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FRENCH INSTITUTE ON THIRD WEEK AT PENN STATE

Progress Is Noted in Work of French Colony—Prof de Visme Well Satisfied

POPULAR COURSE IS NOT AN EXPERIMENT

Students Have Real French Atmosphere—Singing Is One of the Features

Entering on its third week at Penn State, the Institute of French Education reports decided progress. Apparently it is not so easy to make the start as some people have supposed, but the results are well worth the effort.

Professor H. P. Williamson de Visme, who is in charge of the French colony, is well satisfied with the work thus far accomplished. He says that when people affirm it is impossible for Americans to learn to speak French here in America, they have either been misinformed, or they are ignorant of the progress that is being made in the teaching of Modern Languages in this country. Things that were declared impossible twenty years ago are accomplished facts today.

Two large flatiron houses and a part of Watta Hall are being used for this popular course. There are seventy-three students enrolled, about one third from Pennsylvania, and the rest from many other eastern and middle-western states. The fame of this course has drawn students from Maine, Georgia and as far west as Illinois.

French Imperialism
In the opinion of Prof de Visme, two languages are destined to become the leading languages of the world: French and English. No wide-awake man or woman, boy or girl, if he entertains any idea of culture will remain unprovided with this means of international exchange.

Certainly no teacher of French should be content with merely a reading knowledge of the language. In order to acquire a feeling for the language; to possess it thoroughly; to gain a real understanding of it, one must learn to speak it. This means the ability to express one's thoughts through the medium of a foreign tongue. Many a teacher of French at those who have studied the language for years are able to read the French classics but are tongue-tied in the presence of "the butcher, the baker and the candle-stick maker." These are teachers who tremble all over when a Frenchman comes to visit their (Continued on last page)

COFFER-MILLER PLAYERS ARE NEXT ENTERTAINERS

Stephen Leacock and Rafaelo Diaz in First Numbers Are Well Received

Opening last Tuesday night, the series of entertainments offered by the Music Department got under way with Stephen Leacock as the initial attraction, and Rafaelo Diaz as the second number on the following night. These numbers are yet to follow: The Coffey-Miller plays, Androchus and the Lion, and the concluding number, Satcha Jacobson, the violinist.

As a lecturer, Stephen Leacock, the Canadian Mark Twain, has been a decided hit from his very first appearance. He talks in the same easy, humorous style in which he writes, and is a general favorite wherever he appears. His lecture last week came up to every expectation of the audience gathered to hear this international jester.

The song recital of Rafaelo Diaz was equally well received on the following night. He has an admirable stage presence and a magnetic personality, which, added to his genuine lyric tenor voice, make him a great stage favorite. Mr. Diaz was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Irene Osborne Grant of the Music Department, and her playing was found adequate to every demand.

The next number will be the Coffey-Miller players who will present two plays, one being the "Imaginary Invalid." This number will be given on July 31, while Androchus and the Lion will be given on Aug. 1, and the concluding number of the course will be a violin recital by Satcha Jacobson, the eminent New York violinist, on the evening of August 12. He was born in Russia and began the study of the violin at the age of eight. Three years later his parents came to America, and Jacobson never returned to the Old World to acquire the glamour of a foreign-made reputation, but he studied and developed his powers in New York under the supervision of Franz Kitzel.

SUMMER SESSION STUDENT TAKEN TO DANVILLE HOSPITAL

An unfortunate incident occurred last week when one of the summer school students broke down and had to be taken to Danville for treatment. Latest reports have it that she is resting well, and hope is held out for her recovery.

The young lady was taken to the Bellefonte hospital, but developments there convinced her mother, who had been summoned, that it would be necessary to take her to the Danville hospital, and the journey was continued. On the eighty mile trip she struggled fitfully to escape and twice nearly leaped from the speeding car.

NEW LIBRARIAN IS APPOINTED

Sabra W. Vought Succeeds Dr. Erwin E. Runkle as Penn State Librarian

TO ASSUME DUTIES AT OPENING OF FALL TERM

After six months of searching for someone to take the place of Dr. E. W. Runkle, Sabra W. Vought has been appointed as Librarian of the Pennsylvania State College.

She is now director of the Library Summer School for School Librarians at Albany, N. Y. Miss Vought was formerly assistant Librarian at the University of Illinois and later became Librarian at Allegheny College, and comes to Penn State with the best of references.

Dr. Runkle tendered his resignation in December with the purpose of devoting all his time to teaching. His resignation was accepted December 25th and was to have been effective July first, but due to the fact that no successor was appointed, he continued in his office. The new Librarian will assume the duties with the opening of the fall term in September.

Under the guidance of Mr. Runkle, the library has seen a steady growth and several new systems have been inaugurated. From a little over twenty thousand volumes to start with, there are now over ninety thousand volumes in the library. Newspapers and review book tomes have been provided, and a satisfactory system of adjustment between open and closed stacks has been effected.

Donations
Several valuable donations have been made to the library. The class of 1907 purchased and installed President Atherton's library of political and economic science. Soon after came the Pennsylvania History Collection and Endowment, and also the gifts of General James A. Beaver and Andrew Carnegie.

In his freshman year, the class of 1910 presented the library clock. Next came the gift of Dr. Gill a Pinpoint of Athens and a bust of Plato. A collection of State and Museum of College History has been established. This collection owes much to the interest of Doctor Sparks and of Doctor Pind.

At the instance of the Librarian, a Summer School for the training of library workers was established by the Penn State Commission of Education, and thirteen sessions have been held in which the Penn State library staff has taken part.

Dr. Runkle has written to some length on the history of the college, and has been instrumental in awakening a genuine feeling of interest among students and alumni in collecting and preserving historical materials pertaining to the College. Full files of the College publications, student publications and special issues have been collected and bound.

Penn State Golf Links Show Great Improvement Since Advent of Game

The history of golf at Penn State is one of almost phenomenal growth. Six years ago the tract behind the West Barn formed part of the College farms and only a amateur club members were forced to go elsewhere, or to continue their golfing activities to the back variety. Today putting greens, bunkers and sand pits are multiplying on the fields that corn and wheat once occupied and what will be one of the best courses in the East, according to the best critics, is more than half completed.

Hugo Bozdek was the pioneer who took the first steps in the construction of a golf course for Penn State. The first links consisted until 1920, four holes. With golf spirit strong among the students, however, the Athletic Association ordered the construction

PENN STATE ALUMNI PLAN TO HOLD SUMMER PARTY

Gathering Will Be Strictly Informal—First Event of its Kind Planned

Something new in the way of reunions was recently announced by the Alumni Office. This new idea is an informal summer "party" or "round-up" of the alumni and former students at or near the college over the weekend of August 22 to 24.

This is the first time such a thing has been attempted and marks a new era for the Alumni Association. Men from all the alumni districts are expected to be present for this informal gathering. There will be no college in session, and no formal meetings arranged, but just a plain good time. In this respect it will be different from all other occasions when there are always some formal events. The alumni in this instance, as noted in the July issue of the Alumni News, are urged to bring their golf and tennis outfits and to be as informal as they can.

There are excellent facilities at Penn State for both golf and tennis and a finer place could not be found in which to spend a vacation. Being the first of such occasions, it is naturally somewhat of an experiment in character, but from the interest already displayed, there is every indication that it will be highly successful.

The summer party is planned for the benefit of Penn State and the mutual benefit of the alumni. The Alumni Association of Penn State is ranked as one of the best in the country, and one of the big reasons why the fame of Penn State as a college of the people is spreading.

LEGION WILL CONDUCT RECREATION TENT CAMP

Morgan-Ranck Post No. 137 Cooperates With Ocean City N. J. Civic Authorities

Operating with the authority of Ocean City, New Jersey, the Morgan-Ranck Post No. 137, Department of New Jersey, located at Ocean City, is constructing a complete recreation tent camp which will accommodate about 250 members of the American Legion and worthy ex-service men. This camp will be open from August first to fifteenth.

The camp is open to any member of the Legion or worthy ex-service man for a visit of one week, the capacity being determined by the number of tents and equipment. Ten days notice must be given before arrival and those applicants who first send in their registration will be the first accommodated.

There will be no military regulations, but a few necessary camp rules will be observed merely to insure the comfort of all. A fully equipped athletic field will adjoin the camp, upon which a series of field and track events will be held each week. The winners of each week's contests will be invited to return to Ocean City to compete in the finals at the close of the season, when suitable rewards will be made.

Every recreation which one enjoys at a seashore resort, such as surf bathing, fishing, sailing, tennis, etc., will be available to the members. The camp will be equipped for comfort and living. There will be no expense to the camper except the cost of mess, which will be \$9.00 per week, payable \$3.00 with registration and the balance to the cashier of the Mess Hall upon arrival at camp.

When making application, state the name and number of your post and the week you desire to attend. If any man who has not a member of the Legion wishes to attend it will only be necessary to have an officer of the Legion in his town certify his application. Applications should be made to P. M. Raymond, chairman, City Hall, Ocean City, N. J.

ONE-ACT PLAYS FOR THURSDAY

Class in Play Production Well Pleased With Last Week's Success

THREE PLAYS TO BE GIVEN IN AUDITORIUM

Encouraged by their success of last week, the class in play production will offer again this Thursday night in the Auditorium at eight-fifteen, another free bill of one-act plays. The students of the class were very much pleased with the interest shown in their work by the college and they wish to extend to all their friends a most cordial invitation for the bill this week.

The first play of the evening will be "The Susceptible Mr. Parsons" by J. Goudeon Amend. It is being played by Mrs. Parsons—Peggy Fishburn, Mr. Parsons—W. E. Romig, Mary Minister—Alma M. Walton, Jean—Alice Morgan, A. Hotel Maid—Emma Thompson.

This is a comedy which finds its setting in Canada, a fashionable summer resort. It had its origin all in the road course of things that one Mr. Parsons had come to Canada to recuperate from a recent illness. Now it was a fact that this same Mr. Parsons is very susceptible, where women are concerned. With a summer resort and Mona Minister, a fashionable and most impressive singer, Mr. Parsons found ample opportunity to practice his weakness. But just then Mrs. Parsons arrives on the scene and the play begins.

Playing the role of Mrs. Parsons is Miss Fishburn who will be remembered for her splendid portrayal last week of Henrietta in "Suppressed Desires." Her work is very exceptional and she will be seen at her best in "The Susceptible Mr. Parsons." Mrs. Walton as Mona Minister plays a splendid part and never for a moment lets her intensity of emotion slip. Her intense cast supports.

The second play on the bill is "The Open Door" by Alfred Sudo. This play is presented by Sir Geoffrey—Gerrit Klaber—Lads—Terminster—Margaret Sweeney.

The play is an exceptionally interesting one and a most dramatic glimpse into the innermost recesses of one man's heart and one woman's heart. Fate has not been kind to them, and they constantly face either other (Continued on last page)

COURT DECISION NOT TO AFFECT PENN STATE

Issues Must Pass Next Session of Legislature Before Coming to Voters

It was recently learned through an announcement from the office of Dr. Clyde L. King, secretary of the Commonwealth, that the proposed eight million dollar State College bond issue will not be affected by the recent ruling of the Supreme Court when it declared the soldier's state bonus unconstitutional.

Dr. King states that the advertisements, calling attention of the voters that the coming legislative session would consider proposed bond issues for State College, forestry and army, will be placed in the newspapers of the state early in August.

The state administration came to the conclusion that the bonus and road issues were untimely and that the fall of 1925 is the legal time for making another amendment. The three issues will not come before the voters of the state to pass upon it until after it has passed a second legislative session. It may then come before the people in 1925.

If the bond issue is favorably passed, it will then be necessary to call enough bonds within a year to enable the College to start building. This will probably be in 1926.

PENN STATE TO ADMIT 400 MORE FRESHMEN

Incoming Class is Limited to One Thousand—Admission Until September 24

Over four hundred appointments of admission to the coming freshman class at the Pennsylvania State College remain to be made, according to word from Registrar W. S. Hoffman at State College. The class has been limited to 1000, and while Mr. Hoffman says he has more than the necessary number of applicants, the job of actually granting admission is quite difficult.

"One of the greatest problems," says Professor Hoffman, "is the selection of fully qualified applicants and getting them into the courses they desire. We could fill the quota for women students and the courses in electrical engineering and commerce and finance many times over without any trouble, but these departments are now practically filled with high grade students.

This situation leads us to believe that young men desiring to enter college do not realize the possibilities in the other (Continued on last page)

WIFE OF J. E. DeCAMP DIES WHILE ON VISIT IN ILLINOIS

Mrs. J. E. De Camp, of the Alexander Apartments, died on July 10, of typhoid fever in a hospital at Highland, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. De Camp went west on a visit, but being ill Mrs. De Camp remained while her husband came back to take up his duties as instructor in the Summer Session.

Mrs. De Camp will be remembered as Miss Margaret Parker, Librarian at Penn State for several years. The body was taken to Philadelphia for interment.

GRADUATE SCHOOL TO GRANT Ph.D.

Board of Trustees Authorizes Conferment of Degree—New Bulletin Out Soon

INTEREST IN RESEARCH IS RAPIDLY INCREASING

With the opening of college in the fall the Graduate School of the Pennsylvania State College is authorized by the board of trustees to grant the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. A greater number than ever before is enrolled in the Graduate School and it is felt that interest is increasing in this department.

A bulletin will soon be issued stating the conditions and requirements of the school in his statement at the June meeting of the board of trustees, Dr. Thomas called attention to the increased interest of the present staff in research and growth in numbers of the school, and says that the authorization to grant the new degree has already had a stimulating influence. President Thomas feels that this interest will increase if the college can in time provide an annual budget, allowance for publishing papers by the staff and for graduate fellowships to be awarded to honor.

The Graduate School
Dr. Frank D. Kern, dean of the Graduate School, said in a report on the school in which he explained the school and the Graduate School. He says that graduate study is comparatively new in this country, but within a generation has become almost indispensable to our educational system.

The primary function of a graduate school is to provide for the advancement of learning and the training of students to play a part in the advancement of learning. The school is a group of teachers and students working hand in hand for the advancement of learning, and both imbued with the idea of research. Routine requirements are reduced to a minimum, and as far as they exist, they are for the purpose of furnishing discipline and methods necessary for independent investigation. Credits do not exist, but a program of study is prepared for each individual. The courses are so organized that the association with the graduate students will assist the faculty members in their studies.

The object of the graduate school is to surround the student with conditions that will enable him to devote himself to some field and courses of study as best suited to graduate study. The conferring of advanced degrees is a means of recognizing scholarship, of high attainment of scholarship, of high attainment of scholarship, of high attainment of scholarship.

Two Master's degrees were conferred in 1923 at this college, and the next year there were eleven resident graduate students. The number enrolled in this work is small until last year, when a gradual increase was noted, except (Continued on last page)

PEACH CROP WILL NEARLY EQUAL THAT OF LAST YEAR

Pennsylvania's peach crop this year will be about 1,850,000 bushels, according to estimates compiled by the Federal-State crop reporting service. Based upon July 1 conditions, the peach crop will be 75 per cent of a full crop, but it will fall below last year's production by about 50,000 bushels.

This forecast, issued by Paul L. Kuehnig, the joint agricultural statistician, indicated that the 1924 crop may be influenced by weather conditions during July so that it may actually exceed the production of last year. The outlook, he said, has been splendid so far this season. Last July there were prospects of a 72 per cent crop, and the ten-year average condition for the same date is 55 per cent.

A survey of the prospects in the producing districts east of the Rocky Mountains shows that the 1924 peach crop will be the largest since 1915. The country-wide production is expected to be 5,701,000 bushels, 8,000,000 bushels more than the production last season.

The Georgia crop is being marketed at the present time, and it will amount to more than 7,500,000 bushels, a fifty per cent increase over last year. New Jersey's production will be about the same as last summer, it is predicted.

POE MOUNTAIN EXCURSION WILL BE THIS WEEK

Trip Is Shorter Than on Previous Week-ends—Will Include Variety of Scenery

STOP TO BE MADE AT STATE FISH HATCHERY

View From Fire Tower on Poe Mountain Is Superb—Will Also Visit Virgin Forest

The Poe Mountain Excursion will start from in front of the Auditorium at eight o'clock Saturday morning, July 26, 1924. This excursion will be a ride of about sixty-five miles. Although it is much shorter than any Saturday excursion that has been taken thus far this summer it will have a variety of scenery and will include many beautiful and interesting places.

This trip will include a visit to the State Fish Hatchery at Pleasant Gap where fish are obtained to stock the streams of Pennsylvania. After leaving the fish hatchery the journey will be continued over Mount Nittany and down Penn's Valley to Coburn Farm where the ride will be continued to the Forest Fire Tower on the crest of Poe Mountain.

This mountain has an elevation of 2,140 feet, which is about one thousand feet higher than State College. Good steps lead to the top of a sixty-foot tower. On a clear day the view is superb. Every range of the Seven Mountains can be seen. Mountain hills, and valleys checked with forests and farms dotted with buildings can all be seen at a glance for many miles in every direction. While riding up the mountain there is a most view of the mountains and valleys below.

After leaving the Fire Tower, the excursion will include a visit to a virgin forest of large hemlock trees. Only a few small patches of virgin forest remain in Pennsylvania. This virgin forest is a play being cut for lumber. This is the first time that it has been possible to include a virgin forest in a Summer Session Excursion.

People going on this excursion might provide themselves with a lunch as there will be no opportunity to buy lunch along the way. The price of transportation for this trip will be \$1.75. Tickets will be on sale at Summer Session Office between 9 o'clock morning and 11:30 noon.

WORK IS PROGRESSING ON ALL-COLLEGE PLAY

Second Act of Hottentot Rounds Into Playing Shape—Will Be Given August 7

Richardson, The Hottentot has been going on it break-neck speed for the past week and the second act is fast bounding into playing shape. The presentation of it will be August seventh in the Auditorium at eight-thirty.

Playing the role in The Hottentot are Gertie, Kirby and Verne Kennedy in the roles of Sam Harrington and Peggy Thelma. The work done by these people is of a very high caliber, and they carry the subtle comedy of the piece with extraordinary ability. At the close of the first act when Miss Piffay describes to Mr. Harrington the imaginary picture that she has so often pictured to herself, the play is to reach heights. The entire performance indeed is carried along on the same high plane.

Miss Fishburn in the role of Mrs. Chadwick, the true and fascinating widow, is most clever. Miss Fishburn is ready and equal to every emergency that Mrs. Chadwick provides for her and her vivacity and charm are outstanding features of the performance. C. H. Morris plays the role of Swift, the comical butler, and he handles the role with exceptional insight into the subtlety of the lines. His first act is a scream, and it is but a promise of the others to come.

It is E. Kahan in the part of Larry who has a very nice piece of acting too. Mr. Kahan is a student of the drama here in the winter session. He was seen this spring in the lead of Captain Alpejack. His acting is always marked by a high type of understanding and expression.

The Hottentot promises to be a rare treat and it is a show that every one will want to see. Make your plans now and treat yourself to a most pleasant evening.

Announcement of ticket sale will be made later. The usual popular prices of fifty and seventy-five cents will be charged. The reason for a charge being made for this show is to defray the expenses of the free bills of one-act plays as well as for this performance.

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.