

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE HELD OCTOBER 5-10

County Superintendent and Other
Good Speakers Address Yearly
Gathering of Teachers.

All rural and consolidated school teachers of Griggs county were in attendance at the annual institute held at the gymnasium from October 5 to 10. The teachers speak highly of the quality of work presented and feel that they received many splendid ideas for their year of work.

Business Men Entertain

At a special welcome the Business Men's Club entertained the teachers and instructors at a "get-together" party on Monday evening. Monroe Berg and Mr. Rogers had charge of the entertainment. The Home Economics Club served refreshments.

Good Instructors

Miss Beatrice Johnstone of Grand Forks and Mrs. Simenson of Valley City were the instructors for the week. They know country school problems, and the difficulties that the teachers in these schools must face. Therefore, they were able to give the teachers helpful ideas and methods.

In addition to the regular instructors, County Superintendent Mathilda Johnson and others addressed the teachers on special phases of their work.

Visit City Schools

While here the visiting teachers were invited to visit the city schools. Many took advantage of the opportunity, and attended classes in which they were particularly interested.

Beneficial Results

This was one of the best institutes ever held in Griggs county, and the teachers returned to their respective schools feeling that the week had been most beneficial to them.

DEBATE QUESTION FOR H. S. LEAGUE CHOSEN

"Resolved, That the Trend from local to Federal Control Which Has Characterized Our Government During Recent Years, is Inimical to the Welfare of the United States." This is the question which the Bureau of Public Information of the University Extension Division, Grand Forks, has determined shall be the subject of controversy in the High School Debating League of North Dakota for 1926.

In order to avoid needless discussion the phraseology of the question, debating teams shall accept these facts: Local control meant to include that wielded by city, town, county, district or state. The word "federal" means the control of the United States government through Congress, the President, the decision of the Supreme Court and by various boards and commissions of the federal government at Washington. According to the Bureau, the expression "during recent years" refers to the period of time beginning some fifteen or twenty years ago, including the present.

Application for entering the 1926 debate contest must be made before the 16th of December. This is earlier than last year. The change is made in order to pair the teams and to notify them before the Christmas.

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Directs Girls' Welfare Society



E. IRENE PRITZ

GIRLS' WELFARE LEAGUE PLANS PROGRAM IN PREPARATION FOR CLUB'S ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

Miss Irene Pritz Selected to Direct
Destinies of Society for Coming
School Year.

Three years ago, when the Class of '26 were Freshmen, a society of girls was organized in high school and called the Girls' Welfare Society. A society of this nature was desirable for promoting co-operation and good feeling among the girls. The women's Senate, a board of six girl members and one faculty member, had up to this time attempted to do these things. The board, with the assistance of some women of the community, had made a set of rules which every girl had to follow. Anyone who violated these rules was brought before the Senate and they decided to punish or not to punish the girl. The form of punishment varied with the offense. The objection which the girls raised to this board was that it was too dictatorial, so they would rather have some other form of union.

As a consequence, the Girls' Welfare Society was organized. It aimed to lead and not to dictate. The society met every other Friday. The first part of the meeting was given to business and a program based around some problem which was suggested by the girls. After the program there was open discussion in which all the girls took part. No rules were made by the society regarding conduct. Each girl was to rule her actions by the discussions in the meetings.

During the year the society plan-

ned to put on a public program in the middle of the year and a get-together party near the first part of the first term.

The first two years the plan was put across with great success and the regular meetings were very spirited affairs. Last year, however, they failed to get their public program in because there were so many other things going on at the same time.

This year Miss Pritz, the new advisor, says that they intend to put their program through and perhaps do more.

They now have plans under way for their party and a program for theyear which will be put through with as much vigor and snap as possible. If the girls keep it up, the G. W. S. will be one of the school's most prominent societies.

MANY RURAL SCHOOLS TAUGHT BY OLD GRADS

Eight graduating classes of Cooperstown High School are represented in the teaching faculty of the county. Nearly one-half of all teachers outside the city schools are graduates of our high school, a total of 31 claiming this as their alma mater.

The class of 1923 has the largest representation with 10 members; the class of 1925 comes second with 7 teachers on the list. The class of 1914 is represented by Thelma Ayrea Helling. Esther Skofstad graduated in 1916. Mrs. Oscar Anderson represents the class of 1920. Erma

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HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT HEARS FINE ADDRESS BY MISS FINLAYSON, STATE DIRECTOR

P.T.A. Meeting to be Held
in the High School Tonight

The regular meeting of the Cooperstown P.T. A. will be held at the high school building tonight promptly at 8 o'clock.

The election of officers is the main business to be transacted.

The program will be centered around the theme, "Fire Prevention." The grade children will present a playlet, "The Trial of Fire."

Eight o'clock sharp.

SUPERINTENDENT HAS GREAT MANY DUTIES

Superintendent Rogers spent a very busy week starting October 5th. In addition to his regular classroom and supervisory duties, he participated in several meetings of local interest.

On Monday evening he had charge of the program of entertainment sponsored by the Business Men's Club, and given to the visiting teachers of the county who were in attendance at the annual institute.

Tuesday evening was the regular Board of Education meeting. He is secretary of the Board and therefore transacts all clerical business.

Wednesday he spoke to the county institute on the subject of the N. D. E. A., urging their membership in that organization so that it would be more possible that North Dakota secure the best educational privileges for its children. His efforts were rewarded with a 100 per cent enrollment by the teachers.

The same afternoon, the superintendent spoke before the W. C. T. U. on the subject, "Aims of a True Home." He brought out the idea that these aims should be founded upon the Ten Commandments. He illustrated his talk with readings from the poet, Edgar Guest.

Friday morning he addressed the assembly on the Greater North Dakota Association. The same afternoon he presented the advisability of each school in the county having an exhibit at the Griggs County Fair next June, and showed by examples of work from the local schools what such an exhibit might contain and how it should be organized.

TAKE UP PROJECT OF MAKING XMAS BOXES

The grade children throughout the state of North Dakota are making it a point to sacrifice some of their own abundant little belongings and send to their brothers and sisters across the sea in the Balkan states.

The boxes are being filled with toys, pencils, crayons, handkerchiefs and such like articles. The boxes are about four and one-half by ten inches so that when filled they contain quite a number of things. The grade children of our schools have been working on a number for about two weeks and have filled five boxes. Mrs. Johnson, county superintendent of schools, supplied the boxes.

This kind of work is very beneficial to the children and should be encouraged.

Suggests Organization of Club in
Connection With Department
in Local School.

Miss Finlayson, state vocational home economics director, addressed the members of that department in a special assembly on Friday, October 2nd. She began her address by saying, "I feel especially interested in Cooperstown High School because it is in its infancy of Home Economics training." By this she meant that vocational work has just been adopted and in working but three weeks.

Forming Foundation

"The high school girl," she continued, "is young and perhaps far from home making, but every girl has some tasks which can be better accomplished if she has had special training. As you are forming yourselves now, so will you be in life. By buying and making clothes, by buying and preparing foods, and by providing safeguards to health you will form an excellent foundation for later home-making and housekeeping."

Realm of Homemaking

Miss Finlayson stated that the realm of homemaking consisted of feeding the family, clothing the family, and keeping the family well. All these essentials are stressed in the course of study offered in the department. However, she added that these were not the only jobs a housewife has to do, for she must know how to manage, how to darn, how to entertain, and how to care for the family in case of illness. These principles are also stressed in the work of the course.

Value of Course

The speaker emphasized the value of a course in our schools when she stated: "Many a woman has wasted half a lifetime learning how to cook (by experimenting), when she could have learned the same things in a two year course in a domestic science class in the schools."

"Child care is an essential part of your training," the speaker went on to say. "You may have little

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"OLD IRONSIDES" TO BE RESTORED BY PEOPLE

The "Constitution," one of the first frigates ordered by Congress is in a deteriorated condition in the Navy yards.

Congress was willing to forward the finances to restore this historical ship to its former condition. On further thought they realized that everyone in the United States would like to have some part in the rebuilding of the famous "Old Ironsides."

With this object in mind they planned drives to be conducted in all the states.

In our state the quota is small and thus a pleasure to raise. The drive is being sponsored by the Elks lodge.

From October 18th to 24th funds will be received and sent to the directors in charge.

Every high school student is asked to bring one penny toward the betterment of this cause.