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OBITUARY

On March 23, 1922, at her home in Dyersburg, Tenn., occurred the death of Miss Florence Skeffington, head of the department of English in the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College. For ten weeks, with unflinching courage, she fought an illness of overwhelming odds.

Florence Vane Skeffington, eldest of the three daughters of John and Mary Lauderdale Skeffington, was born in Dyersburg, on Nov. 20, 1870. Her father, an Irishman by birth, was a captain in the army of the Confederacy, and later, a prominent attorney of Memphis. At the time of his death he was Attorney General for the state of Tennessee. Miss Skeffington's mother and two sisters, Miss Mary and Miss Jane Skeffington, survive her.

Miss Skeffington was a graduate of the Mary Sharp College of Tennessee and of the University of Chicago, at which latter school she also did post-graduate work. She was a member of the Esoteric club and of the Graduate club of the University of Chicago. On leaving college, she taught for a short time in a school for girls, and then joined the English department of the Minnesota State Normal School at Moorhead, of which Mr. Lord was then president. A year later she went to the University of Tennessee to become dean of women. She came to the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in 1905.

There is no summing, with human pencils, our debt to Miss Skeffington. Certain things we can name: her founding the Student Council, and that so quietly that only a few knew whence the impulse came; her share in a wise and helpful book for teachers; her sponsorship of the class of 1917; her glad, generous giving of herself to all that would make the school finer and stronger. But who can count the doors she has flung wide open for us by her rare skill in teaching—doors to a more abundant life? Or who can measure the depth of her influence for all things good? Or who can calculate the height of the ideals of truth and beauty she set for us, or span the breadth of her love?

THE DEAD

These hearts were woven of human joys and cares,
Washed marvelously with sorrow, swift to mirth.
The years had given them kind-

LAST NUMBER OF ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

The last number of the entertainment course will be given Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The Zoellner quartet will present the following program:

Quartet Op. 76 No. 5	Haydn
Allegretto	
Largo. Cantabile e Mezzo	
Menuetto. Allegro	
Finale. Presto	
I	
Quartet Op. 28	G. Ferrata
Romanza	
Serenata - Scherzo	
II	
Quartet Op. 27	Grieg
Romanza	
Intermezzo	
III	
Pastorale	Emerson Whithorne
(From Creek Impressions Op. 19)	
Minuet from D Minor Quartet.	Mozart
Andante Cantabile Op. II	Tschaikowski
IV	

ness. Dawn was theirs,
And sunset, and the colors of
the earth.
These had seen movement, and
heard music; known
Slumber and waking; loved;
gone proudly friended;
Felt the quick stir of wonder;
sat alone;
Touched flowers and furs, and
cheeks. All this is ended.
There are waters blown by chang-
ing winds to laughter
And lit by the rich skies, all day.
And after,
Frost, with a gesture, stays the
waves that dance
And wandering loveliness. He
leaves a white,
Unbroken glory, a gathered ra-
diance,
A width, a shining peace un-
der the night.
Rupert Brooke.

NOTICE

The Student Council will select The News staff this week for next year. If any student wishes to be a member of the staff, and to earn part of his expenses for the coming year he should hand his name to Charles Prather before Thursday of this week.

It was interesting to the News staff to see the different students who stopped and read the contract posted under the clock. They were able to see the business-like and efficient manner in which the financial affairs of the paper are taken care of as well as some interesting items in regard to how and under what rules the News is made to live up to certain standards.

BASEBALL

Coach Lantz has scheduled nine baseball games for this season. The regular schedule will start with a game with Bradley at Charleston on Apr. 20, but it is possible that there will be several practice games before that date. Coach "Rocky" Hampton of Mattoon High School wants to bring over a team from Mattoon, Saturday of this week, and the varsity will have their first baseball game then. Other practice games will be arranged with the Brown Shoe factory and other local teams.

The regular schedule will be a hard one for the varsity. All the schools with which we have games are always represented by strong teams. Indiana Normal always turns out a hard-hitting nine. This year they will have a star pitcher on the mound. This school has several hundred boys to pick a team from. So we can be sure of two games with them. Our first game with them is scheduled for April 28, but it will probably be changed to a later date.

The varsity will invade the state line a second time and meet the strong Rose Poly team. The first game with them is scheduled for April 25, but it may be postponed until a later date. Our spring vacation is from April 8 to 18, and Coach Lantz does not like to have so many games so soon after it. The team will lose a

week's practice and are sure to slump a little during that time.

On May 16 and 25 we will meet our old rivals, Millikin, at Decatur and Charleston. We always like to win games from this school, and our chances are very good this year. Millikin will have a strong team, but the varsity should be able to take their measure in at least one of the two games.

The season will be closed with a game with the alumni.

Coach Lantz is rapidly whipping the candidates into a team. He has been using Barrick, Prather, Chapman and Conrad on the mound. Barrick, a southpaw, is showing up well. Funkhouser is rapidly regaining his old form behind the bat. The infield is composed of four experienced players. Fawley at first, Coyle at second, Lynch at short and Wilson at third should develop into a strong infield. Wallace, Greathouse and Black are showing well in the outfield. Other candidates for the varsity are Muchmore, Barnes, Dunn, Moore, Whittemore, Sublette, Frommel, Snyder and McCall.

Several high school men are showing well. Haddock as catcher, Lee on first and Donaldson as shortstop, are three of their strongest men. Other high school players that have suits are H. Osborn, R. Hall and P. Osborn.

Death of Miss Hilton

Miss Elizabeth Hilton, critic teacher in the second grade of the elementary school, died suddenly at the Charleston hospital last Monday. Miss Hilton was filling the vacancy left by Miss Geddes. Before coming here she taught in the primary grades of Oak Park schools. After a short funeral service held Wednesday at Miss Morse's home, the body was taken to Oak Park for burial.

Distinguished Educator Speaks

Mr. Caldwell, formerly a member of our faculty, now of the Lincoln School of New York City, spoke in chapel Saturday morning. His short talk was one of the best that has been given during chapel exercises this year. His subject was "The Law of Cause and Effect." By the use of two excellent illustrations, and the description of an experiment made in his school, he very clearly demonstrated his subject.

After Mr. Caldwell's talk, Mr. Koch played a selection on the zither. Mr. Lord closed the chapel exercises with an experiment of his own.

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DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Despite the small attendance, the dramatic society had the most enjoyable meeting of the year last Wednesday evening.

The first matter to be brought before the club was a suggestion to disband. Quite a little discussion followed the suggestion. After arguments had been given, pro and con, a motion was made to not disband and was carried unanimously. The matter of buying copies of plays to be given was decided in the affirmative and the program committee was instructed to spend the money necessary to purchase the plays. It was decided that at the next meeting, April 5, the play, Helena's Husband, would be given. Copies of the play have been ordered and the parts will be read if the time before the 5th is too short for the parts to be learned.

The society is determined to make a public appearance. To further this ambition, the president appointed a committee to meet with Mr. Widger and decide on the plays to be given. This committee will report at the next meeting.

Then to the surprise of everyone except the entertainers, Mr. Rawlands introduced Miss Mercer and Miss Tate as the members to present the evening's program. Miss Mercer created a good deal of laughter with two readings, "Peelin' Pertaters" and "Angelina." Miss Tate then presented in excellent fashion an unusual ghost story, "A Transferred Ghost." The society then adopted a motion expressing the pleasure and thanks of the members present to Miss Tate and Miss Mercer.

During the progress of the discussion that followed the motion not to disband, several ideas about the society's ills were put forward. The point was made that a program, having in it a play, would bring many members to the next meeting. Another member gave his opinion that the public appearance would determine the fate of the society. There was some feeling among the members that a period of inactivity would mean the death of the club as certainly as disbandment. The action in regard to the next meeting's program is indication enough that the E. I. Dramatic Society is still very much alive. It is safe to say that every student will be entertained if he comes to the next meeting. In the next issue something further about this program will be given.

Party to Be Given

The Y. W. C. A. will give a party in the gym Saturday night. The Y. W. C. A. plan to make this party one of the most unusual and entertaining of the school year. There will be dancing during the entire evening. The refreshments will be sold in a somewhat different way than at the usual benefit party. Support the Y. Ws. and have a good time, too.

At the meeting of Thursday evening the new cabinet members were installed, as follows: president, Janet Grimes; secretary, Lois waters; treasurer, Lillian Fleming; devotional, Margaret Mercer; social, Sylvia Ashworth; music, Sylvia Taylor; publicity, Dorothy Haworth; world fellowship, Emily Heistand; undergraduate representative, Emily Fox.

Miss Molyneaux gave a short talk about the work of the old cab net and the duties of the new one.

Track and Tennis Dope

Coach Moore will issue a call for track candidates today or tomorrow. About twenty men are expected to report.

The tennis season for E. I. will probably not get into full swing until after the Easter vacation. The continued rainy weather will prevent the courts from being put in condition before the last of next week.

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Team A—Betty Hull, Thursa Richardson, Ruth Fawley, Pearl Isenburg, Helen Holdaway, Daisy Icenogle.

Team B—Lois Waters, Beatrice White, Edith Robertson, Calie Weber, Amelia Riechman, Ruth Clark.

Miss Beulah Tittle is back in school after two month's absence due to an attack of pneumonia.

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Pictures of Classes Taken
Pictures were taken of the classes, except the three graduating ones. It is to be regretted that each class had several members absent. A majority of those who absented themselves did so by choice. That also is to be regretted.

The Student Council held a special meeting during chapel Friday morning. A message of sympathy was sent by them for the student body to Mrs. Skeffington at Dyersburg, Tennessee.

Lillian Hoffman, '20, died last Tuesday of blood poisoning. She was teaching at Filmore.

HIGH SCHOOLS
You are planning to send athletes to the **Field and Track Meet May 6, why not send singers May 4 - 5? Join the Glee Club Contest.**

JUNIOR COLLEGE ENTERTAINMENT

On April 2, the Junior College is going to give an elaborate entertainment at the Teachers College. There will be five big acts, as follows:

I. French Doll Dance by Neva Giah, Helen Holdaway and Lillian Mercer.

II. Comical Colored Cutups, minstrel dialogues and jokes.

III. Singing by Plantation Quartet. Classic and popular music.

IV. A Welsh Honeymoon. A clever one-act play, which is based on the superstition that one may cause the death of another by summoning his ghost on Allhallow's Eve. Some of the best talent of the dramatic society will present this.

V. A new Harold Lloyd Comedy. Everybody enjoys this artist of farce.

Admission will be 25 cents, by ticket or at the door.

Little boy to his dad—"Dad, can you sign your name with your eyes shut?"

Dad—"Why sure, boy."

Boy—"Well, shut your eyes and sign my report card." "Zeh" Ik-nayan.

THE CITY OF THE DEAD
Upon the mossy-covered walls of stone

Time has left his trace.
Dust of centuries, settled down,
All its ancient splendor has erased.

Tall and stately trees, shed of their glory,
Lift bare branches to the sky,
And in silence tell the story

Of the days that have gone by.
What mighty monarch might have ruled

This mute terrestrial realm
Before the hand of Death laid claim
And struck and overwhelmed
A place where life and joy were all aken,

Where lovers laughed and played,
Where we now stand with eyes serene,
With wondering gaze yet undimmed.

There are ruins all around us,
A mockery to the hands
Which raised these crumbled temples
That once adorned the land.

Here a gorgeous palace rose,
With alabaster halls
That rang to courtiers' armored feet.

Answering a ruler's calls,
The humble homes of cottagers
around
Are shattered stones upon the ground,
And Desolation covers o'er the plain.

The only master of the dead domain,
All its beauty now is passed,
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Coals of Fire

(Continued from our last issue.)

Since he was neither fat nor just normal, one could best describe him by saying that he was chubby. A full figure—almost too full—rosy cheeks, blue eyes and a dimpled chin gave him an advantage over his comrades with the women; but it was an advantage for which he paid dear in camp.

Happy, like most other fleshy men, was a good shot. Since he could hit the bull's eye, his captain thought that he would be the man to place in the sniper section of battalion headquarters. Three days after Happy had earned his expert rifleman's badge, he was sent—much to his chagrin—to join the snipers' section. Soon after the American forces were thrown into the front lines, the war changed from trench to open warfare. The need for snipers was greatly reduced, while the demand for scouts was much greater. The final result was the transference of the snipers—including Happy—over to the scouts' section.

Happy was so absent-minded (at times) that his comrades could not help wondering why he did not accidentally walk into a German shell. He did eventually stumble into a German machine-gun nest (and four medals) on one of his reconnoitering trips. He came suddenly upon three Germans strongly entrenched in a small hole. He was in their rear and almost over them before he discovered their presence. Both Happy and the Germans were very much surprised and slightly embarrassed. The Germans recovered first—having had more training in trench etiquette. They made known their pleasure at seeing Happy by joyfully crying, "Kamarad." Twenty minutes later, Happy marched proudly into headquarters behind three prisoners. At first he regarded the whole affair as a joke. When his officers started to talk decorations, and citations, his attitude and story of the episode changed. He came to look upon the capture of the Germans as a dangerous and brave feat. His bravery was rewarded by two medals; and today he proudly tells how he won them by capturing a German machine-gun nest (single-handed) which contained three Germans.

Granting that Happy did or did not deserve a medal for this stunt, he soon after earned all that he ever got, and paid off his debt to Sprag at the same time. On Oct. 9, 1918, the ——— regiment planned to go over the top, cross the Meuse River, take Consenvoye and pierce the Hindenburg line. The preceding week was a busy one for the scouts. All their nights and part of their days were spent in reconnoitering on both banks of the river. About six o'clock in the evening of the seventh of October Privates Sprading and Fagen reported to their commanding officer Lieutenant Ryan, for orders.

(Continued in our next issue.)

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April 20, Bradley at Charleston
April 25, Rose at Terre Haute
April 28, Ind. Normal at T. H.
May 3, Ind. Normal at Charleston.
May 10, Rose P. at Charleston.
May 15, Bradley at Peoria.
May 16, Millikin at Decatur
May 25, Millikin at Charleston
June 3, Alumni at Charleston.

Great Pictures to Be Shown

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Robert Louis Stevenson's famous novel, has been made into a moving picture of great merit. This picture will be shown at E. I. Friday, April 7. Lionel Barrymore and Martha Mansfield play the leads. On May 11, the great moving picture, "The Copperhead," will be shown at school. This has been acclaimed a masterpiece by critics the country over.

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