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FIRE!

Penn State is practically helpless in case of a serious conflagration, and with our present system of fire fighting practically any small fire can develop into a serious one and very little can be done to prevent it. The student fire company does what it can and makes a creditable showing when the fact that it does not have adequate equipment and very little training, is considered. The fire last Friday in the Horticultural Building should be enough of an example. Starting in a laboratory in the upper floor, the fire spread unhindered through the whole upper part of the building and only the concrete ceiling on the third floor prevented the whole structure, one of the finest on the campus, from being reduced to smoldering ruins.

The college can not afford to be thus unprotected. Buildings are scarce enough with our increasing student body without allowing them to burn on account of not having the proper fire fighting equipment.

When the engineering building burned in the fall of 1918, the fire danger was forcibly brought home to the college. Classes were dismissed for over a week and the college work was seriously disrupted. As a result everyone thought that something would be done toward building up a modern fire fighting force, either by the town or by the college. There was a great deal of discussion, but nothing developed. The community is still without fire protection, and as a result, nothing could be done to save the Horticultural Building. There will probably be some attention paid to the fire apparatus now for several weeks. We wonder if anything will come of it.

THE "S" ON MT. NITTANY

The discussion raised at a recent Senior class meeting concerning the construction of a large "S" on Mt. Nittany resurrected an idea which was proposed here some time ago but which has failed to materialize because of the possible lack of initiative on the part of the student body. No one has wished to shoulder the responsibility of starting the plan and hence nothing definite has been accomplished despite a seeming evidence of approval by the majority of the students.

Hitherto, the main objection to the plan has been that it would require the expenditure of money which might be used to better advantage in some other situation, such as building a recreation hall. A novel suggestion, made at the Senior meeting, however, practically wipes out this objection inasmuch as it will reduce the cost to a small amount. It was suggested that stones gathered on the mountain side or in the nearby vicinity, be used in the construction of the "S", in place of concrete, the material usually employed for such work. The students themselves could collect the stones and could do so in a comparatively short time. Two or three coats of whitewash applied to the mass would undoubtedly give the insignia an appearance equal to that produced by whitewashed concrete. As at other institutions, the students would be called upon to do the actual labor and thus the cost of the work would be confined to the purchasing of a few tools, the hiring of three or four trucks for hauling, and the possible purchasing of concrete with which to line the sides of the letter in order to prevent washing out by the rain.

The problem of raising the necessary funds for carrying out the plan could probably be solved by the staging of a tag day or of a campaign sometime during the winter. In either case, the amount asked from the students would be small in order that every Penn State man and woman could have a share in the project and feel that he or she had contributed toward something emblematic of Penn State. The interest already displayed in the plan by the students would indicate that the campaign would be successful.

The close proximity of winter, of course, makes it inadvisable to begin actual work on the mountain but steps could be taken so that the ground may be broken in the early spring.

MEMORIAL TREES

Within a few days the entire world will be celebrating the third anniversary of the Armistice of 1918 and millions of people on every continent will pause for a moment to pay tribute to the glorious dead. Thousands and thousands of soldiers who fought in the World War will turn aside from their ordinary occupations to think of their fallen comrades of the field. Penn State too, can well afford to pause at this time and think for a moment of her seventy-seven sons who died for the United States. Time is the one big factor that is gradually healing the wound inflicted by the war. Three years have flown by rapidly since the signing of the Armistice. Three more years will come and go just as quickly. Three years have gone and yet there is no war memorial on our campus. To be sure, one is coming and we are certain that it will be a fitting one. Penn State however, cannot pay too high a tribute to those who were with us but yesterday, but who made the supreme sacrifice when duty called.

The suggestion that each of the seventy-seven Penn State heroes receive a tribute in the form of a memorial tree is certainly worthy of consideration. The Tipion Society, which is composed of landscape gardening students, in cooperation with the college, has issued invitations to alumni clubs to participate in the planting of memorial trees on Armistice Day. Fraternities and clubs are permitted to join in on the matter and many will dedicate memorial trees to their brothers who were killed in the war. What could be more appropriate than a mighty elm, oak or a pine as a living monument to the Penn State heroes! Students to come, on seeing such trees, will remember them for what they stand and will think of the heroes who gave their lives to a glorious cause.

BULLETIN

Tuesday, November 1
 7:30 p. m.—Student Council, 14 L. A.
 7:00 p. m.—Glee Club, Auditorium
 7:00 p. m.—Mandelin Club, Auditorium

Wednesday
 6:45 p. m.—Hazleton County Club, 214 Main
 7:00 p. m.—Glee Club, Auditorium

Thursday
 4:30 p. m.—Faculty Lecture, R. R. Jones, Foyer, Auditorium
 7:00 p. m.—Mercer County Club, 315 Main
 7:00 p. m.—Lycoming County Club, 11 L. A.
 7:00 p. m.—Choir A, Auditorium
 8:00 p. m.—Choir B, Auditorium

MEMORIAL TREES TO BE PLANTED ARMISTICE DAY

Alumni, Fraternities, and Clubs Invited to Honor Men Who Died in the World War

Penn State alumni, all fraternities and clubs have been invited by the Tipion Society, composed of landscape gardening students, to participate in the planting of memorial trees to the men of Penn State who died in the World War. Seventy-seven Penn State men died in the war and the Tipion Society is hoping that every one of these men will soon have a memorial tree located on the campus. The alumni have already entered into the project, the first action being taken in the matter being that of the Harrisburg Alumni who planted three trees on the front campus just within the college gates on Alumni Homecoming Day. On each tree is a small brass plate dedicating the tree to Harrisburg alumni who died in the World War.

A number of fraternities and clubs have been desirous of planting memorial trees on the campus. The college is encouraging all such prospects and suggests that such planting be done on Armistice Day, November 11. Memorial trees may be secured through the Tipion Society, which organization offers to be responsible for the ordering and planting of the trees and also the securing of the brass name plate. The entire cost for one memorial tree amounts to somewhere between seven and ten dollars. Ten days are required for ordering and receiving the

trees and all fraternities, clubs and other organizations wishing to participate in the Armistice Day plan must get in communication with the Tipion Society at once.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT STARTS ON VITAMINE EXPERIMENTS

The investigation as to the value of yeast as a source of vitamins in the development of poultry as provided for by the North West Yeast Co. will be started next week under the Department of Poultry Husbandry. The experiment will be carried on by the aid of eleven pens of White Leghorns of forty-five hens each. Each bird is to be trap-nested throughout the year and weighed once a week. A record will be kept of the size and weight of each egg of each hen and of all food consumed. Several of the pens will be installed with electric lights to see the effect on egg production by the aid of a longer day. This experiment is to be run for a year and if necessary, may be continued several years more. The Department of Poultry Husbandry is selling about one hundred fine pedigree cockerels to the farmers throughout the state. These cockerels are of very high quality and are being sold to the farmers in order to aid them improve their stocks.

WOMEN'S BUILDING GIRLS HOLD HALLOWEEN DANCE

Halloween moons and cornstalks found their way into the parlors of the Women's Building last Friday evening when the girls living in that building decided to give their usual semester dance. Ghostly figures in white were seen during the early part of the evening, but they soon yielded to the influence of the peppy music and sought to present a less melancholy appearance by drifting their white robes. The numbers who enjoyed the dance were augmented by the Diemer House girls and their guests joining the Women's Building girls in the party.

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"PREZY" READS POEMS AT "REHAB" MEETING

Selections Taken from Volumes Which Dr. Thomas Used While a Chaplain in France

By attending a meeting of the Rehabilitation Club last Friday evening and giving his views on the Penn State-Harvard game and reading a number of poems, President John M. Thomas provided the variety members of the club with one of the most enjoyable evenings' pleasure in the history of the organization.

Dr. Thomas had been in Harrisburg on an expected extended business trip during the preceding days of the week, but, keeping the promise he had made to the "Rehabs" to attend their meeting Friday evening, he came and brought with him several volumes of poems which he had carried about in his travels while serving as a chaplain in the United States Army during the late war. Dr. Thomas has read these poems many times before soldier audiences in France and has been highly commended on the beneficial influence the verses exerted on the "dough-

boys." "Prezy" described his feelings while witnessing the Harvard-Penn State battle and said that the game furnished as exciting a two-hour period as he had ever experienced. Dr. Thomas then proceeded to read several of Kipling's verses. The first of these was "The

Lather in 'Is Blindness,' and it was long in which he commends himself and 'Gunga Din.' Dr. Thomas recited from memory the short poem of Kipling in which he commends himself and Homer in that he both reproduce in their poems the same old stories that have been told since the world began.

Other poets from whose works Prezy read were T. A. Daly, a present day poet philosopher who writes the well known Italian-American dialect poems, and Paul L. Dunbar who writes very realistic and humorous negro dialect verses. Dr. Thomas' audience derived a great deal of enjoyment from the reading of these authors and especially from hearing some selections from the works of Dr. William H. Drummond, of Montreal.

The next big number on the Club program will occur this coming Saturday night when they will hold a banquet.

GRANGE MEETING POSTPONED

The Penn State Grange will not meet in Room 100 Hott tonight. The date and place of the regular November meeting will be announced later.

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