FOREWORD

"It is not the leap at the start, but the steady going on that gets there."
—John Wanamaker.

Nearly every student who has ever entered Normal has asked at some time or other, "Why haven't we a publication of our own?" This question is preliminary because it soon becomes apparent that the time really necessary to cover our course as outlined, coupled with the disadvantage of being a commuting school, makes it most inadvisable to undertake the publishing of a magazine.

At a recent meeting of the student council, however, it was suggested that we publish a small bulletin which would preserve an accurate and complete record of events as they occur at Newark Normal School. The council envisaged a bulletin which would contain "All the news that's fit to print," in a concise and attractive form, and in a language which would faithfully reflect credit upon future pedagogues. It is felt that the student body does not want a ridiculous, odoriferous, or hysterical interpretation of Normal School activities which would overshadow its real aim.

You recall how you manifested your enthusiasm by unanimously voting in favor of the bulletin. Within two weeks after that vote was taken, the business arrangements, the name, the selection of material, the staff, et cetera, were all completed in such a manner that no one was required to take the publishing of a magazine.

What you all a Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS

We remember very happily the surpassingly beautiful Christmas program of last year. You recall that it represented an old English festival of Christmas customs.

Of course, one custom of having the Christmas carols sung through the corridors will be continued.

The annual Christmas program of the Senior B class this year brings to us the Yuletide customs of other lands, Scandinavia, Russia, Spain, Italy, Holland and Americas by song, dance, and playlet, show us how Christmas is celebrated here and abroad. The costumes and customs of the different countries have been thoughtfully studied, and as nearly as possible are to be copied and presented to us in the entertainment.

The Senior B's through this program take the opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

WHAT THE WOOD DID TO THE BOYS

It isn't what the boy does to the wood, but what the wood does to the boy," was Dr. Willis' comment, after the Senior B Manual Training boys had displayed their works of art in the assembly, November 10th. The exhibition consisted of innumerable attractive articles, ranging from vividly colored toys to artistically designed domestic appliances, bearing the ardent touch of the craftsman. Mr. Hendrichson presided over the program, and aroused a truly sympathetic atmosphere. Together with him, Meares, Britton, Krane, Devonald, Hansen and Horsthams developed the subject of manual training very capably. Dr. Willis' remark, made while commending the boys for their fine work, put an interesting end to the program. The boys finished with the feeling that they, really owed the school the attractive drop light so much admired.
THE STUDENT COUNCIL
One of the outstanding characteristics of our Normal School is the opportunity presented for student activity. Student participation, especially in school government, has always been advocated as the best means of securing a feeling of responsibility on the part of students for the welfare of the group as a whole. The principal means of securing this objective is through the functioning of a student council.

In order to explain the origin of our Student Council, we must take you back to October of last year. At that time, maybe for no better reason than precedent, the instructors occupied the role of "traffic cops" in the corridors, even though many felt that the matter of self-control was one which the students and students alone should solve if they were to conduct themselves creditably as future teachers. It was best for all concerned to effect a change. To facilitate this transition, the Student Council, composed of the various faculty advisers and all of the class officers, was organized. We might say at this point that although there was a spirit of co-operation between the students and teachers from the very beginning, undoubtedly the able counsel of Miss Kain and Dr. Willis was what really saved the council from a bad case of malnutrition during its infancy.

At this date all doubts have been cleared away. The students have a strong central organization ready at all times to carry out any work which is decreed to them. On October 13th a "coffee klatch," under the able direction of Miss Marion Hallock, was held so that the council members could informally express their thoughts for the welfare of the school. It was at this meeting that the bulletin idea was suggested. An editorial staff "pro tem" was appointed and requested to put a bulletin in the hands of the student body before Christmas.

At our next meeting definite rules will be formulated to cover the election of council officers, the selection of the "Normal Reflector" staff, and the conduct of council meetings.

The entire entertainment was given in pantomime, beginning with the dance of the Fireflies, who led to the Palace of the Troll King, where Peer, having become entangled with Troll Princess, had been brought. There the poor lad, surrounded by witches and trolls, laughed merrily at the Princess, because after she unmasked he found she had the face of a cow. He was told that before he could marry the Princess he must see, act, and dress as the troll. To accomplish this the witches threw dust in his eyes, forced a potion into his mouth, and tried to make him wear a tail. He struggled against his tormentors, but when almost overcome, the Church Bell in the Valley rang, the Trolls fled, and Peer Gynt was left alone on the Mountain. As he stood, the vision of his Mother rose before him. He was reminded of his home in the Valley and started forth, seeing as he went the Dance of the Clouds, which exemplified to him his ideals and visions.

The young women of the kindergarten sections presented the program with much color, skill, and effective result. The sunrise dance was particularly graceful and colorful, and was a pretty piece of interpretative dancing. Many thanks for this delightful program.

SONGS FROM THE PHILIPPINES
A great privilege was accorded the Normal School students and faculty on November 6th when Mr. Jose Mosssegsd Santiago, a Filipino, entertained us by singing several Philippine folk songs. Among his selections was a Philippine love song, which was particularly beautiful. Mr. Santiago, although he has been in the United States only a short time, has already become quite fond of this country. When the Filipino had come to the end of his recital, he stepped forward and, with a look of satisfaction on his face, exclaimed, "Now, don't you think that a people who can compose such beautiful songs should be set free?"
CORNTOWN COUNTY FAIR IS GREAT SUCCESS

The season for county fairs is usually over by the coming of frost, but November 19th found the Junior A class presenting the Corntown County Fair for the entertainment of the Junior B's. The Junior B's, who were conducted with great ceremony to the nooks and byways of Corntown, were treated to an entertainment such as no county has ever excelled. They opened their eyes in wonder when they beheld the gymnasium transformed to fair grounds, gay with yellow bunting and autumn leaves. The reception committee welcomed the Junior B's, who will say conducted themselves with a good bit of dignity considering their station in life.

After every Junior B was made to feel at home, the festivities of the day began. Farmer Hicks (Miss Frances Haynig) gave a welcoming speech and introduced to the citizens of Corntown the two famous announcers, Squire Fuller Blah, known as Helen Young, and Squire Lotta Noise, known as Margaret Geoghegan, who in themselves were a joy to the eye.

Squire Lotta Noise and Squire Fuller Blah announced the various numbers of the day. The first on the program was the High Hat Moses Symphonic Orchestra, whose rendering of modern operas brought tears to the eyes of the tender Junior B's. In contrast with this bit of pathos of the orchestra, the Corntown County Kids Kanteen was put before the audience, which was indeed very delightful and most gratifying to the proud mothers of Corntown. Then followed the Toy Shop's exhibit of the largest and best toys in Corntown, featuring the parade of the wooden soldiers and the dance of the dolls. The Junior B's exchanged glances, showing that never before in their lives had they witnessed anything so beautiful. To show the unusual care of the animals and up-to-date methods of farming, MacDonald's farm stock was presented to the citizens of Corntown. The Corntown County Horse Race came as a surprise to the spectators. They were well named the Poppy Princesses. Each horse was a credit to his jockey, who drove it with such gusto that the spectators yelled with enthusiasm.

Dancing and refreshments followed the entertainment. Music was furnished by the Misses Reba Warene, Prthynnla Fichter, and Master Roy Van Orden.

The citizens of Corntown showed the Junior B's how to trip the light fantastic until they mopped their brows and panted breathlessly. Then they were granted the privilege of taking a peep into the future. This was made possible through the talent of the gypsy fortune tellers. All in all, the Corntown County Fair was a great success.

The success of the entertainment was due to the splendid co-operation of the entire Junior A Class, who participated as a body, and to their faculty adviser, Miss Helen C. Snyder. The chairman of the various committees were as follows: Chairman of the party, Miss Alyce Finger; chairman of entertainment, Miss Gertrude Ulbelhoer; chairman of reception, Miss Lilian Beria; chairman of invitation, Miss Mary Trincell; chairman of decorations, Misses Beatrice Decker and Margaret Smith; and chairman of refreshments, Miss Caroline Griggs.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF BETH

On December 13th, 1926, the Junior A Class of the State Normal School at Newark presented a health play, "The Transformation of Beth," as their auditorium program.

The battle between Prince Laziness (Edward Seaman) and Queen Health (Dorothy Davis), for Beth (Sadie Finster), a little girl not obeying the rules of health, took place musically to the tune of primary grade songs.

Prince Laziness was escorted by able followers, Candy-Between-Meals (Gertrude Ulbelhoer) and Gloom (Sadie Karn). Proper Foods and Queen Health were supported by Joy (Kay Rieber) and Beauty (Dorothy Just).

Queen Health's followers routed the army of Prince Laziness, and Beth became a happy, healthy girl.

This play is adapted for the grammar grades in school in connection with the teaching of health work. It is not meant as a cure-all, but as a culmination of teaching the principles of health.

The Junior A Class is indebted to Miss Frances Haynig, the author of the play, and to the Misses Wilma Booth, Ruth Krauss, and Estelle Rapport for their work in directing the production.

ATHLETICS

Alumni vs. Normal School

Our athletic activities began with a flourish on Election Day. A large number of old graduates returned to do battle in the name of the Alumni with our present basketball team. Our entire school was skillfully put to rights in the gym to witness the game. Each class had prepared a song with which to encourage the home team. Cheerleaders and songleaders took their places from time to time and helped through their leadership to bring a gala spirit into the atmosphere. Both teams played well, but the home team finally won the game which has become historic. The score was 33 to 18. We wish to thank the many former students who returned to help the cause along.

Inter-Class Game

Basketball! How the very word sends a thrill through the hearts of every strong and healthy normal school girl!

The first interclass basketball game was between the Junior A and Junior B classes, and was held in the gym on Thursday, December 14th. The game was extremely interesting, lacking neither pep nor spirited play. The score was 22-23 in favor of the Junior B's.

A display of sportsmanship in defeat and in victory was a part of the game. Mr. D'Angola acted as referee.

The players were as follows:

Junior A—Forwards, Helen Young, Dorothy Davis; guards, Wilma Booth, Ann Deutsch; center, Edwina Ward; side-center, Alice Flager.

Junior B—Forwards, Elsie Agreen, Grace Harler; guards, Edith Hofer, Helen Just; center, Anna Brandner; side-center, Josie Young.

During the term the following games will be played:

Junior B vs. Junior A
Junior B vs. Senior B
Junior B vs. Senior A
Junior A vs. Senior B
Junior A vs. Senior A
Senior B vs. Senior A
At the annual reunion last May the Alumni Association decided to make its organization function in a more active way. To do this an executive committee composed of one member from each graduate class was formed. This with the officers made the Executive Council which to date has planned many things of interest to all Normal School students and graduates.

A theatre party at the Shubert Theatre will be held some time in January. The council hopes to make it a real "Newark Normal Night," and is looking forward to the support of the entire student body. This will be a benefit performance, and the proceeds used to start a student aid fund.

As the theatre party is the first big undertaking of the association, exclusive of reunions, every effort is being made to insure its success.

The annual reunion and luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 7, 1927, at the Hotel Pennsylvania. A unique program is to be given.

Each member of the school will be a member of the Alumni Association, and so its work is of interest to all. The present Senior A class will soon be selecting one representative for the executive committee. Heartfelt cooperation in the plans of the association will mean success.

The officers of the Alumni Association are as follows:

President .......... Mr. Albin J. Frey
Vice-President .. Mr. Leonard Merrill
Secretary,
Mrs. Marjorie Flascke Horter
Asst. Secretary....... Miss Sara Fillips
Treasurer,
Mrs. Anita Brennig D'Angola
Asst Treasurer, Miss Flora Morehouse
Historian ...... Miss Lenore Hoffman

SENIOR DAY

The day that the Seniors of Normal School prize so very much will soon be here. On January 7th, the entire class will be together for the first time since last June. Imagine the joy, mingled with sadness, for this day is both one of greeting and farewell.

The Seniors will be especially privileged on this day, for they will take charge of school activities. What bustle and excitement there will be in donning gowns; what interest and happiness will be displayed in the assembly program; and what joy will be shown in taking the class picture! January the Seventh will endear itself in the hearts of the Seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 23rd, 1926, to January 3rd, 1927—Christmas Holidays.
January 5th, 1927—Frederick Baer, Baritone.
January 7th, 1927—Senior Day.
January 14th, 1927—Senior Prom.
January 21st, 1927—Commencement Day.

The pirates have been invited to be present at the Prom. Fear not, Guests, Seniors, All, for they will give us a fine time.

THE SENIOR PROM.

On January 14th the Seniors will give their last social function of their Normal School career, namely, the Senior Prom. The Seniors look forward to this occasion as much as they look forward to Commencement.

The members of the Faculty and the class officers of the various classes are the special guests of the Class. The Seniors are planning an interesting program for enjoyment.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

Our Alma Mater

Oh, Alma Mater! Brightly fair to see,
With proud and loving hearts, we sing to thee.
Beneath thy banner gleaming silvery blue,
We pledge our loyalty the ages through.

Dear Alma Mater, through thy stately halls,
We hearken to thy soul-inspiring calls,
To duty, honor, truth and service rare.
To answer them in faith, be it our prayer.

Our memories linger round thy portals fair,
Oh, Sunshine School of joy, and friendships rare,
Beneath thy banner gleaming silvery blue,
Again we pledge allegiance firm and true.

CHORUS

Hail, Alma Mater! hear our refrain,
Thou givest freely that all may gain,
We hold aloft thy standard,
Thy torch of knowledge. A living flame.