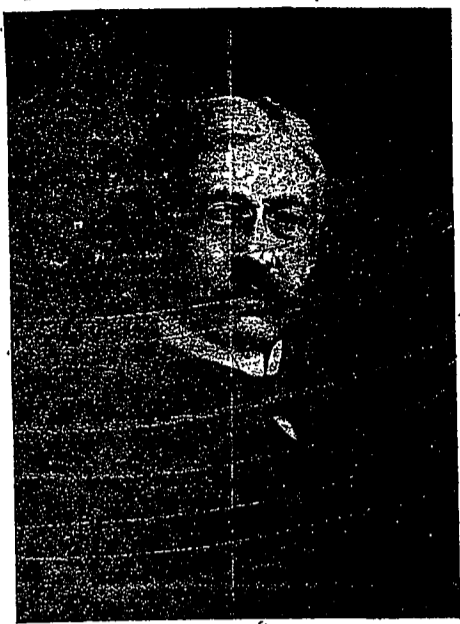


**"PREXY" RETIRES AFTER TWELVE YEARS SERVICE**

**Remains On Campus As Professor Emeritus—Honored By All Who Knew Him**

With the close of this scholastic year comes the retirement from active duty of Dr. Edwin Erle Sparks, president of the college for the past twelve years. The beloved "Prexy" of thousands of undergraduates will leave the college on June 15, 1920, after a long career which has seen the college grow from a small institution to one of the leading institutions of its kind in this country. Dr. Sparks, while his retirement will remove him from the duties of his office, he will be more intimately connected with the college and its students through the work he will be able to perform for the state, alumni and undergraduates all unite in wishing Dr. Sparks great good and health in the future, with an ever respectful desire for his familiar face on the campus and the loving salute they have always tendered him.



DR. EDWIN ERLE SPARKS

Dr. Sparks celebrated his twelfth anniversary as president of the college last May twelfth. The COLLEGIAN of that week gave an interesting account of the reception tendered him by the student body. Captain Hay, who is to be the reviewing officer this year, conducted a cadet review at the time, with the band leading the triumphant march, past the reviewing stand, as shown in the cut inserted below. The athletic department followed, represented by the baseball team. Next

came agricultural students, chemistry students, electrical engineers. Following these students came the civil engineers, the foresters and miners, and the departments of mathematics and philosophy had representatives in line. In each of the latter departments, "he was there."

**"Prexy" On Athletics**

Why do colleges authorities permit and even encourage athletics? 1. Because they furnish an outlet for youthful enthusiasm which formerly found expression in college disorder and in college "pranks." Such forms of amusement formerly prevailed but have now disappeared from most American colleges. 2. Because they serve to bind the student more closely to his college, to

arouse his enthusiasm; to strengthen his loyalty to his college. The more a boy plays for his college, the more he will rally to her support by doing good work in her behalf. 3. Under proper supervision, it prohibits the boy from engaging in any form of athletics if his academic record is low, additional stimulus to study is supplied and interference with college work through athletics is avoided. 4. The scientific care of the body through exercise is the duty resting on all schools and colleges. It is met by regulated intra-mural and intercollegiate athletics. 5. Finally the playing of games teaches the boy to a remarkable degree to be courageous, to be a good loser as well as a good winner. These are the valuable life lessons as any student in the curriculum.



S. W. COHEN  
Captain Tennis Team

**NEW MILITARY FIELD DAY WELL RECEIVED**

**Second Battalion Wins First Place In Athletic Contests Conducted By Military Department**

The Military Department established a precedent on last Wednesday afternoon, June the second by substituting for the customary two hours of drill a novel and interesting Military Field Day. As to the success of this substitution, no questions need be asked. Every one entered so heartily into the spirit of it and everyone enjoyed it so much that Major Savage and Captain Wely were immensely pleased and have already suggested making this an annual affair. If plans materialize this Field Day will occupy a half day next year and have such a program as will make it a big day for the entire school.

The meet was theoretically between the four different battalions but as it happened the spirit of class played a major part. Instead of the competition being equally strong between all four organizations, it soon became apparent that the second and third, or Provisional battalions were trying their best to defeat the combined first and provisional, or Sophomore, battalions. Perhaps it was this class spirit that helped make the entire meet so exciting as it proved to be.

The events were governed as far as possible by the National Interscholastic Rules and all those not covered by these rules were judged according to conditions previously made. As general referee, Coach Hugo Bezdok was the man of the hour while for judges Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Torrence, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Gimes and Mr. Hess officiated. In addition to these officials, Mr. Krall and Mr. Parent were starters, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Martin timekeepers, Cadet Captain C. W. Milliken announcer, Cadet Major M. T. Warner clerk of the course and Cadet First Lieutenant H. D. Taylor assistant clerk of the course.

The meet opened promptly at three o'clock with the preliminaries of the 100-yard dash, in which Holtzinger and Schroepfer won in the first battalion, Hill and Sayres in the second, Windram and Edgeron in the third, and Mitchell and Noble in the provisional. All of these men were then en-

tered in the final where Windram won first, Holtzinger second, Mitchell third and Hill fourth places. Next came the "Tag of War" with two preliminaries and two finals. In the first preliminary, nine of the second battalion Freshmen easily pulled their Sophomore opponents of the first battalion, over the line, but in the second preliminary the Freshmen of the third battalion, bowed in defeat before the Sophomores of the Provisional Battalion. Then came the exciting scrum between the winners of the two preliminaries, and once again the Freshmen walked down the field with their opponents. For third and fourth places the third and first battalions, losers in the first elimination, opposed each other, but the first battalion was no match for the third battalion Freshmen.

Following the "Tag of War," came the most novel event of the meet, in the shoe race. Teams of eight men from each battalion were lined up on a line across the field from where their shoes lay in a mixed up pile. At the shot of starters the men were off intent on getting their own shoes, putting one on, fully judging their own being the first one to return to the scratch line. In this event Kravits of the second battalion proved to be the speediest while Rankin and Campbell of the first battalion and Evans of the second battalion followed at his heels capturing second, third, and fourth places respectively. The fourth event of the meet was another novel feature, called the centipede race, in which six men from each unit participated. The contestants were astride a twenty foot pole on which they had to keep both hands firmly clasped and run one hundred yards. The winning team was composed of Stolpe, Ravn, Clark, Spier, Post and Wnek of the second battalion, with the first, provisional, and third battalions taking second,

third and fourth, places respectively. Fifth on the program came a truly military event in the form of a machine gun contest. Since teams could not be obtained from the different battalions the men participating were all from the machine gun company. The winning team disassembled the gun, ran fifty yards, reassembled the gun, fired a shot, and then returned to their starting point in one minute, thirty-eight and two-fifths seconds. As a reward for this good exhibition the men with a five dollar prize, contributed by the Crabtree Co. An example of entering wounded was given by the sixth event. Only three teams entered in this contest and once again the second battalion won. Second place was taken by the first battalion and third place by the third battalion.

The meet closed with an interesting relay race in which each man was hindered by a rifle. The second battalion again proved its spirit by capturing first place, while the others placed with the third battalion second, the fourth third and the first last. The final score gave the Second Battalion sixty-six, the Third Battalion thirty-four and one-half and the Provisional Battalion nineteen and one-half points. Twenty-five dollar prize from the Military Department and a fifteen dollar prize donated by the Co-op Store, Ray D. Gilliland and Graham "on the corner." The second place battalion will receive a twenty dollar prize donated by him, the clothier and L. K. Metzger.

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