

## McPherson Leads Courtmen To 5 Impressive Wins

**Bison Show Great Improvement In Making Clean Sweep Of Holiday Series**

Five impressive victories, a clean sweep of their holiday games, were chalked up by the Bison basketball team during the Christmas recess.

### HOLIDAY SCORES

Bison 33, St. Mary's 29  
Bison 38, Moher & Borleske 35  
Bison 45, Comstocks 29  
Bison 30, River Falls Normal 29  
Bison 51, St. Mary's 25

Starting with a close 33 to 29 victory over the St. Mary's quint of Winona on the armory floor, the Bison swept through their series with the best teams of the Fargo Commercial League, downed the 1927 inter-collegiate champions of Wisconsin, and finished up with a victory over St. Mary's again by a 51 to 25 score, which fully illustrates the improvement of the Bison over their first game with the Redmen.

### McPherson Outstanding

Captain George McPherson was the main cog in Saalwaechter's machine that has piled up five consecutive wins in their pre-season encounters, averaging 17 points per game and figuring in the floor play in a favorable manner. McPherson's cool playing pulled the first St. Mary's contest out of the fire when the less experienced players began to falter. Again in the Moher & Borleske game the Bison captain's superb leadership carried the buffalo colors to victory.

In Pete Gergen, Saaly has found a dandy guard to fill the shoes of Claudie Miller. Gergen is a good dribbler and passer, and in the final encounter with the Winona college was high-scorer with 16 units.

Bobby Hahn and Cecil Bliss make a sweet pair of forwards, the latter a little inexperienced and faulty under fire, but nevertheless, an excellent shot and a sweet floor man. Cy Peschel and Baldy Hays have been having a feud over the other guard position with the outcome still in doubt. Vern Hickerson has been pressing both men for one of the berths.

### Hermes Returns

The return of George Hermes to school should gladden Sally's heart for another forward on the yellow and green team will strengthen it to no small degree.

After vanquishing St. Mary's on the local floor Dec. 19, the Bison nosed out a 38 to 35 win over the Moher & Borleske cagers, made up of such stars as Cy Arnold, Claudie Miller, Jimmie O'Connor, Johnny Smith, and Bus Bristol. The Comstocks, last year's Commercial champs of Fargo and Moorhead, were more easily taken into camp 45 to 29. River Falls Normal were met on their own court and out-scored 30 to 29 chiefly through the smooth work of Captain McPherson. A return game with St. Mary's netted the Bison an overwhelming 51 to 25 victory.

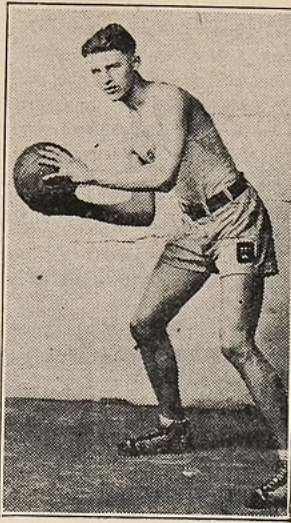
## BETA HOLIDAY PARTY HELD IN COLLEGE "Y"

The annual Christmas formal of Delta Phi Beta sorority was held in the Y. M. C. A. building Tuesday, December 27. Jane Sudro was in charge of general arrangements. Dancing was enjoyed from 8:30 to 11:30 when a midnight supper was served in the Beta rooms. Christmas decorations featured.

### Pep Club Meets Today

There will be a meeting of the Pep Club Committee on Membership in the Spectrum Office at 5 p. m. today, Friday, Jan. 6. Fargo Jewelry salesman may be present. Be prompt and bring your lists.—Foss Narum.

## Bison Cage Leader



George McPherson, Bison cage captain, who was the outstanding player in the buffalo basketball team's clean sweep of a five game holiday series with four outstanding college and amateur quints.

## Commission Interests National Federation

### Freshman Hazing Is Scored By Student Delegates At Lincoln Meeting

Much interest was manifested by the National Students Federation of America annual convention at Lincoln, Nebraska, in regard to the Student Commission form of college government as used by students at North Dakota State, according to F. Ralph Hollands, president of the Student Commission here, and Bison delegate to the convention.

The convention was held on the University of Nebraska campus, December 15 to 17. It was the third annual meeting of the student congress of the United States.

### Commission New Form

The form of student government used here was entirely new to the delegates at the congress, no other colleges represented having similar forms. Copies of the constitution of the local commission are being sent to several colleges on request, according to Dick Hackenberg, secretary of the Commission.

The convention committee on student government also recommended the abolition of freshman hazing and paddling, and the substitution of a system of education of new students to tradition and customs.

Fraternities were justified economically and scholastically by the committee on fraternities. The fact that fraternity men usually have higher averages than non-fraternity men was stressed. Extra-curricular activities for students were strongly recommended as a distinct part of the students' education.

## LOW FARES ANNOUNCED FOR 'FARMERS' WEEK'

An open railroad rate of fare and one-half for round trip with a minimum excursion fare of one dollar from all points in North Dakota to Fargo during the North Dakota Farmers' Week, Jan. 17-21, is announced. The dates of ticket sale are Jan. 10 to 20, inclusive, and a final return limit has been set for Jan. 24.

Those five Farmers' Week days will carry a mixed program of special interest to father, mother, son and daughter. Short courses are scheduled during the week and every phase of the farm and home will be touched upon. Farmers' organizations will meet during the week. Entertainment of varied descriptions will be furnished by the college faculty and students, and also by several North Dakota Community Clubs. One of the men who will be on the North Dakota Farmers' Week program is Duncan Marshall, commissioner of agriculture for Canada.

## Creighton Is Host To North Central Press Conference

**Spectrum Editor And Business Manager Attend Newspaper Convention At Omaha**

Paul J. Cash, business manager of The Creightonian, is in charge of the two-day program arranged for the annual North Central Press Conference which meets at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, today and tomorrow.

The Spectrum is being represented at the conference by Richard G. Hackenberg, editor-in-chief, and Lester E. Thompson, business manager, who left for Omaha, Wednesday night.

The program being arranged for the convention includes several noted middle western newspapermen as speakers, a round of banquets and entertainments, and a gathering of all the journalism students in Omaha.

### Eight Schools Represented

Delegates from the eight schools of the conference which includes Creighton, South Dakota State, South Dakota University, North Dakota University, North Dakota State, Morning-side, Des Moines, and the University of Manitoba, will be welcomed by W. J. Grace, S. J., president of Creighton University today. The day will be taken up with round table discussions by the convention delegates.

Tonight the annual banquet of the conference will be held in the Knights of Columbus hall in Omaha. All students of journalism will be invited guests. The results of the "best paper contest" will be made known at this dinner. Three issues of each student publication represented at the conference have been sent to some prominent school of journalism to be judged. The results will be made known tonight.

Following the banquet the delegates will be guests of the Creighton athletic department at a basketball game between Creighton and Colorado University. Tomorrow the delegates will be taken on a tour of Omaha as well as a trip through all parts of the University. The convention will close tomorrow night with the delegates again guests at the second game of the Creighton-Colorado series.

## Blue Key To Sponsor "Hello Day" Jan. 18

**State College Chapter Hopes To Better Acquaint Students With One Another**

Wednesday, January 18, has been selected by the North Dakota State College chapter of Blue Key, national honor service fraternity, as their first annual "Hello Day."

On this day, according to John Spielman, president of the chapter, everyone on the campus will say "Hello" to everyone else, and endeavor to become acquainted with as many students unknown to him or her as possible.

### May Become Annual Affair

The day is expected to become an annual affair sponsored by the fraternity, and it is the hope of the chapter that students on this campus will become better acquainted with one another as a result, stated Mr. Spielman.

"Hello Day" is the first of a series of movements to be originated by Blue Key this year. A program made up by the chapter calls for a number of needed reforms on the campus, and will be announced from time to time.

Dean Weeks announces that more students will be enrolled in the School of Education this term than there were in the fall term. Wednesday afternoon 171 students had registered, that being an increase of one over the fall term. He is expecting more students to register within the next week.

## STATE COLLEGE CO-EDS NOW HAVE CLEAR FIELD

At last State College co-eds have come into their own. At last, after four long years of waiting, they are able to break the old rules of tradition, custom, and convention. At last they have a clear field, free of all obstacles. It's leap year!

According to Professor I. W. Smith, of the mathematics department, 1928 is evenly divided by the figure 4, thus making it the one year when the girls are allowed an extra day in the pursuit of suitors. An enormous increase in campus engagements is expected as a result of the new placement of initiative, according to a discussion held on the subject by the Inter-Fraternity Council. A statement issued exclusively to The Spectrum by the Council declared that fraternity pins would circulate faster than inflated currency this year.

Lester Thompson, business manager of The Spectrum, stated today that he would add several men to the Want Ad staff to take care of the rush expected in the "Lost" columns because of misplaced fraternity pins.

## Distinguished Guests Grace Military Ball

**Governor Sorlie, Pres. Coulter, Army Officers, Will Attend Formal Jan. 27**

Miss Alta Berg, Fargo, has been chosen by John Spielman, leader of the Thirteenth Annual Military Ball, as his partner. The ball will be held in the college armory on Friday, January 27.

The Red Jackets, seven piece orchestra with entertainer, have been secured to play for the affair, according to Russell Freeman, in charge of music.

The military ball is the largest social event of the winter term and is open to all military men of the two cities of Fargo and Moorhead. Plans have been made for the accommodation of 150 couples. Tickets for the ball will be on sale Monday, and may be obtained from any member of Scabbard and Blade, or from the senior officers in the advanced course R. O. T. C. Ralph Erickson has charge of ticket sales.

### Invitations Extended

Invitations have been extended to Major General Harry A. Smith, Brigadier General A. W. Bjorstad, and Colonel O. H. Dockery, of the United States army, stationed at Fort Omaha, Nebraska.

Other honor guests will include: Governor and Mrs. A. G. Sorlie; President and Mrs. John Lee Coulter, and Adjutant General and Mrs. G. A. Fraser, Fargo; Col. W. G. Doane, Grand Forks; Col. R. S. Ritchie, Valley City; Lt. Col. M. F. Steele, Captain and Mrs. T. S. Smith, Captain and Mrs. W. W. Millard, Lieutenant and Mrs. F. S. Ross, Captain and Mrs. J. P. Glandon, Captain and Mrs. E. F. Bofuski, Captain and Mrs. F. Anders, Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McArdle, all of Fargo, and the deans and department heads of the college. Three representatives of the R. O. T. C. at the University of North Dakota will also attend the party.

Numerous features are being arranged for the affair. Tickets will be \$2.50.

## SIGMA THETA HOLDS CHRISTMAS FORMAL

Christmas decorations were used by the active members of Sigma Theta sorority at their annual Christmas Formal, held at the Gardner, Wednesday, December 28. Floy Beatty was general chairman and was assisted by Dorothy Volkammer, Marion Trowbridge, Margaret Revell, Agnes Schlanser, Virginit Keene, Ethel Grimson, and Phyllis Heimark. Morris Olson and his Collegians played for the event.

## Hockey Team To Battle Gophers At Minneapolis

**Second Game Of Series Will Be Played On Arena Rink This Evening**

The second game of the series between the Bison and University of Minnesota hockey teams will be played in the Minneapolis Arena tonight.

### MINNESOTA DEFEATS BISON

Thursday evening the Minnesota Hockey Team defeated the N. D. S. C. Puck Chasers in the first game of the series by a score of 9 to 2.

Captain Thomas Smith, coach, and ten players left Tuesday for the Twin Cities, and played the first game of the series Wednesday. Tonight's game will be broadcast.

The Bison may play the Fort Snelling pucksters tomorrow evening according to word received from Captain Smith.

### Ten Players Make Trip

The ten players who made the trip are Bill McRoberts, goal; Palmer Severtson, left defense; John Diemert, right defense; Kenneth McDowell, left wing; John Johnson, center; Charles Entner, right wing; Odin Hagen, left wing; Roy Landbloom, center; J. McLachlin, right wing; and Frank Dvorak, goal and trainer.

The University of Minnesota hockey team is one of the best in the country and is even considered as a prospect to represent the United States in the Olympic hockey games at St. Moritz in February. To open the season for a team of this caliber is an unusual honor, pointed out Captain Smith. Games are also being negotiated with Michigan and Wisconsin, nothing definite being reported at present.

### Bison At Disadvantage

Minnesota has the Bison at a disadvantage in that they have had quite a bit of practice on an indoor rink while the buffalo skaters have been hampered on their outdoor rink by the heavy snows. Captain Smith has a squad of about 35 men and good material is in abundance. Athletic Director Cortright states that interest in hockey will permit intra-mural games to be played during the winter, starting about January 15. Already several organizations have signified intention of entering teams.

Many games with outstanding hockey teams in the Middle West are now being negotiated for the varsity six and an impressive schedule is expected to be the outgrowth of the correspondence between the Bison coach and the various schools. The Bison team is equipped with all new uniforms and equipment.

## WALSTER TO SPEAK AT FIREPLACE DEDICATION

Dean Walster will speak at the dedication of the new geological fireplace in the College Students' Room at Plymouth Congregational Church, Sunday Evening, December 8, 6:30. This fireplace is constructed of petrified wood, scoria and various stones characteristic of Central and Western North Dakota and will be of interest especially to students of geology and North Dakota History.

The stones have been collected by Dean Walster from various points of interest. The masonry was developed by Mr. Ed. Lindquist of Fargo. Lunch will be served at 5:45 in the basement of Plymouth Church by the college Students. A cordial invitation to both services and lunch is extended to all college students and their friends.

### Women's Senate Today

Women's Senate Meeting in Dean Dinan's Office this afternoon at 4 o'clock.



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The day of the performance found a terrible storm raging, a storm which continued on into the evening, and when the young actor looked out upon the theatre from the stage he saw only a handful of people in the vast array of seats. His heart sank within him momentarily, and then this phrase, "Play to the king!" came to him. He went out on the stage and acted as if he were playing to that vast assemblage which he had pictured in his dreams.

The next morning the leading newspaper came on the streets declaring the play a huge success, lauding the actor for his work in an article written by the foremost dramatic critic of the day. In that handful of people, this critic had been present, the "king" to which the young actor had played!

**THE STUDENT COMMISSION**

Ralph Hollands, president of the Student Commission, and Bison delegate to the National Students Federation of America's annual convention at the University of Nebraska, reports that the numerous colleges and universities represented were very much interested in our Commission Type of student government. No other school represented at the convention had a similar form of control, according to Mr. Hollands.

The fact that many colleges have requested copies of the North Dakota State College student government's constitution shows evidence that our form has attracted the interest of many student governors throughout the country.

In the Student Commission type they will find the most highly centralized type of student government available. Every member of the commission has his or her work to do, and there is no "passing the buck" onto some other member. When something goes wrong, it is quickly righted or accounted for by immediately tracing it to the Student Commission under whose supervision that particular phase of student government exists. It is a safe prediction that other schools will follow in the steps of North Dakota State in setting up this type of student government.

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YET IT WAS tough to leave the old home and go back to school. The prospect of getting into the harness again was none too alluring. Most of us learned a good many lessons during the first term in the School of Hard Knocks. The experience should be invaluable. More knocks are coming. Discouragements will be plentiful. Last term several students became infected with a malady consist-

**I'M THE SAP**

I'm the sap who thinks the College Bookstore is a post-war profiteering establishment. I never buy a book without kicking about the price, and very often I don't buy one at all. In lots of classes I cannot get by without a book, so what's the use of buying one? Sometimes I have to get one though, and I've never yet gone through the process of exchanging a couple of dollars for a text without a fight. It must be terribly nerve-racking on the students who work in the bookstore to have to listen to me and the rest of the saps, but I must put in my usual holler about the high cost of textbooks. If I took the trouble of an investigation, I'd find that the bookstore makes comparatively little profit on the texts, and that the authors are usually the ones who keep the prices up. I like to blame the 'store for changing from one text to another every year but I know very well that the instructors themselves are to blame for that. If I'd save a little money that I spend in pool halls down town I could shell out for texts easier, but then I wouldn't have a chance to kick.

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ing of a mixture of homesickness and a fear of the cold, impersonal, college system. After a period varying from a few days to two weeks, these unfortunates flew to the protecting home fireside, not to return. There are some of you who will leave us before this term is over, maybe for the same reason, maybe because of the prospect of failure—failure due to loafing on the job. The present social order demands education. The evolution from brawn to brain as a means of earning a living has accelerated within the last few centuries. There are few illiterates in the class of manual laborers. No getting away from it—a college education is the thing. Those who drop out usually fail to reach their goal. But in spite of all anyone can say students make the slip. It's just a part of history.

TO ALL new students—WELCOME! We are all ready to help you so don't be afraid to ask us questions. In a short time you will work into the system and become accustomed to our ways. You will become inoculated with the Bison Spirit almost before you know it. And don't forget to crack the books for your daily "eight hours for work."

NOTE: This applies to the rest of us.

IN CASE you have not heard, be informed that the so-called "University Athletic Mess" has been staigh-tened out. The athletic director will resign; the editor of the Dakota Student was asked to make a public apology; charges against Mr. Davis were withdrawn; etc., etc. We do not know who started the fight yet. Since ignorance is bliss, we should be blissful if the Dakota Student editor would wake up to the fact that we've been asking for exchanges for five months. Nuf sed!

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*Ebullitions of  
Ebony Blott*  
By Everett Wallum

We suppose all loyal Mexicans made their New Year's revolution.

The big trouble with New Year's is that it comes on the first of the month. Ring out wild bills!

NO DOUBT THE BIGGEST THING THAT HAPPENED THIS PAST YEAR WAS AN ELEPHANT.

The most gripping play of the past season was undoubtedly "The Brown Suitcase."

Sadie, the laundry girl, has the New Year's spirit. Wring out the old, bring in the new!

Catchy words and popular phrases are usually short lived, but halitosis is still going strong—very strong.

COOLIDGE CHOSE NOT TO RUN, PROBABLY BELIEVING HE COULD WIN IN A WALK.

These Mexicans are liable to get jealous of Lindbergh. His propeller makes several hundred revolutions a minute.

The new Fords may have arrived a little late, but now they're out "on time."

If a bull fighter got buffaloed, would he be cowed?

Leap Year's here,  
So pity Liz.  
She's handicapped  
With rheumatiz!

"So this is leap year," said the frog. "Ho-hum."

WE NOTE THAT NEW YORK ENTERPRISERS ARE RENTING OUT STATUES. PLUMBERS HAVE DONE THAT FOR YEARS.

"I don't like your type," said the girl to the tattooed man.

No wonder they call Santa Claus St. Nick, after seeing what he does to the bank roll.

The Yule tree is called the ever-green—probably to symbolize a lot of this Christmas jewelry.

The bootlegger's greeting: "A happy dew year." The bill collector: "A happy due year," and the professor's greeting: "A happy do year."

THEY OUGHT TO TAKE THE SCYTHE AWAY FROM FATHER TIME. HE WAS CUTTIN' UP TOO MUCH ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

"That's a rash statement," said the father, as he received the bill from the doctor who cured his little son of the hives.

County Agents Will Hold Meeting Here

President Coulter To Address Conference At Opening Session

County agents from 30 North Dakota counties are expected to arrive in Fargo, Jan. 10, for the annual North Dakota extension conference which will be held at the North Dakota State college, Jan. 11 to Jan. 17. All the field agents connected with the extension department of the college and all supervisors of extension work at the college will take part in this series of conferences. The sessions will be held in the Agricultural building. One of the features will be an address by Dr. John Lee Coulter, president of the college, at the opening session.

The first three days of the conference, Jan. 11, 12, and 13, will be devoted to a discussion of the plans for the series of economic conferences which are to be held throughout North Dakota in February, and on which the programs of work for various districts of the state for the coming year are to be based.

**To Receive Reports**  
Reports are to be received during these days from the various commodity committees, which were named at the series of preliminary economic conferences held throughout North Dakota late in 1927. These commodity committees, consisting largely of specialists in the various lines at the college, will cover dairying, poultry, crops, livestock, horticulture and farm organization.

From these reports material will be obtained on which will be based the economic conference programs of February. At the February conferences, the plan is to have about 25 farmers from each county in the respective districts attend the conference and with the co-operation of the county agents and specialists at the college, map out a "district agricultural program" for the year.

The state has been divided into about 15 districts, the districts varying in size from one or two to about 15 counties.

**Meetings Scheduled**  
On Jan. 14, there will be conferences of the county agents with the various field agents of the college staff and also meetings of the county agents by sections.  
On Monday, Jan. 16, there will be

conferences with field agents on various phases of the college work, new developments in research and the progress made by various experiment stations.

The conference will end Tuesday, Jan. 17, with a discussion of plans for the coming year by leaders of home makers clubs, boys and girls clubs and phases of adult work.

Wallum Asks Aid In Taking Group Pictures Monday

Societies To Be Photographed At 15-Minute Intervals All Next Week

Organization heads are asked to co-operate to the fullest extent by Everett J. Wallum, editor-in-chief of the 1929 Bison, in the taking of group pictures for the Organizations Section of the yearbook. If this is done, states the editor, all pictures can be taken in one week's time.

This year ALL the pictures will be taken on the campus. Indoor pictures will be taken in the Green Room, Main Building. Outdoor pictures will be taken in front of the Main Building. The schedule for pictures is as follows:

**Monday, Jan. 9**  
Board of Publications, 7:15; Athletic

Board of Control, 7:30; Scabbard and Blade, 7:45; Rifle Team, 8:00; N. D. Club, 8:15; Women's Athletic Association, 8:30; Student Commission, 8:45; Women's Senior Staff, 9:00.

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**  
Y. M. C. A., 7:15; Y. W. C. A., 7:30; Interfraternity Council, 7:45; Blue Key, 8:00; Alpha Phi Omega, 8:15; Alpha Zeta, 8:30; Kappa Tau Delta, 8:45; Pi Gamma Mu, 9:00.

**Wednesday, Jan. 11**  
Alpha Gamma Rho, 7:15; Alpha Kappa Phi, 7:30; Alpha Sigma Tau, 7:45; Beta Chi, 8:00; Delta Kappa Sigma, 8:15; Delta Pi, 8:30; Kappa Psi, 8:45; Theta Chi, 9:00.

**Thursday, Jan. 12**  
Intersorority Council, 7:15; Phi Upsilon Omicron, 7:30; Delta Psi Kappa, 7:45; Kappa Alpha, 8:00; Delta Phi Beta, 8:15; Kappa Delta, 8:30; Phi Kappa Lambda, 8:45; Phi Omega Pi, 9:00.

**Friday, Jan. 13**  
Sigma Theta, 7:30; Art Club, 7:45; Women's Senate, 8:00.

The following clubs will be taken in front of the Main Building during the noon hours: Tuesday, Jan. 10—Barracks Club, 12:45; Education Club, 12:55; League of Women Voters, 1:05; Wednesday, Jan. 11—Architects Club, 12:45; Engineers Club, 12:55; Chemists Club, 1:05; Thursday, Jan. 12—N. D. P. C., 12:45; Home Economics Club, 12:55; Saddle and Siroloin, 1:05.

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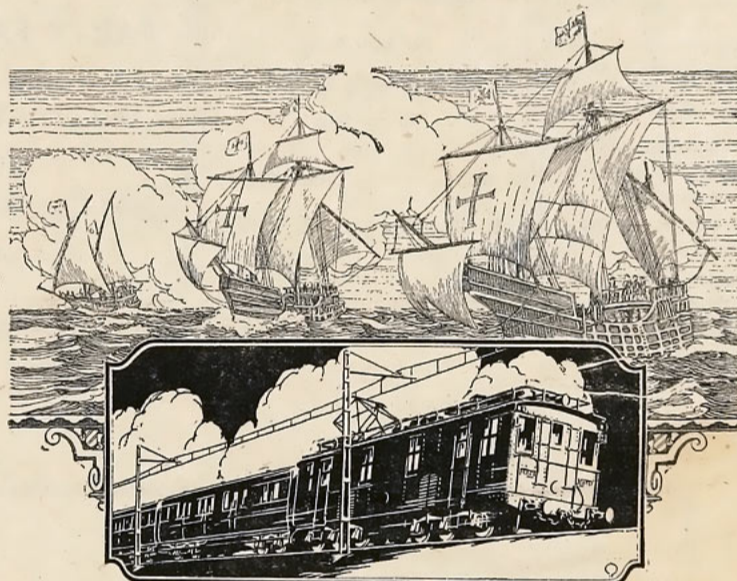
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Members of the Girl's Glee Club will hold a meeting in Music Hall Tuesday at 12:30. Attendance of all members is requested.

Lester Thompson and "Dick" Hackenberg left Wednesday night for Omaha, Nebraska, to attend the North Central Press Conference to be held in that city. They expect to be back Sunday evening.

"Andy" Russel of near Tokio, North Dakota, and Morris Stadium of Moorhead, members of Alpha Sigma Tau have started school again after an extended absence.

"Tick" Woods and "Chet" Olwin, members of Delta Kappa Sigma will return to school again this term. "Tick" has been employed by the J. C. Penny Company and "Chet" by Leeb's Grocery store for the past year.

State College, Jan. 5, 1928.

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Writ you later.

Olaf.

P. S.—Flaten yust got in a bunch of hotsy neckties so we dont ned to worry about the cold wether as they sur wil keep our tonsils warm.

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### Winter Short Courses Now Open to Students

The winter short course in auto mechanics opens Jan. 3 at the North Dakota State college, according to Prof. R. M. Dolve, acting dean of the

school of mechanic arts and director of the short course. All the work in this course has been planned so that each student will obtain the maximum amount of practical and theoretical experience possible, points out Professor Dolve. The laboratory work has been divided into five departments, and each laboratory will be subdivided into squads of two men. This scheme, points out Mr. Dolve, allows every student to complete the entire course in a systematic manner without any crowding or confusion.

Laboratory No. 1 is where automobile and tractor repairing takes place. Cars are brought in by owners for overhauling and repairs. There

usually is a long waiting list of car owners who wish to have repairs on their machines, states Mr. Dolve.

The automobile electrical laboratory is called laboratory No. 2. There, students work on starting, lighting, ignition and batteries. The laboratory is supplied with most of the systems now in use on modern cars.

Laboratory No. 3 or the "trouble shooting" lab is where the student learns how to diagnose automobile engine trouble.

A study of auto accessories such as carburators and all value mechanisms

is taken up in laboratory No. 4. This lab also gives practical work in gas engines.

The forge shop or laboratory No. 5 is where the students obtain the elements of forge work with particular application to automobile and tractor.

Each forenoon the student works in the laboratories from 8 to 12, and the afternoons are given over to lectures and other instructional work of a kind which permits handling students in rather large groups. The winter short course in auto mechanics closes Mar. 17.

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