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TRACY GAME ENDS GRIDIRON SEASON

Challenge Received from Brookings Team.

BASKETBALL NEXT.

Since the Mankato game there has been a space of two weeks in the football season in which no games have been played. We had no game scheduled for the Saturday after the game with Mankato due to the fact that there was only two days school during that week.

No Game Scheduled.

However, we had a game scheduled for last Saturday with St. James but they called the game off with the excuse that not enough of their men were eligible, but we believe that it was merely a case of cold feet. We do not know what reason they have to believe that our team is so formidable, but maybe they heard of the game we put up against the Mankato aggregation a few weeks ago. We were disappointed to have this game called off as we had hopes of winning and thereby adding another victory to our list.

Tracy Invades.

Next Saturday we meet the Tracy team on our own field if the weather is willing. Reports have not shown Tracy to be a very strong team so we may be able to romp off with the victory. But we cannot do this unless we have the full support of the student body. The fact that the team has lost a few games has made the town people lose interest in the games, but the student body knows the team. They know that the team is still capable of playing a good game, so when a large percentage of the students is seen on the field next Saturday, the A. A. will know that the student body is still behind the team and that it intends to back the team to the end.

Brookings Challenges.

Another piece of news which was just received is that the team has had a challenge from the Brookings (S. D.) High School to come up there and play a game on Thanksgiving. Mr. Gloor is giving this serious consideration, and the team is looking forward to a fine long trip out to Brookings, S. D.

IN DISGUISE.

Snooks: "There goes Hank Esser with a cigarette in his mouth. I thought he gave up smoking."

Swede: "He did. He just carries that so his old friends will recognize him."

FRESHMEN STAGE HARD TIME FROLIC

"Overall Club" Is Brought Back to Life.

APRONS ALSO.

Tonight at Turner Hall the Freshmen class is going to give a hard time party. This party was originally planned to be held at the High School gym, but since some of the members of the school board have put the damper on "feet activities" as they termed it, it was necessary to hold it in some other place. This party will be something different from other dances as it will be a hard time dance. Boys are requested to wear overalls, while the standard for the members of the weaker sex is aprons or some other garb suitable to the occasion.

Old Clothes Popular.

Now it is not customary to give away the secrets of the occasion or hints to others, but any boy that comes with a stiff collar, fancy or knit necktie, or any other article of wearing apparel that would denote anything but a hard time will probably be refused admittance or be requested to change his attire in a manner suitable to the committee in charge. Fred Leonard, the president of the class, is quite husky and may be on the bouncing committee. Probably it would be better to warn the girls to abstain from paint, powder, rouge, toilet water and other articles that tend to make them appear somewhat different from their actual state. Of course it is understood that anyone that wears silks, satins, or the like will be frowned upon. Please come and act in accordance.

Dancing Allowed.

This is the first dance or party given by the Freshmen this year, in fact, the first dance given under school name, so come out and support it. Behave like true, real ladies and gentlemen and it will probably work out that since these dances prove a success out of school, it may be that the school board will permit them in school. If not, it will be easier for others to hold them. Please remember this and do not spoil it for others.

A Freshman ate a rubber shoe,
And softly he did hum;
Oh boys, I'm doing nothing new,
I'm simply chewing gum.

Miss Myrick: "What do they need in Egypt in order to grow grain?"

Frank F. (brilliant Sophomore): "Ground."

SPELLING TOURNAMENT SUCCESSFULLY ENDED

Minor Protests Fail to End the Contest.

AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

As had been announced the spelling match to be staged between the Freshmen and Sophomores on last Tuesday morning was held. The rather modest yearlings took their seats in a rather awe-inspiring manner when compared to the method their adversaries, the Sophomores, took their places. After making the rounds a few times the Freshmen found themselves, and the rapidity and accuracy of their spelling must be complimented. The Sophomores, somewhat surprised at the Freshmen found themselves to be at the short end of the affair for when the smoke had cleared, one Freshman, Maybell Simmet had stood the onslaughts of the fray, and thereby won a place for them in the finals to be staged with the winner in the other section.

But lo! The Freshmen joy was short lived when the second year students protested on a ground that one of their students had been spelled down on a word that was capable of being spelled two ways. A conference was held and after a lengthy discussion a rather modified form of the match was staged between a member of each team. The Freshmen, however, again were victorious and were in the finals Thursday morning.

JUNIORS VS. NORMALS.

On Thursday morning the Juniors and Normal Department had their spelling match. This took a good deal longer, probably due to the fact that these two teams were as strong as any in the race for the championship. After about 15 minutes of spelling a representative of each team still held their ground in a rather subtle way. After a few minutes the last Junior was spelled down, and the Normal Department, amid cheers from a great share of the student body, was declared victor.

The cheering had just about ceased when there came another protest. It was examined by captains of the respective teams, and their ground for complaint was justified. Another little private spelling match was held in which the Juniors emerged victorious. This gave the Juniors the right to meet the Seniors on Tuesday morning.

SENIORS VS. JUNIORS.

After a few explanatory remarks
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NEW MEMBERS INITIATED IN D. O. T.

Unprintable Horrors Perpetrated on Innocent Victims.

DEAD AND DYING.

On Tuesday, November 9, secrets seemed to be passing around among the old members of the D. O. T., of course, the new members had an inkling of what was going on. The D. O. T. initiation was to take place that evening.

Fear and Trembling.

About 7:30 that evening a group of about twenty quivering creatures which were the new D. O. T. members were awaiting their fate. All were made to repeat a pledge reading that they promised to do whatever was requested of them, or else eat a raw onion before the assembly and—the rest was still to be found out. They were all blind-folded and each one was put under the care of an old D. O. T. member. Imagine those frightened little beings knowing they were now in the hands of fate without mercy.

Terrible Torture.

They were led upstairs, downstairs, down dark corridors, soaked with water, made to crawl under chairs and desks, blackened their faces and were tormented in many other disagreeable ways. Shrieks for mercy did not help the poor victims any. Bumps were very frequent happenings. After the old members were exhausted they took the new members into the gymnasium and blindfolded them.

Stunts then ensued. Dances, plays, impromptu speeches, a football game, and poetry, made up on the spur of the moment, were the next numbers on the evening's program. They didn't forget to make them repeat the words of the D. O. T. song in unison.

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- * Lambertson at New Ulm—January 14. *
- * New Ulm at Redwood Falls—January 21. *
- * Sleepy Eye at New Ulm—January 28. *
- * Redwood Falls at New Ulm—February 4. *
- * New Ulm at Sleepy Eye—February 18. *
- * New Ulm at Lambertson—February 25. *
- * Tournament to decide Championship—March 4. *

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SCHOOL SPIRIT.

There are two kinds of School Spirit—One is prominent at Athletic contests and public meetings. It makes a tremendous noise. It cheers the team on to victory; it parades the streets clad in Klu Klux Klan costumes; it roars in the assembly room when Pep meetings are held—in a word it is PRINCIPALLY noise and bluster, show and feathers, display and "showing off." Its conception of School Spirit is noise, noise, and more noise. Sad is it to say—it usually makes more noise in victory than in defeat—usually is more mis-directed than purposeful—and gives the outsider perhaps, the impression that High School students aren't capable of much else but yelling and parading.—As such this first kind of School Spirit is pretty much valueless to a school, although it is of course a recognized part of school life.

But there is a second type of school spirit, too, of which we ought to make mention. Many would call it the REAL School Spirit. Sure it is, that it really does more for the school many times over than does its more showy, noisy co-partner. We might call this School Spirit School Interest instead. It works silently—but with wondrous efficiency. It loves the good name of its school. It would rather lose a game than win one unfairly. It causes the members of the school to take pride in their work so that the standard of the school may be kept high. It makes athletes work for the team in the classroom to keep above in their subjects, as well as in the games themselves. It keeps a team heartened through a series of defeats. It keeps a team at diligent practice in order to try, at least, to improve. It creates interest in a School paper so good that other schools may join in praise. It fosters such a standard of scholarship

that parents are pleased and proud instead of dissatisfied. It engenders real interest and real work in Public Speaking contests—Debate—Oratory and Declamation—so that the good name of its school is carried far in contest with other schools of the state. This School Spirit is the Spirit of Progress. Without it no school can forge to the front—without it present in the whole student body—no few individuals—students or faculty—no matter how persevering and sincere their efforts can secure better than mediocre results.

I believe that the spirit of the times is leaning towards the first type. It is easier to get students to yell and parade in their night-shirts than it is to get them to foster or work for the betterment of the school. Our own high school record for the past three months verifies that belief, New Ulm High is not the school it **might** be, not because its students lack School Spirit, but because their School Interest is mis-directed. I believe that firmly. Consider a few examples:

1. Our Singing period designed to give the students a chance to enjoy group singing, and learn new songs is often marred by loud, boisterous talking, and poor spirit when asked to repeat a song which has been sung in a particularly lifeless manner. **Where is our REAL School Spirit?**

2. Our Graphos itself is almost a hopeless proposition. The students, asked to hold editorial positions refuse to co-operate. They do not turn in assignments. The paper is edited in a last-minute frenzied search to get hold of anything and everything to fill space. **Where is our REAL Student Interest in a High School Paper?**

3. Our Football Team has suffered from injuries—but it has suffered more from poor scholarship, and from poor attendance at practice than from any other source. **Where is our School Spirit when we cannot put a team in the field and keep it there from the beginning to the end of a football schedule?**

4. An average of 35 per cent of each class was below grade for October in one or more subjects. Over a third of our number are **Flunkers**. Where is the **School Spirit** necessary to place our High School in a position to be called an efficient school?

Must we then in conclusion decide that New Ulm High does not possess a REAL School Spirit? Hardly that! It is true that there is a decided lack of purposeful, responsible interest in the outside activities that make High School worth while. That is true. But that does not mean a lack of School Spirit, so much as it does mean a lack of vision of the future, and a mis-direction of energies. Until the High School Student Body realized **this**, New Ulm High School is not going to be the school it has been in the past, nor live up to its possibilities for the present and future.

We must take a vital interest in worth while things, and do our parts willingly and efficiently and perseveringly—or the Standard of our School will drop. Ralph L. Henry.

P. L. S.

It was just about five years ago that in this very building the Protean Literary Society was founded. Its rules and by-laws were drawn up and the prospects of a permanent organization were very bright. The society was a fine part of High School life and the pupils lived up to and respected its constitution. There was a period when things went fine and nobody thought of lowering the standard of the meetings nor breaking it up.

But for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction according to Newton's third law of motion. There has been a gradual decline from its high standard and now the dangerous chasm of the first few years has passed. There are only a few surviving members left, but there are enough to set the society on its feet and going right again.

The qualifications of membership are not beyond any student. Only Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are eligible for membership. Only students in good standing shall be considered. Students must be above grade, and they shall be expected to co-operate with the laws. For these few things you can get in with a bunch of forty fellows and have a good time, as well as a meeting which often calls for serious thought. The lessons taught in Parliamentary drill are often valuable for other occasions. Many things are related which prove interesting.

Now there are a few fellows who are getting this thing started and are getting applicants. All boys interested should please hand in their applications at once.

OUT-O-LUCK.

A student stood in the hall one day,
With a piece of chalk in his hand;
A teacher thot 'twas a cigarette
And the boy came near bein' canned.

W. Franta: "How long can one live without brains?"

R. Amann: "Oh, I don't know. How old are you?"

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SPELLING TOURNAMENT SUCCESS- FULLY CONCLUDED.

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about the contest Mr. Henry asked the two teams to take their seats. The contest went along for quite a while without an error and the entire student body was on edge as to the outcome of the contest. A few fell on either side yet no side was assured of victory. However, hard luck seemed to be with the Seniors as they had a great share of the hard words. The contest dragged with but one Senior speller to combat the two others. She was at length spelled down and the Juniors thereby earned the right to spell against the Freshmen Thursday morning.

There has been no quibble nor protest on the Junior-Senior contest and we all hope nothing will occur. As the final contest draws near let us treat both teams fairly so that the best team will be able to win on its merits.

JUNIORS SPELLING CHAMPIONS.

Showing an unbroken front against all onslaughts the Junior Spelling team Thursday morning captured the Spelling Championship from the Freshmen Spellers. The first year team suffered a complete reversal of form and fell victims to words given in the first three rounds. Nervousness, due to lack of experience in public contests was the main cause, no doubt, of their failure. The Juniors, veterans of several previous matches spelled slowly and confidently to victory. Non of their members missed a word so there can be no doubt of their supremacy.

A great deal of interest has been aroused by the spelling contests. All of the teams have worked hard and unquestionably there has been improvement and gain for those competing. Of course some technical questions have arisen which have caused argument and disagreement—but these have been disposed of by a committee representing the unbiased opinion of all teams represented. After all it doesn't matter if we do have an "extasy" over poor "defenceless" "spinage"—if only we catch the spirit of the game and prove ourselves good losers. It is to be hoped that we have another spelling tournament next year.

NEW MEMBERS INITIATED INTO D. O. T.

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The Law Is Read.

Then followed the tedious task of listening to the D. O. T. constitution. Next they were told their next day's fate. A great deal of comment was received when they were told to wear their hair straight back in two braids and not to use no powder for the whole day. The punishment of raw onion was constantly kept before their minds.

As Usual—Food.

The old and new D. O. T. members then went down to Eibners. The new members were not allowed to wash before they went down so they sure

did make some sight. All enjoyed a delicious lunch there. This put a little more spirit into the new members and they really began to enjoy themselves, for the worst was now over.

The new D. O. T. members certainly ought to be treated with respect after having endured such a nervous strain and so much torture.

D. O. T. MEETING.

The regular meeting of the D. O. T. society was called to order by the President, Margaret Bentsdahl, at 7:30 sharp on Monday evening. The secretary's report was read and approved. After the transaction of some very important business the business meeting adjourned and the program followed. It was opened by the singing of the D. O. T. song by the society. The rendition of a piano solo by Florence Voltz was greatly enjoyed. It was announced that the society would take up the study of James M. Barrie that evening. Florence Espenson gave a short review of his life which was followed by an extremely well given reading of "The Twelve Pound Look," one of Barrie's best short dramas, by Helen Woebke. It is to be hoped that all the studies that will follow will prove to be as interesting and as well given. Adelia Radke gave a very amusing, original, short story. The president then gave over the meeting to the charge of Elda Jahnke, '17, who conducted the parliamentary drill. The society posed as the Commercial Club and the advisability of installing street cars was given the careful and serious deliberation of the members. After a lengthy and heated discussion the matter was laid on the table and upon motion the parliamentary meeting adjourned. The meeting was then dismissed.

REFUSED CHALLENGE.

As stated in another column of the Graphos the Brookings, S. D. team challenged the local eleven to play a game at that place on Thanksgiving. After some discussion for and against it was decided that the "nos" had it. One of the chief reasons was the lack of consideration of a brother of the "Harris brothers" in making arrangements to get married on Thanksgiving day and it was deemed to be sheer madness to enter the fray, minus the mainstays of the team. However, it was not without some feeling of rancor towards the unknown Mr. Harris that this decision was reached.

Zeno Crone, '22, is very slowly recovering from the results of the unfortunate injury which was inflicted on his right wrist, one day several weeks ago, while hunting on the Minnesota river in a boat. He does not know just how the accident occurred but a loaded gun was in the bottom of the boat and in some manner was discharged. The shot tore away part of the flesh on his wrist and it was thought at first that the hand would have to be amputated but unless something further sets in it is hoped that it can be saved. Zeno appreciates the thoughtfulness of those of his schoolmates who have been out to see him.

EXCHANGES

"The Su Huta" is a good paper. The criticism of one of our ads was appreciated.

"The Hamline Oracle" is quite a good paper. The students in the Hamline U sure seem to be greatly interested in athletics. A few good jokes would improve the paper.

"The Otaknam" is a nice paper. Apart from the size it reminds one of a big newspaper. We are always interested in Mankato news and therefore glad to get the paper.

"The Wigwam" comes way from Washington. It is a very neat paper and if all others were like it there would be nothing to criticize.

"The Comment." The first number of this magazine was received lately and we are glad to acknowledge receipt of it. The stories and editorials are interesting.

"The World." The cover design of this booklet is very good. The contents are also good and interesting.

"The Lake Breeze Weekly" is a snappy paper. The articles are well written up.

D. O. T.

I've got an awful backache
And my head is swimming too;
My arms are sore and tired
And my knees are sore and blue.
You'll wonder why I make this lamentation,

And so I'll tell you all;
I've been at the D. O. T. initiation
Where they make a feller climb, jump
and crawl.

INITIATION.

Oh, that was some initiation
It taxed the members' imagination.
We jumped and climbed,
We shrieked and whined;
For it we have no explanation.

WRITING POEMS AT THE INITIATION.

Gertrude's on her stomach,
I am by her side,
Lillian's wiping up the floor
Trying hard to write.
Now Lillian's sitting on her feet,
And I am busy thinking;
Gertrude's standing on her head
And all our hearts are shrinking.

NEW TEACHER NEEDED.

It has been quite apparent since the beginning of the year that most High School teachers had too heavy a schedule—were teaching more classes than in previous years, and had more pupils under their charge. This was due, of course, to the fact that twelve High School teachers were handling the work which fourteen teachers had last year. There are only three less students than last year. Last year the average enrollment was 220. This year it is 217.

The matter has been brought to the attention of the Board of Education and steps are being taken to secure a new teacher to lighten the burden now borne by the present members of the faculty. The new teacher's class schedule will doubtless be made up of a combination course of Mathematics and History or History and English. As yet no teacher has been elected.

PLANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT WELL UNDER WAY.

The plans for the annual Junior entertainment, which will be held some time in December, have just about reached the final stages, according to members of the committee who have the work in charge. The program will consist of various musical selections, folk dances, comiques and, last but not least, we hope, a short farce comedy. The class advisors, assisted by other members of the faculty and also some alumnus have the coaching of the different numbers in hand. Let's all save our pennies and help the Juniors make it one rip-roaring, never-to-be-forgotten success!!!

FUNNY WORDING OF SOME MOVIE THEATRE SIGNS.

Movie Theatre sign:
"WATCH YOUR WIFE EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK"—Albany Argus.

Sign in front of Harlem Movie Theatre:

"MOTHER I NEED YOU FOR THREE DAYS BEGINNING NOV. 30th"—New York Globe.

Sign in front of Movie House:
"GERALDINE FARRAR, Supported for the first time by her Husband."—Columbus (O.) Citizen.

Sign in a Movie Pictorium:
"HER WEDDING NIGHT every night this week."—Boston Transcript.

DEBATE TRYOUTS.

The debate tryouts this year are to be held Friday. The state question this year is, "Resolved: That the open shop is preferable to the closed shop in our industrial system." The High School is a member of the state debating league and therefore becomes a contestant for state honors. There will be only one team this year instead of two as it has originally been. Our team, composed of three members, will meet Springfield in about four weeks. There are about twelve students out for debate and no doubt there will be considerable competition the coming tryouts.

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