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RUM GANG DISCOVERED

The Superb Work of Detective Brown Responsible

At the close of the first semester when bills were being paid by Mr. Dusenberry for the different departments it was discovered that the item for alcohol totaled \$632.63. Mr. Dusenberry, being suspicious of Dr. Wilson, Professor Slayton, and Professor Kinne, took the matter up with the President. These three men were summoned into the office and thoroughly questioned to find if they were guilty of embezzeling and guzzeling the said alcohol. All pleaded that they were innocent so it was decided to investigate other sources as to the possible leak.

These men, not being competent in sleuthing, hired Detective Paul W. Brown to look into the matter. Mr. Brown, a Wesleyan student, was familiar with the night life of our village and at once suspected that the students might be responsible for the disappearance of the liquid. It was a task worthy of the greatest mind and our Mr. Brown was entirely capable in its performance.

After many weeks of watching Mr. Brown discovered, one night, that at intervals of ten minutes a boy would come around the south side of the college building, pause by Dr. Law's Bible room, then come from the shadows by the side of the Liberal Arts Building and vanish down the front walk. He watched this procession for almost an hour when he thought that an investigation of Dr. Law's room would be the proper procedure. A careful search was made without aid of a light but he stumbled only on chairs; then, to the room above he went, Dr. Wilson's laboratory, and there found the secret. A long rubber tube, a quarter inch in diameter, was used to siphon the fire water from the container to the line of students below. It was an ingenious scheme but not without its leak.

The names of the culprits have not as yet been divulged but it is expected that they will be revealed at the

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REMINISCENCE OF GLEE CLUB

Heartaches, tears, scandal, broken homes and altered futures, enter ranks of professionalism.

Floa Zeizpatch, owner of the Union Start theatre upon hearing of the arrival of the club effected contracts with Miss Fairchild and Miss Hoerman to appear in vaudeville sketches. The girls true to all word and promises as "all" our Wesleyan girls would be, refused to jump into the contracts even though they were threatened to be banished from the organization and sent home on the next "rattler." In their act they were superb and at the present time Miss Coates is considering further contracts.

Riot and Persecution

The King City concert was turned into a riot when "The man of the Brown Derby" remonstrated against the use of a duplicate of his coveted head-piece in such a chagrining manner. Pianist, Miss Stone, through her usual versatility averted damage proceedings by soothing the 'savage breast' with Rachmanoff's Prelude in C Minor.

In Bethany the following day the girls gave a benefit concert for the local dog-catchers union. Incidentally it was here that Miss Gould and Mildred Robison received anonymous letters. But in as much as they were scented with soda pop and contained much drug store slang, which brand the flattering maidens, they decided to worry none until they should hear more authentically.

It was noticed that until this time Lois Allen had not been herself, some believe it was because she had been unable to find a "red head" in the audience.

Skating Disasters

The Ridgeway program was utterly ruined in anticipation of the skating party that was to follow the program.

Margaret Wood was said to be quite a master of that art. She was repaid her price of admission how-

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SCANDALOUS "GOING ONS"

Cameron Community and Students of M. W. C. Shocked at Conduct of the Faculty

Rumor has said much about the conduct and "going ons" of the faculty members, at Missouri Wesleyan College, and as one old sister has put it, "right here under our very noses, and we haven't smelted it." The facts are here published for the benefit of the public.

Ada Louise Goodspeed is by far the prettiest English teacher at M. W. C., with a beauty of the luscious type. Eyes that could toll a man over the edge of a bluff and lips that have a trick of quivering like a hurt baby's when she is begging for something she is afraid she isn't going to get. But who would have thought it of her. Three weeks ago, Miss Goodspeed went to Kansas City, and was met by her old 'flame' True Taylor, with whom she 'sported' around all day Sunday. In the afternoon they attended the matinee at the Newman—a burlesque show house—afterwards dining at a cabaret, where they danced until midnight. When Miss Goodspeed came sneaking into Miss Phole's bed about one o'clock Monday morning she explained, "Oh, boy! I sure did have a keen time." Mrs. Taylor's explanation to this candelstine affair is that dear True has been "out" of his head for weeks, that this affair was but a momentary infatuation; a passing spasm, a gust of calf love, which has stirred up but a momentary whirlwind in his youthful heart. She hoped Miss Goodspeed would not feel too badly about the whole affair as True had attempted to elope with a tight rope walker in pink tights, a short time ago.

Dr. Cline, is suffering from a crushed skull and broken leg, which he sustained last Friday morning about 10 p. m. It seems that he jumped from one of the second floor college windows, after the plastering fell and crushed his skull. We don't know why he happened to jump from the window as there was a fire es-

cape by the window. It is possible that he was badly frightened at the time. Although his injuries are not serious, they are very painful. Both bones in his leg were broken about four inches below the ankle.

Dr. Wilson, bold but still youthful teacher of Bacteriology, made a trip to St. Joseph some time ago, supposedly to visit Dr. Cline. Spies have learned that he did visit the Missouri Methodist hospital, but that he vamped the nurses and spent the entire day "joy riding" with them. They all declared that he was their hero and ideal man, and he promised to come again, just as soon as he could get away from home, without exciting the suspicion of his extremely jealous wife.

About two weeks ago Miss Henderson went to Kidder to read, where she fell madly in love with a young man, whom she begged to marry her at once. He refused stating that there were enough vamps in Kidder, if he wanted that kind of a wife. Miss Henderson wept tragically, but has recovered to such an extent that her sad, sweet voice can be heard all hours in the night singing, "Oh, If I Only Had You."

Dean Dalke called on Professor Null to ask the blessing in chapel Wednesday morning. Professor Null urgently declared that we must support our football team more loyally. "We must have more pep and interest shown," he said, "regardless of school studies; and if all the teachers would dismiss exactly on time, or perhaps a minute before hand, we would have more time to think of these all important outside interests. Amen."

Then the Dean, in his usual gruff voice, addressed the student body with his oration on "Pants," which took first prize in the oratorical contest offered by State Hospital No. 2, at St. Joseph, Mo. Only the opening lines of his masterpiece will be printed for the eyes of the public: "Pants are made for men, not for women. Women are made for men, not for pants. When a man pants for a woman, and a woman pants for a man, they are a pair of pants. Pants are like molasses, they are thinner in hot weather and thicker in cold. Men are often mistaken for breeches of promise. There has been much discussion whether pants is singular or

plural. Seems to me when men wear pants, it is plural and when they don't, it is singular. Men go on a tear in pants and 'tis all right, when the pants go on a tear it is all wrong. If you want to make pants last, make the coat first."

Miss Gibson says we are living in a knowing age. She says that she knows when a young man is interested in her "by the way he looks at me when I am not looking at him," if you know what she means.

Dr. Law's work has found great favor in the critical eyes of the board. The new dance which he recently introduced, pleased not only the board but the students as well. "He is a necessary factor here and we hope that the longer he remains with us the greater will grow his good work."

One of the most beautiful ceremonies that Wesleyan has even seen was the inauguration of President Gale and the dedication program of the new dancing floor at Rice Hall rendered last Friday night. The first part of the ceremony was a history of the dance, given in pantomime by Miss Shepherd and Joseph Dusenberry, assisted by Miss Deem. The music for all of the dances was rendered by the "noise makers" on second floor, under the direction of Miss Bernice Stone. The dedication address was made by President Gale, who made a very brilliant oration. Following the address the floor was cleared, and a dance was enjoyed until 3 a. m. Mr. John Little, Miss Herring's fiance was the only guest of the evening. Gossips say that Miss Herring kissed him on his departure, and now Miss Herring won't need to say anything about spooning in the parlor; for dorm girls always follow the example set before them.

The janitor has been trying to solve the problem for a long time but has been unable to see why the two chairs in Miss Lowenberg's room are so close and snug up in the corner of her room every morning when he comes to sweep. They are arranged that way some time during the night and that is all he knows.

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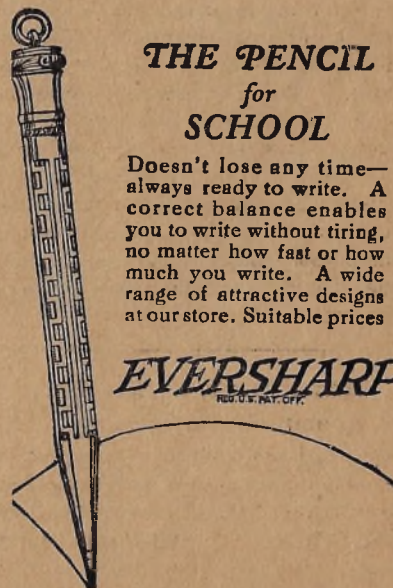
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It has been said that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but this theory is about to be disproved. Kur Seminary has been the recipient in the last week or so of the following students: Miss Helen Phole is entering the Physical Education Department. Her life as instructor in iron and steel smelting, she thought too strenuous so she has changed it for the free and easy life of the gymnasium. Miss Ada Goodspeed is entering the Manual Arts Department. She has been writing for the College Humor, True Confessions and Snappy Stories. From too close application to her work it was found that she needed a rest. Dean D. L. Dalke is entering the Department of Campuistry. He is taking his masters in Story-Telling. His thesis will be on a combination of the "Lost Arst of Story Telling," and "Loafing in the Halls." Mr. Joseph Dusenberry is finishing his course in rodeo riding and rope twirling. As first essentials he has procured two diminutive cannons and declares that with practice he will soon rival Tom Mix. Already several motion picture corporations are awaiting his progress with an eagle eye.

Dean Dalke, typical of all green college boys was at first a bit mystified by his new nevironment, but after he had been influenced by Sam Bauer, local delaeer in methusalehs of the highway, to purchase a stripped down Ford, soon fit himself into the life. Bootlegging has financed many a poor college lad. His business is being held up at the present time as a consequence of a wreck on the Kur-Keystone Arterial Highway—Shoal Creek.

Miss Helen Phole who had been accompanying him on these trips during the absence of Mrs. Dalke never has approved of his one-handed drivng so it can hardly be said that she is in any way responsible. Nevertheless she is bearing the brunt of the Deans present financial condition and of late has been feeling much neglected. This feeling is augmented by the fact that the Dean has been casting longing looks toward Miss Ada Goodspeed. Jealousy is a terrible thing.

As a side line Mr. Dusenberry has been studying aesthetic dancing and has been giving weekly programs on the campus. These programs are well attended and many people feel that there is more future for him in dancing than in roping. Few people are so versatile.

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and later some one to look up to. Helen says the reason why she wants to marry a fat man is because she won't have to cook much and yet Nate won't look underfed either.

We had the most romantic time last night! Just two of us were awake to help Lois Gould get ready, her grip packed and everything! But diary, dear, even though we were just as quiet as the rats on third floor. Miss Herring heard Lois when she was almost to the bottom of the fire escape and made her come back. There was John waiting below with his car and license all ready for the elopement. Poor Lois was heart broken because she said this was the first time that she ever really intended to marry anyone.

Last Wednesday night, Lucile Kay and Leona Deem were found engaged in the greatest of all combats, hair pulling. After some little time the young women were finally separated and it was learned that the quarrel began when Maynard Jones arrived at the dorm. Both girls claim to have had engagements with the M. C. and when M. C. seemed so bewildered that he was unable to remember with which girl he had made the engagement, a hair pulling thereupon ensued. Let us hope that in the future the young ladies will not become confussed as to which one is to receive M. C's attention.

Leta Hobson, adorned in red pajamas trimmed with yellow lace and green ribbons, a frock of her own composition, skipped down second floor hall shouting that she had made her decision. It seemed that the dashing, dashing young Welsh and our most dignified and gallant Emory Lower have both clamored for her hand, and she has kept them for a long time guessing—but alas she is accepting Red, because Emory gave up the chase long ago. For the past six weeks he has been rushing quiet, demure, little Dim Wyatt, because he says he gets tired of squeezing 'black heads.'

Norene and Zip went to Kansas City to purchase Zip's new track suit. Zip says that since Norene is helping him in the selection of his new spring wardrobe he sees no reason why she should not use her judgment on this important occasion. The suit Norene selected and Zip purchased was of Alice Blue trimmed in contracting shades of canary yellow and monkey skin, two of the latest April fool shades. Norene suggested that if Zip bought dancing slippers he could use

them for track shoes by driving a few nails in them and using them later for dancing slippers, as they have been asked to dance at the wedding of Chester Calvert and Leona Gibson. Norene says that Zip seemed to be very fearful lest she get lost or something, for Zip never wanted to be separated from her a minute. Now Norene felt that she was fully able to care for herself even in a city not quite as large as Brookfield. Norene says they had a wonderful time even though Zip was financially embarrassed.

We do have more hair breadth escapes around here. Last week, Harvey Croy received a badly crushed foot by dropping a piece of sponge cake which Villa Fender gave to him as a birthday gift.

Pearl Shultz, while away on the glee club trip, had her hair cut with bangs. When Paul met her Sunday night, he kissed her and received a bang in the eye and so he, too, is injured.

And Diary, Violet and Hattie are nearly bald headed from using the same brand of hair tonic as 'General' Wood.

Last, but not least, I must tell you about the joke played on Eva Mae. One of the boys told her to call 174 and ask for Virgil Lindsey who was spending the week-end at Ford Hall. Well, she did, and when Virgil came to the phone Eva Mae asked him if he wanted her. Whereupon Virgil replied that he knew this was April

Fool and she couldn't kid him any longer.

Guess that's all I have to unload Diary. I hope you have not been bored too much. Good night.

P. S. No. 1.—Victor was buying that ring for Herbert Dague.

P. S. No. 2—Norene says that no one except a fool could help but loving her big "sweet Swede."

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The family skeletons have been let out. Almost all of our secrets are revealed in this issue of the "Criterion." Although, it is not customary to indulge the public with this information we have printed this paper with the thought that a "confession is good for the soul."

Even though some of the most sacred and formidable of the skeletons have been allowed to remain in the closet, what is printed will be sufficient to lead the most dense into the hidden mysteries of Missouri Wesleyan. We have, perhaps, presented ourselves a little too perfectly in previous numbers but this will serve to quench the disillusionment if such existed. Do not look for any further revelations as one each year serves the purpose only too well and, besides, one should not disparage his own character.

Reminiscence of Glee Club

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ever when she collided with a post in the middle of the floor and completely covered the floor with her golden hair. Alas! Those locks will never be the same, even with the further aid of organic chemistry. It was in Ridgeway that Miss Morgan collapsed when she failed to get the day's letter. For a time there was little hope for her recovery, but on the twelfth reading

of the fifth letter the next day she was fully herself. It was here that Thelma Farris began asking questions. Her first question was, why the Maryville girls roll up the carpets after dinner? No one but Miss Downey could answer that question.

As far as Grant City was concerned there was only one man the Rev. Parks, who brought the girls their mail from the train. A riot squad quieted the scrambling mass. The Reverend looked like Rudolph after he had been deseized by a group of shop girls.

Miss Shultz was so elated over the letter that she got out of the scramble that she told the crowd individually and then collectively what her letter contained.

Miss Wyatt and Miss Wolfe by teasing the city cat in Elmo, so raised the roof, that the city authorities fined the girls each ten dollars, which they borrowed from the Glee Club treasury.

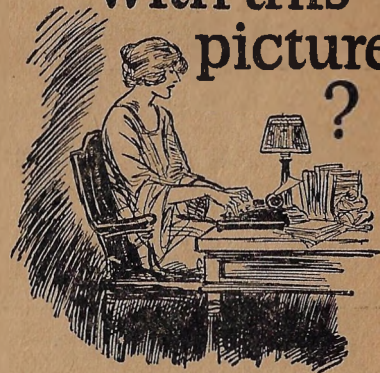
Talents Discovered

While the club waited for the "limited" train to leave Elmo, Miss Fairchild as "Ikey" and Mildred Robison as "Rosetta" gave a three hour moonlight, balcony and serenade scene. Nothing more realistic was ever witnessed is Miss Drumm's opinion. With those eyes she would see it that way. On the trip that followed Miss Downey and Miss Kuebler chartered the caboose lookout much to the chagrin of the conductor. Miss Coates qualified as a first class conductor except for one thing. She insisted in stopping and shoving all the live stock off the track. The girls spent the afternoon in Burlington Junction in composing poetry. Miss Miller's best efforts resulted in "My John A. is Far Away." Thought left her here.

The Maitland concert was no doubt the most successful of the trip. It was given before the local deaf society. Wonderful how we can read facial expressions!

The girls turned the Y. W. of St. Joseph into a beauty parlor making preparations for coming home. Lois Allen and Mildred Robison didn't participate in beautifying themselves but spent their time in making up alibis to tell certain people at home. The girls arrived home Sunday evening in various conveyances. Some bent, some broke, some begging, some borrowing, some babbling still, some beaming, some before, some behind, some between, some benignant and yet some bashful.

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A DORM GIRL'S DIARY

Saturday Eve.

Dearest Diary: I'm just going to tell you everything that has happened around here since, Oh! I don't know when! Haven't had time to tell you just everything, and I've wanted to for so long, but tonight I feel like unloading everything I've ever heard. I was supposed to have a date with Victor tonight, but he was suddenly called to Kansas City to testify against his former sweetie in a breach of promise suit, and since he is gone I have the whole evening to write to you. David and Ada, who are now located in their Ford Hall apartments, invited Victor and me over to spend the evening. You know Victor has been offered a position in Missouri Wesleyan College for next year as teacher of the "Black Bottom" dance and Victor wanted to "brush up" on the latest as David has just returned from Mercer, Mo., where he had gone to spend the spring vacation with Ada Ruth. I'm so disappointed, too, for they say Ada is such a wonderful house-keeper, and maybe she would tell me the recipe for those biscuits Victor was raving about. Victor wants to buy me a ring but I told him he couldn't afford it, and last week when I was shopping in the exclusive stores of St. Joseph, I happened to saunter into Kressge's and there was Victor looking at the diamonds. He didn't see me, however, and when he gives it to me, I'll laugh and laugh 'cause I'll know where it came from.

Oh! Gee! Diary, we had a house meeting tonight, and I was scared to death, didn't know what was coming, and what do you suppose it was? You never could guess, so I'll have to tell you! Well it was Ella Mary De Vall's and Helen Campbell's announcement party. That's a secret which only dorm girls know. They are to have a double wedding this summer when school is out. And, oh yes, I nearly forgot to tell the best part, the bridegrooms are to be Paul Hibbs and Nate Sims. Can you imagine it? And to think none of us ever suspected such a thing! Ella Mary says she can hardly wait but she'll have something to look forward to

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The sad news has just reached Missouri Wesleyan College that the Boys Glee Club which they so proudly sent away a few weeks ago to represent the college and bring to it new honors are no longer worthy of their support. They seem to have forgotten that they were sent on the trip primarily to give concerts and not to attend social functions.

Paul Ines, Charles Campbell, Harold Wood and Herbert Gale dated incessantly, in fact almost half of the programs were given without them as they were attending some dance or dinner party. The program in Trenton was an utter failure because Edward Kagay's lady friend staged a big party for him and he invited all the first tenors to help him celebrate. Prof. Kelsey swore and tore his hair, but all to no avail. Finally, seeing the case was hopeless even he joined in the revelry and for the rest of the trip he caused the boys much worry by his irregular habits and late hours.

Cleo Hardin and David Cornish, either to their fatherly look or childish look (the club has been unable to decide which) have a peculiar attraction for the younger generation and while in Lineville and Unionville they were seen playing with the children.

No trouble was expected from the pianist, Miss Maggart, and Mr. Foxworthy as everything seemed to be going well with them, when utterly without warning Miss Maggart eloped with Mr. Long, leaving Mr. Foxworthy in the depths of despair.

George Reed, the president, and his room-mate, Harold Cokely, were the only two who conducted themselves in an orderly manner. They went home immediately after each program and after writing their respective families, they retired. Mr. Reed after standing the disgraceful conduct of his club members as long as he could finally, as a punishment, brought them home one whole hour before they were supposed to arrive.

Professor Law, upon reading Elmer Gantry, remarked that he was indebted to Sinclair Lewis for a real portrayal of his life. It is the first time that Dr. Law's life has been so realistically and beautifully given to the public even though it is in the form of a novel.

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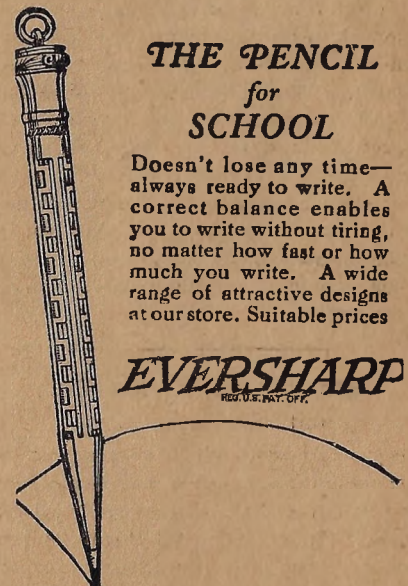
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and later some one to look up to. Helen says the reason why she wants to marry a fat man is because she won't have to cook much and yet Nate won't look underfed either.

We had the most romantic time last night! Just two of us were awake to help Lois Gould get ready, her grip packed and everything! But diary, dear, even though we were just as quiet as the rats on third floor, Miss Herring heard Lois when she was almost to the bottom of the fire escape and made her come back. There was John waiting below with his car and license all ready for the elopement. Poor Lois was heart broken because she said this was the first time that she ever really intended to marry anyone.

Last Wednesday night, Lucile Kay and Leona Deem were found engaged in the greatest of all combats, hair pulling. After some little time the young women were finally separated and it was learned that the quarrel began when Maynard Jones arrived at the dorm. Both girls claim to have had engagements with the M. C. and when M. C. seemed so bewildered that he was unable to remember with which girl he had made the engagement, a hair pulling thereupon ensued. Let us hope that in the future the young ladies will not become confussed as to which one is to receive M. Cs attention.

Leta Hobson, adorned in red pajamas trimmed with yellow lace and green ribbons, a frock of her own composition, skipped down second floor hall shouting that she had made her decision. It seemed that the darling, dashing young Welsh and our most dignified and gallant Emory Lower have both clamored for her hand, and she has kept them for a long time guessing—but alas she is accepting Red, because Emory gave up the chase long ago. For the past six weeks he has been rushing quiet, demure, little Dim Wyatt, because he says he gets tired of squeezing 'black heads.'

Norene and Zip went to Kansas City to purchase Zip's new track suit. Zip says that since Norene is helping him in the selection of his new spring wardrobe he sees no reason why she should not use her judgment on this important occasion. The suit Norene selected and Zip purchased was of Alice Blue trimmed in contracting shades of canary yellow and monkey skin, two of the latest April fool shades. Norene suggested that if Zip bought dancing slippers he could use

them for track shoes by driving a few nails in them and using them later for dancing slippers, as they have been asked to dance at the wedding of Chester Calvert and Leona Gibson. Norene says that Zip seemed to be very fearful lest she get lost or something, for Zip never wanted to be separated from her a minute. Now Norene felt that she was fully able to care for herself even in a city not quite as large as Brookfield. Norene says they had a wonderful time even though Zip was financially embarrassed.

We do have more hair breadth escapes around here. Last week, Harvey Croy received a badly crushed foot by dropping a piece of sponge cake which Villa Fender gave to him as a birthday gift.

Pearl Shultz, while away on the glee club trip, had her hair cut with bangs. When Paul met her Sunday night, he kissed her and received a bang in the eye and so he, too, is injured.

And Diary, Violet and Hattie are nearly bald headed from using the same brand of hair tonic as 'General' Wood.

Last, but not least, I must tell you about the joke played on Eva Mae. One of the boys told her to call 174 and ask for Virgil Lindsey who was spending the week-end at Ford Hall. Well, she did, and when Virgil came to the phone Eva Mae asked him if he wanted her. Whereupon Virgil replied that he knew this was April

Fool and she couldn't kid him any longer.

Guess that's all I have to unload Diary. I hope you have not been bored too much. Good night.

P. S. No. 1.—Victor was buying that ring for Herbert Dague.

P. S. No. 2—Norene says that no one except a fool could help but loving her big "sweet Swede."

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