

Professor Describes Work With Objectors

"Conscientious objectors are classified into two groups: Those who are willing to enter the armed forces as non-combatants, and those who are willing to do work of national importance under civilian direction." Dr. John H. Ferguson, associate professor of political science, said this when asked about his experiences as director of a conscientious objectors' camp.

"The men who enter the armed forces are classified as 1-AO," continued Dr. Ferguson. "This group wears uniforms, is usually attached to the medical corps, and receives no training in the use of firearms. The second group is classified as 4-E and is sent to civilian camps for the duration of the war. The local draft board makes the distinction in the classifications, and all objections are based on religious reasons."

Dr. Ferguson left the College in June, 1943 to become director of the Civilian Public Camp at Oakland, Maryland, and later, at Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Both of these camps are maintained by the American Friends Service Committee. As director, he administered the rules and regulations for the camps, following orders coming directly from Selective Service Headquarters.

In Tennessee, the men worked 51 hours weekly at the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Working under the supervision of the park authorities, instructions came from the Department of

Interior at Washington. The men received no remuneration from the government but are supported by the Quakers.

Many of the men are college graduates. At one time there were stationed at the camp six men with doctors degrees, one novelist, and one playwright. The number of men for the Gatlinburg camp hit a high of 176, but averaged 140. There are some 130 faiths represented.

The men live in CCC barracks, with 35 to a barracks. The food is prepared under the direction of a dietician. They are governed under the same regulations that are granted to the enlisted men of the armed forces.

After November 1944, Dr. Ferguson went to Philadelphia to direct a nation-wide educational program against universal peacetime military training. He said that at the moment there are no labor, educational, agricultural, or religious organizations that favor compulsory peacetime conscription. Support for drafting of men in peacetime comes only from the war and navy departments, veteran groups, and a segment of the economical and financial interests.

In collaboration with Dr. Dean McHenry, formerly of the political science department at the College, but now of the University of California at Los Angeles, Dr. Ferguson is writing "The American System of Government." It is designed as a text for political science classes and deals with national, state, and local governments. It will be published by McGraw Hill and will be ready about the first of the year.

Dr. Ferguson was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts, where he later earned his Ph.D. degree. He began teaching at the College in 1934, and was here until November, 1943. He will resume his teaching duties this semester.

Vocational Information Kit To Contain Booklet By College MI School

Some 5700 copies of "Careers and Mineral Industries," 24-page booklet issued by the College Mineral Industries School, have been purchased by Science Research Associates, Chicago, to be placed in a vocational information kit designed for the armed forces.

The College booklet is the sole representative of the field of mineral industries in the Army Vocational Information Kit, which contains seven books and 412 pamphlets representing 69 vocational fields. It is sent throughout the world to Army schools, hospital centers, etc., to be used as a vocational library service, reference for advisers, or source material for counseling and discussions.

The kit was prepared for the Army Service Forces by Science Research Associates, which lists outstanding current guidance material in its publication Vocational Guide. "Careers and Mineral Industries" was chosen from this list for the kit, and was listed by Vocational Guide among the 100 best of its several thousand guidance materials.

"Careers in Mineral Industries" will also be included in 200 kits which Science Research Associates is issuing for use in colleges, universities, and community counseling agencies.

Penn State Dames Plan Cabin Party

The Penn State Dames, an organization open to all wives and mothers of graduate students of the College, will hold their October meeting at the Ski Lodge in the form of a pot-luck supper, at 6 p. m. Thursday, October 25.

The meeting, to which husbands are invited, will be in charge of Mrs. H. I. Tarpley and the evening's entertainment of games and dancing planned by Mrs. J. S. Saby and Mrs. W. L. Nyborg. Reservations will be taken by Mrs. John Almquist, State College 3113.

Editor Gives Library Pennsylvania Dutch Study

Two volumes of reprints of "S Pennsylvawnsch Deitsch Eck" from the Allentown Morning Call a world-famous newspaper column devoted to the study of Pennsylvania German, have been presented to the College Library, by Mr. Fred Weiler, editor of the Allentown Morning Call.

The gift is in two large volumes, bound in leather, and contains a copy of every issue of the "Eck" since its inception on March 23, 1935, through 1944.

The "Eck," making up half the editorial page of the Allentown Morning Call every Saturday, is edited by Dr. Preston A. Barba, professor of German at Muhlenberg College.

Within a few years, College officials expect student enrollment to reach 15,000.

Ceramics Offers New Vocation For Veterans

The billion-dollar-a-year ceramics industries in this country can absorb all returning veterans who are willing to train for them, according to Dr. E. C. Henry, chief of the ceramics division at the College.

"Dinnerware and glass, for example, have improved so much that the dime-store dishes purchased by GI brides for wartime housekeeping were just as good as the more expensive tableware sold years ago," Dr. Henry said.

"Before the war," he added, "many of our finer dishes and goblets were imported from Europe. We can match the best of these already, and further improvements will be possible as soon as we have more ceramics experts."

Graduates' Names Make Half-Colum

(Ed. Note: The following is a reprint from "The Daily Half-Colum," written by Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock for the Centre Daily Times. It appeared on October 17.)

A contributor finds something noteworthy in names of this semester's graduating class. He writes—

The night was **Bright** with an **Orange** moon and he was **Young**. Of serious things his mind was much **Blanker** than one of more mature **Yarze**. He ate a **Berger** hurriedly; then, **Hatton** head and a **Rose Stuck** in his buttonhole, he sallied forth to pitch **Wu** on the **Davenport** with his girl friend. But all was not well and as he passed through the **Gates** he heard her father **Graul**, "Hugo there, and what are your **Ames**?" "Oh, Lord!" he thought, "I have made a **Gross** error. Unless I am **Clever** enough to get out of here, he may **Lynch** me. I'll step into the **Shade** of this **Esh** tree and make a **Quick** getaway. Then I'll **Penner** a line and have her meet me by the **Lyon** in the **Park**. I thought I was **Weiss**, but now I am "Weiser."

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