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JAMES ROGERS

Former Member of 1911 Class Lost His Life in Snowslide at Burke

It was 8:10 o'clock Monday when James Rogers, the young son of H. J. Rogers of Wallace, died at Providence hospital from the injuries he had sustained in the slide at Burke and from exhaustion caused by his lying for ten hours in the snow.

It was about 3 o'clock when he was taken from the snow. After being treated for awhile at Burke he was brought to Wallace and taken to the hospital. He was unconscious from the time of his arrival at the hospital until about 6 o'clock last night.

Then he partially regained consciousness and asked for a drink of water. He did not seem to recognize anyone around him. He was given a glass of water, drank it and appeared to sink into a slumber. He woke up about 8:10, seemed to choke and then passed away. His father was in the room at the time, the mother being in Spokane.

Rogers received his most severe injuries about the head which was terribly cut. When found a board was lying across his chest and he seemed to be internally injured.

Rogers was found lying just opposite the A. D. Ritchott home at Burke or rather the ruins of the house. He was on the edge of the slide and lay under six feet of snow. He would have been found several hours earlier if the rescue party had not been engaged in digging in the ruins of the houses where they supposed the victims lay. Rogers was some distance from the Ritchott house. He probably was either going toward the house or away from it when he was caught. Rogers was unconscious when found.

Mrs. Rogers, the mother of the boy, arrived from Spokane on the afternoon train Tuesday, accompanied by her 15-year-old daughter, the sister of James Rogers.

Two funeral services were arranged Wednesday for James Rogers who was killed in the Burke slide. As it was wished to have mass said for him it was necessary that this service occur in the morning. The Elks asked, however, that the burial service not be held until after the arrival of today's O. R. & N. train since the Elks had ordered a large quantity of flowers for Rogers and these flowers would not be here until Wednesday.

Mrs. H. J. Rogers and daughter Miss Verna Rogers arrived Tuesday from Spokane. Grief at the loss of her son caused the serious sickness of Mrs. Rogers Tuesday but she was considerably improved this morning.

The remains of James Rogers were not kept at the undertaker's but were taken to the P. F. Smith home on East Bank street at which Mrs. Rogers and her daughter are staying. The body was taken to St. Alphonsus Catholic church on Wednesday. At 10:30 mass was said by Father Becker. The Knights of Columbus and Elks attended the service in large numbers Wednesday, following the arrival of the train it was planned to hold funeral services at the church again, both lodges attending. The interment was arranged to take place immediately after this final service. — The Idaho Press, Wallace, Idaho.

James Rogers, 11, entered the University of Idaho in the fall of 1907, registering with the freshman class. He did janitor work in the School of Mines building the first year that he was here, thus earning his own way. He was industrious, earnest and thoroughly reliable and by his frank open manner won a place in the heart of everyone of his classmates and of all others with whom he came in contact. Although here but two years and an underclassman, he was one of the most popular men in the University. Being unable to return to the University this year, he was earning money with which to return next year, expecting to graduate with the class of 1912. His many friends here are united in their sorrow that the life of Jimmy, as he was generally called, should be ended so early and in such an abrupt manner.

Sophomore Frolic

Next Friday evening occurs the annual Sophomore Frolic. This will be the second regular dance given by the class of 1912 and they are working hard to make it a great success. Committees were appointed immediately after the election of semester officers.

The decoration committee are planning something new in the way of decorations. From the spirit with which the Sophomores are going into it we can expect the Frolic this year to be a brilliant success. An admission fee of \$1.00 will be charged. Everybody goes to the Frolic, next Friday evening.

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ENGLISH CLUB PLAY

College Performers Present Ibsen

On Friday evening, March 4, at Eggan's Hall, the English Club of the University presented Ibsen's "A Doll's House" to a house filled to its capacity largely by University people tho here and there were to be seen countrymen of the distinguished author.

This is by far the most ambitious attempt yet made by the Club, which hitherto has confined itself to Shakespearean comedies and modern plays of a lighter sort. On the whole the attempt of this difficult drama seems justified, tho there are those who would prefer to see pieces more easily within the compass of amateur performers. It is not given to every player to portray Ibsen's characters, and it may be said with equal truth, it is not given to every auditor to appreciate Ibsen's peculiar genius. "A Doll's House" is a powerful drama and makes great demands upon its chief actors, especially in the closing scene. In spite of the annoying amount of prompting, unusual in an English Club play, it is undeniable that the strength and pathos of this part of the piece made a real appeal to the audience, which earlier had shown a disposition to extract humor where none was furnished by the dramatist.

In this connection it may be frankly stated that the apparent attempt to "break up" the actors by untimely laughter was neither courteous nor calculated to encourage future efforts at presenting really meritorious plays of the higher sort. It certainly had a disconcerting effect upon the actors. On the other hand the production was marred by the failure also of some of the players themselves to control their inopportune desires to giggle. It tends to hide otherwise really excellent work, for an audience is quick to sympathize with either sincerity or the lack of it. Stirring, solemn speeches delivered with shoulders shaking with merriment are, to say the least, not convincing.

In spite of the unevenness of merit mentioned, the individual players and their trainers deserve much commendation. Miss Elsie Larson, '10, as the heroine, "Nora Helmer", was delightful as the doll-wife, happy in her butterfly existence, happy—not proud—in

the possession of her personal charms, yet filled with an undefined uneasiness at the world of business and crime to which her careless nature has introduced her. After her disillusionment with regard to her husband's real feeling for her had developed her into sudden womanhood, she acted wonderfully well the changed part.

Mr. Wendell Phillips, '13, as "Torvald Helmer," has a voice of unusually excellent quality and a good stage presence, and played very consistently the part of the virtuous, highly respected, yet thoroughly selfish husband of "Nora." It is regrettable that he did not display a greater mastery of his lines.

"Dr. Rand"—Mr. Floyd Quinby—had an excellent make-up, and his voice had just the right quality for the part of the man doomed soon to die, yet putting up a manly fight to the end.

Miss Jessie Sams, '13, had the part of the widow, "Mrs. Linden," whose loveless life and hard struggle for existence were in such contrast with the experience of her school friend "Nora." At times, when she was able to lose her own identity in playing her role, she showed considerable ability.

Mr. Frank Stewart, '10, as "Nils Krogstad," the former criminal struggling to rehabilitate himself in the social and business world, had a difficult part, which he played conscientiously and forcefully. It was unfortunate that his make-up was not better.

Miss Florence Sprague, '10, played creditably the part of the maid, "Anna." Her sympathy for her perplexed and troubled mistress was well expressed in voice and action.

The children, Bayard Hodgins, Tom Owings, and little Mary Hulme, while they had little to say, added a charming touch of reality to the opening scenes. We are again indebted to Mrs. Hodgins for the successful training in children's parts.

J. G. ELDRIDGE.

Mining Department Receives Present

The Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining Company last week presented to the Mining Department of the University a Four Compartment Hodge Jig. This is a valuable addition to the equipment of the Mining Department which is fast becoming the most popular department at the University.

Evan Lewis spent Monday in Pullman.

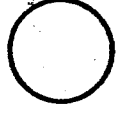
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MR. ADKISON IS CHOSEN

Will Be Principal of Grangeville High School

Grangeville, Feb. 17.—At the regular meeting of the school board last Monday evening, Professor Norman Brown Adkison, instructor of science and German, was unanimously elected to fill the chair of principal of the high school in the place of Miss Burrows, resigned.

Prof. Adkison is a native of this prairie, being a son of Hon. and Mrs. John R. Adkison and a brother of Hon. J. Loyal Adkison. He was valedictorian of the class of 1903 of the G. H. S. In the fall of the same year he entered the state University of Idaho, where he won signal honors in many different lines, the two most important being president of his class and Editor-in-Chief of the "Gem of the Mountains" 1907. The last two years at the University he was an instructor in chemistry, in which work he was a specialist. He was principal of the Denver schools the year after graduation from college, and was re-elected to the same place but resigned in favor of a position in English, Science and German at the Grangeville high. This is his second year here and at present he is instructor of chemistry, physics, botany, German and English history. He also has charge of athletics here. His work has always been that of a conscientious and scholarly teacher and thoroughness is his main battle cry. His many friends will be pleased to learn of his deserved promotion.—Lewiston Morning Tribune, Feb. 18, 1910.

Word from Jewett Matthews

Below is given part of a letter written to his parents by J. D. Matthews, '09, who is studying law at the University of Chicago. His brother Dave to whom he refers, having finished the eighth grade, is taking special work in agriculture at the University.

Dear Folks:

Sorry Dave doesn't intend to complete his college course. But then, as you say, he may change his mind when the time comes and it is useless to argue with him now.

I can remember that many years ago I too had a foolish idea that I knew more than the "Old Folks" and everybody in the world generally, but thank the Lord I've gotten over it long since.

I agree with you about some college students getting the idea that they are too good for manual labor, even in cases where their backs always were stronger than their heads.

Personally I think farming and all forms of manual labor are all right; and in a great many cases far more honorable than so called higher pursuits. I'm not partial to cities and to the idea that many city people have that it is a disgrace to live anywhere else.

But at the same time one must remember another thing: that when a person has an opportunity for a college education and has the necessary gray matter to go along with it, that he owes a certain duty to the world to make the best of it. He owes a duty to civilization to make the best of his opportunities and leave the world as much better for his having lived in it as he possibly can. An educated man has a greater chance to actually do something of lasting value to the world; to make it a little easier and brighter for the coming generations, than the uneducated person has. If one has a chance for an education and doesn't take it, or having the education doesn't make the best of it, then he is guilty of shirking his duty; too many lose sight of the duty altogether.

Ordinary labor is perfectly alright and absolutely nothing can be said against it. But when one has a chance to do something better he is shirking if he doesn't take it. That is my excuse for trying to learn a profession. The trouble with too many of us is, as you say, that we lack the brains to go with it and, after getting a smattering of an education think we are too good for labor and haven't enough learning to do anything worth while with it. The result is a sort of human outcast who doesn't fit in anywhere. In such a case, it seems to me, an education is almost harmful. And I've almost come to the opinion that I belong to this class. Instead of trying to illuminate the legal profession I should be shovelling cinders on some railroad. But then if I can get a degree I'm going to do it.

J. D. M.

EXCHANGES.

There are 298 students attending German universities.

Michigan has won 25 out of 34 debates in which she has been engaged.

Cornell has dropped 162 students as the result of the mid-year examinations.

An effort is on foot at the University of California to organize a woman's orchestra.

On March 5 a chess game will be played by wireless between the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton.

The University of Calcutta which is the largest educational corporation in the world, examines 10,000 students annually.

The Glee Club and Sextette of Montana are being reorganized by Professor J. K. Witzman, who is the new music instructor at the U.

The regents of the University of Washington have christened the Ad building "Denny Hall" and the new chemistry building "Bagley Hall."

Princeton's system of "intra-collegiate" athletics has proved very successful. This system was inaugurated by the upperclassmen to overcome the play-to-win spirit.

Yale recently dedicated a new swimming pool which cost \$70,000. Andrew Carnegie gave more than half of this sum. The pool holds 160,000 gallons of water.

Eighty candidates have reported for baseball practice at the University of Michigan. Only three men have appeared for battery positions at the University of Pennsylvania.

The University of Washington will compete with Wisconsin in a boat race on June 4. The race is to be held in Madison to which place the Washington team pay their own expenses.

The Dorm girls of the University of Montana recently struck for a day because it was too cold to attend classes. The strike was successful and the girls report that they had a fine time.

The Sophs at the University of Washington want to know how they can duck a freshie who is armed with a thirty calibre rifle, a front sight, a muzzle cover, a bayonet, and a cartridge box.

The Northern Union is arranging to have one of the California Rugby teams visit England next year. It is not yet known whether a team from one of the colleges or an all-California team will be selected.

At Stanford there is a custom of holding a ludicrous parade on the morning of Washington's birthday. This custom was continued this year when about 100 crazily clad students marched around the campus to the accompaniment of discordant "music."

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News From Washington.

Seattle, March 2, 1910—Twenty three aspirants turned out last night at the first outdoor baseball practice of the season, in the University of Washington stadium. They were a motley looking crowd, clad in all the various bits of costume that they had been able to assemble in their lockers: but they showed lots of ginger in their work. Use of the gym at certain times, and within a roped area has been granted the diamond-dicks, and possibility of any further trouble such as the recent reaction between Captain Jimmy Charles and Physical Director Hall has been eliminated.

Washington's five left today for a tour of Oregon. They will meet all the principal college and club quintets during their sojourn. Since their return from the trans-mountain tour, during which they were twice defeated under the unfamiliar "inter-collegiate" rules, much time has been spent on "dribbling" the ball, and the five does not mean to be caught napping again.

Today is "Wisconsin Day" at the University. Eager-eyed collectors are everywhere, armed with receipt-books, hunting for unwary freshmen who have not paid their subscriptions to send the crew east next June. With these freshmen, or any other delinquent, a realistic imitation is given of the famous tragedy, "The Spider and the Fly." It is believed that when the lists are counted tomorrow, the committee in charge will find that it has succeeded in raising at least \$900.

Students leaving the main building this noon found themselves blockaded by long tables, behind which fair ladies dispensed pies, at five-cents a slice. Table manners were waived and it became the best of form to push large sections of the fruitful pasties against the face, and eat and eat and eat—all for the prosperity of the Y. W. C. A.

Advanced Gym Class

The class which was taking advanced gymnasium work during the past semester has organized for the purpose of creating some interest in that line of work and in order to give exhibitions from time to time. All of the members of the club are not yet proficient enough to put on an exhibition, but expect to do so very soon. The following officers were elected: president, J. Russell Fox; Captain, H. Wadsworth; secretary and manager, H. C. Gray.

The Fencing Club

The fencing club was royally entertained the other evening by Lieutenant Smith at his home on Van Buren street. Fencing bouts and music occupied the guests until a late hour when delicious refreshments were served. All report Lieutenant Smith an ideal host.

O. A. C.

(By Glover Carroll, '12)

O. A. C., Feb. 23, 1910.—The new armory has been accepted by the board of regents. The armory is complete except for a few minor details.

The short course students this year contributed \$116.00 toward buying new books for the college library. This sum is to be used by a committee for the purchasing of desirable books. It is hoped by the short course students that the following classes will continue to add to the fund.

O. A. C., Feb. 16, 1910. The college authorities have decided to hold a Quarter Centennial to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the taking over of the institution by the state. This celebration will be held for about three days during Commencement week. Large crowds are expected from all over the state and from other parts of the northwest.

O. A. C. March 3, 1910—As a result of the try-outs for the inter-collegiate debating team the following men were chosen: S. A. Wilson, E. B. Lemon, H. D. Marsh, E. F. Weatherford, A. P. Gibson and E. B. Stanley. The effort made by the candidates shows the interest taken in debate.

Sinclair A. Wilson, editor-in-chief of the Barometer, has resigned. He does not feel able to conduct his work on the paper and maintain his high standing in his studies and in debate. His place will be filled by Malcolm R. Cox. Mr. Cox is a very competent man and is well fitted for the position.

Resolutions

Whereas, James Rogers, until recently a member of the class of 1911 of the University of Idaho, lost his life in a brave attempt to rescue the sufferers in the recent snow-slide at Burke,

Be it resolved, that we, in behalf of the class of 1911, extend our sincere sympathy to the afflicted family.

Enoch Barnard
John A. Rock
Veronica Foley
Committee.

Leonore Biethan has returned to her home in Blackfoot?

William Dunham of Portland was a guest of the Phi eta Thetas on Sunday.

Sunday afternoon the Beta Sigmas called "en masse" on the Phi Delta Thetas, Theta Mu Epsilons and Kappa Sigmas.

E. Belt, captain of the Whitman basket ball team was a dinner guest of Frank Kendall at the Phi Delta Theta house on Sunday.

Women students at Ohio Wesleyan have gone on a strike because of the poor quality of food served them at the college boarding house.

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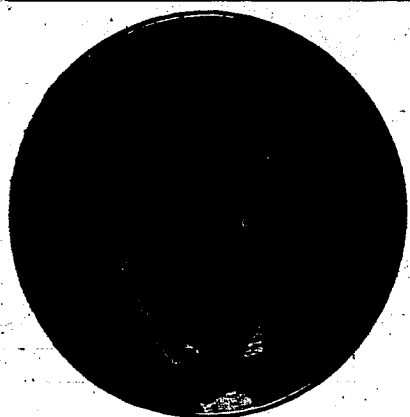
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of the American College to lead in
the promotion of a new science and
to carry on research along pro-
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feeling, many of America's lead-
ing Universities have already or-
ganized Aero Clubs and many are
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stimulate organization in new
places and unite with the big in-
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ing an Inter-collegiate Aeronauti-
cal Association with the Aero
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sylvania, acting in unison with
the Aero Clubs of Columbia and
Cornell, extend to your college a
most cordial invitation to join us
in an Inter-collegiate Aeronautical
Convention to be held here in
Philadelphia, Friday and Satur-
day, April 1 and 2. The purpose

of this convention will be to effect
the organization of North Ameri-
can Inter-collegiate Aeronautical
Association and to arrange its
affiliation with the Aero Club of
America. Further, we hope to
arrange a series of inter-collegiate
meets and Model and Gliding con-
tests.

Yours sincerely,

CARL H. CARSON

Chairman of Executive Committee.

In connection with the above
letter anyone interested to any
extent in the subject of aeronautics
should see Meryl Dunkle. While
still in such a stage that experi-
ment is embued with the inven-
tors usual hopes, yet ballooning,
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at Assembly

In the last assembly, Bursar Jenkins spoke of the critical situation in the Coeur d'Alene region resulting from snowslides during the last few days. Mr. Jenkins has passed several years in this part of Idaho, and understands well the terror and danger felt at such times in the small intermountain towns.

Of all the former students who are teaching or making their homes in the Coeur d'Alene towns, only one thus far has lost his life—James Rogers, who spent the last two years at Idaho. He was aiding a rescue party, when fearing another snowslide at Burke, he went to warn the people to gather about a certain boarding house which had been built in a safe place. Rogers stopped at his rooms on his way back to work to put on dry clothes, and while there the slide came, and he was buried for ten hours sustaining injuries from which he died that night.

Mr. Jenkins gave a detailed account of the nature of snowslides, which are so terrific and strike terror to the hearts of all beholders. When snow is four feet deep in the valleys it is from eighteen to twenty feet deep on the top of Custer mountain. The mountain is full of ridges and during the storm the wind blows the snow to the hollows, leaving the ridges bare. Wallace is 2753 feet above sea level and Custer and Terga peaks are 7300 feet high. The snow starts at the top, gaining in speed as it moves down the mountain, and by the time it reaches the bottom there is nothing in its path that it does not move before it. Trees six and seven feet in diameter it breaks like toothpicks. The valley at the foot is wider and more open and although the most pleasant, yet it is the most dangerous place in which to build. Homes should be built at the foot of the ridge, this being a safe place, because the snow slides off in the hollows. But inexperienced people always build in the valleys. When it reaches the valley the snow is harder than ice, and after the slide which occurred there twenty years ago, the ice had to be cut out and carried away as if an original out were being made through the mountains. At the time of this slide there were quite a number of people in a dining hall eating. Of these, six were killed and twenty pined in. Those nearest the wall were saved; the people being farthest away being killed. The men were pinned fast. They held a council as to how they should extricate them-

selves. The one at the end could not succeed in making a hole through to the surface, so they all agreed to pass the snow back from the first man to the last, the last man consenting to be buried up and lose his life if need be. This operation continued until the one at the end was buried up to his neck in snow. The one next to him becoming anxious kicked about and, in so doing, something gave way beneath him. It chanced to be a sort of cellar below. The snow was pushed there and the men digging their way through about 25 feet of icy snow were rescued.

In British Columbia, once, some men were standing on the C. P. R. railroad watching an avalanche come down to the valley below. The shock was so great that these men 300 feet above, were killed. Mr. Jenkins himself was once caught in a snowslide. It was early one morning at Wardner, when he was looking over an ore shoot. Mr. Jenkins saw it coming and from instinct, jumped out of the reach of the slide. However, it rolled him around in snow eighteen or twenty feet deep and he had to fight to keep out of it. The snow was ground so fine and the air was so full of it that he almost drowned in it. Another man had almost been caught, but had escaped by running into a tunnel. Rushing out by another tunnel, his friend gave warning to others and Mr. Jenkins was rescued. These slides are often caused by a chinook wind blowing and making the snow slushy, this being the case in the recent slides at Burke, Mace and Gem.

The Military band played two excellent selections at assembly.

Resolutions

Whereas James Franklin Rogers, formerly a student of excellent standing, great promise and personal worth in the University of Idaho, died on the night of Monday, February 28, at Wallace, Idaho, as a result of injury and fatigue sustained in a heroic work of rescuing human lives during the recent snowslides in the Coeur d'Alenes; and

Whereas we, the Faculty of the University of Idaho, feel that Mr. Rogers has rendered to the people of his state a service no less than in time of war its citizenship may offer on the field of battle;

Therefore, he it resolved that we, the Faculty of the University of Idaho, do hereby express our appreciation of the noble sacrifice of a promising life and career, and that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents, sister, and relatives;

Furthermore, that a copy of this resolution be sent to his parents, spread upon the faculty minute book, and published in the Argonaut, the students' college paper.

Francis Jenkins
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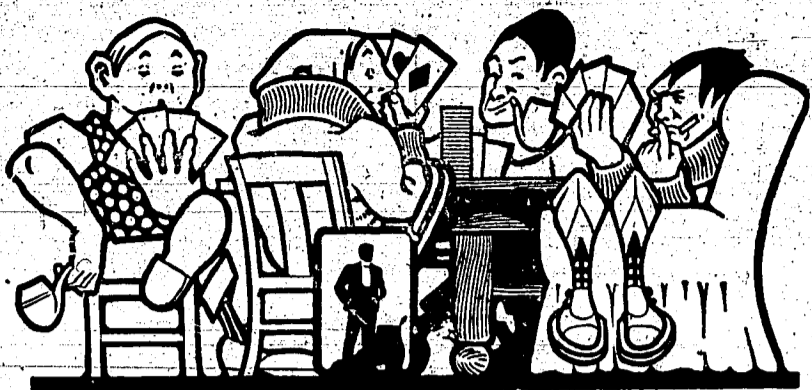
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To Potlatch

The University Mandolin Club has been secured by Principal Fred E. Lukens, '08, of Potlatch to give an entertainment at that place Saturday evening, March 12.

The personnel of the club is as follows:

Clyde Tull, Director; E. Hellier-Collens, violin soloist and 'cellist in the club. Edna Campbell, piano; Minnie Keifer, Contralto;

Burley Lost

Word has been received from Paragon, Idaho, that Curtis R. Burley, '08, was married on January 31st, to Miss Edna Olliver of Murray. The wedding took place in Wallace and of course "Fat" Foreman was there. In fact, he is reported to have been more excited than Burley.

Burley was a prominent student at the University, always taking an active part in student affairs. He held several important offices, the principal ones being manager of the Argonaut and president of the senior class.

We are glad to hear that Burley's prejudices in regard to the fair sex have at length been overcome and we extend to the newly wedded pair our heartiest congratulations.

Since graduating from the University Mr. Burley has formed a partnership with Walter Myers, '07, which is known as "Burley and Myers, Mining Engineers." He is now engaged in work in mining engineering at Paragon.

Whitman 23--Idaho 21

We regret that we were disappointed at the last moment and were unable to get a full write up of the Idaho-Whitman basket ball game. We were defeated in a fast rough game by a close score. Curtis as usual starred. Clarence Edmundson refereed the game and gave general satisfaction.



Margaret Stolle, Reader; Mandolins—Clyde Tall, Kathryn Colver, Maurice Crom, Eula Girce, May Costello, Claude Laws, Carol Byrnes. Guitars—Gladys Anthony, C. E. Watts, Lucy Mason, Rosa Strobeln, E. E. Smith. Flute—Ira Dole.

Miss French will accompany the club as chaperone, and a number of students expect to go for the sake of a little vacation and the opportunity to see the big mills.