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## "THE PRIVATE SECRETARY" A SUCCESS

### Cast of Characters

Mr. Marsland, M. F. M. .... Stanley McGogy  
 Harry Marsland (his nephew) ... Alfred Sorenson  
 Mr. Cattermole ... Harold Rasmussen  
 Douglas Cattermole (his nephew) ... Richard Lewis  
 Rev. Robert Spalding ... Walter McKim  
 Mr. Sidney Gibson (Tailor of Bond St.) ... Franklin Roberts  
 Edith Marsland (Daughter of Mr. Marsland) ... Dorothy Price  
 Eva Webster (her friend and companion) ... Ethel Tousley  
 Mrs. Stead (Douglas' Landlady) ... Marie Huey  
 Miss Ashford ... Louise Rusch  
 Mr. Knox ... Pat Keeley  
 John ... Walter Baumgartel

"The Private Secretary", a comedy in three acts, written by Charles Hawtrej was very successfully presented by the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club under the direction of Prof. A. G. Arvold. It was presented once last Thursday evening for the general public and the members of the college organization with the exception of the students, and twice on Friday afternoon as the main attraction of the Washington Birthday Festival, under the direction of the Student Commission. All performances were well attended and very much appreciated.

The scene of the play is laid in England and is the story of the complications arising when Douglas Cattermole attempts to "sow his wild oats" by substituting himself for Mr. Marsland's Private Secretary. It was one laugh from beginning to end.

All of the members of the cast are to be complimented upon the able way in which they handled their respective characterizations. Walter McKim, as Robert Spalding handled a very difficult part in a splendid manner and was responsible for a large part of the humor in the play. Harold Rasmussen, as Mr. Cattermole was the star in the fun making. His part required special training in spelling and facial expressions as well as a little padding, but he handled the mannerisms of Cattermole in true professional style. Franklin Roberts was well suited to his part, Mr. Sidney Gibson, the Bond Street Tailor who "longed to soar", and played certain parts with ability which was amazing realistic. Louise Rusch as Miss Ashford, the spiritualist was very interpretive. Al Sorenson and Dick Lewis, as Harry Marsland and Douglas Cattermole were good enough and showed the result of years of experience under Prof. Arvold. Stanley McGogy, Marie Huey, Ethel Tousley and Dorothy Price were very much liked and showed real talent. Walter Baumgartel and Pat Keeley

handled the small parts very ably.

The play was given at Amenia last Saturday night. The theatre was packed and the audience was very enthusiastic. It is said that the population spent the night laughing rather than in sleep. The cast reports a very enjoyable time altho Keeley nearly missed the train. The play was also given at Barnesville Monday night. After the play a dance was given in honor of the cast. The Barnesville people are very hospital hosts and always treat the A. C. students well.

It might be well here to note the policy which the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club is following. It has become their custom to present a rather heavy or deep play in the fall term, a light humorous one in the winter term, and a Shakesperian or Greek production in the Spring term. They adopted this system three years ago and intend to follow it in the future.

## PRES. LADD ON EXTENDED TRIP

President Ladd has been in the east for about two weeks attending to various matters. He went to Washington for a meeting of the Federal committee on standards. While in Washington consultations on the food conservation project occupied much of his time. From Washington President Ladd went to Crystal Beach and Tampa and he will also visit Atlanta, Georgia before returning home.

### THE PATRIOTIC CONVOCATION

A very impressive program was given at the special convocation last Friday. There were several patriotic selections by the Glee Club and band. Prof. Waldron gave a very powerful talk on the purpose of the assembly. This was followed by the reading of the honor roll of the various departments by members of those departments. Three excellent speeches, "What Our Honor Roll Means to Us", were given by Alfred Sorenson, for the men, by Dorothy Price for the women and by David Sonquist for the alumni. The service flag was presented by O. O. Churchill and the military service bulletin board by A. D. Weeks. The service flag hung over the audience and with the several American flags made very appropriate decorations.

### RUSSIA THE SUBJECT AT CHAPEL

Mrs. H. L. Bolley was the speaker at the last convocation. She gave an interesting talk on Russia, which was illustrated with some good stereoptican pictures. Mrs. Bolley knows something about the Russians as she spent some time there with Dean Bolley when he was studying grain conditions for the federal government.

## UNIVERSITY DEFEATS AGGIES 36 TO 17

In one of the snappiest games of the season the University basketball team defeated the team from the Agricultural College by a score of 36 to 17.

The Aggies opened the game with pep and fight and scored the first basket after about five minutes of play maintaining their two point lead for eight minutes. The University then scored and steadily gained on our team until the end of the half which ended 10 to 16 in favor of the upstate men.

The University five opened the second half with a rush and obtained a lead which our team could not overcome. The Aggies every man, fought to a finish and the game ended with a final score of 36 to 17.

Hayes and Heidner were the stars of the Aggie defense and offense while Nelson did the best shooting for the University and Elingson and Coop played their usual strong games.

### The Line-up:

A. C.		University
Reis	f	Elingson
Hayes	f	Coop
Hanson	c	Nelson
Heidner	g	Richard
Anderson	g	Seed

Substitutions: Heidner for Hayes; Sinclair for Reis; Wilson for Heidner.  
 Field baskets: Reis 2, Hayes 2, Hanson 2, Elingson 2, Coop 4, Nelson 8, Richards 1, Seed 1.

Fouls: Hayes 5, Elingson 1, Coop 1.

Referee: Stads vold.

## THE SOLDIER AND THE SCHOLAR

At the Sunday afternoon Y. M. C. A. meeting Major Steele told of the close relationship between the soldier and the scholar. Major Steele told his audience that the scholar and the soldier depend very much on the works of the other for their own success. The soldier has at all times protected the scholar and furthered his interests and has continually worked for the furtherance of knowledge. Success in military warfare has always come to the forces having the best educated leaders and fighters. The scholar depends on the soldier for the peace necessary to have proper conditions for study, for good schools are never found in a country not having law and order. Major Steele illustrated his points by tracing the relation of the soldier to the scholar through history from the earliest times.

### NOTICE

All matter for the Spectrum must be turned in before Saturday evening, excepting special articles. Please have this clearly understood so that the paper can be published on Wednesday. Any delay makes it necessary to hold the paper until Friday. If you want the Spectrum on time get all material in on time.

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### GIRLS' QUARTET AT MASONIC TEMPLE

Tuesday night the Girls' Quartet, under the direction of Miss Grasse furnished a musical program for the Eastern Star Lodge, at the Masonic temple.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT CERES HALL

In order that the people attending the afternoon program would not have to go home before the evening affair on Washington's birthday an oyster dinner was served in Ceres Hall dining room at six o'clock. This was indeed a delightful affair and greatly enjoyed by all attending. The tables were placed around the walls leaving the center of the room clear. During the course of the dinner the guests were entertained by several fancy dancers. Minnie Sorenson and Maizie Gilmore gave a perotte dance while Marjorie Lieberg and Louise Rusch gave a clever costume dance. Rosilla Ladd and Eloise Waldron dressed as a Dutch boy and girl gave an amusing Dutch clog dance. Little Elsie Grimes however was the hit of the evening. In a most dainty and winning manner she gave a very pretty fancy dance. The efforts to entertain the students met with the heartiest approval.

After the dinner was over quite a number availed themselves of the opportunity to dance in the cleared portion in the middle of the room.

At eight o'clock the Colonial Festival began in the Armory. The band started the evening with a concert and drill. The Spirit of Liberty, an impressive tableau, followed. Twelve little girls of the college neighborhood, in pink dresses and hats, gave a pretty juvenile minuet. They were remarkably good dancers and credit is due to Marjorie Lieberg for her capable coaching of the little dancers. The next tableau was by Short Course students and depicted the signing of a land grant by Abraham Lincoln. Next was an old fashioned barn dance also by the Short Course students. There was another tableau after which the Crack Squad gave

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# SOCIETY

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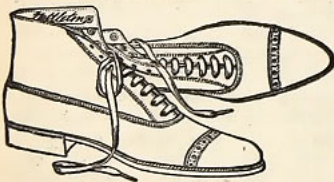
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## SORORITY PARTY

The Delta Phi Beta sorority entertained some freshman girls at a rush party, Saturday night at their home, 1119 8th Ave. No. The house was artistically decorated with spring flowers.

Rummy was the diversion of the evening; a prize of a Washington hat being given to Miss Florence Jefferies who had the highest score; while a goat was given to Mr. Hugo Pearson who had the lowest score. A delicious Washington's Birthday lunch was served.

## Athenian Philo Debate

On Friday evening of this week will be held the annual debate between the Philomathian and Athenian Societies on the question of permanent government ownership of railroads. There is much rivalry between the old well established Athenians and the reorganized Philos and the societies are promising a strong fight. The annual debate is one of the three big literary programs of the year. The other two are the dramatic contest of the fall and the oratorical contest of the spring.

The Philo team will have as its membership Frank Roth, Andrew Erickson and Fred Ball. The Athenian team has not been announced.

The debate will be held in the Little Country Theatre.

## Phi's Elect.

The Alpha Kappa Phi's at their regular business meeting Friday, the eighteenth elected Carl Winberg to be president for the rest of the year. Glenn McLellan who has been the president left on the sixteenth for the west as a member of the Spruce Production Section of the Aviation Francis Robinson was elected to fill the position of secretary.

Saturday noon the members of the Theta Chi Fraternity entertained at dinner, Mrs. Sherwin, mother of Herbert Sherwin, Charlotte Sherwin, his sister and the Misses Margaret Arnsdorf, Ruth Fairbanks and Sylvia

Sheils. Miss Fairbanks is a sister of Miles Fairbanks and Miss Sheils if a sister of Chester Shiels who attended the A. C. until the time of his entering the Aviation Corps on the 16th of this month.

After dinner the guests were taken to the fraternity Blue Rooms and a short visit was made to the various buildings of the college.

## MUSIC

### CADET BAND AT ORPHEUM

Friday, March first, the Cadet Band will play for the second appearance of Mrs. Remington's play, "Off for France", to be given at the Orpheum. The play will be given benefit to Company B. Auxiliary.

### BAND AT "U" GAME

The college band will be out to help the team defeat the quintet from the University, Saturday, March second.

### ORCHESTRA AT GRAND

Sunday evening, March third, the college orchestra will appear at the Grand to furnish the entire program for the weekly Sunday free lectures.

### BAND AT MASONIC TEMPLE

Tuesday evening, March twelfth, the Cadet Band will play a concert at the Masonic Temple. The occasion is a banquet following the completion of the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite Masonry.

### CHOIRS OF CITY AT AUDITORIUM

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# -- ATHLETICS --

## AGGIE HI DEFEAT FAST BARNESVILLE HIGH

Last Friday the Aggie Hi team went to Barnesville to play the crack Barnesville High team a return game. The Barnesville team having defeated the Aggie team earlier in the season by one point after two extra periods had been played.

At the end of the game Friday the score was tied 16 to 16 and an extra period was played, Flamer throwing the winning basket making the final count 48 to 16 in the Aggie high's favor. It was the fastest game seen on the Barnesville floor this season. The first half ended 12 to 8 for Barnesville but the Aggie Hi came back strong. For Barnesville their fast center made all their points throwing 8 field baskets from the center of the floor. Flamer for the Aggie high starred making 4 field baskets.

The Aggie Hi. were minus their captain and the Barnesville team minus their center both of whom have been sick for a week. Ebling went with the team to Barnesville in place of Coach Heidner who played at the University the same day.

The line-up:  
 Aggie Hi. Barnesville  
 Ladd f Varney  
 Flamer f Baxter  
 Roberts c L. Aamodt  
 Wilson g Norby  
 Mares g N. Aamodt  
 Field baskets: Flamer 4; Ladd 1; Roberts 2; Mares 2; L. Aamodt 8.  
 Referee: Lakie, Barnesville.

## PREPS DEFEAT FARGO PREPS

On the evening of Feb. 19 the Prep team went over to the school on the hill to play the Fargo College preps

in what they said was for the prep championship of the two cities.

The Aggie preps had no difficulty winning 24 to 5 in a rough one sided game. The Fargo preps had planned roughing the Aggie preps but were outclassed in all stages of the game. For the Aggie preps, Roberts played his best game making four field baskets. The line-up.

Aggie Hi. Fargo preps.  
 Ladd f Morgan  
 Roberts f Flatt  
 Mares c Peterson  
 Forsythe  
 Flamer g Barosky  
 Wilson g Clark  
 Field baskets: Roberts 4; Ladd 2; Mares 3; Flamer 2; Flatt 1.  
 Free throws: Ladd 4; Baraosky 3.  
 Referee: Graber, Fargo College.

## SOPHOMORES WIN ANOTHER

The sophomores climbed one step more toward the class championship when they defeated the fast Power Machinery quintet in a furious game of basketball last Tuesday night. The game was marked by close guarding and hard fighting on both sides but the stellar playing of every man on the sophomore team showed against the star playing of one man on the Power Machinery team. The line-up.

Sophs P. M.  
 McKenzie f Romstad  
 Holt f Martin  
 Amburn c Berg  
 Thornton g Lawson  
 Hanson g Stobald

## JUNIORS LOSE TO FARM HUSBANDRY

The Juniors lost their second game of the year to the Farm Husbandry, by a score of 8 to 14.

The game was fast and scrappy from start to finish, both teams show-

ing varsity basketball thruout the game.

Kalpos and Hiene played good ball for the winners while Keeley and Johnson played stellar ball for the Juniors.

## AGGIE HI. TO WAHPETON

On Friday the Aggie high team will go to Wahpeton to meet Coach Blures fast team. Tho the preps have defeated the Wahpeton team once this year they are preparing for a hard game and are expecting to have their captain back in the line-up for the Wahpeton game.

## REMEMBER THE DAYS

One of the stories told by the food conservation party that stuck in the hearers memory was about a little French refugee. This little girl was seen to stand for two hours and a half in a bread line in Paris to get a bite to eat. Finally her turn came, she stepped up to the counter. But instead of a crust and a bowl of soup she was placed on a scale and weighed. The one who doled out the food told her that she had not lost enough weight to reserve any food that day. So she had to go at least that day without a crumb. The explanation is plain. Those who lose enough weight to deserve any food that day, no food for the others, not even the little children. Can you beat it. And yet France with only a pound of sugar a month to each person, hearing that America was "short" on sugar at Christmas, cancelled an order in this country for sugar which would keep them going a few months longer, in order that we here in America might not go without. So France had absolutely no sugar for Christmas. That was the price of our Christmas candy. So for the sake of the heroic French let us remember the days:  
 Sunday—One Meal Wheatless; one Meal Meatless.  
 Monday—All meals Wheatless; one Meal Meatless.  
 Tuesday—All meals Meatless; one meal Wheatless.  
 Wednesday—All meals Wheatless; one meal Meatless.  
 Thursday—One meal Wheatless; one meal Meatless.  
 Friday—One meal Wheatless; one meal Meatless.  
 Saturday—All meals Porkless; one meal Wheatless; one meal Meatless.

Several old Theta Chi members were on the campus for the Washington birthday celebration. Among the out of town members was Clare Parker of Lisbon who is a member of the federal grand jury now in session.

Prof. Arvold to Pat Keeley: "Say Pat who kicked you on the head?"  
 Aloysius Mortimer Keeley: "O, a short horn ran into me.  
 The professor unsuspectingly: "O, over in stock judging class." (But he finally tumbles and then comes the explosion.)

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## THE SERVICE FLAG

I wonder, sometimes, just what the American flag means to us, and then fall to accusing myself for not having a greater conception of what it should and does mean. Yet one is to be excused for this perhaps more than for a surface demonstration of cheap emotionalism. The flag in itself and in that for which it stands is a trifle abstract and hard to conceive at once, but the service flag is different, it is the concrete form of the stars and stripes.

What the service flag denotes is the plain, unassuming sacrifice of a perhaps common, every day sort of a person, for the interests and principles of which our flag is representative; a simple sacrifice, yet made great by its very simplicity. Not only does it represent the possible sacrifice of life, but even more, the giving up of ambitions, of dreams, of careers, of loved ones, and of future happiness. And their sacrifice is for you, for the securing of your happiness and your success. It is only thru their willingness to perform this most noble service that we can hope to continue a free and prosperous nation.

The purpose of the service flag is two-fold. The first purpose which it serves is to give recognition to our friends who have gone to fight and to show them that we are interested in them. The second purpose is to remind us of the sacrifices they have made and to guide us on to greater effort in our common cause. For every star in the service flag we know that one of our friends is doing his utmost in work for Uncle Sam. For every star we must work so much the harder than we did before because our work is needed to replace and support that man. As one speaker

at the patriotic convocation so aptly said, "The service flag is a living challenge to us to do our duty."

## ON TIME

Several of the regular contributors to the Spectrum may be disgruntled to find their pets missing from this week's paper. The editor and business manager of the Spectrum have determined that the paper shall come out on time regardless of the inconvenience caused to the staff or themselves. Even though it does not appear until Wednesday it is necessary considering the inexperience of the proof readers and the rather large number of grammatical errors in the work of an average college student to have a good bit of time for correcting don'ts, aints and the like. The editors believe that those really interested in the paper and their share in making it a success will find it possible to hand in their material on time. Those who do not will have to give way to others who are more capable. There has been some confusion in the assignments and a little mixup but these will be untangled this week. Thursday evening at 4:30 there will be a meeting of the staff in Professor Minard's room. Those interested in the writing and gathering of news are invited to be present to obtain a few pointers. Everyone interested in putting out a live paper is urged to come, get the hang of the thing, and to write their heads off. News and ideas of news are what we are after. Use the dope box by the Post Office window for jokes, notes, and any other contributions, which will all be gratefully received.

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First, a kingdom of people as noble as could be;  
Second, a land of children who nobles fain would be,  
Third a nation of men who all were ignorami.  
The gods who ruled this world were sadly inefficient  
In the science of the higher things no doubt they were proficient.  
But, in matters of society the less they knew  
The worse they grew as you can plainly see  
The nobles often wished to have a formal ball  
But the gods must have the ignorami all,  
Now that is foolish, for you can plainly see  
That these things at a ball can never

be  
But nevertheless they came  
The round, the short, the tall and the lame  
And what a grand gang it was,  
When the tongues began to buzz  
The dishwasher girl was there,  
And the Chinese waitress fair  
And many others worse than that  
From the laundry girl to the ally-cat,  
And when the thing was over and the folks had all gone home  
The nobles swore that never again would they get a chance to roam.  
Now if you sift the wheat from the chaff and if you can't its mighty queer  
You'll assimilate my meaning and let's hope you get the big idear.  
S. H. K.

**ROBERT PEARSON IN GEORGIA**

The following letter from Robert Pearson, now a 1st Lieutenant in the Motor Mechanics Regiment at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia, is of interest to A. C. people. Lieutenant Pearson is an alumnus of the Agricultural College and is well known to many. Until the time of his departure he was assistant city engineer of Fargo.

"Camp Hancock, Ga.,  
Feb. 5, 1918.

"I arrived here about the 18th of December 1917. At that time I was impressed that we were to prepare ourselves for immediate oversea service, but I'm still here, and do not know when I will get out. Before I go any further I shall explain what this organization is. The name of self explanatory. Their purpose when they get across will be to rebuild and repair Auto-Trucks and Motors of all descriptions. It is an entirely new branch of the service and it is one of the most needed organizations across. The officers at the head of these regiments are taken from Washington, D. C. and they are some of the biggest Guns we have in the army. There are also a lot of technical officers assigned and they are picked from the largest factories in the United States in the Automobile Manufacture.

There has been an awful disturbance here in getting the first regiment organized and moved out. The rush was so great and the getting of equipment was so difficult that it really was an exciting problem. We are located in a National Guard Camp, but this Signal Corp's Camp is really not under their supervision. We are a unit all by ourselves.

The weather in the south has been very cold and disagreeable. It has not been the sunny south we have read about, and the people here all say it is extraordinary cold. We have had some nice weather, but the greater part since coming here has been everything but nice. Last week for instance, it rained all week and the sun did not shine once for a week straight. This week the weather is clear, but it is too cold to get along without an overcoat. I guess I have no right to kick, because it is not North Dakota weather by a long way, but I expected to find 80 degrees in the shade I guess, and

for that reason I was disappointed. Do you remember V. C. Parker from the A. C. He is here and is a Major. I have not talked to him yet but I shall first chance I get. He is not in the same regiment I am and I have not had a chance to look him up. I believe he comes from the Buick Factory.

Personally, I am well at present. I have been sick the same as the rest of them. We have all had a bad cold. At present I have a very bad cough, but I hope nothing serious. My work is both agreeable, and disagreeable. For a while I have been Fuel Officer. That's a very peculiar job. I was responsible for the getting of fuel for all the men, and I couldn't buy it. Since the first regiment pulled out I have been attached to the Casual Detachments and I have been assistant supply officer. In other words I have been issuing clothing and everything needed to equip the companies. This is not my line of work by a long way, but in the army a man has to do everything and get away with it. I'll never say I can't do it any more. If I fall down I'll take the medicine.

I don't believe there is any chance of me going with this outfit across. I have tried several times. The forty-First Lieutenants, who were sent over from Kelly Field, were sent here to help organize only. They have sent back 27 of them, and the rest of us are still here. We are all supposed to be assigned to aero squadrons, just as soon as we can get away from here. I was commissioned as a "squadron engineer" but I have not had a chance to see one yet. When I arrived in Texas there was an order waiting for me to proceed to this camp immediately.

Fraternally,  
Bob.

**GENUS**

A real fool is simply foolish;  
A darned fool is simply absurd;  
An old fool likes to feel foolish;  
But the worst fool of all fools is that fool  
Who demands and insists that he be heard!  
Now the young fool!  
He the gay fool!  
He of all fools  
Is most sure that he is wise!  
And really I wonder in this sweet world  
Ever false—ever true—  
Ever old—ever new—  
We're all of us, somehow, just fools!  
F. E. P.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Miss Helen Lewis, a graduate of last year, is a guest in the city preparatory to her leaving for Chicago where she will take a course in dietetics. Miss Lewis has been teaching at Roseau, Minnesota and has resigned her position there to further her work in her chosen field.

Clare Parker of Lisbon, a graduate of 1911, has been in Fargo for the past two weeks acting as juror on the Federal Grand Jury. Clare left Saturday for Lisbon where he is one of the prosperous merchants of the city.

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#### Entertainment at Ceres Hall (Continued from page 1)

a drill, It was the squad's first appearance and they gave a credible drill considering that Dick Lewis the drill master was the only old man on the squad.

The colonial festival concluded with a spectacular tableau of an American shield formed against the west wall of the armory. The Crack Squad dressed in blue suits bearing forty-nine white stars formed the tops of the shield while the band in red and white suits formed the alternate red and white stripes.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to a pleasant social session for which Malchow's orchestra furnished excellent music for dancing.

#### OUR DUTY TO OUR CITIZEN ARMY

By Hamlin Garland

To me the most amazing social change which the war has brought about is the transformation of our army from a small command of miscellaneous volunteers into a gigantic union of the fighting citizens of the Nation. More than a million men, selected for their youth, their courage, and their virility are to present America to Europe in the guise of warriors, and in all the pictures which we have been permitted to see of them, they are so unmistakably of the New World that only a glance is needed to distinguish them from a group of French or British soldiers, fine, upstanding though they may be.

Our army is a citizen army. It is composed of our brothers, our cousins and our sons. Nothing like it has been seen in America even in the days of Sixty-one, for at that time the volunteer system alone determined the service. The American army in France is ourselves in khaki. All classes are represented. It is entirely democratic in its personnel and in its spirit. It is an army to be proud of and to be cared for. It is far from home and it will not be strange if many of the boys become homesick—especially if the winter campaign settles down to a dreary siege in the trenches.

To lighten this gloomy routine, to maintain a close and hearty interest in this body of American citizens detailed for special duty, to support them not merely with munitions of war but with those supplies in which we can put pure admiration, or gratitude and our love, is our duty—a duty which we should grasp as a privilege. Our men will be none the less warriors if we remember them with letters and gifts. They are carrying our burdens, upholding our honor—and I for one desire to express as best I can the deep personal obligation I owe the youth who has taken my place in the ranks. I want him to know my feelings. I want him to know that so far as my means and strength will allow I intend to back him up in his cheerful and splendid service.

To help in his hours of recreation is almost as essential as to see that he is properly cared for in the field. We have the right to make his burden as light as we can and he has the right to receive whatever we can do in this spirit. Our men cannot all come back to us but my wish is that those who do may be greatly enabled by their battles as we should greatly

gain by the sacrifices which we are willing to make for them.

#### THE WEEKLY LETTER HOME

N. D. A. C. College.  
Feb. 14, 1918.

Dear Paw:

i take mi pen in hand to rite yew a letter. if yew doant git it i wish yew wood let me no at wonce and i will rite anuther rite away.

i hav bin hear a hole month now and it surtenly is a fine plase to take a coarse. wood yew like to have me tell yew sumthin about it?

The furst Morning when i got off from our train a lot of fellows with limonzenes were their to meat me they musta nowan that I was coming cause they all tried to take me. I bet Prexy (that's what we call Mr. Ladd) i ibet Prexy told them i was cuming and they all came to get me. well, i pickt out the best lukin une and got rite in the frunt seat.

mind pa, how yew told me to interduce miself? well, just wen i got to get in the limonzene i sed. mi name is Arthur. mi new frend sed, "i thot so", so yew see sumone told him i was cuming.

mi new frend asked me if i wanted to go rite out to the A. C. (he musta noan i was going their or else i looked like a reglar college guy and he thot thats wear i was a goin.) i sed yes and we went up a street he called Broadway. it ain't any wider than our streets to home but they just call it that. on the way out this frend told me there was an awful bunch of shorthorns at the A. C. he sed you cood see them all over the schoolyard—i meen campus. He musta been fibbing cause wen i got out their i coundt see them. all i cood see was a lot of boys just like siself, all from the country.

the Furst thing i got on the scule yard won of them yung kollege fellers cum up and mistook me for a frend of his and shook hands with Me. he saw that he was rong mut i cep tawking to him and purty soon i wurked him for a ticket to all the bldings on the kampus for just half price—seventie-fiv sents.

won of the furst bildings i got to at the A. C. was the P. O. i had to wate their a long time before i cood ask for male because a little bit of a fellow was tawking to sumwon he called johnny. he musta thot i was green and coodnt see he was tawkin to girl

from the P. O. i went into the rejisrashun offise wear their were a lot of moor boys in line wateing their turn just like the bundle teems on are thrashing masheen. Putry soon i got to the windough and another little fellow who didn't have any moor hare than the nob on are pump gave me a slip and tole me to pass on. pa their was the onlie gurl i have ever saw hear who had a nice Rosie farm compechun. se wasn't as Green as sumwon sed she was cause she took an awful wad of mi muneay away from me, but i didn't care cause—say pa wear did yew meet ma?

gess i'll have to get redy to go to the chop sewy for supper so I'll lay mi pen down for this time. hoping that yew, and all the family, and the stock are feeling fine.

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### REMINESCENCES OF THE TRIP TO LISBON

We landed in Lisbon Friday noon where we were met by several members of the High team who took us to the hotel about a mile from the station where we received a good dinner. After dinner we went to the Armory and made a few tries at the basket. Part of the bunch then went to the High School to visit and 'tis said that our big blond captain made quite a hit with the school marms.

In the evening during the game we struck a huge cyclone which helped the Lisbon team to raise the size of their score in the second half. The yelling was tremendous. The crowd fairly went wild with excitement. If the students of the A. C. made one tenth as much noise during the games at the A. C. as was made in Lisbon last Friday during our game there would be no lagging in the games and the scores would be different. We certainly envied the Lisbon team because of the backing that they had.

After the game they had a big dance and we were soon acquainted with some girls and had a fine time till the wee morning hours. After we had escorted our fair ones home, we met and started to search the town for something to eat. We soon ran into the chief of police who said that the night watchman had all the keys for the town. So we started to hunt for the watchman. We visited the fire station where the fire engine was put through its paces for us. We then went on with our search meeting two fellows who said they would send the watchman over from the hotel immediately. While waiting for him to come we stood in front of a restaurant and as the watchman came across the street he pulled his revolver and shot into the air after which we were let in the place and received a feast with several yarns tossed in. The next morning needless to say was spent in bed but in the afternoon we took our fair maidens to the show. However, we had a better time in our own show for "Bob" or "Knut" brot the house to laughter more often than the picture. As the train left in the afternoon we fent from the show to the station, happy because of the two splendid days we had spent in Lisbon and sorry to have to leave a town that had shown us such a fine time during our stay.

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### MARIA SANFORD, TEACHER.

Ripe retrospect is disillusioning. One almost dreads to let memory freely with things, or experiences, or people of one's past, since so often the question will have to be asked that Ibsen constantly asked himself: "The Great—is it really great." The "river" we swam in as boys was only a creek that somehow managed to keep moist enough for our dog day needs.

One experience, however, of my past has stood the acid test of maturing retrospect. The great teacher who taught us as freshmen and sophomores more than two decades ago to write English and to appreciate idealism in English literature—there is no disillusionment about that!

When two Wordsworthians, else strangers, accidentally met, if chance conversation made them realize that they both loved Wordsworth, forthwith they were friends, and probably corresponded with each other in after days. When two Minnesota alumni, else strangers, meet accidentally on a train, and random conversation brings out that both are ex-students of Maria Sanford's instantly hands join with mutual congratulation. One touch of Maria Sanford makes alumnidom kin!

What made her great? It was enthusiasm. It was personality. It was disinterested interest in studenthood. It was joy in the work that glowed in a face all kindness, energy and purpose. It was a mind stored with Shakespeare, Milton, Shelley, Lowell, from which they ran singing like waterbrooks out of a mountain. It was just—Maria Sanford! You can't make chalk-marks on a blackboard tell what sunshine is. Germinating seed in the soil knows. Thawed-out places of soul into which came color, and growth, and summer, know! She was rain and sunshine to us as a teacher, and we grew.

Visiting southern California once in February, after having left blizzardly North Dakota in January, I rubbed my eyes and said: "Have I died good?" "No," I answered myself, "I simply boarded a Pullman and lived high." Like the mid-winter experience of southern California—isn't a University that? Mid-winter trees with white blossoms, the wintry tropical orcharding of young trees growing,—isn't a University spiritually just that? Maria Sanford liked the climate in which young souls grow. She pruned us—yes! She sprayed us with acid betimes—yes! But if any of us are bearing fruit, perhaps we owe it largely to her watering, to her cultivating, and last but not least—to her tender tree-surgery.

We are glad to have Maria Sanford, Teacher, in our midst at the Univer-

sity of North Dakota. Octogenarian in body, she is a girl in her teens in soul. Emeritus as far as the University of Minnesota is concerned, she is a teacher still by her presence and spoken word in the world at large. The Audience will please rise! "The grand old woman of Minnesota"—Maria Sanford!

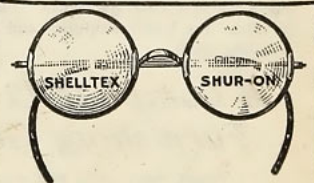
### CRIBBING

This is an exact science which treats of ways and means of getting credit for what you don't know. Many fellows, and girls too, try it. Some get by, temporarily. Some think they get by. Some get caught quicker than others. They all get it in the neck sooner or later. We have seen this happen time and time again. We know of one instance where a fellow made a business of cribbing in practically every quiz he ever wrote, and finally he disappeared like a soap bubble. The professors were onto his game. He got his. The cribber cheats himself only, and the pity is he doesn't realize it until he hears the label "Damaged Goods". We heard a professor say not so very long ago, "I would rather have a fellow come in alone to write a quiz unaided and do his best than to have him hand in a perfect cribbed paper. I have absolutely no use for the latter fellow. Have you?"

### PROGRAMS AT CERES HALL

Every Wednesday evening during the supper hour, at Ceres Hall, a short patriotic program is given. The program is in charge of Miss Grasse and consists of patriotic songs and hymns.

Glenn Livengood of Montana will arrive in Fargo on the third of March and will be a guest at the Theta Chi house for the following week. Glenn is now farming at Harb, Montana.



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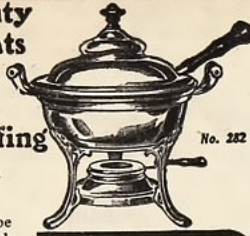
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### CAPTAIN COLLEY WRITES

Captain Colley of Company B. of Fargo and a former A. C. student and professor, writing from across has the following to say.

"Have been detached and sent to an officers school. We are having an Alpha Mu reunion here. Leslie Wheeler, Joe Dwire, Fred Gram, Alex Nemez, Jack Nolet and myself are all here.

"We are gradually acquiring web feet with which to combat the eternal mud.

Must finish as my candle is nearly spent."

A card from Lieutenant Robert Pearson says that he is on his way to Kelly Field, Texas, via Pensacola and New Orleans.

Jake Fjelde, who is now on board the U. S. S. Olympia, gives a very interesting account of his sea life in the following letter:

"Was transferred from the Great Lakes shortly after I returned from my furlough, to the U. S. S. Olympia which was then lying in New York. I like it on board pretty well. I now have charge of the operating room much to my liking. Now don't get the impression that I am cutting out appendixes, etc. because the fact is the cutting that I do is mostly of a minor nature. Am doing quite a little work treating burns for it seems as tho everyone on the ship has some sort of a burn. Soon we are to get a little more intensive training at civilian hospitals.

"Was at sea two weeks last crouise, going around New Foundland and some three hundred miles farther North. We touched into Halifax and was there for a half day but did not get ashore. The only thing we and were there for a half day but did are more than a hundred miles long and are composed of round cakes of ice about the size of a table top.

"The first day I was at sea I ased the Captain to stop the ship because I wanted to walk back. Great sensation that sea-sickness. About three-fourths of the crew got it. At first some were afraid they would die and then after they had it they were afraid that they wouldn't die.

"Have gained another ten pounds—when will it stop?"

### THE CRACK SQUAD MAKES ITS DEBUT

The North Dakota Crack Squad of 1918 made its first appearance last Friday evening in the Washington Birthday Festival. An eight man squad dressed in white put on a fifteen minute fancy drill and were very well liked by all of the spectators. Following the drill they dressed in blue with white stars on their breasts and and formed the field of the human flag. The squad is going to play its fourth engagement at the Grand Theatre sometime next term as headliners and will undoubtedly make a big hit.

Members of the squad who drilled are: Dick Lewis Captain, Franklin Roberts, Allan McGann, Hugo Pearson, Fred Ball, Thomas Buxton, Pat Keeley, Ernest and Culver Ladd.

### SONG OF THE SOLDIERS

Remember, whatever the seasons may bring.

The world marches further with soldiers that sing;

And nothing is truer beneath the blue sky

Than the world is a loser for soldiers that sigh,

The captains of life standing forth in the field

Say the soldiers that sigh are the quickest to yield;

While the soldiers and freemen that sturdily cling

To courage and hope are the soldiers that sing.

So, better leave sighing alone for awhile,

And see how much sooner we'll finish a mile;

Hurrah for the fields of the victor that ring

With the shout and the song of the soldiers that sing.

—Frank Wolcott Hutt.

When some chap is sitting around assuming to tell everyone what they know, as to what number constitutes certqin divisions of our army, remove your hat then read the following to him:

An army corps is 60,000 men.  
An infantry division is 19,000 men.  
An infantry brigade is 7,000 men.  
A regiment of infantry is 3,000 men.  
A battalion is 1,000 men.  
A company is 250 men.  
A platoon is 60 men.  
A corporals squad is 11 men.  
A field battery is 195 men.  
A firing squad is 20 men.  
A supply train has 283 men.  
A machine gun battalion has 296 men.

An engineer's regiment has 1,098 men.

An ambulance company has 66 men.  
A field hospital has 55 men.

A medicine attachment has 13 men.  
A major general heads the field army and also each army corps.

A brigadier general heads each infantry brigade.

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