TO OUR READERS

We wish to thank the Normal School faculty, students, and townpeople who have given us their loyal support. We also wish to announce that the Normal School News will be published each week of the coming school year, and be under the management of John Hawkins, '17, Lyman Ritter, '18, and Frank Harris, '17, with Mr. Howard De F. Wider as Faculty Advisor. Hand your dollar to Frank Harris or mail it to the Normal School News.

BANANA TREE

There is now growing in the greenhouse a full grown banana tree. This tree, which grows by the scientific name of musa sapientum, is perhaps fifteen feet high and some of the leaves are eight feet long and eighteen inches wide. The banana grows only in a tropical climate. In greenhouses it fruits only every two years. The flowers are borne on a large nodding spike and are clustered together protected by purple bracts. The fruit is too well known to require any detailed description, grows upside down from the way which we see it hang in the market. The sight of a banana tree, with fruit, is always worth seeing. This and many other interesting things may be seen by visiting the green house.

TOURNAMENT FROM CAMP

Treavor Serviss returned last Wednesday from Green Mountain Falls, Colorado, where he has been camping with the Allen party. The party have been resting in large purple bracts and are enjoying themselves by taking trips, climbing mountains, fishing and camping. The party has lately been enlarged by the coming of Miss Mary E. Hawkins. It is contemplating a trip to Denver. M. Hampton is working. The group is living in a small cottage and is staying in the same hotel. The party is well off in funds and has a large supply of food.

BUTLER GETS PRINCIPALSHIP

Grove Butler, '18, will be the principal of the Fairbanks school this coming year. This position is a rather responsible one and Mr. Butler is to be complimented on his selection for the position.

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WROK IN GARDENING

A class of about fifty pupils was organized from the seventh grade for the purpose of doing work in gardening. The class was divided into groups of eight each. Each group took part in the study of one or two vegetables. Each individual planted a garden ten by thirty feet and is caring for that plot during the summer months. The following arrangements of rotations for the groups was made:

Group 1. Onions from seed.
Group 2. Potatoes followed by turnips.
Group 3. Head lettuce and cabbage followed by string beans.
Group 4. Peas followed by celery.
Group 5. Lettuce and radishes.
Group 7. Care of the lawn.

Arrangements have been made for the pupils to sell some of their vegetables through a cooperative club. Thus some lessons in business cooperation may be taught. Some have sold as much as ten dollars worth of products from the first crop on the small plots, others have sold very little but have had plenty of good vegetable food for their home table. The "money making" side is not the side that is being emphasized at all, though it is an important side. It is much more important that the pupils learn the lessons of economy, of good treatment of the soil, of care of the lawns, of the possibilities of the soil as a source of food, etc, than it is to make a little money. As the amount of the individual project is small there must be the amount of the total project. This one of the factors that may be emphasized by the garden work.

No little value may come to the boy or the girl from the fact that some definite piece of work is laid upon his shoulders. If he is made responsible for one thing and does it well he may gain strength for bigger enterprises. Many cities are solving a large part of the problem of better community life by having the boys and girls take care of the back yards, the vacant lots, the garden spots, and the walks of the community. The National Cash Register company of Dayton, O. has found that it pays them in dollars and cents and in extra efficiency in their factory. Even the children of their workman trained in this kind of endeavor. They keep extra men.

GAVE GOOD TALK

Dr. Hysomoumon, head of the department of better community conditions at the University of Illinois was a visitor at school Tuesday morning. He gave a very interesting talk in chapel on the movement that is on foot for the better of the community of the state of Illinois.

ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

The management of the Entertainments Course has secured several numbers for the next year. These entertainments are all first class and were secured with considerable trouble on the part of the managers.

The first of the series of entertainments comes October 16th, which will be a concert by Madam Tilly Koenen a celebrated Dutch contralto.

The second number will be a concert by the Zoeller Stringed Quartet, which plays here on April 19. The Zoellers have played here before and are very well known to require any recommendation.

March 1st Leland Powers will be here. Mr. Powers has been here several times and has always proven a delight to those who have heard his readings.

The Coburn Players, who played here twice in the last year will be here early in May.

The Students Transfer Co. will be on the job next week. Don't forget to let them haul your trunk. Operated by Cooper, Bails and Hawkins.

We received a letter from J. Edward McGourty, former sports editor of The Normal School News. "Eddie" is now in Chicago where he will probably locate.

For a salary to look after the organization of the garden work among the boys because it pays as an investment. Otherwise we are making it a public enterprise.

The cooperation of parents in this endeavor will do far to encourage the work and galvanize it to the advantage of the general welfare.

If every boy and girl who is big enough to care for a plot of ground ten by thirty feet would become interested in producing something from the soil which would be of intrinsic value in the home, they could literally bring thousands of dollars worth of products right out of the soil and place them in the home. It is a project worth thinking about in these days when the cost of living is so high. - T. D. C.
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At the present time athletics are taking a prominent place in the schools of this country. The critic of the past century would not have given athletics the prominent place it now occupies in our schools. However, athletics do play an important part in the life of the student, is conceded by men whose opinion is respected by the public in general. Even the laws of our state require the teaching of gymnastics. This is a great aid to athletics.

Some people have attacked athletics for no other reason other than that they do not understand what athletics are. Others have more reasonable grounds for their attacks. One attack made is that too much time is taken from study for practice or other athletic drill. Some attack athletics from the standpoint that the athlete's strength is overtaxed.

Critics say that the athlete comes from practice completely worn out by his exertions and unfit for the mental activity which his studies demand.

Still another angle of attack is that people who are physically unfit for athletics are greatly harmed thereby.

All attacks may be answered by any person with a reasonable knowledge of athletics. Recreation in some forms is indulged in by practically every one. Is it not better to have the student on the athletic field under the watchful eye of a careful coach than loafing about the rooms of his associates dawdling away his time to no purpose at all? Should athletics be condemned because of the excesses of a few who spend too much time at practice?

Now days the athlete is usually subject to a rigid medical examination before he is allowed to practice with the team. In this way any one who is unfit for physical exertions is disqualified.

It is a safe statement, it would seem, that the person who spends a certain time each day at physical exercise will be a better student than he would otherwise be. The athlete learns to cooperate with others in his work. He must become a part of a machine, the efficiency of which depends on how well each unit performs its part.

It requires a certain amount of will power to stay with the grind of practice day after day. The quitter is soon found. Only the ones who can develop will power will be able to stay.

The value of athletics as a factor in the physical development of the student, should not be overlooked. There can be no doubt that athletics develop and build up the body.

From the moral standpoint, athletics are above reproach. The temperate can not hope to hold out. The cigarette fiend has not sufficient endurance to stand up with the clean liver. In order to be a good athlete one must be temperate in all his habits and regular in his daily life.

Surely athletics are valuable from an educational point of view and are worthy the serious consideration of all students.

DANCED AT PARK
The Junior-Senior-Alumni dance given at Urban Park last Monday evening was enjoyed by all those present. Chaparroned by Miss Hansen, Miss Farrar, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Cowen, the party left here at 7:45 and returned at 11:50. About forty couples were present, of which about ten were alumni. Music was furnished by Flannigan's orchestra of Mattoon.

Charles Conrad, a former student of this school, and a member of the football team of 1910, called on friends here last Saturday. Mr. Conrad is taking work at the U. of I. this summer. Next year he goes to Oakland as principal of the city schools of that place.

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Each traveling library consists of twenty-five books selected by expert librarians. These books contain material for all grades. The library is loaned, free of charge, for the full term. If, however, the teacher wishes, the books may be exchanged for a second lot of twenty-five books.

A library of fifty books can be arranged for the use of patrons. A teacher can add seventy-five books to her school library for a very small cost, the only charge being transportation charges to and from Springfield. — H. M.

R. E. Miller, 1st, visited school last Saturday.

Ernest Martin spent last Sunday at his home in Sullivan.

Glenn McMullen left for his home at Three Gap Monday.

Mr. Taylor visited the summer Normal at Danville last week.

Nelle Hutchinson, 14, spent the week end with school friends.

Dr. R. C. Pease, of Lebanon, Ill., visited Edith Fyle Sunday.

Nelle Elliot and Mary Brounshopped in Mattoon last Monday.

Mr. J. R. Taylor visited, with home folks, at Vauxhall last Sunday.

Dr. Brehoff, of Mattoon, visited Ralph Maxwell last Tuesday evening.

Dr. C. E. Pollard, of Chicago, called on Charleston friends Sunday.

Emily Roberts, of Portland, Oregon, visited Edna Corbin last week.

Stanley Crowe, '16, made a business trip to Toledo and Neoga last Tuesday.

Thilza Hill, '18, of Villa Grove, and Fred Welch, '16, visited school Wednesday.

Miss Thompson, of Chicago, who was here in 1911, visited friends here last week.

Inez Waggoner, of Gays, visited her sister, Edna Waggoner, last Wednesday and Thursday.

Lena Young, of Jansville, and Margarite Flowers, of Mattoon, visited Essie Codd and Desert Tuesday.

Mr. Wilson and Miss Skelton were in Danville last week, looking over the Danville summer Normal school.

Andrew Phillips, '16, visited school friends here Monday and attended the Dance at Urban Park Monday evening.

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THURSDAY
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PERSONAL
Marie Wallerly visited relatives at Toledo last Monday.
Florence Hodge visited school friends Friday morning.
Flossie Lee, '14, visited friends here Thursday and Friday.
Budie Eisehman visited her Sunday.
Barbara Brown, '18, called on Roscoe Barry Sunday afternoon.
Harlem Gittes, '16, made a business trip to Paris last Friday.
Maurice and Roscoe Hampton called on Ema friends last Sunday.
Come in and see our special offer to summer teachers—The Picture Shop.
J. A. Karch, of the University of Illinois, visited friends here last Sunday.
Fern Geszmem of Wooster, Ohio, visited Josephine Myers last Wednesday and Thursday.
Renee Cooling, '13, new student at the University of Illinois, visited her parents here.
Paul Davis, of Hume, who attended school here last year, called on school friends Saturday evening.
Frank Kihler, '13, visited friends here Monday and attended the dance at Urban Park Monday evening.
Marie Christian left for her home in Coffeen Wednesday. Miss Christian was unable to finish the term because of illness.
Wilbur R. Harn, and J. P. Carter, of Paris, called on friends last Thursday and attended the concert Thursday evening.
Mildred Rogers, of Mt. Carmel, visited Bernice Cozine Monday and Tuesday. Miss Rogers is a former student of this school.
Gordon Cook, '15, was a business visitor in Carmargo last Saturday. Mr. Cook will be principal of the Carmargo schools again next year.
Carl Ogden, Editor Ehm, Dr. A. G. Nichols, Harold Gill and Bernard Myers, of Redmond, called on Lilian Sunberg and Ruth Twigg last Sunday.
Bruce Rardin, '10, of Roland, visited friends here Monday and attended the Junior-Junior-Alumni dance at Urban Park Monday evening.
Misses Hallie Sipp, Alberta Post, Hazel Cora, and Lewis Roberts, and Messes Lucian Rue and Harold Foster motored down from Arcola Sunday to visit Anna Miller.
A very delightful entertainment was given in the assembly room Wednesday evening by Miss Essie Koch, sophomore; Miss Minna Niemann, pianist; Mrs. E. E. Thomas, pianist, and Mr. Koch, accompanist. The music was of the highest class and was enjoyed by a large number of summer students and others.

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