

## BASKETBALL TEAM FACES HARD SEASON.

### Schedule Calls For Games With Most Of Old New Ulm Rivals Within This District.

The high school basketball team is facing a strenuous season this year, since most of the high schools in the surrounding territory will have to be defeated if the team expects a chance at the championship tournament at Northfield. The team has been progressing in fairly good early-season form although the team work is still rather crude and the men do not follow the ball as closely as they should. The prospects for the team were brightened considerably when several more members of last year's squad turned up in uniform for practice. At the present time O. Dougher and Schleuder are working together at the forward positions. They have the edge on the other competitors for these places in team work and basket shooting, but their work still shows a lack of aggressiveness at times and only occasional evidences of speed. Durbahn is listed for the center position. His basket shooting is better than last year, and he plays with the team in fairly good shape. His work in guarding his man needs great improvement. For the guard positions, Leo and Hilly Berg are playing a good game; Herzog, Olson and Kogge are giving them a hard run for places on the team. The guards show the least team work of any men on the team, but they are covering their men better than they did last year.

The first game of the season will be played at Lambert on the seventeenth of December. After that the schedule is pretty well filled with games with Mankato, St. Peter, Mountain Lake, and Madelia. Sleepy Eye and Springfield are rather reluctant in coming to a definite agreement.

A practice game was played with the Zoeglins last Wednesday which resulted in a hopeless mill toward the end of the first period. The high school team, however, demonstrated that they could shoot baskets fairly well in spite of the absence of team work. A practice with the "Actives" has been arranged sometime in the next two weeks to give the boys a chance to play against a superior team.

## SENIOR GIRLS ENTERTAIN.

The Senior girls added another social success to their long record which they have established in the high school as the premier entertainers of the school. Their latest venture took the form of a candy pull for the boys of the Senior class and several members of the faculty. Almost all of the Senior boys attended besides Mr. and Mrs. Hess, Mr. Hutson, Mr. Kierzek, Mr. Hamlin, Miss Koeh and Miss Freeland. The excitement began when the taffy had cooled sufficiently so that it could be handled without danger to life or limb, and then the elements which usually go in pairs just naturally gravitated toward each other for the resulting fun. When the taffy had reached its requisite color each of the gentlemen present took it upon himself to express his appreciation of the skill of the entertainers by eating all the taffy that the law would allow.

Various games of skill and chance were played after the candy pull, in which Miss Koch, Gretchen Winkelman, and Mr. Hamlin won prizes. When the fun had reached its height a good night from Mr. and Mrs. Hess was taken as a sign that the game was called, after which the elements singly and in pairs went home. A very gratifying feature of the evening's entertainment was the fact that none of the young men of the faculty ever for an instant departed from their professorial dignity and official reserve, thus ably vindicating the trust that had been placed upon them.

This entertainment will without doubt be a red-letter day in the annals of the New Ulm high school since an affair of this kind usually stands out as an oasis of pleasure in the somewhat monotonous level of class recitations.

## INDEPENDENT LITERARY SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

After the failure of Mr. Hutson's plan for reorganizing the literary societies of the school upon a more efficient basis, several of the more energetic boys of the school determined to prove that Mr. Hutson's plan could be made a success in this school. They have organized themselves into an independent literary society, drawn up a constitution, and selected their officers. This move is aimed at the chief faults of the unwieldy school societies which create no interest and perform little good work. Under the old system few of the students knew to what society they belonged; and as a very interested bystander remarked, "Now that it is planned to have the boys organize one society and the girls another, then perhaps the majority of students will at least know to what society they belong."

## SCHOOL NEWSPAPER PLANNED.

New Ulm may eventually forge ahead into the rank of the schools of its class in this part of the state along literary lines if the proposed school newspaper is allowed to materialize. This paper is to be published by the Senior class with the object of giving the students practical work in English as well as chronicling the history of the school. A venture of this kind would without doubt prove an invaluable aid to the work of the English department since it would enable the over-worked English teachers to use it as an aid in developing a liking for creative writing among the more advanced students.

## DEBATERS HARD AT WORK.

### First Contests Scheduled For December 17, at New Ulm and at Redwood Falls.

The school debaters have practically entered their last lap of the long grind in preparation for the first interscholastic debates. Mr. Hutson, who has been coaching the two teams, has given up his allotted amount of sleep and every alternate breakfast in order to devote more time to the arduous question.

The affirmative team, which will meet Sleepy Eye in the local high school auditorium on December 17, is composed of Armin Koehler, Ludwig Hofmeister and Henry Schnobrich. The negative team, composed of Victor Reim, Walter Wiedenmann and Annie Wager, will journey to meet our old rivals, Redwood Falls on the same date.

One thing which has made the work of the local teams rather difficult is the prolonged and possibly chronic absence of a public library in this city, which has necessitated frequent trips to our neighboring city of Mankato.

## FACULTY TEAM HAS PRACTISE GAME.

The initial appearance of the near-faculty team last Thursday against the Sophomore class team resulted in a lopsided score of 68 to 14 after about twenty minutes of play. Since the faculty team was one man short due to the retiring disposition of Mr. Vieregger, one of the school team players was called upon to assist. Mr. Haynes celebrated his first official appearance on the floor by holding his man scoreless; he was ably seconded in his efforts by Mr. Hutson. Mr. Hamlin held down the center position, while Mr. Kierzek from his position of forward managed to connect with the basket frequently enough to keep the referee busy. The faculty team expects to play several games during the coming season, although it has not yet been decided whether spectators will be admitted to these games. The faculty men are Simon, pure amateurs and they are careful to keep themselves free from any taint of professionalism.

## NORMAL GIRLS ORGANIZE SOCIETY.

The girls of the Normal Department of the high school met last Tuesday afternoon and organized a literary society of their own. This however, does not interfere with the other literary society work, as the girls still belong to the other societies along with the other members of the school. The purpose of this society is to give the girls thorough training in the line of literary work, so that they may form like societies among their pupils when they teach next year.

The plans which were drawn up at the meeting call for a program every two weeks if possible. These programs will not be open to the public; the parents of the girls only will be requested to attend. The programs will correspond somewhat to those given by the high school societies, as there will be recitations, stories and other literary features.

Officers were elected at the last meeting. Agnes Gieseke was elected president; Minnie Brust, vice-president; Erma Palmer, treasurer and Lucille Buschers, secretary. A committee was also selected to decide on the colors, the motto and the society name.

## LITERARY SOCIETIES ELECT OFFICERS.

The plan of having two literary societies, one being composed of the boys and the other of the girls, met with serious objections and Wednesday morning Principal Hudson announced that the two former societies, Thalien and Athena, would be continued. Thursday morning a meeting of the societies was held and officers for the following year were elected. The result of the election was as follows:

Thalien: President, Naomi Mueller; Vice President, Stonia Kunze; Secretary, Ruth Olson.

Athena: President, Gretchen Winkelman; Vice President, George Mayer; Secretary, Sherman Beecher.

## SENIOR ENGLISH CLASS MEETS SPELLING DEMONS.

The "Hundred Spelling Demons" invaded the sanctum sanctorum of the Senior English Class last week and met with ignominious defeat to the tune of 97.3 per cent. These same demons have been visiting every other class in both the grade and the high schools with varying results. At the present time the Seniors stand first with the highest record; the Sophomores come second with several points difference.

The test was given without previous warning to all classes on a list of hundred words most commonly misspelled. It was found that five out of the twenty-five Seniors had a percentage of a hundred. These bright lights were all girls. The lowest averages were made in every case by boys. The word which seems to have been a stumbling block in most cases was "separate". A good percentage could not tell the difference between "lose" and "loose".

## TEACHERS MEETING HELD.

The regular teachers' meeting was held last Friday afternoon at four o'clock in the high school building. The question of lack of responsiveness on the part of the pupils to the agonized attempts of the teachers was taken up for discussion. The necessity of getting better and more connected oral recita-

tions was emphasized, and it was urged by those present that if the pupils were made to see the charm of forming at least a speaking acquaintance with the Queen's English outside of the class hours it would go a long way toward solving the teachers' problems in this school.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. KATHERINE METZEN.

Another one of New Ulm's pioneer women has gone to her rest. Mrs. Katherine Metzen who came to Brown County shortly before the Outbreak passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. H. Furth, South German St., Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. Death was due to paralysis with which she had been afflicted for about seven months. She suffered the first stroke in March but had recovered sufficiently from this to be able to be around when she suffered another stroke Friday, November 12th, which caused her death about a week later.

The deceased whose maiden name was Katherine Schroeder was born in Lohheim District of Aachen, Prussia, Germany, November 25, 1830, and was therefore nearly 85 years old when she died. She was married to George Metzen in the home of her nativity in 1854 and two years later they emigrated to America. They located first at Detroit, Mich. where they remained for one year and then went to Hudson, Wis. where they lived for two years. From there they came to Le Sueur in this state and after three years there to Brown County where they located on a farm in the Town of Sigel only a few weeks before the Indians started on the warpath. Mrs. Metzen fled with her children to the city and her husband managed to reach New Ulm also. After the Outbreak was over they moved onto the Metzen homestead in the Town of Cottonwood where they lived continuously until the death of Mr. Metzen which occurred about 17 years ago. The deceased then made her home with her sons Joseph and William in the Town of Milford until six years ago when she went to Chicago to live with her youngest daughter until two years ago when she came back to New Ulm and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. P. H. Furth.

Mrs. Metzen was the mother of eight children, of whom one, Mrs. John Wehye, died about 35 years ago. The surviving children are: Nick, Joseph and William and Mrs. P. H. Furth who reside in New Ulm; Mrs. Paul J. Nuessle of Minneapolis; Mrs. Kate Ball of Livingston, Montana and Mrs. A. J. Furth of Chicago, all of whom were present at the funeral. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren. The funeral was held from the Catholic Church Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Schlinkert officiating. Interment was made in the city cemetery.

### MRS. ED. DIETZMANN.

The funeral of Mrs. Ed. Dietzmann was held from the home of her brother, Otto Pless, of this city, last Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. She passed away at the home of her daughter in Minneapolis Monday morning, death being due to a paralytic stroke which she suffered about the middle of September.

The deceased whose maiden name was Adele Pless, was born in Mecklenburg Stralitz, April 28, 1855. She came to America with her parents in 1860, coming directly to New Ulm where she spent her childhood days and attended school. In 1877 she was married in Redwood County to Ed. Dietzmann who survives her. Fourteen years ago the family moved to Burleigh County, N. D. in the vicinity of Bismark where they have resided ever since. Eleven children were born to them of whom the following ten survive their mother: George and Walther Dietzmann, Mrs. Cashaw, Mrs. C. Johnson, Mrs. Fred Forrest, Mrs. Warren Clark and Mrs. Elmer Smith, all of Burleigh County; Mrs. Walter Trips, Morton, Minn.; Mrs. James Strang, Minneapolis and Mrs. Leslie French, St. Paul. She is also survived by two brothers, Otto Pless of this city and Herman Pless of Seaforth, and Mrs. Anna Kogge of St. Paul. Mrs. Dietzmann was a good and kindhearted woman whose only ambition was to be of service to her family. She was held in the highest esteem by her friends and neighbors.

Rev. Albrecht officiated at the funeral and interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

### MARY FERNCKES

Miss Mary Fernckes passed away at the Loretto Hospital Monday morning at 4:30. Death was due to dropsy and heart failure with which ailments she had been afflicted since March. During the last two months she has been obliged to sit upright in a chair.

The deceased was born in Bird Island 36 years ago and came to the St. Alexander Home about 18 years ago and since then has been one of the employes in this institution. The funeral will be held from the Chapel of the Loretto Hospital this (Wednesday) morning at 7:30. Rev. Anselm Schmidt, Chaplain of the Hospital will officiate. Interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

Remove all trash and rubbish from the garden. If convenient, it is well to plow or spade the land that will be used for garden next year. This will help to get rid of many insects and weeds.

## CAPITOL NEWS LETTER.

That Governor Hammond's plea for economy in state expenditures is bearing fruit is shown by the decreased state tax rate, just fixed by the state Auditor. The revenue fund levy is 1.4 mills, the lowest since 1910. Adding the one mill tax for roads, the one mill tax for schools and other special levies, the total state tax rate will be 4.15 as compared with 4.75 last year and 5.03 in 1913.

The 1911 legislature appropriated \$17,662,308 and the 1913 session \$19,094,168. Governor Hammond in his campaign speech and again in his inaugural address urged that the appropriations by the 1915 session be kept down to the 1911 figures. The Legislature gave him its co-operation and kept the appropriations for the two year period down to \$17,910,000 making the reduced tax rate possible.

State dairy and food inspectors and state oil inspectors are giving the state hotel inspectors department efficient assistance, according to Hotel Inspector N. G. Mee. The plan or co-operation was proposed by Governor Hammond at a conference of the head of the three departments last spring and was at once put into practice. Under the old plan a hotel inspector would visit a hotel and give orders for improvements to promote safety or cleanliness but the department was unable to follow up the case and see that orders were obeyed. Now the hotel inspector informs the dairy and food or the oil inspector of the changes ordered and asks them to visit the hotel and see if the changes are made. The dairy and food and the oil inspectors are doing work without additional pay and the state for the first time is getting efficient hotel inspection without increased cost.

Governor Hammond has issued a statement urging physicians, nurses, health officers and others to attend the joint meeting of the Minnesota Public Health Association and the State Sanitary conference to be held at Rochester. In the letter he says "Minnesota lost in 1914 11,078 of its population through the ravages of preventable diseases. Notwithstanding this large number of deaths, no outcry or protest was raised—probably for the reason that it is given to all men once to die." Had 11,000 cattle or hogs died from preventable diseases the newspapers would have been filled with the calamity and the national and state governments would have sent their agents to do all in their power to stay the evil, simply because cattle and hogs have a monetary value. Should we not consider human life as valuable as animal life, and put forth as much effort to protect our people as we do to protect our livestock?"

Governor Hammond has transmitted to Arthur Hoes of Mayer, Carver county, the medal awarded the youth for the best authentic yield of corn reported to the officers of the Panama-Pacific exposition, from this state. Mayer raised 135.14 bushels of corn on one acre. "I congratulate you most heartily upon your success," said the Governor in his letter to Mayer. "Minnesota has become a great corn producing state. It was and is a great wheat producing state, but now within its boundaries there are raised twice as many bushels of corn as wheat. You have done a big thing, you have a right to be proud of it, and we are all proud of you, the Grand Champion Corn grower of Minnesota."

Chaska Valley Herald: The Governor, the board of control and the historical society have settled their differences regarding the new state building. As usual the Governor was right and made somebody play checkers according to Hoyle. With the present Governor on the job the people can sit back and look on with confidence.

Officials of the Minnesota dairy and food department, together with instructors in the dairy division at the State school of agriculture come in for favorable comment in an article by Alfred McCann in the New York Globe. He says the teaching here is in surprising contrast to that in Wisconsin. Prof. T. L. Haecker, head of the dairy division at the school of agriculture, is given high praise and of John McCabe, who has been assistant dairy and food commissioner since Johnson McCabe was a good influence in the state of Minnesota. Mr. McCabe came to investigate conditions under which butter shipped from western states to New York was manufactured, and found conditions much better in Minnesota than in Wisconsin.

"Make Minnesota Fireproof", is the slogan adopted by R. W. Hargadine, state fire marshal, who has had this motto printed in large red letters on all envelopes and letter-heads from the office. Mr. Hargadine is making fire prevention the chief work of his department, and is sending weekly bulletins giving hints on various ways of preventing fire losses. Instruction is given to school children by the deputies on this subject.

In sugaring stuffed dates and so forth a great deal of time can be saved by blowing the smoke on the latter's house. This was done twice by the defendant and when he was remonstrated with the gun came into play. The pointing of a loaded gun at a person is a serious offense and John may consider he got off easy.

## JURY LIST CHOSEN.

Last week Clerk of Court Carl Mandertfeld, Sheriff W. J. Julius and City Justice N. Hennings met at the Clerk's office for the purpose of drawing the grand and petit jurors who are to serve at the December term of the District Court of Brown County which convenes Monday, the 13th. The grand jury reports for duty on Monday at 11 o'clock and the petit jury the following day at the same hour. Heretofore the opening day of Court has been on Tuesday, but this was changed to Monday by the last Legislature. The following jurors were selected:

### Grand Jury.

George Cutting.....Sleepy Eye  
Mike Ranweiler.....New Ulm  
Chas. F. Kaiser.....New Ulm  
Sam Bellig.....Leavenworth  
Christ Hillesheim.....Springfield  
Alex Quarnstrom.....Bashaw  
Frank Tuttle.....Home  
Albert Peterson.....Eden  
Fred Tadewald.....Stately  
Wenzel Vogel.....North Star  
Albert Gilbertson.....Burnstown  
A. McBain.....Sleepy Eye  
John Froemming.....Milford  
Wenzel Raschka.....Stately  
William Schaeffler.....Cottonwood  
Albrecht Stork.....New Ulm  
Chas. Hillesheim.....Sleepy Eye  
Jacob Bertrand.....Home  
J. Simonson.....Eden  
Henry Krinke.....Home  
Gustav Kersten.....North Star  
Hans C. Jorgensen.....Linden  
Jos. Hoecherl.....Mulligan

### Petit Jury.

Ath. Henle.....New Ulm  
R. A. Dahms.....New Ulm  
Ed. Grimes.....Sleepy Eye  
Carl Paulson.....Lake Hanska  
Harry Cook.....Mulligan  
Herman Polzin.....Burnstown  
Reinhold Voge.....North Star  
William Guse.....Leavenworth  
Hans Knutson.....Sleepy Eye  
Casper Riebel.....Prairieville  
J. M. Steffel.....Home  
Herman Nundahl.....Hanska  
John J. Wolf.....New Ulm  
Chas. Tews.....Bashaw  
Joseph Foster.....Prairieville  
Will Eicholt.....Stately  
Harry Olson.....Eden  
Felix Reinhart.....Cottonwood  
Emil Swanbeck.....Springfield  
James Calahan.....Stately  
Ed. Krenz.....Home  
John Dengler.....New Ulm  
Henry Goede.....New Ulm  
Herman Dahl.....Linden  
Henry Domeier.....Sleepy Eye  
Wm. Lieb.....New Ulm  
Henry Liesenfeld.....Sigel  
Julius Hanson.....Sleepy Eye  
Thor Shelly.....Lake Hanska  
George Eckstein.....Stark

## GRAIN SAVED BY FEEDING-FLOORS.

Those who have used feeding-floors for their hogs have found them to be good grain-savers, and concrete feeding-floors are coming into favor. Such a floor should be 6 inches thick, and, if not laid against the barnyard pavement, should have a curb extending from 12 to 18 inches below the surface of the ground. This will prevent the hogs from rooting under the floor. The floor should slope slightly toward one corner in order to carry off rain, or water used in washing. A rim around the outside edge will prevent grain from being pushed off into the mud.

For feeding-floors concrete should be mixed in the proportion of 1 sack of Portland cement, 2 cubic feet of clean coarse sand, graded up to one-fourth of an inch, and 3 cubic feet of hard durable gravel or broken stone from one-fourth of an inch to one inch in diameter. Eleven sacks of cement will make enough concrete for 100 square feet of feeding-floor. The concrete should be thoroughly mixed and should contain enough water to make the mass quaky so that the concrete will flatten out of its own weight. It should be lightly tamped, however, then leveled off with a straight edge, finished with a wooden float. The floor may be laid in slabs each 6 feet square, 2 inch lumber being used for forms.

Feeding-floors should be large enough to give each hog 18 square feet of space.

## MASONIC BUILDING PLANNED.

If the desires of a large number of the members of the local Masonic fraternity may be taken as a criterion, it will not be many months before they will build a Masonic Temple at Springfield.

The Masonic orders of that city are exceptionally strong, and with many of the members it appears to be strictly a question of owning a lodge home rather than to rent, as has been done for many years.

The lease for the present quarters expired the first of last month, and accordingly it is imperative that conclusions in the matter be arrived at within a short time.

Should the Masons decide to build a temple, it goes without saying that the building will be a monument to Springfield.

John Keim of Albin, swore out a warrant for the arrest of John Tauer for pointing a gun at him, threatening to shoot him. The case came up on Tuesday and Judge Cutting fined Tauer \$10 and costs, the defendant pleading guilty to the charge. The case grew out of the defendant setting fire to a wet straw stack that stood near the plaintiff's house, just when the wind would blow the smoke on the latter's house. This was done twice by the defendant and when he was remonstrated with the gun came into play. The pointing of a loaded gun at a person is a serious offense and John may consider he got off easy.

## GREECE RESENTS ACTION OF ALLIES

### Objects to Commercial Blockade Now in Force.

## CALLS IT THE ONLY CURE

### London Pall Mall Gazette Declares Display of Force Is the One Brand of Medicine That Can Overcome King Constantine's Affliction.

Paris, Nov. 23.—The declaration of a commercial blockade of Greece by the entente powers has produced a marked impression in Athens, particularly as it was unexpected. An Athens dispatch to the Petit Journal says the newspaper organs of the Greek government accuse the allies, especially Great Britain, of seeking to drag Greece into the war by harsh measures.

These papers assert Greece has given sufficient proof that she intends to maintain the policy of benevolent neutrality and has had no thought of taking hostile steps. However, she cannot permit transference of the theater of war into her own territory. It is suggested that the measures taken by the allies may result in withdrawal of Greek troops from their frontier or even in part demobilization.

The section of the press which supports former Premier Venizelos accuses the government of having brought on by want of foresight a conflict with the entente powers. The general feeling, however, is one of optimism and it is believed serious misunderstandings will be avoided.

## CALLS IT THE ONLY REMEDY

### English Paper Discusses Blockade of Greece.

London, Nov. 23.—The informal commercial blockade of Greece is described as "the first installment of the only medicine that can cure King Constantine's affliction" by the Pall Mall Gazette, which adds:

"The one argument to which Constantine is amenable is demonstration that the allies are armed with more than amiability and are ready and able to punish those who play tricks with them."

"We have seen enough to convince us we can rely on good faith in that quarter only by exhibiting the punishment which awaits gulle. The blockade is a tardy beginning of that process, to which supplements should be forthcoming without delay."

## TURKISH TRANSPORT HITS MINE AND SINKS

London, Nov. 23.—The sinking of a Turkish transport which was carrying 500 soldiers across the Sea of Marmora is reported in a message from Zurich, forwarded from Amsterdam by the Central News.

The message says the transport struck a mine and nearly all on board were drowned.

## SERVIANS DEFEAT BULGARS

### Letter Sustain Enormous Losses in Engagement.

Paris, Nov. 23.—The report that the Serbians have won an important victory over the Bulgarians near Leskovats, on the Nish-Saloniki railroad twenty-five miles south of Nish, is corroborated in a dispatch received from the Serbian minister at Athens. The message says the Bulgarians suffered enormous losses and the remnants of their army fled in disorder to the eastern bank of the Morava river.

The victory is regarded, the message says, as securing that part of the line from further attack for some time.

### Two British Ships Torpedoed.

London, Nov. 23.—The British steamships Merganser and Hallamshire have been sunk by German submarines. The crews were saved, it was announced. The Merganser, 1,905 tons, was owned by the Cook Steamship company and sailed from Cork, Ireland. The Hallamshire was 4,420 tons. Its home port was Glasgow.

### Asked to Remain Neutral.

Rome, Nov. 23.—Germany and Austria-Hungary are understood to be asking Roumania to preserve her neutrality and at the same time offering certain concessions to her if she will intervene in the war on the side of the central powers, according to information received here from reliable sources.

### Adriatic Was Not Sunk.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23.—The British freight steamer Adriatic, from Ky-massi, Greece, for Philadelphia, has arrived here. The Adriatic's arrival proves false the report circulated a week ago that a steamer by that name had been sunk in the European war zone by a submarine.



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