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EDDY AND PENN STATE

Penn State should feel mighty proud that Sherwood Eddy is coming in March. Proud for several reasons; first, that this busy man when sparing time to work in only one college should come to Penn State, for Sherwood Eddy is to do no student work except at Penn State; second, that Penn State as Sherwood Eddy knew it in 1915 was strong enough in every respect to warrant a return; lastly, that the opportunity for introspection and self-inventory is to be guided by a man of such inspiring personality and Christian vision as Sherwood Eddy.

Frank Buchman, one of the men outstanding as a leader among the Y. M. C. A. secretaries of Penn State, used to speak of a "passion for souls". Sherwood Eddy has this passion, not in a passive sense, but as an active, virile part of life. His life shines forth with the radiance of the Master of Men. His appeal is not intended to be emotional and in the majority of cases is not. His appeal, however, is based on sound logic gathered unto himself in his wide experience. Can we afford not to carefully consider his message?

Many people are prone to say that there is nothing to Christianity. How many of that kind have actually given it a trial? We cannot decide anything without a trial. Surely there can no harm come to any of us in being open-minded and receptive, and it may be that we will be a little better. Let us each one resolve that we will give the message of Sherwood Eddy serious consideration. Such a resolve involves only self and a bit of thinking will do us all good. Penn State is indeed fortunate to have Sherwood Eddy here again.

MAGAZINE CLIPPING AGAIN

Some few students have again attracted public attention by their unutterable selfishness in going to the library and clipping articles indiscriminately there, both from current magazines and those on file. Apparently these individuals do not think that they are destroying property that cannot be replaced and which students in future years may wish to use.

In this connection, a few quotations from an editorial in the COLLEGIAN last spring regarding the same subject is worthy of being read again:

"For decades past, faculty and undergraduates have had all the privileges of the library, and could use the bound periodicals, etc., whenever they so desired. In future years, faculty and students will continue to exercise the privilege of using the library. It is unfair, to say the least, that these coming college men and women should be deprived of rights that we now possess. It is difficult to describe the feelings of one, who wishing to look up a reference, finds that the article sought has been clipped by some selfish student who has preceded him—one who has looked out only for his own interests, thinking only of the few minutes he would save by clipping instead of copying the desired information—one who has absolutely no regard for the rights and privileges of others—one who has not been big enough to look beyond his own small sphere—and one who possesses selfishness to the maximum degree. It is indeed hard to discover in what class of criminals such individuals should be placed."

It should be borne in mind that any one so destroying property makes himself liable to prosecution by law. Section 325 of the penal code of Pennsylvania reads as follows:

"If any person shall, unlawfully or maliciously, destroy or damage anything kept for the purpose of art, science, or literature, or as an object of curiosity, in any museum, gallery, cabinet, library, or other repository, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being found guilty thereof, shall be rendered liable to pay a fine, not exceeding \$500, and to undergo an imprisonment, not exceeding six months."

Another serious matter pertaining to the library is the fact that students are taking books without signing up for them—in other words they are stealing them and are placing themselves in a class with thieves.

Without doubt, the fault in both cases mentioned above, lies with only a few students. Their action may be done thoughtlessly or it may be done willfully. In either case, it is up to every student to keep his eyes open, and to stop any magazine clipping or book purloining which may be done in his view. Will you do it?

The COLLEGIAN is very glad indeed to welcome back to State College the chief executive of Penn State. Every student in college was delighted to hear that Dr. Sparks had again returned to the President's Office and to know that his condition is so much improved. Dr. Sparks has been absent from his official duties for some ten months and during that period has spent much of his time in complete relaxation and we find him now in better physical and mental condition than for some years past.

A word of commendation is due Dean Pond for the excellent way in which he transacted the business of the President's Office in Dr. Sparks' absence and for his willingness at all times to meet the students and help them with their difficulties and problems. Besides having the duties of the dean of the School of Natural Science he dispatched the duties and business of the office in which he was acting in a most creditable way and so excellent was his administration of the many details which arose every day that Dr. Sparks remarked upon his return to the office that "even the contents of the drawers in my desk are in the same order as at the time I left."

The action of those present at the boxing meet last Saturday evening is worthy of the highest commendation. The new intercollegiate rule, calling for silence while the bouts are in progress was lived up to in splendid manner, made possible only through the thorough cooperation of all. Without doubt, Penn State is going to live up to the new rule in all the intercollegiate meets which are to come.

STATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS MADE PUBLIC

Many Members of Penn State's Freshman Class Are Among Winners

The results of the competitive state examinations for scholarships, which were held at this place on October eleven, have recently been published and show that out of one hundred and thirteen who took the examination, twenty-eight persons received the scholarship. The subject taken in this examination were English, Mathematics, including Elementary Algebra and Geometry; History including either Ancient or American; Science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics); Language (French, German, or Spanish). Similar examinations were held at different colleges throughout the state.

The Legislature of 1919 enacted a law which established these competitive state examinations and provided that women to obtain a higher education. The main provisions are as follows: (1), young men and young women who have graduated from a four year high school course may compete for a scholarship, (2), the person receiving a scholarship may enter any college or university approved by the College and University Council and while in attendance upon such college receive one hundred dollars per year for four years to aid in meeting college expenses, (3), each county is entitled to one scholarship. If there is more than one senatorial district in a county such county is entitled to as many scholarships as there are entire senatorial districts; (4), the competitive examination must be held under the direction of the State Board of Education and the scholarship awarded by such board. While this examination was given at each college and university in the State, it is quite probable that all further examinations for these scholarships will be held in June in all high schools before they have closed.

The winners at this place are: Roy M. Biltner, Somerset County; A. Bruce E. Howell, Thompson, Susquehanna County; Doris E. Brown, Seneca County; L. A. Landefeld, Jr., Monongalia County; Washington County; Horace L. Kougher, Stroudsburg, Monroe County; William P. McDonnell, Altoona, Blair County; Louise McKee, Falla Creek, Jefferson County; Ralph McKibben, Ridgeway, Elk County; Lester R. Male, Honesdale, Wayne County; D. G. Reeder, Erie County; Otto F. Ritzman, Philadelphia County; W. F. Robb, Lock Haven, Clinton County; Robert P. Schweyer, Mifflintown, Juniata County; William W. Sieg, Bellefonte, Centre County; Wayne W. Theisen, Centre County; W. A. Wannan County; Lynn B. Webb, Wellsboro, Tioga County; Joseph W. Wainberg, Gormantown, Philadelphia County.

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PENN STATE PLAYERS FORM ORGANIZATION

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point of merit alone and preference will always be given to those who have demonstrated the best ability.

Have Faculty Support
The Penn State Players is strongly established and promises to be one of the most active organizations of its kind in college. It has the undivided support of the faculty that is evident from the removal of the Board of Directors. On this board are six faculty representatives—Dr. Dyo, Head of the Department of English, Dean Knight, Dean Warnock, Mr. Cloesinger, Mr. Mason and a representative of the Department of Public Speaking yet to be appointed. This board will have final say in the selection of plays and also in all matters relating to the picking of casts and the coaching.

Officers Elected
At the first meeting of the club the following officers were elected: E. L. Hoffman, President, B. W. Knapp '21, Vice-President, Miss Lois M. McCloskey '21, Treasurer; A. W. Pond, Publicity Manager, J. E. Wilsbach '21, House Director; Miss Edna M. Soll '21, Secretary, Miss Mary E. Fox '21, Costume Director; Miss Ruth A. Elton '21, Property Manager. These officers will serve until May of this year when new election will be held. From the titles of these officers it can be observed that very detail of costuming, staging, publicity and business management will be thoroughly administered.

To Present Plays
The first opportunity of witnessing a production of the Penn State Players will be on February eighth, when they will present a program of three one-act plays for the benefit of the college Hospital. These plays have been carefully selected with a view of securing productions which would be representative of the best from a standpoint of dramatic literature and yet have an appeal to a college audience. The plays selected are "Dawn", "The Wonder Hat" and "Spreading the News". The casts for the plays are as follows: "Dawn", Miss Mary E. Fox, Miss Leith, Mr. Mason and Mr. Hoffman; "The Wonder Hat", Miss Hughes, Miss McCloskey, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Croato and Mr. Leatham; "Spreading the News", Miss Elton, Miss Leatham, Miss Leith, Mr. Pond, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Leatham, Mr. Mattinger, Mr. McCallum and Mr. Well.

Tickets will be on sale Friday and Saturday at the rate of ten cents and Tuesday, February second and third, of next week from seven-thirty to nine o'clock at the Co-op. Prices will be twenty five, fifty and seventy-five cents. While the price is so low, it is very low considering the quality of the plays, it was decided upon in order that the maximum number of students would avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing the initial production of the Penn State Players and at the same time contributing to the Hospital Benefit Fund.

COMPETITION KEEN IN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The race for first place among the various groups of fraternities, or "legions" is well under way, with considerable interest being shown in the contents as manifested by the good crowds attending the games.

Every fraternity and the group in the track House is in one of the groups of five houses constituting a league, each house striving for first place in its league. Although it is too early as yet to tell much about ultimate winners, it is easy to see who are the group leaders. The Phi Kappa Psi leads in League One, while Sigma Chi and Alpha Delta Sigma are tied for first place in League Two. Phi Kappa and Delta in League Three, as are Phi Kappa Psi and Delta are fighting for first place in League Four, as are Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Upsilon in League Five. Sigma and Delta Samach are ahead. Since not all of the houses in the groups have played as yet, those standing are far from being final.

Plenty of good material has appeared on the Army floor on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights, when the inter-fraternity games are played. The Athletic Committee has made rules and regulations to govern the non-fraternity basketball league. A schedule has been made and teams not able to compete should notify the Committee. The teams not doing this loses by default. Each team must supply a timekeeper and scorekeeper for each game in which they take part. Each district manager should get in touch with the manager of the opposing team before each game. The team in the district having the highest number of victories is to compete in the finals.

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CLUB BUILDING DISCUSSED BY PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI

At a dinner held January twenty-first in the Engineers' Club in Philadelphia, one hundred and twenty-five Penn State alumni of the Quaker City met to discuss various questions of interest. Prominent among them was the question of providing a club building in Philadelphia for Penn State Alumni. No definite decision was reached beyond that of investigating the conditions surrounding the project more thoroughly than in the past. There was much enthusiasm on the part of former Penn State students for their Alma Mater and a spirit of cooperation and interest was much in evidence.

FORESTRY SOCIETY TO MEET

At the regular meeting of the Forestry Society, next Tuesday evening, Dr. Stoddard, professor of agricultural chemistry, will give a lecture, which will be of interest to students in courses other than forestry. The meeting will be held as usual in the Forestry Building, across from the Alpha Zeta House.

DR. COLLINGS TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN BELGIUM

Post war conditions in Belgium were described by Doctor H. T. Collings, former Head of the Department of German at Penn State, who lectured in the Auditorium last Saturday evening under the auspices of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. His subject was "Reconstruction Problems in Belgium." Dr. Collings served during a large part of 1918, as Trade Representative of the United States Government in Belgium, and was the author of many reports on export and normal trade conditions in that nation.

Dr. Collings commenced his address with a description of Belgium as to its size, population, language, religion, manners, and difficulties of travel. He declared that all Belgium remained intact through the war with the exception of a thirty-five mile strip, five miles wide, south of Ypres, he said, which was in bad condition. The real trouble in Belgium today is the lack of machinery, metals and other factory supplies, much of which were taken over by Germany and sent to her own factories during the war. Much also was hidden by the Belgians at the time of the German invasion and is only now making its reappearance. This results in an abundance of food, but is very expensive. High prices prevail in everything and shoes and soap are special luxuries. "The worst of extravagance spreading over the world has not missed Belgium," declared Dr. Collings.

Belgium is handicapped by a decrease in grain production, a lack of raw materials, for manufacturing, chemicals, efficient railroads, and harbor facilities. Wages are very high, yet there exists a large body of unemployed. Belgium is gradually repaying her war debts, again, coal and iron are being mined and the steel and mining operations are being resumed. "Manful conditions are in a critical condition, exchange with other countries at a low mark, and Belgium needs a great deal of outside financial aid. "The needs of Belgium are great," declared Doctor Collings, "and she must receive much outside help to attain her former position as a nation."

HARRISBURG ALUMNI BANQUET BIG SUCCESS

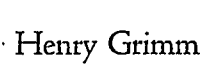
Two hundred enthusiastic Penn State Alumni attended a banquet held last Thursday in Harrisburg. Among the guests were most of the members of the Board of Trustees and high officials of the college, as well as a number of prominent educators. John W. Mitchell, president of the Board of Trustees, was the principal speaker of the evening, outlining and explaining the action taken at the meeting of the trustees that afternoon in regard to professors' salaries and financial matters pertaining to the college. Other speakers included President

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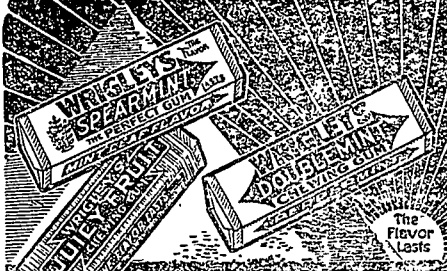
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