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Leaders Discuss Farm Problems

The Rural Leadership Conference met in Winona, July 7 to July 11, to bring together leaders who are particularly interested in rural communities and rural youth.

The conference was sponsored by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Division of Program Study and Discussion of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.


Meetings were held in Ogden Hall.

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Editorials

Not What She Used To Be

The distorted picture of a schoolmam'a created by the cartoonist in the nineties remains deeply ingrained in the minds of the American public. The caricatured schoolmam'a, so often depicted as the schoolmam'a as a tall, angular female with scraggly brush straight back and fastened with a single pin in a skimpy hat at the back of her head. Her eyes are as large as saucers, and her nose is flared. No child could love this female with lips that are compressed and severe, with a long nose that is pinched at the end, and with a drab-colored frock of antiquated fashion what is good.
The characteristics given by her the cartoonist are often played up in comedies portraying life in a fashionable private school managed by queer spinsters. In the course of time the picture has been somewhat altered, but the bad impression is an indelible one. To my knowledge, a creature of the above description never existed. There may be some young men are afraid of the schoolmam'a, her interest in her profession is completely satisfying. Her scholarship is wide and deep. She seeks to awaken in her pupil a realization of his potentialities and opportunities.

Is Summer School Worthwhile?

A remark frequently addressed to summer school students is, "Going to summer school again? Why? What do you get out of it?"
The "why?" may be answered easily. Perhaps the primary purpose is to renew a certificate, to earn a degree, or to qualify for another position.

"What do you get out of it?" A typical American question. There may be a few who receive a cash bonus for their attendance but the majority seek something more. They look for a renewal of inspiration, a replenishing of their fund of knowledge, a broader clearer vision to carry back to their work. Summer school is for them a time to overhaul their acquaintance with teaching, to compare it with present values in the educational market, so that they may discern what is worn out and trace the trend.

Attention at summer school will help to narrow the gap of misunderstanding between pupil and teacher. Being a student again is sure to renew a teacher's acquaintance with the painful processes of learning. The searching for a solution to a problem that somehow eludes the grasp, the doubts arising in the mind before taking a test, the necessity of being prepared in the classroom pleasure and work make it easier for the instructor to sympathize with Jimmy in the classroom.

"What do you get out of it?" A renewal of interest in subject matter and pupil that is definitely worthwhile.

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Museum Established in Phelps School

An historical museum has been established in Phelps School, an elementary school building at the Winona State Teachers College. The original purpose being stated, the collection was made up of the following:

- Paintings and drawings
- Historical artifacts
- Natural history specimens

The museum is open to the public from Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The curator is Mr. John H. Smith, who invites all interested parties to visit and learn about the history of Winona and its people.

N.E.A. Has Proposed Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers

A Code of Professional Ethics for teachers has been proposed by the National Education Association and will be acted upon at the Boston meeting this summer. It was published in the May issue of the Minnesota Journal of Education.

Every person who wants to be reasonably successful in his profession must be familiar with the publications and recent activities of his particular professional organization.

The following letter was received by Mr. Jederman from a former colleague, a friend of the writer, Moy Cuey Lum:

To a Sparrow

A poem by Moy Cuey Lum

As look! A sparrow sits upon the ground, A sharp beak so fine and strong, With beak like eyes and fan spread tail And spine like legs to bounce and sail. His wings are folded to his sides, And with a shrill voice he calls. The vision that propels his soul, It could not far from my thoughts be. He alights upon the meal, That came aside from hasty meal, Then lazily he stalks away With latent thoughts of life and day. I feel he must be a loveable exponent, When he and I live side by side.

Romaine Foss.

A Chinese Views the Present War

"The following letter was received by Mr. Jederman from a former colleague, a friend of the writer, Moy Cuey Lum:

"In the tone of your letter an admirer solicitation on your part for what you will, no doubt treat as a Chinaman's viewpoint of the lamentable conditions that now beset the world? It sounds paradoxical that you know that my views are not begot of any disposition other than to enter frankly into a discussion you invoke, and which I, myself, would fail to regard.

"We Chinamen have never adopted the theory that trade relations will or can beget peace. A market for commodities is nothing other than a bone for hungry canines; and like canines the nations, that they are, may not draw conclusions from premises unfounded in fact.

The Family the Unit

"If commerce engenders strife, what is there in the family and home that cannot beget peace? As a Chinese, I do not see how this menace to the universe? Let me by comparison explain my point of view. With you the family is an institution to promote peace. A family, as you call it, is a nation.

"With us the child is taught by the parents to worship its ancestors (were not the Salihs yours?); to honor and obey its parents. In marriage the family is not broken, the wife becomes a member of the family. As units we may have differences, but as a people we are a family. As units we may have internal discord, but as a family we have a stability unparalleled in the history of the world.

"With us the individual may not have opportunities to acquire wealth and wealth is not a goal of the family. In the family in the land, he will not starve. Free from the apprehension of starvation he has time to contemplate something other than machinery and science, to contemplate and thereby express his neighbor.

Christianity Only a Precept

"Our religion is Confucius, your Christian. With us the moral relation—that is the relation of one to the other—is primary, with you the commercial relation comes first. Christianity, not this tree is known by its fruits." In fact I but give expression to a fact that I say your nation was not founded on the moral code, but in an effort to stop a RAID ON OUR MONE.

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New Courses Featured in Summer Session

Miss Crossman has a weaving class of sixteen students this summer. The college now has fourteen looms ranging in size from a six-inch loom to a 45-inch one. A great variety of material is used. They work with cord, cellulose, rugs, woolen yarn, silk ribbon, and rug roving. Some of the things the students of the class have made are: handbags, belts, afghans, rugs, linen towels, and many other things. Besides learning the process of weaving, training is given in color and design and in the appreciation of cloth.

In Summer Session

A two-weeks' course in alcohol and narcotic education was given during the summer session to Miss Estelle Boerner, a teacher in the agricultural schools of Georgia and at the University of Georgia and the State College for Women in Georgia. Miss Boerner has had six years in scientific alcohol and narcotic education, years of that being in the State department of education in Alabama where she wrote the State course of study for alcohol and narcotic education. The purpose of the course taught here this summer was to assist teachers in developing the scientific approach to this study on the various grade levels. The material presented should prove helpful to teachers in approaching scientifically the problems connected with the teaching of alcohol and narcotic education.

The personnel of the quartet consisted of a first violinist, a second violinist, a violist, and also a member of the orchestra; Guido St. Rizzo, viola of the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra; Carl Rink, first violinist of the Rochester, during June. While she was there she attended the National Convention of the American Physical Education Association in Boston. Miss Talbot Does Work on Ph. D.

Miss Jean Talbot, physical education instructor, has returned to Winona after spending the past year at New York University working on her Doctor of Education degree. While studying at the University, she attended several plays and lectures and visited the New York World's Fair during the last season. She also attended the National Convention of the American Physical Education Association in Boston.

Students Here from 7 States

Seven states were represented by the 280 students who attended the first session of summer school: Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Arizona. Three towns in Iowa, seven in Wisconsin, in South Dakota, one in South Dakota, one in Arizona, one in Michigan, and 89 in Minnesota were represented.

Miss Samuelson at College Under Auspices of P.T.A.

Miss Agnes Samuelson, executive secretary of the Iowa State teachers association and former president of the N.E.A., spoke to the student body on July 10. She spoke under the auspices of the Minnesota Congress of Parents and Teachers. Her subject was "All Out Service for Democracy."

Miss Samuelson came to Winona almost directly from the annual convention of the N.E.A. in New York City and is spending a week "in the fields of education and of cooperation by parents and teachers for child welfare."

Miss Samuelson reminded the teachers that they were educating for tomorrow, to-day, and to continue to develop democracy to continue to increase the effectiveness of home and family life; to continue to choose a special field and to continue to study it; to continue to secure new materials; to continue to extend the idea of support and cooperation among the other groups; and to continue to develop artistic lives.

Dr. Ella M. Murphy will sail on July 23, for Guatemala.
It May Interest You To Know That

The two new tennis courts at Maxwell Field have been completed and ready for use. The old courts have been extended nine feet in each direction. On Monday nights during the last two weeks, spectators have been in attendance to watch the games.

The purpose of the games has been to promote better tennis facilities. It is designed primarily to serve as a test of the new courts and a gentle reminder that there are rules and regulations.

The recreational activities class has played on various games that can be played with large or small groups for school and party recreation. The games played during this summer include: badminton, deck tennis, arial darts, shuffleboard, and various group activities such as Gomoku and Mill, marching, and very simple folk dance steps and stunts that could be used as mixers.

Four points with cross bars have been erected at the S. E. corner of the football field for two tackling dummies.

Chinese Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being sent to inform you of a recent development that may be of interest to you. The Pontiac control car seen around the campus was loaned to the college for the driver training course. Through the American Automobile Association and the Iowa State College, the auto insurance corporation puts out around 50 dual control cars to be used by driver education groups. In a recent interview Mr. Jackson said that for the safety of the pedestrian, the passenger, the car owner, and property, a systematic instruction in driving the public to cope with the automobile problem is more necessary now than ever before. With the number of fatalities per year standing at 40,000 and caused by 70 per cent human element, this necessity can be easily seen. Legislation does not reduce deaths, enforcement does not develop sportsmanship, nor does the building good driving habits. In a recent course at the Pontiac control car a driver education to properly train drivers and make the attack at the most vulnerable point.

This college has recognized the necessity and is the pioneer in driver education in Minnesota. It is the only college training teachers to teach driver education. It has been recommended to the high schools of the state to put this training into their curriculum, because 16-year-old is the cause of the greatest number of fatalities in the United States today. Of the 26,000 high schools in the state, 7,500 give some form of driver education or safety training, 600 schools give actual behind-the-wheel driving. Training in 25,000 high schools in 1940 of 5 million drivers of a much higher ability than that of the average 10-year-old driver.

The college course has 16 members, seven college students who are now teaching drivers. The first few weeks of the course were spent in showing students the best methods of teaching automobile driving. Now they are all ready to take the drive car with skill and ease.

P.E. Class Holds Phelps Playday

The Introduction to Physical Education class held a Play Day for the children attending the elementary grades of the Phelps school on Friday, June 27. The games were played on the college lawn in back of Ogden Hall. Games such as Hurl Ball, British Statue, and Dodge Ball were played by the primary group. The intermediate grades had a tug-of-war, a volleyball tournament. Parents and all students who were interested watched the activities.