

CHINA'S WAR STOPPED BY PENN STATE MAN

J. E. Platt '10 Instrumental in Effecting Armistice Between the Opposing Armies

A dispatch from London to the daily papers contains the story of how "Joe" Platt '10 and Dr. W. A. Young, a Scottish missionary in Mukden, were instrumental in arranging an armistice which led to peace in China's civil war. After graduating from Penn State, Mr. Platt entered Y. M. C. A. work and was the social secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Penn State for a number of years.

Some three months ago the armies of Wu-Pai-Fu and Chang-Tso-Lin were facing each other with every prospect of a long civil war on their hands. General Chang's son, then on a visit to Mukden, and feeling keenly how injurious to the best interests of China was a continuance of hostilities, brought his troubles to Mr. Platt, an old friend. Dr. Young was brought into consultation, and the American and British finally consented to try to bring about a reconciliation of the two forces. Their task was no light one, for no Chinese would accept the risk and the Foreign Ministers had forbidden their consuls to intervene.

On the understanding that their task was only to bring the peace delegates together, Mr. Platt and Dr. Young, unprotected and without official documents of any kind, made three strenuous trips from Mukden to the front. Their friend, Chang-Han-Ching was not allowed to accompany them for the party, and twice, General Wu, entrenched as he was in a favorable position, refused all suggestions of peace.

On the second visit the journey from Shih-hai-huan to Chinwangtao and back had to be made in a Chinese junk over a stormy sea in the dead of night, on account of the resumption of fighting which had taken place. At last, however, their importunity was rewarded, and a parley was arranged which took place at two-thirty on a Sunday morning aboard the British cruiser Curlew. Here the final negotiations were carried through and the present state of peace in China brought about.

"Peace was declared. North China breathed freely. Manchuria was spared the loosening of hell," commented the North China Herald. "The courage, perseverance, and wisdom of our two Mukden comrades, the humanity of their cause, and their intrepid bearing and entire detachment from political and personal matters carried their point."

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NEW PROFESSOR NAMED IN ENGINEERING RESEARCH

Fred G. Hechler has been appointed Associate Professor of Engineering Research and has assumed his duties with the Engineering Experiment Station, at Penn State, where he will also be associated with the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Has Had Much Experience

Professor Hechler was graduated from the University of Missouri in 1908 and two years later received the degree of Mechanical Engineer at the same institution. He was appointed an instructor in Mechanical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1908 and remained there until 1916 when he became associated with the United States Naval Engineering Experiment Station as Mechanical Engineer. From 1919 to the present time he has been Mechanical Engineer and General Manager of the Vibration Specialty Company of Philadelphia. His training especially qualifies him to carry on the work of the Penn State Station. Professor Wood will remain on the staff to consult in matters of heat transmission.

Professor Hechler is a member of the American Society of Naval Engineers and a member of the Research and Fluid Meter Committees of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is also a member of the Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi.

CONSERVATION WORK IS BEGUN IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Sportsmen Aid Dean Watts in Legislating Council's Conservation Program

A state-wide movement for conservation has been started in Pennsylvania, largely through the efforts of Dean R. L. Watts of the School of Agriculture. Dean Watts last January invited representatives of the various state and county organizations interested in conservation, to attend a meeting at State College, with the result that Pennsylvania now has a Conservation Council with a definite program and an executive council to secure its enactment by the Legislature at Harrisburg.

The first meeting held at State College, was attended by delegates from the Departments of Fish, Game and Forestry at Harrisburg, various sporting organizations such as the Alpine Club, the United Sportsmen of America, the Wild Life League of Pennsylvania, and a number of county associations for conservation.

At that time it was decided to hold a general conservation conference on March thirtieth and thirty-first.

The first general Conservation Conference, consisted of over one hundred and fifty people, representing eighteen different state and county organizations. The members of the Conference soon laid the foundations for a permanent Conservation Council, agreed upon a definite program for conservation in the state and appointed an executive committee to secure its enactment in the legislature at Harrisburg.

The more important measures adopted by the Convention, are for better appropriations for protection from forest fires and for the purchase and restoration of so-called wild and waste lands; the prevention of stream pollution and restoration of polluted streams that may be restored; enlargement of the fish hatcheries of the state and the passage of suitable laws for the protection of the farmer's rights and property from reckless and thoughtless hunting parties.

The trip, taken by Dean Watts last week to Lewistown, York and Lancaster, was marked by enthusiastic gatherings of the various clubs and associations of these counties in support of the conservation movement. As president of the new Conservation Council, Dean Watts also attended a meeting of the Executive Council at Harrisburg, on October fifth, to prepare for work in securing the passage of the Council's program by the Legislature. Passage of the Council's program will assure the protection of Pennsylvania's forests and its wild life.

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FRESHMAN ARCHITECTS ENTERTAINED BY SCARABS

The freshman Architects and Architectural Engineers were entertained last Wednesday evening at the Sigma Phi Sigma House by the local chapter of Scarab Fraternity.

During the evening short talks were given by Professor A. L. Koehler and Professor F. C. Disque who told of Scarab's relation to the Architectural Department and to the college. Instead of some of his "silent jokes", Harry Gambel presented two one act plays entitled, "The One Armed Piccolo Player", and "Squirrel Hunting".

A competition was opened to the freshmen which brought forth some remarkable designs. The subject was "The Design of a Wren Cote". It was explained that it is the desire of a wealthy lover of the common birds to promote the conveniences and social welfare of the wren in her community.

This lady proposes to construct some forty or fifty of these wren cotes on her estate with the idea of so designing them that they will enhance the beauty of the grounds of her home and at the same time promote the development of a large colony of wrens. A sketch of the front or main elevation of the cote in pencil or fountain pen was to be completed and handed in within fifteen minutes. Prizes were awarded for the best designs that the freshmen submitted. The first prize was awarded to A. White '25.

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JAPANESE ACTORS DELIGHT AUDIENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Ongawa Entertain With Unusual Oriental Dances and Music

That famous expression of Bret Harte's, "For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the heathen Chinese is peculiar", seems to apply equally as well to the Japanese. Mr. and Mrs. Ongawa, who leave this week, is to receive complete authority over the whole farm and will try to establish it along efficient lines. The farm is an extensive project embracing all the general phases of agriculture, including livestock farming as well as truck, fruit, and general farming.

The progress of the farm under the new system will be closely followed as a demonstration of the practicability of modern methods of farm management in securing commensurate profits from big investments.

The first part of the performance was vaudeville, consisting of dances, songs and musical instruments as strange as they were novel. After a short intermission, a play, "The Fox Woman", was given. With Mrs. Ongawa taking the part of a charming bride and Mr. Ongawa, taking three separate roles, the Japanese were given a chance to display their acting ability and their efforts were highly appreciated.

The curtains were drawn to the booming of a gong, to reveal a Japanese room. Mr. and Mrs. Ongawa appeared and after innumerable curtseys, rendered a descriptive composition, "The Feast of Lanterns". With Mrs. Ongawa playing the gekkin or moon fiddle and Mr. Ongawa, the traps, a variety of syncopation was obtained totally different, however, from that produced by the American dance orchestra.

A sword dance by Mr. Ongawa was featured for the most part by much stamping of feet and other grotesque motions of little meaning to the majority of the audience. His wife then sang several songs accompanied by the gekkin and samisen, the latter best described as a banjo with a very long neck. The songs were as queer as the instruments and were enjoyed by the audience for their originality and manner of presentation. Several dances were then given, one of these, a comic dance, being particularly good. Intending to represent a bashful country lover and his fair charmer, it certainly deserved its title of a comic dance. The first part of the performance was brought to a close by the fashion display of Mrs. Ongawa. From her explanations it appears that the wardrobe of the Japanese woman is limited to a great variety of kimonos and then some more kimonos, but despite the simplicity of her costume, she takes just as much interest in her clothes as the average American woman.

The performance was completed by a play, "The Fox Woman", founded on an old legend and representative of the modern development of the Japanese drama. It deals with the household of a poor but illustrious family and the mischief brought to it by the red fox which has taken the form of a woman and corresponds to the witch of western legends. The acting of the Japanese was excellent and the play gave a good picture of the life and customs of a poor poor Japanese farmer.

The Penn State chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honorary Society of Agriculture, will be installed in the basement parlor of the University Club at five thirty this afternoon. Dinner will be served at six fifteen and will be followed by an address by Dr. E. D. Ball, Director of Scientific Work of the Department of Agriculture, in Room 100 of the Hort Building. Dr. Ball will speak on "The Place of Research in National Development". The public is cordially invited to this meeting.

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Professor J. E. McCord, of the Rural Life Department of Penn State has received an appeal from a wealthy agriculturist of Susquehanna County to completely reorganize his farm.

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CENTRE HILLS COUNTRY CLUB NEARS COMPLETION

The Centre Hills Golf and Country Club for faculty and townspeople is rapidly nearing completion. The new club is located near the Branch school house, and includes a golf course consisting of nine holes, four of which can be used now, while the club house will be completed by spring. Officer of the organization, recently elected, are as follows: President, Dean C. W. Stoddard; Vice-President, H. W. Sauer; Secretary, G. H. Green; Treasurer, C. E. Snyder, while the board of directors includes Dean Sackett, Dr. Woodruff, S. K. Hostetter, D. F. Kapp, Dr. G. C. Glenn, and G. Z. Stover.

The plans of the Centre Hills Club are to use the club house, not only for a country club but also for the entertainment of visiting friends of the college. This can be done quite extensively, as there are several sleeping rooms on the third floor, while by opening the dining room and club room, banqueting space for three hundred can be provided and the basement contains a grill room, locker room, and indoor golf course.

Few locations surpass that of the new club from the standpoint of beauty and grandeur of view. The situation provides a complete view of Mount Nittany and Tussey mountain. It is an ideal place for faculty and townspeople who have long felt the need of a recreational resort of this kind.

PENN STATE FIRE CO. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Penn State Volunteer Fire Department has undergone a complete reorganization for the coming year, and is making plans that will eclipse the work of former years.

A meeting was held on last Wednesday evening, at which time eight new members were elected to the organization. Sixteen members are back from last year's department and with the eight men elected, the full quota of men will be filled.

The officers for the coming year will be as follows:
Chief—G. L. Crossley '23
Asst. Chief—W. J. Oliver '24
Hose Captain—F. G. Hoehnstein '24
Chemical Captain—C. S. Simmons '24

Another company is being formed of the employees of the college, to assist the student company, and to act in times when the students are absent from college.

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SENIOR CLASS SELECTS SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Twenty-Five Names To Be Presented for Louise Carnegie and John W. White Prizes

Selection of the list of names to be presented to the faculty for the Louise Carnegie and John W. White scholarships and the appointment of committees for the Senior year, were the chief items of business brought up at the first regular meeting of the class since the opening of the term. The meeting was attended by a large number of both men and women students.

According to the conditions of selection for the scholarships, twenty-five names are chosen from the upper fourth of the class and these are then presented to the faculty committee, which body in turn selects the names of five seniors to be awarded the scholarships. Four are given the Louise Carnegie scholarship amounting to one hundred dollars and one is given the John W. White Senior scholarship which amounts to two hundred dollars.

After the regular meeting of the class had adjourned, the Senior engineers elected a representative to Student Council. L. G. Will was chosen.

President Lane appointed the following committees: Finance, C. W. Nies, H. A. Gaul, W. N. Olevier, S. Shair, G. H. King; Social, G. S. Rose, W. W. Sleg, D. M. Hulser, C. W. Nies, J. A. Knox; Membership, J. F. Noble, J. V. Keatley, E. E. Wells.

HORT STUDENTS LEAVE ON INSPECTION TRIP

Itinerary Includes Visits to Leading Fruit Growing Centers of Pennsylvania

An inspection trip for students taking Hort 2 and Hort 202 to inspect the fruit industry of Franklin and Adams counties will start today. This trip is designed primarily for the students enrolled in the courses listed above, but arrangements have been made whereby others may go if they secure written permission from their advisor and present it to the instructor in charge of the trip.

The itinerary of the trip is as follows: Leave State College today at seven-thirty a. m. and arrive in Chambersburg at one p. m. After dinner in Chambersburg, the horts will inspect the orchard and packing house of Willis Hess at Mount Alto and the orchard and packing house of D. M. Wertz at Quincey. Arriving in Gettysburg that night, a half hour trip will be made over the battlefield Wednesday morning. From nine to ten a. m. the horts will visit the peach and apple orchards of H. M. Keller at Arendtsville and will then go to Biglersville where they will inspect storage, and fruit canneries.

After dinner in Biglersville, the men will inspect the apple orchards of the American Fruit Growers Inc. at Floral Dale. The trip will end Wednesday evening when the students will return to State College via Carlisle, Sterrett Gap, New Bloomfield, Newport, and Lewis-town.

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