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EXAMINATIONS ARE NOT RELIABLE SAYS DEAN F. J. KELLY

NOTED MEN TALK AT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL CONFERENCE YESTERDAY

Today's Program Will End the Three Day Meeting—Professor Strayer Talked Last Evening—Stanley Brown and Franklin W. Johnson Will Speak This Morning

Examinations in the public schools were branded "unreliable" by Dean F. J. Kelly of Kansas University in his talk yesterday morning at the supervision conference on "Pupils' Grades and Reports."

"One of the crucial things in keeping children in school is their ability to succeed in whatever they are undertaking," Dean Kelly said. "Examinations are not a correct estimate of the abilities of the pupils since different teachers employ altogether different standards in marking."

"Standard tests in tool subjects are the one means by which this fault may be corrected. By this device, the opinion of the teacher is largely eliminated. I do not advise this in subjections of informational value."

Marking Overdone

"The whole business of marking is far overdone in our schools from the primary grades to the university. In Kansas we have attempted to reduce this emphasis by sending home to the parents a personal communication from the teacher regarding the general scholarship of the child and the effort he puts forth. This has brought it about that the child thinks more of school co-operation and less of marks, and the parent feels that his opinion is of value to the instructor."

"Standard tests in education are of greatest value to superintendent, principal, teacher, and all connected with school supervision," declared Charles E. Chadsey, superintendent of city schools at Detroit, Mich. His address was on "Measuring Results from a Superintendent's Standpoint."

Approves Courtis Tests

Mr. Chadsey approved the Courtis tests as means of increasing the efficiency of pupils, and of measuring the ability of teachers. "Although these tests have not been welcomed unambiguously by teachers and superintendents, they have been successful where worked out," he said. "By them the principal knows whether the grades of his pupils are below the standard in speed and accuracy of other schools of the United States, and may work on this basis."

New tests in handwriting and spelling have been devised during this school year and they are already meeting with enormous success. We must unite in encouraging these new scales of endeavor for they give concrete evidence to the layman of the exact point of efficiency reached by both teachers and pupil."

Large Towns Better

The conference was opened with a discussion by E. J. Ashbaugh of the extension division on "What the Courtis Tests Have Shown in Iowa." He gave the results of research work he has conducted in which the tests in handwriting and in arithmetic were extensively applied. They showed that the large towns tend to keep above the smaller.

"The majority of the eighth grade graduates are not capable of reaching the mark indicated by the Courtis test in the fundamentals of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division," Mr. Ashbaugh said, "but the recognition of the weakness is the first step toward its correction."

"For the improvement of normal

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NAPLES AND VICINITY DESCRIBED BY NUTTING

"Experiences of a Naturalist in Naples and Vicinity" was the subject of Prof. C. C. Nutting's Thursday morning lecture.

Naples has the densest population of any city in Europe, according to Professor Nutting. Slides showing the tall buildings and narrow streets were a part of the lecture. At the time the pictures were taken, about 1905, there were approximately 250,000 homeless people in Naples. "But in spite of their poverty," Professor Nutting said, "they were the happiest people I have ever seen. The government provides many free entertainments, and food is cheap."

Professor Nutting then described an excursion to the island of Ischia where there had just been an earthquake. The excursion was continued to Pompei, about twenty miles from Naples, which has probably yielded more knowledge on the early Roman life than any other one place.

ENGINEERS DISPLAY ELECTRICAL WONDERS IN HALL OF PHYSICS

MARVELS OF "MODERN ALLADIN" SHOWN BY ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS TODAY

"Shows" May be Seen from 2:30 Until 10 o'clock—No Admission is Charged and Everyone Receives a Souvenir

The marvels of the "Modern Alladin", electricity, is being exhibited in all their glory by the electrical engineering students under the direction of the Iowa branch of the A. I. E. E. About fifteen stunts are included in the show, which is a part of the nation-wide observance of electricity week.

A mysterious submarine in action is one of the attractions. This machine is subject in all things to the desire of the commander, sinking or rising when the order is given, yet it is totally without wire connections or other visible means of control. It may be lifted up of the water to show that no connections exist.

A cold light—one giving off no heat whatever—is another exhibit. There is also such optical illusions as looking through a brick. The marvellous rotating ring and feats with high potential voltage are other features of the program.

Souvenir rings, appropriately designed, are being distributed by the engineers as memoirs of the occasion. No one interested at all in electricity should miss the opportunity to secure one, say the engineers.

The display is in rooms 17, 21, 121, and the wireless room in the basement, beginning at 2:30 o'clock and remaining open until 10 today. No admission will be charged and the exhibit is open to everyone. The show started yesterday.

CRIPPLED "KIDS" BANKERS

Crippled children at the University hospital have a bank. It is a compartment in the safe of the main office where envelopes containing stray pennies and nickels are deposited. The bank has no president or other officers and it pays no interest, but it helps accumulations.

SOPHS DEFEAT FRESHMEN

The sophomore hockey team defeated the freshman team by a score of 3 to 1 Friday afternoon. A larger representation of the classes helped their teams by rooting than at the junior-senior game. The two winning teams, the seniors and the sophomores, will play a final match during the coming week to decide the championship.

140 COUPLES DANCE AT SOPH COTILLION

MANY ENJOY FIRST BIG UNIVERSITY FORMAL PARTY AT THE ARMORY

One hundred and forty couples danced at the sophomore cotillion, the first formal of the year, at the University armory last evening.

Music by the fourteen-piece orchestra began soon after 8:15. The farewell waltz was played at 1 o'clock, in accordance with the new university ruling which forbids dancing at formal parties after that hour. The elimination of the grand march was another new idea carried out at this year's formal.

Unique lighting arrangements and a color scheme of red and white composed the main features of the decorative plan. White columns, supporting palms, were used at the entrance, and spaced along the margin of the floor. The orchestra was located at the center of the west side.

The party was chaperoned by President and Mrs. W. A. Jessup, Captain and Mrs. Morton C. Mumma, Robert E. Reinow and Mrs. Evans, Professor and Mrs. S. D. Marquis, and Miss Anna M. Klingenhagen and W. M. Stillman.

The cotillion committee was composed of Howard M. Dancer, chairman; Fred H. Becker, Philip Souers, Jack V. Treynor, Harold C. Walker, Ronald G. Reed, George Harold Rigler, Hugh Sperry, Harold S. Thompson, Charles Young, Allison R. Colard, Robert Odle, Harry Reams and Ralph Moyer.

Carl Kuehnle is president of the sophomore class; Dorothy Hull vice-president; W. W. Arrasmith, treasurer; Lillian Sheridan, corresponding secretary; Ruth Cummings, class delegate and Ronald Reed, athletic representative. Programs for the dance contained a misstatement of the class officers.

BASKETBALL MEN GET CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS

Iowa's basketball players are getting a new kind of workout under Coach Kent. They are taking cross country runs.

Trainer Watson has the men out of doors every nice day and runs them to give them the necessary wind and endurance for the games.

Scrimmage is already the order because the first game with the Teachers college is to be played next week.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

This Morning

9:00. "The Junior College," J. Stanley Brown, High School Principal, Joliet, Illinois.

9:45. "Avoidance of Duplication Between Grades and High School," Franklin W. Johnson, Principal University High School, University of Chicago.

10:30. "A School Budget," Professor Strayer.

NOTED EDUCATORS TALK TO PSYCHOLOGY CLASS

Dean F. J. Kelly of the college of education at Kansas talked to the 9 o'clock division in psychology yesterday morning on standards of valuation of class room work. George E. Strayer, professor of education at Columbia University spoke to the 11 o'clock division on the significance of individual differences in pupils and the advantage to each person in working up to his own ability. He said that often the most brilliant children were the most backward because they had not been allowed to advance at their own speed.

INVESTIGATE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY CONDITIONS

Charles D. Hurrey, secretary of the committee on friendly relations with the foreign students, and S. J. Chuan, traveling secretary of the Chinese Students Christian association, arrived Wednesday for a few days visit at the University. They are here to investigate and study conditions in the interests of all foreign students.

Mr. Hurrey and Mr. Chuan are visiting all the leading universities between New York and Vancouver. Last week they visited the universities at Chicago and will go from here directly to the University of Nebraska. The tour will last about seven weeks.

Mr. Hurrey and Mr. Chuan were guests of honor at an informal supper given by Mr. and Mrs. Guy V. Aldrich for all foreign students of the University Wednesday night.

IOWA ALSO HAS A MARRIED MAN WHO PLAYS FOOTBALL

STAR CENTER OF TEAM THIS YEAR BECAME BENEDICT NOV. 1, 1911

Guido Bruce Wyland is a Freshman in the New Course of Chemistry and Commerce. He Has Had Two Years in Pre-medic Work

While other colleges of the state have been bragging about their married football men, Iowa has been modestly reticent concerning hers. The time has come, however, when we feel it necessary to acclaim our married hero of the gridiron—Mr. Guido Bruce Wyland, of Moline, Ill.

Mr. Wyland, who was chosen this year for center on the second state team, began his connubial life Nov. 1, 1911, when he was wedded to Miss Mary Carpenter of East Moline. They celebrated their wooden anniversary last month.

Wyland is this year a freshman in the new course of chemistry and commerce, having had two years' pre-medic work. He was a member of the football squad last year but was prevented by injuries from playing. So far as is reliably known, he is the only S. U. I. married man who has ever received a football I.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyland plan to return to Moline at the completion of the former's work in the University. Mr. Wyland has been offered a position as superintendent and chemist of a manufacturing company. Their address in Iowa City is 432 S. Clinton street.

WILSON TO PRINCETON

Prof. Charles Bundy Wilson expects to attend the meeting of the Modern Language association of America at Princeton university during the holidays. Several other faculty members will attend the meeting of the central division of the association which meets in Chicago at the same time.

NOTICE

The directors of the association-singers urges every fellow to be out for practice Sunday morning between 9:00 and 10:00. We will meet in the high school assembly room in the south end of the physics building, down stairs. Whether you have been out before or not, you are urged to come. Every fellow out. 12-10

Prof. Lowell E. M. Wells of the music department at Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, spent the week end in Iowa City, taking notes on Prof. Hay's "Messiah" and making records on the latter's new machine.

AFFIRMATIVE TEAM LOSES TO ILLINOIS BY 3 TO 0 DECISION

WILSON, BURNS AND LEMLEY PUT UP STRONG FIGHT IN HOME DEBATE

Illinois Men Proved to Judges that United States Should Not Own Its Own Railroads—Arguments On Both Sides are Good

The Iowa debating team lost a debate to the Illinois team last night in the natural science auditorium by a 3 to 0 decision of the judges. Illinois won by a superior delivery and a better carriage on the platform, for both teams appeared to be about equally grounded on the question, and there was no great range in the quality of the arguments put forward.

The Iowa team held that there should be government ownership of railroads because government regulation has failed in the past and is certain to fail in the future; that it is impossible to secure the proper degree of regulation. Throughout the debate the affirmative emphasized the hostility of the public and the railroads and contended that the only way to harmonize their interests is government ownership.

The negative team took the stand that present conditions do not justify so radical a change as the turning over of the railroads to government ownership. They emphasized the inefficiency that exists in all other forms of government enterprises and pointed out that in all countries where government ownership of railroads and private owned railroads exist side by side, the latter are more efficient and satisfactory.

To meet this last argument the affirmative team pointed to the fact that in no case has a country adopted government ownership and then changed back to the private ownership, excepting Italy which returned to private ownership and later returned to government operation.

The Hawkeye team argued that service was the first consideration in a business such as the railroads, and that the highest type of service can be obtained only from government ownership. They assailed the present system for its rate discriminations, circuitous routing and duplications.

To offset this point the negative mentioned a number of the appropriation grafts and other displays of inefficiency in government affairs, and held that to change to government ownership would make present railroad conditions even worse.

Prof. George F. Kay, head of the geology department, presided at the debate and the judges were Prof. A. B. White of the University of Minnesota, Judge Robert Olmstead of Rock Island, and George Palmer of Chicago. After the debate a banquet was given at the Jefferson hotel in honor of the debate teams and the judges.

J. N. Pearce, president of the local chapter of Sigma Xi, has been appointed delegate to the national meeting of that fraternity to be held in New York during the holiday recess.

Besides being the president of the local chapter, Professor Pearce is councillor of the Iowa section of the American Chemical society and member of the Gamma Alpha graduate scientific fraternity.

The girls of Currier Hall will entertain their friends at an informal tea this afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock.

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UNAPPRECIATED WORTH

The poor attendance at the appearance of two University organizations the past week was the turning of a cold shoulder upon two of the most meritorious organizations. The first was the concert of the band Wednesday night, given before an audience of less than three hundred, of whom less than half were students. The second was last night's debate which was attended by an even smaller number.

If there are any organizations in the University which deserve the whole-hearted support of the student body, the debating team and the band are two of them. If there are any organizations in the University which are being shamefully neglected, the debating team and the band are two of them. Imagine the disappointment of the members of the band or of the debating team, after practicing almost daily since the first of the school year, to display the fruit of their labor before the small audience that greeted them.

It occurs often that the football team or the baseball team does not rank at the top in the conference standing, yet the band is one of the best and many will say the best, in the west. Likewise, the debating team has never failed to establish an enviable record. When the spirit wanes a little at a football game the band is called upon to revive it. When it is desired that a pep meeting be a real pep meeting the band is called upon to sow the seed. In fact, the band makes itself useful on all hands.

Because of these facts, the student body owes the band and the debating team a debt which can be paid only by attending their concerts and debates. It is not, however, to be understood that these appearances yield no enjoyment to the hearers. Outside music critics who heard the Wednesday night concert declared it to be of as high quality as can be heard anywhere, and the work of the debating team is of sufficient worth to attract a publishing house to print the constructive speeches for use as models.

The band will make three more appearances this year. It devolves upon the student body to show that they appreciate the band's services to the University by giving them a respectable audience.

Miss Lea Klein, a fifteen year old girl, has been brought to the University hospital from Muscatine to receive treatment under the Perkins law. She had an attack of infantile paralysis when she was three years old, and as a result the tendon of Achilles is drawn so that it will be necessary to do tenotomy. She is now in isolation on account of a sore throat.

Experienced cook wants position after Christmas vacation. Phone Black 1296 after 8 p. m. 69-3

DOC SCHROEDER WILL CURE—GO TO HIM

"My, that wind is fierce, and I have such a bad cold I don't want to catch any more." That is what many Iowa students are saying now that cold days are beginning to come. They do not complain only of their colds, but of their stomachs, their backs, and their sides. These are the kind of people that E. G. Schroeder, director of physical training, wants to see. He has a treat in store for them if they will report at his office, don a gym suit, and follow his instructions.

"WHAT MEN LIVE BY"

There will appear in this column from day to day, quotations from modern writers and speakers, letters from alumni and friends of the University, and statistics relative to men and institutions.

JEAN VINCENT COOPER IN RECITAL THURSDAY

Jean Vincent Cooper gives the third recital of the Advisory Board course next Thursday evening. In 1913 she won a \$3,000 scholarship offered by a wealthy New York woman to the person adjudged to have the most beautiful voice in America. A well known voice teacher was commissioned to find the voice, and after hearing more than four hundred applicants he selected Miss Cooper as the fortunate possessor of the voice.

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President W. A. Jessup will leave Tuesday for Los Angeles, where he will deliver a series of addresses before the Southern Teachers association. He will return to Iowa City about December 23.

Engineering problems on the border will be discussed by Wm. J. Brush, former second lieutenant of Company A, Iowa engineers, before the Compass club in room 202N, engineering hall, Thursday, December 14, at 7:30.



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Dr. V. H. Young of the botany department spoke before a large group of botany students Thursday evening on "Poisonous and Edible Fungi".

Professor N. R. Whitney of the department of economics, sociology and commerce, expects to spend part of his Christmas vacation at Ossian. Prof. N. A. Brisco, Prof. Wassam, Prof. Lorin F. Stuckey and Prof. N. R. Whitney of the department of economics, sociology and commerce, will attend the annual meeting of the American Economic association to be held at Columbus, Ohio, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. N. D. Knupp, former assistant in plant morphology, has been appointed recently to arrange a biological and industrial museum in the Polytechnic high school at Santa Monica, California.

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FAMOUS CALCUTTA PROFESSOR AND AUTHOR HERE ON MONDAY

Benoy Kumar Sarkar, professor of economics and history in the Calcutta National college and a leading educator of India, will lecture before University students Monday, December 11.

Professor Sarkar will lecture before Dr. Shambaugh's 8 o'clock class in political science upon "Current Political Problems of India," Dr. Briscoe's 10 o'clock class will hear him on "Hindu Theories of Economics," and a talk on "Love in Hindu Literature" will be given before the students of the department of philosophy. He has also been invited to address the members of the Commerce club.

Professor Sarkar is the author of about twenty books on history, sociology and economics written both in English and Bengali. His last book, "Chinese Religion Through Hindu Eyes," contains an introduction by Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese minister to the United States. Professor Sarkar is a director of the Indian National Historical society.

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- The Skylark Mounts the Blue, Blue Sky, Swartz, (second piano by Miss Swisher) Goldie Sexton.
- Mayday March, Behr, Fanny Saltzman.
- Rock-a-bye Baby, Gaynor, Elizabeth Grier.
- Melodies, Wallace Snyder.
- Moonlight Dance, Orth, Mary Saltzman.

Marching Around the Birthday Cake, Crosby, Irene Brady.

The Chase, Burgmueller, Hamlin Grier.

The Chapel of the Woodland Fairies, Neidlinger, Emma Snider.

Minuet in G, Beethoven, Mary Catherine Grier.

Melodies, Mary Willsey.

The Moth and the Flame, Koelling; The North Wind, Sharpe; Raymond Hoffelder.

Girard Gavotte, Fondy, Mary Agnes Flannagan.

To a Wild Rose, MacDowell, Edith Kay.

Song of Woodman, Lynes, Melba Carpenter.

Dance Antique, M. Fischel, Elsa Hopp.

The Flight of the Bees, Koelling, Marian Ansel.

Andante, Chaminade, (second piano Miss Swisher) Genevieve Hays.

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Only 13 days more to do your Christmas Shopping. Look over the displays today and make your selections.

Prof. B. J. Lambert left for Chicago yesterday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Big Nine faculty representatives.

A direct evidence of the civic awakening in the cities and towns of Iowa is evidenced by the fact that the extension division of the University is overwhelmed with calls for conferences, short courses and all forms of constructive community work. More calls are being made than will be possible for the division to handle during the winter.

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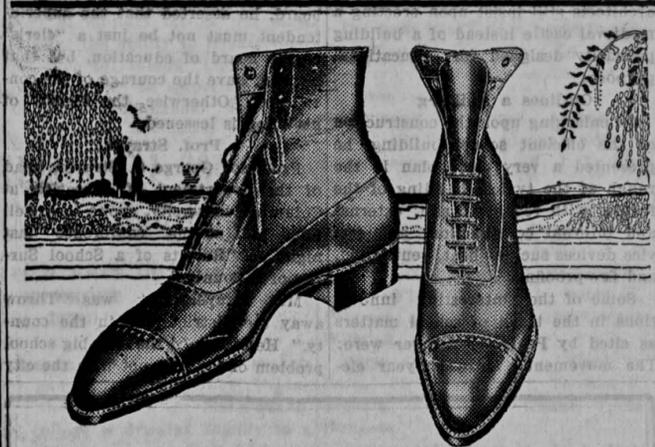
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EXAMINATIONS ARE NOT RELIABLE SAYS DEAN F. J. KELLY

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training we should have special teachers in the normal training schools," declared Miss Carney in her talk on "Testing and Placing of Normal High School Graduates," who spoke at 9 o'clock.

Miss Carney Talks

Miss Carney took the Lake City normal training school in Minnesota as an example of what can be accomplished in a high school normal course. She gave a detailed account of what the students there study, and the different phases of their work. She showed what a prominent place the rural teacher holds, not only in her school, but also in the community.

Iowa Makes Progress

The teachers have no state examinations, but are checked through the special teacher, the superintendent, and their own work the year after their graduation. The teachers are placed through the county superintendent co-operating with the special teacher.

Miss Carney told how much the success of normal training in the high school depends on the county and city superintendents and what their co-operation means to the special teacher.

The speaker complimented Iowa on the remarkable progress made in the educational field, in the effort toward consolidated schools, and in the preparation of teachers.

Columbia Man Speaks

At 3 o'clock, George C. Strayer, professor of education in Columbia University, delivered an address on "The Standardization of School Buildings," in which he uncovered many new principles in regard to the construction of the future school building, as well as many novel theories in regard to the curriculum the children should be subjected to.

Professor Strayer especially emphasized the necessity for schools of standard construction, since those that have been built within the last ten or fifteen years have already become practically useless from a modern standpoint.

"It is a much to be lamented fact," said Professor Strayer, "that some architects still insist upon erecting a medieval castle instead of a building primarily designed for educational purposes."

Outlines a Building

In enlarging upon the construction of the efficient school building, he presented a very clear plan in the rough of the typical building of the future, with regard to site, external and internal construction; and service devices such as heat, ventilation, and fire-proofing.

Some of the interesting innovations in the trend of school matters as cited by Professor Strayer were: The movement for a six-year ele-

mentary school, three year intermediate school, and three year high school, which will in time be quite justifiably prevalent because it will enable the children to get a vocational training before the age of fourteen. Professor Strayer upheld the agitation for the all-year-round school, especially in urban communities. It is quite logical, he declared, since it shortens the number of years in school and increases the possibilities of a varied training. In regard to the longer school year, Professor Strayer says, "The time is coming when we will have to refrigerate a school building as well as heat it."

Chadsey Speaks

Supt. Charles E. Chadsey of Detroit addressed the conference on "Problems of the City Superintendent" at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

"The superintendent has to work with the community, the board of education, and the teachers," Superintendent Chadsey said, "and it is more difficult to persuade school people than the community. Unless a superintendent is fortunately placed, his most serious opposition comes from within."

Professor Chadsey declared that a superintendent makes his first serious mistake in endeavoring to create in a community the impression that he is a better man than his predecessor, and that school affairs are in such bad shape that radical changes must be made at once. This kind of superintendent is not successful. The new superintendent finds many problems, and he must not undertake all new changes at once.

Some "Supes" Lazy

There are many superintendents, the speaker explained, who sit back and let things go as they will, content with present conditions, or afraid of opposition from their teachers or the community. Many superintendents say, "We can't afford to experiment," but such men are not doing justice to their profession and to their school systems. Such an attitude may be due to fear of expense or that the experiments may prove injurious to the pupils.

Mr. Chadsey emphasized the importance of the relation of the superintendent to the board of education. "Since there is always a conflict between the two when the superintendent is at issue with the board, he asserted that the superintendent must not be just a 'clerk' of the board of education, but that he must have the courage of his convictions. Otherwise, the dignity of his office is lessened."

Prof. Strayer

Professor George C. Strayer, head of the department of education at Columbia university, spoke to a well filled hall at the conference last night on "Results of a School Survey of a County."

Mr. Strayer's cry was "Throw away the district plan in the county." He explained that the big school problem of today is not with the city

school or with the state organization in particular, but with the county organization, which is generally lacking both in unity and efficiency. It lacks unity because there are many schools of a kind. It lacks efficiency because the teachers are hired by the taxpayers, and being such hirelings are at their mercy.

The district plan, predominant in Iowa, places the school at the mercy of the community, a thing which is anti-democratic, for our democratic society promises to every boy and girl an equality of opportunity.

New York Counties

From a recent survey Mr. Strayer compared two counties in New York state, showing that in a county where the superintendent had been given full power to do as he pleased by county legislation, and where he had organized the schools of the county on a constructive and efficient basis the schools were less burden to the taxpayers, the daily cost per pupil for teachers' salaries was less, the teachers' salaries were larger, the average daily attendance was better and the per cent of pupils passing the examinations imposed upon them by the state board of regents was larger than in the county where everything ran wild, where there was a diversity of interests, many petty jealousies, likes and dislikes and an all-supreme district board.

At the conclusion of his talk after much applause, Mr. Strayer answered various pertinent questions with regard to the survey.

"Fair and Warmer"

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College Movie

Bessie Barriscale and Charles Rayson are co-starred on the Triangle program in a comedy-drama of college life, entitled "Plain Jane," to be seen at the Strand Theatre today.

"Plain Jane", written by C. Gardner Sullivan, is a tale of a little nobody whose goodness and beauty win her a husband, a home and happiness. It concerns the adventure of a slavey in a small New England college town, her innocent flirtation with one of the "college dudes", her winning of a beauty prize and her eventful capitulation to the wiles of Dan Cupid. Throughout the piece is abundant with the atmosphere of the campus, which affords a fitting background for the many amusing situations of the story.

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Establishment of Officer Corps Would Need Changes at Iowa to Meet Needs of War Department

(By Capt. Morton C. Mumma) Prior to the beginning of the great struggle in Europe, the citizens of these United States in a total state of indifference to military weakness. Because of our geographical location we have allowed ourselves into believing that the earth could not attack us or even dare do so. The great struggle has passed six months of struggles before the world and with it a realization of our utter unpreparedness. The glaring weakness, especially from a British viewpoint, was the lack of officers with every grade of military training. We realized that our plight would be even more serious than that of Britain's. We at once questioned, where will we get the right type to train our officers in time of war? The answer which naturally came to our minds was: In our colleges and universities. It was with this in mind that congress has taken a great step forward in the creation of a body of officers for military service in time of war.

National Defense The national defense act of 1916, therefore, provided for the establishment of a national civil educational institution to serve officers' training. This shall consist of a senior college organized at universities requiring four years of study for a degree, in which shall consist of units of arms or corps in such a manner that the president may prescribe the regulations for the reserve officer corps have been published in Department Orders of 1916.

Iowa Should Contribute What, then, must the state of Iowa do to keep abreast of sister schools and to contribute towards the preparation of graduates for the performance of full duties in fulfilling their obligations as citizens while they are in the service of their country?

Surely there is but one answer to that is the speedy establishment of a reserve officer training corps. Few changes need to be made in Iowa to meet the requirements of the war department. The department, among other things, provides for the appointment of officers and non-commissioned officers for units of the reserve officer corps will be made up of the junior and senior members of the reserve corps and from members taking advanced courses.

2. Membership shall be open to students who are citizens of the United States. (Continued on page 5)