

### Prof. Gerhardt Predicts Gradual Housing Changes

There will be no housing miracles in the immediate postwar period, according to Royal M. Gerhardt, who believes changes in building styles will be evolutionary rather than revolutionary.

Gerhardt, who is professor of architectural engineering and assistant dean of the School of Engineering, is convinced, moreover, that there will be resistance to departures from conventional type houses.

"Architects," he argued, "will be slow to make radical changes in house designs and materials, and contractors will hesitate to bid on revolutionary designs until they know more about untried materials and the labor costs of installation."

Dealers in building materials, he added, will be reluctant to stock new materials and gadgets, and banks and loan associations will be conservative about lending money on untested novelties in residential properties.

"Home owners," he opines, "don't need to worry about their houses becoming outmoded — not for awhile, at least."

#### Blue LaVie Cards Due

All seniors who have blue La Vie cards should turn them in to Student Union as soon as possible.

## Olive Drab to Navy Blue

By A/S Jack Reid

If you had fought through the First World War in the olive drab of the Army, could you have pictured yourself twenty-five years later fighting another war in the blue of the Navy? Probably not, but Lt. Comdr. Trusdell Wisner, skipper of the College V-12 unit, has done just that.

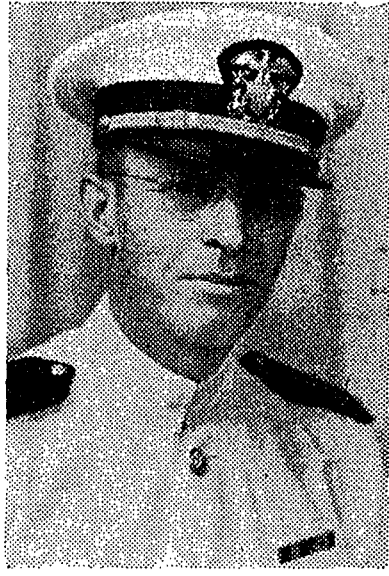
Back in 1915 Commander Wisner was a private first class in the First Field Artillery of the New York National Guard. Throughout 1916 his unit served on the Mexican border. Then in the early part of the next year his enlistment ran out.

When war came in April of 1917 the commander reenlisted in the First Battalion Signal Corps of his old regiment. Later this designation was changed to 102nd Field Signal Corps, 27th Division.

For one year his unit served in Northern France and Belgium. During this period Commander Wisner (then first class sergeant, a rank no longer in effect) fought through four major battles. At the end of this time he was commissioned second lieutenant in the Signal Corps, 27th Division.

Between wars the commander worked for the Chrysler Corporation. At the outbreak of the Second World War he was merchant-

dising manager of the service division to the College. Here in June of 1944 he assumed the duties of



Lt. Comdr. Trusdell Wisner

commanding officer. Since then the ship of the unit has steered vision.

The day after Pearl Harbor he applied for a commission in the

Navy. By February he was a lieutenant, going through recruiting school at Norfolk. There he was selected for college recruiting. After training was completed, he was ordered to Washington where he worked on promotion for the V-1 and V-7 programs.

In April 1942, the commander was appointed assistant recruiting inspector in the Ninth Naval District. Here he had charge of the development of college procurement. As part of his duties he addressed group meetings at various colleges and served on the naval selection board.

May of 1943 found Commander Wisner at Ohio-Wesleyan University, organizing a V-12 unit. Ten months later he was promoted to his present rank and transferred to a steady and successful course under his command.

With the coming establishment of a Naval ROTC unit at the College, Commander Wisner expects to be relieved by an officer of the regular Navy. And, although he is eligible for point release, the commander has applied for retention in the service and overseas duty.

Commander Wisner has expressed a desire to some day make his permanent home in State College.

### Art Awards Presented For Student Paintings

Several awards were presented, through the courtesy of Keeler's Book store, in the two summer session art shows in water color and oil painting which were held at the College recently.

Marilyn V. Schutte won a book prize in the water color course conducted by Prof. Andrew W. Case. First honorable mention went to Mary E. Crist, and Louisa Crawford received second honorable mention.

A special award was presented to Helen Hildebrand for the high quality of her work over a number of summers in the oil painting exhibition of students under the direction of Hobson Pittman. In addition, mentions were given to the following: first mention, a book prize, to M. Josephine Paul; second mention, also a book, to Arthur S. Carpenter; third mention to Mrs. Edna Woodcock; and fourth mention to Palma Wakefield.

Professors Eleanor Willis and James B. Helme were the jury of awards for the water color show. For the oil painting exhibition Professor Helme and Dr. Harold E. Dickson served as a jury of award.

### Dr. Dutcher To Study Food Problems In Europe

Dr. R. Adams Dutcher, head of the department of agricultural and biological chemistry at the College, left Sunday for Washington, D. C., to report for overseas duty with the Technical Industrial Intelligence Committee of the Foreign Economic Administration and the Office of the Quartermaster General of the U. S. Army.

Dr. Dutcher will investigate food problems in Northwestern Europe and expects to return to his duties at the College in November. During his absence, Dr. M. W. Lisse will serve as acting head of the department.

#### Certificates for LD's

Lower division certificates for fifth semester students in education and psychology may now be procured in 106 Burrows building, it was announced today.

## Favorite State Fight Songs Composed by Musical Alums

"Every college has a legend passed on from year to year," wrote James A. Leyden, '14, of the stately Nittany Lion. Joseph Saunders, '15, and Fred Lewis Pattee, professor emeritus of American literature, have also had a hand in writing Penn State songs.

Leyden, a Beta Theta Pi, found time for Druids, Parmi Nous, track team, Thespians, Choir, Glee Club, Quartet, YMCA Cabinet, class secretaryship, and Mechanical Engineering Society while he was a mechanical engineering student at the College. These are some of the reasons why the 1914 "LaVie" described Leyden's trend as being "deviated towards the aesthetic and the athletic channels, rather than towards the sea of studiousness." This composer of the "Nittany Lion" and "Victory" songs used to sing to the tune of his mandolin in the old track house where he lived.

#### Presents 'Nittany Lion'

One Friday in the early 20's, Leyden, in town for an Alumni Weekend, presented a lyric and melody to Bandmaster Thompson. Thompson played the melody on his trumpet, liked it, and gave it to Hummel Fishburn to provide the harmony. That night saw the birth of "The Nittany Lion" when Jimmy Leyden sang his song at a pre-football mass meeting.

While an undergraduate, Leyden wrote the "Victory Song." He just sat down one day and picked it out on the piano or his pet mandolin.

Today, Leyden is Ne w York Sales Manager for Hampden Glazed Paper Company and lives in Pleasantville, N. Y. The com-

poser is a member of the University Glee Club, a social and music organization of college men which backs college glee club contests and donates musical instruments where it sees fit. This Penn State grad directs the Hambone Quartet which specializes in old college songs.

Three of Leyden's children are graduates of the College: Don, '41, was an engineering student and played in Blue Band; Jim Jr., '42, was a music education student, played in Blue Band, sang in the Glee Club and Quartet, and composed for Thespians; Harriet, '45, was a home economics student and member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Norman Leyden, oldest son of Jimmy Leyden, graduated in music from Yale and is now composer and arranger for the Army. "Fight On State"

Joseph Saunders, better known as "Oof," wrote the challenging "Fight on State." Saunders, Beta Sigma Rho, hailed from Atlantic City and was famous as the originator of the statement that the popularity of Atlantic City is due to the nearness of the ocean. This 1915 chemistry graduate was spoken of as a "vaudevillian of the deepest style."

Today Saunders is living in Atlantic City where he has an automobile agency. Music is his hobby and he has written several school songs, the best of which is "Fight on State."

Professor Pattee presented the words now used in the Alma Mater. The former literature professor is living in Florida and lecturing at Rollins College.

### Dr. Knudson Discusses 'Vitamin D' At Meeting

Dr. Alfred Knudson will speak on "Vitamin D" at the 131st meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Section of the American Chemical Society in 119 New Physics, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.

The speech will include discussion of the most recent discoveries about the chemistry of vitamin D, the amount of ultra-violet irradiation needed to form a unit of the vitamin, and investigations of the fate of vitamin D in the animal body.

Dr. Knudson is associated with Union University as professor of biochemistry, head of the department of biochemistry, and associate dean of the Albany Medical College. His principle researches, carried out at Albany Medical college, Harvard university, and Cambridge University, have been on rickets, the metabolism of cholesterol, effects on animals of exposure to high frequency radiation, formation of vitamin D by irradiation with different light sources, and the fate of vitamin D in the tissues of animals.

### Professor Measures V-J Day Noise Power

How much noise did State College stir up the night the Japanese surrendered?

Plenty, you'll say.

But a scientist who measured the level of the downtown noise as it carried to the quiet environs of E. Foster avenue and Pine street three-quarters of a mile away, puts it another way.

"The noise level," says Walter H. Pielemeier, professor of physics, "was about 70 decibels."

That's ten times as loud as ordinary indoor conversation, which is about 60 decibels, according to Professor Pielemeier.

"That meant," he said, "that to carry on a conversation above the noise it required about ten times the V-J noise power, or 80 decibels."

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