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A Survey Of Government, Or, How Men Make History

Call this "Politics Stinks" if you like.

It is a story of "progress," the story of an idea monost fair-minded men agree would help Pennsylvania government, and the story of their stymied cfforts over a 18-year period to put that idea into their state constitution.

It is the story of narrow-minded men (we call thorn politicians) and almost a story of intrigue. That the idea has persisted is proof enough it is ...**r**.ood.

As far back as 1923 the Pennsylvania Legislaiure was convinced that absentee voting was pracucal and desirable. That year it passed a law. which Governor Pinchot signed, setting up absontee voting for the state. Presently the state courts declared the law unconstitutional and said an amendment was necessary.

It is enough to set down here that an amendagainent takes a long, tedious time to secure.

'The bill must pass both houses of the Legislaoure twice and in sessions two years apart. If that is accomplished, the citizens must approve the monoment at the next general election. Thus, the very shortest time to secure an amendment is slightly under three years.

Since 1930, this amendment has been proposed i. every session of the Legislature but that in 1933. hi is being proposed again to the 1941 Legislature. The various fates with which it has met are too gory to mention in detail. After a brief summary, we will burden you with only one.

'The bill passed the House unanimously, 194-0, i_{10} 1931 then was choked in the Senate. In other years its offspring were murdered in all manner of committees, chiefly that on elections.

In 1937, it came up before a united Democratic regislature and miraculously passed both houses, 191-1, and 32-2. When it came up for second passage in 1939, our gory story was begun. The Comunifiee on Constitutional Amendments did away with Representative Dix's bill in the House. Senstor Ruth, who originally sponsored the bill in 1937, took it before the Senate where a dissimilar fate was in store.

The first vote of the 1939 Senate on absentee voting exactly reflected the party alignments, 23 Democrats for, 23 Republicans against. To be and apassed it needed 26 votes. In a shrewd parlia-

. ... mentary move, Senators Ruth and Shapiro changed their votes to the negative. Under the rules, my two senators having voted in the negative may ... nove for the reconsideration of a bill within the wreat five legislative days. No sufficient switching of votes could be obtained for final passage of the hall and it went into the records as defeated, 25-



Tantalizing Toimites Before I heard the doctors tell The dangers of a kiss, I had considered kissing you The nearest thing to bliss: But now I know biology, And sit and sigh and moan; Six Million mad bacteria-And I thought we were alone.

Love's Labor Lost

I've never been dated. I've never been kissed. They say if I waited No man would resist The lure of a pure and innocent miss, The trouble is this,-I'm fifty. -Shippensburg S.T.C. The Awful Truth

W-rabbits is a pe-cul-iar race

Their private lives is a dis-wgrace, Why, you would blush if you but knew, The awful things that w-rabbits do,

And often, too. -The Skidmore News Student Of The Moment

He whose name begins with a B'who turns up the day after drop ads go through and the class has been alphabetically seated.

I went to the movie And what did I see? The hat on the woman In front of me!

knowledge is a dangerous thing," he must have been cramming for a final exam.

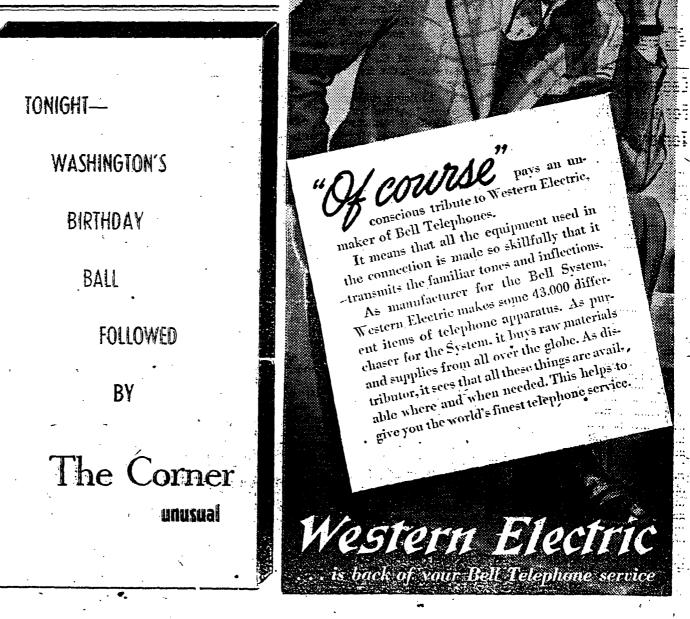
Under the spreading chestnut tree The smith works like the deuce, For now he's selling candy. Hot dogs, and orange juice.

-Daily Athenaeum

And while we're on the subject of vegetables, is there anything so wonderful as that feeling of mutual companionship which arises when you discover that both you and your date rounded out supper with an onion or six.

With ASCAP and BMI feuding over royalties for the kings of swing, radio programs have had to revive (or murder) many of the old classic-although the composers would probably never recognize them. If the thing goes on, we may expect some day to be hearing "Carmen Through the Rye.".

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Army Air Corps **Lists Information**

An information sheet for college students interested in applying as flying cadets in the Army Air Corps has been issued by the Chief of the Air Corps.

All candidates must be unmarried male citizens between 20 and 26 years of age inclusive. They must have completed two years of college work or pass an equivalent examination.

The period of training takes nine months and is broken into three month sections. The first period is spent in elementary training. - On completing this training, cadets are sent to Randolph Field, Texas. Final instruction is given at Kelley Field, Texas.

All cadets are furnished government transportation from place of enlistment to the flying school and they receive \$75 a month plus a ration allowance of S1 a day.

Dance Dates Changed

Student Union dances, which have been held only on Wednesday since the beginning of second semester, will now be held in the Armory every Tuesday Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

Read The Collegian Classifieds cated at Saybrok, Conn.

CAMPUS CALENDAR TODAY:

Newman Club, newly-formed. Catholic organization, will meet at Phi Kappa, 9 p. m. Refresh ments and dancing.

All graduate students are invited to attend meeting of Graduate Club, Sandwich Shop, 8 p.m.

PSCA World Reconstruction Committee meeting, Hugh Beav-

er Room, 8:15 p. m. Collegian Dance, Rec Hall, 9

p. m. Ice skating on tennis court rinks, 7 to 10 p. m.

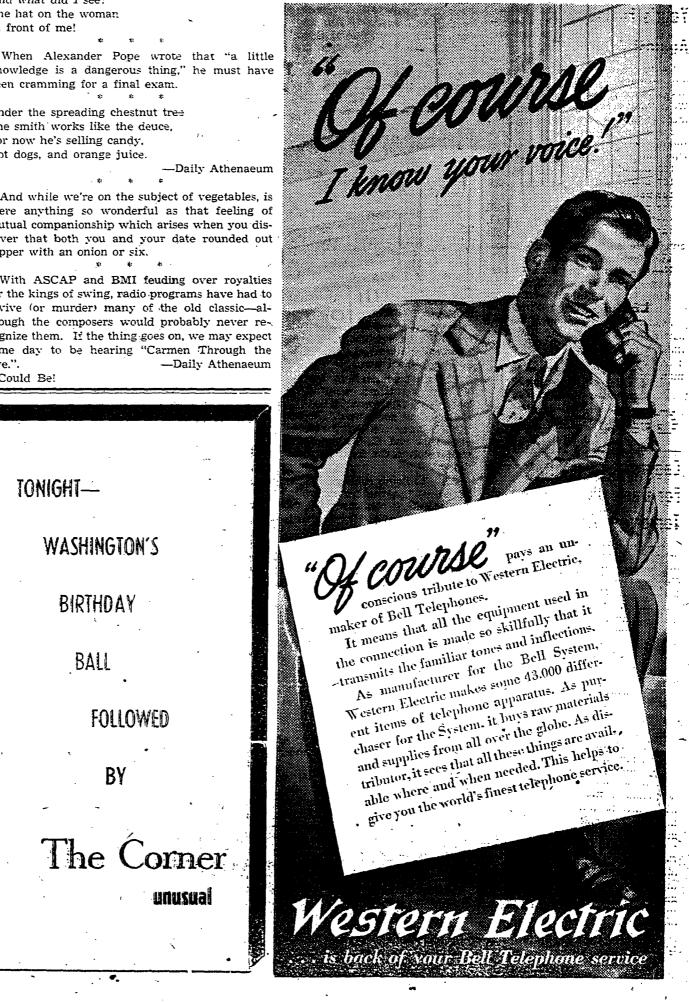
MISCELLANEOUS: Faculty members may file tax returns Monday and Tuesday, Room 305 Old Main.

INFIRMARY CASES

A checkup last night revealed that 15 persons are confined in the College Infirmary. They are: John F. Freet '43, Doris Jane Boller '41, Warren W. Scott '43, Alvira L. Konapka '41, Betty R. Marshall '43, Charles H. Seitz '43, Anna Ruth Flory '41, Charles A. Rossiter '44, J. Byron Swan '42, grippe.

Joyce F. Swan, graduate, Dora E. Colver '44, Mildred M. Taylor '42, Byrne P. Coleman '43, bronchitis; Henry J. Eavis '41, observation; Samuel A. Janney, Navaland Reserve, measles.

Yale College was originally lo-



2). On April 12, 1939, the two senators in a last desperate effort to save their amendment had it -accommitted to the Judiciary General but they - mever got enough votes to bring it out for successful reconsideration.

While the bill was being discussed in the Cominittee on the Judiciary General, the Republican members said they would oppose it on the floor Thecause were it to pass there would be 40,000 voters who could not be controlled, which would be sufficient number to swing the election against the machine candidates!

This year the Legislative process is starting again, Senator Ruth and Representative Powers having introduced the bill to their respective houses. As college students we have a vital stake in this decision. Most of us can afford neither the fone nor the money to leave classes for what is often our very first chance to exercise the franachise.

A letter to our representatives and our senators will do some good.

Suggestion On Government

Because too many student government confercauces are attended only by senior leaders, who graduate before they can initiate any local govcrimental reform, it has been suggested by W. Lewis Corbin.'41 that all political aspirants for the coming All-College elections attend these round table and forum meetings. By listening to the trading of ideas by experienced leaders, the politicions can better understand the intricacies of student male