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#### RADIO'S WORK IN THE FLOOD

WRAK, Williamsport broadcasting station, deserves the highest kind of service for its work in the flood emergency which has just passed. It operated continuously for more than five days, its operators and announcers never leaving the station proper.

Without it, Williamsport, harder hit than any. of the other cities in the flood area, would have been completely demoralized and the loss of live and property damage would have been much higher. It provided the only means of communication in a city of some forty thousand in which the telephones had been out of order for hours because the exchange building was flooded to a depth of six to eight feet.

Over its transmitters went the word of the coming flood, warning merchants and townspeople to move their belongings and themselves out of the danger area and to higher ground.

With the telephones for thirty miles around Williamsport dead, it established contact between members of families, separated by the emergency, between friends and provided the only outlet to the outside world.

For hour after hour it broadcasted free of charge messages such as: "Mrs. James J. Peterson, of Locust. street, wishes that anyone in Newark New Jersey hearing this message inform her daughter, Mrs. John Crane, on Eighth avenue, that she is safe although their home has been washed away and that she wishes her to get in contact with her immediately at the Curtin school build-

These messages, transmitted by the thousands over a period of four days, served to connect families within the flood area and friends on the outside and dispel many worries and fears. ,

Not only did the station handle messages of the personal type but it provided an outlet for police and firemen to give commands to their forces and to the townspeople regarding the martial law which had been declared. Williamsport was a crazy city with every radio in the city there tuned to WRAK while everyone awaited words from their families, friends and orders from the police through that station.

It proved definitely that radio can control an entire city when everything else in the way of communication fails. The staff of WRAK who worked themselves into senselessness should be proud of their work and are deserving of the highest plaudits of the city and state.

#### STUDENTS, STIR YOURSELVES-OR PROPAGATION FOR PEACE

It is characteristic of us Americans to devote one week out of the entire year to a cause and then after the celebration relax until the cause's birthday rolls around again. Not so with the Student Peace Action Council on our campus. Since Peace Emphasis Week the small but active group that makes up this organization has been busy accumulating any material that has a bearing on peace o. war. Contacts are constantly being made with all worthwhile societies active in this field; all legislative measures which have any bearing on this subject are carefully followed. The members of the Peace Action Council aim to be well informed on all these measures so they may disseminate this material among the interested members of the student body.

Are the members of the student body interested? There is no reason why they should not be. This is not a chauvinistic cause but one that we must all fight for if any real goal is to be realized. Why not have students enroll as members of this organization as they do in other campus societies? Surely it would only be the bare minority that would refrain from expressing a favorable sentiment towards this organization and its work. So why confine the active move for peace to the small existing group? This is not similar to urging you to join a worthless honorary or to wrap and bind yourself in red tape. It is something at which every college student should be ashamed to sneer. Have some hackbone and show some interest for the prevention of a danger that we must all realize and face before it is such an acute situation that no compensation can be

-R. R.

#### OLD MANIA

#### Postman's Holidau:

One of our spies (not a staff member, of course) was standing in front of the Hofbrau about ten o'clock the other night when Jack, one of the waiters, came out with one of his pals. Jack had gotten off early-it being a slack night-and didn't quite know what to do.

Finally he and his pal made up their minds. "Let's go get a beer," Jack said, "and then go home." So they went across the street to the Taproom, got a beer, and then went home.

#### Test Tube:

Dr. A. K. Anderson, professor of physiological chemistry or something like that, does not like the home ec gals. He puts sign on his fine balances "Home Ecs: Do not Touch" and all kinds of funny things like that. But he still has to teach them in

One day during class some girl came up to him to get a test tube with which to perform an experiment. "Oh, you'll have to make your own test tube," Dr. Anderson said. "Seal up the open end with wax and then knock out the other end."

She did. (This is what we funny men call anticlimax.)

#### Flood Noahtes:

There were a lot of guys who got past authorities by wearing rotissic suits . . . In varying stages of inebriation, six Phi Delts, led by Johnny Johnson, played newspaper man all over Lock Haven. Johnny had a press card from the Harrisburg Telegraph and went around interviewing the commander of relief work and the president of the Teachers' College . . . And the mugs who used a ticket to the Gridiron Dance on their windshield, drove like hell, and took pictures with a thirty-nine cent camera and no film, lining refugees up along buildings . . . We thought that the "bulletins" on Graham's windows were very, very sad . . .

Sherm Lutz flew yeast to all the surrounding bakeries so that they would be able to bake bread for the flood refugees in Williamsport and Lock Haven . . . He also flew quite a bit of serum so that floodless might be inoculated against typhoid fever . . .

Six Navy planes flying three tons of food and several thousand cc's of serum managed to land at Lock Haven but one of them came into the pasture land too fast and went through a fence and finally struck a tree before the plane stopped . . .

Lock Haven has had three flood babies already . . . Passes to get through the lines of the militia in the flood stricken towns were at a premium . . . the old Penn State fire engine, the blue one with hard tires, is now busy in Lock Haven pumping out cellars on Main street . . .

#### About Town and Campus:

Betty Lou Emmert, who lives in Frazier St. Dorm, is a popular gal. Saturday night she had a chance for eight dates, turned them all down, washed her hair, ironed some things (Get it-?), went to bed . . . The Newell Townsend-Tat Humes affair has now reached the stage where she is planning to go home with him Easter vacation to meet the folks . . .

Jim Cunningham, Beaver House lad, pays a tenbuck bet to Johnny Chambers if the latter sees him with a girl on Campus . . . Realism hits the Old Main Bell office. We picked up a manuscript there the other night. The former title, "Farmer Boy," had been crossed out and "Dung" was substituted for it. Then again, it may have been only a comment . . .

And the College took a slight chance last week when they took all the fire hose out for three days to inspect it. . .

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#### **CINEMANIA**

Following "Little Lord Fauntle-roy," which finishes its showing at the Cathaun today that theatre will of-fer "Snowed Under," a picture with a release date of April 4. This picture s the story of a writer, played by George Brent, who is snowbound in New England farmhouse, attempting to finish a play.

Enter at this point two of his divorced wives, the one attempting to provide him with inspiration, the other attempting to collect, with the aid of an attorney and a sheriff, some hack alimony. Is it necessary to add that from this certain complications . . . .

"Audioscopiks" - ever hear of

Probably not, but if advance press eleases are indication this word may se as common in a short time as the word "talkie" is now, for this new development brings to the screen for the first time the illusion of a third imension, in color-

At the Cathaum Thursday and Fri-At the Cathaum Thursday and Fri-day the first of these—a single reel picture—will be shown. The objects of the screen rush out into the au-dience with startling reality, and combined with the explanatory renarks of Pete Smith the picture

marks of Pete Smith the picture should prove a minor sensation. Along with "Audioscopiks" the Cathaum will present "Colleen," the latest of the Warner musical shows, with an all-star cast of Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler, Jean Blondell, Jack Oakie, Hugh Herbert, and Louise Fazen

The plot hinges on the attempts of Powell to straighten out his uncle's business affairs, but the chief inter-est of the film is in the mammoth dances staged on an ocean liner and in a modiste shop. Paul Draper, well-known on the Broadway stage, makes his first screen appearance as a dancing partner of Miss Keeler.

The Niltany this week is playing a series of return engagements of pictures which have scored unusual hits in their first showing here. Tonight the Marx Brothers will be seen night the Marx Brothers will be seen in "A Night at the Opera." The wide-ly acclaimed "Life of Louis Pasteur" will play tomorrow. Thursday one of the surprise hits of the year. "Hands Across the Table" will be the attrac-

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