

BELLES LETTRES

On Thursday, October 30, 1958 the Belles Lettres Club held their second meeting of the season. Professor Kafka, our advisor, gave a talk of the development of the story around a particular character or group of characters. He pointed out the example of the janitor in Peyton Place. Many good books and stories have evolved around the character as the central theme, rather than depending on a powerful plot. Professor Kafka also related that publishing separate chapters before a book is completed is helpful by getting both criticism and possible revenue.

Later the prolific French author, Georges Simenon, was discussed. Simenon writes mystery novels in as short a time as 11 days, and has completed 400 published books in his lifetime.

Professors Junas and Steel, members ex-officio, were present.

BUS TRIP SET

The bus going to PSU football game with Holy Cross will leave the Lehigh Valley Railroad Station, November 15 at 6:45 A.M. It will return at approximately 11:30 P.M.

Dear Gabby: I like girls, but girls don't like me. What should I do? Depressed

Dear Depressed: Switch to outdoor sports.

FATHER OF FACULTY MEMBER DIES

John A. Bouman, long a writer and reporter for The Associated Press, died November 3, 1958, in London, England. He was 85 years old.

Mr. Bouman, born in the Netherlands and a Dutch citizen until his death, entered The Associated Press foreign service in 1915. He covered World War I from bases in the Netherlands and London.

He had covered nearly every type of European news event between World Wars. He also served in Associated Press bureaus in Paris and in Berlin, where for eleven and a half years he helped record the rise of Adolf Hitler.

On his retirement in 1939 he went to London to live with his family.

One of Mr. Bouman's most spectacular assignments was the reporting of the flight of Roald Amundsen, explorer, in the semi-rigid dirigible Norge, over the North Pole in May, 1926.

Mr. Bouman left his wife, Ethelwynne; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Evelina Bodenstern of Hazleton, Pa., and Mary Isobel Bouman of London, and a son, William John, of London.

A 118-pound Baltimorean applying for a divorce testified his 450-pound wife was too big for him to boss.

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

Let's imagine that we have a very large sheet of tissue paper about the thickness of cigarette paper, say a thousandth of an inch thick. The exact size does not matter. Now you are to tear the sheet in half and put one half on the other. Now tear the two pieces in half and again stack them together, making a pile four pieces high. Tear these in half, making a pile of eight pieces. You are to keep this up until you have performed the operation 50 times. How high is the final stack?

Submit your guesses to the Collegian office within the week and the winner and his correct answer will be announced in the next issue. Members of the Collegian staff are not eligible.

Dear Gabby: My boyfriend is an arsonist. I have been driving get-away cars for him for three years. Now he wants to throw me over for a girl who has a souped-up Corvette. What should I do? Straight-8

Dear Straight: Trade in your 8 for a V-8. Install all triple carbs, 3/4 race cam, high compression heads, Mag-spark ignition and, of course, dual pipes with overdrive. Greasy Gabby

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