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ENTERTAINMENTS TO BE GIVEN BY DEPT. OF MUSIC

Stephen Leacock, the "Canadian Mark Twain," Appears in Opening Number

RAFAELO DIAZ WILL SING TOMORROW NIGHT

Mr. Diaz Sings in Five Languages—Coffer-Miller Players to Give Two Plays

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Stephen Leacock might justly be referred to as "The Great International Jester." His main business in life is to make innocent fun of things and people. For ten years from his college chair at McGill University, and from the lecture platform, he has been joshing Americans and his own Canadians. The Americans have laughed at the Canadians and the Canadians have laughed at themselves—and at Leacock. Whenever he has turned loose his satirical guns, whether on the platform or through his books, or magazine contributions, the result has invariably been a hearty laugh.

Now comes the learned funster with a cargo of English impressions which he recently doctored in New York in honor, following his lecture tour of England. "My Discoveries of England," is Leacock's latest. It has recently been running in Harper's, and needless to say, is creating an international chuckle.

As a lecturer Stephen Leacock has been a decided "hit" from his very first appearance. He has the same easy, humorous style in which he writes. He is a genuine favorite wherever he appears, for he is not only a humorist of international fame but he is a man of profound learning. He heads the department of political economy at McGill University, Canada's greatest school. Although a Canadian Professor Leacock has spent much of his time in the United States, and most of his literary efforts concern people and things in this country.

On Wednesday, July 16th, Rafaelo Diaz, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will give a song recital.

Entering upon his eighth consecutive season with the Metropolitan Opera Company, Rafaelo Diaz, the youthful tenor, finds himself firmly established in the high esteem of his countrymen as a singer who has taken his place in the front rank of musical artists before the American public.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Diaz showed musical talent from childhood and studied his career as an instrumentalist. He went to Berlin to study piano at the Stern Conservatory, where one of his instructors discovered a tone of unusual quality and freshness. On the advice of his professors and friends, he was induced to turn his voice and his development showed immediate results. He then proceeded to Italy and became a pupil of one of that country's famous masters, Vincenzo Sabatini.

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WORK PROGRESSING ON P. O. BUILDING

Unfavorable Weather Retards Work—New Postoffice to Be Completed by Fall

Building operations on the new Postoffice are progressing very satisfactorily in spite of the inclement weather, according to George D. Glenn, postmaster. Seventeen men are at work on the structure, which is rapidly taking shape in the hands of M. D. Zimmerli, the contractor from Palo Alto, California, and Mr. Sedley Chaplain, superintendent of construction of the Treasury department.

The contract calls for the building to be ready for occupancy Oct. 15, but unavoidable delays caused by weather conditions have postponed the date to November 1. Every effort is being made, however, to speed up the work, and great progress is being made.

One of the features of the new building is its exceptional lighting facilities. On the first and main floor, where all the work of the postoffice proper will be carried on, there are ten large single windows with a surface of 18 square feet each, and six double windows with more than twice the area of a single one. In addition, a skylight will be constructed, lighting the interior.

It is interesting to note that the new quarters has 1,200 square feet more floor space than the present postoffice. The postal authorities are not cramped at present to any great extent, so the new building will be positively palatial in the copiousness.

In the basement there will be offices for the Internal Revenue officials and for the Civil Service Bureau. A rest room for the clerks together with a shower room will also be installed in the lower regions.

The sidewalks around the new building will be 10 feet wide instead of the regulation five feet, half of the cost to be borne by the federal authorities and half by the borough. The width of the cement walk will solve the problem of congestion which has constituted the local postmaster. Two cement approaches to the front of the building and a forty-foot wide driveway near provide for convenient access.

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STATE COLLEGE BUILDING BOOM STILL CONTINUES

Much Activity Among Home Builders in Addition to New Postoffice

Penn State has had a rapid growth during the last few years. The building program is being pushed until the campus is beginning to show signs of this new development. The new dormitories for men has been completed and is now in use and Varsity Hall, the new home for Penn State's athletes will be ready for occupancy in the fall. Other plans will be carried out just as soon as funds can be secured.

The anticipated enrollment for the coming year will probably be the largest in the history of the college. Those who have kept in close touch with Penn State have seen the enrollment of about five hundred only a few years ago gradually swell to nearly four thousand resident students. The time is not so far distant when there will be no doubt be between eight and ten thousand students here.

The town has had to grow to keep pace with the college and in spite of the depression throughout the country, State College has a large building and improvement program. A new Postoffice, which has been needed for a long time, is now under construction on the corner of Deaver avenue and Allen street. Allen street is being paved. Both of these projects will be finished by early fall. There have been more substantial homes built here this year than in many towns more than five times the size of this one. During the past year the town has expanded until it reaches more than a mile to the West and about the same distance to the South. It is impossible to go to the North because that is owned by the college.

Recently the State Realty Company purchased what is known as the Markle Farm, a very desirable sight which is now being offered to the public for

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PENN STATE GRADUATE RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

Ernest N. Dauer, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, was recently appointed to a Fellowship in Metallurgical Research for the coming year at Carnegie Institute of Technology. Mr. Dauer, with four other college graduates appointed to similar fellowships, will be engaged in a series of metallurgical research studies in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Mines. The work for the coming year will be the initial undertaking of the newly-organized arrangement for research between the Department of Metallurgy and the Bureau of Mines.

Each of the five college graduates will be assigned to a senior investigator from the Pittsburgh Station of the Bureau of Mines. Mr. Dauer, who is a native of Butler, Pa., was graduated from Butler High School in 1919 and from Pennsylvania State College last June with a B. S. degree in Metallurgical Engineering.

PLEGGED TO SPEAK ONLY FRENCH AT PENN STATE

Seventy-three Students Enrolled in This Department—One-third From Pennsylvania

Youngsters stopped with staid eyes and summer session students listened with undisciplined amazement today as a group of seventy odd men and women speaking a foreign tongue walked off of the Pennsylvania State College campus and proceeded to the highest point in town to gaze at the Seven Mountains across Nittany Valley.

Closer inspection of the group revealed that these in fact were speaking French and that they were members of the Institute of French Education which for the first time is a feature of the Penn State Summer Session.

Pledged on their honor not to converse in any language but French for six weeks while in company of others at the "French House" of the special summer session course at Penn State, seventy-three men and women from thirteen states today reported having spent time in this unusual feature.

It is the purpose of the Institute of French Education to turn out the best possible teachers of the French language. The continuous speaking of the tongue with each student correcting others who make errors, is deemed a necessary feature by Prof. H. P. Williamson de Visme who is in charge of the group. Two large fraternity houses and a part of Watts Hall dormitory on the campus are set aside for the use of the classes.

One just can't belong to this group if he cannot speak or understand French. All of the students are American teachers of the language. This is the first year that the institute has been conducted as a summer session feature and is sure to draw attention of visitors. Occasionally Prof. de Visme will lift the "bar" for individuals but only on rare occasions.

Only about one-third of the institute students are Pennsylvanians as a total of twenty-five. The fame of the course has drawn students from Maine to Georgia and as far west as Illinois. Seven students coming from that state, New York sent seventeen students, Massachusetts six, Michigan three, New Hampshire two, and there is one each from Maine, Vermont, New Jersey, Georgia and Kentucky.

The Penn State summer session is now well under way with an enrollment of close to two thousand and a large number of the more popular classes are filled to capacity.

PENN STATE OFFERS RURAL ED. COURSE

The great demand of the past few years for young men as teachers of vocational agriculture cannot be met fully by agricultural colleges. Newly states are constantly seeking teachers of this type in Pennsylvania. As a result, the course in agricultural education at the Pennsylvania State College, where special training is given for the vocational teaching field, has become a very important one.

At their last meeting the trustees of the college changed the name of this course to "rural education," having previously transferred it from the school of agriculture to the school of education. A number of young men with a life time of experience on the farm are pursuing this special four year course at Penn State.

Miss S. Louise VanSant, of State College and Mr. John W. Aiken, of Pittsburgh, were united in marriage on Wednesday, June 18th, in Chicago, Illinois. Both the bride and groom are graduates of the Pennsylvania State College. The latter is now a student of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. The young people will locate in Adair, Iowa, where Mr. Aiken is pastor of the Presbyterian church.

After a few years of further study and preparation, Mr. and Mrs. Aiken expect to take up missionary work in India.

DO YOU EXPECT TO GRADUATE?

Persons expecting to be graduated at the convocation at the end of the Summer Session should inform the Registrar in writing not later than July nineteenth in order that the necessary diploma forms may be ordered. Persons neglecting to do this may have to wait a considerable length of time after the close of the Summer Session to receive their diploma.

CAST IS CHOSEN FOR HOTTENTOT

Rehearsals Began Immediately and Play Is Under Way for August Seventh

IS A CLEVER COMEDY AND SURE FIRE LAUGH

After a most successful tryout on Tuesday night, the cast was selected for "The Hottentot," which has been selected as the Summer Session play for this season.

Rehearsals were begun immediately and already the play is under way for its presentation on August seventh in the Auditorium. Make your plans now to come and see "The Hottentot," for it will be one of the features of the Summer Session that you cannot afford to miss and be up to the campus times.

"The Hottentot" is a rollicking comedy and it is a sure fire laugh. It was successfully introduced by William Collier in a Broadway run and then taken out on the road the next season for an equally successful road tour. It has been recently released for amateur production and the Summer Session group consider themselves fortunate in being able to get this play.

It concerns a man by the name of Sam Harrington who falls hopelessly in love with a girl, one Peggy Fairfax. Now that part of the story is all well and good for Peggy falls quite as thoroughly in love with Sam. But as it happens, Peggy is fond of horses and Sam is not. It is just when the complications set in to relate them though would spoil the play for you to go to see the show and enjoy it to its utmost.

Playing the leads of this performance are Gerrit Kline and V. Kennedy. Their handling of the parts is thoroughly adequate and their playing inspires a brilliant production. Mr. Kline is a drama student here during the winter session. He has been preparing to go on to the professional stage. He appeared last season in four full length plays and sixteen one act plays showing both here in town and in state-wide repertoire. Mr. Kline's ability is well known to the theatre-going public of State College and it will be a pleasant surprise for the Summer Session colony. His ability will be given full sway in this humorous comedy and he will be seen at his best. Playing opposite him Miss V. Kennedy, a drama student at Cedar Crest, a very talented and pleasant ingenue. Her personality and vivacious charm coupled with her unusual ability will insure a most successful performance.

Giving the leads strong support and carrying a major role with genuine

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MONDAY NIGHT ASSEMBLY HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

The inception of the regular Monday night assembly and community singing was witnessed last week in the Auditorium. The program was under the direction of Prof. Richard W. Grant and consisted of several familiar songs which were much enjoyed by the capacity audience in attendance.

The program was further enhanced by a group of vocal selections by Miss M. Snyder, of the Summer Session Music faculty and also by several piano-forte selections by Assistant Professor Schoonmacker.

The next assembly will be held on Monday evening, July fourteenth in the open air theatre on the front campus at seven o'clock. If the weather proves to be bad, it will take place in the Auditorium the same as last week.

SUPREME COURT RULES BOND ISSUE TO BE VOID

Penn State Is Seriously Affected by Decision—Forests and Armories Also Lose

It looks as though the college building program will be postponed for another three years, unless the state legislature can be prevailed upon to provide funds for buildings at State College.

The soldiers' bonus amendment went before the supreme court last week along with the proposed highway loan and other issues. They were all held to be unconstitutional by the court. The proposed amendments were passed by the 1923 legislature which provided for a \$25 million dollar forestry bond issue, \$5 million for state armories and \$8 million for a building program at Pennsylvania State College, and were to go to the voters this fall.

The court pointed out that the specific wording of the constitution—"no amendment or amendments shall be submitted to the voters more than once in five years"—cannot be ignored.

It is taken to mean that it will be impossible to make another amendment before 1925 when the bond issues may be presented to the voters of the state.

It is felt that Penn State must now depend on the emergency building campaign which is still being carried on for whatever building activities are engaged in for the next two or three years. The only other possible hope is that the state legislature may be prevailed upon to provide special funds since the greatly reduced appropriation is entirely inadequate for properly maintaining the college in its present condition.

Ability and uniqueness is Peggy Fishburn in the role of Miss Chaudwick. The part is a comedy role throughout. Ability and uniqueness is Peggy Fishburn's performance and never for a moment (Continued on last page)

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NEW PENN STATE CATALOGUE IS OUT

Student Name List is Omitted—Will Be Published Under Separate Cover

The general catalogue of the Pennsylvania State College for 1923-24 has just been published, and contains a number of new features. Chief among these is the initial grouping of curricula and courses under the new school of education, and the omission of the student name-lists which have formed a part of the volume in previous years. The new book is about 60 pages smaller than the old.

The new catalogue will be in use during the next college year which starts September 21. New Curricula added are those in agricultural economics under the school of agriculture, arts and science, rural and industrial education under the school of education, and ceramic or clay working engineering under the school of mines. A special option in soil mining engineering is also being offered by the school of mines in connection with the course in mining engineering.

Courses in the school of engineering, have been entirely revised and only the freshman year curriculum becomes effective next fall. Those appearing in the new catalogue for the sophomore, junior and senior years do not become effective until 1925, 1926, and 1927 respectively. Students in college previous to next fall must complete their courses under the old curriculum.

The student name-lists have been omitted this year to save space and are published under separate cover. Many requests were received for catalogue just to get the list of students, and it was an economy measure to publish the two separately. Instead of the name-lists, the new volume lists the names of all who received degrees from the college in 1923-24. An unusually complete summary of the enrollment by classes, courses, schools, men and women, and by counties and states is another feature of the book.

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SECOND EXCURSION WILL GO THROUGH ALLEGHENY MTS.

Route Leads Over Bald Eagle Mountains—Trip Is Ride of Ninety Miles

WILL ENTER COAL MINE BY RIDING IN MINE CARS

The next excursion for Summer Session will be the one scheduled through the Allegheny Mountains. It will start from in front of the Auditorium at eight o'clock Saturday morning, July 9, 1924. This trip will be a ride of about ninety miles through some of the wildest and most beautiful places that can be found in the Allegheny Mountains. It is a trip that, no matter how often it may be repeated, never loses any of its grandeur or interest. The great beauty and charm of its varied scenery is a joy to all who see it.

The route leads over the Bald Eagle Mountains from the crest of which it is possible to look across the Bald Eagle Valley and into the Allegheny Mountains, where steep irregular shaped mountain ridges checked with ferns and forests, show the grandeur of a mountainous region in a way that is not often equaled. The views from Moshannon Mountain and Indian Mount will be about the best to be found in the Allegheny. The route will also lead through Steamtown, Port Matilda, Philipsburg, and Snow Shoe.

This excursion will enter the vast coal regions of the Alleghenies and will include a visit to one of the most modern equipped coal mines, which will be entered by riding in mine cars. A lunch will be convenient, but may be dispensed with since some lunch will be provided by the guides at the mine. It is possible to see the workings of a coal mine should be seen on this excursion. At Snow Shoe there will be an opportunity for those who desire to climb the sixty foot forest observation tower from where a view is obtained over many miles of the surrounding country.

People going on this excursion should provide themselves with a lunch as there will probably be no opportunity to buy any lunch along the way. The price of transportation for this trip will be \$1.75. Tickets will be sold at the Summer Session Office between Wednesday morning and Friday noon. The sale of tickets will close at noon, Friday, July 15.

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Fifteenth Summer Session THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS TUESDAY, JULY 15

7:00 P. M.—Lecture, "Frenzied Fiction" Stephen Leacock, McGill University, Auditorium, Single admission 75 cents.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

7:00 P. M.—Recital, Rafaelo Diaz, Tenor, Metropolitan Opera Company, Auditorium, Single admission 75 cents.

8:00 P. M.—Vocational Teacher Training Conference with Miss Mary Stewart, director, Junior Section, United States Employment Service, Room 200 Eng. D.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

7:00 P. M.—Reading, "Adam Bede," Mrs. Ida Benfrey Judd, Story-teller, New York City, Open Air Theatre.

SATURDAY, JULY 19

8:00 A. M.—Excursion, Allegheny Mountains. Leaves from front of Auditorium. Secure tickets not later than Friday noon at Summer Session Office. Tickets \$1.75 each.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

7:00 P. M.—Vesper Song Service. Sermon by Reverend Fraser Metzger, College Chaplain. Text, "Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give." Open Air Theatre.

MONDAY, JULY 21

7:00 P. M.—Student Assembly and community singing. Open Air Theatre.

8:00 P. M.—Lecture, Dr. H. V. Pike, "Abnormal Psychology and Mental Hygiene." Open Air Theatre.

NOTICES

Students are advised to consult the State College SUMMER COLLEGIAN for Summer Session notices and news.

Many good tickets are still available in Summer Session Office for Artists' Course. Five numbers. Course tickets, \$2.50, \$2.00, and \$1.50. Single admission 75 cents.

PLAY PRODUCTION CLASS PRESENTS ONE-ACT PLAYS

Will Be Staged and Enacted by Students—To Be Given Free to the Public

A bill of three one-act plays will be given by the class in play production on Thursday of this week. These plays are free and will be given in the Auditorium. They will be staged and enacted by students in the course and are entirely student productions. Many of the problems in the presentation of these plays have been worked out right on the stage with the assistance of the instructor. The Summer Session is cordially invited to attend this performance. The curtain will lift promptly at eight fifteen.

The first play to be presented will be "The Florist Shop" by Winifred Hawtledge. The play is a comedy dealing with a florist who sets up a flower shop on the east side of New York City. It is filled with a lot of genuine feeling and pathos and it presents a fascinating insight into ordinary everyday life and is adequately played by the cast.

The second play in the bill is "Crossed Codes" by Thomas Wood Stevens. This play was produced first by the little theatre group at Carnegie Tech. It concerns a Major who thinks that he is too old to fall in love and he has a lot of other queer notions about women in general, perhaps about one. Alison Bunnay is particularly interesting thing would have been all right if Alison Bunnay hadn't have happened to fall in love with him. There the play begins but it doesn't end there until well until everything is all fixed up. The denouement is most interesting.

The last play on the bill is "Suppressed Desires" by George Cram Cook and Susan Glaspell. This play is a fascinating take-off on psycho-analysis. It is an amusing situation cleverly and adequately handled. It is a sure laugh.

PLAN EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO COLLEGE CAMPUS

Some time ago the college employed Messrs. Day & Klander, Philadelphia architects, to make a comprehensive plan of the campus, especially in relation to the location of new buildings. The college has now gone a step further in preparing for future development by employing Warren H. Manning, of Boston, the foremost landscape architect in the country to make a survey of the local situation. It will make recommendations on the location of walks and drives, tree planting, and the general improvement of the landscape features of the campus.

Mr. Manning was in State College Wednesday and Thursday and met with a committee of the Board of Trustees, including Col. Shields and Vance C. McCormick. He also conferred with the Campus committee which will have charge of the execution of his recommendations. This committee consists of Ray Smith, R. I. Weber, J. A. Ferguson, A. W. Cowell and S. W. Fletcher.

CHIROPRACTOR OPENS OFFICE IN STATE COLLEGE

Dr. F. G. Clemons, who recently opened an office in State College.

Dr. F. G. Clemons, Chiropractor, recently opened an office in State College at 145 Allen street. He expects to move here soon with his wife and small son.

Dr. Clemons was born and raised in Centre county and is well and favorably known in this vicinity. He is a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic and stated that before he took up his studies, that he had fully decided to locate in State College and make his home here.

It is his hope that he may assist many of the students in keeping physically fit so that they may be mentally fit. He states that many colleges regularly employ a chiropractor to keep their athletes in the best of condition at all times. Having made a special study in the care of athletes Dr. Clemons is well qualified to keep them in trim.



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