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Dies Suddenly



DR. FRANK C. WHITMORE

College Loses Renowned Dean

Penn State received a heartfelt blow June 24 when Dean Frank C. Whitmore of the School of Chemistry and Physics died suddenly of heart failure and was buried two days later in the Centre County Memorial Park cemetery.

More than 500 faculty members, students and other associates attended services in Schwab Auditorium conducted by Chaplain Emeritus John H. Frizzell for the world-renowned chemist.

Long recognized as a leader in the field of chemistry, Dean Whitmore in 1945 was awarded the Willard Gibbs Medal, the highest chemistry honor in the nation. Last year he was one of 29 American scientists named to the National Academy of Sciences and in 1938 he served as president of the American Chemical Society. His book "Organic Chemistry" was the first distinctly advanced text in English on the subject of intra-molecular rearrangements and related reactions.

Dean Whitmore was a native of North Attleboro, Mass., and completed his undergraduate and graduate studies at Harvard. He taught at Williams, Rice Institute and the University of Minnesota and headed the chemistry department at Northwestern before coming to Penn State in 1929.

From Soph Issue

The School of Chemistry and Physics wishes to welcome to our campus its members who have completed their first collegiate year in absentia. You will find that the new atomic age, which has complicated many of our human activities, has enriched your chosen fields in opportunities for peaceful advances. I hope, perhaps selfishly, that you will all be successful in the completion of your college careers in the next few years.

—George L. Haller.

Penn State Graduate



Fred Waring

Coroner Lists Bloom 'Suicide'

Raymond R. Bloom, assistant professor of industrial engineering at the College and commander of Nittany Post 245, American Legion of State College, took his life on Labor Day. Death was caused by a self-inflicted .22 caliber rifle bullet wound reported Charles Sheckler, Centre County coroner.

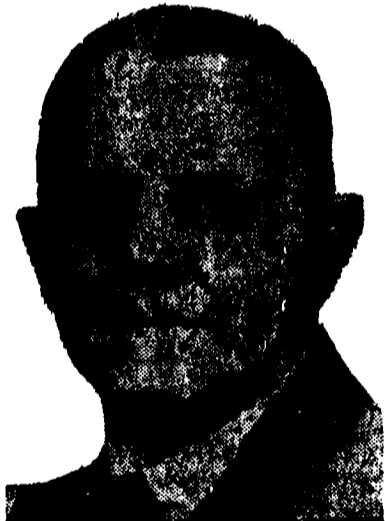
Bloom's body was found 75 feet from his car near the game preserve at Waddle by State Police. His family could think of no motive for his suicide except that "he had been terribly tired" working on a new home.

Bloom joined the faculty at the College in 1936 as an instructor in industrial engineering and was promoted to assistant professor in 1942.

He was graduated from the Williamson Trade School in 1914 and completed the teaching training course at that institution in 1917. He received his bachelor of science degree from the College in 1936 and his master of science in 1942.

Bloom was a member of the Presbyterian Church, American, Illinois and Pennsylvania Vocational Associations, Masons and 14 other civic, fraternal educational and honorary organizations. He served in the Navy during the past war.

Surviving are his widow, and two children, Alma G. and Raymond R., Jr.



Student Finds Haber's Body

The body of Dr. Vernon Haber, associate professor of zoology at the College, was found on August 11 by Harry L. O'Connell, a student at the College, culminating a 69 day nationwide search for the professor. Charles Sheckler, Centre County coroner, declared death a suicide by hanging.

O'Connell and his brother-in-law were berry picking in a thickly wooded area about four miles from campus, 500 feet from the Boogersburg road, when they discovered a man's shoe which led them to find the body of Haber.

Haber had been the cause of an extensive nationwide search since June 3, and a reward of \$500 was offered by his wife and brothers to any person giving information to his whereabouts.

Haber came to the College in 1924 as assistant professor of zoology and entomology, and in 1928 became associate professor of zoology. His widow, who survives him, also taught zoology at the College.

He received his bachelor of science from Ohio State University in 1914, his master of science in 1916 and his doctor of philosophy from Cornell in 1924.

Haber belonged to 12 scientific, fraternal and honorary societies, among them the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Phi Kappa Phi, scholastic honorary, and Delta Chi, social fraternity.

Alumni Group Appoints Riley

Ridge Riley will succeed Edward K. Hibshman as executive secretary and treasurer of the Penn State Alumni Association. President Ralph Dorn Hetzel announced recently. His appointment becomes effective October 1.

He was elected at a meeting of the executive board of the Alumni Association on August 2 and his appointment was approved at the last meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees.

A graduate in the class of 1932, Riley has been affiliated with the association since 1943 when he resigned from the department of



H. R. RILEY, JR.

public information to become assistant secretary of the Alumni Association and to edit its three publications, "The Alumni News," "The Penn Stater," and the "Football Letter."

Like Hibshman, who entered the service of the College immediately after graduation, Riley stayed on in 1932 to fill the post of manager of student union and graduate manager of student publications.

In 1934, he joined the staff of the department of public information, where he was in charge of sports publicity and was elevated to the position of assistant director in 1940.

He got his first unofficial touch of alumni work in 1938 when he issued, for association members, a chatty, informal "Football Letter," describing each Penn State game play by play, chronicling humorous incidents and sidelights, and giving rabid alumni fans the "inside dope."

Riley takes over direction of



EDWARD K. HIBSHMAN

the Alumni Association in its 77th year, traditionally, and its 37th, officially. It was first organized on the afternoon of July 28, 1870, when a few alumni gathered in the chemistry lecture room on the first floor of Old Main and elected A. A. Breneman '66 president.

He is the fifth secretary-treasurer since 1910, when an



H. R. (IKE) GILBERT



NEIL M. FLEMING

College Names Grad Manager

Harold R. "Ike" Gilbert has been appointed graduate manager of athletics, the school of education and athletics, succeeding Neil M. Fleming, President Ralph Dorn Hetzel announced recently.

Fleming, who announced his retirement effective September 1, had been associated with Penn State athletics since 1910 as student, player and administrator, and Gilbert had served as his assistant in the graduate manager's office for 21 of those 37 years.

In approving Gilbert's appointment, the executive committee of the board of trustees voted to relieve the graduate manager of athletics of the duties of the graduate manager of Associated Student Activities. George Donovan, Student Union manager, will fill that post.

The two men have been closely associated in intercollegiate athletics for a quarter of a century, since Gilbert had previously served for four years as a student manager and had filled the post of varsity track manager the year preceding his appointment as assistant.

Fleming and Gilbert were the only two men ever to fill the assistant graduate manager's job, since it was especially created to bring Fleming into the athletic fold in 1914, and then discontinued from 1918, when Fleming was named graduate manager, until Gilbert was added as Fleming's assistant in 1926.

The new appointee is the sixth

man to fill the graduate manager's shoes. George H. Meek, retired postmaster of Bellefonte, Henry C. McIlveen and P. Edwin Thomas each served for one-year periods after the office was created in 1908, followed by Ray H. Smith, who continued until his appointment as the College Comptroller in 1918. Fleming has been graduate manager for the 29 years since.

During the 25 years that Fleming and Gilbert have been associated in the athletic office, Penn State has forged steadily forward and now maintains intercollegiate schedules in 17 varsity sports. The two have held responsible positions in Eastern athletic groups, and have been key figures in the promotion of the present-day intercollegiate athletic program.

Like Fleming, Gilbert has been an avid follower of all sports, has an unbroken record at football games, and has missed few other athletic events either at home or away. One of Fleming's proudest boasts is the fact that he had been absent from only two of the 316 football games in which Penn State had played since he came to the campus as a student in 1910.

Gilbert, who'll be in command of schedule-making effective immediately, at the present time is secretary-treasurer and also vice-president of the Intercollegiate Boxing Association of America. He served as president of the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America in 1942.

olis, Md. In college, he was editor of the Collegian, belonged to Lion's Paw, Skull and Bones, Blue Key, Sphinx, and was a member of two journalism honoraries, Sigma Delta Chi and Pi Delta Epsilon. His social fraternity is Theta Xi.

Temporary Units Chapel Stands as To House Faculty Campus Tradition

Pouring of concrete for foundations of the 76 family units directly east of Windercrest began last week. The units will be used to provide temporary homes for married faculty and staff members who are unable to find housing in State College at the time of their arrival.

E. J. Minalyi, project engineer of the Steel-Built Construction Co. of Pittsburgh, which is erecting the units, stated that one-half of the steel necessary to complete the buildings has been delivered. The rest is expected shortly. He said that all 76 units should be under roof by mid-October.

College officials have announced that none of the units would be available for occupancy before January 1, 1948. Rental rates and the policy governing period of occupancy have not been definitely set, but it was emphasized that the project is intended solely as a stop-gap measure.

Sunday Chapel has become one of the many traditions at the College. The program includes a devotional service conducted by the Acting Chaplain, James T. Smith, choir music and addresses by preachers and laymen of all creeds.

The services are held in Schwab Auditorium, 11 a.m., and are completely voluntary. The choir of 100 mixed voices is under the direction of Mrs. Willa W. Taylor and Mr. George E. Ceiga, organist.

The offering which is received each week has, since 1911, been devoted to furthering the work known as Penn State-in-China, at Lingnan University, Canton, China.

Dr. Robert R. Wicks, former Dean of the University Chapel at Princeton, will be the first guest speaker. This service will be held September 28.

More than 500 active research projects are included in the College research program at the present time.