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"WIN THE WAR DAY" AT PENN STATE

A splendid opportunity for Penn State students to show allegiance to the country and at the same time honor former students and graduates in arms, will be presented on Saturday, April 6, the first anniversary of the declaration of war with Germany. There will be a Nation wide celebration on that day and in all colleges some observance of the event will take place. It is to be known as the "National Win the War Day."

Possibilities for a great celebration at Penn State are fine, and we would urge immediate preparation for such an occasion. While it is not advisable to declare a holiday for such an observance, we could gather for an hour on that day, and run through a short program. Hundreds of undergraduates are in the service today, men who otherwise would have been with us now. To these men alone we could give a fitting remembrance and let them know that those who are still here are standing back of them. A public reading of Penn State's "Honor Roll" could be the basis of such a celebration, and a few short and appropriate addresses could be made covering National and college affairs.

Plans for the National observance have been worked out by the National Committee of Patriotic Societies, and their news service sends the following extract from a statement sent to the heads of National Patriotic officials, and to college presidents:

"At the beginning of our second year in the great war it is fitting that we have a National consecration to the task remaining before us. Because of numerous workless days during the past winter it is not advisable that the occasion should be made a holiday, but in every factory, store, mine, school and on every farm there should be a brief period during the day where everyone who is loyal to the flag should stand up and be counted. Flags should everywhere be unfurled. At twelve o'clock noon factory whistles and church bells should send forth a volume of sound that will reach Berlin. Every band in the country will then play the 'Star Spangled Banner' while people stand at attention. In the evening in the churches, halls and theatres the people can gather for meetings of inspiration. Regiments of the National Army may parade in cities near the cantonments.

"The 'winter of our discontent' with its coalless days and congested railroad and other minor annoyances is past. The spring with its promise of abundant crops and increased industrial production is here. Now is the time for America's Home Army to mobilize and thus bring courage to our boys in the trenches and cantonments, and depression to our enemies. Let Germany feel that this is a popular war in America. The effect of having the nation a unit in Patriotic thought on this day cannot be overestimated. It will bring renewed courage and hope to our brave Allies.

"In every college there should be special patriotic exercises at which messages from students and alumni in the Nation's service may be read, instruction as to how every college student can do his part to win the war can be given and a pledge of allegiance to the flag and to the cause of the war repeated by all. The colleges of America have responded nobly to the call to arms. On April 6th faculties and students should let their brothers in the field know that they are with them in spirit and in effort."

DO A BIT FOR PENN STATE

The time is here when every student has a chance to "do his bit" for Penn State. A little effort now in the right direction will count a great deal in building up the college for next year by encouraging preparatory school students to enroll in the Freshman class next fall. Just as the army needs men and money to fight its cause, so does Penn State need new material next fall to maintain her high standards.

Hundreds of preparatory school boys in all parts of the state are beginning to think of college, and scores of them have as yet made no selection. A word or two about Penn State to that old chum back in high school will do much towards getting him here next September. Write to him today, telling him why Penn State is the best college in the state; have a copy of the catalog mailed to him; send the COLLEGIANS to the school library for the balance of the year, and in every way possible help Penn State to maintain her former high standards.

Next year will doubtless be a critical one for the college unless an unusually large number of Freshmen are registered. The present student body and alumni must assume the greatest part of the burden in filling the new class to capacity. The older men have been called away by the score, and their places must be filled. It will take but a few minutes of your time to do this duty for your college; let the general slogan be—"One New Man for Penn State."

STICK TOGETHER

Who will say that the Penn State "spirit" has been lacking during the past few weeks? Given birth in an unprecedented "get-together" campaign of three days, the idea of "stick-together" has been nursed in careful hands and is now a healthy, lusty infant whose future should be guaranteed with capitalized Success.

When the "get-together" idea was first broached by its originator, there were those who at once ridiculed its very thought; but since it was carried through to success, and its later possibilities were developed, there is a different story to tell. The provisions whereby a chance is given for the students to assemble every week have shown that the "stick-together" plan is a desirable one, and one to be followed out, not only during the balance of this year, but during the coming years as well. However, there are certain precautions that should be gravely considered by the students at all times, and undue liberties should not be assumed.

But let the good work continue! Fellowship and good comradeship are the biggest things to be secured from college life. We look forward to many pleasing gatherings during the rest of the college year, and trust that much good will result from them.

On the Corner

Once More We Take The "Stag" Out Of "Stag Dance."

HAVE you signed up that rig for tomorrow night?

IF not—GET BUSY

"AT THE BALL"

A little powder, a little paint, Will make you look like what you ain't, And from a stude will make a "queen!"

There's rags and bones, but no hanks of hair;

And other things are there galore; Things that make a "lady fair," We see them all upon the floor.

The co-eds too, shall see the fun, From the gallery, perched on high, They'll see the "gitties" as they run, Caring not where skirts do fly.

We'll look 'em over well, We'll say they sure are hard to beat, Compared to co-eds, they are—swell, That we can tell 'em by their feet!

WE now declare an intermission while you recover from the above spasm. We recommend a bottle of Chloroform to make the effect complete.

WE'll say there's lots of things doing in the old burg these days with per-lammer parades, moo-leker mass meet-ings, "stag dances," "pen," below grades, movies, quizzes, exercises et cetera.

LET the good work continue, say we.

WE'll, the girls handed us a good line last wk. Variety is the spice of life, y'kno.

IT looks like apple pie and ice cream for those wasters in the Intercollegiate this year.

MAKE a debut that is worth while boys.

THE MORGUE (Head Ones)

Lack of Pop.

The big snow drifts.

Cold weather (we hope).

Those w. k. loud mackinaws.

Green Toques.

Snowshoes.

SKIs.

Snowballs.

Basketball.

SPEAKING of prep school stuff, we know a fr. Freshman whose daily letter has S. W. A. K. smeared all over the back of it.

WE WONDER

HOW many Freshmen are spending their evenings in the pool room these days, disguised in their hep suits!

WE don't mind the girls wearing these high topped gossamers, but we do wish that they would buckle 'em up when they wish to navigate hereabouts.

THESE lalmy days are bringing the "rail birds" out in full feather on our corner once more. Spring freshets are due.

IT'S about time to begin to commence to look forward to that annual Tug-of-War. It ought to be good this year.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN!

I love the snow—

The glistening snow,

And hope that it

Will never go.

I love the wind

That roars and blares;

I am the kind

Of Guy that dares

To bathe me in

The river, when

It's far too cold

For common men;

O how I like

To see a drift

That makes men work

In double shift;

To clean the streets;

And how I love

The hunks of ice

That hang above.

I love the ice

Upon the creek,

And on its frozen

Dosson seek

An hour's joy

Upon my skates,

And hope that winter

Ne'er abates.

I'm joyous when

The tubes all show

That it is sine

Or ten below.

Hurry for winter!

Chang the ball!

O how I relish it—

Lykelle!

—DUY W. S. S.—

PROFESSOR GARVER SPEAKS ON SCIENCE

For such a general topic as that with which he dealt, Professor Garver, for want of a better title for his talk last night in the Tuesday Evening Lecture Course, called it "Some Aspects of Scientific Theories."

Early in his talk, Professor Garver pointed out the varied and almost unlimited field of human endeavor embraced in the term Science. In an effort to make the subject more comprehensive the Professor defined the term Science as "All that body of rationalized knowledge and comprehension of Nature, including man and his activities, that enables us to adjust ourselves to our environment, or to modify it by the application of our knowledge and experience to the conditions around us."

Following the definition was an explanation of what constitutes a scientific method of investigation, and the possibility of applying these methods of study and investigation to sociological and ethical research.

Professor Garver brought forth that in the study of Sociology, we cannot lose sight of the fact that we have a Moral Law, the existence of which has been proved by actual experiment. While it is admitted that the Moral Law is a great factor in the relieving application of our knowledge, Science applied to these its would undoubtedly further minimize them. Experiment has shown that this fostering of the Moral Law is in accordance with the highest religious aspirations of mankind.

Another point which the Professor emphasized was that Science is itself a phase of evolution; later facts are based upon previous discoveries and proved hypotheses. In enlarging this thought, Professor Garver showed his audience in what a logical and legal manner Democracy became the heir of Evolution. Applied to present-day conditions, this means that Democracy is the only hope of any nation, and the nations of the world must ultimately adopt the international relationship of a Brotherhood of Nations.

Agricultural Notes

Professor F. D. Gardner is away on a two weeks leave of absence looking after his farming interests in Illinois and Missouri.

J. S. Grumbling '11, who has been assigned Professor Blain's name in the work with farm tractors, has been called into military service.

M. S. McDowell attended a conference of the Public Safety Committee of Pennsylvania last week.

Miss MacDonnell of the Home Economics Extension Department attended a meeting of the American Home Economics Association in Atlantic City last Friday and Saturday.

Next year's Short Course will be cut down from twelve to eight weeks. A new plan will go into effect at that time by which the Short Course men will be able to come back a second year and continue the work which they took up in their first year here. At least 250 students are expected for next year's course.

H. G. Parkinson has been in Philadelphia since the first of the week working on plans for next summer's Farm Camps.

Mining Notes

Dr. W. R. Crane, dean of the school of Mines, was in Philadelphia the early part of last week, where he was called for a conference for an investigation of war gas equipment.

The Department of Geology has just gotten its equipment for the treatment of geography in connection with geology. Geography has been a subject taught in summer sessions, but starting next year, it is anticipated that it will be taught as a college subject and this equipment is secured in preparation for it.

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Looking Backward

(Week of March 6th)

Twenty-five years ago

An intercollegiate orientational union was formed in Pennsylvania. According to the fulings of this union only such students as had not previously taken a collegiate degree were eligible as contestants. The representation of each college was limited to one man.

Twenty years ago

Tal Masque was held in the Armory. This was an annual affair held for the purpose of raising money for the baseball team. The affair held this year was a very brilliant one, as the costumes represented both sexes and newly every race and period.

Ten years ago

A Wrestling Club was organized. This was the first effort to have a wrestling team represent this college. The club organized with the object of forming a team to meet Bucknell, Dickinson, Lehigh and Lafayette. Penn was not considered because at that time Penn had a veteran team, and also because of the expense of taking a team to Philadelphia was too great. The Club decided to use inter-collegiate rules.

Bucknell defeated State twenty to thirteen in basketball. This was the first athletic contest between State and Bucknell for five years. The game was played at Bucknell.

Five years ago

The Blue and White wrestlers defeated Cornell at Ithaca. This meet was very closely contested, as each team gained two falls. Cornell was the intercollegiate champions the previous year and had just defeated Lehigh. They fought desperately to maintain their record, but could not down State.

CHANGES PLANNED IN NEXT ORDNANCE COURSE

The next ordnance course given by the college will probably start Wednesday, March 20th, although there is a possibility of postponing it until a week later. The work will be of a nature similar to the one now going on, but the following change has been made: all the men whose applications are accepted will first go to a depot where their equipment will be given them; they are then to be transferred to this place, arriving on the day the course opens. The number of men to come is not yet definitely known, but it is probable that there will be about ninety, the number of men here now.

Regarding the work of the present course, everything is progressing as well as usual. Captain William F. Shoup, of the Ordnance Department, National Army, who is supervisor of the Ordnance Field Service in the first district, comprising Pennsylvania, New York, and the New England states, was here last week, inspecting the work and speaking to the class, Wednesday morning. Two new men, Ordnance Sergeant Frederick E. Altemus, from Camp Meade, and Private Wilmer T. Graham, from San Antonio Arsenal, Texas, have been assigned here to aid in the instruction. The present course will end next Wednesday, March 13th, after which the men will immediately be sent to the arsenals.

TO LECTURE ON FORESTRY

At the meeting of the Forestry Society tonight, W. K. Ip '18, will give a lecture on forestry conditions in China.

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Extensive Plans For Spring Drill

Outdoor drill for the R. O. T. C. Sophomores and Freshmen started last week, and should the weather hold good, will be continued. Extensive plans are being made for the spring work and it is hoped that a great deal may be accomplished. Map problems are being made for the R. O. T. C. men and the tower of the Armory is being fitted out, where it is planned to give instruction in this line of work. For both the Sophomores and the R. O. T. C., hand grenade work, trench digging, and bayonet drill will be taken up. A number of dummy hand grenades have been sent for, and when these arrive, practical work will be given in hurling them from one trench to another. Dummies will also be set up for the bayonet work and the men will practice at piercing the five vital points of the body.

Regarding the Freshmen, the usual spring work of close and extended order will be given. It is also planned to use the Freshmen in the actual digging of the trenches. Dean Crane has volunteered his services and, as soon as the first is out of the ground and weather permits, sections which are geologically suited will be dug up. An effort is now being made to borrow the spades and picks necessary for the work from the Forestry Department.

At a meeting of the R. O. T. C. held last week, it was decided that should the War Department give any preference, the men will go into camp about May 1. A committee, composed of the following Juniors, J. R. W. Hunter, J. P. Leete, J. C. Allen, C. H. Chalk, R. L. Webster, and H. V. Turner, was appointed for the purpose of deciding upon the texture and price of the uniforms, and the firm from which they will be purchased.

ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO BE ORGANIZED SOON

The College has decided to organize in the School of Agriculture, a Department of Entomology. The work of the new department, the organization of which has been under consideration for several years, will relate wholly to the economic phases of the subject. Field laboratories have already been established in Erie and Adams counties and others will be organized as rapidly as possible. A scientist of national reputation, who is especially well qualified to direct research and instructional work in entomology, will be appointed at an early date to head the department. Investigations in plant pathology will also be conducted at each field laboratory.

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