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JUNIOR PROM WILL BE HELD FEB. 15

The annual Junior Prom, given by the Junior class, will be held in the college armory on Friday evening, Feb. 15, instead of down town as in former years.

Owing to war conditions the prom will not be as elaborate an affair as usual, but nevertheless a good time is assured. The Junior class wants everyone to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent and yet keep the prom as reasonable as possible.

The armory will be simply decorated for the occasion, and dress suits and flowers will be barred. Of course you can't keep a woman from getting a party gown, but the Junior class wishes to say that party gowns are not necessary or even expected.

The admission fee has been put as low as possible in order that everyone may attend and have a good time.

Dancing will start promptly at eight thirty and continue until twelve-thirty. There will be a short intermission at ten-thirty but no lunch will be served as is the usual custom. Frappe and wafers will be served thruout the evening and Malchow's orchestra will furnish the music for the dancing.

Pat Keeley, president of the Junior class, has general charge of the affair. Pat says that the dance is given so that everyone may have a good time, and that if you have never had a good time at a Junior Prom before because of the formality you will certainly have a good time this year.

The committees in charge of the prom are:

Programs and invitations — The Misses Marjory Lieberg, Hilda Bergstrom and Dorothy Ayres.

Decorations—Miss Beulah Watson, Miss Esther Keeley and George Mayo.

Finances — Miss Louise Rusch, Louise Jorgenson and Frank Henning.

Refreshments—Miss Fern Briscoe, Miss Adelaide Laurie and Hamlet Larson.

Music—Ernest Johnson and Charles Struble.

Floor Manager and General Chairman—Patrick M. Keeley, president of the class.

Entertainment—Miss Emma Henderson, Miss Irene Haugeberg and Alfred Severson.

The patrons and patronesses for the prom will be Dean and Mrs. Bolley, Coach and Mrs. Davis, Pres. and Mrs. Ladd, and Major and Mrs. Steele.

JAMES SLABY JOINS NAVY

James Slaby '21, left Wednesday to join the U. S. navy. Slaby is a graduate of the Lidgerwood High School and while there was prominent as an athlete and debator. While here he stayed at the Theta Chi House.

WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY FESTIVAL AT A. C.

Friday February 22, 1918.

DIRECTION OF STUDENT COMMISSION OFFICIAL PROGRAM

- 10:00 A. M.—Special Patriotic Convocation.... College Armory
1:30 P. M.—"The Private Secretary" a Three Act Comedy
Presented by the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club.....
..... Little Country Theatre
1:30 P. M.—Moving Pictures, Marguerite Clark in "The Valentine Girl."..... College Armory
3:00 P. M.—"The Private Secretary," a Three Act Comedy
Presented by The Edwin Booth Dramatic Club
..... Little Country Theatre
3:30 P. M.—Moving Pictures. Marguerite Clark in "The Valentine Girl."..... College Armory
5:30 P. M.—Outdoor Frolic..... Campus
6:00 P. M.—Oyster Stew Supper and Vaudeville.... Ceres Hall
7:30 P. M.—Band Concert..... College Armory
8:00 P. M.—Washington Birthday Festival.
9:00 P. M.—Social Session.

Students will be admitted to afternoon and evening festivities, with the exception of supper, on presentation of registration card.

A "MILLION DOLLAR BAND" SAYS A PROMINENT FRENCH GENERAL

Harold Bachmann of the class of '16 is now "somewhere in France" but his laurels come floating home to us all the same.

When he reached Camp Greene at Charlotte, N. C., with his band he proved its worth first of all by the organization being left intact instead of being split up as a great many bands were. The band was then attached as the regimental band of the 116th Engineer Corps, and also made headquarters band of the 41st division, somewhere in France.

A letter from the chaplain of the 116th Engineers which was published in the Harvey Journal tells of their success:

Among those in the band are Harold and Myron Bachmann, and Ray Boyd from the A. C. and Charles and Spencer Boise from Fargo College.

"We arrived in France safely, and at the present time are very comfortably located. If the people of Havey could have seen their band, out in the middle of the ocean, playing on the deck to keep up the spirits of the boys, and could have seen the big waves washing over the bow of the ship, sending water and spray completely over them, and not even a lull or pause in the music, they would have shed tears of joy to see how brave and plucky their boys really were. It was a source of much comment upon their ability and pep on the trip across, and ever since landing on the shores of France.

I have the honor of being a member of the band, having been so des-

ignated a few evenings ago, after one of the greatest compliments was paid to them that was ever given to any musical organization of its kind in the United States army. The Harvey band will hereafter be known as "The Million Dollar Band," that title having been given to them by one of the highest officials in France.

"It was at a Christmas celebration I gave the boys "Somewhere in France," that a Major General, two Colonels, and many other officers of high rank heard the band play, and, being on the platform between the Major General and one of the Colonels, I heard the General tell the Colonel that it was the best band he had heard in his forty-two years of service in the army, and that it was worth a million dollars to our forces here in France. So you can see why they will be called "The Million Dollar Band."

The boys are working very hard and are deserving of all the good things that are being said about them. Many men of high rank with whom I have been intimately acquainted and associated, are loud in their praises of the ability and manly appearance of our boys. Because of their willingness and ability to play at all times and under all conditions, they have worked their way into the hearts of all who have heard them, and I believe I can say and speak conservatively, that ere this war is over and the world has been made free for democracy, our band will have achieved a most enviable record."

ETHEL TOUSLEY WINS CONTEST

For two years the North Dakota Agricultural College has an annual declamatory contest, and each year the interest and competition has become greater. For weeks and even months the contestants worked over their declamations, endeavoring to interpret and perfect them in the best possible manner. It was in this light that the contest was held in the Little Country Theatre Friday evening. Ethel Tousley, giving the Star Spangled Banner, opened the program for the evening. Her interpretation of this difficult selection and her manner of delivery was remarkable. It did not seem at all difficult for Miss Tousley to bring the audience under an atmosphere of sorrow and regret at one moment and then suddenly turn this to one of happiness and good cheer the next. The fact that she was given first place in the declamatory contest shows, in a slight way, how delightfully her declamation was given.

Esther Woldy deserves a great deal of credit for the wonderful manner in which she portrayed a bashful and negligent farmer, who was in love with a young lady of the opposite characteristics, in "Perseverance." "The Shooting of Dan McGrew" was successfully read by William Mortenson. Somehow, Bill has developed a great deal of dramatic power the last few months. Amy Euren and Ann Johnson both gave their declamations in a very pleasing manner, and showed that they possessed considerable dramatic ability. Hamlet Larson acted as president of the evening.

JOINS THE NAVY

Hamlet Larson went to Minneapolis on Tuesday where he enlisted in the Navy. He is now back at school and is awaiting his call into actual service.

Hamlet is a Junior and is one of our most prominent and popular students. He has taken part in most of the dramatic events in college and was elected editor-in-chief of the Agassiz, and has taken a decided interest in all college activities. He is also assistant in the Zoology department.

We feel certain that when the Kaiser sees the six feet two inches of manhood that Hamlet carries with him that he will be ready to give up.

The editor, once hearty and hale
Is now sickly and pale;
The reason, you'll note,
Is the editorial he wrote,
For the Censors has camped on his trail.

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SOCIETY



Prof. and Mrs. Arvold Entertain Dramatic Club

Prof. and Mrs. Arvold very delightfully entertained the members of the Edwin Booth Dramatic Club, including the new members, Esther Woldy, Edna Sherman, Marie Huey, and Walter McKim, at a four course dinner Friday evening at their home in the Montecello Apartments. Covers were laid for twelve and the tables decorated with vases of red carnations. After dinner, the new members put on a ridiculous stunt which proved very amusing. Later the young people participated in informal dancing to music of a victrola.

Delta Phi Beta Entertain Friends

The Delta Phi Beta house was the scene of social activity last Saturday afternoon and evening when the members held open house to members of the faculty and wives, friends and

students. About three hundred responded to the invitation. The rooms were decorated with bowls and baskets of flowers, the colors of pink and white predominating. Mesdames Lieberg, Parrott, Nichols, Barrett and Miss North presided at the tea tables at succeeding intervals. Music was furnished by the victrola during the entire affair.

Phi Upsilon Omicron Entertain Freshmen Girls.

The Phi Upsilon Omicron Fraternity entertained about twenty of the freshmen girls at a five o'clock dinner Saturday evening. A color scheme of yellow and white predominated and the table decorations consisted of Narsissus and ferns. A most delightful time was enjoyed by everybody.

Alpha Kappa Phi Have Dancing Party

On the evening of February 1, the Alpha Kappa Phi Fraternity entertained a number of freshmen and the members of the other fraternities at a dance in the College Armory.

- "All on Account of an Actor", by Louise Latham Wilson. Feb. 12, 6:45 p. m. Little Country Theatre.
- Adelaide Lucile Mantz
 - Eunice Bertha Everhardt
 - Lucille Ethel Tousley
 - Aunt Ellen Marie Huey
 - Mary Francis Pinney
 - Mrs. Happibah Green .Neil McCarthy
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 - Director Louise Rusch

The Philos had a very rousing meeting Friday evening. Five men were tried out for the team, that is to debate against the Athenians on March first. Those winning a place upon the team are Andrew Erickson, James Slaby, and Fred Ball, Frank Roth was chosen alternate. It has been said that this team will be the finest ever put on the platform by the Philos (and the Philos have some fine trophies won by other teams in bygone days.) We are planning a fine meeting for Feb. 15.

A school paper is a great invention. The school gets all the fame, The printer gets all the money, And the editor gets all the blame.

SOCIAL DIRECTORY

- Alpha Gamma Rho—Alfred Sorenson, president; Harold Mayer, secretary.
- Theta Chi—Richard Lewis, president; Arnold Heidner, Secretary.
- Alpha Kappa Phi—Glenn McLellan, president; Carl Winberg, secretary.
- Alpha Zeta—Walter Marshall, president; Lew Bird, secretary.
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- Philomathian—Herbert Sherwin, president; Ralph Matters, secretary.
- Y. W. C. A.—Marion Johnson, president; Inga Mikkelson, secretary.
- Y. M. C. A.—Enoch Frojen, president; Edward Falkenstein, secretary.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 8..... Little Country Theatre Athenian Literary Program. Castalian and Hesperian Societies invited, also the Industrial Students.
- Feb. 10 Grand Theatre Judge C. F. Amidom: "Application of Lincoln's Principles."
- Feb. 12..... Little Country Theatre Farce: Presented by Louise Rusch, "All on Account of an Actor."
- Feb. 15 N. D. A. C. Armory Junior Prom.
- Feb 19 Little Country Theatre Farce: Presented by Inez Field. "Mrs. Flynn's Lodgers."
- Feb. 20 Little Country Theatre Dramatic Club Play, "The Private Secretary."
- Feb. 22 N. D. A. C. Campus Patriotic Festival
- Feb. 24 Grand Theatre Daniel Reed, one of the three men sent abroad by the United States Government to study war conditions and who is now on a campaign throughout the country, will deliver a lecture.
- Feb. 27.....N. D. A. C. Armory Lecture Course: Schubert Sextette.
- March 1.....Little Country Theatre Inter Society Debate, Resolved: That the United States Government should own and operate all its railroads permanently. Athenians vs. Philomathian.
- March 15.... Little Country Theatre Athenian Literary Society will present the drama "Leah, the Forsaken."

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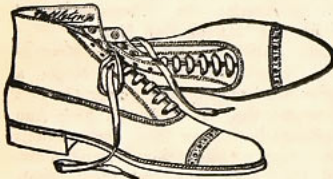
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That reporters as a rule don't report.

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That some people will spit and clang and dang and buzz and hizz and bellow and wail and pant and yowl and grate and grind and pull and bump and click and chug and moan and hoot and crash and gasp and groan and whistle and wheeze and jingle and twang and croak and howl and hum and growl and thump and boom and jostle and snort and snarl and slam and scrape and shrob and quiver and roar and rattle and yell and shriek when some little fool thing doesn't happen just as they wish.

"THE MYSTERY OF DRY CLEANING"

The current issue of the Bulletin of Pharmacy contains an article by Prof. Sudro of the Pharmacy department entitled "The Mysteries of Dry Cleaning." To the chemist the article has a significant interest as it deals with a common yet little investigated subject. To the layman the article is highly interesting as it describes the various methods and means of dry cleaning in understandable language. We are pleased that such an article came from the pen of one of our own faculty members.

MUSIC

All thirty members of the Girls' Choir made their appearance at chapel Monday morning. "The Bridal Chorus from the cantata, "The Rose Maiden" was presented at the beginning of the hour. Next Monday morning at convocation the choir will present a boat song, "Over the Water" by Hosmer.

This (Thursday) morning Miss Grasse lectured before the short course class for girls. Her subject, "How to Listen to Music" was very well illustrated by selections on a victrola.

The boys' quartette is preparing a program to be given in the Ceres Hall parlors some evening early next week.

The girls' quartette sang "In the Candle Light" at the declamatory contest last Friday night.

The special patriotic program to be given at convocation on February 22nd will include several numbers by the boys' quartette and the girls' choir.

The Labor Unions of Fargo, Moorhead and Dilworth and Labors' Loyal Legion have united to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday, and has extended an invitation to the Cadet band to play for them at the Auditorium, Tuesday evening, February 12.

The band will furnish part of the program at convocation on March 18.

Miss Bertha Hagen of Fargo, was out this week working with the college orchestra on Liszt's Concerto in E flat—No. 1. At a joint recital to be given by Miss Hagen and the college orchestra, the orchestra will accompany Miss Hagen in her rendition of the Concerto.

The college orchestra is working toward a Sunday evening program to be presented at the Grand Theatre about the middle of March.

The first rehearsal of the Mens' chorus showed up twenty voices which Doc says is by no means all of the talent, but a good enough appraisal at that. This week the rehearsal was held on Tuesday evening but next week will be held on Monday evening instead. Dr. Putnam is planning on putting on a chorus or cantata with orchestral accompaniment, besides the ordinary run of short numbers in Glee work.

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EXIT

With this issue ye editor steps out of the editorial position. He has tried to give you a clean, newsy paper, and if he has done what he shouldn't or hasn't done what he ought to, it has been because he didn't know any better.

If any one has editorial aspirations he may be able to secure a vent for his feelings. But don't feel too flattered if you are approached and asked to take the editorship, for if you looked as though you had an inkling of brains, no one would have the nerve to approach you and ask you to take the position.

The only joy in editing the Spectrum is in writing editorials; you can hurl cynical remarks at your readers and wake them up, and then you laugh at their frenzy.

To one who does not fear the faculty or death in any form the editorship of the Spectrum offers a wide range of opportunities,—for after three months you will have experienced the broadening influence of the censors and the orders of the faculty, then you are a fit subject for a trip to Jamestown, and you won't need to have a return ticket, you'll be too far gone.

DEAD INSTRUCTORS

Among the most useless and irritating physical substances with which a college campus is afflicted is the dead instructor. Of course, the buried-in-ten-feet-of-cold loam variety is not referred to here, but that sort which is all the harder to put up with because he has not been interred. The species is far from extinct; it can be seen any old day. It used to be that the students took matters into their own hands and tried to stir him up a bit by certain forms of rejuvenation, such as ducking, or rolling him down hill in a barrel, but now this is not allowed. The law and the authorities are against it, which is a shame. Now all the satisfaction that can be gotten out of it is to talk about him.

There are faculty members in every institution who seldom or never attend an athletic contest during the whole year, never attend a convocation, never hear a debate, or in any other way indicate that they have any interest in the institution. Should you try to talk to them about any thing of current campus import they couldn't in the least comprehend you. If it were not

Prof Thompson has organized an advanced class in stock judging which meets every Tuesday and Thursday. The class is composed of students interested in better live stock for North Dakota. However, the main purpose is to develop student judges to represent our College at the International Show next winter. The work is entirely voluntary, and Prof. Thompson is leaving the success of the class to the initiative of each man who attends. All persons interested are invited to attend regularly. This does not bar the young women for we have found that they make excellent judges.



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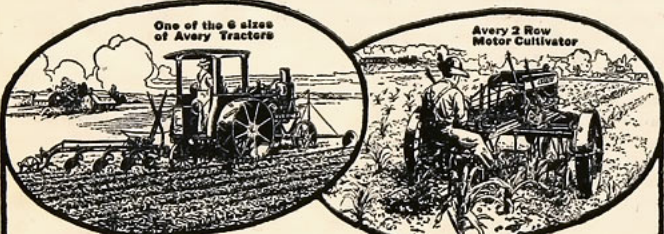
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We wonder what the students on this campus are holding as their standard of real worth. It is an ideal founded only on superficial appearance or is it founded upon something deeper and more fundamental? To an observer, it would appear that the former holds true, and that many of our organizations are falling below the standards to which they might attain. Are we, as an institution, going to follow the same standards that have hitherto existed, or are we going to grasp the higher ideal of fraternal spirit and unselfish service?

Let us ask ourselves, "why do fraternities exist and why is their existence justified?" Individuals unified in one organization have the power, either consciously or unconsciously, to create standards by which their fellow students judge them. An organization which has seen fit to place

service above frivolity and fleeting pleasure should command a deeper respect from the thinking student than an organization that has not yet caught the depth of vision that is necessary if our nation is to maintain its ideals of democracy.

It has been said that college directs a man's life. The ideals for which he stands while there are those to which will guide him in his career among men. Let us, each one, check ourselves, therefore, that we may determine whether or not we are standing for those things in life which will always be of true worth and lasting value.

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All of the regular so-and-sos have gone home for the week end. Their blue slips are all signed and neatly indexed in the file in the hall, and tell exactly where they went and when they will be back. We only hope they return on the early trains Sunday evening for we can't have spreads on study nights.

Miss Dorothy Ayers and Josephine Prichett were the guests of Mrs. Earl Branick of the city for the week end.

Miss Lilla Rainsberry spent the week end in Tower City as the guest of Miss Clare Olson.

The Achoth sorority held their regular weekly business meeting in the sorority room in the Hall, Tuesday evening.

Miss Florence Overby and Esther Johnson of Moorhead were guests of Miss Lillian Reiersen at dinner Sunday.

Some of the college cut-ups invited some of the short course boys to a meeting on fourth floor of Ceres Hall last Sunday afternoon. The unsuspecting came to a sudden halt on third floor with the authorities hard on their heels. Indeed it was with considerable difficulty that the dear boys were dissuaded from their best of intentions.

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A string of dance programs encircles his room, his date-book is filled with notations on every page, stubs of tickets fill the entire drawer in his desk and his wastebasket is full of discarded programs. Shoved back on the back of his desk are a few dusty books. On the dresser is the camouflage of his social attraction and the mirror is obscured by the portraits of beautiful girls. A shining brass smoking set, dusty with the ashes of many an Omar and Melachrino, is strewn upon his table. In any easy chair lolls a bathrobed,

slipped, collarless figure reading Snappy Stories or the Red Book.

He has been in school three years. He has forty-seven hours credit and his average is 74.2.

A neat row of books, easily accessible, is on the back of the desk. A few pencils and a fountain pen show evidence of use recently. There is a quiet atmosphere about the room that betokens the man of character. His dresser is unpretentious with knickknacks and his wardrobe is in order. At a table sits a clean-cut young man, engrossed in a book that looks suspiciously like a text.

That man has been in the University three years. He has 103 hours of university credit and his average is 86.3.

Take your pick.—Ex.

THE MOONSHINERS

(Continued from page 4)

sprinkling of individual personality—but is unseen when it attempts to compete with the original. Obstacles may come in the pathway of the moon and its value to the world is lost. Clouds may come in the pathway of the sun and the world although it is not able to see, knows that this—the original planet, is there. Its penetrating personality overcomes all adversities and its value and purpose in the world is never lost. The moon then is valuable only as it serves to imitate. The sun is invaluable to every living object.

But the moon stands not alone in this art of imitation. The gentleman, if we may call him such, who used to brew the much sought after beverage, in the quite unknowing and therefore untelling mountain crag, has been sightly labled a moonshiner and his stolen as well as manufactured product—moonshine. Moonshiner because of his unlawful way of creating and then giving out his product; moonshine because it, like its creature, did not represent a legitimate enterprise.

And now we come to the purpose of this editorial—the student moonshiner. That parasite to scholastic life who has absolutely no right to hold the name student and is a hypocrite and imposter by so doing. The moon a lifeless imitator cannot be blamed—the student (?) can be. The only right that this apologetic individual has to possess the name student is, that in his weasle like manner he absorbs that which is the original and hard earned knowledge of someone else. He lauds and praises himself in his ability to “put one over” on the professor, when in reality he is defeating the very purpose for which he is attending college. Wasting four years of his life and squandering the hard gathered earnings of his parents. The pre-eminent and all absorbing motive in his life is to see how much he can get done with as little man power and energy as possible. By unscrupulous method, regardless of principle, he makes a parrotlike recitation, writes a copiest's examination, gets a stolen grade and at last weary of his shame and veneer he receives his unearned diploma. His diploma! Oh how proud he must be of that scrap of paper as he has it framed and hangs it on the wall, there to hang for all time, a perpetual lie, proclaiming to all oncomers that the degree which he holds is the property of a thief and the diploma mutely serving as a receipt, testifying to the fact that Dad paid his board bill for four years.

All honor to the student who earns a recitation, who is deserving of the grades he receives and is entitled to the degree and diploma awarded. Who will not doff his hat to such? Likewise, may the honor of our American colleges pour out a continuous stream of condemnation upon this parrot like imitator, this monkey like copiest who is lowering and bringing into ill-repute those scholastic standards towards which a few are nobly striving. May we have it within our power to remedy this infectuous and all too fastly spreading sore on the life of American institutions, highly resolve to wipe this impostor from our midst! If we do not succeed in eradicating this evil from among our student life its effects will be fated to those ideal standards of scholastic life which have been so sacred to the master minds of the ages. If we do not wish this student generation to fall miserably and fail utterly in their responsibility to the great world problems which are already too great for us, we must surrender ourselves unreservedly to the uprooting of every evil which tends to undermine any phase of our student life. Can we name any sin more harmful than cheating—being a moonshiner? Realizing then, that such an evil as cheating, if allowed to go unchecked, will become a cancer whose poisonous venom will lay low the ideals of this student generation, we must cut it from our college life. The arch-enemy of scholastic life today is the imitator, the copiest and the cheat, and it is for us in the student life today, who believe in the ideals and realities of yesterday, to destroy this obnoxious element, this the most disastrous of all scholastic enemies—the student moonshiner.

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A MODERN SCHOOL

The reading of a pamphlet entitled *A Modern School*, being a publication of the General Education Board, has suggested the question why it should seem to anyone desirable to multiply the number of schools in which education is not given.

Nothing better will be said about this naive revival of an ancient form of philistinism than the following verses which were contributed to the *New York Evening Post* by Professor John Erskine of Columbia University. Just after the Board had brought the school up to date,

To prepare you for your Life Work
 Without teaching one superfluous thing
 Jim Reilly presented himself to be educated.

He wanted to be a bricklayer.
 So they thought him to be a perfect bricklayer
 And nothing more.

He knew so much about bricklaying
 that the contractor made him a foreman.

But he knew nothing about being a foreman.

So he spoke to the School Board about it,

And they put in a night course for him,

On how to be a foreman
 And nothing more.

He became so excellent a foreman
 that the contractor made him a partner.

But he knew nothing about figuring costs,

Nor about bookkeeping,
 Nor about real estate.

And he was too proud to go back to night school.

So he hired a tutor, who taught him these things.

Prospering at last, and meeting other men as wealthy as he,

Whenever the conversation started,
 he'd say to himself:

"I'll lie low till it comes my way—
 Then I'll show 'em!"

But they never mentioned bricklaying,
 Nor the art of being a foreman,
 Nor the whole duty of being a contractor,

Nor figuring costs,
 Nor real estate;

So Jim never said anything.
 But he sent his son to college.

"AM I A SLACKER?"

(From North American Student)
 "Many who are enrolled in the colleges and universities will be asking themselves new questions this year. One question that is bound to come to many is, 'Am I a slacker?' Conscientious men who are below draft age or who have not yet been drawn in the draft may be unsettled by the fear that they are shirking a clear duty by remaining in college, while their comrades are in uniform or perhaps in the actual fighting line. No one of us has any desire to counsel the easy way, or lest of all, the way of the slacker.

But we do well to remember that the nation, by draft, is securing the full number that are now desired.

Moreover, the leaders of the nation have made it very plain that they believe one of the greatest national services for those who are not drafted or who are not especially needed for some particular expert service, is to continue their training.

"Our Canadian universities probably erred on the side of depleting their numbers below what was required by the best interests of the country. The nation needs the universities today more than at any period in modern times. Men and women whose minds are trained and who are schooled in a high idealism will be needed in the years immediately following the war.

"But those who thus properly remain at their studies must throw themselves into their training with a new zeal that they may honestly do not merely their bit, but their best."

THE ROOKIE'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep,
 I pray the Lord my gear to keep.
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 Socks or shoes before I wake.

Lord please guard me in my slumber
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 Where no demon typhoon blows;
 Where the women wash the clothes.

In a snowy feather bed
 Where I long to lay my head,
 Far away from all these scenes,
 From the smell of half baked beans.

God, thou knowest all my woes,
 Lead me in all my dying throes;
 Take me back, I'll promise then
 Never to leave my home again.

Miss Esther Woldy has as her guests this week her sister, Miss Alice Woldy and her cousin, Miss Barker of Great Falls, Montana, who is a student at the University.

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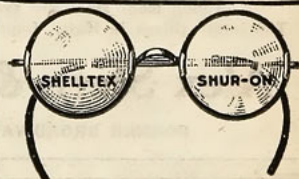
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First In Series of Three Articles Describes Place in Modern Warfare and Kind of Men Needed

The following is the first of a series of three articles on the Air Service, which the Spectrum is publishing at the request of the War Department: College men are needed for the Air Service.

There, of all places, they are best fitted to serve. There they can use the education and the physique that their peculiar advantages have given them; there they can express their own individuality and be their own directing general.

Picture a battle-plane three to four mile above the trenches, alone in the richness of the skies, ever watchful for a lightning stroke from the enemy, ever eager to swoop down upon an observer below, itself a tiny mechanism less than 30 feet from tip to tip, though powerful with the power of a 200-horse power engine. Uncle Sams's advance guard "over there"—

Or the observer or photographer, soaring down to within a mile or so of the enemy's trenches, seizing upon and recording every movement among them, guiding the big guns behind locating enemy batteries, directing shells into convoys, guarding friends beneath from treacherous surprise attacks or traps, laying bare the enemy's ruses.

Or the bomber, swooping down to blow up an enemy convoy, raining hundreds of pounds of the world's most deadly explosives from the skies, converting a withdrawal into a rout, winging off across country to cut the enemy's arteries over the Rhine to annihilate his ammunition center at Essen.

Varied Opportunity

Such is the Air Service. Warfare in the clouds has become as specialized in the last four months as that on land. It is fought in different strata by different planes. There are the tiny, tough little machines for spotting and photography; there are the lumberous, awkward machines of great sustaining power for all night bombing trips into the heart of the enemy's country. And each requires a different type of man to guide it. Each places before America a different problem in Personnel.

It is pretty easy to say what kind of man is not wanted for the Air Service. First of course you do not want a man who has a weak heart or lungs and who might collapse at a high altitude. Nor a man who is timid or cowardly, who might lose his head in an emergency. Nor again a man who is ill-disciplined, unable to obey orders, or to play his assigned role in the great teamwork of the skies. Each and every airman, responsible for the lives of thousands of men on the ground beneath him, the guide of the army and the hope of victory, must be as nearly perfect as is humanly possible.

This leads us to positive qualities. Besides health, besides bravery, besides conscientiousness, an airman must have brains and judgment. Brains because only a trained mind can master flying, radio, aerial photography, codes, reconnaissance and the kindred sciences necessary to this new science. Judgment because all

these powers in the hands of an ill-balanced mind might work a ghastly havoc among the men who are sent forward or held back on an airman's signal.

Men Scarce

Let us not think such men are plentiful. Most decidedly they are not. They must be sought with the greatest diligence. And they are being so sought, as can best be shown by figures. Only last week the Air Service turned away two applicants out of every three. The safety of the country as well as of the men themselves demand that the standard be maintained irreproachable.

The one greatest of all places for real airmen is in the colleges. There indeed is the flower of the country, men who having received much, owe much. The proportion of them answering the requirements of the Air Service should be immeasurably larger than among less favored, less fortunate men.

If America breaks the deadlock of three years through the air, if the wings of her new eagles brings victory to the world's democracies, it will largely be the college men who will have the credit of it. Already there is a great fraternity of them in the service, working as they never worked before, in this country, in England, in France, in Italy, in Egypt.

Now is the time, for it will require until next summer for an aspirant starting now to become complete master of the air. The description of how a man is given his wings will be given in another official article next week.

KONCKER OR BOOSTER

When the Creator had made all the good things, it seemed there was still some dirty work to do, so He made the beasts, and the reptiles and the poisonous insects; and when He had finished He still had some old scraps left over that were too bad to put into the Rattlesnake, the Hyena, the Scorpion, and the Skunk; so He put all these together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it with jealousy, marked it with a yellow streak, and called it a KNOCKER.

This product was so fearful to contemplate that He had to make something to counteract it, so He took a sunbeam, put into it the heart of a child, the brain of a man, wrapped it in civic pride, covered it with brotherly love, made it a believer in equality and justice, a worker for the supporter of every good thing in the community and called it a BOOSTER; and henceforth mortal man has had the privilege of choosing his associates—Amen.

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