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INEZ CLARK GETS BIG MAJORITY IN STUDENT ELECTION

Says She Is for Best Interests of Student Body.

WAS DEBATE TEAM MEMBER

When all the votes were counted as a result of the election held in the auditorium on Friday, June 26, it was found that Inez Clark had been elected to the office of Student Representative on the Board of Control by an overwhelming majority. In all, there were 430 votes cast of which Miss Clark received 407.

Ballard High School, in Seattle, has the honor of claiming Miss Clark as one of its graduates and incidentally fitting her in a very capable manner for her position on the Board of Control. In high school she was on the honor roll, secretary for the Debate and Latin Clubs, in addition to making a fine record for herself in the city of Seattle and state debates.

After deciding that stenography and bookkeeping were not to her liking, Miss Clark entered the Bellingham Normal School in September, 1924, intent on making school teaching her life profession. The success she has made so far may be judged from her high scholastic standing, her brilliant work on last season's debate team, and her active leadership in the Women's League.

Miss Clark states that her aim and ideal while in office as a member of the Board of Control will be to render decisions that will be for the best interests of the majority of the students at all times.

TOLSTOY HERE JULY 14

Son of Famous Novelist to Speak in Assembly.

The Normal School is to have the opportunity of hearing Count Tolstoy, son of the eminent and beloved Russian author, Leo Tolstoy, in the assembly on Tuesday, July 14.

From all reports received from the audiences previously addressed this will be an occasion of intense interest. Count Tolstoy is famous throughout the world for his writings and lectures. Because of his perfect command of English, he is able to convey the phases of Russian life to English-speaking peoples in a most forcible and picturesque manner.

He has voiced the thought that the justification of a son's existence may be found in what he adds to his father's work. He, himself, feels the responsibility of carrying on the great work of his father, and further interpreting his Christian philosophy.

Some of his addresses have been before the Universities of Pennsylvania and of Illinois, General Federation of Women's Clubs, Women's Department Club, Louisiana, Chamber of Commerce, Iowa, and the Chautauquas, all of which give enthusiastic evidence of his power as student, speaker and authority. Although a man of unusual culture and attainment, he enjoys the simple things of life. Simplicity as well as depth and insight, characterizes his work.

His great love and sympathy for the Russian peasant, accompanied by profound knowledge of native conditions, render him perhaps the ablest exponent of Russia's need and development, in the world today.

Romance Treads at Dusk on Workaday Normal Campus

Wherefore art thou Romeo? These lovely, intensely romantic evenings are calling many Romeos and Juliets under its thrilling moonbeams. The campus looks very conventional and business-like at 9 a. m. but at 9 p. m.!! What a drastic change has taken place.

Juliets, with bobbed tresses, lean against some sympathetic tree trunk and mournfully twang a sentimental tune on the familiar "uke," while occasionally a banjo and guitar join forces and some sweet(?) voices are raised to the mildly interested moon.

The familiar responsive male portion dolefully add their "Caruso-unlike" voices and a perfect serenade is pro-

duced. Passing motorists pause in the breaking of the speed limits to listen to the passionate verses throbbing in the air and are often stricken with surprise to hear the future teachers "Doodle-doo-doing" it, or engaged in outdoing one another on "Sally" or crooning "All Alone."

The next morning the atmosphere is gone and all is "hurry-and-worry" but every day has its nite!

What magic lies in a moonlight night, a harmonious "uke" and asymptomatic Romeo or Juliet for a listener!

Normal romance is at its height of glory.

Calendar

FRIDAY—July 3
Week-end trip to Austin Pass.
Recreation hour in Big Gym.

SATURDAY—July 4.
Hike to Lost Lake, leave at 8 a. m.

TUESDAY—July 7.
Prof. Burton to speak in assembly.
Trip to Cannery.

WEDNESDAY—July 8.
Play hour 4 to, 5 on campus.

THURSDAY—July 9.
Y. W. C. A. meeting.

FRIDAY—July 10.
Katharine Rice and Frederick Wallis give joint recital in assembly.

SATURDAY—July 11.
Week-end trip to Heliotrope Ridge, leave campus 5 a. m.
Hike to Toad Lake.
College Club dance.

TUESDAY—July 14.
Count Ilya Tolstoy will give two lectures in assembly.

FRIDAY HARBOR BEST BIOLOGICAL STATION

Dr. Wiese Praises Station Where Normal Students Work.

(Special to Messenger)

FRIDAY HARBOR, Wash, July 2.—"In the abundance of animal life and ease with which it is obtained the Friday Harbor Biological station is far superior to any other station I have seen," says Dr. O. A. Wiese, from the University of Oklahoma, who is here teaching ecology. In the ecology course a study is made of the distribution of animal life on the shore and in the sea, with reference to its environment as well as the general condition of life in the sea. After the first week in this course students spend one-half their time on special problems in research work under direction.

With the guidance of Dr. N. L. Gardner various species of red and brown algae, and incidentally green algae, are being studied at the Marine Station. The Puget Sound region is noted for its many forms of algae and fungi. Since commencing his study of sea plant life, Dr. Gardner has described one hundred new species of algae found among the islands of Puget Sound, spending many years in the vicinity of Bellingham, Whidby Island and Friday Harbor.

This is Dr. Gardner's third summer on the faculty at the station. He comes from the University of California, where he is associate professor of botany and curator of the herbarium at that institution, which is one of the largest herbariums in America consisting of over 300,000 species of plants gathered from all parts of the world.

The Normal School botany class, under Miss Leona Sundquist, of the Normal School faculty, and Miss Ruth Platt, assistant, is now studying plant communities and will make a survey of plant life surrounding the station.

The Normal Zoology class with Dr. H. S. Brode of Whitman College is taking many field trips for the purpose of studying land formation, trees and plants as related to animals, their environment and behavior. Sea shore visits have revealed innumerable forms of microscopic animals for study.



GOVERNOR ROLAND G. HARTLEY

GOVERNOR HARTLEY AND STAFF INSPECT BELLINGHAM NORMAL ON STATE-WIDE TOUR

State Executive Expresses Views on Education; Praises Normal Student Body.

Governor Roland G. Hartley and his staff consisting of A. R. Gardner, private secretary to the governor; Olaf L. Olsen, director of business control; and G. W. Davis, director of efficiency, together with C. E. Arne, secretary of the state taxpayers association; and D. F. Trunkey, state representative to the legislature from Bellingham, appeared before the student body of the Bellingham Normal in a special assembly at 9:30 Thursday morning, July 2. They were on their tour of inspection of the state institutions in the interests of the state tax reduction program. The auditorium was packed with students and visitors. The Governor gave a short talk.

Students Eager To Hear Governor

A great deal of eagerness was manifested on the part of the students to see and hear Governor Hartley. A cordial reception to him was expressed by the audience rising to greet him.

Even though Governor Hartley and his staff were here in the interest of tax reduction it was clearly understood that they were here to learn the needs of the school also. The Governor spoke highly of this Normal school and made many remarks complimentary to the student body. He was impressed by the fine, robust appearance and type of students seen here. He expressed a strong conviction regarding the support that should be given the common school and the need for good teachers in these schools. His opinion is that these are the biggest things the state must take care of. His limited opportunity for schooling has made him appreciate more fully the need for the public schools.

The audience was impressed with the Governor's sincerity and desire to give the state a clean, honest and efficient government, at the same time to reduce the burden on the taxpayer. It was led to see that state officials are the people's officials and that people should be slow to accept criticisms. It was pointed out that papers do not always give all the facts.

Education Does Not Necessarily Spell Success.

As high points in his talk Governor Hartley said, "You are here perfecting yourselves in the teaching profession but this doesn't necessarily spell success. You are the one that is going to make good. Education is going to help you, but what is in you is going to determine your failure or success. It is a comfort to people to know that they are well educated but even back of that you are the one that makes your success."

"Your government is what you make it. Don't be in too big a hurry to criticize those who represent you."

NEW SECRETARY IN APPOINTMENT BUREAU

Miss Cornelia E. Jenner has just been appointed Secretary in the Appointment Bureau.

Miss Jenner is a graduate of the University of Washington, College of Business Administration. During the past year she has been secretary to Mr. Whitney in the Appointment Bureau at Ellensburg.

The Appointment Bureau of the school, desires to help students secure teaching positions for next year.

The bureau has been able to place many graduates this year and expects further calls for qualified teachers, however, new students of the summer session cannot expect much help without first having had student practice teaching.

The bureau urges graduates to keep them informed of changes in name or address. Often information cannot be given on account of a teacher becoming married or divorced and failing to keep the office informed.

PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

President Fisher will speak Monday at a national meeting of the American Library Association in Seattle. Miss Zoe Wilson, Librarian, who is away on a leave of absence was to have led in the discussion. She was able to make arrangements so that President Fisher could take her place. He will talk to the all school section of the "Teaching Function of the Normal School Library."

New Desks in Science Department.

The office of the Social Science department has recently been improved by the addition of two new desks. They were made by Mr. Eggers, the school carpenter, and are enjoyed by Mr. Williams and Mr. Arntzen of the Social Science department.

Library Books.

The library has recently added a number of books on history and government. These are of special interest to the Social Science classes but are on the open shelf. They are proving of interest to many in school.

FACULTY SNEAK OFF TO NEPTUNE BEACH

The faculty sneaked away early yesterday afternoon for the Neptune Beach, where they held their annual salmon bake. Mr. Bond and Mr. Kolstad were the official salmon roasters.

Mr. Bond, the chairman of the committee, showed great skill in the art of roasting the salmon to a delicious brown, which made the act of mastication unnecessary as it just melted away in your mouth.

This amiable faculty would cast the impression that they are fishermen, but not so. The fish used were products of the fish market.

SON OF W. J. RICE DROWNED YESTERDAY

Dr. Miller's Son Makes Vain Effort to Rescue Lad.

Despite the heroic efforts of Neal Miller, son of Dr. Miller, William Rice, son of Mr. Rice, penmanship teacher at Normal, was drowned at their summer home on Beach, Lummi Island, yesterday. When Mr. Rice's son fell off the dock, Neal dived in, too, but could not locate him and had to swim to shore.

The accident happened about 10:30. The body was recovered about noon. There was no hope of resuscitation although a lungmotor, sent out from Bellingham, worked over him for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice own a summer cottage at Beach, a few hundred yards from the scene of the drowning. They have spent the last few summers there. Mr. Rice is a teacher of penmanship in the city schools as well as in the Normal.

NEW TEACHERS COME

Like Scenery, Lecture Course and Student Body.

Among other new members of the faculty we have with us this summer Miss Barnes, Red Cross nurse from headquarters at San Francisco, and three teachers from the east; Miss Francis Mason, from Columbia, and Miss Edith Seekel and Mr. Burnham from Kalamazoo.

Miss Seekel.

Miss Seekel, who was formerly eighth grade supervisor at Western State Normal in Kalamazoo, is taking Miss Wallace's place in the training school and has charge of the course of study for elementary grades.

Miss Seekel's impressions of Bellingham are very favorable. The climate and the various forms of sea-life are particularly delightful and wonderful to her.

In speaking of the faculty and the student body, Miss Seekel expressed appreciation of their fine earnest spirit.

The student body, the splendid teacher training facilities of this institution and the location of the Normal all combined do favorably impress Mr. Burnham.

EDITOR'S NOTE—This article will be continued in next week's Messenger.

X-ray of Collective Student Cranium Taken Wednesday

It is clearly evident that the students here like to "show off" their superior brains, else the 350 brain testers which Dr. Salisbury distributed to the student body Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock in the auditorium would have been sufficient. As it was, over five hundred mentalities jammed to the auditorium long before the appointed hour, all seemingly proud and eager to turn their natural and acquired cranium filling (intelligence) to the scientific mental X-ray called intelligence tests.

A clever bit of strategy was displayed by Dr. Salisbury in dismissing that part of the body for which he did not have tests. Knowing well it would be unwise if not positively dangerous to order the surplus out while they were in such close proximity to him, he asked that every other seat be vacated and the occupants remove to the balcony. At this safer distance he boldly dismissed them, telling them to call again when they

VIVIAN E. HANCOCK TAKES PLACE AS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Two Quarter's Experience on Messenger.

SUCCEEDS MARY HIBNER

Miss Vivian Hancock was appointed associate editor of the Messenger for the summer quarter. She succeeds Miss Mary Hibner.

Miss Hancock is a graduate and honor roll student of Walla Walla high school '23, and has had a great deal of newspaper experience, occupying an important position on the editorial staff of the Walla Walla high school paper, also writing for a year on one of the Walla Walla daily papers. She has worked two quarters on the Messenger.

The Messenger welcomes Miss Hancock's return.

Miss Hancock is a well known student and has been very prominent in the activities of the Normal. She is the instigator of several clubs here and had charge of all the school mixers for the year of 1924, which proved to be very successful. She has been one of the outstanding members of the social clubs and also an enthusiastic hiker. She has been on the Board of Elections twice and vice president of the Alethians as well as reporter for Edens Hall for four quarters. When the Women's League was first organized she acted as chairman of the Big Sister committee.

Miss Hancock is taking the Junior High School work, majoring in English. She will graduate in the summer of 1926. Interested in poetry, she spends some time in writing. Several of her poems have been published, two appearing last year in the Messenger.

DR. SNEDDEN LECTURES

Famous Educator Springs New Ideas on Students.

Thursday and Friday of last week Dr. Snedden presented a series of lectures in the assembly hall to students having vacant periods at those hours and also to several classes which were dismissed from regular session in order to hear him.

His first lecture, at nine o'clock, on Thursday, was on the subject "Junior High School Education." His ideal for the junior high school is a broad curriculum permitting a wide field of elective studies and a minimum of prescribed courses. He would eliminate the formal study of literature entirely substituting for it general reading of the pupil's own choice of a nature to give a vicarious acquaintanceship with life. Spelling and grammar are to be required only by those whose language usage and spelling are not up to standard.

He recommends that both geography and history be divided into two separate branches, alpha branches and beta branches to consist of the essential facts of history and geography which are to be taught for permanent retention, and the beta branches to consist of reading material which the pupil shall be permitted to read for mere pleasure.

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could stay longer. Instead of throwing open knives at him, however, the balcony applauded enthusiastically and fled in a right merry mood.

At 8:35 the seating having been satisfactorily arranged, the first of the tests was solemnly distributed to the various sections by members of the faculty in charge. The victims reacted by becoming suddenly grave and serious, not a few hearts beats increasing to an abnormal rate giving evidence to the soul agony and interest lent for the great proceeding. After such earnest preparations on the part of the students Mr. Salisbury ordered that not a mark be made on the tests explaining they were merely preliminary to the real test in order to give an idea as what was to be expected of them. Signs of impatience, relief and exasperation in-

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