

WARNOCK ASSISTS STUDENT CONGRESS

Two Hundred and Fifty Colleges Represented at Second Annual Meeting

MEIKLEJOHN EXPLAINS CONVENTION'S PURPOSE

S. L. Reeder '27, president of Student Council, represented Penn State at the second annual congress of the National Student Federation of America held in Ann Arbor, Michigan last week.

About 250 colleges from every part of the United States were represented. The purposes of the organization are: (1) To achieve a spirit of co-operation among the students of different colleges throughout the country to the end that the experience of one may be to the advantage of all.

The Federation is an outgrowth of the Student World conference held at Princeton university last year. It is purely a student organization and is intended to fill the long-felt need for some central clearing house for the various undergraduate problems.

The work of the Congress was divided into five committees, each taking up a special phase of student activity and interest.

These committees studied the following problems: student government, the honors system, fraternities, the choice and methods of teachers, the nature of the curriculum. The reports of these committees will appear in later issues of the COLLEGIAN.

At one of the early sessions of the congress the question of "The Student's Part in Education" was taken up by the entire group. Prof. Alexander Meiklejohn of the University of Wisconsin, formerly president of Amherst, Dr. S. P. Duggan, director of the Institute of International Education, and President H. N. MacCracken of Vassar presented interpretations of this problem.

Through the help of the Carnegie foundation and through its own surveys, authoritative articles concerning compulsory chapel, the honor system, non-residence voting laws and prohibition are being prepared by the National Student Federation. These will be sent to the college papers and student councils of the nation. These reports are intended to give the individual students a factual background upon which to discuss their own problems.

Publication, Contest Started by Pi Delta

Banner of the department of journalism, D. M. Cresswell, director of public information and W. P. Reed '27, editor of the COLLEGIAN, comprise the remainder of the judicial staff.

W. P. Reed, in his capacity as student editor, will offer expert constructive criticism to the competing papers should they so desire. Each copy of the publications will be judged and graded as soon as it is received.

A substantial silver trophy will be awarded the winning paper, and an embossed citation will be presented to its editor. The trophy will become the permanent property of the staff of the successful paper.

To be eligible for the competition papers must post a registration fee of three dollars before January thirty-first. Issues dating back to the beginning of the school year will be accepted among the three required for entrance. A form letter stating the particulars of the competition has been prepared and will be mailed to every secondary and preparatory school in the state.

Undergoes Surgical Discomfort to Help March of Progress

The famous dairy governor of Wisconsin, William D. Hoard, once said that the inside of a cow is the darkest place in the world. Here at the Pennsylvania State College agricultural experiment station the dairy research workers have performed a hairless and simple operation on Penstate Homestead Jessie, a purebred 2-year-old Holstein heifer, to study what goes on inside her stomach.

According to veterinarians, Jessie suffered no inconvenience from the operation and there will be no pain connected with special vitamin researches to be carried on. In other words, Jessie will continue to be a contented cow.

Experiments conducted by Dr. S. I. Bechdel, of the station, have shown that a cow fed a ration deficient in Vitamin B will produce milk containing this dietary substance, absence of which in the human diet, causes beriberi, a nutritional disease resulting in paralysis.

"What is the source of vitamin B?" the scientists queried. "Can it be that a cow has the power of using the bacteria in her rumen—the large stomach—to manufacture Vitamin B?"

So the College asked Dr. R. S. Ansdon, of the University of Pennsylvania school, to make an opening into Jessie's stomach. He was assisted by Dr. J. F. Shugler, the Penn State veterinarian. After the application of local anesthetics the rumen was sewed to the skin of the opening so the two will grow together. When this has occurred, in about a week, a convenient little door will be provided.

This will permit the scientist to teach in and get part of Jessie's dinner. This portion then will be analyzed. Vitamin B will be dissolved with alcohol, the alcohol evaporated, and the residue fed to rats in the agricultural and biological chemistry laboratory by Dr. Hannah Hoveywell.

If the rats develop the same as rats receiving Vitamin B in butterfat, cod liver oil, or other foods known to contain the substance, it will be determined that Bessie can really make her own Vitamin B.

W. J. KITCHEN ATTENDS HARRISBURG CONVENTION

A joint committee from the Y. M. C. A. Middle Atlantic field council and the Y. W. C. A. Eaglesmere council, met in Harrisburg last Saturday and Sunday to make arrangements for the Eaglesmere summer conference. W. J. Kitchen, secretary of the College Y. M. C. A., was Penn State's representative at the meeting.

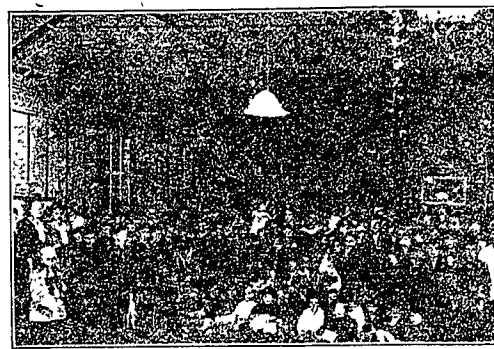
The committee decided to change the location of the conference from Eaglesmere to Pocono Manor, where better hotel accommodations are available, and to make it a joint Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. session. Last summer about twenty-five Penn State students attended the conference.

Varsity Wrestlers Work With Captain

vel to Ames to spend the following week-end with Iowa State. February fifth Syracuse will come here and after an open date, the grapplers will go to Harvard. Navy will meet here the following week. After a trip to Ithaca, March fifth, the matmen will meet Pennsylvania in State College. The finale will be contested at the University of Pennsylvania in the intercollegiate which are scheduled for the eighteenth and nineteenth.

The members of Pi Delta Epsilon feel that the contest will fill a long-felt need in the field of scholastic journalism. The competition will provide an incentive for better newspaper and magazines as well as give Penn State the advantage of a distinctive cultural advertisement.

Y. M. C. A. Christmas Party of 1925



Group of happy children from State College and vicinity who attended the "Y." annual Christmas party last year. Recitations, games, Santa Claus and presents made the occasion to be remembered by the tots.

COLLEGE TO INTRODUCE LETTER-WRITING COURSE

Latest Principles and Technique Of Correspondence Now Available by Mail

A new course in business letter writing designed primarily for executives and correspondence and for others desiring to prepare themselves for managerial positions will soon be offered by the Engineering Extension department of the College as its newest home study offering. The latest developments in the technique of letter-writing and the handling of business problems will become available at cost by mail from this institution about the first of the year.

In announcing the new course Prof. J. O. Keller, head of the department, said today "It will contain many radical departures from the form usually followed in texts now available. While a few underlying principles govern the writing of all types of effective letters, each type has peculiarities of its own. Problems in sales, adjustments, credits, collections etc., all require different handling, and the new course will be devoted to their solution."

A similar course in this comparatively new subject has been offered during the past year to members of the senior class by the English department of the College.

Co-ed Societies Aid Red Cross Campaign

More than one hundred and fifty dollars was subscribed in the annual Red Cross drive on the campus which ended last Saturday. Of this amount five dollars each was contributed by the W. S. G. A., the W. A. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

Miss E. R. Frank '27, president of the W. S. G. A., explained that the girls' contributions were relatively small because there were no individual subscriptions this year. All such funds were turned into a purse for the benefit of the American Women's Hospital.

MacKenzie To Judge At Agricultural Show

P. C. MacKenzie, superintendent of livestock, will judge the boys' and girls' lamb exhibits at the State Fair Products show in Harrisburg, January eventeenth to twenty-first, in which Centre county will be represented. Nineteen pens of three will be shown by their youthful owners. The Centre County Boys' and Girls' Club, sponsored by the local Rotarians, will show ten of the nineteen pens. Jane Violet, daughter of Prof. J. M. Violet, of the Animal Husbandry extension department, will be one of the exhibitors. Mr. MacKenzie has a national reputation as a judge of livestock. He has served at the International Livestock Exposition, the Sequoy-Centennial Livestock Show, the Eastern States Exposition, and many of the eastern state fairs.

Pre-legals Discuss Use Of Preferential Voting

Before a group of pre-legal students in the Liberal Arts building last Wednesday night, A. S. Schroeder '26 and D. H. Putney '28 explained the advantages and the practicability of the preferential system of voting.

According to the speakers the preferential method is a composite of the Bucklin and the Rate system, preferred to our American system because of their practical value and democratic tendency.

In an open discussion many expressed the wish that Penn State adopt the preferential system in its campus elections. At the next meeting, which will be held in the Liberal Arts building the first Wednesday after the Christmas holidays, the lawyers will stage a mock trial.

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PENN STATE PUGILISTS CONDITION FOR SEASON

Run Through Snow and Skip Rope—Captain Grazier Down to Weight

The Penn State boxing squad continues to skip rope and to run through snow in the usual calm before the storm that precedes the advent of each new training season. The thirty odd battlers who have not yet had a chance to battle in the semi-regularly venting their energy over the ice of between State College and Pine Grove Hill.

The top end abruptly at the Pine Grove Hill cemetery, and the impromptu runners retreat then via back. It makes an effective incentive, according to Leo Houck and the preliminary work did nothing but give his squad members wind. Leo would be satisfied. But it is more than that. Alchely Grazier, Filieger and Wolff are down to fighting weight. The rest of the squad likewise reports a diminution in

Grazier Down to 150 Captain Chuck Grazier has trained down to 150 pounds and all he has to do is to stay there. Wolff is only seven pounds over the 100 pound limit. It was at first thought advisable to have Beran and Filieger change places, but as it turns out Beran tips the Army scale at 129 pounds and Filieger, at 141. Kalkaska, a lightweight who displayed unusual promise in his freshman year, is sure to give Filieger plenty of trouble when Leo gets the gloves out. As vet Roger Mahoney is the only heavyweight reporting, though Roseberry will join him after the holiday.

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AGRONOMY DEPARTMENT TESTS STRANGE MINERAL

Samples of carnallite from a deposit recently discovered in a well east of Green River, Utah, were presented to the department of agronomy for testing purposes by H. F. Smith '07, of the United States Bureau of Mines. The carnallite is said to contain over fourteen percent potash. Prof. F. D. Gardner, head of the department of agronomy, believes that the discovery will prove to be very valuable as a commercial source of potash. Tests on the sample carnallite now being conducted by the department will determine the importance of the deposit in Utah.

Prof. Pattee To Speak At Dartmouth January

Fred L. Pattee, professor of American literature at Penn State since 1891, will speak at the sequentennial banquet of the Phi Beta Kappa society, Dartmouth chapter, on January tenth. His subject will be "New Perspectives in American Literature." Doctor Pattee received his B. A. degree from Dartmouth college in 1888.

Engineers Receive New Telephone Voltmeter

An amplifying millimeter-voltmeter that has been received by the department of electrical engineering, completes the gift of the American Telephone and Telegraph, the Western Electric and the Pennsylvania Bell Telephone companies to the College.

The device is designed to measure extremely weak currents and voltages, and will be used for experimental and instructional purposes in the telephone laboratory. It is the last of several pieces of apparatus, with a total about six thousand dollars, presented during the past two years by the above mentioned companies to the College.

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