

No Weather Records Set, Climatologist Explains

Shivery waves down the spinal column, clouds of breath upon the crisp morning air, friendly coats and jackets—a morning in July!

"Never before in the history of the Summer Sessions has the weather so aptly justified its description in the college catalogue," declared Prof. Richard W. Grant in the Student Sing of Monday, July 17.

Yet the two weeks of "ideal climate, invigorating air" may well have been a tantalizing tidbit, since countless professors, tireless students and singing locusts are with us again.

"We enjoyed the cool spell especially because of the contrast with an unusually warm and wet June," Prof. Clinton O. Cromer, college climatologist on Ag Hill, pointed out. "The average temper-

ature for June," he stated, "was 1.9 degrees higher than the normal mean July's coolest temperature was 47 degrees, recorded in the morning of the 17th. The mean minimum temperature for the week ending July 18th was 62 degrees, while the average low for the earlier part of the month was 63 degrees."

Contrary to assurances of veteran laymen on the campus that a record had been set, the statistics in Prof. Cromer's "weather book" show cooler July's. In 1888, '91, and '95 the average minimum for the entire month of July was 66 degrees. On the other hand, the hottest July was in 1887, with 1901 a close second.

In rainfall, July 1939 has been below both the average for the month and the actual precipitation in June. Despite the heavy rainfall last month, crops are now in need of rain.

From the College weather station on Ag Hill can be gleaned many interesting weather facts. It is in its fifty-fourth year of service to the college and community. Professor Cromer, in charge since 1922, compiles monthly reports, one of which is sent to Mr. Bliss, state meteorologist in Philadelphia.

The University of Detroit will again this year sponsor the National Intercollegiate Turtle Race.

Hobart College annually conducts a special training course for justices of the peace.

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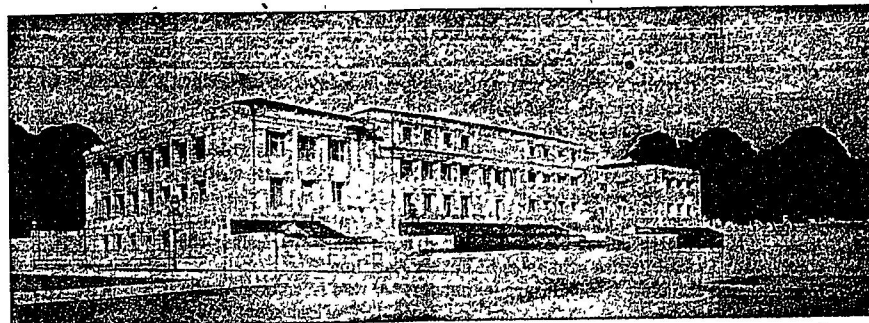
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LIBERAL ARTS: AS A NEW ERA SHEDS ITS FIRST RAYS



Babies Say 'Heil,' Refugee Student Here Explains

State Co-Eds Nicer, People More Polite, Goldmann Asserts

"My name is Kurt Goldmann. I was born in Eehwege, Germany, in 1921. My father ran a store which had been handed down from father to son since 1784. In 1937 we lost it."

The dark, shy little German refugee winced as he sat there in his Phi Sigma Delta room. Then he smiled and continued with his usual tantalizing accent.

"I went to Czechoslovakia and studied in a technical school in the Sudetenland. I learned to speak English in a private institution in Prague. The crisis came. I and my friend went in the airplane to Finland. I was lucky, I got a visit to Sweden and then a passport to America."

Ranking among the most beneficial improvements in the recent building program here at the College is the addition of a central unit to the Liberal Arts building. The architect's drawing of the completed structure is shown above with the South Liberal Arts Building below before the addition. The new structure was estimated to cost \$514,019 and will provide additional administrative offices and class rooms—two class rooms will seat more than 400 students each.

THIS PASSING SCENE

Wherein The Coughlinites, And Other Super-Patriots Are Thrown Into The Glare

By LEWIS W. SHOLLENBERGER '39

All this fuss and feathers the Dies Committee is unearthing here in this country! Un-American activity! Deportation charges against Harry Bridges because of alleged communistic activity. The Hearst papers screaming about communistic activity in the W. P. A. Father Coughlin radio-stumping the country against the Jewish people and other non-believers. All this purporting to be un-democratic.

"Undemocratic" has come to be the password of our super patriots who would have "America for Americans." They seem to think that anyone who thinks differently is un-American. Don't they realize that this country is a democracy founded on these three principles: namely, the doctrine of natural rights, the theory of the happiness of the majority, and the idealistic doctrine that "only democracy makes possible the full realization of the most characteristic potentialities of human personality"—to quote from F. W. Coker.

U S Still Free
Others of our super patriots will show how this country has gone to the bow-wows since 1929. We need only to take the most fleeting glimpse at the rest of the world to see that we are still pretty free. In Europe everyone has his identification tag and in traveling must show it when registering at a hotel or upon demand. We don't have meatless Sundays to aid the poor. We don't see huge government-sponsored drives to raise funds for winter relief.

We don't pay \$5 per horse power license fee for our automobiles or 40 cents per gallon for our gas. No do we pay a flat rate of 25 percent of our income for the income tax. We don't have conscription nor do our young men work for the state a year without pay. We don't whisper in guard-

Educators Will Attend Confab Here 3 Days

Noted Speakers Will Appear On State Program

More than a score of prominent educational authorities will appear on the program of the seventeenth annual superintendents' and principals' conference to be held at the College on August 1, 2, and 3. Dr. Major R. Trabue, dean of the School of Education, announced today.

The conference will concern itself with problems connected with secondary education and leading school administrators will have the benefit of public discussion of high school topics as presented by members of the State Department of Public Instruction, including Dr. Clarence E. Ackley, acting superintendent, as well as prominent superintendents and principals from Pennsylvania and other states.

Speakers Listed

Among the superintendents who will speak are Dr. Arthur K. Loomis, superintendent, Shaker Heights (Ohio) City Public Schools, Dr. Frank C. Keeler, superintendent, Cheltenham public school, Elkins Park, Pa., Ira S. Binscr, superintendent, Sunbury schools, Dr. Thomas Francis, superintendent of schools, Lackawanna county and president of the Pennsylvania Education Association, and H. L. Blair, superintendent, Warren county schools.

High school principals who are scheduled to talk include: G. W. Lefever, principal, Gettysburg senior high school, William C. Kutz, supervising principal, Spring Township Schools, West Lawn, Earl K. Stock, supervising principal, Bellefonte, M. N. Funk, principal, Latrobe, Carl E. Whipple, principal, D. S. Keith, junior high school, Meadville.

Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes, author, editor, and lecturer, of Auburn, N. Y., and L. H. Dennis, executive secretary, American Vocational Association, Washington, D. C., are still others.

BULLETINS

"Craig's Wife" will begin at 9:00 p.m. tomorrow and not 8:30 p.m. as originally announced.

Prospective graduates for the 1940 Summer Session are to see Miss Garbrick, Room 22, Education Building.

Alumni of Lock Haven Teachers' College will hold a dinner meeting Tuesday evening, August 15, at the Nittany Lion.

Vesper service of organ music, Faith Reformed Church, Sunday, 6:30 to 7:00 P.M.

Meeting of wives of graduate students, 3 p.m. Wednesday, at Sparks House.

succeeding administration. It is when one party makes a mistake that the other party is elected. Thus, does democracy work? How are mistakes corrected in a dictatorship? How is the administration molded to the ever changing public opinion?

If changed at all, it is only brought about by "liquidation." As Americans we enjoy our country and our institutions too much to live and die in this manner. Democracy admits and is founded on the assumption that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are not inalienable rights to be denied to no group, be it the majority or the minority.

Prisoners, Soldiers Have Sung Under Prof. Grant

"Because they give people a chance to express themselves in music, community sings are gaining rapidly in popularity," according to Prof. Richard W. Grant, head of the Music Department, who conducts one each Monday night.

Asked as to the essential features of a successful sing, he replied that several elements are necessary: humor, to arouse a proper mood, acts which are unexpected, to lend novelty, and songs of certain types. Popular songs of yesterday make the best group from which to select.

Community sings are as old as music itself. When and wherever people got together singing provided the common outlet for their emotions. Sings were common in many European countries and gained popularity in the United States during the World War. They were instituted at State College in 1922 by Prof. Grant, and have been a regular feature here since.

Has Varied Background

Questioned about his background as related to group singing, Prof. Grant revealed many interesting experiences. During the war he was used to pop up the audience with popular patriotic songs before the speakers were introduced. In political campaigns it was the same. In this connection he met Calvin Coolidge, who was campaigning for the governorship of Massachusetts, and Sanford Bates, Penna. Commissioner for the State of Massachusetts. This association later led him to what he terms the outstanding experience of his varied career.

Called by Bates to Deer Island, a penal colony near Boston, he was told to conduct a sing in the prison with inmates, ranging from drunks to murderers, as his audience. Prison conditions had made the situation very tense and needed to be relaxed if he wanted to accomplish anything. When he asked how many could sing, silence, cold and intense, was the response. Selecting a few favorite folk songs, he invited them to try and for the next half-hour those

inmates literally made the rafters ring.

Coming back to the question of Community Sings, Prof. Grant said that it is much easier to conduct a good sing with a large group than with a small one. Music is a language of emotions and in a large group these seem to pass from one person to another more readily, thereby giving everyone a feeling that he is a vital part of the whole, Prof. Grant explained.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology sailors are this year sponsoring the annual intercollegiate dinghy regatta.

Phi Alpha fraternity has banned the use of paddles on freshmen in all of its 34 chapters.

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