

### AVIATORS DESCRIBE PN-9 ADVENTURES

H. S. Cocklin '14 and Lieutenant  
R. J. Connell '18 Tell of  
Hawaiian Flight

### DEVELOPMENT OF PLANE OUTLINED BY ENGINEER

Holding his audience spellbound while speaking in a manner that completely won their admiration, Lieutenant R. J. Connell '18 described the adventures encountered during the attempted Hawaiian flight across the Pacific to the students in the Auditorium Saturday night.

Preceding the narration by Lieutenant Connell, H. S. Cocklin '14, Project Engineer of the Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, the birth-place of the ill-fated seaplane, briefly outlined the development of the PN-9. Aided by slides showing the various types of construction, his subject proved interesting and instructive.

Dean Sackett introduces introductory talks by Dean R. L. Sackett of the school of Engineering and R. L. Watts, dean of the Agricultural school brought out how fitting it was at this time for the students to gather and pay honor to these two Penn State men who have attained prominence in their field of work.

Relating about the successful take off from San Francisco on the first leg of their twenty-two hundred mile ocean flight to the Hawaiian Islands, Lieutenant Connell then told how after they had traveled eighteen hundred miles they were given the wrong directions from the directing ship.

This resulted in their going many miles out of their way. With the fuel tank nearly empty a vain attempt was made to locate the fishing ship. This failed and they were forced to stop to the water.

Lieutenant Connell told how they ripped canvas from the wings of the plane to make sails. Because of unfavorable winds, little steady progress was made in this manner. For the first day the mishap was treated in a light vein but later as the three days food and water supply began to wane the seriousness of the situation began to dawn on the men. Although the food exhausted itself in the allotted time the water lasted six days. Then more was obtained by catching the rain in the improvised sails.

Dark the stricken fliers could see the planes flying about in the distance, circling for them. One day the fliers sighted a steamer about five miles away but the latter failed to see the plane as it floated helplessly on the water. Radio messages that for the most part related to the missing airmen were picked up by their apparatus but never a word was able to reach back.

Such were the word pictures portrayed by Lieutenant Connell. His talk was supplemented by slides and a showing of a Pathé News Reel that depicted the reception accorded them upon their landing on the Hawaiian coast following their rescue ten miles from land. Their return to the United States was made on the battleship Idaho.

### INTERCLASS SECRETARY SUBMITS STATEMENT OF BUDGET SYSTEM FOR YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1925

The annual financial statement of the Interclass Budget System for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1925, is hereby submitted.

The statement shows that the 1925 class accumulated a surplus of \$1,095.80. This amount has been transferred to A. C. Simmons, the 1925 class secretary. The 1926 class shows a surplus of \$1,155.10, after contributing \$250.00 to the 1925 class and \$350.00 to the 1926 class. Even with this help from the 1925 class, the two undergraduate classes recorded deficits of \$170.50 and \$688.81 respectively.

The main items of class expenditure for the year were made for interclass sports, printing, class seraps, Stunt Night, Student Council, Tribunal, La Vie, Band on football trips, Blue Key, class dances, intercollegiate conference meetings and gifts to class officers.

Under the new system of class financing, the affairs of the Interclass Budget System can be more systematically managed and hereafter accompanying the annual report will be a detailed statement of all income and expenditures made from class funds.

### FINANCIAL STANDINGS OF CLASSES GIVEN IN REPORT

	'24	'25	'26	'27	'28	Total	Grd Tot
Surplus 8-31-24	21.92	79.86	899.70	25.00	1511.56	21.92	1,480.19
Deficit 8-31-24							
Total	21.92	79.86	899.70	25.00	1511.56	21.92	1,480.19
Surplus 8-31-25		1,155.10				1,155.10	1,155.10
Deficit 8-31-25			170.50	688.81		859.31	859.31

I have audited the accounts of the Penn State Interclass Budget System for the year ending August 31, 1925, and certify that the above and attached statements are correct and in accordance with the books and records at that date.

(Signed) H. R. KINLEY, Auditor

October 12, 1925

### ATTEND MINING CONVENTION

Dean E. A. Holbrook and Professors W. R. Chetsey and P. B. Buckley, of the School of Mines and Metallurgy, are attending the annual convention of the Coal-mining Institute of America which is being held in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium in Pittsburgh on December eighth, ninth and tenth.

### GRAIN SHOW PLANNED TO FOLLOW HOLIDAY

Store-keepers and Professors Offer Valuable Awards For Best Exhibits

In making the fourth annual Grain and Potato Show for January seventh, eighth and ninth as successful as previous agricultural exhibitions, the Clover Club is stimulating interest in this unusual show by offering valuable prizes generously donated by the agronomy faculty and the merchants of the town. The show will be held in Room 103 Ag.

At a smoker given by the Clover Club at Prof. F. D. Gaidner's home Wednesday the committee in charge reported plans which will make it well worth while for all agricultural students to bring back after the holidays a sample of each of the different cereal grains and potatoes.

Exhibits Entry blanks and instructions for the preparations of the exhibits are being distributed to the students this week so that everybody will have sufficient time to prepare their exhibits over the Christmas vacation.

In addition to the prizes offered

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for individual samples a special award will be given to the person presenting the best collection of exhibits. A suitable reward will also be made to the student who guesses the nearest correct number of grains of corn in a suitable container.

The prizes offered by the merchants will be displayed during the show from January seventh to the ninth in Room 103 Ag Building. Cash prizes will also be made.

### Plans Made for New Engineering Reference Room

Although lack of funds has proved a handicap thus far a reading and club room that will be complete in every detail will be provided for engineering students at Penn State if plans already formulated by the faculty committee are successful. These rooms will be located in the structure being contemplated by the College Administration to be built along the main walk on the site of the engineering building that was razed by fire some years ago. Whether these plans will become a reality depends upon the size of the appropriation accorded by the State legislature.

It is the idea of the faculty committee, composed of Prof. O. K. Harlan, chairman, Prof. A. H. Forbes,

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Prof. C. W. Beese, Prof. C. B. Steele and Prof. H. E. Dickson, to give the engineers a reference room and library similar in plan to that accorded the students in the school of Agriculture. At present the engineering reading room is located on the first floor of Unit T, having been moved from Unit F. This change was necessary due to the obscure position it occupied in its former place.

In order that greater facilities may be provided, students are urged to use the present reading room as much as possible. Student interest being sufficient to warrant it, the engineering library in Unit E may be open in the evenings from seven until ten o'clock.

While no books are on file as yet, the room contains magazines covering all phases of engineering as well as several shelves of bound technical catalogues. Magazines written in foreign languages by which linguists are enabled to get a viewpoint on the methods employed by foreigners in doing engineering problems, may also be found.

### JOERNEY THROUGH WYOMING

Frank Albert '26 spoke of his experiences among the national forests in Wyoming last summer at the Forestry society meeting Tuesday night. After the meeting, the members of the club were treated to venison sandwiches. The deer meat was furnished by a group of foresters who have a camp in Stone Valley and were successful in killing three deer the first day of the season.

### FRESHMAN FOOTBALL CARD

October 9—Bellefonte Academy at home  
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October 23—Kiski at home  
October 30—Pitt freshmen at home  
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### POULTRY PROFESSOR RETURNS

Mr. J. C. Taylor, formerly a member of the poultry extension staff returned recently to continue his work. Last spring Mr. Taylor left Penn State to manage a poultry farm. Finding that his work here was of a greater interest he took the position vacated by the resignation of L. W. Steelman.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY ENGINEERING GROUP

Elections of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education at a dinner Thursday evening, resulted as follows: Prof. O. K. Harlan, president; Prof. C. L. Harris of the department of architecture, vice-president; Prof. C. W. Beese of the mechanical engineering department, secretary-treasurer. After the dinner Professor Beese reported on the national convention which he attended at Union College, Schenectady, New York.

Dr. W. R. Ham of the physics department talked on the need for the development of students of extraordinary ability in engineering and other sciences in order that they may

be most useful in time of national emergency, particularly in the manufacture of war machinery and armaments.

Speaking on the value of combining laboratory and problem work for freshmen, Prof. E. R. Staveland of the electrical engineering department, told of the advantages of such methods. An open forum discussion followed on each of the subjects.

A committee was appointed to arrange for combined meetings of the several societies, but although the chairman admitted that some plans are under consideration, no definite steps have been taken.

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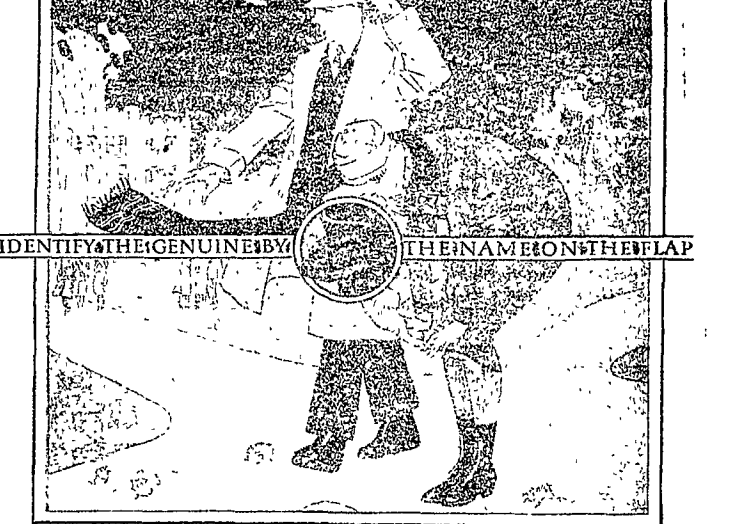
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