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## STUDENTS AND FACULTY HEAR HAMILTON HOLT

ADDRESSES SPECIAL CONVOCATION ON WEDNESDAY IN THE LITTLE COUNTRY THEATRE.

### TALK IS BRIEF

SAYS THAT THERE ARE FOUR GREAT PROBLEMS BEFORE THE NATION AT THE PRESENT TIME

At a special convocation held in the Little Country Theatre Wednesday morning the students and faculty had an opportunity to hear Hamilton Holt, the editor of The Independent. Mr. Holt is at present on a tour of the country in the interests of the League to Enforce Peace. He had delivered an address before the citizens of Fargo in the Fargo Auditorium on Tuesday and had dealt with this subject, considering the purpose of the league and some of the reasons for its success.

In his talk Wednesday he said that he had planned on devoting his time to the same subject, but he had been informed that a large number had heard him the evening before so he would not repeat what he had said before. He said that in as much as he had always been one of those men who could not talk extemporaneously without a great deal of previous preparation his talk would be brief.

He said that there were four great issues before the people at the present time. The first was the economic problem, that of the just distribution of wealth. This included the problems of production, socialism, and finance.

The second, for the want of a better name he said was the wo-

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## THORFINNSON ACCEPTS NEW JOB

LEFT FOR BAKER, MONTANA, WHERE HE WILL BE ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT.

M. A. Thorfinnson who completed his work at the end of last term, left on Sunday for Baker, Montana, where he will become assistant county agent. He will be located in Fallon County which is in the southeastern portion of the state.

Matt has ranked high as a student while at the A. C. and will go into his new work well equipped to make a success of it.

During the past two months he has been the acting secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. having taken the place left vacant by Ray Sweetman. Matt has always been prominent in college life. Last year he was a member of the debating team which won over the debating team of the Oregon A. C. at Corvallis. He has been prominent in debates and orations since he came. During the past year he was the winner of the annual Oratorical Contest and represented the college in the state contest. He was one of the authors of The Raindrops, an Icelandic play which has been pre-

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## TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT --THE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

The program of the Twenty-third Annual Commencement of the Agricultural College has been announced and is printed in this issue. The various numbers are all under preparation and although the student body is diminishing in numbers the full program will be carried out.

The speaker for Baccalaureate Sunday is Dr. Herbert L. Willett, of the University of Chicago. President Weld of Moorhead Nor-

mal will give the Commencement address.

The program this year will begin on Saturday, June 9 when the class play, Cousin Kate will be given. On Sunday will come the Baccalaureate sermon and the sacred concert. The class day exercises will fill Monday. Tuesday morning will be taken up with the commencement program proper.

A good program has also been planned for the high school, announcement of which follows:

### OFFICIAL PROGRAM

JUNE NINTH-TWELFTH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTEEN

#### SATURDAY, JUNE NINTH

8:00 P. M.—Presentation Senior Class Play, "Cousin Kate"—The Little Country Theatre.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE TENTH

3:00 P. M.—Baccalaureate Service, Address Dr. Herbert L. Willett, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.—College Armory.  
8:30 P. M.—Sacred Concert, College Armory.

#### MONDAY, JUNE ELEVENTH

3:00 P. M.—Senior Class Exercises, The Little Country Theatre. 8:00 to 10:00 P. M.—President's Reception, College Library. 9:00 to 11:45 P. M.—Senior Swing Out—Midnight—Pipe of Peace Ceremony.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE TWELFTH

9:30 A. M.—Commencement Procession.  
10:30 A. M.—Commencement Exercises, College Armory.  
12:00 M.—Commencement Luncheon, Ceres Hall.  
3:00 P. M.—Alumni Field Meet, Dacotah Field.  
6:30 P. M.—Alumni Banquet, Ceres Hall.  
8:30 P. M.—Alumni Ball, College Armory.

### SENIOR CLASS PLAY

SATURDAY, JUNE NINTH, NINETEEN SEVENTEEN  
THE LITTLE COUNTRY THEATRE  
EIGHT O'CLOCK

#### COUSIN KATE

A Comedy In Three Acts  
by

Hubert Henry Davies

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Heath Desmond, an artist . . . . . Sidney Hooper  
Rev. James Bartlett, a clergyman . . . . . A. M. Challey  
Bobby Spencer, a schoolboy . . . . . Olivia Wild  
Mrs. Spencer, a widow. Helen Lewis  
Amy Spencer, a girl. Madeline Blake  
Jane, a servant . . . . . Rosilla Ladd  
Cousin Kate, a novelist . . . . . Mary Gibbens  
Act I—At Mrs. Spencer's.  
Act II—The Empty House.  
Act III—At Mrs. Spencer's.  
The play was first acted at the Haymarket Theatre, London, England, on Thursday evening, June 18, 1903. Cyril Maude, the famous English actor and Ethel Barrymore, the noted American actress have starred in it.

#### STAFF

Stage Manager . . . . . Sidney Hooper  
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### BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE TENTH, NINETEEN SEVENTEEN  
COLLEGE ARMORY  
THREE O'CLOCK

#### ORDER OF EXERCISES

Marche—Pontificiale—

Gounod . . . . . College Orchestra  
Bridal Chorus (from Rose-maiden)  
Cowen . . . . . Treble Clef Club  
Orchestral accompaniment  
Prayer . . . . . Rev. A. E. Peterson  
Address . . . . . Herbert L. Willett,  
University Chicago, Chicago, Ill.  
Sanctus from Saint Cecilia Mass—  
Gounod . . . . . College Orchestra

### SACRED CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE TENTH, NINETEEN SEVENTEEN  
COLLEGE ARMORY  
EIGHT-THIRTY O'CLOCK  
PROGRAM

1. March—The Favorite Regiment . . . . . Ertl Orchestra
2. Overture—Morning, Noon and Night . . . . . Suppe Orchestra
3. Soprano Solo—  
Se Saran Rose . . . . . Arditi  
Edyth Herchmer Grasse  
Orchestral Accompaniment
4. Norwegian Dances—  
I and IV . . . . . Grieg, Op. 35  
Orchestra
5. Waltz Song—  
Carmina . . . . . Wilson  
Treble Clef Club
6. Concerto for Violin,  
in D . . . . . Seitz  
Thelma Edelbrock  
Orchestral Accompaniment, Arranged by Dr. Putnam.
7. Dance Fantastique . . . . . Reynard  
Orchestra
8. Symphonie No. 1 in  
C Maj. . . . . Beethoven, Op. 21  
Adagio Molto, Allegro con brio.  
Andante cantabile,  
Minuetto.  
Adagio, Allegro Molto.  
Orchestra.

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## PARROTT CHOSEN AS HONORARY PRESIDENT

REGISTRARS OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HOLD MEETING LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY.

### LARGE ATTENDANCE

REPORTS SHOW THAT SCHOOLS ARE GIVING LIBERAL SUPPORT TO STUDENTS WHO ENLIST

Registrar Alfred H. Parrott of the college was elected to the position of Honorary President of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars at the annual meeting held at the University of Kentucky during the last week of April. Mr. Parrott returned the early part of last week and reports a successful conference.

The reports from the registrars of the various educational institutions represented showed that the colleges and universities were given liberal consideration to those students who are enlisting in the service of the country. The association endorsed as "patriotic and expedient" the principle of allowing credit to students who cease their college work for service in military or allied activities and favored the acceptance into college next fall, or later, of new students whose entrance credits may be somewhat short because of similar curtailment of their secondary school courses this spring.

More than sixty colleges and universities were represented at the registrars' meeting. These institutions were located in all the states of the country.

In the discussion of the matter of giving credit for military work, Mr. Parrott reports that the eastern schools were giving the students a freer hand than the western col-

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## SENIORS MAINTAIN REPUTATION AS HOSTS

STAGE ONE OF THE BEST PARTIES OF THE ENTIRE YEAR WHEN THEY ARE HOSTS AT SENIOR BALL.

The senior class maintained their reputation as hosts Friday evening when they entertained their friends at the annual Senior Ball, which was held in the college Armory. The entire evening was a great success from the start.

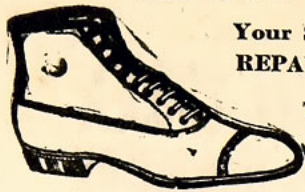
There was a good crowd of dancers who enjoyed the program of dances that had been arranged. The downtown people responded to the invitations of the seniors in good numbers.

The decorations were carried out in the national colors. A false ceiling was made by using large amounts of red, white, and blue crepe paper and fastening it from one balcony to the other. In the center of the hall was a large translucent ball decorated on the outside by small flags and lighted within by a small electric light. The stage for the orchestra had been prettily arranged to give the appearance of a small balcony with a railing of

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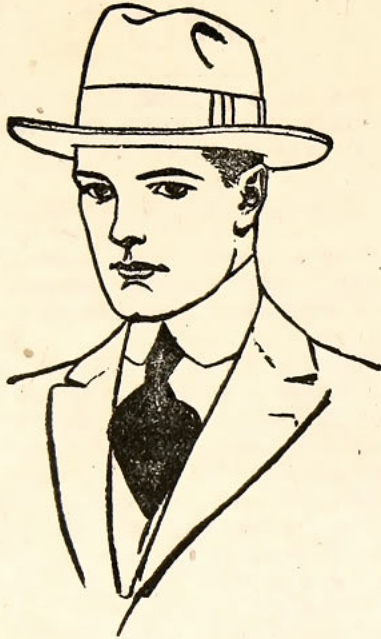
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### STUDENTS AND FACULTY

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man problem. This problem was brought about by the new relations of women in the present day. This problem involved that of personal freedom.

The third problem was the race problem.

The fourth was that of international peace. This was the problem in which Mr. Holt said his energies were bound up. He showed how that peace was dependent in the long run on political freedom. He said that the conditions after the war would necessitate a new arrangement among the nations of the world. The intense competition which has been prevalent during the history of the nations up to the present time can not go on much longer. Cooperation must be substituted. He quoted Colonel Roosevelt as saying that after the war we would either have "Hell or Utopia". A continuation of the competitive measures of the past would bring the former.

Mr. Holt stated that the world in the future would have to form some confederation similar to that of the confederation of the Colonies in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The Confederation of 1777 should serve as a model for the arrangement that the nations would adopt after the war.

He said that one of two alternatives was open; either there would be the Europeanization of America, or there would be the Americanization of the world, and it was to

be earnestly hoped that the latter would be the condition that would be adopted.

### PARROTT CHOSEN

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leges. The West is succeeding better in holding their students in accordance with the suggestion of the Adjutant general of the Army.

Mr. Parrott said that while in Kentucky they were guests at some of the estates of that state. They had the privilege of seeing the Colonel Taylor herd of Herefords, reputed to be the best herd in the United States or in England. Other specimens of high grade livestock were seen. The hospitality of the people of that state cannot be surpassed according to the opinion of those who had a chance to test it.

### THORFINNSON ACCEPTS

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sented and received well on several occasions during the past winter. During the past year he has also been the president of the local Y. M. C. A. and has been very active in the campaign for the new building which will soon be erected.

Matt will leave quite a hole but he has the best wishes of his friends here for the success of his new venture.

### SENIORS MAINTAIN

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the national colors. Numerous flags were placed around the walls. The class colors red and white were also used in draping the walls.

The program of dances was much enjoyed, each calling for several encores. Baernstein's orchestra furnished the music for the evening.

Ruth Fischer and Eva Craig were in charge of the refreshment table.

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BE USED IN THE FUTURE.**

According to the following communication from the Registrar's office, the faculty have taken a step which will be very acceptable to the students and which will, eliminate some of the difficulties of note keeping. The matter of keeping adequate notes and in such form that they will be of use after college is over is one of the great problems before the undergraduate. The new ruling of the faculty will aim in as much as a standard sized note book will be used ad all notes may be kept.

The communication follows:  
May 5, 1917.

To the Members of the Faculty:

At a recent meeting of the faculty it was decided to adopt for student use a cover which will accommodate the 8 1-2x11 inches paper. The cover may be either the one known as the I-P No 6 KW or that known as I-P No. 9111. The plan for the use of these uniform notebooks is as follows:

(1) "That all members of the faculty be requested to adopt that size and all students required to use it for all class work, except where the instructor is using a bound note book or a printed laboratory guide on loose leaves which is obtained at some other institution."

(2) "That students be required to get a manila temporary cover for each class, in which to submit the class work, and be allowed to keep notes from different classes in the same cloth cover."

The objects desired in adopting this uniform cover are that all students will be able more easily to keep their lecture notes, laboratory drawings and notes and all other written work, while in college, upon one size of paper. These notes from each class can then be bound in the manila covers with the brass staples and filed away safely and neatly, instead of either being thrown away or kept in all sorts of sizes and shapes. This action was largely in response to suggestions from several of the older students who have found that they have lost notes to which they wish to refer, and who believe that had their notes been upon large, uniform paper they would have filed them away instead of throwing them away. By this plan the lecture notes will be upon uniform size of paper with the laboratory drawings and notes.

Yours very truly,

Alfred H. Parrett,  
Sec'y of the Faculty.

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MONDAY, JUNE ELEVENTH,  
NINETEEN SEVENTEEN  
THE LITTLE COUNTRY THEATRE  
THREE O'CLOCK

**PROGRAM**

Music ..... College Orchestra  
President's Address.... Olivia Wild  
Class History..... Rosilla Ladd  
Presentation of  
Hatchet..... Warren Dodds  
Acceptance by  
Junior Class..... Enoch Frojen  
Music ..... Alfred Matters  
Class Poem..... Charity Pinney  
Class Prophecy..... S. K. Bjornson  
Class Song..... Lillian Hansen

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NINETEEN SEVENTEEN  
COLLEGE ARMORY  
TEN O'CLOCK

**PROGRAM**

March—Stand by the Flag.... Stult  
Cadet Band

Prayer ..... Dr. Beard  
Commencement Oration  
..... Matthias Thorfinnson

Address ..... Frank A. Weld  
President Moorhead Normal School,  
Moorhead, Minnesota

Tulip (From Flower  
Suite-Miles) ... College Orchestra  
Presentation of

Diplomas ..... Edwin F. Ladd  
The Chase (From Autumn Sketches  
Smith) ..... College Orchestra

**COMMENCEMENT LUNCHEON**

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Twelve o'clock

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Six o'clock

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**OFFICIAL PROGRAM**

**CLASS DAY EXERCISES**

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1917.  
THE LITTLE COUNTRY THEATRE  
Eight o'clock  
PROGRAM

Music ..... Piano Solo  
President's Address..Leland Smith  
Class History.....Thomas Buxton,  
Esther Pinney

Music ..... Duet  
Class Poem ..... Ingval Bjerkan  
Class Prophecy.... Peter De Boer,  
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**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 1917  
THE LITTLE COUNTRY THEATRE  
Eight o'clock  
PROGRAM

Music.....Treble Clef Quartet  
Prayer.....Rev. H. H. Frost  
Address.....Walter D. Cole  
Springfield, Ohio

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**FACULTY TO HAVE GARDEN**

The A. C. Garden Club was formed last week and have as their object the raising of some potatoes and some beans with which to combat the threatened food shortage this year. They will have five acres and will plant four acres of potatoes and an acre of beans. The labor will all be allowed for and the expense divided pro rata among the twenty-five members of the club. This will not only assist in producing more crops but will set an example for other citizens and will give the members some exercise after a day spent in the office and laboratory.

**A NEED**

With the cancellation of the spring athletic schedule and the consequent abandoning of inter-collegiate schedules there is the danger that the matter of taking sufficient exercise will be neglected by some of the students who remain and who usually take part in these activities. Then, too, there are those who do not try for the varsity teams but who work out on the interclass teams. With the prospect that these will not receive very hearty support the students who remain until the end of the spring term should make an extra effort to get into some activity, whether it be some line of athletics, or gardening, that will get them the required amount of exercise to enable them to maintain their physical condition necessary to the carrying on of their school work. The numbers who are taking advantage of the tennis courts is an encouraging sign in this direction. Let more get into this or some other line of exercise.

**COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM OUT**

The program for the annual commencement, for 1917 has been arranged and is presented in brief for this week. A glance over the various parts shows that altogether the number who have left school have cut in on those who usually have a part in these exercises still all the various parts are planned for. A study of the program shows that some good numbers are planned and that the commencement of this year will not fall behind those of other years in quality. The speakers for both the high school and the college commencements have been chosen with unusual care. They will both present big messages that will well repay those who attend. A feature that has been missing on the commencement programs for the past two years is that of the annual Commencement Concert. This will be furnished this year by the orchestra, the Treble Clef Club, and some soloists, among whom are Miss Grasse and Miss Edelbrock. The numbers are all being worked out and the program will be well rounded out. More detailed account of all the numbers will follow from time to time.

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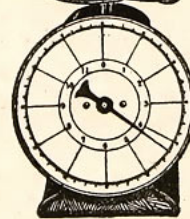
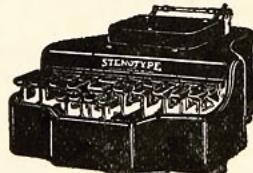
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## SOCIAL DOINGS

Saturday afternoon, Marie Huey was hostess to members of the Delta Phi Beta sorority at its regular meeting. The afternoon was spent informally and later refreshments were served by the hostess.

William Guy was host to the members of the Alpha Zeta fraternity Saturday evening at the Farm House. Several alumni members were in town for the occasion and the Messrs. Galehouse, Mayland and Frear, of the experiment station were also guests. A very enjoyable social evening was reported by all present.

The members of the Alpha Mu fraternity of the A. C. entertained at 5:30 o'clock dinner Monday evening at the fraternity house in

compliment to the trio known as The Three Boys in Khaki, the personnel of the same being Messrs. Hanley, Bayliss and Gark, Canadian soldiers wounded in the European war. Messrs. Hanley and Gark belong to the famous Princess Patricia's regiment. Alumni members of the fraternity who were in the city, and Lieut. F. B. Carrithers and Coach Paul Davis, of the A. C. faculty, were also guests, the latter two giving short talks. The honor guests all spoke informally and in most interesting manner of their experiences in the war. The fraternity men and their guests all went to the Orpheum, wherer the honor guests are appearing the first half of this week, and following the performance all gathered again at a downtown cafe, where another interesting social session was held.

## SOME CHANGES IN BIOLOGY PLANNED

CHANGES WILL FIT GRADUATES FOR NEW POSITIONS IN BIOLOGICAL WORK.

Every year there are calls from various institutions addressed to the North Dakota Agricultural College for students who are well prepared in Botany. Too often these requests have to be answered in the negative and our institution loses the opportunity to extend its influence and reputation into other states or within our own. This condition seems largely due to the fact that students do not realize that there are openings for one who is especially trained in Botany. The best high school positions are open only to teachers who have made some one subject or closely related group of subjects a special study. In many states Botany is one of the required high school subjects and in nearly all first class schools it is offered at least as an elective. Thus there are constantly first class openings for students properly prepared. In many colleges which do not expect to emphasize the subject as one for research work there is call for well trained botany teachers which could be answered successfully by one who has made the subject a major during the undergraduate years at college. Also our agricultural colleges and experiment stations are using more and more students who have majored in botany in their undergraduate days and who wish to work part time as assistants and take graduate work parallel with the work. Such opportunities are especially frequent in the subjects of plant diseases and physiology.

Adequate preparation for any of the types of positions named above consists not only in a good fundamental knowledge of the principles of the various phases of botany, such as physiology, pathology and microtechnique; but also in a good working knowledge of physics, chemistry, bacteriology, and at times agriculture.

In order to bring before the students of our own institution a knowledge of the demands for men and women prepared as above stated; and to indicate the sequence of work and type of work needed in order to qualify for any of the positions named and to "make good" in them, the department has outlined for the forthcoming college catalog certain groups of courses for which a student may register under the Biological Cur-

riculum. These groups are especially designed to meet the needs of students at an agricultural institution preparatory for a life work along botanical lines which are closely associated with agriculture; and they do not therefore outline other major lines less closely associated with agriculture.

The general requirements for graduation are the same as these for the other collegiate curricula; and the courses of the freshman year and part of the sophomore year in most respects with those of the agricultural curriculum or closely enough so that a student who may decide at the beginning of the sophomore year to follow one of the major lines indicated below may do so without loss of credit. The major lines, or "Groups", in Botany are Plant Physiology, Plant Pathology and Seed Analysis. An adequate preparation in plant physiology for an undergraduate includes a working knowledge of the methods of making sections and staining them; the classification of plants, especially the seed plants; and chemistry, including organic; besides a thorough training in the principles and practice of plant physiology. The advanced study of plant diseases requires also the classification of fungi. In order to have a good foundation for botanical knowledge a student is strongly urged to select subjects in the department of agriculture, horticulture, chemistry and bacteriology which throw light upon the inter-relations of these subjects and botany. Seed analysis needs especially the methods of sectioning and the classification of seed plants and elections especially in agronomy. A general biological group is provided for those who wish about equal training in botany, zoology and bacteriology in the junior and senior years. This should appeal especially to those who expect to teach two of these subjects in high schools or small colleges, especially agricultural curricula may be made by a proper choice of electives during the sophomore year.

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# ATHLETICS

## SCHEDULES CALLED OFF FOR THIS SPRING

### LACK OF INTEREST AND ENLISTMENTS RESULT IN THE ABANDONING OF SPRING ATHLETICS

The lack of interest in athletics and the numerous enlistments of students either in the army or navy or in the service of supplying more food has resulted in the abandoning of the spring athletic program for the A. C. this year. The matter has been under consideration for some time and was brought up at a meeting of the Athletic Board of Control last week.

This means that there will be no regular schedule of inter-collegiate baseball this year and that the annual Inter-Scholastic Track meet and Declamation contest regularly held in May have been called off. In addition the plans for the inter-class meet and base ball schedules will probably be called off.

Two members of the baseball team, Elliott and Peterson, will leave for Fort Snelling next week and Smith who held down the place at first has returned home to help with the spring farm work.

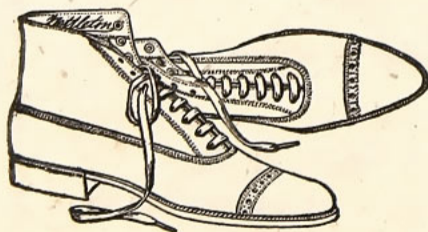
## Local News

The grass has reached the stage where it is necessary to get out the lawn mowers and to make the first cutting of the season. Dick started the week in this manner.

The band played for the Red Cross benefit on Sunday. Previous to the regular program several numbers were played on the street. The number given by the band in the regular program was a medley of national airs National Melodies.

The call of the farm is still taking students from their places here to their homes in other parts of the state. During the past week many have left school to help put in the crops for this year. All lines of student activity are feeling the effects of this exodus.

The yellow streaks which showed up on the campus last week were not of the usual variety. They did not indicate any lack of bravery on the part of any portion of the college but were due to the "dainty little dandelion" that had the advantage of an early start by growing over the heating mains.



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A game of tennis is filling in the spare time of many of the students at present. During the nice weather of the past few days the courts on the campus have nearly always been occupied. This will be the popular form of amusement this spring.

## High School

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### HIGH SCHOOL PARTY

On Saturday evening, May 19 will occur a high school party in the Armory. Each high school student will be allowed two outside guests. The names of these guests must be handed to the invitation committee in ample time so that the guests will receive their invitations. The invitation committee consists of Alexander McKenzie, Hugo Pearson, and Eleanor Geiken. The arrangements for entertainments are in charge of Vernon Ladd, Esther Pinney and Raymond Putnam. Put has charge of the music and says he will secure the best music possible. On the refreshment committee are Esther Heidner, Mattie Van Es, and Thomas Buxton.

### BACK TO THE FARM

Several more students have been forced to leave for the fields during the last few days from the high school. Among those who have gone lately are Orin Walters, Ralph Irick, Leland Smith.

### LITERARY SOCIETY

The following program was given at the meeting of the high school literary society:

Reading . . . . . Lloyd Wildfang

Reading in dialect

from Foley . . . . . Leland Smith

Piano solo,

The Rosary . . . . . Florence Bingham

Poem On Arbor Day . . . Marie Crosby

Speaking of Operations . . . Irvin Cobb

Eloise Waldron

Song . . . . . "Bobby" Ince

Critic . . . . . Miss Kammeyer

The song by "Bobby" Ince was a special number as Bobby is a little girl, the daughter of Professor Ince.

At the meeting of the coming Friday a strong program consisting of the following numbers will be presented:

Song . . . . . Society

Original Poem . . . Dorothea Nevramon

Speaking of Opera-

tions . . . . . Alice Struble

The Tattler . . . . . Amy Euren

Clarinet solo . . . . Raymond Putnam

Scene from "The Tempest" . . . Eleanor Geiken and Edith Parizek.

Among those to leave for the farm during the past week was Vesta Steer, the only girl who is taking the regular "Ag" course. She left in response to a call from her father to help with the seeding on the home farm near Mott.

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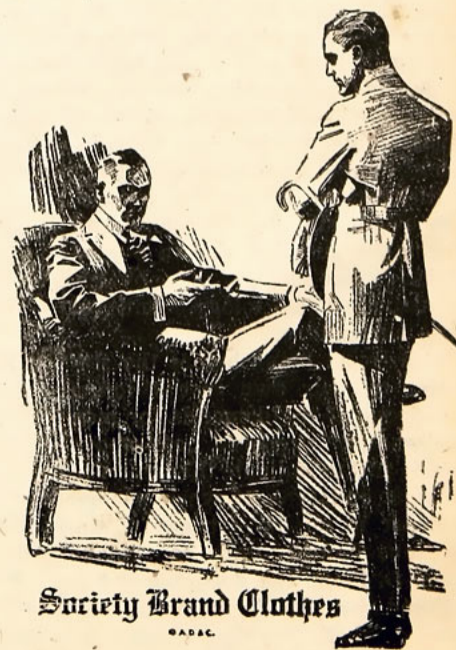
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**OUR NATIONAL SONGS**

At this time, when our national songs are used at every gathering of any size, it is necessary that we acquaint ourselves with a brief history of the best known ones and have from memory, at least, our National anthem "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America". In viewing our songs as a whole we are struck with the fact that altho the words are of course written by Americans, the music is not. This is not at all surprising, however, considering the newness of our nation.

"Hail Columbia", although at present, little used, deserves first attention as our earliest national song. It was written by Joseph Hopkinson in 1798 and sung to the music of "Washington's March" later called "President's March". This composition is generally attributed to a Philadelphian by the name of Phylo but on account of its resemblance to several hymn tunes and folk songs, together with other doubts as to its origin, it is not generally considered the composition of any one man. This production, for many years, remained the principal patriotic song of the nation and, even now in a number of European countries is considered to be our National anthem. The United States of America has never been known as "Columbia" and as there are already two Columbias in this hemisphere it is doubtful whether any poem containing these words, will ever be used as chief patriotic song of this nation.

We have produced several stronger songs than "Hail Columbia" among them "The Star Spangled Banner", at present our National Anthem. In September 1814, the last year of the war between Great Britain and this country, Francis Scott Key, while being held prisoner on the British flag ship, wrote the first lines of his poem. He "saw by the dawn's early light" that our flag was still there" and was inspired to pen these splendid lines. They were later set to the music of "Anacreon in Heaven", a well known drinking song, the original air of which is attributed to the English composer Samuel Arnold, born in London in 1739. It is to be regretted that this song is not as generally sung as is "America". The popular reason for this being that it is harder to sing, which is a poor reason as the tune is no more difficult than the German song, "The Watch on the Rhine" which is sung by every man, woman and child in Germany. It is certainly not to be compared in execution with "Rule Britannia"

which is known by the entire British Empire.

"My Country 'Tis of Thee" or "America" as it is usually called, is our best loved song. Possibly this is due to the fact that this country is the great Melting Pot of other nations, for the melody of this song is known as "the air of twelve nations". Among the countries using it, set to various words, are England, Germany, Switzerland, Bavaria, Norway, Denmark and others. It is not the composition of any one man but a folk song copied by Handel, the great composer. The words used in this country were written in 1832 by Samuel F. Smith.

A song which is always included in our national celebrations is "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean". The words "gem of the ocean" are certainly ridiculous considering the area of our country, but this song being a "dodged" version of "Britannia the Pride of the Ocean," it is quite simple to understand the origin of these words. The poem was written in 1843 by David Shaw, a concert singer in Philadelphia. The beautiful verses of Flag of the Free, sung so often of late years, are by one authority, attributed to Oliver Wendell Holmes, but this may be due to the fact that he has written several patriotic poems, including the new "Hail Columbia." However, the words are usually marked anonymous and sung to "the Bridal Chorus" from the opera "Lohengrin, by Richard Wagner. Edyth Herchmer Grasse.

Quite a number of people attended the closing program of Baby Week series which was held in Science Hall last Friday. The collection of birds and the animals which make up a part of the collection of the Zoology department were the attraction for the numerous children who attended. A lecture on trees was also given by Mr. Werner of the station staff. Prof. Miller had charge of the collection of birds and animals.

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### SENIORS CHANGE THEIR PLANS

#### DECIDE TO ABANDON PLAN FOR LEAVING GIFT TO THE COLLEGE UNTIL LATER TIME.

At a meeting of the senior class last week several matters of business were taken up and decided. Among these was the matter of leaving a gift to the college as has been the custom of the senior classes in the past.

After careful consideration it was decided that for the present the matter should be dropped. The numbers of the seniors are badly depleted at the present time and it was felt that under the present conditions it was not advisable to try to plan for such a proposition. It was decided, however, that at the last meeting of the class which will be held about the first of June that a committee should be appointed to keep in touch with the members of the class and that they should have supervision of a plan to leave the gift to the college at some later date. It was also decided that at this meeting in June some alumni officers should be selected to assist in this work.

Another matter talked over was the matter of the first reunion of the class of '17. It was thought best that the probable date for this event should be placed five years ahead, so it was moved that the reunion of the class of 1917 should be held on Class Day 1922.

### KEITHLEY TO TAKE UP GOVERNMENT WORK

#### WILL BE STATIONED IN MICHIGAN WHERE HE WILL ASSIST IN PROVISIONING THE NAVY.

Prof. J. R. Keithley of the Dairy department will leave the end of this week for Michigan where he will take up some government work. He will assist in the work of provisioning the U. S. Navy.

The Navy lets the contract for its butter to different creameries through out the country. This butter has to come under certain specifications and the manufacturing is carried on under inspection. The duties of the inspector include the judging and the accepting or the rejecting of the product. This is the work in which Prof. Keithley will be engaged. His work will be confined to the manufacture of the butter at some creamery in Michigan. He will report during the early part of next week and will spend the remainder of the summer in this work.

### CERES HALL

Little Miss Atta Berg spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Alice Flamer.

Miss Ida Johnson of Edmore, was the guest of Miss Esther Wolody Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Watt, accompanied by Miss Putnam, spent the week end at Leonard, N. D.

Miss Grace Mares went to Wheatland Saturday to spend the day with her parents.

Mr. Elmer Meldahl of University spent Sunday with his sister, Miss Nina Meldahl.

Miss Grace Landon of Hebron, N. D. is visiting Miss Beatrice Torrey this week.

### T. J. LOUGH, '10 GETS NEW POSITION

#### HAS ACCEPTED PLACE WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION WITH HEADQUARTERS AT BISMARCK.

T. J. Lough, '10, county surveyor in Morton county the past two years, has accepted a position as field engineer with the state highway commission, assuming his new duties last Tuesday, according to word just received here.

Mr. Lough went to Mandan as assistant to Oscar Westlund, '13, then Morton county surveyor, being elected to Mr. Westlund's position when the latter was called to take charge of his father's farm near Horace.

The Mandan Pioneer says: "Mr. Lough came to Mandan as an assistant to former County Surveyor Oscar Westlund, and had charge of the office for the major portion of Westlund's term when the latter was called to take charge of his father's farm in Cass county. He was elected without opposition at the last election.

"Mr. Lough is a graduate of the North Dakota Agricultural college and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston. He is without question one of the most able highway and civil engineers in North Dakota, and his selection to fill the important position of field engineer, is a fitting tribute to his ability.

"So far no successor has been appointed by the commissioners.

"Mr. Lough will make his headquarters at Bismarck. He will have charge of the laying out, construction and inspection of the roads built out of the combined national and state special road funds.

"Morton county loses a valuable man and the state offices gain.

"The appointment at this time indicates that the state highway commission intends to get into action. With the possible taking over of the Red Trail and other established highways by the government, it is probably that the commission will turn most of its attention to this transcontinental route."

Miss Gladys Engle was the overnight guest of Miss M. Chandler Saturday.

### POETRY CONTEST OPEN TO STUDENTS

#### WOMEN'S CLUBS OFFER PRIZE FOR THE BEST POEM WRITTEN BY AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT.

A contest in poetry writing has been planned and is being conducted by the Women's Clubs of this city. Prizes have been offered for the best poem handed in during the coming two weeks.

The subject for the poem or the style have been left to the young poets. There are no limitations in this line. The poem should, however, be at least three stanzas in length and should be original.

Prof. Minard will receive any poems written for competition in this contest. There should be some who have talents along this line and who will be able to get a short poem ready in time to enter in this contest. The judges have not been decided upon but they will be outside authorities, probably the editors of some magazines which print considerable poetry.

The time for entering is short, so anyone desiring to compete should enter at once.

### COMMISSION REPORT

Meeting called to order at 7:15 by Pres. Sorensen.

Motion made by Comm. Leftus that the publication of the Spectrum be suspended for the remainder of this term if the Comm. of Publications leaves. Seconded by Comm. Kelly. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Wm. Mortensen take Comm. Stewart's position as Comm. of Campus for the remainder of this term. Carried.

Discussion of final financial report.

Comm. Beals moved that the appointments made by Comm. of

Public Speaking Control be accepted. Mr. A. N. Sorensen was appointed as treasurer and Mr. Louis Croal as secretary. Seconded and carried.

Motion for adjournment.

Acting Secretary,  
G. E. Livingston.

### INSTALLATION OF THETA CHI THIS WEEK

#### ALPHA MU FRATERNITY WILL BECOME A CHAPTER OF LARGE NATIONAL.

On Friday and Saturday of this week will occur the installation of the Alpha Mu fraternity as the Phi chapter of Theta Chi.

The definite plans have not been announced as yet, but will be completed in the next day or two.

### NOTICE

All treasurers of student organizations who are planning on leaving school should either make a report of the financial condition of their respective organization to Prof. Smith or should notify Prof. Smith who is in charge of the funds, before leaving.

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