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### THE AMERICAN LEGION.

The American Legion is bound to become, and indeed already is, the only means through which the men of America who served in the World War can express themselves as a unit on the important issues as they arise, and it is inevitable that every service man will, sooner or later, identify himself with this splendid and thoroughly American organization. That those who left their peaceful pursuits and became a part of America's magnificent army of four million men should have, to some extent, common purposes and ideals, is equally inevitable, and whenever these four million voters become determined that any particular principle shall prevail in this country, it surely will prevail; there can be no doubt of this. That the American Legion stands primarily for law and order and unqualified Americanism should be sufficient to attract every ex-service man to its membership. Those who can, and do not, join the organization will soon realize that they have injured themselves most of all by their failure to become an active part of the largest and most powerful non-political organization in America, even today.

RALPH P. WILSON.

### IS COLLEGE WORTH THE COST?

The unprecedented rush to college during this scholastic year, causing it is said, an increase in college population of forty-one per cent over that of last year, may well call for a study of the real value of a college education. Is it worth the time and the money it costs?

Data gathered by the United States Department of Education, from one hundred business houses covering a short period of years, indicate that among the employees of these houses, ninety per cent of college men rise to large salaries and responsible positions, as compared with twenty-five per cent of non-college men. This same authority finds that in one hundred and fifty thousand of our population but one uneducated child attains the honor of a place in "Who's Who," while four men of common school education, eighty-seven with a high school education and eight hundred with college education attain that honor.

What proportion of our primary school population could profitably take a college course, is a debatable question.

Educational statistics of 1916 show that out of eighty primary pupils in America but six reach high school and but one reaches college.

Even with the recent increase in college attendance, college students are less than two per cent of the total number in primary schools. So far as can now be predicted it seems certain that physical, mental and financial reasons will forever forbid a large proportion, probably much more than half the children of the primary schools, obtaining a college training.

But those familiar with college history know that not all who enter college should do so.

The student who mistakes a college for anything less serious than a machine shop, had better take his training in a machine shop, or in some less skilled line of work.

College as a polishing establishment is not worth four years of any one's time. As an entertainment or a club, it is much inferior to entertainments and clubs that may be had for less waste of time and money. As an admission to good society, a college diploma is not worth the vellum on which it is engrossed.

College is profitable only for such serious workers as take it for the power they may acquire in the mastery of the college course.

For young people of this temper, college is worth all they are likely to pay for it. It is invaluable.

For the dishonest or thriftless student, the college is but an accessory in his dishonesty and his thriftlessness.—Minneapolis Journal.

### THE GRAVEYARD OF GOSSIP.

Printed and spoken gossip is an evil which has worked and continues to work untold detriment to man. The press carries daily reports of people driven to the point of self-destruction by the result of wagging tongues and wobbling pens. Great institutions and men of the world have been hindered in their work, by the necessity of combating the untruthful statements of wicked and devilish villagers.

And yet, this evil is prevalent is the most unpretentious, and common walks of life. School people seem to take delight in spreading false reports of the actions of their fellow-students. The housewife finds no greater pleasure than that of spouting the latest scandal over the back fence to her neighbor; and in the field of business reports of misfortune, true or otherwise, find ready acceptance and are speedily spread by those who fail to realize the tremendous evil of the habit.

What is there to gain through this defamation? Surely no one sees any lasting advantage to be gained, and the only result that can be expected is the utter distrust of man for man. Is it not a wiser and a saner thing to let evil reports die, and apply our powers of speech and pen to the good deeds of man; to the things that will inspire good, and bring about an appreciation of the worth and helpfulness of our neighbors?

Untruth is not necessary to the vitality of speech; no more is forgery to force of writing. There is plenty of good in the world deserving of dissemination.—The Marquette Tribune.

## Society

Friday, January 9

Thirty-five couples attended the Zodiac club formal at the Lincoln Hotel. Lieutenant and Mrs. William Murphy were invited as chaperones.

Phi Kappa Psi entertained thirty couples at a house dance. An Orpheum act furnished music during the intermission. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Wardner Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. Calloway Van Decar.

Delta Chi entertained at a dance at the chapter house. Thirty couples were present. The decorations were in the fraternity colors, buff and red. Invited as chaperons were Mr. and Mrs. Lester M. Buckley, and Mr. and Mrs. Merin Hare, of Aurora.

Saturday, January 10

Valkyrie entertained at a twilight tea at the Kappa Alpha Theta house, Saturday afternoon. Roses and candles were used in decoration. A program of a group of songs, Margaret Perry; dance, Elizabeth Doyle; and a reading, Margaret Howes, was given. Mrs. Charles Lee, of Chicago, was an out-of-town guest. This tea is the first of a series to be given during the winter.

Chi Omega entertained thirty-five couples at a house dance. Miss Mary Anderson chaperoned.

Seventy-five couples attended the dinner dance of Iron Sphinx at the Lincoln Hotel. The tables were decorated with red candles and roses. Favors of flowers were given to the guests. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Ludwig, and Lieutenant and Mrs. William Murphy acted as chaperons.

Alpha Gamma Rho entertained forty couples at a house dance. The decorations were in the university colors: scarlet and cream. Out of town guests were: P. H. Stevens, Tekamah, and Martin Jones and Lloyd Hedburg, of Polk. Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Pier and Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Mussehl were chaperons.

## PERSONALS

Hazel Harnsberger, '16, returned yesterday from her home in Elmwood where she spent the week-end.

Mary Hardy, '22, and Marvel Trojan '22, were guests in Omaha for the past few days.

Lorena Evans, '23, is ill at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where she will undergo an operation for tonsillitis.

Mrs. A. B. Edee, of Pawnee City, is a guest of her daughter, Gretchen Edee, '23, at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.

Victor Graham, '19, of Omaha, is a week-end guest at the Alpha Theta Chi house.

Claire Dickerson, '22, spent the week end at her home in Alvo, when she had as her guest Doris Arnold, '20.

The Omaha Athletic Association were entertained at a dinner at the Alpha Sigma Phi house, December 10.

Geraldine Brown, '21, and Lenore Fitzgerald, '16, visited in Omaha this last week-end.

Margaret Roebing, ex-'20, who is teaching in Seward this year, was a guest at the Chi Omega house for the last few days.

Hope Ross, '23, returned yesterday from Omaha, where she was a visitor Saturday and Sunday.

George Smith, of Norfolk, is a guest at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house, for a few days.

Helen Loniger, of Birmingham, Colorado, spent Friday and Saturday at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house, on her way back to school in New York.

Harriet Ford, '22, is ill at the Alpha Omicron Pi house.

John R. DeWitt, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was a guest at the Sigma Chi house for a few days of last week.

Mary Elizabeth Graham, '23, spent the week-end in Omaha.

Ralph Carl, Harold Grahazm, and Charles Graham, all of Omaha, have been guests at the Alpha Sigma Phi house for the week-end.

Margery Scoville, '21, Bernice Scoville, '23, Dorothy Cavanaugh, '23, and Ruth Kadel, '23, were guests in Omaha for the past week-end.

Kenneth Craig and Robert Chapin of Papillion, spent the week-end at the Sigma Chi house.

George Grimes, '17, was a visitor at the Phi Kappa Psi house Saturday. Walter Le Clere, '23, spent the week-end at his home in Hiawatha, Kans.

Laurine Oetgen of Nebraska City is a visitor at the Pi Beta Phi house for a few days.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Clark was a luncheon guest at the Delta Gamma house Saturday.

## YOU ARE INVITED

### MRS. ELLIS WILL SPEAK AT MISSIONARY DINNER

Mrs. E. W. Ellis, A. B., who was Minnie Case, and who was graduated from the University of Nebraska with the class of 1902, will be the speaker for the annual missionary dinner at the First Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening, January 14. She is a very interesting speaker and will talk on her experiences in China. Reservations should be made through the retary at B-2137.

Mrs. Ellis has spent fourteen years in China, where she worked near Dr. and Mrs. Tucker, prominent medical missionaries who have labored very successfully in the east. Dr. Tucker is also a lecturer in the University of Peking. Mrs. Ellis was in Lincoln shortly before the holidays, when she gave an interesting lecture to university students.

### FOOTLIGHTS AND CAMERA LURE CO-EDS FROM THE LIFE OF THE TEACHER

Chicago, Ill.—Chicago high school girls are seeking the stage and the movies in preference to teaching—a marked change since 1913—according to a survey just completed by workers for the school teachers' "better pay" campaign.

Of 500 young women who left or were graduated from local high schools in 1913, four went into musical comedy choruses, thirty-four were married within a year after departure, 247 became teachers, and 203 went into business.

Of a similar number who were graduated or left in 1918, twenty-one are on the stage or in moving pictures, forty-eight are married, only ninety-five are teaching or studying to be teachers, and 336 are in business industry.

Members of the high school teachers' committee offer in explanation the fact that chorus girls now receive an average of \$30 a week, while primary teachers are paid an average of \$100 a month for ten months. Moving picture salaries for extra girls frequently run as high as \$50 a week. Of the ninety-five girls engaged in or planning on teaching a third will not be in the profession within a year if the current rate of resignation and withdrawal from normal schools is maintained, it is declared.

David Felmley, president of the state normal school at Normal, Illinois, the largest institution of its kind in the central west, while in Chicago yesterday disclosed the attendance of all normal schools in America is less than 70 per cent what it was in 1916, and that middle western schools are all below 55 per cent of what they were in that year.

"Girls are making more money in other work," he said, "and despite lowered admission standards and relaxed certificate laws they are refusing to take up teaching.

"They used to regard teaching as a position of social distinction, but under the strain of living costs they are preferring industry, business and the stage.

"More and more of them are marrying, since higher wages in industry during the last eighteen months have emboldened young workman to pop the question.

"Teaching must be brought back to its rightful distinction in the community, being far safer for young girls than the stage. Over Illinois practically the only teachers who can be obtained to fill vacancies are married women, ex-teachers to whom re-entrance into the profession is a matter of service and duty.

"But the ex-schoolmarm, too, are to be found by the thousands in department stores, banks and offices. In 1917, 3,100 new teachers were brought into the state school; in 1919, there were 4,200."—De Pauw Daily.

### TYPICAL

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