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## JUNIORS STAGE MOST ELABORATE SOCIAL FUNCTION OF SCHOOL YEAR

### CLASS OF 1919 WINS NEVER-TO-BE-FOR-GOTTEN REPUTATION AS ENTERTAINERS

#### MUSIC--FOOD--SPEECHES--DANCING

Well, it's all over. The long-looked-forward-to event is past; past in reality, but long to be remembered, for it leaves among us a beautiful picture of youth, beaming with happiness, and free from care, amid beautiful surroundings, resembling a scene among the pine trees in the land of snow.

#### Royal Treatment.

Upon arriving, in accordance with the dignity ever present among worthy seniors (?) and the school board, the guests were relieved of their wraps by several maids in uniform, who looked as though they had just sepped off the screen of Movie-Land, but upon second look, were recognized as some of our Freshman girls. The guests then assembled in the Mechanical Drawing Room and Hall, until the doors of the gym were opened to the guests. The Mechanical room had been comfortably furnished with rocking chairs, a Victrola, and tables for games.

#### Gym Changed Into Fairyland.

In his address of welcome, the Junior President said, that the Juniors wished everyone to imagine himself in another world. Indeed, to do this, not much imagination was necessary. The gym was so beautifully decorated that it could hardly be recognized. The entrance was fittingly decorated in our national colors, and inside the gym, green and white, the Junior class colors, were carried out. From the middle of the ceiling were suspended green and white streamers, in tent like effect, to the sides of the gym. Along the sides of the gym were banks of snow. In one corner was a green arch, of lattice work, forming a beautiful boothlike corner for the orchestra. In the center of the gym was an arched stand of evergreen, among which glistened icicles, lately imported from the land of ice and snow. Suspended from the top of the joined arches, was a golden Liberty Bell. In two corners attractive booths for frappe had been arranged. One, in red, white and blue, was taken care of by Uncle Sammy and Liberty. The other, a Red Cross booth, was in charge of a Red Cross nurse and a laddie in khaki.

The fairy-like dresses of the girls, and fresh faces of the boys made the picture quite complete.

#### Banquet Enjoyed.

After each boy had secured a supper partner, by means of a Baby Lib-

erty loan drawn from the Liberty Bell, everyone found his place at the prettily decorated table. Fourteen Sophomore girls and boys then served a three-course dinner. "Music while you eat" seemed to be the motto, for the sweet strains of Hofmeister's orchestra added special flavor to the already delicious food.

#### Toasts.

Refreshed by the meal, the toastmaster, Mr. Hess, called for order, and the toasts began. John Lippman, the Junior class president, welcomed the guests, and Victor Reim, as Senior class president, gave the response. Louise Fritsche and Chick Olson spoke on Girls' and Boys' Athletics. Miss Kester gave a very interesting parody on Kipling's IF, entitled **Senior Ideals**. Mr. Henry gave an impressive talk on

Cross Work, and Dr. Weiser finished the program of toasts, by a talk on **The Fountain of Youth**.

The whole affair was greatly enjoyed by everyone, and the only thing the Seniors regret, is that they may take part in no more.

### SLEEPY EYE BAKER WINS COUNTY CONTEST.

Last Saturday morning six nervous girls, and as many teachers assembled in the Domestic Science Kitchen for the county contest. New Ulm, Sleepy Eye and Springfield were each represented by their two best bakers.

After the bread was set the girls visited the different rooms and at last settled in the assembly to listen to our famous Victrola.

Then there was a great bustle in the pantry while three famous cooks (imported especially from Italy) prepared the feast.

The table was beautifully decorated with red and white (club colors) and a big bunch of Plum Blossoms.

At twelve o'clock the bakers and teachers advanced shyly to the dining room to feast on cheese de Italian, lettuce, Salad de French, muffins a la mode, and Ice Cream mit strawbollies, (the foreign names of the dishes.)

After dinner the club of Sleepy Eye (several carloads) came down to spend the afternoon at Hermann's Heights.

After the spread, the winners were announced. Minnie Konig (Sleepy Eye) received first place, and Norma

### BASE BALL SQUAD GETS INITIAL WORK OUT

First Game May 18, With D. M. L. C. Team.

#### MATERIAL PLENTIFUL.

"All those interested in baseball report to Mr. Henry's room at 11:50." Such was the notice posted on the bulletin board a week ago Friday. Enthusiasm was immediately aroused and Mr. Henry was besieged with queries. Everyone wanted to know who was going to pitch and catch, and if Mr. Henry thought he had a chance for the team.

At the meeting the first business transacted was the election of a captain. Chick was given the honor by a unanimous vote. Coach Henry then took the floor. He asked everyone to list his name giving the position he wished to try out for. There seemed to be good prospects as the candidates distributed themselves evenly enough to make keen competition for each position. The work-out for the first evening (mostly work) was then outlined. The work was to fix up the grounds.

After school each fellow reported with a shovel or a rake. In an hour the ground presented quite a level appearance. It was then dragged, and under Henry's watchful eye, the diamond was laid out in accordance with league rules. The cleaning up of the outfield completed the day's work.

For the next few nights two players chose sides. These practice games were all hard fought as the scores 8-6 and 5-2 would indicate. About this time Bergtold began donning the catcher's mask. Popular impression is that he can backstop as good as anyone. Chick is heaving them over, and umpire Eibner has a hard time telling whether they cut the corners or not. Patty umpires because the players wouldn't use violence on an injured person.

#### Positions Hotly Contested.

There are several positions that are especially contested. Those of catcher and third base are still unsettled. The outfield is doubtful, there being much material with a relatively small difference in skill. The race for third base is the one which hangs in the balance.

At present there are two games scheduled both with the D. M. L. C. The dates set are the eighteenth and twenty-fifth of May. In the event of each team taking a game the tie will be played off at some later date.

Rothenburg, of Springfield, second place. The Sleepy Eye winner will now go to the State Fair in the fall to bake at the State Contest.

### CLASS 1918 ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

Commissary Department Was Especially Strong.

#### MODERN WARFARE IN EVIDENCE.

Some few weeks ago the Senior class was astounded, and delightfully, when their president stoically related to them the contents of a certain little note.

"Hem—Mr. and Mrs. Schrammel would be tickled to death to do their best in the way of entertainment, if the Seniors would condescend to give them the honor of their presence at the home of the aforesaid, Mr. and Mrs. Schrammel on Friday, April the twenty-sixth." At least that's what those contents resolved themselves into when carefully dissected.

Such an extraordinary message from faculty to student has heretofore never been written, but as usual, the class hesitated not a moment when attempting the extraordinary, accepted instantly and without regard for consequences.

#### Friday—At Eight.

Accordingly on Friday, April the twenty-sixth, very near to eight o'clock the multitude of nearly graduates assembled. Some came early and some came late, but most got there on time. As soon as host and hostess were satisfied that all were present who were to be present, activities began. The battle line had been flung and general fire had been ensuing in the form of animated conversation. Ammunition was then distributed (blanks) which gave all incentive to concentrate fire upon a single opponent. During the next few minutes the side comprising the fair sex was predominantly in evidence. Their methods of attack, with their gas and hot air bombs together with modern science, for a few minutes paralyzed the masculinity, but successive announcements from the "hostess" department turned the tables completely.

#### Several Strategic Surprises.

So it continued throughout the evening, each flank movement proving that though beauty hath power to charm, strength must finally win. The brains of several leaders were given severe tests. In a pinch it was shown that Chick could play his cards when prizes were forthcoming. The enemy gained a position by a counter attack, and held the lines for a time but the overwhelming pressure was too much. Mac proved without a doubt, by the way he made the feathers fly, that he could easily fill out a ship's sails without mother Nature's assistance.

#### Quartermaster Plays Heavy Role.

Yea verily, the fair sex was vanquished, but of course they wouldn't

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1918.

### SPRING.

Spring is a most peculiar natural phenomenon and it's a shame it comes so early, or rather it's a shame to be compelled to attend classes when it does come. It's mighty hard to feel that one must perform arduous and hateful tasks against one's wishes. Oh, it's hard to be tied down when one would like to be outside. Ah yes, it's nerve racking, but the powers that be decree that every able bodied boy and girl, physically and mentally sound (farmers excepted), find it their duty to advance their mental standard a notch higher during the month of May.

Of course everybody gets Spring fever, that's natural and impossible to avert. It's the logical outgrowth of Spring. As a result there is usually a slump in work, rather expected. But Spring fever is long since cured. That belongs to the months of March and April. Still there continues to be a slump in work. Just what is the cause of this is hard to understand, but it seems to be a general "lay-down" before the close of school. It's the after effects of Spring fever.

Now test yourself, test your recuperative powers; after all that is the real test. Inject a little life serum into your sluggish blood and clear your muddled brain. Come back to earth and realize that there are still some things to do. Remember that exams are coming. Use a little mental soap to remove the cobwebs from your head, and replace them with something live. Get busy; inject that serum now, forget a few social duties, and do something! You can if you want to, and you've got to.

### DON'T KNOCK—BOOST.

It seems to be the custom of several of our readers to knock the Graphos. They say the material doesn't suit

them, or is too dry. You perhaps don't realize how difficult it is to produce a "peppy" paper. No one ever thinks that the Graphos box is large enough to hold a contribution from every pupil. If you do put something in the box and it doesn't appear in the paper, perhaps it was too late; or maybe the Staff thought the interest too personal. Don't be discouraged, though. Hand in another. Perhaps the writeup you're scoffing at, is one that was taken from the box. Most of the knockers are people who never think of handing in anything worth while. Still they think that everyone else should do so. Ten chances to one, every one else thinks the same.

If you're not satisfied with this or any issues of the Graphos, make it your duty to contribute something that will satisfy you. Probably then the paper will be better.

In any case, any effect may be eliminated by preventing the cause. Now if the Graphos does not seem to be up to what you would consider standard, get at the cause of it, which is that the student body does not co-operate with the Staff. There must be co-operation. Now that you know the cause, help along, and thereby eliminate the effect.

### WHAT MAKES LIFE BEST WORTH LIVING.

One of the things which greatly influences a man's life is the beauty of Nature. Nature's beauty is an all-prevailing presence. It unfolds, as in the present time, in the numberless branches of trees and the green blades of grass. It haunts the depths of the earth and sea. The ocean, mountains, clouds, the heavens, the stars, the rising and setting sun—all overflow with beauty. We cannot lift our eyes without feeling ourselves encompassed with beauty on every side. Beauty of nature is so precious, the enjoyments it gives are so pure, that it is painful to think of the multitude of men, living in the midst of it, almost blind to it, as if, instead of living in this fair earth and under this glorious sky, they were tenants of a dungeon. The beauty of outward creation is, as we all know, related to the lovely and interesting attributes of our souls. Thus beauty of Nature is akin to something deeper and unseen. Therefore, the life of the man, who does not keenly see and feel Nature's beauties, is not worth living.

### SAFE AND SANE.

A huge box of crackers lay upon the table in the dining room, where the girls were sewing. Mr. Schrammel entered to take the roll. He looked at the table. "Want a cracker?" Toodles asked. "No," said Mr. Schrammel, rejecting the baby food, "the only kind of crackers I use, are fire crackers."

Take care, Mr. Schrammel, don't hurt yourself!

A sentence describing baseball was handed in by one of the Sophomore girls. "Baseball is a game in which the boys try to make a hit."

### D. O. T.s DEDICATE SONG.

The D. O. T. meeting was held in the Assembly room at eight o'clock, April 22. The members of the society had long wished for a D. O. T. song, as one of the past presidents had suggested having one. In this meeting a song was presented by Laurie Mayer, which was accepted and dedicated as the official song of the society. The society is very grateful to Laurie for her interest in the society. The song is fully appreciated by the society, and it is hoped that other individual members will show as much interest as Laurie.

### Song to Thespis.

Thespis, hail! We sing to thee  
Daughters all of thee, and loyal;  
May all love and honor be  
Ever true to thee, so' royal.  
Great your name, and high our aim  
To extend that name of fame.

Father of Greek tragedy  
Teach us to be strong and faithful,  
In our hearts forever be,  
For each kindness ever grateful  
Hear the songs we sing to thee  
Father of the D. O. T.

A program followed the business meeting. Mrs. Watson-Holtz gave a beautiful piano solo, and followed it by an encore. Virginia Palmer gave a humorous reading called *Woman's Curiosity*, which, it was lucky, no boys heard, as there would be a loud crowing at New Ulm High.

An interesting review of Greek plays was made by Leona Pfaender, and Eleanor Biebl gave a good report on the D. O. T. and works of Robert Brooks.

Beatrice Oliver closed the program with a piano solo, encored by an appreciative audience.

Miss Johnson's criticism followed this number, and a peppy parliamentary drill followed, with Emily Groebner as chairman.

### MOTHER'S DAY IN THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Thursday will be Mother's Day in the Normal department.

From October to March the Normal girls spent an hour daily teaching in the various grades of the city schools.

In March the regular work of the department was suspended for two weeks to give its members an opportunity to observe and teach in the rural schools.

A week after the return of the girls, the spring primary class came in. Twenty-nine youngsters reported for the first week and since then the normalites have been busy teaching the little folks.

The practical work, teaching, forms an interesting part of the work of the Normal course and as the girls have enjoyed it, they wish their mothers as well as those of the children see what they can do in that line.

Here's hoping the weather man will not send rain this week as several of the visitors intend to come from Springfield and Hanska by car.

### In Civil Government.

H. S. "A probate judge can solemnize marriages."

E. G. "Can he marry himself?"

H. S. "No. He must have a girl."

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**PROTEANS HOLD ORIGINAL PROGRAM.**

Another meeting of the Protean Literary Society was held Wednesday, May 8th. This meeting was a successful experiment. The program committee suggested that we have an original program, and the society immediately followed their suggestion. After a short business session the following original program was rendered. Cy. Frederickson rendered an original oration, that one can be proud of; it was well written, well given, and shows that Cy. is a deep thinker. Mr. Henry read an original poem. We did not know that we had a poetical genius among us, but after hearing his poem, **Bernadotte Freel**, we all agreed that we had, judging from the fact that he was encored.

Theodore Crone showed his originality in reading his short story entitled, **Vengeance Is Mine**. We all knew that Teddy was original. Mr. Bergtold wrote an original dialogue, which was acted by John Lippmann—Dan Cupid, Robert Liesch—I'm a Nut, and Lessing Schleuder—Miss Krafty. Be careful boys, Lessing is liable to fool you and play girl some time. Lessing also gave a very interesting, original talk on the present war.

The last number on the program was a collection of fine original jokes by Douglas Garrow. Now don't laugh, they were original, ask Slats about it. We closed our successful meeting with ten minutes' of parliamentary drill, with Joe Welter as leader. Only certain assigned members of the society

ing as a whole was a grand success, and from this meeting we know that Originality is the Keynote to Success. Moral—Be Original!

**THE ELEVEN DAUGHTERS OF MINERVA.**

The normal department wishes the rest of the High School to know that its members organized the above society last fall, and that it has had meetings every three weeks since.

The primary purpose of this organization was to acquaint its members with parliamentary rules and practices and to prepare them, to some extent, for leadership. The duties of a rural teacher are numerous and the better a leader she is, the more likely will she meet with success. The last program will be given Thursday, May 23 at 2:30 p. m. It will be in the form of an entertainment and jollification.

It is expected that each member will wear his new class pin at that time.

Mr. Schrammel felt that he had every right to feel suspicious when one of the Freshmen boy pupils presented him with a note written in a boyish scrawl which read as follows:

"Mister Schrammel pleas to let Johnny out of school this afternoon as I want to go to the ball game."  
Johnny's mother.

To a question on Canada in an exam, a Freshman wrote the following: "Canada, she was called the 'Lady of the Snows,' but she's not it any more."

**SIMPLE GRADUATION COSTUMES.**

The girls' graduating costumes this year will be very plain and simple. But since at one time simplicity was known as "The Charm of Beauty," these may carry a similar effect.

White middy suits with plaited skirts have been decided on. The class colors will not be carried out. The stage no doubt will be decorated with patriotic colors, and white among these would be most appropriate.

Each girl is making her own dress. This will cut down the expense of the outfit considerably, and will give her an opportunity to show that she can make a simple dress. They enjoy their sewing parties and do not have "gabber-fests," but really work.

Every one is heartily willing to conserve and save. These dresses will be simple, inexpensive and practical, thus enabling them to use their surplus "pecunia" to help raise the Senior War-savings list above the rest.

It is up to the boys of the Senior Class now. What can they do?

**A REWARD OF MERIT.**

Belgian Relief Work is a noble work for a suffering people, and therefore it is only fair, that those doing the work, receive some reward of honor. It takes thirty-six hours to earn the Red Cross for your cap, and thirty-six more to earn the one for your apron. The following have earned the right to wear Red Cross caps: Eleanor Biebl, Margaret Esser, Laurie Mayer and Elizabeth Russell. Probably by the time the next Graphos is issued,

**YOUR SHARE!**

Don't you think it will pay us to give our share,  
For the sake of our soldier boys over there,  
Who're fighting for liberty, giving their lives  
And leaving their mothers, their sweethearts or wives,  
All for our sakes, for you and for me?  
They're giving their all, that we may be free.

Then comrade, my comrade, do you think it is fair  
That we sit here idle, shirking our share  
While the Belgian Relief Work is done by the few,  
And Red Cross work is waiting for you?  
If the U. S. A. means freedom for all  
Then do your bit, or that freedom may fall.

**IT'S SPRING.**

It's Spring! I just can't stay in school  
To bother with an English rule,  
Or study Physiography?  
Who cares about topography?  
Who cares to study botany,  
When birds are making harmony  
Up in the highest tops of trees,  
And over flowers, buzz honey bees?

**Shades of Milton.**

Grace R. in English III: "What would have happened if Satan had overcome God?"

Laurie: "I guess we'd all be bad with a little good, instead of good with a little bad."



## CLASS OF 1918

## ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

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admit it. (Now isn't that just like a woman?) In order therefore to settle further argument the "hostess" department ordained that the quartermaster supply each and every one with sufficient victuals to tide them over and incidentally bring about peace. The scheme worked splendidly. Seldomly do quartermasters play such a direct and important part in settling disputes. But this quartermaster was supreme, for he supplied the multitude with chocolate and cookies and things Hoover wouldn't like to hear of, and thus turned hostilities to the friendliest of attitudes. There recently has sprung up the opinion that the only way to quiet a woman is to see she lacks nothing of dainty food, and it worked here.

## Peace Is Declared.

But, alas! a certain member of the school board, whose wife had that evening given him things to worry about, in order that he might reduce the effects of the hostilities to a minimum by three the next morning, found it necessary to leave the field. It was just in time too, another flank movement was in progress and this put a successful stop to it. So following again the orders of the "hostess" department, the belligerents decided to quit the field before more harm was inflicted. Consequently party spirit was dropped, the male graduates to be, escorting their "enemies" home.

The way the "host and hostess" department was superfine. Enough to say that neither of the opposing forces can efficiently express their appreciation.

## PHYSICAL CULTURE.

A number of our High School girls showed their prowess at gymnastics Saturday evening, April 27. Half of the young ladies' class gave an exhibition of bar bells, and the other half gave one of dumb bells.

Then the entire class appeared on the stage and delighted their audience further with their gymnastic abilities. All of the girls did very well, and are to be congratulated on their fine work.

## SLIPS.

Mr. Schrammel was taking the roll during the last period of the day. He approached an idle group of girls. "Look out," whispered one of them, "here he comes with his old slip."

"Now don't you worry," murmured another, confidently, "we'll give him the slip."

## TOO MUCH FOR US.

Geometry  
Is too much for me,  
It's lots too deep for me to see.  
I'd like to be  
Up in a tree,  
Not trying to see—  
Geometry.

## SPEED!

Mrs. Holtz: "Harry give your current events."

Harry: "In about 1,000 years, Hanska will be as big as Chicago; because they are building five houses annually."

## THE SOPHOMORE PARTY.

On Thursday at four-twenty  
The Sophomores left Old High.  
They slowly journeyed up the hill,  
Till Herman, they came nigh.

As soon as all were settled,  
Before the famous man;  
The tale of "As You Like It,"  
Miss Kester then began.

The story soon entranced them.  
Orlando, Oliver  
And Rosalind, Oh! Rosalind  
Oh! Heav'nly, Heavenly her.

When suddenly the grasses  
Were slowly pushed a skew;  
A crawly, slippery reptile,  
Crawled slowly into view.

The story soon was ended,  
And all did quickly run  
To feast on cake and ice cream,  
And have a lot of fun.

Then after all had eaten  
A big and hearty meal;  
They opened up the dance hall  
And danced the 'ginia reel.

For there was also music  
A young Victrola, too.  
So everybody tried to dance  
Until the curfew blew.

Then everyone departed  
To his respective home,  
To dream of cake and Rosalind  
And parties more to come.

## PROTEAN MEETING.

A meeting of the Protean Society was held April 24, 1918. This program was a considerable improvement over many of the preceding programs. It showed that the Proteans were just as able as ever to put up a really good program. After a business meeting which may be termed that, without any twinge of conscience the society adjourned from its business meeting to enjoy the following program. An oration by Jos. Welter entitled *Spartacus to the Gladiators* held the Proteans spellbound as the painter of verbal and oratorical pictures, painted scenes of heroism, barbarity and chivalry. Carl Pfaender presented a very interesting Chalk Talk. Carl pictured us as others see us. A very interesting debate followed. The question: Resolved: That the Non-Partisan League is a National Benefit. John Woebke and Alfred Wiedenmann upheld the Affirmative while Victor Reim and Walter Schulke upheld the negative. It was very interesting from start to finish. The decision favored the negative.

A speech entitled *One Year Of the War* was given by Edmund Lebert. Frenchy deserves credit for his masterful handling of so broad a subject. A humorous poem *Tomatoes* was rendered by W. Vogel. Joe Binder led a rousing, volcanic session of Parliamentary Drill. The Society posed as the Commercial Club of New York City discussing various reforms of the administration. Mr. Henry gave the critic's report.

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