

Penn State in Review

College Goes to Community

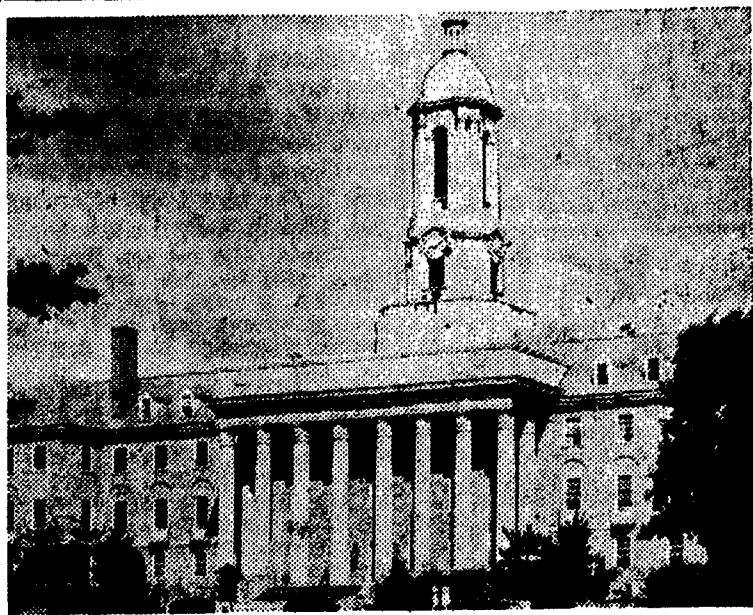
(Fourth of a Series)
By W. L. WERNER

DR. GEORGE W. ATHERTON, seventh president of the Pennsylvania State College, died in July, 1906, and the college searched for 16 months before it found a worthy successor in Dr. Edwin Earle Sparks.

Professor Sparks had first served on the Penn State campus from 1890 to 1895 as principal of the preparatory department. Then he went on to the University of Chicago to earn his doctor's degree, and later rose rapidly there to the position of professor of American history. He was author of a number of historical books and was gaining a national reputation as a wise and witty lecturer.

President Atherton had firmly established the college—buildings, finances, students, curriculums, and standards. It was President Sparks' task, from 1907 to 1920, to make the people of the state aware of these new achievements and opportunities. He coined the slogan, "Let us carry the college to the people," and he followed it through.

The School of Agriculture had been doing extension work by lectures and correspondence since 1892, but this idea was dramatized in 1910 when it ran "industrial trains over various railway lines through 40 counties of the state with lectures at 158 stations before 47,000 people." In the same year 2500 stu-



'OLD MAIN' AS IT LOOKS TODAY

and this work grew steadily and rapidly. The college was going to the women of the state as well as the men.

There were no correspondence courses specifically for school teachers, but President Sparks expanded the summer session campus courses for them with at first only a \$5 fee for the entire six weeks. No wonder the enrollment jumped from 146 in 1910 to 1045 in 1920.

The whole college—like most other colleges in those years—was growing rapidly, rising from 1151 to 3271 students in the regular sessions during the 14-year Sparks regime. A system of student self-government was installed, and Dean A. R. Warnock was brought in to handle the increasing problems of the students. Scattered cultural subjects were brought together into a new and unified Liberal Arts School.

Eight more buildings appeared between 1913 and 1915. The last students who lived in the original building, nicknamed "the Old Main Rats," were transferred elsewhere, and the structure was devoted wholly to offices and classrooms. "Everything is expanding," reported one sad professor, "except salaries."

War Casts Shadow

Into the midst of this tremendous expansion came the shadow of war in 1914 and its reality in 1917. Faculty, students, classes and campus were converted to military ends. Bugles sounded before dawn, and the Students' Army Training Corps marched to their war-centered classes. Sports, house parties, publications ceased; even compulsory chapel was abandoned.

President Sparks, who had led in carrying the college to the state, now led the local war efforts. He spoke, wrote, served on committees,

led drives without end, while still trying to preserve the college's structure for the peace to come. But just as President Pugh had been a civilian casualty of the Civil War, so the strain of wartime burdens proved too much for Dr. Sparks. He suffered a nervous breakdown, and after a long rest, returned to spend his last four years in comparative quiet, lecturing on the campus and through the nation.

During President Sparks' illness, the popular and able Dean George G. ("Swampy") Pond tried to carry the extra burdens of serving as acting president and hunting for a new president. He himself declined the office, but the strain of double duties made him an easy victim of pneumonia in 1920.

One thing seemed sure; devoted individuals like Dr. Sparks and Dr. Pond might sacrifice their lives, but the college itself was too firmly established to be shaken or destroyed by war. Larger and busier than ever, the college moved into the postwar 1920's.

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It was 85 years ago — on April 1, 1863—that the Pennsylvania Legislature designated Penn State the beneficiary of the Morrill Act, and therefore the Land Grant College of the State. W. L. Werner, professor of American Literature, herein charts the highlights of those years in a condensation of Dr. Wayland F. Dunaway's illuminating book, "History of The Pennsylvania State College," which was published a year ago. This is the fourth in a series of six articles.

Bridge Finalists Compete Saturday

Names of 14 bridge teams who have qualified for the final all-College playoff in 208 Electrical Engineering building at 1:30 p.m. next Saturday, were released yesterday by Elton W. Jones, faculty director of the tournament.

Winning pair in Saturday's final duplicate session will receive a traveling trophy, to be held one year, and two smaller trophies for permanent possession.

Names of competing pairs are William Bemus—Rex Meyer, Henry Rea—Frank Ortolani, David Sims—William Whitby, Elmer Strunk—James Short, Joan Berchold—Reginald Kimble, Harold Ludwig—Thomas Morgan, Rodney Hilbert—Robert Tobias.

Joseph Hyland—J. E. Morris, William Shunk—Joseph Fromme, Richard Kjellman—Robert Jones, Edward Epstein—Stephen Skapik, John Hauptman—George Bemus, Robert Larson—Harry Waslew, William Dunn—Leonard Levine.

Two brothers, William and George Bemus, from Wilkesburg, Pa., finished one-two as members of different teams in the fourth elimination session Thursday.

William paired with Rex Meyer to register 59 points and sweep first place by a wide margin. Brother George teamed with John

Strange Fruit Blooms On Trees Near Tri-Dorms

Strange fruit blooms on the trees surrounding Tri-dorms this week as shirts and overalls bearing a rather pungent odor replaced the normal foliage. Ownership of the items was claimed by Nancy Kester and her sister Peggy as they explained, "We were 'fitting' sheep for the Little International Livestock Show and we had to air out our clothes."

The sisters, education majors, became interested in sheep when they were given twin lambs 10 years ago by their parents. Since the Kesters live on a dairy farm in Clarion County, the girls kept the lambs and raised them.

Nancy, a sophomore mathematics major, is fitting a South-down wether named, "Fluffy," and Peggy, a junior in home economics and chemistry major, is preparing a Hampshire sheep named "Honey."

Although neither of the girls ever saw a livestock show, their father took the top award this winter for showing a grand champion 4-H registered Guernsey heifer at the State Fair in Harrisburg.

Hauptman to finish second with 45½ points. Third was the combine of David Sims and William Whitby with 44.

Students Negotiate Contract For CIO and Steel Company

Students in Economics 412, in connection with a class project, have arrived at provisions to be included in the renewal of the contract between the United Steelworkers of America C.I.O. and the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation.

This contract was chosen because predictions are it will raise a national problem when it expires this month. This is the first time such a project was undertaken by this class in Collective Bargaining. The professor in charge is Dr. Eugene Myers, assistant professor of economics.

Class Divided

The class of 17 was divided into two groups, labor and management. The entire arbitration period was conducted by the students, with Joseph Glick heading the management side and Howard Criden the labor. The union team studied the present contract and decided upon nine provisions to be included before the contract could be renewed. The final decisions were arrived at this week.

Provisions include a 30 day union shop, a 15-cent general wage increase with an additional one cent per hour on shift differentials. Also a two weeks vacation if the employee served with the company three years, and

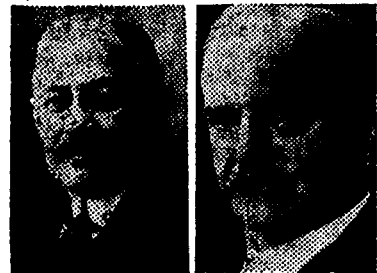
three weeks if he worked more than fifteen years was agreed upon. Holidays during the year will include January 1, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and president-elect day.

Workers Report

They decided that the worker must report on or off four hours before the shift; if he fails he will have a penalty of one work day off. The groups agreed on a one-half hour lunch period on company time for an eight-hour work day. The provision that time and half be paid for the first four hours overtime in an eight-hour, five-day week, and double time over four hours, was accepted.

The company would not accept the proposal that a union designated safety engineer should inspect the plant and make recommendations to joint safety committees. They accepted a health and welfare benefit plan.

The result of this student project may prove interesting when the real contract comes up for discussion. Some of the students and Dr. Myers believe that many of the proposals agreed upon may parallel the final actual decision.



SPARKS POND

dents throughout the state and beyond enrolled for correspondence courses in agriculture and domestic science; 647 visitors came to the campus during Farmers' Week; exhibits were displayed at 11 county fairs; and lectures were delivered off campus at the average of one every weekday. The "county agent" system started in 1912, its obvious benefits bringing rapid expansion through the state.

Influence Extended

Other campus schools also extended their efforts to reach the people of the state. The Engineering School opened classes in Altoona and Williamsport, initiated correspondence work, and sent out exhibits. The School of Mines offered lectures in prevention of mining accidents, and distributed bulletins through the State Y.M.C.A. The first extension supervisor in home economics was appointed in 1915,

Nobel Co-winner Building— Gives Curie Talk

Dr. Gerty Cori, co-winner of the 1947 Nobel prize in medicine, will deliver the annual Marie Curie lecture in 119 Osmond Laboratory at 8 o'clock tonight. She will speak on the enzyme, phosphorylase.

Phosphorylase, found in tissues and muscles, is a catalytic substance by means of which the body makes and uses body starch (glycogen) and body sugar (glucose). For the discovery and isolation of phosphorylase, Dr. Cori and her husband, Dr. Carl Cori, jointly received the Nobel award.

Dr. Cori is professor of biochemistry at the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis. She received her M.D. degree from the German University, Prague, in 1920 and has been on the faculty at Washington University since 1931.

The lecture is open to the public and is sponsored by Iota Sigma Pi, women's national chemistry honorary.

The wire's down,
Let's keep it so,
By giving the grass
A chance to grow.

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Mineral Industries Experiment station.

The classroom building costing \$987,650.60 will be erected between the Armory and the present Mineral Industries Building, facing Pollock Road. It will accommodate 1500 students. Space on the ground floor will be provided for offices of the Dean of Admissions and Registrar, the College Examiner and the Bursar.

Plant Building

The Plant Industries Building will include the departments of agronomy and horticulture, drafting rooms, classrooms, laboratories, and offices. It will be situated on a site southeast of the junction of Shortlidge and Curtin roads and will face Shortlidge Road. \$944,259.64 has been allotted for it.

The \$679,728.39 appropriated for expansion of the Power Plant will be used to purchase and in-

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stall a new boiler, a 4000-kilowatt capacity turbo-generator, a condenser, cooling tower, electrical switch gear and other equipment. It will enable the Power Plant to heat and light buildings planned or now under construction at the College.

The Student Employment Committee, announced that plans are

being made for the filling of positions of mailmen in the Fall. About 14 men will be needed. A poll will be taken in the dorms on the question of support of a student book store in the TUB, and whether residents would be willing to pay 50 cents annual membership dues to the student co-op store.

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