infield jobs, with Bowman, Prigg, Katterle, Vanderford, Rankin, Atterbury, Thorniley, or Parret in the outfield.

The appointment office reports the following placements recently secured: Agnes Anderson and Laura Loree, at Lakewood, Snohomish county. Jennie Melseith, at Lyman. Chester Hume, principalship at Hamilton. Vesta Benthien, Butte Falls, Oregon. Evelyn Haley, Starbuck.

### VIKINGS TAKE TWO PRE-SEASON GAMES

Burlington Defeated by the Score of 15 to 0, Thursday.

The Viking nine journeyed to Burlington last Friday afternoon and returned victorious by humbling the local high school ball tossers with a 9 to 7 score. This completed the fourth straight practice win of the season, the Normal team having taken two games from the Whatcom high school and one from Nooksack.

The Viking batsmen had little trouble in solving the offerings of Robertson, the Burlington right hander, nicking him for ten safe hits including a three-bagger by Bruland and a double by Fulp. These two men apparently had a big day at the plate, garnering five hits between them and celebrating the occasion with extra base bingles. Fulp worked the whole game on the mound and let the prep team down easy with but two hits.

The line-up:  
Normal Burlington  
Bowman .....cf..... Scanlon  
Crawford .....1b..... Umberger  
Bruland .....3b..... Johnson  
Staggs .....c..... Wilson  
Fulp .....p..... Robertson  
Prigg .....ss..... Benson  
Swenson .....2b..... Chase  
Thorniley, Parrett .....rf..... Xitoo  
Suko, Katterle .....lf..... Dodson, Samulson

### SPUDS AND GRAVY FOR TRACK CREW

Spuds and beefstew for dinner—toast, without the muddy ale, for breakfast, is the verdict handed to members of the track and baseball squads, who eat at Edens hall.

With the conference meets rapidly approaching, the physical fitness of men is being looked after by the establishment of a training table at the Dorm. Reduced rations and abstinence from sweets will be a part of the diet for Coach Carver's proteges, until the end of the season.

The training table is a practice that is in vogue at most universities and colleges to keep the athletes in the best of mettle.

### BUSINESS EDUCATION A PRACTICAL COURSE

To the average layman, the mention of Business education brings to his mind the study of bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, etc. To the business educator, however, Business Education means the correlation of all those studies that pertain to the make-up of an intelligent, educated man of affairs.

Until quite recently, too much stress has been upon the cultural side of education. Modern instruction must fit the needs of modern life, which demands training for service. If one were asked to name the one factor which most contributes to the well being of mankind, he would need answer "Commerce." This covers practically all the activities of the people of the world.

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## PROMINENT EDUCATORS ARE SPEAKERS AT THE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Wide Range of Educational Subjects Discussed by Men of Authority Along Special Lines.

Three well known educators are speakers at the Educational Conference here the last three days of this week. Each of them is a leader in his particular field. The three of them cover a wide range.

Mr. Miller specializes in Junior High school; Mr. Gray is a specialist in elementary work; and Mr. Wilson devotes his time to the study of curriculum and supervisory work. All of the speeches though of special interest to people in particular lines of work give information and ideas which will be of interest to all educators whether they be primary teachers or college professors. Successful With High School Teachers.

Mr. H. L. Miller, who spoke Thursday, is principal of the training school at the University of Wisconsin. This training school is one of the most successful institutions for the training of high school teachers in this country. Mr. Miller is the author of the book called "Directing Study." He is also an occasional contributor to educational periodicals. He is chiefly interested in the direction of

study and study in relation to the pupil. He stands for individual initiative in class study. He speaks with force and humor and his original ideas make his lectures unusual and interesting.

### Specialist in Eye Movement.

William S. Gray, who speaks today, is Professor of Education and Dean of the College of Education of the University of Chicago. He is an authority on elementary school work, and especially interested in reading. He has devoted some time to tests and studies of eye movement. He is the author of "Studies of Elementary School Reading Through Standardized Tests," and contributes articles to elementary school magazines frequently.

### Efficiency Advocate.

H. B. Wilson, who speaks tonight and tomorrow is Principal of Schools, Berkeley, California, and conducts classes in supervision in the University of California. He is an advocate of the elimination of useless and obsolete material from the public school system. He is author of two books, "Training Pupils to Study," and the "Redirection of High School Study" and is joint author with his brother of "Motivation of School Work." He is a frequent contributor to educational journals and to the National Association Year Book. He is almost as well known as a lecturer as he is as an author.

## "THE TERRIBLE MEEK" PLEASES AUDIENCE

The story of the Crucifixion and the hours which followed were given a new light to the many who heard Mr. Rahskopf, of the Expression department, read the "Terrible Meek" Thursday evening, April 17, at the First Presbyterian church. Mr. Rahskopf read with keen understanding and carried his audience with him in his every emotion. "The Terrible Meek" is a story by the well known author and actor, Charles Rann Kennedy. It takes place supposedly on the hill where Christ was crucified. The characters of the story are Mary, an army captain, and a private. It brings out forcibly with what ignorance the people responsible for Christ's death acted and shows that the soldiers really had sympathy for Him.

## DR. GELVIN SPEAKS ASSEMBLY MEETING

Elements of Personality Defined During the Hour.

Dr. E. H. Gelvin made a strong plea "for broad and open minds towards beliefs" in his talk on "What is an educated person?" before the student body, Tuesday.

In outlining the principles that determine the educated person, Mr. Gelvin defined an educated person as "one who had attained a rich and finished personality."

### Elements of Personality.

Mr. Gelvin emphasized in particular three points that qualify a candidate for personality; observation, appreciation, and control of values. He stressed, especially, the imperative of making these values effective in every day life.

### Asks for Breadth of View.

Throughout the whole address the keynote was the appeal for open mindedness, as the basis of all education.

In conclusion the speaker insisted that "there is no conflict between religion and science; it is a conflict of theories of religion and theories of science. As a matter of fact, science and religion work together.

### Room for Spiritual Growth.

"There is room for religion in the school, not of the letter, but of the spirit.

"If you have a broad and liberal mind you have the marks and you are on the right track toward that what we term education."

## INTEREST IS GIVEN TO FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The Normal Foreign Language department offers courses in two languages at the present time. There are ten hours of French, divided into three classes, under Miss Ullin and eight hours of Spanish, in two classes, under Mrs. Gaul. Other than the regular classes in these languages, there are classes in the training school under student teachers.

French is available as a nine quarter course, while Spanish is six quarter. Extension and correspondence work is offered in each course.

Two former French students are now teaching in high schools in the state and one Spanish student is teaching Spanish and Latin in a high school in southern Oregon.

Correspondence in these languages is carried on with students in France and Spain. One student keeps up a correspondence with a student in Algiers. Thus a personal interest is given to the work.

## OFFICE STAFF BUSY ALL HOURS OF DAY

Large Registration at Normal Keeps Clerks Busy Thruout School Year.

The Normals' three busiest places are: The Registrar's office, the Dean's office, and the Appointment office.

The clerical staff in these offices work from morning until night to help the students and to improve the clerical routine.

In the Registrar's office are: F. L. Oslager, registrar and accountant; Margaret McKinnon, assistant accountant; Mrs. Edith Banner, clerk; Inez Swanson, recorder; Mrs. Claire James, assistant recorder; Florence Ringman, assistant recorder.

In the Presidents' office, Ruth Buchholz, president's secretary; Jennie Lynn Rice, office secretary.

In the Dean's office, Gladys Parr, secretary.

In the Appointment office, Aileen Lasley, secretary.

Another able assistant is Mrs. Lovegren, who is taking charge of all mimeographing for the Normal.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is suggested that all students who live out of Bellingham send their copy of the special edition of the "Messenger" home, when they have finished reading it. Bring your paper and the address to which you want it sent, to the Messenger office, room 205, and the manager will have it forwarded.

Tuesday evening, at 6:30, the U. of W. Alumni will hold a banquet at the Leopold hotel. Mat Hill, former A. S. U. W. president, will be present. The cover charge will be \$1.25. There will be a musical program, to be followed by dancing. All who have attended the University are invited to be present.

## ALL NORMAL SCHOOLS MAY ISSUE DEGREES

President George H. Black, of the Ellensburg Normal has been chosen by the directors of the Commonwealth Fund for Research to investigate the curricula in all Normal schools west of Dakota, in the North and Texas in the extreme south. President Brown of St. Cloud, Minnesota, will have all the states in the Middle West extending south to Louisiana, and President Rickwell of Buffalo, N. Y., will have the Eastern and Atlantic coast group.

This is a big undertaking and of much interest to all, as it will standardize the requirements of all the states, and without a doubt allow the State Normals to award degrees to four-year students. In all, 175 Normal schools and Teachers' colleges are investigated and a report is to be made by July 1.

The Directors of the Commonwealth Fund for Social and Educational Research consist of Max Farrand of New York, general director; Leonard P. Ayres, Samuel P. Capen, secretary of American Council on Education; Lolius D. Coffman, president of University of Minnesota; Dr. Ellwood P. Cubberly of Stanford University; Dr. C. H. Judd, director of the school of education, University of Chicago; Paul Monroe, Teachers' college, Columbia university; and Frank E. Spalding, professor of Education, Yale university.

### COURSES GIVEN IN MATH.

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Future activities of the class were then suggested and discussed.

A banquet or excursion for some future date was voted upon.

It was also decided to give an assembly program. The members in charge of the arrangements are: Beret Stenvig, Leonard Rinearson, Harold Crawford,

Mrs. M. Ward, and Morris Thomas.

Rumor has it that a play will be one of the features of the program but the committee refuses to disclose any further information on the subject.

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THE CONFERENCE

A number of the students seem to have the idea that attendance is required at the Educational Conference programs; at least that is the question some have been asking of late.

Why is this sentiment so prevalent, we wonder? Just because they fail to realize that it is a privilege of a lifetime to listen to addresses given by such noted educators.

REAL STUDENT OPINION.

We would like to turn the spotlight on the most vital column of this page; in fact of the whole paper.

In our last issue there was just one Student Opinion. It was a good one, without doubt, and contained some ideas worthy of the thoughts of all.

But one swallow does not make a summer and one opinion can scarcely voice the desires of all the students. So let's hear from every person in school who believes it has some fault or defect which can be corrected.

This school is always changing, either for better or worse. Mostly, we believe these changes are for the better; a few are for the worse. But a good change is hastened by publicity and a poor one should be exposed by all who can see it clearly.

We firmly believe the best way to do this is thru the Student Opinion Column.

No person setting down his honest convictions need be swayed by popular disapproval or faculty displeasure. If it is your own opinion, you have a right to it, and we would all like to see it in print.



Out of the Ink Well

THE 'BOB'

We feel urged to express our opinions concerning 'bobs'—thus we write this article! We like bobbed hair! It is a sensible method of 'hair-do'; it is cool in summer (and none too warm in winter).

At the time of the World Fair, pompadours and crocheted hats were in style. Today one can scarcely glance out of the window of his swiftly moving 'Four-Door' without casting an eye upon 'clips', 'shingles' and bright colored head bands, in lieu of hats.

The Ellensburg paper suggests that boys keep up with the times and start marcelling their back hair—tho it might, no doubt, be a trifle difficult to manage on a windy day (wherefore, may we suggest hair nets.)

What a relief it must be: In the morn one can bask in the luxury of her blankets for additional golden moments that would otherwise have been spent in arranging luxuriant locks and lovely lines.

One would think that an expert hair clipper were established in Bellingham—so artistically are the latest bobs arranged. Teachers as well as students, have caught the fever and now, with Spring running rampant over the earth, fair maidens and matrons alike have taken to the shears.

Much more could I say on the subject but duty is manifest and forces me to depart town-ward in search of a bob curl and a crisp French clip!

TWO POEMS

H. R., Author's Club. AUTUMN.

Because the birds are gone The interlacing boughs hold up their hands, And all their radiant vesture slips down their limbs

A CITY STREET IN SUMMER.

It lies benumbed and prostrate, Drugged with the heavy heat— This pounding city highway, This surging city street.

I think it must be dreaming And wishing, but in vain, To be a little by-way, A drowsy country lane.

One of Life's Little Truths.

(Normal girls—take this to heart!) Knowing him, she liked him; Liking him, she loved him; Loving him, she let him; Letting him, she lost him!

SHEEP

By M. H., Author's Club.

'Sheep—Sheep—But—' 'Yes, sheep—herdin' sheep—An' why not, I'd like to know?'

The boy was silent, his grey eyes hidden by long lashes, his pencil sketching vagrant lines. His mother spoke. 'He's always hated sheep so, Dad. If he's got to go to work—'

'Well, he has—and' there's an end on't. I went to work when I was fourteen. Didn't hurt me none. I let you have your way 'bout sendin' him to High School. Now—he's thru—an' we'll see what good his fine edycation 'll do him herdin' sheep.'

'Herding sheep—oh—why must I do that?'

His father had started outside. He turned: 'Why not! You don't ride well enuf fer cattle. Besides, Nolan needs a man up 24 mile and I promised him you'd go.'

The boy gripped his pencil. 'When, Dad?'

'Monday—' His father let the screen door bang behind him.

His mother turned from the pan where she was mixing bread. Bits of half stiff dough dropped from her hand to the floor unheeded.

'Father. Not next Monday? Oh, it can't be.'

'I promised Nolan he'd be there—an' he's goin'—' and the man strode off.

Boy and mother looked at each other silently. They were much alike. The grey eyes were large and dreamy. The foreheads were high and the brows smooth and well arched, the noses both straight and thin-nostriled; both mouths were sensitive but weak, and the chins of both were delicately molded—but showed no determination. The boy was large, as large as his father at eighteen, and he was built like his father, massively. His mother was small and slender.

She had been an art teacher in an Eastern college and had come to the little South Idaho town for a summer vacation with a college chum. There she had met her husband and had been carried away by the abruptness of his wooing and by the primitive ruggedness of him—he was a change from the polished dilly-dallying lovers to which she was accustomed.

'Mother—of, how can I—we'd planned so much—and now—'

'I know Teddy. I don't see how I can stand it. You've been at Pocatello so long—and now—'

'Sheep—oh, I can't—' the boy flung his pencil on the table.

'Dad says you must, and I suppose he knows best. It'll be hard but— Think how pretty it'll be—and you can paint and draw—all day—day after day.'

'Yes—and I can have sheep, the sight of them, the sound of them, the smell—yes, even the taste of them—every day, day after day, and every night—always—nothing but sheep—oh, I won't. I can't—'

But he did. (To Be Continued.)

Foreign antiquarians are despoiling the churches of France, literally robbing them of all their artistic treasures, according to the Archbishop of Paris.

Student Opinion

The editor assumes no responsibility for opinions expressed in this column. The author's name must be signed on each article, but will not be printed, except by request.

'Use the library'—'Read more books'—'Take advantage of the good literature at your disposal, and read for recreation as well as education' How often do we hear these and similar admonitions from various members of our faculty? And they wonder why the circulation of literature is so limited! Why the greater part of the books read come from the reserve shelves!

The greater part of the students would enjoy nothing more than the time to read the novels and poetry found in our library, but where, in our forty-four hour week do we find the hours to do this cultural reading which is supposed to be a part of every teacher's training? How do we account for the 'guilty' feeling that accompanies an hour of pleasure reading in the library? Do our faculty members realize that the hours of outside reading required in their courses are duplicated by each of our other instructors?

Perhaps when they reach that point we will be able to follow Miss Wilson's advice 'Use the library!' —The Bookworm.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Jessie Belton Hedges, head of the Music department in this school, has been elected president of the State Federation of Music Teachers at the annual convention being held at Spokane.



Mrs. Hedges

Mrs. Wilson, from Seattle, spent a few days at Edens hall with her daughter, Alma Farley.

Pearl Wilson, La Verne Medley and Rossie Henry spent an enjoyable Sunday afternoon at Squalicum Beach.

Mrs. T. H. Hunt entertained the faculty Wives club, Thursday afternoon at her home on 717 15th street.

The Misses Druse, Johnston, Breakey, and Mrs. Stewart, attended Tony Sarg's production of 'The Willow Plate,' a Chinese shadowgraph play given in Vancouver, the 15th of April.

Dinner.

Miss Sperry and Mrs. Vaughan entertained with a dinner for the English department, Monday evening, April 21, at the home of Mrs. Vaughan, on Cedar street. The spring time motif was carried out in the decorations with huge bouquets of fragrant apple blossoms. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Hoppe, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Hussey, Miss Edens, and Mr. Rahskopf. President Fisher was called to Olympia and was not able to attend.

Marguerite Saddler and Polly Mock entertained with an Easter luncheon Sunday night, at Miss Saddler's home on B street. Those present were: Lorena Baxter, Grace Goss, Grace Berry, Warner Poyhonen, Edwin Nelson, Donald Pickerson, Elmer Bellinger, Francis Gilfillen, and the hostesses.

Kibbe Entertains Baptists. The Normal class of the Baptist Sunday school spent a very delightful evening at the home of Mr. Kibbe last Saturday night. The first part of the evening was a business meeting at which the officers for this quarter were elected and plans made concerning the missionary play which the class contemplates giving. After the business meeting the group was entertained by a short program consisting of a vocal selection by Sarah Farmer, a piano solo by Marie Pakar, and a poem written and read by Leona Hunt.

POET NAMES NORMAL

The poem 'The Normal-By-the-Sea' was written by Mrs. Ella Higginson, the well known author and poet. For thirty-six years Mrs. Higginson has gloried in the beauties of the sunsets over the water which stretches out before her home. For twenty-five years she has watched with interest the development of the Normal school. Her two interests have been woven into his poem which so beautifully describes the school and its surroundings.

Below, the sea—blue as a sapphire—set Within a sparkling, emerald mountain chain Where fir and hemlock needles sift like rain Thro' the voluptuous air. The soft winds fret The waves, and beat them wantonly to foam The golden distances across the sea Are shot with rose and purple, languorously The silver seabirds in wide circles roam The sun moves slowly down the flaming West And flings its rays across to set aglow. The islands rocking on the cool waves' crest And the great glistening domes of snow on snow. And thro' the mist the Olympics flash and float, Like opals linked around a beating throat.

Inspired of God were they that chose this place Wherein to build these walls of softest rose, Whose every slender pane at sunset glows Like burnished gold and fires with mystic grace. The wooded loveliness of Sehome Hill. Here is the home of color and light; Perfume of balm-trees; singing birds' delight; Splendor of mist and rainbow—and the still. Slow flight of butterflies. Sweet liquid-clear, The lark flings to the dawn his lyric notes. And what inspired psalmist have we here? What song of pure, entralling sweetness floats From yonder elm-tree in the mid-night hush! 'Tis the entrancing love-song of the hermit-thrush. —Ella Higginson.

HE SAID SHE SAID

Several prominent class-cutters have been wandering home at the dinner hour with a fish or two in tow. There's advantages in batching, we think.

A new form of recreation, which includes track, is 'flower-swiping' This is proving to be a favorite outdoor sport with some of our verdant ladies (?) and gentlemen (?) who would do well to attend Dr. Gelvin's character assemblies.

Anyhow, Helen Abbott isn't a native or she wouldn't be gathering dandelions.

Observation classes have been started on Fridays from 4 to 5 in the big gym. Quite a number have enrolled. Do your stuff, Mid, and remember Friday is Fish-Day!

Miss Earhart terms the Training school pupils—'angels—' we don't see any connection—where does she get those heavenly ideas? Must be like a snake—has a long tail. We give up.

Did you ever notice how many people feel religious on Easter Sunday, if they have a new hat? Me-ow! But we have to be catty—we haven't a new hat.

Everybody in Seattle is wearing hair-ribbons—some of our little girls are too.

Pretty steep for the dorm girls. They came up to be teachers and are learning to be efficient scrub-women. Helen Parsons suggests that the men to blame be made to wash the laundry tubs. Guess that puts Clyde at the head of the list.

Newest in male hall-trees—Herb Philippi succeeds Ed and Ben in famous hold-up of lower hall.

Radio Rumors: Mary Hibner is smitten on her new hair-cut. It's a labor saving device. Charles Hurlbut has shaved off the 'feebly.' It also is a time-saver.

By all votes, the most popular man at Normal is the mail man and the most popular woman—the cook.

We have heard that the underlying motive for the women of the faculty to bob their hair is because they hate to get up in the morning.

Not so bad for them. But isn't it a good thing that several notorious late 'profs' have no hair to comb in the morning?

We all have fads—and notions—and pets. But 'Mike' Hermens's latest passion for goats rather gets ours. Only difference is—we have one—and Mike has three!

Speaking of fads. The faculty doesn't believe in them. But—Can you feature:

- (1) Miss Earhart with bobbed hair?
(2) Miss Wilson obeying her 'silence' laws?
(3) Mr. Kibbe taking folk dancing?
(4) Miss Sperry excusing her classes on time?
(5) Mr. Rice telling a new joke? Neither can we!

The College Club Vodvil tryout is going to be a howling—something! We scarcely dare write 'success' yet. It is whispered that Sally is to give a Grecian dance, and Dame Rumor has it that Mike is to 'do' an impersonation of a small boy! Truly the tryout will be a howling—something!

We hear that Polly Mock has added another face-to-her Rogue's gallery. By request the victim's name is withheld from print.

An Unfinished Story.

Frances Vaughan's black eye—boxing—Farmer laid up for repairs—(?)

Turn about is fair play. Frank! We hear Dodo returned the call this weekend. But then—Seattle's a lonely place without Lukie!



Mrs. Vaughan: 'You have three paragraphs this time, and you should have only one.'

Helen Matson: 'I wrote about "Romance," and you can't put Romance into one paragraph.'

Those Headless College Women. Speakers Addressing Class.

'No woman has ever before been associate editor of the U. of W. Daily. In fact Miss Dwyer is the only woman in the U who has got ahead—' And he doesn't know yet what the class was laughing about.

Aviators and orators both use the air to rise in life.

He: 'I have your permission to call tonight?' She: 'I shall be pleased; but don't forget that father switches off the light at 10 o'clock.'

He: That's kind of him. I'll be there promptly at 10.'

'You might let me have the car for an hour, uncle.' 'All right, my boy, you can have it.'

'And, I say, can you let me have the price of a couple of fines or so?'

Nona Haynes: 'And of course I'd just as soon tell you I'm part Russian—' Eunice Davis (Coming out of a period of profound meditation): 'Nona-Haynes!! Who'd you say you were rushin' NOW!'

Normalites—List to This!

'That mustache rather reminds me of a football game.' 'How's that? Eleven on each side?' 'No, first down!'

—Purple Cow.

—Columns.