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## DR. VAN ES APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE EXPERIMENT STATION

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Dr. Van Es Has Been at the A. C.  
Since 1903. Is a Man of  
International Fame

Dr. Louis Van Es, who is named director of the North Dakota Experiment station is recognized as one of the foremost veterinarians of the United States. In fact he has an international reputation and he is recognized in Europe as an authority on veterinary science. The United States department of agriculture sent Dr. Van Es to Europe on two different occasions to represent the United States at the meetings of the International Veterinary association meeting.

Dr. Van Es worked out the tuberculin test for Ovis tuberculosis which had puzzled veterinarians for years. He has done extensive work in tuberculin testing and in hog cholera prevention thru the use of serums. He has also made extensive investigations of swamp fever. He is recognized as one of the best authorities on all these subjects.

He has proved his executive ability on numerous occasions. Beside his scientific knowledge and his practical work along agricultural lines, he is a remarkable linguist. In making reports on his Ovis tuberculin test he reviewed the scientific literature in nine different languages.

Dr. Van Es is a native of the Netherlands, and received much of his education in the schools of that land. He also attended Ontario Veterinary college in Canada and in the medical department of the University of Alabama.

He came to North Dakota from Mobile, Ala., in 1903 and has been in charge of the veterinary department since that time.

Dr. Van Es is ideally fitted for such a position, and his appointment is a source of pleasure to his many friends at the A. C.

## PROF. METCALF JOINS AVIATION SECTION

Prof. H. E. Metcalf of the Biology Department went to Omaha Jan. 9, and successfully passed the examinations for the Signal Officers Reserve Corps, Aviation Section. He is now awaiting his call into service. It is quite probable, however, that he will not have to leave for some time, as a number of men who were examined in November are still uncalled by the Government.

## A. C. MEN JOIN AVIATION CORP.

During the past couple of weeks six A. C. men have gone to Omaha, Nebraska, where they passed the examinations for entrance into the aviation corp. They are now under federal service, but are back pursuing their work until they are called into active service. The college is proud of the following men:

Professor Metcalf,  
Louie Anderson,  
Jake Van Es,  
Paul Elliott,  
Jarve Hayes,  
Ray Bolsinger.

## CO-ED PROM A VERY CHARMING AFFAIR

Fun and frolic were kings Saturday evening at the Co-ed Second Annual Prom staged in the dining-room of Ceres Hall by 150 A. C. girls. With every expense reduced to the minimum, the affair was ingeniously turned into an improvised fane, costume show of bewildering varieties of dress, representative of many lands and endeavors.

We could not pass without commenting on some of the clever portrayals. Miss Froitme and Miss Kammeyer of the faculty presented Rosalind and Orlando from "As You Like It". Louise Fitzgerald's "baby to grandpa" group effect was delightfully quaint as picturing a complete generation. Mrs. Bolley gave a very fine characterization of an "Old Lady" of colonial days. Patriotism was not lacking in the costumes, and Red Cross Nurses were there with their handsome "soldier boys". The Yama Yama girls in yellow and green—the college colors—were very attractive.

The Bridal group composed of Esther Keeley, as bridesgroom, Ethel Tousley as bride and Louise Rusel and Marjorie Lieberg as bridesmaids, made a very pretty setting. Another couple which is deserving of comment was the Chinaman and his lady by Esther Wolody and Olive Berg.

Mrs. Edna Sherman, President of the Women's League, in charge of the Prom, led the opening Grand March, which was followed by dancing, according to the programs. It might be well to note that the programs were very artistically made by the co-ed girls themselves thus eliminating the cost of printing. This saving was donated to the Red Cross in cash.

All in all the Prom was a very enjoyable affair and one which will not be forgotten by the participants.

Mrs. E. F. Ladd chaperoned the Prom and Mesdames L. Van Es, C. B. Waldron, H. W. McArdle, E. S. Keene, H. L. Bolley and J. H. Shepherd acted as patronesses.

New Students! Have your work done at the A. C. Barber Shop.

## GORDON RANDLETT WILL HEAD EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

GRADUATED FROM THE COLLEGE  
IN 1908

Was Formerly Extension Director At  
the A. C.—Now in a Similar Position  
in South Dakota.

Gordon W. Randlett returns to take charge of the extension department of the North Dakota Agricultural college a position which he held for four years prior to taking his present office in charge of the extension department of the South Dakota Agricultural college at Brookings, S. D. When he went to Brookings, two and a half years ago, there were but three counties organized for county agent work in that state. At the present time there are 39 South Dakota counties organized each with a county agent.

Mr. Randlett was largely instrumental in putting North Dakota on the map as a corn raising state. He organized the Boys and Girls club work in North Dakota and when he left the state he had about 12,000 organized in these clubs.

It was thru these clubs that he introduced practical corn raising as an industry. He furnished the boys and girls with the best seed obtainable. He always secured corn that was well acclimated and it was a frequent occurrence for some of Randlett's boys and girls to completely eclipse their parents in corn raising.

As a result of the splendid results which the boys and girls were able to obtain with the good seed he furnished, and using this seed that was grown in the boys and girls contest, farmers found that good corn could be raised and corn raising flourished.

Mr. Randlett founded the corn show in Fargo which was a remarkable success for several years and the North Dakota corn exhib-

This issue is late because some members of the staff did not turn any material in. It is late because most of the material was turned in two days after the paper is supposed to go to press. It is late because most of the material was so poorly written and so grammatically incorrect and of such a hackneyed style that it had to be re-written.

What did you do to help your publication this week?  
Watch our new staff work.

## "THE MOUSE TRAP" TO BE PRESENTED TUESDAY P. M.

"The Mouse Trap", by William Dean Howells, will be the first of the short plays, to be given by the play production class, on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 P. M. in the Little Country Theatre. The cast are working hard to make it a success in every way. A small admission fee of five cents will be charged to defray any expense which may be incurred. The cast for the play follows:

Mrs. Amy Somers.....Enith Colwell  
Willis Sampbell.....Dick Lewis  
Mrs. Roberts.....Mae Dennis  
Mrs. Bemis.....Helen Cuskelly  
Mrs. Miller.....Dorine Clancy  
Mrs. Curwen.....Gwendolyn Brown  
Jane .....Lillian Reierson

## WHY DO MEN FAIL TO MAKE OFFICERS?

Teachers are Blamed For Such Existing  
Conditions.

### WAR DEPARTMENT

The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington.

Dear Sir:

Believing it might be interesting and helpful to schools and colleges in the present emergency, your attention is invited to the following observations of a candidate at one of the Reserve Officers' Training Camps as to the probable causes of the considerable number of rejections of candidates for reserve officers at the training camps.

Perhaps the most glaring fault noted in aspirants to the Officers' Reserve Corps and one that might be corrected by proper attention in our  
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its, taken by him to the national corn show, attracted the attention of large numbers of people to this state. When the National corn show was held at Omaha the North Dakota booth was directly opposite the Indiana booth and, although the North Dakota exhibit was not as large, the quality of the corn was declared by the experts to be equal to anything shown in Indiana.

The boys and girls institute which meets each December at the North Dakota Agricultural college was originated and organized by Mr. Randlett. He also did a great cooperative work with the teachers and county superintendents of schools of the state as a result of which many of the school children of North Dakota became interested in the North Dakota Agricultural college.

We have to make a rhyme:  
So let us do it right away  
And save a lot of time.

# SOCIETY

## Delta Phi Beta

### Have Chafing Dish Supper

After the Co-ed Prom Saturday night the Delta Phi Beta Sorority held a delightful Chafing dish supper at the Sorority house to which several freshmen girls were guests. Mrs. Davis and Miss Taylor were also present. A number of girls remained for the night.

## Achoth Fraternity

### To Have Dinner Party

The Achoth Fraternity girls and their gentlemen will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Rusk next Friday evening at a dinner party at their home on 1004 Front St. Following this, a number of A. C. young people will be entertained at an informal dancing party at the Masonic Temple. It is very seldom that any organization is given the privilege of holding a function at the Temple and the girls consider themselves very fortunate indeed.

## Phi Upsilon Fraternity

### Have Slumber Party

Saturday evening following the Co-ed Prom the members of the Phi Upsilon Omicron Fraternity entertained a number of girls at a slumber party in the hospital section of Ceres Hall. The girls were Louise Fitzgerald, Martha Landers, Dorothy Ayres, Florence Jeffres, Nettie

Thompson, Delia Askegaard, Esther Heidner, Amy Euren, Leila Maxwell, Helen Cuskelly, Inez Field, Lillian Miesen, Charste Mikkelson, Agnes Sorenson, Elvida Kraabel, Freda Hultberg, and Hildur Sorenson. A number of flash light pictures were taken and the girls were lulled to sleep by strains of music. Breakfast was served in the lietetics laboratory. Additional guests at breakfast were Miss Fromme and Miss Jensen.

## Y. W. C. A. Entertain at A Good Time Party

On Friday, January 11, the Y. W. C. A. entertained all the girls in school at a "Good Time" party in the Gynnasium. The first part of the evening was spent in games and races, the crowd being divided up into six groups with Miss Kammeyer in charge. Several original stunts, such as Aunt Mirandy and Uncle Rastus' Cake Walk; and Bess and her two lovers, a shadow dialog, introduced a unique element which produced gales of laughter. The unusual talent of our girls was displayed by the following program:

Piano duet.....Nettie Thompson  
.....Leila Maxwell  
Readings.....Claire Van Antwerp  
Vocal Solo.....Miss Neth  
Piano Duet.....  
.....Misses Pauline and Helen Holl  
Readings.....Esther Wolby  
The Gym was made attractive with cozy corners and screens; and as girls must eat, Hoover allowed them to have some pop-corn.

## Vesta Steer Is Guest of Honor

Miss Vesta Steer was the honored guest at a birthday dinner party given by Mrs. James McKee of 12th Avenue North last Friday evening. Covers were laid for seven. The guests were Miss Vesta Steer, Mrs. Al. Methner and the Misses Lillian and Margaret Chandler, Fern Briscoe, Lillian Sjoquist and Marian Johnson.

## Mrs. Ladd is Hostess

### In Honor of Clarence Waldron

Mrs. E. F. Ladd was hostess to about twenty A. C. young people Friday evening in compliment to Clarence Waldron, son of Dean and Mrs. C. Waldron, who is enjoying a surlough from his duties at Fort Caswell, North Carolina. Various

amusements were entered into such as cards, music and dancing, and the entire evening was a most successful affair. Later in the evening the hostess served refreshments. Rosilla Ladd was home from Barnesville for the week end and assisted her mother in entertaining.

## Alpha Gamma Rho

### Have Sleig's Ride Party

The Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity members and their ladies participated in a jolly sleighride party to Cotters Station Friday evening where informal dancing was the diversion until a late hour. Coach and Mrs. Davis chaperoned the young people.

## PYTHIANS

The program of the Athenian Literary Society next Friday evening will be followed by a short social session in the Hay Loft. The boys of the society are going to furnish the program and the girls are going to dedicate the new dishes to a long life of good eats.

Talk.....Monroe Kirk  
Duet.....Ernest Johnson  
.....Rudolph Frigstad  
Solo.....Hamlet Larson  
Duet.....William Bina  
.....Edward Falkenstein  
Reading.....H. Schlichting  
Business Meeting.  
Social Session.

## PITHIANS

The Pythian Literary Society is introducing some of their new members this week. To the Freshmen, at least, this means a good program. Solo.....Ethel Tousley  
Reading—Selected.....Inez Field  
Current Events.  
Extemporaneous Debate.  
Business Meeting.  
Pythian Song.....Society  
Critic's Report.....Mrs. Sherman

## ALPHA ZETA INITIATES

William Mortenson, George Mayoue and Charles Struble have been taken into the Alpha Zeta Fraternity. The Alpha Zeta is an honorary high scholarship fraternity and membership in it is considered no small honor. It is a national fraternity and has chapters in all of the leading colleges in the country.

## ACOTH INITIATION

The girls of the Acoth Sorority formally initiated Josephine Pricheet at the home of Marion Johnson, Saturday afternoon. Following the initiation a delightful lunch was served to the guests. Later the new member and Vesta Steer were entertained at a theatre party.

## Life

Chapter 1—I'm so glad to meet you!  
Chapter 2—Isn't the moon just beautiful?  
Chapter 3—Oh, you oozum lovely wuzum.  
Chapter 4—Do you——? I do——!  
Chapter 5—Da-da! Da-Da!  
Chapter 6—Gosh darn it, the meat—is burned!

English teacher: "How are you coming with your debate?"  
Baker: "Oh, very well thank you."

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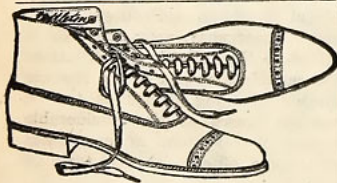
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**THE PHONYGRAPH**

Hy Mayer when calling Ceres Hall the other evening evidently got the wrong number, for a stern voice answered: "Poultry department."

**Mother Goose on the War**

Jack Spratt could eat no fat,  
His wife could eat no lean,  
And so between them both, you see,  
Meatless days were quite serene.

A grouch is a man whose "milk of human kindness" is 99% lactic acid.

Freshies get rid of your grammar school manners and ideas. A little learning is a dangerous thing.

In the cafeteria—"I'm sorry the soup is all exhausted."

"I'm not surprised. It has been weak for a week."

Prof. Jackson: From what things is it hard to extract silver?"

Rasmusson: "Some people."

"To educate 'means' to draw out" but it often takes a lot of driving it.

Knit and the world knits with you;  
Tat and you tat alone.

Its hard to see a thing from your neighbor's point of view when the point of your neighbors view is sticking you.

Louis Croal had a heluva good time Sunday night didn't he Jo?

Dr. Metzinger (discussing "Die Chemie in Taglichleben": Do you young ladies know how to coddle an egg?

Deep silence the only response from the feminine contingent of the class. Noting this, Dr. Metzinger continues: Well, Mr. Croal, no doubt you know all about it.

Louie also responds with profound silence.

Dr. Metzinger: Well, coddling is a very healthful way of preparing an egg, in fact it's the way usually rec-

ommended for infants.

P. S.—If it took McKim one-half second, to figure out the joke, how long will it be before Louis sees it?

The other day in the Zoology class the Professor asked the students to name the lower animals in order beginning with Ray Putnam.

A. Kelly: "I haven't slept for two days."

Sorenson: "Smatter, Sick?"

Kelly: "No, I sleep nights!"

"What are the passengers all looking out of the windows for?" Asked Louise Rusch of the conductor. "We ran over a cat," said the conductor.

"Was the cat on the track?"

"Oh, no, ma'am," said the conductor. "The car chased him up an alley."

**ARE YOU EDUCATED?**

A professor in the University of Chicago told his pupils that he should consider them educated in the best sense of the word when they could say "Yes," to every one of the following questions:

Has education given you sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them? Has it made you public spirited? Has it made you a brother to the weak?

Have you learned how to make friends and keep them? Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself?

Can you look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye?

Can you see anything to love in a little child? Will a lonely dog follow you in the street?

Can you be high-minded and happy in the meaner drudgeries of life? Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn just as compatible with high thinking as piano-playing or golf?

Are you good for anything to yourself. Can you be happy alone?

Can you look out on the world and see anything except dollars and cents?

Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars?

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**GLENN E. McLELLAN**.....EDITOR IN CHIEF  
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We wish to congratulate the freshmen upon the excellent issue they put out last week. The editor is so enthusiastic about it that he has decided to make some staff changes, and next week the names of freshmen will be prominent in the staff line-up.

Any one desiring a place on the Spectrum staff should consult with the editor at once. We need good hard workers. If you want a position on the staff just for the sake of getting your picture in the Agassiz please don't come around. We want people who realize what a college paper should be and who are willing to work.

Again we urge all pupils to make contributions to the Spectrum. It is your paper and you should have a vital interest in it. Material may be left in the dope box in the main building, or given to some member of the staff, or brought to the Spectrum office in the basement of the library. Do not say the paper lacks news unless you have done your part. We like to have several write-ups come in on the same affair for it gives us an opportunity to publish a better paper. Do your share and then you have a right to criticize adversely. There should be no place in our college for students who go about "knocking" if they are not doing their share toward making conditions better.

The good name of our College should always be dear to us. The student who thinks that his daily conduct during school or summer vacation and even after graduation makes no difference to the College is badly mistaken. Where ever he may be, and whatever may be his work, he carries with him the reputation of his Alma Mater. The estimation his associates have of the institution of which he is a product will rise and fall according to his conduct and speech. "By its fruits ye shall know it" is the standard by which all classes of people, consciously or unconsciously, judges us. We are, so to speak, the fruit of the institution where we were educated. Therefore, both idealists and

George Mayoue spent Sunday evening in Moorhead with two friends of the opposite sex, but he wasn't sport enough to take them to the show.

Must the editor visit Moorhead every Sunday evening in order to secure news?

Al Sorenson made a business visit to Moorhead on Sunday evening, and it is reported that he and Phil Schuyler are now joint owners of the Lyceum.

The sugar that goes to waste in the bottom of the tea-cups at Ceres Hall sweetens the dreams of the Kaiser.



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To show proper regard for our College does not mean that we should at all times by ingenious means hide its faults, the faults of our students and of our organizations. It means that we should elevate the standards of the College and the ideals of our student body by earnest efforts to overcome the faults that exist and by a conduct that will speak well of our Alma Mater wherever we go.

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**WHY DO MEN FAIL  
TO MAKE OFFICERS?**  
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high schools, preparatory schools and colleges, might be characterized by the general word "Slouchiness." I refer to what might be termed a mental and physical indifference. I have observed at camp many otherwise excellent men who have failed because in our school system sufficient emphasis is not placed upon the avoidance of this mental and physical handicap. In the work of the better Government Military schools of the world, this slackness in thought, presentation and bearing is not tolerated because the aim of all military training is accuracy. At military camps throughout the country mental alertness, accuracy in thinking and acting, clearness in enunciation, sureness and ease of carriage and bearing must be insisted upon for two reasons; that success may be assured as nearly as human effort can guarantee it with the material and means at hand, and that priceless human lives may not be criminally sacrificed. Only by the possession of the qualities referred to does one become a natural leader.

A great number of men have failed at camp because of inability to articulate clearly. A man who cannot impart his idea to his command in a clear distinct language, and with sufficient volume of voice to be heard reasonably far, is not qualified to give commands upon which human life will depend. Many men disqualified by this handicap might have become officers under their country's flag had they been properly trained in school and college. It is to be hoped therefore that more emphasis will be placed upon the basic principles of elocution in the training of our youth. Even without prescribed training in elocution a great improvement could be wrought by the instructors in our schools and colleges, regardless of the subject, insisting that all answers be given in a loud, clear, well rounded voice, which, of course, necessitates the opening of the mouth and free movement of the lips. It is remarkable how many excellent men suffer from this handicap, and how almost impossible it is to correct this after the formative years of life.

In addition to this physical disability and slouchiness is what might be termed the slouchiness of mental attitude. Many men fail to measure up to the requirements set for our Officers Reserve because they have not been trained to appreciate the importance of accuracy in thinking. Too many schools are satisfied with an approximate answer to a question. Little or no incentive is given increased mental effort to coordinate one's ideas and present them clearly and unequivocally. Insistence upon decision is thought and expression must never be lost sight of. This requires eternal vigilance on the part of every teacher.

It is next to impossible for military instructors to do much to counteract the negligence of schools in this regard. This again has cost many men their commissions at camp. Three months is too short a time in which to teach an incorrigible "beater-about-the-bush" that there is but one way to answer a question oral or written, and that is positively clearly and accurately. The form of the oral answer in our schools should be made an important consideration of instructors.

I have further noted at camp that even some of our better military schools have turned out products that while many of them may have the bearing of a soldier in ranks, yet their carriage is totally different at soon as they "fall out". Schools, military and non-military, should place more insistence upon the bearing of pupils all the time. It should become a second nature with them to walk and carry themselves with the bearing of an officer and a gentleman. This again is a characteristic that cannot be acquired in a short time and, when coupled with other disqualifying elements has mitigated against the success of men in training camps.

As a last important element that seems to me has been lacking in the moral and mental make-up of some of our students here is the characteristic of grit. Not that they would have proven cowardly in battle, necessarily, but some have exhibited a tendency to throw up the sponge upon the administration of a severe rebuke or criticism. Their "feelings

have been hurt", and they resign. They have never been taught the true spirit of subordination. They are not ready for the rough edges of life. The true training school should endeavor to inculcate that indomitable spirit that enables one to get out of self, to keep one's eyes fixed upon the goal rather than upon the roughness of the path, to realize that one unable to rise above the hard knocks of discipline cannot hope to face with equanimity the tremendous responsibilities of the officer under modern conditions of warfare. This ideal of grit belongs in the school room as well as upon the campus.

Very respectfully,  
H. P. McCAIN,  
The Adjutant General.

**CERES HALL**

A whole week's news from Ceres Hall keeps my fingers in my hair most of the time.

Well, first of all, every body has been so busy talking about the Co-ed prom that they haven't had a spread up here for five days until the Phi U's had their pretty breakfast spread Sunday morning. I remain perfectly non-committed as to the prettier, the girls or the spread.

Of course there were the regular week end home goings. Tho some of the so-and-sos simply wouldn't miss the prom, so they sent the grievest weepiest letters home and said for certain that they'd be going home next week. I'll tell you about those visits a week from now.

And then there are always several who work or play so hard or eat so much that we have to tuck them in sick abed on two chairs. My how we love to rush up and down stairs with trays the boys fix up—you can say a lot while just waiting for a tray; at least you can use your eyes and that might go a long way—and always remembering the golden rule—by calling on the afflicted. But what can be more mystifying than to call on the second day of tea-and-toast-and-a-poached egg and find the little lady in the pink and lace cap sick abed in the next room, telling stories and fortunes at random. But we really never mention those things for at some time or other they tip-toe into our own room and we like them too.

But Saturday night was the one grand item that for all its possibilities must remain behind lace curtains till we dig it out next year and covertly reread it, and having borrowed some of its fanciful suggestions, we put it carefully away among our treasured memories of the days at Ceres Hall. In due respect to the fact that some of the folks on the campus are about to be consumed with curiosity as the tracks in the snow have already indicated, we don't mind introducing the Prom. in its proper aspect. We admit that immediately following supper there arose a great consternation in the dining room and that Ras and his Knight of the White Jackets took part, but at the end of half and hour, there appeared a most spacious hall for merry feet to turn the light fantastic. Then up the corridors a half hour of an almost painful hush followed. Soft tip-toeing and the

occasional moving of a chair were all that one might hear. But then from down below the orchestra struck up, and signal enough, the "men" emerge from the various rooms to escort the "ladies" to the hall. What wild cries of surprise and delight and gay laughter as John Alden and Priscilla appeared, and when Hiram Birdseed and Ned Weatherspoon stepped with a gypsy or a milkmaid. And so it was that in the full of the evening none was lacking, clown or cavalier, maid or matron.

On Monday the regular convocation was dispensed with and classes met to make up the period taken on Thursday. On next Monday the Fargo College Glee Club, featuring Hamlet Larson, will favor us with a musical program.

Elias Postiferous Mortissimus Keely made a pleasure trip to Moorhead on Sunday evening in the care of a fair maiden.

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## -- ATHLETICS --

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

There is great interest this year in basketball. Both High School and College girls are turning out well for voluntary practice. There will be a basketball tournament the latter part of February, comprised of a game between the first and second year High School, the first and second year college and the winners of these two games. The tournament will end with a game between the winners and the Varsity team.

The Varsity teams expect to play a game at Casselton in the near future, the exact date to be announced later.

### WAHPETON SCIENCE ADDED TO THE LIST OF VICTIMS

The Wahpeton Science School basketball team was given a warm welcome Saturday night by the pill tossers of the A. C. who founced them 34 to 18. The latter half was played by the substitutes who showed such rare form that the regular men are working harder than usual to cinch their berths. The Wahpeton Science team, tho small, proved scrappy customers and the game was hard fought notwithstanding the doubled score. For the A. C. Hanson and Heidner showed stellar form while Butte of Wahpeton showed that science is not all they learn down in Wahpeton.

A. C.	Wahpeton S. S.
Heidner f	Peterson
Reis f	Nelson
Hanson c	Nickolson
Sinclair g	Schwandt
Hayes g	Butte

Field goals: Hanson 6, Heidner 4, Reis 2, Butte 4, Nickolson 1, Hayes 1, Sinclair 2, Kelley 1, Wynne 1. Free Throws: Butte 8. Substitutes: Anderson for Reis, Wynne for Sinclair, Kelley for Hayes, Hanson for Heidner.

### A. C. PREPS SWAMPS CONCORDIA PREPS

The A. C. Preps. journeyed over to Concordia Friday night and ran away with the Concordia Prep. quint to the tune of 20-10. The A. C. Preps. completely outclassed their heavier opponents in every department of the game. For the local team Vernon Ladd starred, ringing the basket for four field goals and one free throw. Bob Roberts made three while Loftus and Wilson furnished their quota of one each. The High School team has showed class in all their games and can undoubtedly hold their own with any High School team in the state. A heavy schedule has been made and the High School has ben practicing daily to maintain their present average.

### A. C. WINS FROM JAMESTOWN

The wearers of the Yellow and Green took a jaunt to Jimtown, incidentally taking Jimtown college into camp by a score of 21-15. Due to the cramped playing quarters, the A. C. boys were unable

to get away in their usual style. For the A. C. Heidner played stellar basketball while Badger of Jimtown showed ability in tossing the pill. Following is the line-up of the game:

A. C.	Jimtown
Heidner f	Rathman
Reis f	Badger
Hanson c	Landis
Hayes g	Wright
Sinclair g	Cunie

Field goals: Heidner 5, Badger 5, Reis 2, Hanson 2, Kelley 1, Landis 1. Substitutes: Kelley for Reis.

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By Alan Seeger

I have a rendezvous with Death  
At some disputed barricade  
When spring comes round with  
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And apple blossoms fill the air.  
I have a rendezvous with Death  
When spring brings back blue  
days and fair.

It may be he shall take my hand  
And lead me into his dark land  
And close my eyes and quench my  
breath;

It may be I shall pass him, still,  
I have a rendezvous with Death  
On some scarred slope of battered  
hill

When spring comes 'round again  
this year  
And the first meadow flowers ap-  
pear.

God knows 'twere better to be deep  
Pillowed in silk and scented down,  
Where love throbs out in blissful  
sleep.

Pulse nigh to pulse, and breath to  
breath,  
Where hushed awakenings are  
dear,

But I've a rendezvous with Death  
At midnight in some flaming town,  
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## GENERALITIES

Under this head will appear from time to time articles on a variety of subject. Anything will be in order under "GENERALITIES" provided of course that it passes the censors.

No one will know who is the editor of this column because the task will be assigned to no one in particular for it is taken for granted that it would be altogether fitting and proper that Generalities be edited by every one in particular. Contributions will always be welcomed, although we do not guarantee that they will appear. Here is the first installment:

### If We Always Told the Truth

The Standard Dictionary says that truth is "conformity to fact or reality, past, present, or future." Do you see where this puts us? Do you realize what unpleasant names the Standard calls us when we engage in social camouflage? Yet it is perhaps necessary to color our statements at times until they do not even resemble the real thing, that is, the thing we have in mind. If we always told the truth, we would within a comparatively short time lose all our friends and make for ourselves many bitter enemies. Even by telling the truth once in a while we lose some of our friends, especially is this the case when we tell one of those things that go "under the skin" of folks. Editors know this better than perhaps any other class of people, and they don't learn it out of books either.

But to be more specific, we must get down to the real thing. When you tell people things in a social manner you say it in a certain way because it is customary to flatter, and because it is done even in the best of families. If you should say just what you mean, the contrast would be awful. Of course, once in a while we'll meet a person—a rare soul is he—who has a nice thing, a compliment to give, and still speaks truthfully.

Here are a few examples of social camouflage.

The fair maiden says to her escort as they reach the steps of her home: "I have had a most glorious time this evening and I am so glad you invited me." That is customary. If she told the truth she would say: "Good night, you poor nut, I've been bored to death all evening."

He says in response to be camouflage: "I have enjoyed your company very much; I don't know of a time when I spent a more pleasant evening." If he told the truth: "Good night, you impossible creature. Your conversation was simply froth and nothingness, and I am thoroughly disgusted."

"Oh! Rev. Mr. James, I want to tell you how I enjoyed your sermon this morning; it was simply grand," says the pious wife of the visiting deacon after the morning service. If she told the truth: "You certainly are the driest sky pilot I ever heard. It was

nearly impossible to keep awake. My son would have slept through the talk hadn't it been for the looks of the choir."

Y. W. C. A.

At the regular association meeting on Jan. 8, Rev. Ford gave a very instructive and interesting talk on the subject "A Glimpse Into Conditions After the War." A piano solo by Marion Johnson was enjoyed.

On January 15, a student association meeting was held at which talks were given by Florence Bullard and Marion Johnson on the subjects "Roommates and their Influence Upon Each Other" and "My Classroom Influence".

At the first meeting of the Teacher Training Class on Jan. 17, twenty-one girls were present and were very enthusiastic over the plans for work which will be carried on thru the remainder of the school year. Rev. Hall of the First Presbyterian church of Moorhead is teaching the class. He is an exceptionally fine Bible student and presents the work in a very interesting manner. The text book which is being used is Hurlbut's Teacher-Training Lessons.

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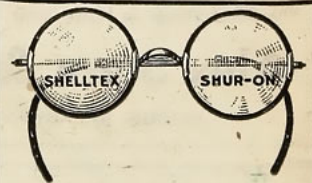
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## STUDENT OPINION

Undoubtedly, to most of the older students, especially, it was pleasing to see appear in the Spectrum two weeks ago, an editorial which frankly expressed a student opinion concerning our college education.

After the interest and friction that had been aroused, since the appearance of this article, it seems opportune to me to come back to the matter once more.

The faculty ought to know, that the students have no ill feeling towards the instructors as a body, and therefore suggestions from our side ought not to be taken as unkindly, but rather in a friendly, really democratic, cooperative spirit.

We may express our opinion now and then too energetically, but it should not be forgotten, that no absolute wisdom and completely balanced opinion can be expected from any one person.

Nevertheless, when we do, have an opinion it ought to be recognized as valuable and, expressing it, show our interest in the welfare of our College. Therefore no damper should be put upon our initiative, but a genuine deep interest encouraged.

Consequently, it seems advisable to me, that the Student Commissioner put a petition before the faculty to the following effect:

That the present board censoring the Spectrum made up of faculty members, be replaced by one chosen from the upperclassmen, and that two faculty members be appointed as advisors.

This scheme would give us the freedom we have a right to possess of expressing our opinion and, moreover, thru the responsibility it puts on our shoulders, would be a stimulus to greater interest in the welfare of our College by weighing carefully and seriously our opinion on a matter of importance which is to be presented in our organ, the Spectrum; and thereby bringing about a better understanding and more equal relationship between the faculty and student body.

The students are "bawled out" because they come to the military lectures a few minutes late; they are told the absolute necessity of "being on time" if they are to become successful men. We do not deny the truthfulness of the above, but we do ask for a square deal. We students are convinced that people should practice what they preach and we want to know why we are not dismissed "on time" when we are drilling. Most of the time we are held over from five to ten minutes after the hour bell has rung. Is such action conducive to the formation of habits of "being on time?"

We were more than pleased to read the editorial in last week's issue on intensifying. It sounds as if there might be still a lingering desire to learn left in the minds of some of our students after all. We believe firmly in "not how much, but how well". Let's show some occasional signs of interest in our classes. Ask questions. That's the way our professors learn. Then, if your professor is a real

honest-to-gosh fellow, ask a few questions of him at other than class hours and we will wager that you will get into a most interesting conversation. We know many professors on this Agricultural College Campus who are glad to loan you their magazines and reference books if you only show signs of life. It's up to you. The tragedy of the whole situation is that so many students will get a funny feeling towards the plugger. Shall we call it jealousy?—Anyway, they will say that a fellow who is always quizzing the professors and having "extra sessions" is trying to get a "stand in" when in reality he or she is only getting a better correlation of facts as presented, possibly gaining a working knowledge of the subject instead of a "getting by" knowledge which so many have.

By an upper classman.

"The Spectrum is the official publication of the A. C. Student Body" At least this was the impression given the students when the paper began to be published. Must it now be changed to "The Spectrum is the official publication of the A. C. Rulers", or "The Spectrum is supposed to be the Official Publication of the A. C. Student Body". It seems that one of these changes must be resorted to if the "Powers That Be" declare that the Spectrum must be censored.

Does it not seem absurd, ridiculous and preposterous that because a certain editorial was published which some of the college members intercepted to reflect on themselves, such a step should be taken? It appears that there must have been some truth in it or such a reaction would never have been caused. However, should a student body be so limited in a country where freedom of speech is even encouraged? We will not endeavor to answer that question at present, but we will give President Wilson's opinion:

"The only thing that ever set man free, the only thing that ever set any nation free, is the truth. A man that is afraid of the truth is afraid of the law of life. A man who does not love the truth is in the way of decay and of failure. I have such an inveterate confidence in the ultimate triumph of the truth that I feel, with old Dr. Wendel Holmes, that the truth is no invalid and you need not mind how roughly you handle her. She has got a splendid constitution and she will survive every trail and every labor."

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