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ALUMNI INVITED—HOME COMING DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 28

E. I. ALUMNI, ATTENTION

Spring is here again, and with it Commencement season, and our own Alumni Day, Saturday, May 28. Again we put it on Saturday, so that those of you who are teaching will not have an excuse to stay away, and those of you who are in business and far away can have the week-end here. We are hoping for the largest attendance this year we have ever had, and want you to join us and help swell our numbers. Thy day will be full—full of good things, with time between for visiting and seeing old friends.

Here is the program, doesn't it sound good?

9:00 a. m. Special chapel exercises, with the usual parade by classes.

10:30 a. m. Business meeting.
12:30 p. m. Cafeteria lunch on the campus, served free to all alumni.

2:30 p. m. Alumni-faculty baseball game.

7:30 p. m. Play: Macmillan—"His Second Girl"—given by the Senior college class.

8:30 p. m. Dance in the gymnasium.
Loyally,

LOIS F. SHORTESS,
Secretary-Treasurer,
E. I. S. N. S. Alumni Association.

Eleventh Year Class Picnic

The eleventh year class gave a picnic at Riverview Friday from 3 to 8 o'clock. Mr. Hall and Miss Ellington were the chaperones for the class. The time was spent in boat riding and fishing. After a lovely picnic supper the "11th years" came back to town. Every member of the class who was present insists that it was the best picnic ever given.

Spring Fantasy

This entertainment which is to be given by the Physical Education department of the school will be presented next Thursday evening at four o'clock. If you miss this you will regret it.

NOTICE!

All students and alumni who have not subscribed for the 1921 Warbler are urged to sign the coupon on the last page of the News.

Supt. Otto Schmaelzle

According to word received from Tuscola, Otto Schmaelzle, Charleston High School and E. I. graduate, who has been principal of the Tuscola High School for some time, may be elected head of the public schools of that city. The head of the Tuscola schools is planning to go to some other city and Mr. Schmaelzle is to take his place.

Chapel Exercises

After the regular chapel exercises on Saturday morning, the school was entertained by a musical program under the direction of Miss Major. The 7th and 8th grades sang two songs. The 1st and 3rd grades sang two songs, then the fourth, fifth and sixth grades sang two songs. The last song these grades sang was accompanied by Lyle Henderson and Edward Thomas with violins.

Miss Major accompanied all of the songs on the piano.

E. I. Warbler

Only a limited number of Warblers will be printed this year, so if you are going to subscribe do not wait, but give your name and address to Catherine Lytle, Pemberton Hall. You are bound to get your money's worth out of this annual, for every cent is to be spent on the printing and engraving. Do not hesitate; you may then be too late. Every alumnus and student of E. I. interested in this school should want one of these annals. The class of '21 is trying to to preserve the custom of putting out a Warbler each year. We are trying to make this the best one yet: the more subscriptions, the better the annual. Your subscription will help!

Junior-Senior Picnic

The Juniors and Seniors will hold their annual picnic some time this week. Committees from both classes are now making plans for a fine picnic.

8-3

The varsity beat the C. C. C. team by a score of 8 to 3 Friday afternoon.

The batteries were:

E. I.—Gobart and Funkhouser.
C. C. C.—Sarver, Ryan and Hamilton.

Gobart struck out eleven men. Leathers knocked a three-bagger with the bases full. E. I. made four runs in the first inning.

Your Duty

One of the best and easiest ways of showing our appreciation for those who come to entertain us, whether they read, sing, play or give lectures, is, first of all, to attend the meetings. Many people who have come to entertain in our Y. W. C. A. meetings face an audience of only a few students, a reception which is in itself very discouraging.

Most of us can spare time to attend these meetings if we plan ahead. If we are not interested in the entertainment, we should show our respect to the performer by our presence, and no doubt in time we will learn to appreciate, to listen to, to enjoy the worth-while in life—music, readings, and good lectures. If we do not do this we are missing the most beautiful, the most pleasing things which life has to offer.

Let us attend these meetings and make those on the program feel they are not wasting their time, but that we are deriving some good from the efforts which they are putting forth to please us.

Ninth Grade Picnic

The ninth grade enjoyed a picnic Saturday afternoon. After all had arrived at a beautiful place near the waterworks a picnic supper was served. Everyone came home tired but having enjoyed a wonderful time. Miss Ragan and Miss Stevens were the chaperones.

Junior Party

The Juniors will entertain the Seniors and faculty at their annual party next Monday evening, May 23, beginning at six o'clock.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. held its regular weekly meeting Thursday evening at 6:45 in Pemberton Hall. Lois Fleming led. The subject of the meeting was "Conditions Caused by Christianity in Japan" Marguerite Clark played. Mrs. Allen, the faculty advisor, was present. Edith Jarrett, Elsie Sloane, Dorothy Haworth and Mary Dresser read several selections pertaining to the topic discussed.

The Seniors are considering the memorial which they will leave to the school. Several appropriate things have been suggested and a committee has been appointed to decide upon this memorial.

McCabe to Head

Junior Htgh School

Merrill G. McCabe, Principal of Franklin school, in West Atchison, Kan., has been elected by the Atchison board of education to head the faculty of the Atchison Junior high school at an increase in salary.

Mr. McCabe will work under the direction of Prof. F. E. Long, who will have direct charge of both the Senior and Junior high school departments.

Merrill McCabe has been in Atchison only a little more than half a year, but has made a name for himself there in school administrative matters, as head of the West Atchison High School.

Western Normal School

The Western Normal School at Macomb, Ill. is carrying on quite an extensive campaign to advertise the school. A large number of their faculty is visiting the high schools in Western Illinois and are trying to influence the graduates to enter this school.

For the last several years this school has been unable to supply the demand made upon it for teachers. As these faculty members go about, they have the graduates sign their names for catalogues. This is bound to help the school for the graduates of the high schools will feel as if someone is taking a personal interest in their education.

Summer School

The prospects for the 12-weeks summer term are very bright. Many of the regular students are going to attend, and many who have entered for the last six weeks will go during the summer term. All who wish summer term bulletins should write the registrar at once.

Bill Passes to Change

Name of Normal School

The state senate passed the Green bill which changes the name of the Eastern Illinois Normal School here to the Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College. The bill now goes to the governor.

Stephen Turner is holding down third base position on the Charleston Baseball club. Sunday he made three runs. Leslie Cook is playing second base on this team and made four runs Sunday.

Floyd Wilson has done a fine job of umpiring for the last few games.

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WHILE WE ARE SERIOUS

The News must be put on an all-student basis, if it is to continue in the future. For a school paper to thrive it must be on a foundation that will insure enough financial return to permit those in charge of the paper to cease worrying about getting subscriptions and advertising. Then all their time can be spent preparing editorial matter.—THE NEWS ALUMNI.

DANCING

A Harvard Professor says: "Dancing is an instinct, just as eating and fighting. It has long been observed that man will fight anything and eat anything he may encounter, and now he'll dance anything." What is wrong with dancing? Al Johnson in his "College As It Is" says that a fellow has about so much social and physical energy to work off, and think it over. Is he better for working it off dancing in the noisy, merry comradeship of fellow students, with a clean-minded, peppy college girl, who likes all the boys and who keeps his mind busy with a tit-for-tat of college conversation—is he better off, I ask, for making that use of his social spirits, or indulging them in a foul-aired pool room, where boys and men smoke rotten cigars and try themselves to see with how much other rottenness they can fill the air? One young thing on going to college was a Methodist and never had danced; neither could she turn around without bumping into somebody, leave the room without the mortal fear of tripping, nor carry a tune, except Old Black Joe. Now she says: "I am still a Methodist, and I manage to have a good time at a reception, when it is polite and good business to go to one, and I frequently hear opera of my own choice. I am not conceited enough to think I just grew in grace, and I know when I first took notice of music. Dancing has done that much for me."

Only two more weeks to pay your \$1 subscription.

AMERICAN LITERATURE AS A COLLEGE STUDY

Why is it that we have courses in the history of British Literature, in British poetry, in the British novel and in the British drama, without a single course in which American literature is studied? We even learn foreign tongues—Greek, Latin, German, French, Spanish—in order to appreciate the literature they contain, ignoring entirely the literary classics which America has produced. This deplorable condition exists in nearly all American institutions for advanced education, even the leading ones. We have examined the catalogs of many of them, looking for mention of courses in American literature, the search has nearly always ended in failure. Harvard and Yale each offer one or two comparatively insignificant courses in this line; Princeton none at all.

In England and France, one often finds college and university students who are better informed on the literature of America than are the average students of similar scholastic rank in this country. Not only are they more familiar with our authors and their work, but they have an appreciation of them which we do not possess.

Too many American writers have had to depend upon Europeans for recognition. Take, for illustration, an instance near at hand. Vachel Lindsay wrote poems for many years at his home in Springfield, Ill. Several volumes of these were published. Yet it was not until English audiences, English readers and English critics lauded him to the skies that Springfield papers or Springfield people gave any serious attention to his work.

We admit that America has not yet produced a Shakespeare, a Milton, or a Burns. But aside from these, it would be difficult to point out a single British writer, either in poetry or prose, whose work cannot be equaled or even excelled by the work of some American author. How many of us who quote Wordsworth and Cowper have ever even read the poems of Edgar Allen Poe? How many Americans who admire Addison and Steele have obtained all they know of Washington Irving's productions from our public school readers? Fortunately the readers used in our grade schools give American writers representation and high schools are beginning to

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egg family pictured above, have
come to light. Reading from left
to right, they are: Rabbit and Easter
(twins), Hen, Hardboiled, Nut
M., Rooster, Bad and Soft. The
other member of the family, Powdered
Egg, couldn't be photographed,
ed his excuse being that he was
paying an extensive visit to Pem
Hall.

FETCH ME A LOGARITHM
OR TWO, EINSTEIN
The large assembly room of the
great school was filled with twelve
contesting high school students,
leaving room for only Knife Lynch,
who scored the scoop for the
Courier.

All those in the audience who
have read this column the past year
without going into hysterics will
please be seated. Graniteville, bring
in some more chairs.

SOINS OF SPROING
Miss Weller's cats walk forth each
night to join the feline choir.
Up springs the hibernating muse in
each young versifoir.
The staid, the serious faculty comes
forth in spring attoir.

Lake Antnoweenab fills to save for
days that will be droir.
The bikes are stacked before the
door for visitors to admoir.
The baseball nine run round the
field and copiously perspoir.
Our explanations to Miss Booth
don't seem to satisfoir.
And day by day the end of school
continually grows noir.

The fleecelined class flag is
awarded this week to the two mem-
bers of the class of '20 who added
to her glory by helping the playful
Juniors decorate.

AS LONG AS THERE
ARE BLOSSOMS
Apropos of the above, we wonder
if the class of '40 will scale the
tower to dislodge a flag. Original-
ity, have you forsaken us?

WHAT FOR?
"The left great toe was severed to
the bottom skin. . . . The toe will
be saved."—Another prize salvaged
from the local press.

NOTE—THIS IS NOT A JOKE
If you have survived this alleged
humorous column thus far, let us
now give a thought to the Warbler.
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Alice Lake in
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FRIDAY

and
SATURDAY

Douglas MacLean in
"THE ROOKIE'S RETURN,"
Also 'Fatty' in
"OUT WEST"

MONDAY

Eugene O'Brien and
Martha Mansfield in
"THE LAST DOOR"
Also Rolin Comedy

REX

THEATRE
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TUESDAY

Shirley Mason in
"WING TOY"
also Mutt & Jeff and
Rolin comedy
WEDNESDAY

J. Warren Kerrigan in
"THE COAST OF
OPPORTUNITY"
Also Mutt & Jeff Cartoyn

SATURDAY

Sunshine Comedy also
"THE PURPLE RIDERS"
and Fox News

include American works in their English courses. But our collegians study only foreign literature, while forgetting our own.

Fill it includes a chair in American literature, we believe that no college curriculum deserves the title of liberal.

Many of the Seniors now have jobs for next year. The class of '21 will soon be scattered to the four winds.

Raymond Phipps requests that that all pictures ordered be paid for at once. Watch for notices as to when these will be on sale.

Miss Batchelor has been offered a position as head of the Latin dept. in the high school at Iron Mountain, Mich.

No admission will be charged for the Spring Fantasy. Everybody come out Thursday afternoon. Warmer weather will be here by that time, it is hoped.

During Mr. Lord's absence last week, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Allen and Mr. Hall lead chapel. Mr. Hall made an interesting talk on the "Preservation of Wild Flowers."

All Alumni should have \$1.75 to buy their 1921 Warbler with, when they come to the Homecoming May 28.

The tenth grade class in English is editing a mock issue of the Normal School News. We may find a prospective editor.

Many new books have been placed in the library. A list of these books is pasted just inside the door in the library.

About forty new students have registered for the last six weeks.

Leslie Cook visited school Saturday.

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