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LEARNING TO DO BY DOING

More and more educational leaders are endorsing practical learning. One indication of this is the fact that most states now require prospective teachers to have actual practice in teaching while attending college. Dr. Silas Hertzler, Director of Teacher Training at Goshen College, has charge of those students who are doing supervised teaching. He is the one who places them in the various schools and to whom regular reports from the critic teachers come.

From what the practice teachers say, the business of teaching is work—but of a fascinating kind. They teach all ages from eager first-graders to “here-because-I-must-be” high school boys. The subjects taught include with the “three R’s” such things as spelling, social studies, and music. Following is a list of the schools who have practice teachers, together with the names of the student teachers, grades taught, and critic teachers:

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LECTURE ANNOUNCED

The Lecture Board is announcing another lecture which is to be held on the evening of March 24. Mr. Seamus O'Duilearga will be here to lecture on “Irish Folklore.”

The Lecture Board also announces that Mr. Sorensen, whose lecture was postponed due to his illness, may be with us at some later date. The company that sponsors Mr. Sorensen has contacted the College and is planning to bring him to us as soon as a suitable time can be arranged.

MEN'S DISCUSSION CONTEST

The annual discussion contest sponsored by the Aurora Literary Society was held on Friday, March 3, at 7:00 o'clock. There were six entries, three from each of the men's societies.

Elwood Ziegler, president of the Aurora Society, was the chairman of the meeting.

The speakers and their topics were as follows: Robert Hartzler, “The Theory of Evolution”; Paul Gibson, “Ancient Religions of Hawaii”; Paul King, “Bill H. R. No. 7655”; John Leatherman, “Changes in Franconia”; Alfred Zook, “The Art of Conversation”; and Clarence Hooley, “Color Printing.”

The judges were Silas Hertzler, Guy Hershberger and M. C. Lehman. First prize was awarded to John Leatherman. He received as a prize a modernistic metal book rack. Robert Hartzler was awarded second; and Clarence Hooley, third place.

Y. P. C. A. ELECTION

The annual election of officers for the Y. P. C. A. took place on Thursday, March 2, immediately after the devotional period for that morning.

For the Y. M. C. A. election, Lawrence Burkholder, the president for this year, took charge. The following were elected: Grant Stoltzfus, president; Ernest Smucker, secretary; Orval Shoemaker, treasurer.

Marjory Yoder, president of the Y. W. C. A. had charge of the Y. W. election. The following will be the new officers: president, Pauline Liechty; secretary, Miriam Stalter; and treasurer, Thelma Hostetler.

OPEN HOUSE

For a day or two before March 3, the “inmates” of Coffman Hall contend they beheld activities across the campus which reminded them suspiciously of the days when mother and sisters brought out various pieces of equipment preparatory to indulging in that age-old custom — “spring-housecleaning.” Nevertheless, the problem before Kulp Hallites at that particular time was merely open house. While some were busy cleaning away traces of dust on door tops and pictures, others were busy mixing starch, flour, salt, and dust into a paste to place on the ledges, as a reward for those men who were so interested in trying to find a trace of inevitable dust. At 8:30 P. M., when the discussion contest closed, the moment had arrived and soon pickles, candy, smacks, lemonade, olives, cough drops, etc., found their way from dish to mouth. For about an hour and a

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SPRING TERM ANNOUNCED

The Administration has just published the annual bulletin in which are announced the dates of the Spring Term and of the Summer Session. The Spring Term will begin this year on April 27 and will close on June 9. Seven courses are offered in this term with a maximum enrollment of six hours per student.

The Summer Session will begin June 13 and continue till August 12. The Bulletin lists twenty-one courses for this session.

There will be a new face on the faculty of this coming Summer Session, that of Mrs. Paul Erb. Mrs. Erb will teach educational subjects. Others on the faculty are S. W. Witmer, Harold Hartzler, Willard Smith, Silas Hertzler, M. C. Lehman, Walter Yoder, and LaVerne Hostetler.

RESIDENCE — COLLEGE APARTMENTS

Most students are aware of the College Apartments which face the campus on College Avenue. In this building are found six apartments, each composed of three rooms and a bath. Water, heat, and electricity are furnished, but the gas is on a meter. A laundry and general store-room are in the basement, a peculiar feature being that there is only one entrance to the basement and this is from the outside.

There may be those who do not know who the occupants of the building are. In the three upper apartments are Mr. and Mrs. William King, Rosella, and Paul; Miss Stella Kauffman; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wenger. In the first floor apartments we find Mrs. Sieber, Elizabeth and Miriam; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis, baby Barbara, and Mrs. Davis' mother; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smucker, Ernest, and Arthur. Oh, yes—and the cat! This is a poor, homeless waif which Mrs. Smucker has taken in and which is thriving in the friendly atmosphere there.

These apartments are by no means sound-proof, so it is very easy for one to keep tab on his neighbor. Although it is a source of interest to know what is going on, when one can hear every step, the striking of clocks, snoring, and even the squeaking of a rocker, it some-

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WOMEN'S ANNUAL DECLAMATION CONTEST

The annual women's declamation and poetry reading contest was held on Friday evening, March 10. This contest is sponsored by the Avon literary society which gives the prize to the winner.

Bessie Benell, the president of the Avon society, acted as chairman of the program.

A very fine program was given by the seven contestants who gave the following readings and declamations: “The Bombardment,” Eleanor Reist; “The Great Day When Matilda Voted,” Marybeth Everson; “Four Moods,” Elizabeth Sieber; “Sing Loudly In the Sun,” Frances Barnard; “An Episode from ‘Penrod,’” Freda Maust; “Modern Poetry,” Bette Yoder; “Four Favorite Poems,” Marybeth Sears.

The judges for the contest were Mrs. Elizabeth Bender, Mrs. Verna Smith and M. C. Lehman. While they were preparing their decision the sophomore men's quartette gave several numbers.

The judges gave first place to Elizabeth Sieber. Second place was given to Bette Yoder and third place to Eleanor Reist.

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WE ARE NOT LAZY

Some of us are afflicted with what is called spring fever. There seems to be an urge to get out and to be with nature, as she is bursting forth in a new dress to celebrate spring. But when we do get out, all we want to do is to stroll leisurely or to lie under a tree and dream. Teachers lament the fact that we do not get our lessons, secretly wishing that they themselves did not have to teach. At this time of the year there seems to be a depression in the place where ambition should be. This lack of ambition starts before the ground hog sees his shadow. Already, at that time, students are losing interest in the activities on the campus. We appear to be lazy. A few conscientious members keep boosting literary, some of us faithfully attend prayer meetings, but hardly with the same enthusiasm that we had earlier.

The winter months have worn us out and have robbed us of pulsating vitality and a genuine interest in things outside of ourselves. We no longer keep alive the societies and religious meetings on the campus. From the start some have attended the meetings merely as a matter of form. These are the first to drop out. Others have got into ruts and when they are placed on a program they cannot think of anything new, interesting, or original and they either refuse to take part, or they give a dry talk. Others, then, drop out because the programs are not interesting. But most of us fail to keep up our attendance at meetings merely because we lack ambition. We do not think we are unambitious, and we would not admit it at all, but that nevertheless is our trouble.

What we need is not a "bawling out" for being lazy, but something to keep up our spirits. We need more exercise during the winter months, more vitalizing food, such as fresh vegetables and fruit, plenty of sleep with our windows wide open, even if the air is cold. We need to be taught how to take care of our bodies during the winter months so that there will be plenty of energy to see us through the spring.

—K.

HE IS OPEN-MINDED

All of us have at some time or other said that a certain person was open minded. Now, just what did we mean by that statement?

The first thing to note is that the true open mind is not one that is open like the mouth of the cistern which takes whatever is poured in, and at some future time returns it again (when pumped).

Then there is the mind which resembles a drain tile, open at both ends. While the cistern has some very serious drawbacks, it at least holds things a while. The drain tile has only one purpose in life and that is to pass on, as quickly as possible, all material given to it.

Lastly, we have the open mind that is like a door. It can be made to open and to close at will. An open door is an invitation for those who pass by to come in and visit. It is an invitation to share the good things with the one inside. But when closed, the door signifies that all and sundry are to stay out. This is the mind that can see through the snarls and knots of present chaos toward a more perfect society that can use everyone and that will oppress none.

—B.

Religious Activities

MISSIONARY DRIVE

During the week of March 6 to 10 the Y. P. C. A. Cabinets conducted the annual drive for the mission budget. During the chapel period for the first three days the time was devoted to various sides of the problem of giving. On Monday and Tuesday John C. Wenger talked on the duty and blessings of giving. On Wednesday morning M. C. Lehman gave an account of the mission schools in India where part of the money raised will be spent. Friday morning the Y. P. C. A. Mission Study Committees had charge of the chapel services. Grant Stoltzfus led the opening devotional. Pauline Leichty gave a short talk on the topic "Christian Investments." Isaiah Harley told of "Christ's View of Giving." Lawrence Burkholder read a short message from Dean Bender explaining the gift to the Mennonites in South America. M. C. Lehman gave a brief account of the way in which the money is raised for the schools in India.

Christian Workers' Band

During the first of a series of programs, in which students of the first semester Evangelism class will discuss practical methods of Christian service, Nelson Springer spoke on "Christian Youth at Work in the Church," Sunday morning, February 26. After pointing out the importance of putting Youth to work in the Church, he discussed a number of projects that might be used in the local congregation. Paul Moyer led the devotional meditation. Marjory Yoder was the chorister. The following Sunday, March 5, S. Paul Miller discussed visitation evangelism as a "Task for Youth." He pointed out that this type of service would strengthen the youth who would engage in it, would draw the old and young together, and would bring souls into the Kingdom. Thelma Hostetler led the singing. Isaiah Harley conducted the devotional. John Friesen conducted the Wednesday morning prayer meeting, March 1. John Leatherman led the meeting the following week.

Men's Devotional

The meeting for February 23 had "Prayer" as the topic for discussion. Isaiah Harley was the leader and Howard Blosser was chorister. Samuel Bucher led the group in thinking on the topic "Prayer and Promises of Answers to Prayer." Clarence Hooley told of "Conditions for Successful Prayer." Ernest Smucker discussed some of the "Notable Prayers of the Bible."

Some thoughts gleaned from the meeting are: "We may pray at any time and with confidence that our prayers will be heard. We should be humble

and obedient, and we should pray in faith, believing. Some of the most beautiful prayers in the Scriptures are those of intercession by one person for someone else.

On March 2 John Duerksen spoke to the men on the topic "The Y. M. C. A." He brought out the fact that this organization has a definite place in the life of our college and that we should try to make it fill this place more effectively. Isaiah Harley was the leader of the meeting.

Women's Devotional

"The Three R's in God's School" was discussed at the women's devotional meeting on March 2. Una Cressman was the leader and Elizabeth Buckwalter was the chorister. Edith Troyer told us that we can be restored, renewed and remembered. If we go astray from God He will renew and restore us back to fellowship for He will always remember us. Our faith too often goes up and down like a thermometer, but God is unchangeable. Anna Leatherman explained that He redeems, reproves, and rewards. Life is the school in which God is the just teacher.

Conjoint Devotional

Conjoint devotional, March 9, was in charge of the freshmen. The gift of "Friendship," though possessed by all of us, is not always fully appreciated. Waldo Kines was leader and Harold King chorister. "What Constitutes True Friendship" was discussed by Glen Widmer. Friendship is something shared and is characterized by a slow growth. It is not based upon popularity, but love and esteem at all times. Christ, of course, is our truest friend and exemplifies all that is good in friendship. It is to be valued for what is in it. Not for what can be gotten out of it.

Nicholas Pustay spoke on "Developing Friendship" from the standpoint of whom we should choose as friends. It has been said that "the greatest thing God has given on this earth is a friend." We should examine our own lives and see what our aims and goals are—then choose friends who have like ideals. Prayer is the basis for some of the closest friendships. We should choose as friends those who by their life and example can help us. We should also find friends among those weaker than ourselves and whom we may help. We should by all means make friends of our pastors, for they can help and inspire us in many ways. We must not neglect to make friends of the lost. The Christian cannot simply draw into a shell and live in a world of his own, but as a true friend must show the love of Christ to the lost. Above all, once we have accepted salvation, we have the privilege of growing in friendship with Christ.

Glenn Esh spoke on "Jesus, the True Friend." We are Christ's friends if we

do whatsoever he has commanded us. Christ's friendship showed itself in His concern for the people about Him. No act of His was done for self, but for the sake of those He served. He knows us as no one else and will give us counsel whenever we seek it. He has shown this friendship in full and free forgiveness and is the pattern upon which our friendship should be built. Even with the shadow of the cross over Him He was concerned about others.

White Cross Mission Program

Orval Shoemaker was leader of the meeting held at White Cross Mission, March 2. The topic for the service was "A Bible verse and why it appeals to me". It was discussed by Orval Shoemaker, George Falb, Burnett Martin, Ruth Duerksen, Thelma Wenger and Anna Lois Bucher. A mixed quartette furnished music.

Jail Services

On February 26 the jail service was in charge of Vernon Schmidt. A gospel message was given by Reuben Widmer. Dana Troyer, Edgar Bishop, Mildred Witmer, and Lois Musselman gave several messages in song.

Robert Kreider was in charge of the jail service on March 5. Lester Culp and Lloyd Fisher gave personal testimonies. Robert Kreider, Sturges Miller, Martha Ramseyer, and Virginia Stalter sang several hymns.

COLLEGE APARTMENTS

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times gets a little old. Considering everything, however, it is a very peaceful and home-like apartment house.

The dwellers therein have their fun, too. Recently they got together for a taffy pull to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. King's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. It is claimed that Mr. Smucker and Mr. Wenger have a little telegraphic system all their own, the only apparatus used being the heating pipes. And speaking of telegraphic systems, Arthur Smucker and John Stanley Oyer are at present working on a system of communication between their homes. They have been very busy stretching wires.

There has been a rapid turnover of faculty members at the apartments. It is no doubt safe to say that most of them have served their term there. It is indeed a testing ground when the summer sun heats the upper rooms to an oven temperature.

Although interesting things still take place in this building across from our campus, life there now does not attempt to compete with it in its old glory. Until 1915 it was situated in a very important place on our campus. It faced Kulp Hall. Yes, you have guessed it—it housed the fellows. Do we ever wonder if dormitory life had as much zest in the good old days as it does now? If only the walls could speak—what tales they could tell!

A CRUSADE

The sameness of things wears on us. We are bored with ourselves and others. Then we observe that a little spark in the think tank may enliven an otherwise dull existence. Our usual conversations sound like this: "Have you heard Kreisler's 'Cradle Song?'" "Yes, but I don't know how it goes." "Have you ever seen wild ducks fly?" "No, but my father has told me about them." "You look very nice today." "Thank you." "What makes your hair so different? It's becoming." "I'm glad you like it." "Do you take exams very hard?" "Oh, sometimes." Thus the wheels of indefiniteness go grinding until we are desperately relieved to hear the following replies: "Have you heard Kreisler's 'Cradle Song?'" "Yes, have you?" "Have you ever seen wild ducks flying?" "No, but I've seen tame ones swim." "Why do you always sit at this table?" "This chair doesn't have so many splinters." "You look very nice today." "Yes, I like it myself." "What makes your hair so different? It's becoming." "Oh—I must have combed it this morning!" "Do you take exams seriously?" "Yes, some days I can't sleep." Our lethargy is gone, and we are off on a crusade against apologies and dullness because we agree with Millay that a man cannot long exist in an atmosphere which neither censors nor condemns.

—Agnes Spurgeon, 40.

LEARNING TO DO

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Junior High School: Richard P. Yoder, 8, Fred Bryner; Glen R. Miller, 8, Lucy Jean Titsworth; Mae Orendorff, Junior and Senior High Schools, Regina Brinklow.

West Goshen: Margaret Ulrich, 1-2, Prudence Leer; Helen Wade, 5-6, J. Galen Whitehead.

East Goshen: Lois Mae Schertz, 1-2, Olga Buerstrom.

Pike Street: Paul Troyer and Angeline Tyson, 5-6, John Larimer.

Chamberlain: Sturges Miller, 5, Nellie Patten; Ella Mae Hooley, 5, Leola Sweitzer; Earl Leinbach, 5, John Todd; Charles Webb, 6, W. I. Duker.

Chandler: Mary Kilmer, 1, Caroline Stutz; Verda Hershberger, 1-2, Pearl Dunn; Bernice Borders, 5, Maude Webb; Burnett Martin and Ernest Davis, 6, Gerald Moyer.

Parkside: Lois Johns and Marie Brubaker, 1, Mildred Books; Agnes Litwiler and Phyllis Hartzler, 3, Anna Yoder; Esther Lehman and Wilma Smith, 5, Glen Hart; Thelma Houston and Shirley Erb, 6, William E. Pletcher.

DISAPPOINTMENTS

Disappointments
Come so often
I no longer can despair,
Rather, I must seek
Appointments,
Lift my chin to live and dare.

—Ruth A. King, 39.

AVONS

February 27. "Avons, you are invited to welcome March in at the home of Mrs. Wade Jones." This notice on the bulletin board preceded an especially interesting program which had as its theme "The Weather." Roll call was answered by "my favorite weather." Judging by the responses it is evident that each day in the year was made to order for some Avon.

"Sweet and Low" led by Laveta Miller represented March coming in like a lamb. In her discussion "My Favorite Weather," Edith Troyer pictured for us a quiet, lazy, hot, cloudless summer day. Haidie Enns' subject was "My Favorite Kinds of Weather." She pictured for us spring weather, balmy Texas weather, rainy Oklahoma weather, Kansas sand storms, and an Ohio snow-storm. LaVeta Miller led the society in a number of Rounds which represented March leaving like a lion.

After the program, tea was served by candlelight. Bessie Benell and Libby Plank assisted the hostess by pouring.

November 6. The Avons answered Roll call with their middle names. The remainder of the meeting was spent in studying the Avon constitution.

VESPERIANS

The Vesperians' program theme for February 27 was "Great Birthdays of a Small Month." Kathryn Rutt gave a biography of Charles Lindberg. "One of Import" was a sketch of Kathryn Rutt, given by Thelma Wenger. William Cody or "Buffalo Bill" was discussed by Kate Yoder. Thelma Hostetler gave the life and works of "Another of Note, Lena Hostetler." Another great February birthday, that of Henry Longfellow, was given by Lois

Wingard. Pauline Liechty was discussed by Marjory Yoder.

On March 6 the Vesperians held the Women's Declamation Contest Elimination. First place was represented by Elizabeth Sieber, second by Eleanor Reist, and third by Freda Maust.

ADELPHIANS

The meeting of the Adelphian Literary Society for February 27, 1939, was called to order by President Isaiah Harley. After the reading of the minutes the new officers were installed. They are: Lawrence Burkholder, President; Samuel Bucher, Vice President; Wade Jones, Secretary; and Allen Miller, Treasurer.

After the installation an elimination contest was held to determine who should represent the society in the coming men's discussion contest. The speeches and speakers were as follows: "Changes in the Franconia District in my Life Time"—John Leatherman, "The Place of Religion in the Life of the Amish in Lancaster County"—Paul Moyer, "HR7655"—Paul King, "Ancient Religion in Hawaii"—Paul Gibson, "Position of the Negro in the South"—John Jennings. The Judges, H. Harold Hartzler and John C. Wenger, chose John Leatherman, Paul King, and Paul Gibson as representatives of the society.

AURORAS

On February 27 the Auroras held the elimination contest to determine the men who would represent the society in the annual discussion contest. Six men took part in the elimination contest. Orval Shoemaker spoke on "The Bakery Boy"; Robert Hartzler, "The Theory of Evolution"; Clarence Hooley, "Color Printing"; Robert Schertz, "Superstitions"; Franklin Schrock, "Gold Mining"; and Alfred Zook, "The Art of Conversation." The judges chose Robert Hartzler, Clarence Hooley and Alfred Zook to be the representatives for the society in the contest.

On March 6 the program consisted of a reading by Nelson Springer entitled: "Opportunities to Worry." The remainder of the meeting was given over to a discussion of the ways in which the various literary societies of our churches keep up attendance and interest.

OPEN HOUSE

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half the various housekeepers were interviewed and ten o'clock came all too quickly, especially for some who then realized that third floor had occupied most of their time (while some even got stalled on first and second). At 10:00 P. M., after a considerable amount of coffee and cake with whipped cream had disappeared, the following variety program was given in place of the usual stunts by each floor:

Flute Solo: Blue Danube by Glennis Gingerich accompanied by Mary Lois Bender

Octette: Arranged by Mary Lois Bender

Skit: Lochinvar—Eleanor Reist, reading

Duet: Thelma Huston, Guitar; Shirley Erb

IN PRAISE

And if yours were a master mind
Above this snow-still town,
And saw with timeless eyes
The lighted houses on the block,
The steel of beauty that will stand—
Felt the great free pulse of life
Across the town this night,
Whose would be the honor?
You hesitate?
Woman took the hands that played at
war
And gave them peace and dreams to
build,
And set a thousand fires of hope.
—Helen Wade, 41.

There is something that is much more scarce, something finer far, something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability.—Elbert Hubbard.

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M. C. Lehman spoke at the Middlebury Mennonite Church on Sunday morning, March 5. He also spoke at the regular young people's meeting at the college on March 12, speaking on "Distinctive Doctrines of the Mennonite Church." On this coming Sunday, March 19, he will speak at the Clinton Frame Church, east of Goshen.

C. L. Graber, Dean Bender and G. F. Hershberger attended a meeting of the Mennonite Peace Committee held in Chicago on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, March 10 and 11.

BOOK IS PUBLISHED

Dr. M. C. Lehman has finished his book, "Our Mission Work in India." It was written to be used in mission study groups throughout the church and is not offered as a history of the American Mission in India.

The book is divided into four parts:

Part 1—What Was.

Part 2—What Is.

Part 3—What Made the Difference.

Part 4—What Problems Remain.

The book has many illustrations and is written in a vitally interesting way, revealing the enthusiasm of the author in this phase of missionary work.

Professor I. E. Burkhardt is working on the manuscript for a mission study text. The content of the text is to be a summary of missionary teaching of the Bible. The title will probably be: THE WORLD GOAL OF BIBLE MISSIONS. If present plans are carried out the manuscript will be ready for press by the first of May.

HOW STRANGELY THEY ACT

Mrs. H. S. Bender came into her husband's office one morning before class. She hung up her coat in its usual place. Then taking off her boots, she threw one boot and her purse in the corner, and carried the other boot up the steps with her.

Libby Plank was seen in the "Yes and No Room" sewing a button on a man's overcoat while Ziegler sat patiently waiting.

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MEN'S ATHLETICS

Friday evening, March 10, the Freshman A's upset the Jr.-Sr. team, and its hopes of being the 1939 basketball champions, by coming from behind and scoring two buckets to win in the last minute by a score of 31 to 29. R. Meyers tied the count at 29 all with a long shot but J. Gary won the game with a neat shot from the corner as the gun was in the air. The first half progressed slowly with each team taking its time bringing the ball down, but the game became rougher and faster in the last half. The freshmen led at half time after the Jr.-Sr. team had jumped into a six point lead in the first quarter. Yeater was the high scorer for the Jr.-Sr. team with 12 points while Meyers lead the Freshmen. The beautiful long shots by Meyers were probably the high points of the game.

On Wednesday evening previous to this game the Jr.-Sr. and Sophomore teams tangled in a very significant battle. The game was fast and furious from the start with the Sophs taking a 12-10 lead in the first quarter only to lose it as their defense weakened to allow F. Bishop to score four baskets in almost one-two-three order. S. Miller and Ebersole carried the burden of the Sophomore scoring with 22 points between them. Final score was 42-35 in favor of the Jr.-Sr. team who were never headed in the last half.

The Freshman A's eliminated the Jr.-Sr. B's on March 3 in a rather slow game. The Jr.-Sr. team put up a determined battle and held their opponents on equal terms the first half but were completely outclassed the second half. The final score was 31 to 16.

A volleyball tournament has been organized among the fellows and has aroused considerable interest. The Dwarfs, Bare-Kats, Injuns, Giants and others promise to mix it up this week. Come out and enjoy the games, they are all public.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

The girls have organized several volleyball teams and are preparing to start a tournament in the near future. The interest shown thus far has indicated that there will be some very good games played. In addition to this the ladies have made plans to arrange for a badminton tournament as soon as the gymnasium can be made available for this sport.

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