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RURAL CONFERENCE NUMBER

NORMAL HEIGHTS

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THIRD ANNUAL RURAL CONFERENCE

PLAYS AND PAGEANTS

PLAY BY CHILDREN OF PRACTICE SCHOOL.

The children of the eighth grade of the Training School will give a play as part of the Rural Conference at Bowling Green in February. The piece, which is a take-off upon certain German ambitions of last year, is entitled, "The Storm of the Stars," and will require about thirty minutes for presentation.

The play will be under the direction of Miss Hatcher.

TABLEAUX VIVANTS.

At the Rural Conference in February the French classes under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Woods will give a play known as "Historical Moments," consisting of tableaux vivants taken from famous French historical paintings. Those who will be represented in this are known to the local people, and one of the characters which will be announced later. The entire program to be French in character.

PAGEANT TO BE GIVEN AT THE RURAL CONFERENCE, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MISS GABRIELLE ROBERTSON.

From year to year the students of Normal Heights have paid homage to Washington, the father of our country, by rendering programs which were appropriate for that day. There will be given at the Rural Conference this year a pageant entitled "The Stars and Stripes," written by H. Augustus Smith of Boston University. It is the purpose of this pageant to show the evolution of the American Flag, beginning January 1, 1776, when George Washington, commander-in-chief of the army, raised the Grand Union in consultation with Baron von Steuben. It is hoped that when the hopes come marching home bearing the victorious Stars and Stripes of today.

Our part in the making of the Flag is brought home to us in the last scene where a real American Flag is made and we are left with the thought that a real American Flag is "made with the hand, the heart, and the will of the people." It is whatever we make it, nothing more. Or in the words of President Wilson, "This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war."

The music will be furnished by the school of Music.

THE ATTENDANCE

It is expected that the fifty-one county superintendents of Western Kentucky, many hundreds of teachers interested in rural education, the farm demonstrators of the various counties, many members of county trustee boards and a large number of farmers will come to Bowling Green to attend the sessions of the Rural Conference. In addition, Superintendent Gilbert, Supervisors Ibbotson, Chairman and Button will be present, and take part in the discussions.

TO THOSE WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THE RURAL CONFERENCE

The Western Normal will use every effort to provide for the comfort and convenience of visitors to the Rural Conference. An information bureau will be established and the staff in charge will gladly give any information relating to room, board, or points of interest about the town. If it is desired the committee will meet visitors at the station. In this case, it is requested that information as to exact time of arrival be sent to the office in advance.

VISIT NORMAL

An invitation is extended to Superintendents, trustees and friends generally to spend Thursday, February 20th, visiting the various classes, or Normal, all of which will be in session during the entire day.

FINE ATTENDANCE INDICATED

The reports which come into the office indicate that the attendance at the Rural Conference will be as great if not greater than at any preceding session. Prof. Norman Frost, of Pueblo College for Teachers, and Mr. H. M. Sawyer, one of the leading citizens of Kentucky, are among those who have written that they will attend the Conference.

Beginning Thursday Evening, FEBRUARY 20 and Closing Saturday Evening, FEBRUARY 22

The best Available Speakers and Educators of the Country Have Been Secured for the Conference

The Theme of the Conference will be "Rural Education"

And therefore, to the end that all of us may bend our efforts to the solution of some of the problems of Rural Education, that we may gather inspiration and professional momentum for the attack of these problems, the RURAL CONFERENCE is held.

No other institution in America needs attention, thought and guidance as does the RURAL SCHOOL.

The arrangement and placing of the various features of the Conference have not been fully determined. It is undoubtedly more desirable to keep the Earial Union in the Union Heights. The program to date stands as follows:

Thursday Evening, February 20th.

Special music by Normal School Orchestra under Prof. F. J. Bonham.

Address on some phase of rural education by Prof. H. W. Focht, Division of Education, Washington, D. C.

The morning addresses of the 21st will be largely spent in departmental meetings. Prof. Richard Clark and Prof. H. W. Focht will be present and participate in the discussion of the rural teachers and county superintendents' section. The section on Agriculture under the leadership of Prof. W. C. Ford will be addressed by noted specialists in agricultural and rural education. Miss Iva Scott, in charge of the section on Home Economics, is arranging to have that section addressed by an educator of broad experience and in this field. The general meeting will be in session from eleven o'clock until noon. In the afternoon at 2.30 there will be communal singing by the pupils of the Richpond Consolidated School. At 2.30 Miss Elizabeth Wood will present Tableaux Vivants. In the evening there will be a special program by the Normal School Orchestra and at eight o'clock Dr. E. A. Ross, the great sociologist of the University of Wisconsin, will deliver an address.

The exercises on the 22nd will be of a patriotic nature. The children of the Practice School under the direction of Miss Blaiste Hatchet have arranged a play, which will be presented, and the preface, "The Birch of the Flag," given by the students of the History Department under the direction of Miss Gabrielle Robertson. Some special moving picture scenes will be presented as well as a presentation of music rendered. In the evening there will be an address by one of the foremost figures of the nation.

DUPT. RICHARD PARK.

Superintendent Richard Park is generally regarded as the foremost County Superintendent in the history of State Normal Schools. He is distinctive in the length of his service, his educational attainments, and his wide experience. He is widely known for his great capacity for developing the rural school system, and his many years of service have made him a very important factor in rural education.

He has received the highest honor that can possibly be given him, the award of the President of the United States. He is a very prominent figure in educational circles all over the country, and his many contributions to educational progress have been acknowledged by the leading educators of the country. His contributions have been recognized by the leading educators of the country, and his many contributions to educational progress have been acknowledged by the leading educators of the country.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS

The annual Convention of County Superintendents of the Western Normal District will convene at Normal Heights during the Rural Life Conference. We earnestly desire to make this meeting of the County Superintendents the most perfect and enduring bond that the State Normal Schools can afford to be absent. The work that will be done will be of the highest order and extremely constructive and imaginative. We hope that every County Superintendent will begin now to make his or her arrangement to be present, and to attend every day during the session of the Conference.
Why Trustees, Teachers, Farmers and Home-Makers Should Attend the Rural Conference

You should attend the Rural Life Conference because it is fun. Everything that is new and interesting in rural life is there. You should attend because it will do you good. You have the same faith in yourself and your town that you have in the church and the same faith in yourself as the preacher does. You should attend because it will help. Everybody should be willing to help. You should attend because it will be helpful to your town and county and state. You should attend because it will be helpful to your church and the church will like it.

We shall have better farms when we have better farmers, better schools when we have better teachers.

A great community means one in which each member is ready to assume his part of the responsibility.

If you can’t come to the Rural Conference, send us some good news from some woman or girl who can bring you a report of all the good things.

It is the greatest time farmers have ever seen to make money.

Money is a great help in making men. Be sure to use part of your money in that way.

If you fail to do your duty some one else may do the work needed, but he cannot do your duty.

There should be a great increase of interest in the rural sections. The rural sections should have a free press and a chance to see and enjoy the good things in this busy world. You should read the newspapers and be a better trustee, teacher, farmer or home-maker. Surely every one should be anxious to improve.

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Rural people have more to eat than city people. They should take better care of their teeth than city people, things they have not learned to do yet.

It is said that rural social life is often more healthy and neglected.

Come to the Rural Conference and let us plan for this year in social affairs.

We need more good singing and other music in the country.

Let us have it, the city has no monopoly on music.

Why does the country church fail to prosper? Often because there are no homes in the country.

Let us try building parsonages in the good home section.

What county will be first in Western Kentucky to buy the thirty cent tax? Many counties in Arkansas levy a dollar school tax. We used to pay poor old Arkansas. What will Arkansas be doing some day?

Country people moving away to town to send their chil-

dren to school have but one advantage, the town has better teachers. Why does the town have better teachers? Be- cause the people there care more and pay more. A hint to the wise is sufficient, maybe.

It probably would be hard to prove that five poor teach-
ers with one and two grades each could make as good a school as one good teacher with all the grades.

Some one said if the county had more money it would get better results. It may be the case that what has not hap-

pened. That out of mind get better schools and then more money.

The country church could be a very powerful factor in the county. It could get the church to visit all of its duty along those lines.

Some one said, "We never can have good schools and churches in our section until we have good roads." Now good roads are a very great help, soon they will be a neces-
sity, but all history goes to prove that they never came first. Get the school and the church and you’ll have grace and grit to build a good road.

The greatest opportunity to get immediate relief among the poor in rural Western Kentucky is through the breifest and care of good homes for laborers. A good country teacher can teach the care of chickens.

Miss A had a fine school at Maple Grove. The average atten-
tance was 70. A Presbyterian minister refused to return un-
less they paid her $60.00. The district employed Mrs B for $40.00 when the sun shone. The attendance next year was twenty-five.

Which teacher would have been cheaper?

Representatives Meet All Trains

Representatives warding the badge of the Normal School will meet any in-student at the station when re-
quested to do so before the arrival of the train. This repre-
"sentative will have the necessary information and will get and board and will be prepared to render gladly all the service within his power. We suggest that unless you have personal friends to meet you, that you consult our representatives before mak-

ing definite plans for board. Write us a few days before you leave home existing the hour of your arrival in Bowling Green.
The great array of talent which will be brought is from other states and will be of the utmost value to the community.

### SOMETHING NEW

Lillian H. M. Yarbrough having been discharged from the unit at Harvard University is again connected with the Normal.

Guy Whitehead has returned to his post as teacher of Mathematics in the Louisville Male High School.

The great concern about the status of the teachers will be the main problem in the current work at the various high schools. Everybody who in interested in county life and upift should come if possible.

### SOME NOTES

### HOUSES

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**SUMMER SCHOOL**

**THE 1919 SUMMER SCHOOL WILL OPEN JUNE 16TH AND CONTINUE SIX WEEKS, JULY 25TH.**

**SPECIAL TALENT IS NOW BEING ENGAGED. A WIDE RANGE OF ACADEMIC WORK AND NUMEROUS SPLENDID LECTURES, ENTERTAINMENTS AND MUSICALES WILL BE OFFERED. THE NEXT NUMBER OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL. ADDRESS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO**

**PRESIDENT H. H. CHERRY, BOWLING GREEN, KY.**
AGRICULTURE COURSES FOR TEACHERS.

The State law now requires the teaching of Agriculture in all rural schools after the present year. The Superintendent of Public Instruction informs us that all persons wishing to teach in these schools will be required by law to pass an examination in Agriculture regardless of the grade or character of certificate now held. The Western Kentucky State Normal School will offer special courses in Agriculture during the Mid-Winter, Spring and Summer Terms to persons wishing to prepare for this work.

Courses in the following subjects will be given: Farm crops, livestock, fruit growing, poultry raising and soil fertility.

Epilogue of courses:

I. Farm crops, cultural methods, plant food requirements.
II. Soil science and testing of soil.
III. Corn and small grain judging contests.
IV. Special crops (tall).

A. A study of Markets for Crops.
B. Feeding of livestock.
C. Special study of dairy cow and dairy tests.
D. Fruit growing, cultural practices, selection of varieties, keeping and printing.
E. Markets for fruits.
F. Canning and drying methods.
G. Feeding on the farm, housing, feeding for egg and meat production.
H. Marketing poultry products.
I. Soil fertility tests, commercial fertilizers, use of lime, drainage, etc. Our laboratories on farm fertility and soil opportunities to all persons to make either a practical or scientific study of farm problems. No one of the hundreds who will prepare themselves for agricultural work in our State.

AS TO TRUNKS

Arrangements have been made whereby the trunks of students may be delivered to any part of the city at a nominal rate. For full information ask the representative of the school who registers you at the station.

WRITE US

You can send education in Kentucky and promote a greater State by writing us and giving us information concerning prospective students who are to whom we should write and send the school literature. We especially urge former students to give the Western Normal positive assistance along this line.

CERTIFICATES

Students who have completed a strong high school course are usually able to complete the Elementary, Intermediate or the Advanced Certificate Courses in the minimum time—twenty-six weeks. The catalog gives specific information concerning the amount of work required in each course. Be sure to write for it and it will be a pleasure to send it.

Condensed Information

FREE TUITION.

If you have not already received an appointment to free tuition from your County Superintendent, it would be well for you to see or write him at once and ask him to issue you the appointment. There is plenty of free tuition in the county for all persons desiring to take advantage of it. See your County Superintendent, secure free tuition, and begin now to make your arrangements to enter at the opening of the Mid-Winter term.

CREDITS GIVEN GRADUATES OF HIGH SCHOOLS.

It is the purpose of the faculty to give the most reasonable credit to graduates of standard High Schools. Strong graduates of four-year High Schools should be able to complete the Elementary State Certificate course in the minimum time—twenty-six weeks. When you come to enter school, bring with you a statement of the work you have completed, so that our Dean will be able to give you the proper credits.

A COMMITTEE WILL MEET YOU AT THE TRAIN.

Representatives wearing the badges of the school will meet you at the train and assist you in finding suitable boarding places and in working out other details. Write us a few days before you leave home, telling us when you will arrive.

OVER FIVE HUNDRED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

More than five hundred High School graduates attended the Western Normal during the past year, and the indications are that this number will be much larger this year. The Western Normal offers High School graduates as well as all others seeking to improve their education, an exceptional opportunity to continue their work, and an opportunity for a high service in a democracy.

ATHLETICS.

One of the most popular departments of instruction in the Normal is that of Physical Recreation. We work almost every phase of outdoor games, folk songs, ball games, tennis, in tennis. Large classes in basket ball, volley ball, and base ball as well as tennis show that these games will be taught in the rural schools of Western Kentucky next year. One of the regular members of the staff has charge of this work, and he is ably assisted by expert players. No fee is charged for membership in any of these work. There are seven excellent tennis courts for the use of young women and men.

ATTRACTION PICTURE SHOWS.

One of the newest features in educational work in this country is the use of the motion picture as a means of instruction and, at the same time, a source of entertainment. And, accordingly, the State Normal at Bowling Green has secured one of the best on the market and at interest showing some of the very best films. These occasions are offered without cost to the student body.

THE NORMAL TEACHING SCHOOL.

No normal school is complete without a department where students may observe approved methods of instruction, and where members of the senior class may have opportunities to apply in practice the principles of education which they have heard discussed in the classroom. The Teaching School exists for both children and students; the one receives the best type of instruction and the other participates in giving it.

The school has an enrollment of two hundred seventy-five children from the public school of Bowling Green, and includes all grades of the elementary school. Its faculty consists of eight critical teachers, a special music teacher and a supervisor.

The Course of Study includes the well-established common branches and those which are fast becoming well established, such as elementary agriculture, manual arts, sewing, cooking, music, and physical education.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library occupies the first floor of the east wing of Excelsior Hall. It is well lighted and ventilated and every effort is made to offer the best facilities for reading and studying in our library hours.

The Library contains one thousand books, besides many valuable government documents and pamphlets. One hundred periodicals are received regularly, kept on file, and bound as often as the funds will permit. This periodical section includes the leading journals of education, science, history, literature, and art, the best of the popular magazines, ten daily and three weekly newspapers.

CALENDAR 1918-1919


ADVANTAGES TO THE STUDENT, ARISING FROM PREPARING FOR THE COUNTY EXAMINATION IN THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

1. The work is fully credited on the regular courses of the State Normal School.
2. The teachers are specialists, experienced and skilled.
3. The equipment, maps, charts, library, laboratories, etc., are unsurpassed in the State.
4. The opportunity to take other subjects besides those preparing for the examination.
5. The student gets the inspiration that comes from contact with the State Institution and with the faculty, representing large scholarship and experience, and association with hundreds of young men and women who are striving for the same end and efficient service.
6. The institution is permanent. No student can afford to attend a school which exists today and disappears tomorrow. The grants in aid provided in the law will be a permanent part of the work.
7. The student has the priviledge of hearing many musicals of high order, and of seeing and hearing, gratis, many great men and women of the nation.

PAY YOUR BRINGING APPRENTICE

Students expecting to enter the Western Normal are advised to bring their scholarships with them if they can possibly be obtained before leaving. A certificate of graduation from eighth grade is not a marketable to the Western Normal, but County Experimentals will be glad to issue scholarships to persons who have finished a common school course.

EXPENSES

TUITION, BOARD, FEES, ETC., PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Tuition.

Tuition is free to all students who expect to teach and who receive an appointment from the County Superintendent. Those not having an appointment will pay the rates indicated below.

For any one term, except the Summer Term: $10.00.
For the Summer Term: $6.00.
For the Ten-Week Terms: $1.00.
For three Ten-Week Terms: $2.50.
For four Ten-Week Terms and the Summer Term: $3.00.

Fees.

All students pay an incidental fee of $2.50 per term.

Laboratory Fees.

Chemistry: $1.00
Pharmacy: $0.50
Agriculture: $2.00
In the Domestic Science and Arts Department the fees vary from $0.90 to $2.00 according to the classes.

Board.

As far as we know, there is no other city in the South that offers its 2,000 non-resident students as cheap a rate of board. Our rates are as follows:

Good Table Board, $2.25 Per Week.—Excellently furnished rooms, 75 cents to $1.25 per week. Good board and well-furnished rooms for $1.50 to $4.00 per week.

Private Board for Students.—We are glad to announce that we have not excellent private homes in good family, everything furnished, for $1.40 to $2.25 per week.

Self-Boarding.—Students who desire may rent rooms or cottages in the city at reasonable rates. Men and women are doing this. Their entire expense for boarding usually does not amount to more than $8 or $10 per month.