

'Life In Malaya' Proves Interesting Lecture Topic

Interesting and informative was the lecture on "Life in Malaya," given by Denys Roper of the British Colonial Office last night. Speaking a distinct English accent, Mr. Roper, with the aid of color movies, gave a clear picture of the phases of Malayan life.

Mr. Roper started his lecture by telling about the geography of the island. Malaya is 450 miles long and 200 miles wide. There are mountain ranges running the length of it. Three-quarters of the island is made up of jungle while the rest is flat land.

Malaya's history goes back to the Middle Ages when it was controlled by Venice. Through a series of wars, Malaya had been controlled by the Portuguese, the Dutch, and at present by Great Britain.

The population, made up for the most part of Malaysians and Chinese, has increased from two million to five and a quarter million. This increase is chiefly due to the tin and rubber industry. The Chinese have done most of the work in the construction of roads, bridges, railroads, and in

the clearing of the jungle section. The people are jolly, sturdy and friendly.

Scenes of Penang, the oldest city; Malaka, and Singapore were shown in the movies. The streets of these cities, lined with palm and coconut trees and the homes of wealthy Chinese, together with the white government buildings and decorative temples, were also shown.

Concerning the education of Malaya, Mr. Roper, who spent 18 years in the Malayan Educational Service, stated that "the education was simple and crude." The school buildings are no more than wooden shanties. Health, geography and history are some of the subjects taught in the schools.

In completing his lecture, Mr. Roper said that he hoped those present had obtained a clearer picture of Malaya.

The last lecture will be given next Tuesday night by Dr. Kingsley Davis of the department of sociology, on South America.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS

Thespians Will Reward Coed Members Sunday

Thespian members will pack their makeup kits this Sunday afternoon and head for the mountains for their annual picnic. President-elect Edward R. Clauss '43 announced last night that all members who helped in the last group production are invited to attend the outing whether they were listed on the program or not.

Bracelets will be awarded to coed members of the cast, and a special award will be made to the outstanding girl Thespian during the picnic. Former winners of the award were Dorothy Reeves '41 and Martha "Marce" Stringer '42.

According to Clauss, the picnickers will leave Old Main at 2 p. m. Sunday afternoon. Rides will be provided for all.

Campus Calendar

TODAY

Annual honor society meeting. A delegate from each member society should be present, 305 Old Main, 8:15 p. m.

Meeting of Junior Editorial Board of The Daily Collegian, 4 p. m.

Baseball with Muhlenberg, New Beaver Field, 4 p. m.

Freshman candidates for Co-Editor report to White Hall lobby, 8:15 p. m. If unable to attend, call 144 Atherton Hall.

Naval Reserve V-5 meets in 305 Old Main.

WSGA House of Representatives meeting, 318 Old Main, 5 p. m.

Theta Sigma Phi meeting in Alpha Chi Omega Suite, 5 p. m. Riding Club instruction meet-

ing, Club stables, weather permitting, 6:30 p. m.

Meeting of Alpha Phi Omega, national Boy Scout service fraternity, 309 Old Main from 7 to 8 p. m.

Important IMA meeting, 305 Old Main, 7 p. m.

Meeting of International Relations Club with Dickinson chapter on "Can Civil Liberties Be Maintained During the War," southeast lounge, Atherton Hall, 8 p. m. All members are invited.

Penn State Players' tea, Foyer, Schwab Auditorium, 3:30 p. m.

Senior food demonstration, "How to Keep Cool When Cooking," 110 Home Economics, 10 a. m. Another, "Springtime Is Salad Time" at 11 a. m.

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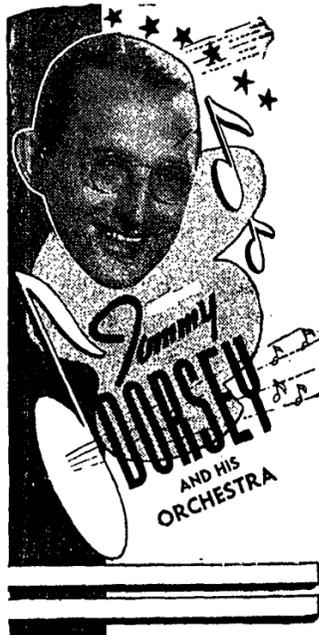
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