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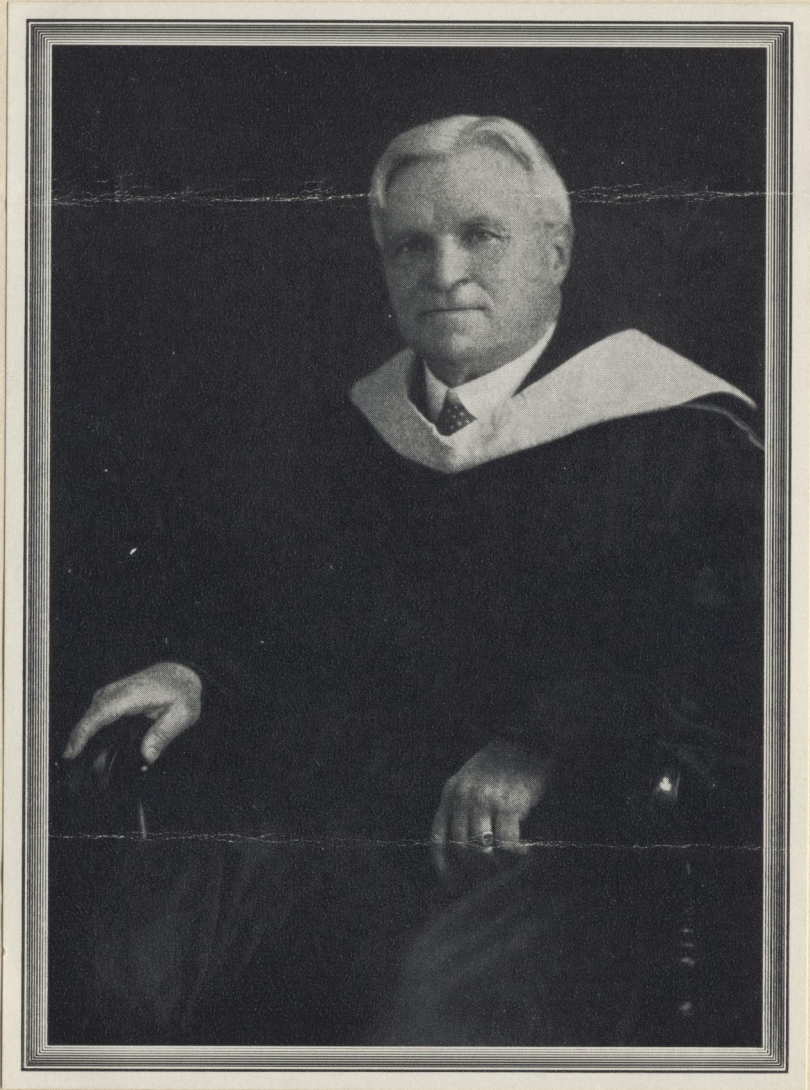
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State Normal and Training School
Cortland, New York



Harry De Witt De Groat

1912 - Principal 1942 → PRINCIPAL
1942 - 1943 - PRESIDENT

1912-1937

Gleanings of the Quarter Century 1912-1937

As recorded in The Cortland Standard, The Co-No Press and Elsewhere



1912 May 6—Harry De Witt De Groat elected as Principal by the Local Board.

June 30—Addressed the graduating class, 138 in number, including Leah Day who delivered the oration "Compulsory Education Necessitates Trade Schools" and receives two diplomas for her effort.

Aug. 1—Dr. De Groat takes office as principal.

Sept. 11—In charge of first assembly as principal. Makes great discovery: L. E. Brown and Ella Van Hoesen on the faculty.

Oct. 5—Reception to Dr. and Mrs. DeGroat by local Board and Faculty.

Oct. 12—Innovation: Dancing and games at Saturday Night Party--200 hilarious students participated from 8:00 to 10:00 P. M.

1913 June 26—First commencement--178 graduates. A novel feature: "Lois Wilcox demonstrated some of the newer methods of primary reading".

Dec. 11—Chorus choir of fifty young people replaces the grim-faced faculty as occupants of the chapel rostrum.

1914 June 2—Honor Day, Principal's Appointment, Mrs. Mabelle Rodger. Only two and one-half minutes suspense before announcement.

1915 July 1—Commencement speaker: John H. Finley.

Dec. 11—DeGroat Compact Efficiency Drill in Arithmetic in use in some two hundred schools.

1916 June 7—Honor Day. Francis J. Moench leads seniors in demand for "Day off". Granted.

1917 June 26—Commencement. Alice A. Pierce declaims on "Physical Training in the Schools".

Oct. 5 to Nov. 10—Progressive Education appears: Normal girls pick potatoes, pull beets, and harvest all kinds of crops.

1918 June 5—"Pageant of Freedom" written and directed by Bessie Park.

June 5—Honor Day. Only 5 minutes suspense before announcing Principal's Appointment.

June 19—Honorary degree conferred by State College For Teachers.

1919 Feb. 24—Fiery public meeting held in old building relative to location of new building. Prof. Cornish declared this to be real cause of next event.

Feb. 27—6:00 A. M. Old Normal School Building burned down.

March 3—Cortland Normal begins second half century of its existence.

June 25—Commencement. Ruth E. Dowd discussed "The Appreciation of Art in America".

1920 Nov. 23—Cortland Normal Beauty Squad photographed. Who were they?

1921 Feb. 25—Regents extend general course from two to three years.

1922 March 11—Regents authorize Physical Training, Nutrition, and Open-Air courses in Cortland Normal.

May 1—Cornerstone of new building laid. "Original Building erected 1867--Enlarged 1891--Burned 1919--This Building Erected 1922". Dr. De Groat, master of ceremonies. Address by Dr. R. P. Higgins.

- 1923 June 27—First commencement in new building.
 July 2—Summer School of Physical Education begins.
 Aug. 16—New building finished.
 Sept. 11—First assembly in new building.
 Sept. 11—First Illumination Night--7000 visitors inspect new building.
 Dec. 10—Normal puts on motion picture shows.
- 1924 March 13—Normal school burglarized. \$300 taken.
 May 1—Arboretum planted.
 June 13—Final chapel exercises of Normal High School.
 June 23—Williams College confers honorary degree on Dr. DeGroat.
 Dec. 16—First Christmas carols in new building.
 Dec. 18—Flour march instead of potato march. One and one-half tons.
- 1925 March 25—First complaint about too many dogs on Normal Campus.
 July 1—900 at Alumni Luncheon in new building.
 July 1—Hoose Memorial presentation.
- 1926 May 12—Dr. DeGroat, co-author of arithmetic series.
 April 16—First Senior Physical Education Demonstration.
 June 8—First "Twilight Sing."
 Oct. 11, 12—First Normal Faculties Conference meets in Cortland. Dr. DeGroat elected president.
 Oct. 20—Journalism course introduced.
- 1927 May 25—Honor Day. Only ten minutes suspense before announcement of Principal's Appointment.
 Oct. 19—Normal Glee Club sings at Convocation in Albany.
- 1928 Jan. 14-23—Dr. DeGroat in Bermuda. Frequent bulletins.
 April 10—Normal School burglarized. \$50 taken.
 Oct. 11, 12—Dr. DeGroat presides at Faculties Conference in Syracuse. Students continue school activities in absence of entire faculty.
- 1929 April 19—Monticello gasoline pumps overwhelmed. Everybody surprised.
 June 1—First State Normals "Play Day" at Cortland.
 July 31—Ditch near Locke unexpectedly honored.
 Nov. 9—President, Southern Zone, New York State Teachers Association.
- 1930 Feb. 22—Addressed National Education Association at Atlantic City.
 Mar. 7—Normal swordsman sounds fire alarm. Building emptied.
 May 28—Honor Day. Only twenty minutes suspense.
 April 15—Mumps endanger the faculty. School nurse, and three male members of faculty under suspicion.
 Nov. 19—Dr. DeGroat invited by President Hoover to The White House Conference.
 Dec. 6—Sociology Class makes unemployment survey.
- 1931 June 4—Normal School burglarized. \$15 taken.
- 1932 Mar. 31—First Health and Physical Education Symposium.
 Aug. 11—Normal School Registration limited to 750.
 Sept. 9—First camp for freshmen at Camp Crone.
 Sept. 21—Normal girl bites kidnaper.
- 1933 Feb. 11—Dr. DeGroat pushed out of snowdrift by Nu Sigma Chi girls.
 Feb. 15—Result: He sails on Caribbean cruise; hair-restorers for certain male members of faculty return with him.
 Nov. 7—A. P. E. A. Chapter organized.
 Nov. 13—Cortland Emergency College opens for registration.
- 1934 Feb. 2—Cortland Normal goes strongly rural-minded.
 May 9—Eight out of nine eggs hatched by Kindergarten hen.
 May 23—Honor Day. Only forty minutes suspense.
 Oct. 10—Cortland Emergency College becomes Cortland Collegiate Center.
- 1935 Feb. 8—Air Rifle purchased.
 Mar. 14—Hitch-hikers hitch-hike from rural schools to appear before faculty on charge of hitch-hiking. Seven receive "suspended" sentence.
 May 18—No dogs seen on or near Normal Campus.
- 1936 July 14—50 trees destroyed by fire in Normal Arboretum.
 Nov. 11—Normal school not burglarized.
- 1937 Feb. 18—Dr. DeGroat at New Orleans. Daily bulletins received
 May 18—Dr. DeGroat's 25th year as principal recognized by the faculty at Hotel Cortland. Beginning of thirteen hours of suspense until announcement of Principal's Appointment.
 May 19—Honor Day. ? named as P. A.
 June 16—Commencement.

Members of the Faculty

1912-1937

- Adsit, George--1919-1920
 *Alger, Minnie--1893-1925
 Allen, Etta--1928-1931
 Ashbrook, Edith Moore--1922-1929
 Ashbrook, Williard--1924-1928
 Auger, Carmen--1923-1925
 Axtell, Ulysses--1910-1924
 Ayer, Jean--1909-1914
 Bahls, Esther--1926-1927
 Ball, Mary Washington--1923
 Ball, Violet--1927-1928
 Ballister, Eleanor--1928-1930
 Barber, Lucille--1927
 Bensley, Esther--1918-1923
 Bogardus, F. Estelle--1930
 Bonar, Louise--1927-1928
 Botts, Adelbert--1934
 Bowers, Ross E.--1920
 Brackett, Alice--1928-1932
 Brodie, William P.--1915-1917
 Brown, Lynn E.--1910-1915
 Brown, Ralph--1931-1932 1918
 Bruce, Hilds--1929-1930
 (Mrs. Clifford Macy)
 Burnell, Janet A.--1925-1928
 (Mrs. Glenn Cople)
 Burns, Annie--1931-1936
 *Bussard, Gertrude--1911-1913
 Bussy, Lillian--1923-1925
 *Butler, Mary--1905-1916
 Carr, Minnie Pearl--1927
 Carson, Agnes Orr--1905-1919
 → **CAVANAUGH** →
 Champion, Lois--1931-1933
 Chase, Mabel L.--1913-1916
 (Mrs. Hugh Findlay)
 *Cornish, William--1893-1929
 Cortright, Angela--1921-1924
 (Mrs. H. Elmer Peters)
 Cottle, Louise--1929-1932
 (Mrs. Charles Barker)
 *Crittenden, Lee--1913-1917
 Cullivan, Eleanor--1925-1926
 (Mrs. Raymond Duke)
 Curtis, Edward--1911-1915
 *Davies, Emma--
 Davis, Carl--1932
 Day, Leah A.--1924
 Delaney, John--1937
 Dobie, Edith--1914-1918
 Dowd, Ruth E.--1923
 Downey, Evelyn--1929-1930
 Earle, Florence--1915-1917
 (Mrs. Edgar Merrich)
 Edick, Harry--1912-1923
 Eldridge, Edna--1913-1919
 (Mrs. Lewis Ticknor)
 Eyster, William H.--1916-1918
 Fish, Olive C.--1929
 Fox, Ethel--1928-1929
 French, Helen L.--1918-1919
 (Mrs. Lyman) 1924-1929
 Fretz, Barbara C.--1927
 *Gale, Ella--1895-1915
 Gehri, Lillian--1935
 Getman, A. Kendall--1911-1915
 Gillette, Gladys--1922-1923
 Gonnerman, Mary--1928-1929
 *Goodhue, Helen--1893-1918
 Graves, Dorothy--1924-1935
 Green, Paul L.--1923-1928
 Halligan, Margaret--1929
 Hamilton, Alfred--1915-1917
 Hamilton, Alicia--1927-1928
 Hance, Helen T.--1931, 1932, 1933
 Harding, Mary--1929
 Harrington, Mary--1932
 Hawkins, Mildred--1936
 Hayes, Ina M.--1917
 Heffernan, Mary--1934-1935
 *Hendricks, George--1928-1929
 Hendricks, Gertrude Nicke--1928-1929
 Hill, Bertha L.--1899-1924
 Hillegas, William M.--1929
 Hoag, Florence L.--1919
 Hobson, Howard--1929-1930
 Hobson, Jennie--1929-1930
 Hodskins, Neva--1913-1920
 (Mrs. Lynn Getman)
 Holloway, Frederick--1936
 Holmes, Bertha--1927-1928
 Holmes, Viola--1924-1927
 *Horne, Eleanor--1917-1919
 Hubbard, Eva G. A.--1928
 Hultslander, Winifred--1929
 Jones, Louise--1919
 Kane, Janet Campbell--1925
 Kavanaugh, Helen--1916-1923
 (Mrs. William Kavanaugh)
 Knickerbocker, Arleeta--1923-
 (Mrs. Jared Johnson) 1924
 Knobel, Amelie--1926-1927
 Kumpf, Henry W.--1930-1932
 Lattimer, Mary--1907-1915
 Lattimore, Melva--1931
 Layman, Arthur--1927-1931
 Lewis, Anne Elizabeth--1928-
 (Mrs. Hutchinson) 1929
 Lewis, Helen--1926-1927
 Lienhart, Josephine--1923
 Lindsley, Beatrice--1931-1932
 MacMillen, Laura--1927-1929
 (Mrs. Harold McPhee)
 MacNeil, John P.--1935
 Marini, Maria--1919-1924
 Mason, M. Elizabeth--1906-1925
 Maxson, Frances--1933-1935
 Maxson, Stanley--1931-1937
 Maycumber, Louise--1928-1930
 McBride, Lois--1919-1828
 *McBride, Lois--1919-1928
 (Mrs. A. R. Hall)
 McCarthy, Mary--1929-1931
 McCutcheon, Vera--1931-1932
 McGrath, Wava--1929
 *McGraw, H. Ward--1925-1931
 McWilliams, Clifton--1927
 Melgaard, Agnes--1928-1929
 Metcalf, Fannie--1928
 Metcalf, Mildred--1917-1918
 Meyer, Pauline A. 1995
 Millward, Grace--1931-1932
 Mix, Agnes--1911-1919
 (Mrs. Fred Wilkins)
 Moench, Francis--1923
 Moore, Mary--1922-1923
 (Mrs. H. E. Shackleton)
 Moran, Katherine--1907-1914, 1922-1936
 Morse, Mildred E.--1914-1917
 (Mrs. Herbert Collins)
 Mosher, Howard J.--1931-1933
 Murray, Lilla L.--1918-1924
 Nye, Lillian L.--1934-1935
 Nelson, Lydia--1928-1929
 O'Keefe, Ida--1937
 Olcott, Lillia M.--1918
 Oliver, Alice--1925-1932
 (Mrs. John Thorp)
 Otis, James C.--1912-1913
 *Owens, R. Elliott--1906-1918
 Park, Bessie--1915
 Park, Maxwell G.--1924
 Parker, Alice--1917-1918
 Pashley, Warren G.--1932-1934
 Peck, Dorothy--1933-1935
 Peck, Ruth--1926-1933
 (Mrs. Henry Kumpf)
 Peene, Gertrude--1926-1929
 (Mrs. Edwards Brewster)
 Peters, Carol--1930-1936
 (Mrs. Creed Joyce)
 Pierce, Alice--1923
 Pfisterer, Marion--1928-1929
 Piester, Myrtis--1924-1926
 Porter, Esther V.--1928
 Powers, Anna M.--1914-1916
 (Mrs. George Kelley)
 Rainey, Edith F.--1906-1913
 (Mrs. Harry Brownhill)
 *Randolph, Sara--1919-1925
 Raven, Mary I.--1916-1923
 Reagan, Katherine--1924-1926
 Ricketson, Miriam--1926-1927
 (Mrs. Fenson)
 Robbins, Martha E.--1928
 Roberts, Katherine--1936
 Robinson, Christabel--1914
 Robinson, Jenny L.--1909-1923
 Robinson, Marguerite--1919
 Rodgers, Harriet B.--1929
 Rogers, Laurence T.--1933-1936
 Ryan, Marion--1928
 Sawyer, Newell W.--1931
 Schenk, Dorothy--1934
 Schultz, Frederick--1924-1927
 Slater, Ida O.--1916-1925
 (Mrs. Charles V. Elliott)
 Sleeth, Addie A.--1913-1917
 Smith, Elizabeth--1932
 Smith, Linda C.--1929
 Smith, Mary Noble--1930
 Sofejko, Jennie--1930
 Stanfield, Dorothy--1936
 Stark, Ida G.--1930
 Stocking, Elizabeth--1920-1924
 (Mrs. James Wolle)
 Strauch, Luella--1932-1933
 Struble, Marjory M.--1928-1929
 Stube, Charles F.--1929
 Suelzt, Ben A.--1927
 Sutherby, Thirza--1933-1934
 Thomas, Cleo--1926-1929
 Thornhill, Gertrude--1928-1930
 Thorp, John H.--1928
 Todd, Clara--1915-1919
 Tollerton, Edith--1916-1922
 Totman, Ruth J.--1918-1919
 Townsend, Gwendolyn--1930
 Trumbull, Esther--1923
 Tucker, Elizabeth--1918-1921
 (Mrs. L. A. Rapley)
 Twomey, Marion E.--1932
 → **VAN DUZER** →
 VanHoesen, Ella--1903
 Voorus, C. Blanche--1926
 Wagner, Ada Merle--1924-1925
 *Waite, Jessie--1933-1934
 Walsh, Katherine--1910-1913
 *Walter, Myron J.--1910-1916
 Ward, Ruth--1916-1917
 Warfield, Mildred--1916-1918
 Warth, Ellen Wood--1929
 Weber, Roxie A.--1935
 Wellman, Clarice--1920-1922
 Wegman, Lauramarie--1925-1934
 (Mrs. Elmer Finch) 1934
 Whitehouse, Ethel--1925-1928
 (Mrs. W. C. Maher)
 Wight, Sylvia--1935-1936
 Williams, Dorothea--1927-1928
 Williamson, Obed--1928-1929
 Wilson, Marion--1920
 Wiltsch, Esther--1928
 Wintsch, Ida--1923-1924
 Zellhoefer, Lillian--1932-1933