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## EDUCATION WEEK NOTES SCHOOL AND DEMOCRACY

"The free common school is America's greatest gift to humanity. It belongs to the heritage of intelligent and responsible citizenship established by our pioneering forefathers. It is necessary to the success of our Republic. The school is the surest guarantee of our personal rights. It is the safeguard of our political liberties. It is the bulwark of our representative institutions. The school seeks to enrich and ennoble home life. It develops the skills needed in agriculture and industry. It helps to awaken ambition and to establish character. It emphasizes responsibility to the common good and the general welfare. The free school is the expression of a mighty faith. Because we believe in ourselves, in democracy, and in the future, we seek through the schools to improve the quality of our lives." With these thoughts in mind the American Education Week committee has designated the week of November 11-17 as American Education Week and has built the observance around the general theme, "The School and Democracy."

This "Week" which is sponsored by the National Education Association, the American Legion, and the United States Office of Education was organized in 1921 and since then, each year, invitations are extended to other national, regional, state, and local organizations interested in the welfare of children, in order to direct the attention of the American people to the significance of education in a democracy and to ways of improving the schools.

The big goal of the observance is to bring 10,000,000 adult citizens into the schools and to make them better acquainted with the ideals, aims, and problems of education.

### THIRTY-FOUR CADET TEACHERS LEAVE FOR NINE WEEKS PERIOD

This week thirty-four cadet teachers have gone into various districts to devote nine weeks to practice teaching. According to people in charge the demand for practice teachers has far exceeded the number that can be supplied by the placement bureau.

Formerly cadet teachers were placed only in the surrounding districts, but now the cadet teachers have gone into such counties as Wayne, Jefferson, Cayuga, and Madison, thus widely extending the area supplied by the Oswego Normal school.

Mr. Alford attributed the great success of the Oswego Normal cadet teachers to the system of management and to the way in which the cadet teachers carry on their work.

### CONTEST FOR HUMOR COLUMN EDITOR ANNOUNCED BY OSWEGONIAN STAFF

The Oswegonian announces the opening of a competition open to all students for the editorship of a weekly humor column. Contributions must be submitted regularly every week and will be judged by the Oswegonian staff. Those articles which prove acceptable during the contest will be printed. At the end of a one month period the winner will be announced and the privilege of editing his own column for the remainder of the school year will be granted him.

Students wishing to enter the competition should report to the Oswegonian office on Monday.

## GANDERS ADVISES EXTENSION WORK

Normal school graduates should accept a position and work for their degree by doing extension work on Saturdays and attending summer school, according to Dr. Harry Ganders of the School of Education at Syracuse university.

"Decide the field, elementary, junior high, or senior high—in which you want to teach and do your advanced work in the field," Dr. Ganders said in speaking before the senior assembly on last Friday. To Normal school graduates, most universities give credit for 76 hours of college work amounting to two and a half years. Albany State Teacher's college allows 87 credits. Since 123 credits are needed for a B. S. degree this leaves 47 hours to cover, 30 of which must be done on the campus in actual attendance at the university. About 12 credits may be taken during the year—six during the school term and six in summer school. The following must be taken for the elementary degree: English 12 hours, social studies 12 hours, science six hours, 12 hours elective, 12 hours educational. Forty-seven hours are required for junior high including 30 hours in social studies and 21 hours in English. A senior high diploma requires 60 hours beyond the 76 granted for Normal school work.

### ALUMNAE CHANGE OF ADDRESS DESIRED

The 75th anniversary of the founding of the Oswego State Normal school will be observed in June, 1936.

Mrs. Isabelle K. Hart, presiding officer of the Alumnae Association, would greatly appreciate information in regard to alumnae changes of address that students could furnish her. It is necessary for her to have all this information as soon as possible.

## LEGIONAIRES EXPRESS INTEREST IN SCHOOLS

The Armistice program presented by the William S. Monaghan post of the American Legion and the Oswego Normal school in the school auditorium is significant of cooperation between the legion and the schools according to testimonials by members of the legion and opinions expressed by the speakers on the program.

Dr. Ralph W. Swetman in his welcome address said that he was glad to be able to cooperate with the American Legion in its armistice program.

The keynote of the attitude of the legion in respect to the school was expressed by James K. Kinney, the first speaker on the program. Mr. Kinney, who is past district commander of the legion and chairman of the state legion welfare committee, said that through child and youth programs the legion is working to educate people in the spirit of Americanism and in the spirit of patriotism.

Mr. Kinney concluded by stating that the program had established a relationship between the Normal and the Legion which should benefit both groups.

Though preparedness was the keynote of Judge Henry Kimball, he touched upon the legion's interest in education and made a plea to the normal teachers as future teachers saying, "You young men and women who are to become teachers can play an important part in your nation's defense. Tell your children you teach that the principles of justice and freedom, the glorious heritage we possess, cannot be kept unless we are prepared to defend them."

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### CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK

Today

Psi Phi Formal.

Saturday, November 16

Kappa Kappa Kappa—Alpha Delta Fall Formal at Recreation Park.

Monday, November 18

Boys' Glee Club—12:25-1:00.

Orchestra—4:00-5:00.

Tuesday, November 19

Assembly Program—Children's Book League.

Clio Rush Party in Industrial Arts Library—4:00-6:00.

Thursday, November 21

Assembly Program—"Birds on Parade." Motion picture lecture by Cleveland P. Grant.

Campus Gaieties Supper—5:30-8:30.

Friday, November 22

Boys' Glee Club—12:25-1:00.

Orchestra—4:00-5:00.

part will have only one.

### BOOK BINDING CLASS

The fourth regular weekly class in bookbinding, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, will be held as usual in the chemistry laboratory, Wednesday night, December 11, from 7:30 to 9:30. This class has 25 active members enrolled, consisting of Normal students, faculty members, scouts and scout executives of Oswego. Claude Weyant is the instructor and has as his assistant, William Cunningham, both being experienced bookbinders.

to make the regular school dances more pleasant and attractive for the members of the student body. If students as members of the associated student bodies have any ideas, their council representative will be glad to present your views to the council. Tell him what you want.

With the coming of the basketball season which opened Wednesday, December 4, the need and desire for better cheers and more effective cheering have arisen. To cooperate with the student's, Dr. Swetman has granted them a few minutes from assembly program for cheering practice.

publication of the scores of each group can be found on page 2.

### GIRL SCOUT COURSE

A "Troop Management" course free of financial obligations and sponsored by the Girl Scouts of America, is to be given for girl scouts, April 20-24, inclusive at the State Normal school. An opportunity will be given all girls, although seniors will be given the preference, to register for this course on January 27th, spring semester registration day.

Second Clonian Sorority Rush Party.

Arethusa Sorority Christmas Party, Social Committee Meeting, 7:30 at Mrs. Hart's.

Thursday, December 12

Basketball Game vs. Mechanics Institute at the Armory.

Friday, December 13

Assembly Program "Heidi" Presented by the Little Theater Co. Basketball Game vs. Oneonta at Oneonta.

Saturday, December 14

Basketball Game vs. Hartwick College at Hartwick.

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