

DECEINCESS

The Student Cooperation Plan

Due to the untiring efforts of those who have been working on the organization of our new Student Cooperation plan the movement has now reached the point where it is a positive working factor. We are indebted to the advisory board, and to the members of the faculty who met with the board, for the carefully planned methods of carrying out the details, especially the matter of the election of officers.

We know that there are many D.N.S. Alumnae who are interested in the movement so an explanation of the plan of organization would not be amiss here. The purpose of the organization is to increase the efficiency of the school as a whole by giving to the students "the greatest freedom with the greatest responsibility" and to relieve the faculty of many of the tasks which they now perform, and which not only could be performed by us, but would be of value to us in that they afford actual practice in administrative matters involving responsibility. This does not mean that the work of the faculty is lessened, or that their opinions or counsel are no longer welcome. Quite to the contrary, they are essential to the success of the plan, for it is a Student-Faculty Cooperation.

The General Assembly consists of the Senior and Junior students, the Normal School Faculty, including the Training School Faculty, and the janitor and engineer of the Normal building, meaning to include all those connected with the state institution. The Assembly has elected four Senior girls to be officers of a Council of twelve, which is the authoritative group of the student body. Each Senior division has two representatives seated in the Council, and each Junior division has one representative. The Voting was done by the numerical preferential ballot, and this week we are again entering the names of the officers and of the eight other members of the Council.

President Miss Grace Treat Jr. C
Vice Pres. Miss Ruth Strait Sr. A
Secretary Miss Dorothy Hanna, Sr. D
Ass't. Sec. Miss Laura Barton, Sr. B
Councillors: the Misses Holcomb, Saunders, Keane, Pauley, Webb, Conaty, Dunn, and Schmidt.

Now, to efficiently carry on the work planned by the General Assembly, committees are to be formed, each with a special problem upon which to focus its attention and effort. The committees are to be appointed by the Council, that body determining the number of committeemen on each committee. There shall be on each committee so appointed by the Council both faculty and student members. Such matters as assembly programs, student conduct, living conditions, certain rights and duties about the building, (such as library facilities and obligations) will be taken care of by committees, who will from time to time, report to the Council.

Beside these committees, which will aid in carrying on the work of the school there are the various clubs, such as the Dramatic Club, the Glee Club, the Rural Club, etc.

Still another way in which the work may be distributed is through the power of the Council to appoint Special Commissions, which, of course, are temporary appointments.

The President of the Council will confer frequently with the Principal of the School, as a means of bringing the faculty and student body into closer touch on all problems.

In leaving this plan in a workable, yet not necessarily a permanent form, the Class of 1926 realizes that it has but taken the first step, and is anxious that others realize it as well. The true success of the plan rests with the Seniors of next year, and the way they cooperate with the incoming members of the institution.

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A Trip to Washington

Some of the girls are planning another trip to Washington this year, and would be very glad if any of the Alumnae or their friends would go to the capital with them. Miss Davis, and Miss Holbrook will chaperon the group this year.

The approximate cost for each individual will be between thirty-seven and forty dollars, including chaperon's expenses, but not including railroad fare to and from New York City.

The party will leave New York on April 3, to return on April 7. This affords time for one to see many of the wonders of Washington at one of the most convenient, and perhaps the most beautiful of the seasons of the year, "Cherry-blossom time."

Athletic Events

A new tournament is now under way. This one is a volley ball tournament, and promises to be an exciting one. It is hoped that everyone, Juniors and Seniors will take an active interest in it. The Senior A's and B's must finish all their games this week, for they go out training Monday. Likewise the Senior C' and D's must play all of their games in the month of April, as they will not be here in May, and the tournament should be completed by the end of that month. Watch the bulletin for the complete schedule; it will be posted soon.

Thursday morning, in the latter part of the Assembly period, an important Necomb game between the Senior A's and D's will be played. It will decide the Champion team for the Senior Class. Results will be issues next week. Look for them.

Mr. Brown Speaks in Assembly

On Monday morning we were favored by an interesting talk by Mr. R. N. Brown, a Regional Supervisor of the state. He is especially interested in rural schools and their improvement, as many of us are. He painted for us a picture which was "perfectly true to life" stating just the facts in the problem, and the things which we who want to teach in a rural school will have to face. However, he soon became optimistic, and earnestly encouraged us to be so, hoping that we realize the worth while opportunity which the rural school holds in store for us.

After Assembly, Mr. Brown attended Rural Education classes for the remainder of the morning. Reports tell us he was extremely helpful here, spending the whole time answering the many questions which the girls had to raise. As Mr. Finch said, we do appreciate having state officials come and talk to us about the things that so interest us, and we hope to hear more.

Mr. E. Ward Ireland Speaks to the Rural Club

At the regular meeting of the Rural Club on Thursday, March 18, Mr. Ireland was present, and spoke to the members about the popular topic of supervision. He touched briefly on the history and legal basis of supervision, leaving the thought that it is a comparatively new movement in education. Some of the other questions which he treated were: What is the relation of the teacher to the Supervisor? What is the relation of the Supervisor to the teacher? What may each expect of the other?

Mr. Ireland stressed so well the fact that the relation of the teacher to the Supervisor, or vice-versa, should be one of cooperation. They have a common problem--the child, and how best to help him.

The thoughts of the Supervisor are all for the children, as are the teacher's, only he must work through the teacher, in order to improve the instruction for the children.

The members who were present feel that Mr. Ireland gave them good suggestions and information to be used next year.

JOKES

Billy was bringing in the eggs. He put each one on the table, and his sister was counting each one. She picked up an egg that seemed to her to be much too heavy and hard for a hen's egg; a thought came to her quickly and she exclaimed,

"Billy! You shouldn't have taken this egg! This is the one they measure by."

Little Johnny went to visit a neighbor one morning, and upon his return was asked, "Well, Johnny, what was Mrs. Lester doing?"

"Oh, she was just standing there, jabbing milk in a barrel with a stick," replied Johnny.

Heard in Reading Class

Miss Slack, (holding up book): "This book is also good; I believe Parker wrote part of it before he died."

Bright Sayings from the Seniors

Sr. D: "Well, I can't see thru' that."

Sr. B: "See through what?"

Sr. D: "That stone wall."

Someone: "Say, you'd better keep your eyes open tomorrow!"

Someone else: "Why?"

Someone: "Because, honestly, you won't be able to see anything if you don't."

One: "I just can't get over it."

Another: "Can't get over what?"

One: "The Woolworth building."

Hurray! At last Mr. Finch is going to take the Sr. D's out on one of those fine trips we've been hearing about. We've studied good and hard waiting for that event to come. Anyhow, we're going to take a Photography Trip, (doesn't that sound interesting?) all up and down the Stilly River, and learn something about taking out-of-door pictures for use in the teaching of geography. Every one of us looks forward with eagerness to a sunny Thursday afternoon.

SIGNS OF SPRING

The snow is gone--
Warm, balmy days, with fleckless skies
of blue

Spread over head,
While under foot, the earth responds
to human tread

With springy touch.

The robin sounds his note--
The birds at early dawn pay tribute
to the coming day,

Buds, bursting forth, as if their shells
no longer could contain the vital part
within,

Give promise for the year.

The tinkling bells--
The ragman's boils, who, during tuneless
chants,

His horse leads here and there,
That all good housewives may, if time
permits,

Their useless cumulations deposit
in his wake.

The childish voices--
Boys, who on their homeward way,
with lagging steps

Stop here and there to play a game
of "migs",

A dainty, girlish figure in the distance,
skipping rope--

No surer signs of spring than these.

R.C. Strait.

WHAT IS WINTER?

In the quiet valley,

The sun found gossip.

"Do you know," asked the brown blade of
grass of her neighbor, the green blade,

"Do you know whether winter has passed?"

A pause in the laughing--

"What is winter?" asked the green blade.

PROPHECY

A springtime night with tender stars,
Deliciousness of newborn scents,
Soft caroling of early frogs,
And promises of sweet events.

R. W. Van Liew
