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THE SUMMER SESSION

Substantial Increase in Enrollment Over Preceding Year—Professor E. F. Smith in Charge.

The fifth annual Summer Session for Teachers will begin on June 29. The time of opening is set one week later than usual this year in order to accommodate those teachers having ten month terms. There is every indication that this year will witness a substantial increase in enrollment over preceding years and this increased registration is evidence of the fact that the success met with in past years will be continued in the future. Dr. Weber, the retiring head of the school of Liberal Arts, will be present during the first two days of the session in order to facilitate the registration of new students. For the remainder of the time Dr. E. F. Smith, of the department of mathematics, will be in charge and the work that Dr. Smith has done in the past gives assurance of the fact that the high standard maintained by Dean Weber will be attained this year.

The Summer Session has become one of the most interesting phases of the work offered by the Pennsylvania State College. With the exception of a nominal fee of five dollars charged for registration, there is no tuition to be paid by Pennsylvania teachers. Last year there was an enrollment of over 600, representing every county in the state, except two. The attendance is limited strictly to teachers and courses are offered in every department in the college. In this limitation to teachers only, State College is unique among all other eastern institutions.

An interesting fact to note in connection with the Summer Session is that teachers may take up work in certain departments of the college during the summer and continue their work throughout the winter by correspondence. In this way teachers are able to finish two years of their college course in absentia and by two years more of resident work they can secure their degree. It is this policy of co-operation that has made the Summer Session in the past so successful.

The work in the department of Education will be carried on by Dr. F. K. Sechrist, formerly of Clark University. The great extent of the work carried on during the session may be realized when it is considered that over a thousand teachers will be in attendance this year. The work will be carried on by 52 college instructors and the courses offered range from Greek and Latin to cooking; from poultry raising to wood working; from literature to special courses in milling engineering. Sunday school teachers will find the course in Biblical study especially adapted to their needs and all the courses offered during the session will be found to be especially adapted to the needs of the teaching profession.

Miss Jessie Fields, known as "The Corn Lady" addressed the Eight Weeks Club last Friday evening at the Woman's Building. The purpose of this club is to train its members for work among the women and young girls of the rural districts.

ALUMNI

Two Penn State alumni are now in Vera Cruz, Mexico. Allen Simon '08 is a second lieutenant with the Marine Corps there and Dr. Frederick A. Dale '93 is with the medical corps of the Fourth regiment of infantry.

W. Y. Heaton '06 is now chief engineer for the Avery Scales Company. Mr. Heaton has been with this company since his graduation and earned his promotion by his splendid record in the sales department.

A. J. Hay '09, formerly identified with the organization department of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, has now been made assistant to the general manager of the Ferro Machine and Foundry Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

I. G. G. Foster '01, of Philadelphia, is a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives of the state of Pennsylvania.

A. C. (Pud) Reed, one of the best known of Penn State's former athletes, suffered a painful injury as a result of a fall.

The New York Alumni Association is arranging for a special car to carry their delegation to the college for commencement week.

The Occupations of the Parents of Students.

It is interesting to note just what classes of people are able nowadays to send their children to college. In order to secure some definite information on this question, the Registrar of the College has recently made a study of the occupations pursued by the fathers of the students of The Pennsylvania State College.

The group of students considered numbered 2157 and included all students registered in the four-year courses, the two-year courses in Agriculture, and "special students", during the college year 1913-14. From this number 339 had to be subtracted, because the father was either deceased, or retired, or apparently without an occupation. The total number of students, therefore, whose fathers' occupations have been taken into account was 1818. This number has been subdivided into eight groups; and the following table gives the name of each group, the number of representatives in each, and the per cent of the total for each group.

1, mercantile 391, 21.5 per cent; 2, industrial and manufacturing 328, 18 per cent; 3, artisan 323, 18 per cent; 4, agricultural 311, 17.1 per cent; 5, professional 209, 11.5 per cent; 6, clerical 96, 5.3 per cent; 7, official 55, 3 per cent; miscellaneous 105, 5.6 per cent.

In the mercantile group the merchants and storekeepers predominate with 220. The forestry schools probably draws its greatest enrollment from sons of lumber dealers who number 27.

In the industrial group we find 108 superintendents and 83 railroad employees. The artisan group is well divided into most of the trades and crafts. In the professional group physicians, lawyers and ministers lead the list.

Mr. Hatfield, County Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in the Middle West, was here on Monday and Tuesday for conferences with men interested in his line of work.

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