

ECHOES OF COMMENCEMENT

Degrees Conferred Upon 545 Candidates—Twenty-two Resignations from Faculty

At the graduation exercises on Tuesday morning of last week, degrees were conferred upon 545 candidates by President Thomas. Of this number, twenty-six were candidates for advanced degrees. This time marked Penn State's sixty-second annual commencement. Degrees were awarded by the following schools: Agriculture, 136; Engineering, 196; Liberal Arts, 22; Mines, 23; Natural Science, 71; Home Economics, 20.

S I Strickhouser, of York, a chemist, was awarded the John W. White Fellowship, valued at \$400, for advanced study at another institution. Miss Cordella L. Pharo, of Bethlehem, won the John W. White medal, valued at \$50.

Dr. John M. Thomas, president of Penn State, preached the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, June 11th. High ideals and worthy motives as the foundation stone for the greatest Penn State of the future, was the keynote of the address. His text was "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Two plays, "Pomander Walk," an old English comedy, presented by the Penn State Players, and "The Fair Co-ed," a musical comedy written by George Ade, presented by the Penn State Theatricals, together with a concert by the combined musical clubs of the college, and a special concert, featured the evening entertainments of commencement week.

At the Board of Trustees meeting, which was held on Monday afternoon of last week, announcement was made of the appointment of Paul Thayer as professor of pomology extension to succeed C. G. Vinson, resigned. Professor Thayer has been at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station for the past ten years. There were twenty-two faculty resignations and nine received leave of absence for study in this and foreign countries. About a dozen new appointments were made.

PENN STATE WINS IN TRACK; TIES TENNIS, LOSES BASEBALL

Of the four sporting contests with the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State was successful in winning one and tying one. The victory was in the track meet, in which the Blue and White scored 93 points to the Blue and Gold's 42. Pitt, however, won both baseball games by a 13 to 3 score and a 4 to 2 score. The tennis tournament ended in a 3-3 tie.

CHANCELLOR McCORMICK IS SUNDAY SPEAKER JULY 2ND

Dean Chambers has just announced that the speaker for the union religious service on the campus on Sunday evening, July 2nd, will be Dr. Samuel Black McCormick, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Pittsburgh. Chancellor McCormick is not an utter stranger to State College audiences, having appeared here several times on previous occasions. The subject of the address will be "Christianity and Democracy."

The speaker for this date received both his bachelor's and master's degree from Washington and Jefferson College, and his later record was such that his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Laws. William and Mary College, Allegheny College, and the University of Pennsylvania and other institutions which have given him the latter degree.

Chancellor McCormick started out in life as a lawyer, being admitted to the bar in 1882. Then until 1888 he practiced law in Pittsburgh, and the next four years in Denver, Colorado. By the end of this time, the ministry was making a strong appeal to him through law, and so after three years' study at the Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, he was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1899. The Central Church of Allegheny, Pa., and the First Church of Omaha, Nebraska, were pastorate which were successfully and successfully filled, and then Dr. McCormick became president of Coe College, Iowa. After seven years in that capacity, he was called in 1904, to be the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh.

SCOUT-CRAFT COURSE OFFERED THIS SUMMER

As has been the custom for some years past, a course will be offered this summer in scout-craft, under the instruction of Professor T. I. Mairs. This course will be divided into two sections, one for men, who are or who are planning to become scout masters, and the other for women who are or look forward to being girl scout captains or camp fire guardians.

The course is planned to give instruction in organization, in the characteristics of adolescence, and to enable those taking it to provide a program for boys and girls of the teen age. This program will be based on the natural tendencies of youth, and attempts to utilize their natural interests. The course will be constructive and educational, in that it contributes to training for citizenship, and also gives some help towards the solution of problems of vocational guidance, as far as is possible.

In the class room, the principles of the scout movement, and the history and organization of boy scouts, girl scouts and camp fire girls, will be taken up, and their relation to the school, church and other institutions. Instruction and practice will be given in meeting the requirements for the various ranks, honors, merit badges, and the like.

PENN STATE TRACKMEN WIN SECOND PLACE IN NATIONAL A. A. MEET

Three of Penn State's trackmen shone as stellar lights in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Meet which was held at Stagg Field, Chicago, last Saturday when the Nittany representatives outdid of second honors. These three men were Captain Barron, American Olympic Champion, who took first place in the high hurdles, Larry Shields, who won the mile and established a new record for that event in the Chicago meet, and Allan Helfrich, who surprised the spectators by the sensational way in which he beat Larry Brown of Penn in the half mile. California, winner of the Eastern Intercollegiate Meet, carried off the team honors by scoring 28 1/2 points. Penn State took second place with 19 1/2 counters.

Barron ran the 120-yard high hurdles against a classy field of dumber toppers, including such men as Cook of Central Wesleyan, Ivey of Earlham, and Brickman of Chicago. His time for the event was 15 3/5 seconds. Captain Barron also took fifth place in the 120-yard low hurdles.

In the mile, Larry Shields ran one of the most spectacular races of the meet. Starting against a field of eighteen men, he took the lead at the end of the first half mile and maintained that position for the rest of the race. He clipped three seconds off the old intercollegiate record and set up a new mark of 4:29 2/5 seconds. In addition to setting up a new record for this event, Shields also out-distanced his old rival, "Jimmy" Connelly, the star miler from Georgetown University.

Although a large number of runners entered the half mile, the event took the form of a dual race between Larry Brown of Penn and the National A. A. U. champion, Allan Helfrich of Penn State. Brown took the lead and held it for the first quarter, but on the second lap, Helfrich took the pole and beat the Penn runner in the dash to the tape.

Dnek, who is captain of the Blue and White Cross Country team for next fall, took third place in the two mile, and "Mike" Palm finished second in the hammer throw, making a toss of 136 feet 3 1/2 inches. Hile and Kaufman failed to qualify for the hurdles, and Grubb did not place in the broad jump, although he did leap 22 feet 9 inches in the semi-finals.

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THREE LECTURES BY HAMILTON HOLT

(Continued from first page) Dr. Holt was the son of Judge George Chandler Holt and Mary Louisa (Brown) Holt. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale in 1894, and the three years following pursued post-graduate studies in sociology and economics at Columbia University. The honor's degrees of Doctor of Laws and Doctor of Literature were conferred upon him respectively by Ursinus College in 1915, and Wooster College in 1916. The year 1887 was the beginning of his connection with "The Independent", a connection that lasted for nearly twenty-five years.

Among other public activities of Dr. Holt's life, only a few need be mentioned. He is a trustee of the American College for Girls at Constantinople and a director of the Church Peace Union. He participated in the New York Municipal campaigns of 1909, 1913 and 1917. Among the organizations in which he holds membership are: League to Enforce Peace, American-Scandinavian Foundation, International Conciliation Society, American Society of International Law, Japan Society of N. Y., Italy-American Society, National Institute of Social Sciences, Friends of Russian Freedom, Simplified Spelling Board, Committee of 100, Committee of 107, Committee of 250.

Dr. Holt was decorated with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, in 1909 (Japan). He has been made an Officer of the Royal Order of George the First, in 1915 (Greece); and Officer of Public Instruction (France), and he belongs to the Order of the Crown of Italy, (Italy).

As a lecturer, he is known through-

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out the United States. He has been special lecturer for the World Peace Foundation of the Carnegie Foundation, and in 1917 was the Isaac Bromley lecturer on journalism at Yale University. Early in the spring of 1918, he visited the allied battlefronts as the guest of the British, American, French, Belgian and Italian governments.

DR. THOMAS AWAY

Dr. John M. Thomas, President of Penn State, was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association and the Pennsylvania State Weekly Association, held in the Penn Harris Hotel at Harrisburg, last evening.

MRS. ROBINSON CANCELS LECTURE ENGAGEMENTS

It will be learned with great regret by the students of the summer session that Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson will not be able to come to Penn State to give the series of lectures for which she had been scheduled on Friday and Saturday, July 7th and 8th. Mrs. Robinson was advised by her physicians to cancel all her summer lecture engagements on account of her health. Mrs. Robinson, who is the sister of the late Theodore Roosevelt, had planned to give her first lecture on "Intimate Reminiscences of Theodore Roosevelt." The title of the second was to have been "Women's Responsibility as a Voter."

Efforts are being made by Dean Chambers to find a worthy successor to Mrs. Robinson to fill the vacant dates. Announcement will be made as soon as a selection is made.

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