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## Protean Society Holds Initiation

Political Speeches, Initiation and  
Feed Are Orders of the Day.

Snap! Zing! Snap! Zing! Bing! The full-fledged members of the Protean Society were bringing an exceptionally well aimed small-arm fire to bear upon the initiates. The fledglings bore the terrible ordeal very well and emerged from the battle veteran members of the society.

The occasion to which we refer was the Protean Society meeting of October 18th, when a literary program was held and a class of ten new members were initiated.

### Outbursts of Party Feeling.

The meeting was called to order by President Reim, then after the usual business procedure was over the program for the evening was opened. The first number was a very good speech on the "Principles of Socialism." The speaker was interrupted again and again by great outbursts of applause as he gave his main points. The member who gave this speech is a stern advocate of Socialism, Mr. Walter Wiedenmann. Some campaign views of foreign relations were next given, Douglas Garrow taking the Democratic stand, while "Nibs" Coufal upheld the Republican side of the argument. These speeches sounded like those of the soap-box orators one hears on street corners every now and then. Both speeches received good applause from the two political sections of the society.

### Pork Barrel Bills Filibustered.

The most interesting part of the literary program, however, was the 20 minutes of Parliamentary Drill, when the Society posed as the National House of Representatives and considered some "pork-barrel" bills introduced by Representatives Erwin "P-B" Schmidt of Missouri and Wm. Grabba Hunka Pie Pfaender of Florida. These two gentlemen were Democrats and had a very good backing in the meeting since the Democrats out-numbered the Republicans at least 6 to 1. So the Republicans had to resort to "filibustering" to prevent the passage of the bills. The bill introduced by "P-B" Schmidt of Missouri called for a large appropriation of money to build a new post-office in a dinky Missouri town. This bill was passed in spite of great Republican speeches showing how, why, and where it was wrong to pass a bill of this nature. Pfaender's bill called for an appropriation for some federal forts to be built in Tallahassee, Florida. This bill was not passed in spite of the large Democratic majority. The opposition used some good  
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THE FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1916.



The first season of interscholastic football in the New Ulm High School is drawing to a close. The team which has represented us has been taken from the group shown in the above picture, a group of fellows who have been interested in seeing New Ulm put on the football map. Owing to inexperience, our first season has not been very successful thus far, from the standpoint of winning games. But every man is a plugger.

Next Saturday the team meets Springfield on the home field. The men are practising hard in spite of bad weather conditions. They are determined to win, but need to feel the enthusiasm of a student body which has but one idea - to Beat Springfield.

## High School Team Loses To Windom

Backfield Fails To Dent Heavier Line  
Of Opponents.

HOODOO SCORE 39-0.

Saturday evening the high school football team returned from a seventy-five mile trip to Windom where they battled against the team of the Windom high school. When the Windom boys crossed the goal for the first touchdown of the game the boys decided (?) to let the Windom team get 39 points so that they would have played three consecutive games with scores of 39-0. The first of the three was a defeat by Mankato and the second a victory for New Ulm. And so the Windom game turned out to be a 39-0 affair in Windom's favor.

The defeat however is not so great as the score may indicate for when a person is reminded of the fact that football has been played in Windom for the past ten or twenty years they will not think it disgraceful to be defeated by a team, the players of which have played football all during their grown-up life. While walking thru the streets of Windom we noticed boys six to eight years of age

playing football without even having a ball. What they used was an empty pasteboard box, about the size of a football. So it can be seen that the young generation of Windom is already on the road to football glory.

One of the things that may have had much to do with losing the game is the long ride from New Ulm to Windom which greatly tired the fellows. To play football after a long three-hour ride is no easy thing to do and to play it in perfect form is impossible. The boys, however, do not lay the blame on anything except their playing as they are too great sportsmen to accuse anything or anyone but themselves for the defeat.

### Silk Stockings And "Holy" Sweaters

Spectators were given a chance to look at the present fashions in silk hosiery. Guy Current did not have his football socks along and Mr. Hamlin sent one of the boys up to one of the stores to buy a pair. When the fellow returned and the package was opened the football boys found to their delight that the socks were of silk and were a part of the high school colors, lavender. The Windom boys had large air holes in their jerseys and during one of the dull moments of the game, when the boys were disputing a decision, Joe Epple, who was on the side lines, remarked to some people around him, "My, but this is a holy town; on the guide posts they have 'God First,' and

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## Mr. Siegel Presents Declamation Trophy

Class Competition in Forensics Re-  
ceives Added Stimulus.

Speaking before the Assembly last week, Mr. Hess announced that Mr. J. H. Siegel, one of the foremost citizens of New Ulm, had presented the High School with a beautiful trophy cup as an encouragement of some school activity. After considerable deliberation it was decided to make the cup a prize in annual public speaking contests.

### Form of Contests.

The plan of competition arranged for is as follows: By means of tryouts two girls will be selected from each class to contend for honors in a contest in the delivery of dramatic readings. The winner of first place will be given five points, second place three points, and third place one point. A similar contest in oratorical selections will be held among the boys and honors will be given in the same way as in the girls contest. The points made by the representatives of each class will be totaled and the class winning the greatest number will have its name engraved on the cup. This cup should therefore serve in later years as an indicator of the public speaking prowess of the different classes that have graduated.

### Last Year's Record Unusual.

It is to be remembered that last year the New Ulm High School was first put on the map in this activity. It is with pleasure that we look at the record made by our fellow student, Max Freitag, in winning third place at the Hamline University State Oratorical Contest after winning first place in the district contest. At the time the High School showed great interest and enthusiasm in the activity. With the added stimulus of this beautiful cup there will undoubtedly be a large number of students eager to enter these word battles.

### More Opportunities.

But there are still more prizes in view. A letter from the Northwestern Conservatory, School of Expression, Minneapolis, states that they are inaugurating a Declamation and Dramatic Contest in the high schools of the state. The contest will be divided in two sections, one for girls and one for boys. The same distinction will be made as in our Siegel Trophy Contests. Beautiful shields will be awarded to the winning schools and large sums in the form of tuition will be given in case the winners care to attend the School of Expression after graduation. Thus our class contests for the Siegel Trophy can be at the same time tryouts for the selection of representatives in each of these contests,  
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THURSDAY, OCT. 26, 1916.

The kind of student that will stay home every night and study for about five hours is almost extinct but a student that will at least study in school ought to be found. There are some people that do not do even this. They get below grade in all their studies and then wonder why the teachers did not give them higher marks. Then they stop thinking a out studies entirely and go into the library and read stories. Of course, the stories in The American Boy are all very thrilling but studies should not be neglected. Stories are all right at the right time but the right time isn't during school hours when there is a nice Latin or Algebra lesson to get. Better read in the library after your work is done and you will be better satisfied with yourself.

"C. P. Cary, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Wisconsin, has figured that the average child earns \$9 each day that it spends in the school-room. Here is what he says:

"Every day spent in school the children earn \$9.

Uneducated laborers earn on the average \$500 a year for forty years, a total of \$20,000.

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This education requires 12 years of school of 180 days each, a total of 2,160 days. If 2,160 days at school add \$20,000 to the income for life, then each day at school adds \$9.02.

Forceful as this summarization of earnings is, it tells but one side of the story—the money side. Back of this can be seen improved standards of living and more intelligent communities. —Springfield Free Press.

"Wm. Pfaender, Richard Olson, Morris Duger, Anton Ochs and George Schoch of New Ulm were in Springfield Saturday evening." This was taken from the Springfield Free Press and tends to show that the simplified spelling is rapidly gaining in popularity.

When the Senior-Freshmen-Sophomore Junior football teams were organized last week, Mr. Hutson was selected to fill the capacity of water-boy for the Seniors.

## THE JOY OF ACHIEVEMENT.

Dear Friends, Readers of the Graphos:

Last year there was a young man in the New Ulm High School who had an experience that he surely would be glad to have known to you. His school life was changed from the bitterness of a quinine tablet to a sweetness like unto the Fuzzy Dips you get at Eibner's. How did it happen? Listen!

### Our Dear N. U. H. S. a Jail.

The gentleman whose scholastic career we are to examine started the school year as a chronic flunker. He carried only three subjects but failed consistently in two; toward the other, he seemed more kindly disposed. The relation between his disposition and the character of his work is worthy of notice. He had no friendships with the faculty and few with the student body. He regarded school as a prison and the teachers as his jailers. He seemed to be held fast in the clutches of a perpetual grouch; in short, he hated himself.

Well, the faculty hounded him to death, for they knew he had a keen mentality and were shocked at his waste of his powers. First, they encouraged him, then they used stronger and stronger language till finally they nearly insulted him in an effort to sting him, to jar him, into doing better work. At the end of about three months this obdurate flunker had the law laid down to him by being told he would have to be doing good work at the end of the fourth month, or he would be required to drop his one pet study. This ultimatum had the desired effect, for at the end of the fourth month all three marks were in the eighties.

### That Thanksgiving Feeling.

But the real point in this story is not the fact that the faculty, by a threat, successfully booted this fellow into a proper use of his school time for the fourth month. Nor is it the joy that the faculty felt as they surveyed that rising average. The greatest significance is to be attached to the change that took place in the young man's disposition, his attitude toward school and teachers and life in general. When he saw that report card, a broad grin spread over his face, a "smile that wouldn't wear off". It was plain to the faculty when they congratulated him (for they do pat a fellow on the back when he does good work as well as scold when he doesn't) that he had a very pleased feeling somewhere inside him, that he had grown about six inches in his own self-esteem.

### Life With A Punch.

It was true. Life seemed more worth while; Mr. Flunker gained confidence in himself and confidence in the faculty and confidence in everything. He had changed that name. He made friends, he entered into school activities with vigor, and above all, he kept those marks right up for the rest of the year without another word from the faculty, and carried the regular load of four studies the second semester.

The explanation is not hard to find. It lies in that old saying: "Nothing succeeds like success." Mr. George H. Browne, of Boston, principal of a secondary school for boys for 37 years, says it this way: "The best tonic of success, at any stage, is a feeling of achievement."

It was just so with your schoolmate of last year. His pleasure at having been successful once was so great that he resolved to continue to have that feeling.

### Be Selfish!

You flunkers, we of the faculty should be gratified beyond the power of our vocabularies to express, if you would be just a little bit selfish for once and grasp for yourselves this pleasurable feeling that only success can beget. The third month is just beginning. This is your chance. You know you started out to do good work this fall but let yourselves slip into a rut, a Slough of Dissatisfaction with life in general. Get out of it this one month, if the effort breaks a blood-vessel; get that joy that comes from having achieved something, and you'll never be a flunker again.

Yours for Success,

P. W. Hutson.

P. S. If this is too much like a sermon, why, just lick off the sugar coating.

### ALUMNI OPINION.

Just sit up and listen, please, to some of our interested alumni:

I really am just as interested in the High School affairs as I was last year, and I think that you people there couldn't be doing anything more worth while. I hope your wonderful "Graphos", and the Annual will both prove a "howling success." In fact I know they will, judging by your first edition.

Naomi Mueller. '16.

I hope that the paper will be a medium through which the present high spirit may be maintained, and through which a great alumni spirit may be built.

John X. Neumann. '03.

Accept my heartiest congratulations and best wishes and a \$1 bill in currency for this latest sign of progress in the N. U. H. S.

John Kierzek.

It certainly was a surprise to me, and the contents too. Who had the idea?

Fritz Rolloff. '16.

Many students have been wondering what all that clapping and noise in general is about during the 9:50 and 2:10 periods. It comes from the Eng. III classes who are debating the immigration question as part of their class work. As a culmination to the whole series of debates, teams from each class will debate on October 27th to decide the championship. This comes as the result of a challenge to word duel, which the morning class issued to the afternoon section.

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### THAT FLIVVER TRIP.

On the Friday afternoon before the Windom game a five-passenger Ford, loaded with Buck Freitag, Walter Wiedenmann, Armin Koehler, John Woebke, driver Liesch, and myself, started for Windom. The team simply had to have our support in addition to that of the girls. So we went. We were delayed an hour at Sleepy Eye while Liesch and Buck decreased their limited supply of Van Rockegie possessions for a light supper. Then we headed for Springfield. We were delayed another half hour in this village while Woebke and Freitag matched their skill in an ivory pounding contest. Their superiority was undecided, however, until we reached Sanborn.

#### Pleasant Dreams.

At last the home stretch was before us; it was a very rough stretch also, but we sailed into Windom at 1 o'clock. Our first duty of course was to awaken the girls, which we did with a rousing Lavender and White. They showed their hospitality by inviting us to sleep on the soft wood porch. We declined their evident generosity, however, and after brightening the business of the Windom candy-kitchen, we headed for a haystack in the vicinity of Sibley, Ia., where we sought a few hours repose. We tried sleeping on top of the haystack since that seemed to promise the greatest safety and softness. But for some reason or other the excessive sleeping qualities of said haystack in question on that raw October morning, did not seem as comfortable as we had an-

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### MR. SIEGEL PRESENTS DECLAMATION TROPHY

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and the winner of the boy's contest may also enter the Hamline series of contests.

With such inducements the student body should become interested in an activity which affords as great educational possibilities as any in which it could engage.

### HIGH SCHOOL TEAM LOSES.

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on the football field they have 'holy' sweaters.'

#### Windom Scores Early.

But stop! We were supposed to write up a football game and not merely give minor incidents that were seen by the casual spectator on the side lines. Well, to begin with, Windom kicked off after Olson had won the toss and chose the goal with the wind in his favor. The ball, however, was soon in Windom's possession, one of their players getting it on a fumble. After trying a few line plunges, by which nothing could be gained, the Windom team tried a criss-cross and the full back carried the ball over for the first touchdown. The attempt at goal failed. The New Ulm boys again got the ball on the kick-off and after the third down, Reim attempted to kick, but the wind carried the ball in the air, after it had passed Pfaender's hand and before it could be recovered the Windom boys were on top of the New Ulm man who was behind the line. This counted as a safety for the Windom team giving them two more points. Another touchdown was added a few minutes later when one of the Windom men intercepted a forward pass. Before the quarter ended another touchdown was made, leaving the score 20-0. Loud were the cries of bringing the score up to 100 but the spectators were disappointed for the best the Windom team could do was to make one touchdown bringing the score of the first half up to 26.

#### New Ulm Team Takes Spurt

In the third quarter two touchdowns and one goal, a total of 13 points were added to the 26 bringing the score up to 39. And here the New Ulm boys took a bracer and three forward passes netted 70 yards the ball having been on the New Ulm 10-yard line. With but 10 yards more to make the third quarter ended and the minute rest that ensued enabled the Windom boys to freshen up, and altho the ball was held in Windom territory the New Ulm boys failed to score.

After the boys were dressed in their street clothes they were invited to the home of Miss Johnson, our home economics teacher, where they all partook of supper before departing for their native city.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

About 25 High School boys have ordered skull caps. These are to be made in the High School colors and will be worn at the Basket Ball Games.

Three-fourths of Mrs. Meyer's time is taken up cleaning the windows in the Assembly Room doors. She says that the Freshmen are the worst offenders in this line. They enjoy this form of diversion at the expense of Mrs. Meyer. We think Mrs. Meyer ought to select a number of the Freshies and keep them busy cleaning the windows while she coaches the job.

Last week witnessed the organization of a society unique in the annals of schooldom. This society, the Emerson Rooting Association, is the first society of any kind to be organized outside the High School for furthering athletics. No officers have as yet been elected but the constitution has been drawn up. The society, which at present has thirty-three active members, is composed of students of the 7th and 8th grades. The requirements for membership are a pledge to yell and be present at each High School athletic event unless excused by the association. Negotiations have been closed with the athletic association for twenty-five basket ball tickets for each game played here. This association is to be commended for their interest in their future Alma Mater. It gives them an insight into the mysteries of societies, and will tend to make a better and stronger class of Freshmen next year.



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**THAT FLIVVER TRIP.**  
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anticipated. Wiedie and Bob, declining the comforts of our haystack, stayed and jealously guarded the Flivver, not because of its great value, but because it was the only means of transportation between them and home.

**Where Were We?**

Our peaceful slumber, with which we were slightly blessed, was suddenly interrupted by shouts of "Where am I, -?!\*? where am I?", as our Editor-in-Chief went sliding down the haystack. At dawn we left our quarters without ceremony. Arriving at Windom while the village was still lost in slumber, we registered at the hotel, drolled up a bit, and then went out to the Minute Restaurant for a very welcome breakfast.

**Enjoyable Time.**

At 9 o'clock we paid our second visit to Weiser's, which visit, for certain reasons, was continued by Buck throughout the forenoon. The rest of us spent the time in sight-seeing and at 2:33 we were ready for the game with all our vocal powers. We had a very enjoyable time in spite of the dull outlook for victory and our greatest amusement was in watching Windom's freshman cheer leader. "Nellie's" feeble attempts at cheering were surpassed in success only by the attempts of the town marshal to collect two-bits from some of the most interested spectators of that fateful contest.

By Gosh.

**HOUSE PARTY OF NEW ULMERS INVADE WINDOM.**

Being afraid of not getting to the game in time, five girls, Katharine Weiser, Louise Fritsche, Aimee Krook, Gladys Grussendorf and Beatrice Oliver, embarked for Windom Friday afternoon. They were entertained at the Weiser home where they silently and gravely spent the night.

When the Flivver boys arrived at one o'clock the girls had been soundly sleeping (three in a bed) for some six hours. Enthralled in such angelic slumbers, no yelling of the boys could disturb them, so in despair the gentlemen set out for Iowa. Next morning promptly at ten the girls awoke from their slumbers. Then the Flivver boys called and were entertained at the Weiser home for an hour or so. Taxing the little Flivver to the springs all twelve set out sight seeing, but wound up by increasing the business of the candy kitchen. The afternoon was quietly spent at the game, and the night at the Weiser home again. Hilly, Slim, King, and Trixy took a stroll and wagon ride while the rest saw the movies. At eleven the Flivver boys departed for home. The next day, being Sunday, was quietly spent in church and at the candy kitchen. Dinner was had at a friend's home and all reported a most jolly good time. Monday they all re-embarked for New Ulm, and Tuesday they slept in school.

**TWO GAMES CALLED OFF.**

Last Saturday's game, scheduled with Fairfax was called off by that team because of lack of players. On Monday, Oct. 16, a game was arranged with Glencoe to be played at Glencoe on the 21st, but on account of the snow storm that game was also called off, so the boys have had a good rest. They ought to be able to play a good game on Saturday and it is up to the student body to support them.

**PROTEAN SOCIETY HOLDS INITIATION.**

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tactics to prevent its passage; "Buck" Freitag gave a long seven-minute speech showing why we did not need forts at Tallahassee, Florida; this took up quite a bit of time altho the Democrats tried to get the floor during the entire speech. The chairman, Mr. Wiedenmann, had no easy task to keep the society in order, as motions of all kinds were continually being made. He must have memorized all of "Robert's Rules of Order" because he knew the why and wherefore of everything relating to rules of order and got out of a tangle of motions more than once.

The literary program was concluded with a Riley poem, given by Anton Ochs. He received two encores and gave an able response each time.

**The Initiation Starts.**

The society then adjourned to another

room and the initiation of the new members was started. The proceedings were of a very mysterious character and were enjoyed by all the old members. During the initiation stunts each initiate was fed a large "oyster" to sustain him during the rest of the ordeal. These were the initiates: Theodore Crone, Alex Krzmarzick, Joseph Welter, Joseph Eibner, Alfred Wiedenmann, Douglas Garrow, Hilarius Berg and Anton Ochs.

**Then For The "Feed".**

After the initiation ceremonies were over the whole bunch enjoyed a regular "stag" feed. Many short speeches and live toasts were given at this time. The spread consisted of good old rye sandwiches, the amber fluid and real "sinkers." Everybody voted the evening's affair a tremendous success, although some of the initiates said that they did not eat a morsel of food for breakfast the next morning.

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