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# Western Normal Leader

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## A Fishing Party.

A group of young people leisurely enjoying the cool shade on the lawn looked up lazily as Charles joined the group.

"Let's have a fishing party tomorrow. All were wide awake now and eager to listen to anything the late comer had to say unless it was his sister Sue who always wanted things explained in detail. "Please be a little more explicit and tell us where you expect to fish; the creek is all dried up and goodness knows I don't care to sit on the bank of that little mud hole in the pasture and fish for polliwogs, baking hot day like this."

Charles calmly listened to this burst of sarcasm from his sister as he was quite accustomed to it and when she had finished he continued, "Let's get a wagon someplace and all go over to Turkey Creek Pond and you, Miss Polliwogs can sit in the chair of the bridge and fish for anything you wish.

"O let s" echoed all the others including Sue.

Turkey Creek Pond was known for miles around as a dangerous hole it being believed to be bottomless, by the more credulous of the younger set. Notwithstanding this it was none the less fascinating as a place to fish and row.

"Shall we take a lunch along?" inquired Martha. "Course not," replied Fred. "Aren't we going fishing? Well,

just take a frying pan along and cook fish for dinner."

"But what if the fish don't bite," suggested Eddie who liked picnic dinners. And in that case we ought to have something else to bite.

"We could take a little lunch to be on the safe side," added timid Addie.

"All right then, rejoined Fred," Let's have a lot of pie and cake and pickles and not much bread."

The next morning the six boys and girls started out bright and early and soon arrived at the pond. "You catch some frogs for bait, Charles, and I'll unload the girls and the lunch while Eddie unhooks the horses" dictated Fred who was always ready to assume the responsibilities of 'boss'.

When all these things had been accomplished the party got into a little flat bottom boat which was owned by one of the farmers living near there and which had been loaned to them on this occasion. They rowed out under the big railroad bridge which spans the pond and after each one had been safely deposited on the big timbers bracing the piling that supports the bridge the boys proceeded to bait the hooks. After fishing for somewhat more than an hour without catching even so much as a minnow, some one suggested that it must be dinner time, to which they all agreed.



Martha could not help saying to Fred in most provoking tones, "Just bring along your frying pan Fred, and you shall have all the fish you've caught, for your dinner."

Fred failed to hear this as he was busily engaged in untying the boat which they had fastened to one of the piers. As soon as they reached the shore they spread the lunch on a nice white cloth in a short time they hungrily devoured all the good things which the girls had prepared.

Lunch being over, Sue exclaimed "Girls, let's show the boys how well we can row." "O I just love to oar" chimed in Addie. "But I'm stronger, you better let me" put in Martha. "Come on folks" she added. "We're going to row you\* back under the bridge."

Charles and Eddie looked doubtfully at each other. "Can you swim?" asked Charles in an undertone. But Fred assumed an air of good natured indulgence and started off laughing and calling over his shoulder, "Come on fellows and keep in mind that little piece about 'sink or swim, live or die etc.'"

"I guess you'll find we can do some pretty nimble stunts with a boat when we get started 'good'" retorted Martha who was indeed a fair hand at the oar though she had never attempted so large a boat full before. After much splashing and many mighty pulls at the oars the two girls succeeded in starting the boat off across the pond and in a few moments they were back to their fishing place

under the bridge. Charles and Eddie got out and assisted Addie to her place. "I believe we can get out better" around to the other side of the pier—said Martha. It was no sooner said

than down went the real admira-

tion for Martha's skill in rowing, stood at the stern of the boat in the act of shouting "bravo!" when Sue thinking they were not quite near enough to land safely dipped her oar and gave a mighty pull.

The last syllable of Fred's "bravo!" rose in a bubble from the water into which he had disappeared. The group was terror stricken but in an other instant they were relieved by the appearance of Fred at the surface of the water clutching wildly at the side of the boat and finally reinstating himself at the stern presenting a very crest fallen appearance.

He spent the rest of the afternoon trying to dry out saying he didn't care much about fishing anyway.

The rest of the party caught only three fish that afternoon but they had so much fun in other ways that they felt paid for their efforts.

"Haven't we had a delightful time?" exclaimed Addie on the way home, to which all heartily agreed except Fred who dryly remarked "I certainly haven't had a dry time and as for you Martha, you certainly can do some pretty nimble stunts with a boat."

The Agricultural department is doing some community work in the way of corn testing, spraying of trees etc. This is one of the many practical sides of the agricultural course as such practice as this is what is needed in the actual work of the farm.

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### Freshmen Frolic.

On the evening of April 26 a body of young performers marched to the creek for the purpose of eating their supper and incidentally trying out some of the great feats of that class. We have one among our number that can find a path more easily than the llama of the Rockies and can climb precipices with better grace than a mountain goat; for instance she found a long lost path that the wildcat used in days gone by which led to a broad expanse of water that no one could see the bottom of. Here she was confronted by a cliff some twenty odd feet high which she scaled with perfect ease.

This we pronounced as one of the greatest stunts the world has ever known but it was not long until our high diver thought it was his turn and as a very sensible diver, selected a deep body of water to dive into and off of that seventy five foot ladder-lighted into Big Creek but here was the wonder. Instead of as most divers, head foremost he went feet first and never sank for all the time we saw his head above water like a bobber on a fishing line. This was sure great but we tried to beat that by jumping off the same ladder on to a tight wire and walked the wire as tight wire walkers of old. Each one performed the same stunt and one young man was so joyous over his success that he tossed a can of beans into the creek to commemorate the great event. Then remembering that that can of beans was intended for supper, dived in after it but no part of his body would sink but his arms.

Here was a tree that we found which up among its branches were real human beings and Mr. Photo-

tographer took a snap shot of this oddity as there are very few species of it his kind.

We were served to a magnificent banquet upon the banks of Big Creek and while there the Indians came and gave their war dance and song, all of which was very interesting. The moon came out that beautiful evening and we expected every moment to see the woods filled with howling wolves and savage lions but none came to disturb the peace of the homeward bound Freshmen and we wandered back to our lonely haunts to return in a short time to our second performance which we hope will surpass this one since we are now trained acrobats.

### The Junior.

Did you see "The Junior" at the Normal auditorium last Friday night? The weather conditions were not the best to bring out a full house as it was raining pitchforks and other things most of the evening but those who did brave the storm were well repaid for their trouble. The play was full of fun from the start and showed how the jolly juniors could stir up the serious Seniors even if the results were not altogether satisfactory in the end to at least one of the Juniors. Jimmy who was disguised as a girl demonstrated with what ease and grace a young man can appear in the garb of a young lady. He also showed how easy it is for a Junior to extricate himself from a ridiculous situation which is fast becoming serious and make everything end happily.

Miss Agnew gave a demonstration in table setting and serving last Thursday morning.





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Harrison Fink.  
Edna Pepper.  
Bonivant Weigel.  
Adam Urban.  
Tobitha Earnest.  
Elsie Launchbough.  
James Callahan.  
Laura Healey.  
Chris Ikenberry.  
Dollie Perkins.  
Forrest Applegate.  
D. F. Klemm.  
Olive Magill.  
Mildred Hall.

On Saturday evening of the last day of the track meet an exhibition was given in the gymnasium by the physical training department. A class of young ladies who have been training under Miss Armstrong gave a very pretty exhibition in the form of drills and fancy steps. The model school presented some contest games and Prof. Bice's heavy gym class performed some good stunts on the mat horse and parallel bars. After these exercises the prizes were awarded to the winners in the track meet.

Fred Beeby doesn't like his position as night watchman. He says it interferes with his Sunday evening appointments.

What makes Jackie look so fussed when he hears anyone say "Jack, honey?"

Henry McVey came all the way from Washburn to visit the Normal (?) one day last week.

Miss Kathryn Walz now presides at the piano during general exercises.

The Board of Regents were here on business last week.

The new boats have arrived and will soon be in use.

Miss Elsie Spencer spent last week in Salina.

What made Miss Kraus look so happy one day last week?

Mr. Cave has charge of the boats this season.

Miss Carrie Bullock visited with friends in the country last week.

What was the latest—pompador.  
What is the latest—checker board caps.

Miss Lily Moore is back in school after an absence of a few days occasioned by illness.

Ellsworth Dodrell was down from Stockton to attend the track meet last week.

Prof. J. S. Bird and C. A. Picken are members of the Emporia Class of 1912 for degree work.

Miss Grass and Miss Agnew spent the week end at the former's home last week.

The Board of Regents and a number of the faculty were served to a six o'clock dinner by the domestic science girls on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matthew came down from Stockton for the track meet last week. Harry has been Principal of the Stockton school this winter.



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Loree Cave, Associate Editor.

Sullivan Johnson, Business Manager.

Clarence King, Ass't. Bus. Mgr.

A word of explanation is due our readers for the late appearance of the last two issues of the "Leader". The fault lies in the fact that the printer's press has been broken for some time and the repairs have failed to come making it necessary to carry all the work to another office.

#### Normal Leader Election.

The first annual business meeting of the Normal Leader Company was called to order in Lyceum Hall at 9:30 last Friday morning, May 10 by Sullivan Johnson, Business Manager, of the Leader Staff and ex-officio, chairman of all business meetings. The meeting was for the purpose of electing the business manager and editor of the "Leader" for the ensuing year.

Motion was made and seconded to dispense with all other business and proceed at once to the election. Motion carried.

The judges, Miss Arrasmith, A. Bieker and Henry Herman and the clerks, A. D. Haas and Jesse Gatewood were announced and they immediately proceeded with the election.

The results were as follows;

Business Mgr. King 82

Neilsen 45.

Editor Miss Street 81.

Miss Dyer 46.

M. G. Secr.

#### The Camp Fire.

On the 25th of April some of the Normal girls decided to surprise nine of the most "Popular Boys" in school. They were asked to meet them at the foot bridge at 7:30. On arriving there they found the girls waiting with large bundles under their arms. They at once set forth to a place on the creek known to many of the students as an Historic Roasting Spot. On arriving there they at once busied themselves in building a camp fire, when it was in full blaze the packages were opened and everyone began to prepare

their own supper by roasting potatoes, "weenies", sandwiches and boiling eggs on the hot coals, when everything was done, the old proverb, "Fingers were made before forks," was readily made use of (although there were spoons enough for all). This was followed by oranges, cake and roasted marshmallows. As the evening was drawing nigh the chaperon thought it best to quit eating and journey homeward while they were able to walk, and acting upon her suggestion they departed in high spirits, declaring themselves to full for utterance.

Jakie (in the hand holding scene in German play practice) "O let's do that over."



### FORUM BANQUET.

On Thursday evening, April 25, the Forum Debating Club gave its annual closing event in the form of a banquet to the members of the executive committee of the Commercial Club. The domestic science department served the banquet and in a splendid manner too. The domestic art room was prettily decorated for the occasion, the tables were beautifully laid and an air of cheeriness pervaded everything.

The class made a happy selection in securing Albert Whisnant for toastmaster. He was as much at ease as though he had never done any thing except preside at banquets. His introduction of speakers was pleasing to the banquetters and helpful to the speakers, all of whom responded splendidly. Every member of the Forum Club and every member of the Executive Committee present responded briefly to the various themes. Miss May Gill responded in behalf of the ladies in a toast sparkling with wit and repartee.

The guests were enthusiastic in their praise of the Forum, the work of the boys and the work of the domestic science people. The Forum has given many banquets and each is better than those given before. This last one was the largest and best ever attempted.

Miss Agnew gave a demonstration in table setting and serving before the ladies of the Domestic Science Club of Hays one afternoon last week.

The elocution class will present a play next Friday night, May 17.

Small dog—

Railroad track—

Toot toot—

Sausage— Ex.

### The Track Meet

The Track Meet held here on last Friday and Saturday in which seven high schools of this part of Kansas participated, was well attended despite the unfavorable weather. The first day was windy and tiresome and the rain Friday evening kept many away from "The Junior", a nice little play given by the Normal for the Track Meet. The rain left the track heavy for Saturday's events, but with a much better day and the events of Saturday were much more appreciated by the spectators. The gymnastic exhibition Saturday evening was a new feature and very much appreciated by the visitors.

The Stockton Normal basket ball game, while not a part of the meet, was one of the finest games we have seen for a long time.

The Wilson school won first place by capturing 67 points; Russell came second with 43 and Stockton third with 39. The individual prize, a silver loving cup, was won by Roe of Russell, with Damon of Stockton taking second place.

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was interested in estimating various capacities. A scientific investigation of worms their size, location and habits was made and everyone was obliged to participate in the investigation whether he chose to or not. As the day drew to a close and the picnickers gathered themselves together for the return trip the throngs of everyone centered around the mechanical advantage of the wheel and axle and as we neared our native haunts we demonstrated the difference between noise and musical tones. We almost forgot to mention the fact that Prof. Bird's famous sparking machine was not allowed to be taken away from the Normal but two or three clear demonstrations were made without it. Altogether this was about the most delightful and satisfactory affair in the history of the two classes and May eight will go down as a red letter day in the history of the Senior and Junior classes of 1912 and 1913.



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# The Seniors Class Play

## THE RIVALS

In the Normal Auditorium, Friday, May 24, 1912.

This is a five act comedy by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. It is the story of a very romantic maiden who has three suitors—"The Rivals" but persists in bestowing her affection upon one Beresly who does not exist.

### Model School Entertainment.

On the evening of April 30 a very pretty May Day play was given by the Model School children under the direction of Miss Stone. The play was entitled "Cinderella in Flowerland" and the performance was so excellent in every respect as to keep the house ringing with applause. Every pupil in the Model School had a part in the exercise and each one appeared on the stage before a well filled house with perfect ease and self possession. The entertainment occupied about two hours closing with a May pole dance. Miss Stone is to be congratulated on her excellent management of the little folks and the little folks themselves acquitted themselves with such credit as to completely cover themselves with glory.

Marcel Bissing deserves special mention for his beautiful little solo. Reece Cave fluttered and hopped around so bird like that any one would have known he was a robin of course while Carl Adams' "buzz-zz" was so realistic what could he be but a bee? Cinderella's part was so well played by Alice Craige that you could almost imagine you were right in fairy land and Norman Main was a perfect little prince. Little Mary Catherine Bird made an ideal wax figure until she got tired of sitting still when she proceeded to

prove, much to the merriment of the audience, that she was not an idealist but a realist. In fact every one of the little actors deserves special mention but space will not permit. Miss Kathryn Walz presided at the piano.

The Salina Central League team came to our Campus and crossed bats with our boys last week. The game started off with a few fumbles on the part of the Leaguers and a couple of scores for the Teachers, then Salina tightened up and Normal stayed tight for few innings, but somewhere between the first and ninth inning the League slipped in one extra score on our boys and they finished three to two against us.

A few days before the League game the Knights of Columbus of this city, and the Hays College doubled up and played our Normal hard hitters. The score at the end showed that they did not double enough for it stood about seven to three in favor of the children trainers. The game, however, was more interesting than this score would indicate.

President Hill, Mr. Grass and Mr. Landor, the new members of the board addressed the students one morning last week.



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