



THE HIKERS RETURN FROM ROCK CITY

First Official Hike a Success

The Hiker's Club yell Sunday evening heralded the close of the Club's first official hike. The hikers, Babcock, Bass, Beltz, Blumenthal, Clausen, Hildebrand, Kenyon, King, Krusen, Rixford, Saunders and Sutton, left at 11 o'clock Friday. A steady pace of four miles an hour was made to Wellsville with a short rest in Elm Valley for lunch.

From Wellsville the long climb to Norton's Summit was found to be as hard as it looked, yet schedule time was made. At Allentown Ray Burdick piloted the hungry bunch to the W. C. T. U. rooms where the high school girls had prepared a supper for the band. After a short rest the Hikers divided, some taking the hill road and the rest taking the valley road to Bolivar.

Shortly after 7 o'clock the Newton House at Bolivar was reached and after a visit to the movies the Club adjourned for a sound night's rest. Bright and early in the morning, a few minutes before 8 o'clock, the hikers turned their faces Oleanwards and it was not long before Little Genesee and Ceres were passed.

The dinner bell sounded at Portville and then came the last stretch for the day, the six miles to Olean. At 2:25, five minutes ahead of the schedule, the Y. M. C. A. building at Olean was invaded and the grand rush to the swimming pool was made. The Olean paper contained an article about the hike and so only a few children mistook the kahki clad hikers for cowboys and gypsy moth catchers.

Blumenthal and Saunders held lucky tickets at the performance of the "Short Breaker" at the Havens Theatre and they were

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JUNIOR BANQUET

Last Thursday, during the afternoon and evening, the Juniors held a general exodus to Wellsville where, with a few invited friends, they banqueted royally in honor of the appearance of the tenth volume of the Kanakadea. The committee had spent much time in preparation for the event and they are to be congratulated on the result.

The banquet was held in the dining room of the Country Club the table being decorated with light blue sweet peas which with the tan leather place cards and menus made an attractive display of the class colors.

The menu follows:

Fruit Cocktail	Wafers
Bouillon Jardinere	Saltines
Olives	Pickles
Celery Hearts	
Lake Trout	
Hollandaise Sauce	
Shoestring Potatoes	
French Cutlets	
Brown Gravy	
Marie Antoinette Potatoes	
Peas in Timbles	
Pineapple Salad	Mayonaise Dressing
	Saltines
Ice Cream	Angelfood
Demi Tasse	French Rolls
After Dinner Mints	

Over the coffee toastmaster Ford Barnard introduced the following speakers on the various phases of "Kanakadea:"

Toastmaster, F. B. Barnard	
The Name	Miss E. M. McLean
The Stream	L. B. Bassett
The Hall	Miss G. C. Burdick
The Book	E. L. Burdick
The Reply	Prof. G. A. Bole

The severe illness of Prof. Bole to whom the Kanakadea was dedicated, made it necessary for Mrs. Bole to take his place and was the only sadening part of a very delightful evening.

After the banquet the Juniors repaired to the parlors where dancing was participated in and a general good time enjoyed. Music was furnished by Hamilton's Orchestra of Wellsville.

Read the ads.

NEW IDEAS IN 1916 KANAKADEA—YEAR BOOK A SUCCESS

More Pictures And Fewer Write-Ups This Year

The 1916 Kanakadea was put on sale Friday morning at Ellis' Drug Store. By evening the day's supply of 160 was nearly exhausted. The book this year has two innovations which are improvements over previous issues; the use of brown ink throughout and the marginal decoration for each page representing conventionalized the campus with the Brick and Steinheim and its poplars and pines. The feel of its limp leather cover and its restful soft brown tones are in themselves an invitation to handle it and to feast your eyes upon it.

A more careful examination and a comparison with the annuals of other years brings out some interesting facts. The tendency has been for the year book to do away more and more with the snappy write-ups of interesting and typical college events and the oftentimes all-too pointed personalities and to become simply a pictorial summary of the year's events and escapades. This present book carries this idea a step farther. While we can well do without the slashes and jabs of the annual of seven or eight years ago, it is a question whether the books of the last few years have not lost an element of value by omitting the breezy chronicles of those events of the year which will remain in the memory of the participants as long as they themselves endure. In spite of this possible defect, we wonder whether the students realize what a rejuvenator and restorer and a link with the present—which seems hardly capable of ever becoming the past of forty years ago—are these Kanakadeas. Their

INDIVIDUAL TROPHY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC

Paul Cox '05, of the Twentieth Century Club has offered a trophy for the highest individual point winner in the Interscholastic Meet, May 19. The conditions under which the trophy will be awarded have not been announced as yet but will undoubtedly follow the usual rulings in such trophies. This is the first time that an individual trophy has been offered but the need of such a trophy has been felt heretofore by the managers of the Meet. Mr. Cox is now with the Newcomb Pottery Co. of New Orleans, La.

value is not estimable in the current coin of the realm.

The pictures, on the whole, are better than in previous years. Some of the faculty "antiques" have, fortunately, been scrapped and more recent photographs taken their places. Some of the individual pictures and those of groups are either poorer casts than the rest or the "devil" put on extra gob of ink on the rollers when they were being printed. There are, likewise, some unfortunate slips in proof reading. But then, the book is very evidently a work of love and it is therefore a thankless task to point out even these minor defects in it. To set over against them are the happy ideas in grouping of the makers of the smaller pictures, the artistic marginal decorations already alluded to, the initiative and resource exhibited by the producers, the hours of labor, the many excellent photographs—in a word the solid worth of the book which can not be gainsard. Taking everything into consideration, the Kanakadea of the class of 1916 is fully on a par with the productions of former years. The class is to be congratulated. The book is this year dedicated to Prof. George A. Bole.

N. Y. S. A.

Erwin Sedlaczek is working for Raymond Hardy at Almond.

Lynn Loomis '16, is doing practical farm work at Bainbridge, N. Y.

"Gus" McNary '17, and Arthur Sheridan '15, drove to Andover on Sunday.

"Cy" Bloodgood '16, and Dick Humphrey '16, are working on farms near Geneva.

"Hube" Williams '17, was in town Saturday night and Sunday visiting Bob Prangen.

The Alfred Grange attended church in a body last Saturday and heard an excellent sermon delivered by Pastor Burdick.

Professor and Mrs. DeVoe Meade are the proud parents of a bouncing boy. Both Mrs. Meade and the youngster are doing well.

If the weather of last Saturday and Sunday continues, the class in "bugs" won't take very long to make a good collection over week-ends.

Every day the weather permits the members of the gardening class can be seen busily engaged planting and cultivating their individual gardens.

The Victrola which has been ordered for some time, was delivered on Wednesday. It is to be used for instruction purposes as well as entertainment.

Many housekeepers are taking advantage of the special course in gardening offered this term to acquaint the members with the whys and wherefores of a home garden.

Prof. Langford Whitford left here Tuesday, April 27th to take charge of the exhibits contributed by the woodworking, drafting and forge classes to be displayed at the Eastern Arts and Manual Training Teachers' Association Exhibition which is to be held in the Broadway Auditorium in Buffalo.

The class in Advanced Stock Judging hiked to Cola Sisson's

on Tuesday, April 13th. A ring of Guernsey cows and one of Guernsey heifers were placed. On Tuesday, April 20, the class went to Almond on the bus and walked out to S. S. Karr's place to judge some Ayrshire stock. A ring each of cows and heifers were placed.

The trueness to type and the good condition of both of these herds, made the placing a difficult problem. However, Prof. Pontius has made clear the things to look for, and the class is becoming expert in picking the good ones.

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB

The Country Life Club met Thursday evening, April 22. Program as follows:

School Song	Club
Devotions	Mr. Griffin
Music	Miss Horn
Gleanings	Mr. Conderman
Violin Solo	Mr. Maure
Parliamentary Practice	Leader, Miss Tuttle
School Song	Club

The program was very well rendered, being enjoyed by all, who attended. Much credit is due to those taking part in the program, especially Miss Tuttle who gave her services as leader of the parliamentary practice.

The music offered by Miss Horn and Mr. Maure was exceptionally good, also the gleanings by Mr. Conderman.

N. Y. S. A. CHAPEL

On Monday, April 19, Professor Wingate gave a chapel talk on the difference in tenor voices. The dramatic tenor has a voice that is very full and powerful. The lyric tenor has a voice that is soft and sweet, and the mezzo belcanto has a voice that ranges between the dramatic and lyric, having a little of each.

To exemplify the differences, Professor Wingate played "I Hear You Calling Me" by John MacCormick; "Bella Figlia Dell

Amore" by the Rigoletto Quartet featuring Caruso, and "La donna mobile" by Constantino.

In order to make the students better acquainted with the different voices, Professor Wingate is going to play dramatic, lyric, and mezzo belcanto records for the students to identify.

SECOND ANNUAL STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The second annual Stock Judging Contest at the New York State School of Agriculture at Alfred University, Alfred, New York, will be held in connection with the Interscholastic Meet, May 19th, 1915.

Competition is open to any secondary school in the State. Two classes have been arranged: one for schools having a regular agricultural department; and one for schools having no agricultural department.

The Contest will be held at the School Farm Barn at 10 P. M. on the above date.

Rules of Entry

Class A. Competition open to high schools having a regular agricultural department.

Class B. Competition open to high schools not having a regular agricultural department.

Class A and B will be regarded as separate contests.

Each high school may enter a team of three members.

Individual competition open to any bona fide high school student except that individuals having previously won a first prize in a similar contest are debarred from entry.

Stock to be Judged

1. A ring of four Holstein-Friesian cows.

2. A ring of four draft horses.

Competitors will be required to place the animals in 1, 2, 3, 4 order and write their reasons for such placing.

A grade of 60 per cent will be allowed on the placing of each ring and 40 per cent on the reasons for placing.

Awards will be based on the total average of the two rings.

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Second Prize—Special Contest Banner.

Class B. First Prize — Silver Loving Cup, donated by New York State School of Agriculture.

Second Prize—Special Contest Banner.

For the highest individual score on the two rings one copy of Henry's "Feeds and Feeding," will be awarded.

For the second highest score one copy of Plumb's "Types and Breeds" of farm animals, will be awarded.

The schools winning the Silver Cups will have their names engraved thereon, and will be allowed to keep the cups on exhibition until the next year when they will pass to the next year's winners. The cups will become the permanent property of any school winning them three times in succession.

High schools not giving Agricultural instruction can have a class exercise by a member of the committee upon application.

All entries should be made not later than May 10th to B. E. Pontius, Alfred, New York, on enclosed application blank.

For further information write any member of the committee.

B. E. Pontius, Alfred, N. Y.

E. E. Poole, Alfred, N. Y.

F. C. Smith, Wellsville, N. Y.

Contestants may also enter for the Athletic Meet if they desire to do so.

BROWN UNIVERSITY MEN WANT CLEANER POLITICS

In order to get rid of fraternity politics the recently organized interfraternity council at Brown University were able to get 500 out of 686 men to sign pledges that they would not be parties to political deals between fraternities or between groups of men in the selection of class officers or committee members.

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TROUBLE IN YONKER'S SCHOOLS

Former Alfred Man Presses Public Officials Too Hard—Students Strike

A vigorous battle has been waged in Yonkers between the civic organizations and mothers of school children and the Board of Education to force the latter to rescind its action in declining to reappoint Wm. S. Maxson, President of the Yonker's Teachers' Association, and a former principal in the prep school here, to his post as principal of school No. 20. Several hundred pupils have been on strike for a week and many mothers have supported them in their refusal.

The occasion of Prin. Maxson's removal was his effort to have the teacher's pension fund put under state control. Under Yonker's control, the fund is put out on mortgage and it has been discovered that practically the whole amount has been borrowed by city official and their relatives. According to the New York World, the pupils have returned to school at Mr. Maxson's urgent request. Several of them had been arrested and fined by Judge Beal.

Her Way — "Mrs. Clinnick thinks a great deal of her husband."

"You've got the wrong preposition. Make it 'for' instead of 'of'."—Browning's Magazine.

PRISON CAMP UNIVERSITY

Belgian Professors Instructing Fellow Captives at Soldau

From "Buffalo Express."
Soldau, Prussia, via London, April 22 (10 P. M.)—A regular university is in operation in the prison camp here, which contains several thousand prisoners of war. Lectures are being given in departments of art, law and theology and in the commercial school. There also is a preparatory department.

The university owes its origin to the fact that the Belgian prisoners include many professors and the students of four Belgian universities. The students desired an opportunity to continue their studies. The classes are also open to other prisoners. The attendance in the preparatory department is particularly large.

SENIORS GETTING LOCATED

Three More Secure Positions

The members of the Senior class are getting located in positions for next year. Miss Mildred Saunders has recently accepted a position at Millerton. Aaron MacCoon will teach German and Latin at Bronxville, N. Y., and Miss H. Arlotta Bass has secured a position in the Bolivar High School.

Y. W. C. A.

"Student Honor" was the subject of the Sunday night meeting. The leaders were Nellie Wells and Martha Cobb. Mildred Taber and Mabel Hood furnished music, singing a duet.

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The question arises as the college year draws toward a close whether or not we shall have a Freshman's Bible next year. This production has not recently been issued under the direct responsibility of any organization, a fact which has resulted in its absence several times in recent years. This was the case the past year and the possibilities of an edition next fall depend upon some one's assuming the responsibility of compiling it. The usefulness of such a book is unquestioned and as the faculty and student government rules must be published, either this way or in leaflet form, it looks rather like shortsightedness not to combine, thus getting all information in a preservable form even if the expense is a little greater. It apparently remains the work of some individual or organization to take this proposition up and find some manner whereby it can be financed. It

further remains the duty of somebody to take the initiative instead of leaving it to the "other fellow."

We have apparently jumped from winter into summer without the usual period of transition, and, as a result of this sudden change we are all feeling hot, sticky, more or less grouchy and decidedly disinclined to study. Hence it would seem wise to remind students that finals are not far away, and that, to guard against flunks, it is necessary that we stick to our work as tenaciously as our perspiration sodden clothing sticks to our persons. Dig into it even as the busy little humming mosquito will soon be digging into us; keep at it even as the gentle buzzing bot-fly keeps at the unprotected portions of our anatomies. Peel and go into it as you would hit the old swimmin' hole; hold your breath and dive into the fathomless depths of the sea of knowledge—and if it drowns you, why you're out of your misery.

SYSTEMATIC TREE PLANTING

A new bulletin dealing in a very practical way with the subject of systematic tree planting has just been issued by The New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University. This bulletin has been written to meet the increasing number of inquiries which the College is receiving from all parts of the State and regarding all phases of tree planting about home grounds and on streets. While the information given in the bulletin will meet especially the needs of New York State, the bulletin contains much matter of general interest and it should be at this season of the year especially valuable to those who wish to plant shade trees. It has been estimated that within the cities of New York there are 20,000 miles of streets capable of sustaining the growth of 25,000-

000 shade trees which can be made worth \$100,000,000 in increased property values. The bulletin dealing with systematic tree planting describes the value of street trees, tells when and how to plant and with these points well illustrated should be very helpful in increasing the amount of planting along the streets of the towns and cities of New York State.

TWO MEMBERS OF SENIOR CLASS WILL DO GRADUATE WORK

Howe and Crawford to Continue Their Specialties

The successes that Alfred students meet with in obtaining scholarships for graduate work at tests as well as anything could, the high rank Alfred holds among the higher institutions of learning. During the past week two members of the class of 1915 have received notification of awards. Raymond M. Howe, who will finish in June a four year course in Ceramics with the B. S. degree, has received notification of his appointment to a Fellowship in glass in the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Howe will take up work in the University of Pennsylvania summer school immediately after his graduation in June. Finla G. Crawford has received notification of appointment to a scholarship in American History in the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Crawford, who will complete his work in the College of Arts and Sciences in June with the Ph. B. degree, will commence his work at the beginning of the fall term. Several Alfred graduates have held scholarships and fellowships at Wisconsin in the past and the continued success of Alfred men at that institution speaks well for Alfred.

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CAMPUS

Prof. A. Neil Annas '05, of DeKalb, Ill., was a week-end visitor in town.

The Sophomore class enjoyed a picnic at the Ledges last Thursday afternoon.

Miss Florence Griffin of Hornell was a week-end guest of Mabel Hood '17, at the Brick.

Elizabeth Bacon '15, has been spending several days in Buffalo, Rochester, Alden, LeRoy and Canaseraga.

Dean Kenyon attended the meeting of American Association of Collegiate Registrars held at Ann Arbor last week.

President Davis was in Albany Tuesday on State School business and in New York and Plainfield, N. J., Wednesday.

The bill appropriating money for a demonstration building for N. Y. S. A., was defeated in the Senate last Thursday.

During the absence of both Pres. Davis and Dean Kenyon last week, Dr. P. E. Titsworth was presiding head of the faculty.

JESSE PHILLIPS SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE

The selection of Jesse Phillips of Hornell to the position of Superintendent of Insurance is an occasion of great satisfaction to his many Alfred friends. While Mr. Phillips was at no time a student here, he has been very active in the University's behalf and while a member of the assembly from this district, was instrumental in getting the appropriations for the Ceramic and Agricultural Schools. The wide experience and unusual ability make Mr. Phillips an especially well qualified man for the position.

OLD PICTURE FOUND OF INTEREST TO ALFRED PEOPLE

An old picture entitled "Scene in the Alps" and signed "L. L. Rogers, Alfred, 1857," has been found in Wellsville. The picture, a pencil sketch, is in its original frame, has suffered very little with time, and is as distinct as on the day it was made. In one corner are the words "First Premium," showing that the sketch must have been submitted in some long-ago art contest held in the college. The sketch is in the possession of Mr. John Kelly of Wellsville, and is an antique of some interest to Alfred people.

A NEW BAND FOR ALFRED

On Thursday of last week there was a most successful rehearsal of Alfred's new band. There will be another rehearsal tonight at 7:30 sharp through the courtesy of I. O. O. F. in their rooms. All band men are invited as we wish to get the best band possible for Memorial Day. We need the support of the people of Alfred to make this a success.

Testing Father. — Willie—"Do you know everything, pa?"

Pa—"Yes, my son."

Willie—"What is the difference between a son of a gun and a pop of a pistol?"—Williams Purple Cow.

Ready for the Circus—Freddie—"Are you the trained nurse mama said was coming?"

Nurse—"Yes, dear; I'm the trained nurse."

Freddie—"Let's see some of your tricks, then!"—Seattle Star.

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GERMAN CLUB

The German Club met as guests of Miss Arlotta Bass and Mark Sheppard at the home of the former, last Thursday evening. Laurence Babcock read an interesting and instructive paper on "Bismark." A conversation hour under Dr. Titsworth and Mr. Mix followed the paper, after which German games were played and refreshments served.

The meeting two weeks ago was held at the Brick, where the Misses Evans and Baker entertained. Miss Thomas read an excellent paper on "Legends of the Rhine." German songs were a feature of the evening.

The next meeting will be held May 6, at the home of Dr. Titsworth. Mr. Sheppard will present a paper on "Napoleon in Germany."

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THE CHOICE OF A CAREER

Commencement Address Given by

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Friends and fellow students: In behalf of the class of nineteen fifteen, I greet you and welcome you to the exercises given tonight. Tomorrow will sever the bands that connects us to dear N. Y. S. A. and its faculty, who for three short years have prepared us to go forth into the world, where each will follow his own life-work with all its happiness and sorrows.

If one chooses one's career rightly he need have no fear of the coming trials and hardships. And what is it that decides what our future life work will be? We are first of all influenced by our environment, by our immediate surroundings, and by those in whom we come in contact. If a boy is brought up in a mercantile atmosphere, he is very likely to follow the same business upon growing up, or if a boy is the son of a lawyer and reads the literature of law, and listens to the proceedings in the court room, he is more likely to become a lawyer than is the son of a neighboring physician; environment may also hinder one from following his calling, and especially is this factor true, in cases where one's tastes are not fully developed or where that power lies latent and thus a boy of an incentive mind may live in the country and be unable to receive the tools and machinery to follow his inclinations, but there are other reasons which influence one's career. A man may be decidedly adapted to a certain vocation, but may lack that special physical strength or mentality which is required for that calling. A person who cannot control his

temper or who is naturally selfish will not make a successful teacher. No matter how well he is otherwise adapted. It would be dangerous for a man of a weak, delicate constitution to follow an inside job although he may dislike an out-of-doors or an active occupation where there is plenty of fresh air and sunlight. Most men with plenty of vim and courage will however, follow their callings no matter how difficult. One may stumble into a position, work for a time in a store, then decide to become a rancher out West, then try railroading, but finally after many scars and mars he will settle down to farming or some other occupation for which he is adapted.

America offers peculiar advantage in that there are so many positions open to any who may fit themselves to them, and thus the young American dabbles in everything until he at last finds something that is congenial. Everywhere there are young men and women who are disappointed because they do not get along faster in the world, and if you question them you will find they are not especially adapted for their positions, their minds are running in other channels and possibly they do not even know for what they are adapted, but are just waiting for something to turn up. It is pitiable to see so many young people drifting about the country doing this and that, throwing away the experience of a life time for a mere increase in salary. It takes years for one to become anchored to a permanent position or rooted securely to a vocation, and it is the worst kind of extravagance to throw away that experience, which is one's capital.

The modern facilities for traveling help many to develop their wandering dispositions. An East-

ern boy may wish to better his fortune in Chicago or California but he may not succeed fast enough at these places and as he will start again for Florida or the Philippines and thus is fostered the roving habit. This trait ruins the ability of the mind to focus itself upon one thing and no life can be successful, without having back of it, a strong, steady persistent purpose. It is sad indeed to see a man become gray who has done nothing well, but instead has frittered his life away doing, now this, then that. A "jack-of-all-trades," never has an influence in this age of specialized industry.

Of course one may have all these qualities but still die unsuccessful and one of the reasons for his failure may be the dissipation of his energies, both physical and mental. Men and women of good moral habits indulge in "wrong thinking," in worrying and fretting; they perform their tasks over and over again in their minds when they should be recreating or sleeping. The brain is a powerful but a most delicate machine which if worked too hard, without rest, will surely become worn out. On the contrary if the mind is refreshed every day with recreation, change or rest then it will last for years.

This worry may result in too much wealth or from riches that have been obtained by questionable methods. If you see a young man with apparent wealth try to find out how much he lost in getting it. It never pays to sell one's manhood and character for riches. Never take a dishonest dollar, a lying dollar or one which has caused sorrow or has robbed another for it will cost too much in worry and afterthought.

The last and most important factor in the choice of a career is to obey your God-given impulse and do that which has been layed out for you to do. If your position does not give you perfect harmony, satisfaction and pleasure, then there is something wrong.

Now if you have chosen your career, if you have it mapped out in your mind, if you know its advantages and disadvantages and are sure that you know these factors, then try to fulfill your am-

bitions to the highest degree. And when you have reached that point where you are master of your vocation, and when that which was born in you has been fully developed, then comes real happiness. Happiness consists in helping those who have been less fortunate than ourselves and in making the world better for our having been in it. If we can make our neighbors, our friends and our daily associates better for having met us then we shall be truly happy and successful.

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Classmates, I realize fully the responsibility and honor which you bestowed upon me when you chose me to represent this large, and talented class and I have fulfilled my duties as President to the very best of my ability. Tonight I wish you all the very best of success when you go out in the world and may you receive that greatest of blessings, true happiness.

ATHENAEAN

The Athenaeans entertained the Alfriedians at a minstrel show last Saturday evening. The minstrel troop consisted of ten well-trained blacks.

Devotions were led by Madeline West, after which the troupe sang "Swanee River."

Following was a paper on "Plantation Life" by Hazel Parker. In it were well depicted the joys and sorrows of the negroes upon the plantation of a kind master before the war.

A quartet from the troupe sang "Sleep Little Piccaninny."

Eunice Anderson gave a reading entitled "Little Piccaninny"

in which we saw the little fellow enraged by the frogs that in the evening insisted upon calling, "little nig—little nig." Endeavoring to get the moon in the rain barrel he gets a soaking.

After another selection by the quartet, a paper on "Negro Melodique" a paper on "Negro Melodies" by Ruth Hunt, was read by Vida Kerr. From it we learned that the old songs were "spirituals," made up after the spirit had come upon them and sung to some war tune brought from Africa.

The entire troupe sang "Old Black Joe" very effectively and then decided to hold a revival. This was carried out in true darky fashion. Spiritual songs as "Free Grace and Dying Love," "Golden Slippers" were sung. Happy at last they closed with "We're Over on the Sunny Side." Refreshments were served consisting of fruit salad, wafers, lemonade, macaroons. After this, songs and a jolly time completed the evening.

ASSEMBLY

Prof. C. R. Clawson gave the assembly address Wednesday morning on "Efficiency and Conservation." Prof. Clawson gave part of the description of the German Army going through Brussels by Richard Harding Davis. He illustrated the efficiency of the German Army by this. He made other applications of efficiency and conservation to everyday life applying it particularly to the college life. It was a very interesting and well-written address.

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THE HIKERS RETURNED FROM ROCK CITY

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each presented with a very generous cut of meat.

Sunday, after a Rip Van Winklian sleep at the Y. M. C. A. the hikers headed for Rock City. The rocks were all that imagination had pictured them and the long walk had not calmed the desire to explore every crevice and cranny of this huge pile of rocks. A nearby store was bought out to provide provender for a hobo-like spread under the shade of one of the big rocks.

Then six took the trolley to Bradford to see a little of the oil country while Hildebrand and Beltz, their hiking spirit undaunted, returned to Olean on foot. The rest remained to take their ease in the cool shade of the rocks.

At 7 o'clock the old Erie was boarded by a tired, but contented bunch of hikers. Fifty-five miles of glorious road had been covered and many new and interesting places had been visited. The Club will meet in a few days to change their war cry of "On to Rock City even though our blisters bust." to "On to Buffalo."

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