

Sociologist Discusses Problems in Rural Ed

The problem in rural education today is the vocational preparation of two distinctly different groups of boys and girls, Dr. William G. Mather, professor of rural sociology at the College, told the Pennsylvania Workshop group at one of the meetings last week.

The two groups faced by rural educators are those children who will remain on the farm, and the 50 per cent who will seek their fortunes in urban areas. The contrasting attitudes which arise from the mixture of these divergent groups in joint or consolidated schools, says Dr. Mather, is indicative of the changes in rural life which have taken place in less than one generation.

Farm Families

The breakage and splitting of farm families can be attributed to two causes, Dr. Mather explained. They are the dissolution of the urban-rural boundary brought about by the advent of the automobile; and new developments in farming methods.

Dr. Mather pointed out that because of mechanization one farmer today can do as much work as could four farmers several years ago. As a result, there is need for fewer men on the farm, and with the rural birth rate remaining high, many of the young men migrate to urban areas.

Farm Neighborhood

Dr. Mather also explained that the farm "neighborhood" with its communal friendship and security has been replaced by the community.

The task facing educators to-

Business Sorority To Hold Dance

With profits going toward local and national cancer research, Epsilon Rho chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, international business women's sorority, will sponsor a dance at the Nittany Lion Inn July 22.

Dancing will be to the music of the Gene Booth Orchestra, and tables will be available for cards.

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School Clinic Meets Monday

School buildings, local finance, and evaluating educating services, three important problems for school administrators, will be discussed at the School Management Clinic that opens at the College on next Monday and continues until August 6.

The three subjects were chosen after a poll was conducted of school administrators to determine the problems they would like to hear discussed at the clinic, Dr. William S. Vincent, professor of education at the College and director of the clinic, explained.

During the first week the sessions will deal with school building planning and construction, while the second week's program will cover a study and evaluation of local financing practices, as well as sessions of the annual Superintendents and Principals Conference.

Faculty members at the College will conduct the sessions the third week, which will deal with "What the School Administrator Should Know About Units of Educational Service."

About 30 practicing administrators as well as students in school administration at the College will be enrolled for the clinic.

Book Published

Dr. Cortland Eyer, associate professor of romance language at the College, has had "Contemporary French Short Stories" published by the Houghton Mifflin Co.

Although some of the authors represented, Andre Maurois, Jean Paul Sartre, and Marcel Ayme, are known to the American public, the editor has made available to American students for the first time several other contemporary writers of major importance.

day is to reunite the split rural family and "break the boundaries between urban and rural life, helping man survive the institutionalized, professionalized world he is making," Dr. Mather said.

Wm. Dennis Wins Rural Fellowship

William V. Dennis, former professor of rural sociology at the College, recently became the first person to be awarded the Rural Fellowship Award by the Rural Workers' Fellowship at the Episcopal Church, Inc., the Rev. W. Francis Allison, of Monterose, secretary-treasurer, said yesterday.

The award, which is made to persons who during their ministry or work have "made an outstanding contribution to the Church's work in town and country areas, was presented to Dennis at Parkville, Mo.

Dennis, founder of the Conference for Town and Country Pastors at the College, came to the College in 1921 as assistant professor of rural sociology. He resigned last September to accept a position as a research consultant with the Episcopal Church. In recognition of his service to the College, he received the title of professor emeritus of rural sociology. Prior to coming to the College, he served two years as director of the Gregg Township Vocational School at Spring Mills.

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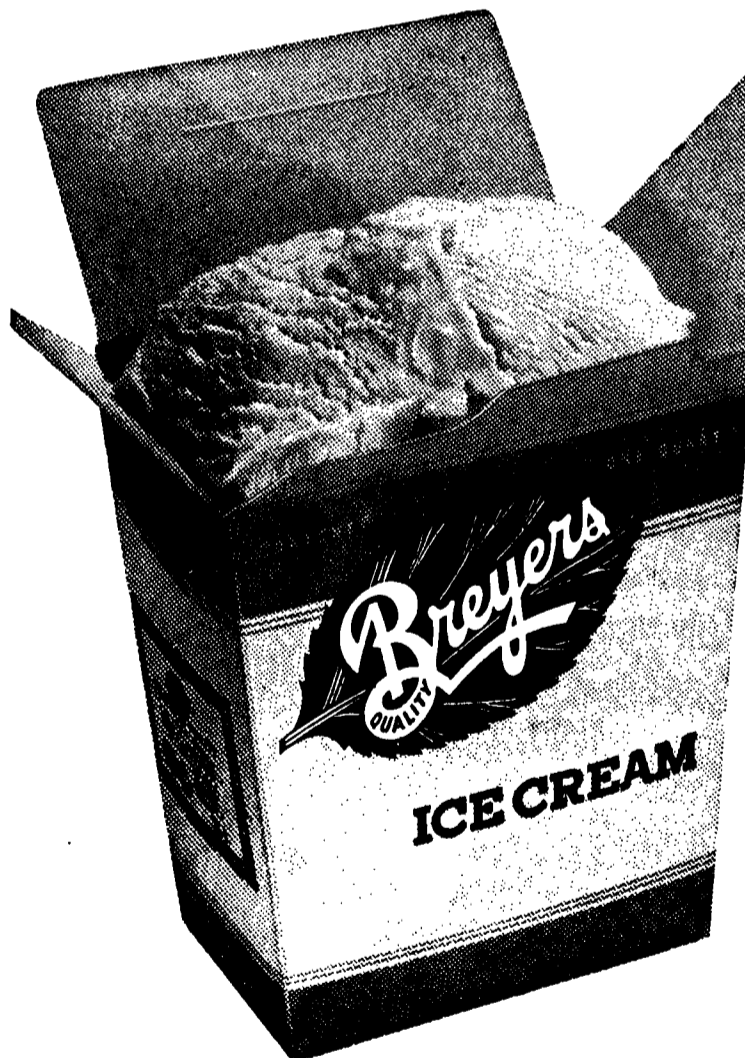
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