

## General Catron Speaks; Hundreds Pray at Service



BRIG. GEN. CATRON

Hundreds of students, faculty members, and townspeople attended the Memorial Day services in front of Old Main Wednesday morning.

Following a review by the Army and Navy, and the invocation by College Chaplain John H. Frizzell, President Hetzel introduced the guest speaker, Brig. Gen. Thomas B. Catron, chief of staff, Third Service Command.

General Catron briefly traced the origin of Memorial Day, saying that it started as a desire of mothers and fathers to pay tribute to their sons who died in the Civil War.

General Catron suggested that the day be spent in thanks to those men who are fighting and have died for their country, and in rededicating ourselves to finishing the war as quickly as possible.

General Catron said that the war is far from being over, and that it will be a long time before our strength in the Pacific is sufficient for final victory. He also declared that the Japanese will fight to the very end to save their "face" which is so important to them.

"Every G.I. and sailor in the Pacific knows that the enemy is a viper out to win and that we must kill that viper in order to preserve our way of life," said General Catron.

"However, victory's on the way as sure as tomorrow's on the way," he added.

Memorial Day services for the Allied Nations concluded with the playing of taps and the benediction by Dr. Frizzell.

## Leffler Sees Jump To Pre-War Output

The United States may return to her prewar production level for consumer goods even before final victory over Japan, according to George Leffler, professor of economics.

Explaining that the nation now has twice as many machine tools as in 1940, Leffler pointed out that with fighting ended in Europe, "our capacity to produce consumer goods is enormous."

Because many of the machines are new and highly efficient, the economist estimates that this nation's production capacity is more than double what it was before the war.

The United States, he added, is currently producing 135 per cent more goods, in physical quantity, than it did in the period from 1935 to 1939.

Despite the terrific productive capacity, Dr. Leffler believes many war-vital materials will remain scarce until some months after Japan's defeat. Among these he listed paper, lumber, textiles, rubber, steel, copper, aluminum, tin, and cotton.

## Trabue Calls High School Honor Awards Unfair

A proposal to abolish the practice of naming academic honor students at high school commencements was advanced today by Dr. Marion R. Trabue, dean of the School of Education.

"American education," he observed, "has taken a narrow academic direction. In an attempt to justify their own type of mind, educators have decreed that prizes be awarded pupils who take after the teacher."

In place of the honors list, Dean Trabue advocates "praise or public recognition" of students who show the most improvement in their work over a certain period of time.

Honoring students for scholastic achievements alone, he pointed out, creates the impression that academic ability is the only kind that counts.

Because people differ in abilities, he says, it is unfair to label one group "superior." Many people with a strictly academic mind, he concluded, frequently do not fare well in workaday world competition.

Skull and Bones recently elected Stanley Chadwin president and Herbert Currie secretary.

## Small Papers Aid World Security

Like charity, world security begins at home, and the small town newspaper, says William R. Gordon, extension rural sociologist at the College, is playing an important role in fighting a war-torn world by promoting "a common fund of understanding within the community."

He believes this common understanding, or good-will, derives largely from the dissemination of news on the doings of the neighbors, their achievements and misfortunes. "When neighbors understand each other," he claims, "they can, and do, unite for action to serve the common good."

Gordon concedes that the metropolitan press, periodical, and press all serve a good purpose, but insists the local weekly or daily, "fortified with impartial judgment and a lively interest in the common welfare, makes a unique contribution to effective living."

He sees this hometown good-will as a substantial basis for understanding in the larger world community, and at a time when "events of world dimensions crowd close upon one another," considers it important to chronicle the activities of the church and school, the service club and grange, as well as the activities of individual citizens.

## Linguist DuMont Retires, Praises American Living

"America," he said, "is the real country of my soul. Having tasted the American atmosphere—the freedom of action and the broad ideas—it would be impossible to adapt myself again to life in Europe," stated Francis M. DuMont, who will retire July 1 as professor emeritus of romance languages at the College, for his decision to live in the United States.

DuMont, who apparently was somewhat of a wanderer in his youthful days, came to this country in 1921. He came, he said, "just to come over—maybe to stay, maybe not."

A native of Switzerland, he was born in Baden in 1880. At the age of 10, he moved to Fribourg, located in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, and, in his early teens, went to college in France.

For a few years after he got out of college, he explained, "I didn't do much of anything except enjoy myself." He traveled through Germany and Spain, studying psychology and philosophy and teaching for a while at the Martillo College at Burgos, Spain.

Then he came to New York, where he taught French and Latin at the Robert Louis Stevenson School, served as head of the modern languages department at Barward School for Boys, and

was an assistant professor of French at New York University.

While in New York, he obtained both master's and doctor's degrees from New York University. He had previously been awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Valentin College in France.

Since 1931, the wiry little man who's master of five languages, has been professor and head of the department of romance languages at the College.

In recognition of his academic achievements and for his work as secretary of the Institute of French Education, the French Government awarded the Palmes Academiques to DuMont in 1937.

DuMont plans to stay here at least five years (after that, he said, "I might again see France. Who knows?") and go on working. He'd like to do some studying and writing about religious psychology.

"I'm not concerned about the free time," he explained, "because there is always something to do if you're not lazy."

## Watkins Sets Time Table

The Summer Semester Time Table will be available on or near June 11, Ray V. Watkins, scheduling officer, announced this week.

## PSGA Acts—

(Continued from page two) speakers presented under PSGA auspices.

CA maintains a cabin, Ralph Watts Lodge, on the side of Tussey Mountain overlooking Nittany Valley. Four miles from the campus, it is the site of overnight parties sponsored by various organizations at the College.

Since 1941, the student body and faculty have cooperated in supporting the work of Lingnan University at Canton, China. The directing group, known as the Penn State in China Committee, is composed of faculty members, regular students, and exchange students from China. College chapel collections and some personal contributions are given to the Penn State in China fund.

## Students Exhibit Art

The annual exhibition of work done by students in the division of fine arts will be held in the Mineral Industries Art Gallery, the week of June 7 to June 13, announced Prof. J. Burn Helme.

The exhibition will include all phases of creative art done by students in several different schools under the instruction of the division of fine arts.

## Portfolio Lists Writers

The forthcoming issue of Portfolio will contain contributions from William L. Werner, professor of English literature; Eleanor Bennett; B. J. Cutler; Helen-Ann Raiber; and Pvt. James L. Framo.

## Psi Chi Admitted To Honor Council

The Honor Society Council composed of representatives of 22 societies on campus recently admitted Psi Chi, national psychology honorary, to its membership. This was announced by Miss Margaret C. Raabe, newly elected president of the Council.

Functions of the Council are to provide the funds for purchasing Evan Pugh Medals awarded for high scholastic achievement during the junior and senior year, and to compile a list of students elected to various societies. This list is sent to the president and the registrar, and the activities are placed on the individual student's academic record.

## CLASSIFIED SECTION

LOST—High school class ring class of 1944. Please call Richard Cover, 2971. 1tch

LOST—Pair tortoise shell glasses May 18th between Sparks and Corner Room. Call Gloria, 3941. Reward.

LOST—Dark tan overcoat with R.O.T.C. hat in pocket in Sparks. If found please return or call Bob Weiss, Beta Sigma Rho.

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