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**SUMMER SESSION PROGRAM IS NOW WELL UNDER WAY**

Evening Lectures Have Been Drawing Large Audiences on Each Occasion

**ENROLLMENT RETURNS NOT YET COMPLETED**

Registration has been going on steadily at the Summer Session office in Room 114 Old Main Building all week, and while the figures of the number enrolled have not yet been officially tabulated, it is safe to say that several hundred more are here than were at Penn State last summer. Then the number enrolled was 1,995, and it would not be surprising if that figure was exceeded by at least 700 this year.

The program of lectures every evening is being carried out and the attendance at each of the events so far has been, in most of the instances, very large. Inclement weather necessitated the holding of several of the lectures in the Auditorium.

**Dr. Thomas First Speaker**

President John M. Thomas, of Penn State, was the first speaker of the 1922 summer session, opening the series of evening talks on Sunday evening, June 25th on the two succeeding nights, Monday and Tuesday, June 26th and 27th, Rabbi Marvin Nathan came to Penn State under the auspices of the Jewish Chataqua Society, and presented to the summer students two subjects from the viewpoint of his race. The topics of his lectures were "Who were the Pharisees?" and "The Blank Leaf between the Old and the New Testaments."

Hon. Thomas E. Finegan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, had been scheduled to speak on Wednesday evening, June 28th, on "Pennsylvania and the Schools," but Dr. Finegan was forced to cancel this engagement. In his place, Dr. David Snedden, of the summer session faculty, who is Professor of Education in Columbia University, gave the first of his series of lectures, his subject being "What is Wrong with the Schools?"

**Diplomas Each Year**

In the course of his lecture, Dr. Snedden said "There is one great corrective that should be applied to the high schools at once. We should give the student a diploma at the end of each year. Give him a colored ribbon. Give him a pink, or a blue, or a red certificate which will state that he has completed

his school work up to a certain point. Dress him up. Give him a Commencement. Get a speaker from a distance for his class, too.

"The cruelest wrong in our educational system today is that we give all our pupils to the fortunate 25 per cent who complete their high school courses, while we allow the others to drift out into the world and then write articles about them under the head of 'high school moribundity.'" Dr. Snedden stated that some day the American people will erect a monument 2,000 feet high to the young teachers who have gone in the van of civilization and made America a literate nation.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings were taken up with a series of three lectures by Dr. Hamilton Holt, formerly editor of "The Independent," now connected with the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. On Thursday evening Dr. Holt spoke on "The Limitation of Armaments," and after describing the session of the Versailles peace conference where the text of the League of Nations Covenant was read, he told in detail of the Washington limitation of Arms Conference held last November. On Friday evening the topic was "The League of Nations Accomplishments," and it may be stated that many in the audience learned with surprise that the League of Nations is not a thing of the past, but an alive, functioning and internationally beneficial organization. "Hitting a Magline" was the subject upon which Dr. Holt spoke Saturday evening, and this lecture was not only entertaining but also instructive and educational.

Dr. Samuel Black McGonick, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Pittsburgh, gave the sermon at the union religious service on the front campus Sunday evening, the subject of his discourse being "Christianity and Democracy." On Monday evening President John M. Thomas entertained the summer students with readings from dialect poems, choosing his selections from Kipling's "Barrack Room Ballads," Paul Laurence Dunbar's Negro poems, T. A. Daley's Irish and Italian poems, and the French Canadian verse of Dr. W. H. Drummond. The evening's program last night consisted of the performance of "Nothing but the Truth," in the Auditorium, by the Summer Session Players.

**AMERICANIZATION COURSE OFFERED AT PENN STATE**

Trainings of Americanization workers is the plan of a three weeks' intensive course being given this summer by the Americanization Bureau of the Department of Public Instruction. The course is well represented in the enrollment of the present summer session.

Two hours daily constitutes the work done, and the course is being given in three units of one week each. Mr. E. E. Bach, Dr. A. W. Castle, and Miss Stella W. Jones each have charge of the students for the period of one week.

**RAILROAD SAFETY DEVICE INVENTED BY PHILIP RICE**

Instructor in Electrical Engineering at Penn State Perfects Switch Apparatus

**INVENTION IS ACCEPTED BY ROCHESTER COMPANY**

A safety device, that will assure the operator of a signal tower that the signal or switch which he intended setting has actually been set in its proper position, has been invented by an instructor in the department of electrical engineering of the Pennsylvania State College, according to an announcement made at the college. The name of the inventor is Philip X. Rice. His invention is now being patented and has been accepted by the General Railway Signal Company, of Rochester, N. Y.

Because of the fact that the invention will employ the use of an alternating electrical current instead of a direct current, it is said, its use will result in economy both in the supplying of energy for operation and in maintenance. The apparatus, according to Mr. Rice, will give "increased safety in railroad yards and terminals by providing dynamic indication to insure the operator of the interlocking tower that the signal or switch involved has successfully completed its movement. This indication signal will automatically unlock the controlling lever in the tower making it possible to permit trains to proceed through the yard with full assurance that switches and signals are in their proper positions to prevent collisions and derailments at crossings and switches." It will give instant warning of a switch failing to work because of ice or dirt.

A signal device previously used for this purpose requires a direct current and more wire than the new device. The safety features of Mr. Rice's system consists of by-pass which tends to shield the signal from false operation due to unauthorized currents from crossed wires and an attachment which prevents the existence of induction energy in the system until the signal or switch has practically completed its movement.

Mr. Rice is the inventor of an automatic pony brake and is now working on a tuned induction type of train stop.

**PENN STATE SENDS GROUP TO Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE**

Twenty-seven Penn State men, of whom 25 were students, attended the annual Intercollegiate Student Y. M. C. A. conference, held at Silver Bay-on-Lake George. The conference began on Wednesday, June 14th, and came to an end June 22nd. Dr. I. L. Foster, head of the Department of Romance Languages, and Mr. T. J. Olinsted, the Y. M. C. A. Secretary of the college, were with the group.

Four ladies also spent the ten-day period of the conference at Silver Bay. These were Mrs. I. B. Foster, Mrs. Israel Adams, Mrs. Harry Kimmel, and Miss Rebecca Rhoads, the latter from Bellefonte.

**CONSCIENCE TROUBLES AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS**

After a stretch of sixteen years, the mystery of a text-book that disappeared from the desk of Professor T. I. Mills,

of the Pennsylvania State College agricultural school in 1906, was solved today. A letter received from a former student, confessing to the taking of the book because he lacked the funds to purchase one, and enclosed a check for

\$2.60 covering the cost of the book with compound interest at six per cent for sixteen years. A troublesome conscience finally became too insistent, and the owner sought relief by making reparation in the only way that he could

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