

Alumnus Says Turks Blend Ancient And New Customs

By Fay Young

"The Turks think a lot of the principles we are fighting for," stated Penn State graduate Capt. James Grove, 106 E. Hamilton street, who returned August 8 after spending 21½ months in Turkey. Captain Grove served as assistant military attache in Ankara for 13½ months of that time.

"Their republic is only 20 years old," he said, "and they are trying to follow our principles of democracy the best way they can under present circumstances.

Prior to his appointment to the Intelligence Division, the former Penn Stater taught in the department of engineering, Robert College, Istanbul. Approximately 300 students from the Turkish army, navy, and air corps were enrolled in civil, electrical, mechanical, and aeronautical engineering courses there. Many of them had studied in Germany before the outbreak of the war.

According to Captain Grove, this 12-year-old College and Academy compares favorably with American institutions. It is an American school with 800 or 900 students whose degrees are accepted in the United States. Besides engineering, it has a proficient Liberal Arts School, the officer said.

Describing Turkey as a nation, the army man said that about 80 per cent of the population is still rural-peasant people. They wear typical costumes of vivid colors. Baggy pants, colorful shirts, vests, and homemade woolen socks reaching almost to the knee comprise the apparel of the men. Designs woven in the socks indicate from which village they come.

Women display long dresses with full skirts but only in a few remote places do they still wear the veil. The peasants are a very friendly people, especially toward Americans, Captain Grove emphasized.

Ox carts and donkeys with saddle bags are the chief means of transportation although a few horse and wagons are seen and camel caravans are popular in the desert regions. There are no private automobiles. All cars are government owned or taxies, and U. S. models predominate over German, French, and Italian builds.

"How does Ankara compare with American cities?" the captain was asked. It has grown from a small peasant village to a very modern city patterned after New York World's Fair models, he explained. There are many large government buildings, a huge hospital, university, stadium for soccer games, very efficient German constructed railroad, and "the nicest restaurant between Berlin and Bagdad." All buildings are constructed of a light brown stone native to that part of Turkey, according to Captain Grove.

"Apartment houses are very modern but few have central heating plants. Most of them rely on stoves," he continued. "And prices are exorbitant."

Turkish national drink is "raki," proffering a sickening sweet licorice flavor, Grove continued. It is perfectly transparent and colors white when water is added which gives some idea of its potency, he added.

"I never believed the advertisements before, but American companies do have tobacco factories in Turkey," the officer declared. "The Turkish tobacco leaf is only about as big as my thumbnail and American firms do buy the best of that. The Turkish cigarette is loosely packed, has no body, and is a lighter smoke. They average 28 cents a pack in United States coins."

When asked to discuss culture in that country, Captain Grove said that Turkish leaders were making every effort to advance. The music is tinny like that of

North Africa, and the people square dance providing accompaniment by singing while they indulge in the pastime. Girls and boys from the individual universities may not dance together, and boys cannot dress as girls in dramatic productions, according to the intelligence officer.

"However, my greatest thrill was coming home to my 18-month-old daughter whom I had never seen," Captain Grove said beaming.

Captain Grove was graduated from Fawn Township High School, York County, and the College in 1935 where he was commissioned a second lieutenant from the ROTC. Prior to his enlistment August 5, 1940, he was engaged in vocational industrial education in York and Baltimore, Md. Grove served as an instructor at the College from 1940 to September 1942 when he was sent overseas.

'Engineer' Offers \$50 Scholarship

Applications for the Penn State Engineer Award are now available at Student Union. To be considered they must be filled in and returned within two weeks to the Engineer office, 1 Armory.

The scholarship, which is available to juniors in need of financial aid, is open to students in engineering, mineral industries, and chemical engineering whose records show they promise success in their field. It is awarded on the basis of scholarship, personality, and extra-curricular activities, in the order named.

The fifty dollar award is made by the executive staff of the Engineer, in conjunction with the Faculty Advisory Committee, and is subject to the approval of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

The awards are made for each two semester period, preferably at the beginning of the academic year for regularly enrolled students. They will be continued as long as the Engineer staff is financially able to do so.

This semester's award will be formally presented at a banquet early in October.

DTD to Open House

Delta Tau Delta is planning to open its house September 9. The new pledges are: Jack Cook, Bob-Francis, Ralph Johns, Richard Schlegel, William Spjliethoff, and Jack Townsend.

Library Exhibit

Sixty textbooks distributed by the American Institute of Graphic Arts make-up the present exhibition at the Library from September 1 to 14. Miss B. Elizabeth Ulrich, circulation librarian, is in charge of the exhibit.

Atherton Forms Sophomore Club

Hostess Addresses Coeds On Postwar Conditions

"Occupations for Women in the Postwar World" was the topic of the second bi-weekly meeting of the newly organized sophomore club held in the northwest lounge of Atherton Hall recently.

Mrs. Charles Stuart Hall, hostess of the northwest unit of Atherton, organized the 38 sophomores in her group for the purpose of getting them better acquainted with each other, becoming more adjusted to college life, planning social activities to compensate for lack of dates, and studying postwar world conditions.

Highlighting the meeting were excerpts, delivered by Mrs. Hall, from speeches given at the College Workshop by Dr. Hilda Threlkeld, dean of women at the University of Louisville, and Miss Mildred Hickman, member of the Cleveland Board of Education, in charge of placement. Mrs. Robert O'Hara, home economics teacher and summer session student, spoke on the opportunities for women in the field of home economics.

Others taking part in the program were Barbara Stocker who reviewed the book "Why Women Cry"; Edna Dent who gave a resume of an article concerning the present day shortage of teachers; Barbara Rinkmeyer, and Jeanne Eisenberg who each read a short article about the homecoming of soldiers.

Officers of the club are: Jean Farley, president; Mary Elizabeth Friedman, vice-president; Madeline Applequist, secretary; Anne Mulvehill, tournament chairman; and Laura Craig, White Hall chairman.

Alumni Seeks News Of College Servicemen

For its war records, the Alumni Association is anxious to secure all newspaper items dealing with the activities of Penn State men and women in the service.

Students are requested to watch their hometown newspapers closely for stories dealing with Penn State graduates or former students in the armed forces, and are asked to turn in clippings to the Alumni Office, 104 Old Main.

Alumni officials are particularly anxious to compile a complete record of casualties, decorations, new commissions, promotions, and special feature stories dealing with graduates.

Phi Kappa Psi Pledges

Pledging two V-12 students, Phi Kappa Psi initiated a new tradition on campus recently. Joseph Bird, Douglas Bruce, Verne Condon, and Robert Foote, V-12, are the new pledges.

Delta Gamma honored Mrs. Marjorie Cherry Newton at a linen shower Monday night. Mrs. Newton was recently married to Lt. Fielder Newton.

Barracks 9 Grieves Death Of Odorless Skunk, 'Manly'

He was beautiful—black and white, with three spots and one long stripe down his back. His name was Manly. And he was a skunk.

Barracks 9 was quite proud of its new pet. A/S Jim Clark had found him in the cellar window one morning after the critter had perfumed the house throughout the night. The poor little animal's foot was hurt so Jim, an old hand at animal raising, took the estranged forest denizen under his mantle and afforded him security.

Jim loved the little fellow. And after Jim fed him some cookies and meat, the feeling was mutual. A long, wide, well-ventilated cage became Manly's new home, and the skunk seemed to love it, too. For two days he lived upon the fat of the land: chocolate cake, milk (plenty of that), bread, and pork chops. Nor did he at any time exhibit his displeasure in the manner conventional for skunks.

Barracks 9 had great hopes for its new pet. After he was "fixed," they had planned, it would be great fun to lead "Manly" down the street on a leash. Wouldn't the coeds love the sight?

To the vet's went Manly on the second day of his confinement. He hadn't quite recovered from the injury to his leg, but nevertheless the veterinarian thought it would be advisable to make the necessary operations.

That night Clark called for his little friend. He was doing quite well, thank you. In fact, he seemed all raring to go again after the big deal of the afternoon. Back home he went, to embrace blissfully the arms of Morpheus.

Reveille was sounded with the new morn and Clark rushed out to feed Manly. But Manly was never to eat again. The shock had been too much for him. Manly was dead.

Out beneath some green bushes was deposited the lifeless form of this buddy of Barracks 9. A little mound was fashioned over the animal.

But no ceremonies were held. It was just an informal service—that's the way Manly would have liked it.

Portfolio on Sale Today

Portfolio, student literary publication, on sale today, features two short stories, "Forgive Us All" by Fred Lyons and "The Austrian" by Helen McCleery. Prominent too is "The Herr Doktor," a profile of Dr. Harold Weigel, German professor, by Estelle Simon, and Winifred Singer's poem, "Fire Dreams."

Old Mania

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Nagle, also Zeta . . . Delbert Wiener, dg, and A/S Jack Graham . . . Chuck Alcorn and Vivian Martin . . . Lynn Rummel, zeta, and A/S Melvin Jacobs . . . Zeta Kitch Stahl and A/S Frank Garrity . . . Zeta Jan Carvel and former ASTP Pvt. Gordon Smith . . . Pat Trester will be there with Midshipman James Tolar, stationed at Yale . . .

'Round About Town

Whew . . . That's only a minority of the kids who'll be there but it took Maniac and our spies a lot of shovels to dig it up . . . More names next week if we find more . . . Second Phi Mu to be engaged within a few weeks is Janet Fehnel to ASTP Pvt. Herb Scott . . . Lloyd Convers recently handed his phi sigma kappa pin to Kappa Eleanor Bennett . . .

Alums roaming around town last week were Capt. Charlie Mattern, phi delt, now of the AAF . . . Stan Wolfson, '41 graduate, . . . Max Peters, alpha chi sig alum . . . Alpha chi Jane Murphy . . .

Naval Air Cadet Mickey Blatz . . . Chi Omega alums Mary Thompson, Ruth Ernst, Rita Rokosz and Marjorie Schultz, all recent graduates, were here last week . . . Peter Donos visited Margie . . .

He was on his way to Officers' Candidate School . . . Blackie Biernbaum former ASTP cadet here, came to see AEPHI Shirley Furman . . . AOPHI Shirley Camp journeyed up . . . Navy Pre-flight Cadet Herb Bereman saw AEPHI Ella Fiering . . . Kappa delt Louise Gwillin came up to see phi kap Bill Thomas . . .

Hear Steve Herbert has been a very sick boy . . . Maniac.

Higgins, Bedenk Narrate At Football Game Movies

To stimulate interest in the coming football season, movies of last year's football games will be shown in 121 Sparks at 7:15 p.m. September 13, 20, and 27. Showings are sponsored by All-College Cabinet and IMA. Coach Bob Higgins and Joe Bedenk will alternate as narrators for the pictures. Admission is free.

Tentative plans are being made to show movies of all games of the coming season. All-College Cabinet secretary, Edward Williams, and IMA president, Michael Lynch, are in charge of the arrangements.

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