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NORMAL SCHOOL NEWS

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE STUDENTS OF THE EASTERN ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL SCHOOL

CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1918

NO. 2

THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

A new Junior High School has been started this year in connection with the four-year high school course. There have been many changes accomplished in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades, of which the Junior High School is composed, which are expected to raise the standard of the students' work.

The 7th and 8th grades are in the same rooms that they occupied formerly and have fewer changes in their programmes than the 9th. Instead of having short periods and certain ones for study the 7th and 8th grades have the day divided into 50-minute periods, with a part of each period for study and recitation.

Pupils entering the 8 A class in September may take their choice of the foreign languages taught here, but otherwise no electives are offered. Mr. Widger has charge of the 8th grade room and Miss Newell of the 7th.

For the 9th grade, room 6 has been equipped with 90 of the same sort of desks that are found in the Model School. The chief changes in the plan for this grade is that the students have been assigned to desks between the foreign languages given here.

Of the languages taught in the Junior High School by far the greater number of students elect Latin, with the result that Mr. Widger had to be called in as an auxiliary teacher in this subject. A French class was also started with a fairly good attendance.

It is sincerely hoped by all those connected with the new Junior High School, that the scholarship will increase 100 per cent, if such a thing be possible, and that this new movement will meet with the students' favor.

CENTENNIAL PAGEANT

The Training School and the public schools of the city will cooperate in a pageant to be held sometime this fall to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of the admittance of Illinois into the union. Celebrations have been held all over the state this year. The pageant to be held here was planned for last spring, but for various reasons was postponed until this fall. The pupils of the Training School will learn the direction of Miss Farver. Practice for the pageant will begin this week.

Genevieve Hayworth enjoyed the pleasure of a visit from her mother on Monday.

THE WEST OUTSIDE ROW

'Twas on the day that school began,

At chapel time they say;
I guess 'twas best that it was then,
For well began the day.

It was like this it came about,
When scripture had been read,
And both the hymns announced
been sung,
And the Lord's prayer been said,

And when the school had all been told
Some tools to use in thought,
(We hear it oft but yet don't know,
Although we really ought.)

'Twas then that a direction came;
It was quite plainly heard:

'Put all your books upon your desks,

And when I give the word,
'Move forward to the row I name,

But in the doing so,
Be sure that there is no one left,
In yon west outside row.'

We moved and all were seated when

To see that all was right,
Our president called out and said:
'If there's no over-sight,

'The west outside row's vacant still,

I hope that this is so,
Will someone stand and answer,
please,

Who's sitting next that row?'

So someone stood and answered,
too,
Alas! in tones too low,
He could not make himself be heard

Across the room and so
Our president must cross the room,

(The distance seemed a mile.)
To find out such a simple thing.
It almost makes one smile.

And when next morning's chapel came,

What do you think was said?
A lecture stern we had to hear
(No tales of Squem were read.)

On how to speak distinctly and
To choose the proper word.
And now we try whenever we speak

To make ourselves be heard.

Edna Mitchell, Mary Elizabeth Cone, William Cone and Hallie Hutton motored to Mattoon early Tuesday morning to see the circus unload. They report having had a very enjoyable time, in spite of the early morning breezes and slight motor troubles.

Gertrude Levering, went home Saturday. She probably will not return to continue her school work.

LETTER FROM JOE CONNELLY

Aug. 13.

Dear Mr. Carey:

Have a little time before chow and will write just a few lines. Received your good letter about two weeks ago. First must tell you about my good fortune. Gen. Jack Pershing came out to Division Headquarters yesterday to see some men from two of our regiments decorated, and I was picked with five other men from my Company (each Company in the Regiment furnished five or six) to act as an honor guard for him. It certainly was an impressive ceremony, and one never to be forgotten. King George, of England, pinned the medals on and said a few words of congratulations to each fellow as he did so. Sir Douglas Haig was also there. We heard Gen. Foch was to come, but he did not.

All the E. I. boys in Company G. are fine. We are right together now, but as they are in a different battalion we are seldom so close.

Sgt. Markle received the clippings from the Charleston papers last night stating that he had been taken prisoner by the Germans; although one of the clippings, printed later, told of the mistake, yet expect all of the folks around there who have boys in Co. G experienced some unnecessary worry.

The London Daily Mail, the only paper we seldom see, gives fine accounts of the successes of our boys and we are pretty impatient to be there with them.

Am hearing from the folks at home pretty regularly now; am anxious to get a letter from Dale "Cy" Coyle, to hear about the life of a Jackie. Just keep on coming with those good newsy letters of yours.

Sincerely,
Joe Connelly.

P. S. General Pershing is the finest looking soldier have ever seen.

SENIORS' CLASS ADVISORS

There was a meeting of the Senior class Friday noon, at which Miss Hitchcock and Mr. Koch were elected class "angels." Miss Gifford and Mr. Wilson, who were advisors for the class last year, both have leave of absence this year. Mr. Wilson is at Columbia University, and Miss Gifford is at her home in Elgin at present. She expects to spend most of the winter doing advanced work at the University of Chicago.

Lena Laws was at her home in Westfield Sunday and Monday.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

Martin Schahrer, '17, is now in the front line trenches, helping shove the Germans towards the frontier. He has been in France for several months.

Edgar Oren Swope left school Thursday. He registered last August and will leave with the next contingent of drafted men from Martinsville, Illinois. He has put in his application for admittance to the navy, and probably will be transferred from the army to that branch of the service. Swope was a member of last year's football squad, and is a valuable track man.

Word has been received that Dale Coyle and Glen Hackett have arrived in Newport, Rhode Island, for final training before going aboard ship. The news was obtained through Ralph Adams, who saw the boys and said that they had made the usual gain in weight and spirit. Ralph is expected home on furlough sometime this week.

Lieutenant Stanley Crowe, a graduate of E. I. in 1916, has been confined to the hospital at Camp McCarthy, Waco, Texas, for the past two weeks with throat trouble. He is now out and able again to attend to his duties.

Sergeants Byron Markle and Joe Connelly, former students of the Normal School, were selected from their respective companies to act as two of a guard of honor to General Foch and General Pershing. The occasion was the presentation of medals of honor to twenty American Soldiers by King George.

"MAC" IS HOME

Merrell T. McCabe, a member of the Junior class at Normal last year, is home from Newport, R. I., to spend a furlough of about a week. Mac arrived Sunday noon, and will leave the last of this week, probably Saturday. He reports that all the Normal School boys in the navy are enjoying life, with the exception of Ralph Adams, who is just recovering from a severe illness. Merrell is a petty officer and has been drilling recruits from New York until lately. The last few weeks he has been on guard duty—a rather strenuous life, according to Mac—nineteen hours duty, two hours recreation and three hours sleep out of every twenty-four.

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A half dozen people cannot make a school paper. It takes the combined efforts of all the students of the school to make it a success, and without this co-operation it will be just what this one has been in the past; a sort of half-dead expression of the thoughts of three or four students.

There are several ways in which the students and alumni of the school may help the paper. The students should help with the advertising. Few students realize the importance of ads to a paper. Without them it could not exist. Every student should help us make advertising in our paper an absolute necessity on the part of the merchants of this town. This is a very simple matter, much easier than it sounds. When you, a student, go up town, try to remember to look in your copy of the Normal School News, and patronize the merchants whose advertisements appear in it. This will have a double effect. It will make the merchants whom you stop patronizing feel the need of advertising in the paper, and also it will make the ones who advertise with us feel that it has been worth while.

The second way that a student should help is by news or editorial contributions. A school paper cannot be interesting to the whole school unless the whole school, or representatives of each part of it take an active part in some department of the paper.

The third way in which to support the paper is to subscribe for it. The reasons for this are obvious.

Paper and labor cost money, as also do printing supplies.

The Normal School News needs your support and we hope that you may look forward each Tuesday to reading the articles of your fellow students, and also look with pride upon some of the results of your own efforts.

CIRCUS DAY

Mysterious doings were happening around school last Tuesday afternoon when Ringling Bros.' Circus was in Mattoon. An air of secrecy pervaded the locality and was felt by the student body, when it was announced that there would be no school after dinner. In spite of this secrecy certain students are said to have seen the faculty steal forth from the building in groups of seven and eight and go noisily towards the Charleston-Mattoon Interurban. What happened after that is a matter of conjecture, so we will not attempt to describe it.

Many of the students took advantage of the afternoon vacation and went to the circus, too. A good time was reported by all the students, but the faculty refused to talk on the subject.

Lyda Purvis spent the week end in Sullivan.

Elizabeth Ferguson spent Sunday at her home in Paris.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. Allen entertained the cabinet members of the Young Women's Christian Association at a six o'clock luncheon Sunday evening, Sept. 8. A delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Sylvia Brown, Isabelle Black, William Cone and Harold Hutton made up a picnic party which went to the woods on the Hutton farm Saturday evening.

A Hoover spread was given in honor of Mary Elizabeth Cone, who was a guest of Edna Mitchell Saturday night. Those present were Genevieve Haworth, Sammie Briggs, Edna Mitchell, Mae Dona Deames, Eula Stanberry, and Beulah Smith.

The regular weekly dancing party was held in the gymnasium Saturday night. Miss Farrer, Miss Hitchcock and Miss Inglis acted as chaperones. About sixty people were present.

The music was furnished by two pianists from the student body, Barbara Miles and Frances Grafton, while William Armstrong played the drums and traps. The music was very good and helped make the evening an enjoyable one. It is hoped that such an arrangement can be continued since it was so successful.

Y. W. MEETING

A very interesting meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held Friday evening in the Pemberton Hall parlors. About seventy students and members of the faculty were present. The subject was a "Welcome," and was led by the president, Edyth Downs. She told what the Y. W. C. A. meant to girls, its general organization under the three heads of City, Student, and County, Y. W. C. A. Associations, their aims, war work and other duties.

Members of the cabinet or representatives of each committee were introduced, and each briefly outlined her work so that the newcomers might understand the machinery of this individual association. The girls who were members last year sincerely hope that those who were present Friday evening will come again next Friday evening. Does it seem too large an aim in a school with approximately three hundred girl students to try to have a Y. W. C. A. with a hundred members? Won't you, girl reader, help to make that aim come true?

The rain could not keep Edna Mitchell in Pemberton Hall, Sunday, when she received an invitation for dinner at the Allen's, although it did keep her from attending church earlier in the morning.

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PERSONAL

Lucile Prather spent the week end at her home in Toledo.

Ruby Kelly has left school to attend business college.

Eula Stanberry spent Monday shopping in Terre Haute.

Flavia Foster visited her parents in Illiopolis over Sunday.

Pauline and Sylvia Ashworth visited home folks in Humboldt, Sunday.

Lois Moore and Edith Jarret were visiting home folks in Humboldt, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Bruner Tehon, '09, is at the University of Wisconsin, where she is teaching pre-medical students and also working for a doctor's degree in Latin.

Elsie Koonce has obtained a position in the Mt. Zion schools and has left school to take up her new work. Miss Koonce was a member of this year's graduating class.

Two of our dignified seniors, Lucile Nehrling and Edith Crowe, went to see the wild animals and various other attractions offered by Ringling Brothers' circus at Mattoon last Tuesday.

Mr. C. C. Hubbard, of the E. I. History Department, returned Sunday after six weeks' training at Fort Sheridan. He has taken up his regular classes, and will also be an instructor in the military drill.

Hubert McKenzie, who has been taking a six weeks' course in military training at Fort Sheridan, was called home Wednesday morning by the death of his mother, Mrs. Mina McKenzie.

Ten new students have entered school the past week. Among them was Elba Armstrong, of Loxa, who has attended Normal School for several years. The others who entered were new students.

PEMBERTON HALL EXCITED

There is either not enough or too much H₂O at Pemberton Hall. The water having been off for a couple of days, one of the girls left her faucet open. While she was at church Sunday morning, the water was unexpectedly turned on. The two parts of hydrogen and one of oxygen proceeded to flood the room. The liquid being hot, great clouds of steam issued through the transom into the hall and were discovered by Esther Kelso who was promenading the corridor. She instantly summoned Bood Smith. Help!! In the meantime Miss Kelso's room was flooded. This time Mae Dona Deames was called upon to assist. By the combined efforts of the three girls the two rooms and part of the corridor were finally mopped, and out of chaos came peace. Moral—Go to church on Sunday morning and then some one else will have to do the mopping.


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