

## Mothers Receive Clinic Training In Effort To Aid Deaf Children

It's mother's turn to go to school at the College, where parental aid is considered vital in the campaign to help hard-of-hearing children.

Dr. Eugene T. McDonald, who brought mothers of children with impaired hearing to the campus for a clinic this summer, is convinced the idea works and is a practical approach to the problem.

"There are almost no facilities for helping hard-of-hearing children between the ages of two to four to learn to talk," Dr. McDonald says, "and by teaching proper techniques to mothers, we think these youngsters can be trained while living at home with their parents."

## Grad School Dean Receives Award

Dr. Frank D. Kern, dean of the graduate school at the College, has received one of the certificates of accomplishment awarded by the State University of Iowa to 100 of its alumni at its centennial commencement.

Begun in 1922, this summer marked the 26th year graduate school has been in operation at the College. During this period, 4247 degrees have been conferred, of which 450 were doctorates.

## FFA Calls Henning To Judging Post

Dr. William L. Henning, of the livestock faculty at the College, has been appointed one of the official judges for the annual livestock judging competition of the National Future Farmers of America. Dr. Henning was named a judge in the sheep classes which will be held October 21 at Kansas City, Mo., with classes in market sheep or lambs and breeding sheep.

Dr. Henning was appointed as judge by Dr. W. T. Spanton, chief of the agricultural education service of the U. S. Office of Education. Besides teaching livestock classes at Penn State and serving as coach of the College's livestock judging team, Dr. Henning also is executive secretary of the American Southdown Breeders Association, and recently represented all mutton breeders of the nation at the meeting of the National Association of Records.

## Added Power Equipment Doubles Output, Supplies New Buildings

The power output of the College power plant will be nearly doubled when the installation of a new boiler, 4000-kilowatt capacity turbo-generator, condenser, and cooling tower have been completed, George W. Ebert, superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, said today.

The new equipment is needed to supply heat and light to buildings planned or now under construction in the College's postwar expansion program. A bid for the installation of a new 800 horse-power boiler, awarded to the Dravo Construction Co. of Pittsburgh, will supplement the four existing boilers of 600 hp. each.

The present kilowatt capacity of the power plant, 3,750 kilowatts will be more than doubled by the new 4,000 kw. capacity turbo-generator. The condenser and accessories are necessary to the operation of the new turbo-generator, Ebert explained, and the cooling tower permits a reduction in operating expenses through re-use of water in the plant.

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## Education Seeking Bunny Delays Music Class

Everybody's trying to get a college education these days.

Miss Frances Andrews, instructor in music education, was teaching her first hour students in 200 Carnegie Thursday when she gazed out of the window. The instructor, unable to bring her attention back to the class, stared and stared outside.

The students got up from their seats and followed the teacher's example. It wasn't until 10 minutes later that class was resumed and everyone stopped laughing and gaping.

The center of attention was the steps of Sparks. A white rabbit hopped up the stairs and paused at the door, evidently deciding if he wanted to "live to learn" or "learn to live."

After making up his mind, the bunny scampered into Sparks. No prof recorded the presence of a rabbit that morning, so the animal obviously decided life is cozier among the grasses and bushes, and politely left.

## Professor Gains Pacific Namesake; Specimens in Smithsonian Institute

A heretofore unknown bird, a small brightly-colored tropical kingfisher collected from Nissan Island by Dr. Logan J. Bennett, professor of wildlife management at the College, has been named for Dr. Bennett.

The new name, Halcyon Chloris bennetti, was revealed in an article published by Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, of Yale University, in the Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences.

Based on birds collected in the southwest Pacific by Dr. Bennett while he was serving with the U. S. Navy, the report is titled "A Report on the Birds Collected by Logan J. Bennett on Nissan and Admiralty Islands."

All specimens collected by Dr. Bennett now are in the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C. Two specimens of the bird named for Dr. Bennett were collected on August 22, 1944.

Two expeditions had visited Nissan Island and three expeditions had visited the Admiralty Islands, prior to World War II. Dr. Bennett collected on six islands of the Admiralty group where no previous collecting had been done.

One new form of bird was collected in the Admiralty group and now is undergoing description and seven other species not previously reported from that group of islands were collected there by Dr. Bennett.

On Nissan Island, in addition to the new discovery, Dr. Bennett collected two other species that had not been previously found on that island. It is expected that further study of the Nissan collection may result in differentiating other new birds.

## Business Hits Post-war High

Up 16 per cent from a year ago, general business in leading areas of Pennsylvania during May equaled the figures for April, the highest of any month since the end of the war.

The monthly business survey of the Pennsylvania State College also reports no evidence of a decline in business although a recession for the latter part of the year has been widely predicted.

## FACULTY NOTES

Dr. John C. Garey will join the College staff August 1 as associate professor of bacteriology, marking the second time he has been a member of the faculty. He served as a graduate assistant and later as an instructor in bacteriology from 1934 to 1937. Dr. Garey holds a B.S. and an M.S. degree from Penn State and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. E. W. Miller, chief of the division of geography, has been named Book Review Editor for the Producers' Monthly Magazine. The magazine is published by the Bradford District Pennsylvania Oil Producers' Association.

Dr. Paul W. Bixby, native of Richville, Minn., has been appointed associate professor of elementary education and will join the College staff September 1. He is now serving on the Summer Sessions visiting faculty.

Dr. Bixby is a member of the National Education Association, and Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Delta Kappa, national education honor societies.

**Parents Taught Lip Reading**  
 Parents attending the clinic were taught lip reading procedure, and warned of pitfalls to avoid. They were told, for example, to use the phrase "shut the door" instead of "close the door," since the first phrase is more readily read from the lips. And since the words "mother" and "brother" look alike on the lips, they were advised to teach the word mother but to use the brother's given name.

**Child Combines Senses**  
 Parents also were told to discuss, trips and other events before, during, and after the occasion. This enables the child to combine his sense of vision with his efforts to hear, and also contributes to the development of his lip-reading vocabulary.

**Clinicians also determine** the amount of hearing which each child possesses and instruct the mother how she may utilize that hearing ability to its fullest extent.

**Mother-Child Understanding**  
 "If the child is able to understand his mother, and in turn can make himself understood," Dr. McDonald explains, "he has a chance to become a normal student when it comes time to enter school."

Pointing out that there are between 50,000 and 90,000 hard-of-hearing children in Pennsylvania's public schools, the College clinician says only about 5,000 of these are receiving help.

"Some way must be found to help all these children," Dr. McDonald says, adding that, in his opinion, the "school" for mothers is an effective approach to a very serious problem.

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