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JOSEPH WILLIAM BENNETT

AS the new year opens at Augustana, members of the senior class and the student body as a whole find missing from their ranks one who through his quiet, reserved, and utterly sincere ways had won a place in their hearts that cannot be filled by another. He was Joseph William Bennett, taken by death a few hours after an auto accident late New Year's day.

Although Joseph was not a leader in the athletic or social life of the campus, he was a forceful leader in the college religious activities. He had planned to give his life to the ministry.

Just why one of such an upright character should be taken from us when it seems that he might have done so much more good on earth is not for us to discuss. It is God's will and we must abide by it.

The deepest sympathy of the students and faculty is extended to Mrs. Bennett and her son and to the other relatives surviving.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—?

IN this issue of the OBSERVER, the staff introduces to its readers a new column called "Did You Know That?"

The material for the column this week is all of a historical nature, having been gleaned from past records at Augustana. It is the desire of the editors, however, to make this column one of unusual interest to the student body, and we can do it only through your help.

You students are primarily interested in your fellow students. If you know any unique or unusual facts regarding them, let us know. Either drop your information in one of the OBSERVER boxes or give it to one of the staff members. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

PROFESSOR WILL LEAVE

AT the end of the school year, Augustana will lose one of the best and most highly respected professors that it has ever had. Dr. Hjalmar W. Johnson will leave the college faculty in June to become pastor of the Augustana Lutheran church in Sioux Falls, S. D.

During the two years that he has been at Augustana, Dr. Johnson has endeared himself to the students with his quiet, gentlemanly ways, his quaint humor, and aptly-drawn comparisons. His simple yet powerful chapel talks have found favor with the student body.

Observatory

Have you seen Fors limping around the campus lately? Girls' varsity basketball's begun, you know, and it's an unusually rough game.

The latest craze on the campus, we've noticed, is the mileage glove—seen a mile away.

You'd have thought someone was hurt during the first five minutes of the Augie-Illinois game the way people craned around to see who was there.

The Jenny Lind and Wennerberg choruses made their debut Monday night at the Moline Elks' club. Delicious refreshments were served to the hosts (so we have heard).

Incidentally, Mr. Veld got a little twisted and thought the concert was to be given at the Elk Temple. Tsk! tsk!

It's good to see how peppy students are this week. They've caught up on sleep since they've returned.

Ah-ha! And who is the unknown woman who brazenly rode up onto the campus the other day in a car—but on Iverne Dowie's lap! Why, Iverne!

One freshman who was told to write a theme on Bacon came to class with a paper telling about the present attempt to raise the price of pork.

Anyone who missed the Augie-Wartburg game missed some rare entertainment. It was one of those "Comedy of Errors" propositions that would have floored Shakespeare.

Ask Marion Danker if there's gonna be a sequel to "Brown Eyes, Why Are You Blue?" (or black).

What we want to know is: Is it O. K. to call the swimming pool room the "poolroom?"

Girls' varsity basketball rules to be strictly followed during the basketball season:

- 1—No sweets.
- 2—No heavy food.
- 3—No light food.
- 4—No food.
- 5—Invigorating exercises thrice daily, before and after every meal.
- 6—No late hours.
- 7—No early hours.
- 8—No hours.
- 9—Basketball.

Did anyone notice the improvements made during vacation? If so, report them at once to the dean's office and action will be taken immediately. That was no rest-period. Too many term papers, etc., for the lads and lassies to forget their allegiance to Dear Old Augustora collich.

For a Senior, Flo Lippens is a decided disgrace! She's already decided, by her own darling self, that the school will just have to put another window in the library landing if any more posters are posted.

It is a great life if you don't week-end too much.

Verse or Worse

LIFE IS BUT A GAME

*Always in a hurry;
Rushing through the game,
Never stopping for the struggler,
But rushing on to fame.*

*Life is but a game
Where rush the greedy men,
Gaining heights by night,
And never looking back again.*

*Life is what it's made,
And piety has its place.
Midst struggles thrusts the blade
Of sin that man can't face.*

W. F.

"DOGIE'S GOLD"

*Dust clouds hovered like a blanket
Over the burning desert sands,
And the sun beat hard upon the back
Of the man with the bandaged hands.*

*Alkaline dust lay inches in thickness
Upon the traveler's heavy pack.
His ragged trousers flapped and hung
Like a threadbare burlap sack.*

*'Twas strange, for the man was smiling,
Though by agony his hand was controlled,
For in his mind was a thought of Him
Who had shown him the "Dogie's Gold."*

W. F.

Did You Know That - -

Fifty years ago a temporary frame building seating 3000 persons was erected on Zion hill (where the seminary buildings now stand) for a special presentation of the "Messiah" oratorio. An Augustana orchestra and one from Bethany college, Lindsborg, Kan., accompanied the chorus. Zion hill, which was cut down for the seminary buildings ten years ago, was then thirty feet higher than now.

When intercollegiate football was reintroduced at Augustana in 1917 after a ban of twelve years, the Augie team lost its first game to Cornell college, 75 to 0, but became strong enough before the season was over to drub Western State Teachers in the final contest, 58 to 0.

Seventy years ago Augustana students arose at 5 a. m., ate breakfast at 7, and attended chapel services from 7:30 to 8. Classes were conducted in two-hour periods from 8 to 5 o'clock, with only two hours of intermission.

The Phi Rho sorority was once known as the "'57's" because of an edict against the use of Greek letter names by campus groups.

Kenneth Conrey, now downstate supervisor of a large insurance company, was four times tennis champion of the Little Nineteen conference while a student at Augustana, 1920-1924.

Arthur Wald was president of the Augustana Students' union in 1903.

Augustana might have been located in Geneseo or Galva. In 1869 Geneseo voted to issue bonds in the amount of \$40,000 to bring

Augustana college there from Paxton, Ill., but in a second vote the result was reversed. Galva raised \$7,000 and offered four acres of land to get the school to move there.

Advertising illustrations by Ruth Grafstrom, former Augustana student and *Rockety-I* artist (1922-1926), may be seen in a number of national magazines, including *Vanity Fair* and *Vogue*.

Dr. Hjalmar Johnson is a capable piano player and improviser. . . . Professors Kling and Holcomb are proficient on the clarinet and violin, respectively. . . . President Andreen and Vice President Esbjorn played in the Augustana orchestra more than fifty years ago. . . . Dr. J. P. Magnusson was director of the band twenty years ago.

Among the organizations which once flourished on the Augustana campus but are now extinct were: six debating societies, Torgny (Swedish), Balfour, Webster, Edward Everett, Lincoln, and Gladstone; four Swedish literary clubs, Olof Rudback, Tegnér, the Swedish Society of Belles Lettres, and Iduna; a political club (1912); a chess club and a prohibition league (1911); the Phrenokosmian and Adelpic literary societies; two rooting clubs, one for men and one for coeds (the boys wore cute hats with the college colors and the girls wore, among other things, sweaters); the Olympic Gymnastic club; a tennis association; a Latin club; the Elsinore Dramatic club; a chapel choir which was seated in the back gallery with the organist; a Clef club; the Lutheran Male chorus; and the Apollo chorus.

The Social Set

Kappa Epsilon alumnae will meet with Miss Marie Hankla of Moline next Monday evening.

Fred Swanson, '31, visited friends on the campus last week before returning to Eau Claire, Wis., where he is an instructor in the junior high school.

Kappa Epsilon Nu sorority will have a postnuptial shower for Mrs. Leo Reece, formerly Dorothy Helmer, ex '35, at the home of Genevieve Hillmer in Rock Island Sunday. Mrs. Reece was married December 23.

Dorothy Leppla, freshman of Rock Island, spent the week-end in Cleveland, Ohio, where she had also spent part of the Christmas vacation.

Alumnae of Phi Rho sorority gave a Christmas party for the active members and pledges at the Avalon tea room during the Christmas vacation. Decorations centered around a Christmas tree and gifts were exchanged.

Kappa Epsilon alumnae gave their annual Christmas bridge party at the Fort Armstrong hotel, December 30. Several out-of-town alumnae were present including: Ruth Olson, of Gurnee, Leona Westerlund and Mrs. David Nelson of Detroit, and Elsa Peterson of Aledo. Mrs. Anders Mauritzon received the first prize.

The Swedish club held its regular meeting at Dean Arthur Wald's home Friday afternoon. Vera Ander presided and Runa Kastman gave the Kaffekalas'

committee report. It was decided to have Swedish coffee in the seminary dormitory a week from today. Coffee with Swedish breads and cookies will be served.

Geraldine Ballard, senior of Rock Island, spent a week visiting in New York City and Washington, D. C., during the holidays.

Religious

Rudolph Jonson will again have charge of the Bible study at the meeting of the Sola Fide class next Sunday morning at nine. All members are urged to be present as the picture for the *Rockety-I* is to be taken. Wilton Bergstrand was in charge last Sunday, conducting an interesting character study of the Apostle John.

Miss Esther Sundberg will conduct the meeting of the Berean Bible class next Sunday morning at 9:15. Breakfast was served last Sunday morning at nine, and Jane Anderson, freshman of Escanaba, Mich., was in charge of the class opening.

Kenneth Broman, senior of Lincoln, Neb., and June Johnson, freshman of Hobart, Ind., will be the speakers at the meeting of the Mission Study class this evening at 7:30 in the library lecture room. Industrial and merciful work in India is to be the subject for discussion.

The L. S. A. executive committee is making plans for a meeting of this organization sometime this coming week. Present plans are that it will be held in the seminary chapel on Thursday evening. Definite announcements will be made later.