

Professor Gathers Porcelain Figurines

Dr. R. Adams Dutcher is internationally known for his work in agricultural and biological chemistry, but few people know of the extensive porcelain collection he has gathered from all parts of the world.

It all started, says Dr. Dutcher, who is professor of agricultural and biological chemistry at the Pennsylvania State College, when he went to Germany in 1934 as an Oberlaender Fellow of the Carl Schurz Foundation.

Visiting many of the museums and antique shops, Dr. Dutcher became interested in porcelain figurines and bought several pieces. He has continued to buy pieces since that time and now has a collection of 35 figurines, ranging in original price from \$2 to several hundred dollars. All are now worth many times the original cost.

Exciting Purchase

Dr. Dutcher's most exciting purchase was made in a little antique shop in New York. As the wife of the shopkeeper wrapped the figurine, the owner returned from an auction and tried to rebuy the figurine at four times the price Dr. Dutcher had paid.

"This figurine will bring \$750," he explained. "Dresden has just been bombed and possibly the mould for the piece has been lost."

Dr. Dutcher kept the Kaendler figurines. It was titled "Man Taking Snuff."

Originated in China

Porcelain ware, Dr. Dutcher explains, originated in China. The early craftsmen kept the process a secret and sold their wares to European nobility at fancy prices. About 1719, August the Strong, elector of Saxony, ordered an alchemist, Boettger, to discover a method for making gold. Instead, he discovered the secret Chinese process for making porcelain ware and opened a factory in Dresden.

Today the original Dresden china is highly prized for both artistic beauty and historical importance. Kaendler's productions are considered collector's items.

Dr. Dutcher rates his Kaendler figurine the most fortunate purchase of his modest collection.

Bible Fellowship Continues Program

The Penn State Bible Fellowship, an organization of students and faculty members which meets weekly during the regular fall and spring terms, is continuing its program of Bible study and discussion through the Main Summer Session. Paul Sebastian, senior in engineering, is summer president.

Meetings are conducted in 200 Carnegie, 7:30 p. m. on Thursday's. Opening with a song, the rest of the program includes a discussion and a social period with refreshments.

Nevin Schuler, graduate student in education, will lead this week's discussion, based on the first chapter of the Book of Philippians. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all interested persons.

The organization, a chapter of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, will conduct its third annual summer conference at Roosevelt State Park, July 23 and 24. Guest speaker will be Jack Miller, Philadelphia scientist and astronomer.

Another activity of the group is the monthly church service which is conducted for the inmates of Rockview State Penitentiary, near Bellefonte. The July service is scheduled for this coming Sunday, according to Sebastian.

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AAUP Defends Teachers' Right To Join Reds

WASHINGTON, July 12—(AP)—The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) upheld yesterday the right of teachers to belong to the Communist party.

It did so in the face of a National Education Association recommendation last week that Communists be barred from the teaching profession.

"So long as the Communist party is a legal political party, affiliation with it should not be regarded as a justifiable reason for exclusion from the academic profession," the professors' statement said. This reaffirmed stands taken in 1947 and 1948.

At the same time the AAUP—stirring echoes of Henry Wallace's try for the presidency last year—condemned an Evansville, Ind., Methodist College for firing a faculty member who headed a local Wallace committee.

Annual Report

The AAUP committee on academic freedom and tenure, in its annual report published today, said five other teachers, in unspecified colleges, reported they were dismissed because of their support of Wallace.

The committee took no stand regarding these five, however, because they were serving probationary periods and had not yet achieved full status.

Furthermore, it said, the evidence they offered against the colleges was oral, hearsay or circumstantial. It did not identify them.

Seven Schools

Seven schools remain on the AAUP list. The list censures the administrative officers and governing board only, and informs the public that "unsatisfactory conditions of academic freedom and tenure" prevail. There is no reflection on the faculties or the schools generally.

The censured administrations still on the AAUP list, and the date of censuring:

West Chester, Pa., State Teachers College, December, 1939; Adelphi College, Garden City, N. Y., December, 1941; University of Kansas City, Mo., December, 1941; State Teachers College (now Middle Tennessee State College) Murfreesboro, Tenn., May, 1943; Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., May, 1943; University of Missouri, Columbia and Rolla, Mo., June, 1946; University of Texas, Austin, June, 1946.

All-America Gridder

Joe Bedenk, who's now doubling as football and baseball coach, won all-American grid honors at Penn State in 1923.



La Meri

Artists' Series Presents La Meri

LaMeri and her ensemble will be the third program to be presented in the summer session's Artist's Series when she and her group assemble at Schwab Auditorium, 8:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

A highly talented and versatile dancer, LaMeri was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and named after her father, Russell Meriwether Hughes. Most of her childhood was spent in San Antonio, Texas, on the advent of her parents' decision to leave Louisville. Proximity to the Mexican border is doubtless responsible for her interest in exotic peoples.

Name Changing

On LaMeri's first trip to New York she took the name Meri Russell Hughes to escape the implied masculinity of her christened name. Broadway agencies promptly shortened this to Meri Hughes; and an engagement in Mexico City where the Spanish tongue found "Hughes" difficult to pronounce created the name "LaMeri."

Construction—

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a prime requirement for work progress."

However the State program, now concerned mainly with interior finishing, can continue at full speed despite bad weather.

H. O. Meynor, director of construction for the Commonwealth, stated that work on Willard Hall was 90 per cent completed, on Mineral Sciences 93 per cent completed, on Plant Industries 88 per cent completed, and the power plant 98 per cent finished.

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Pride, Worker at Lingnan, Remains In Spite of War

Richard E. Pride, who is conducting the Penn State-in-China work at Lingnan University, Canton, China, hopes to be able to stay at Lingnan and continue his work in spite of the civil war.

In a letter written last month, Pride, who is on the agricultural faculty at Lingnan, says: "There have been no reports of physical danger to foreigners who remained in the North and the attitude officially expressed is one of welcome. Some people have left Canton but no one has left Lingnan and at present there are no plans to leave. If we find we cannot work later on, perhaps that is the time to think about leaving," Pride continued.

Native of Mills

Pride, a native of Mills, Potter County, and a graduate of

Howard Subject Of Ag Survey

Howard and vicinity will be the subject of a community survey to be taken during July and August, Dr. M. E. John, head of the department of agricultural economics and rural sociology at the Pennsylvania State College, said yesterday.

Dr. John explained that Howard was chosen for this study of rural group life and community organization because it is considered a representative community of Central Pennsylvania.

A similar survey was made in Howard 12 years ago and the new survey is designed to reveal changes that have taken place since that time. Dr. John commented that the earlier survey aroused considerable local interest and met with excellent cooperation from the residents of the Howard community.

The survey will be taken by a small staff of trained field workers under the supervision of Jay Artis, research assistant in rural sociology. It is estimated that the interviews which will cover every household in the area, will be completed in about six to eight weeks.

the College, went to Lingnan two years ago to continue the work in horticulture that was started in 1911 by C. Weidman "Daddy" Groff, also a Penn State graduate. Groff was director of the agricultural college there since its founding until he was forced to leave China at the outbreak of the war. Since that time he has been developing a plant exchange service between China and the United States at Laurel, Fla.

Pride is married to the former Martha Wylie, daughter of a Chinese missionary, and they have a daughter, Miriam, one year of age.

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