

German Professor Subject Of Newspaper Article

Dr. Albert F. Buffington, professor of German at the College, is the subject of an article which appears in a recent issue of The Pennsylvania Dutchman, weekly newspaper devoted to Pennsylvania Dutch culture.

Since October, 1946, the article explains, Dr. Buffington has presented more than 130 15-minute Sunday morning broadcasts over WKOK, Sunbury, as "der Nixnutz," the English equivalent of which is "good-for-nothing." Delivered entirely in the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect, the program is dedicated to "the good Dutch people of Pennsylvania," especially those in the area covered by the broadcast.

Broadcast Objectives

One of the first objectives of the broadcast, says Dr. Buffington, has been to tell the Pennsylvania Dutch about their European origins and their history in this country, emphasizing the fact that they should be proud of their background and culture.

Dr. Buffington, born and raised in Pennsylvania Dutch territory near Harrisburg, began serious study of the dialect while working for advanced degrees at Harvard University. He has made two trips to Germany, one in 1935 especially to study the dialect spoken in the Rhenish Palatinate which closely resembles that spoken in Pennsylvania. He has written numerous articles on the subject, ranging from "Characteristic Features of Pennsylvania German Phonology and Morphology" to popular and semi-popular works in English and Pennsylvania Dutch.

Hartman Addresses Vesper Service

Rev. W. Emery Hartman pastor of the Grace Methodist Church at Harrisburg will be guest speaker at the evening vesper service held in Schwab Auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

His topic will be "A Street-car Named Desire." George Ceiga will play twenty minutes of organ music preceding the service.

Reverend Hartman received his Doctor of Philosophy at Boston University and his doctor of Divinity at Ohio Wesleyan. He received the Frank D. Howard Fellowship of Boston University in 1926-27 and attended the University of Strasbourg, the University of Berlin and Oxford University.

Miriam Wilt Conducts Study

Children spend the majority of their time in school listening, yet few teachers consciously teach listening as a fundamental skill of communication.

Dr. Miriam E. Wilt, of the College, found in a recent study that children listen 57.5 per cent of the classroom activity time, the majority of this time being devoted to listening to the teacher.

Because teachers have not helped students to become better listeners, Dr. Wilt found many children half-listened, or day dreamed through the activities.

Dr. Wilt doesn't advocate classes in listening, but points out that listening, like speaking, is inherent in practically every classroom activity, and as such, should be taught as a part of every activity.

"The effectiveness of the teaching of listening should be measured in terms of new learnings, better adjustment to environment, personal pleasure, and satisfaction and behaviour," Dr. Wilt says.

Dr. Wilt believes that these results are dependent upon a wide variety of listening situations in which there is an intrinsic desire to hear and to understand what is said or read.

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ciate professor of speech at the College presiding, panel members will include Burton Bridgens, Station WRC, Washington, D. C.; Ulna F. Goodall, chief, Radio and Audio-Visual Education, State Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg; James F. Macandrew, Station WNYE New York; Milton J. Bergestein, Station WMAJ, State College; and Dr. Harold E. Nelson, assistant professor of speech at the College.

Sportscasting

At the opening session at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, Bergestein will conduct a lecture-forum or sportscasting. Harold P. Zelko, associate professor of Public speaking at the College, will preside. At 10 a. m., with Dr. P. C. Weaver, assistant dean of the School of Education presiding, Macandrew will speak on "Radio Techniques in the Classroom."

The institute will close with a session at 1:30 p. m. at which Goodall will discuss "Plans for an FM Educational Network in Pennsylvania." Dr. George L. Haller, dean of the School of

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Pollock Road to a point opposite the main entrance of Mineral Industries. Here the excavations are only about 15 ft. deep.

The new drainage line will extend from a point opposite Rec Hall down Burrowes Road and out Pollock Road. It has already been placed across the east campus to Pine street.

Faculty Briefs

Discuss Diesels

Realf Ottesen, research director for the Norway Association of Engine Manufacturers, visited the Diesel Engine Laboratory at the College last week to discuss Diesel engines with Dr. P. H. Schweitzer and other members of the Engineering Experiment staff.

Ottesen is on an extended tour in this country, studying Diesel engine research and laboratory equipment.

Serves on Staff

Dr. William Smith, associate professor of family relationships at the College, will serve on the staff of the Southern Regional Training Program for Extension Workers at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, from July 18 to August 5.

Dr. Smith will conduct a course on "The Use of Groups in Extension Work." The training program is an experimental project sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Services of 13 southern states.

Workshop Consultant

Dr. Hazel M. Hatcher, professor of home economics education at the College, will participate as a consultant in three workshops this month.

This week she will work in Philadelphia on Methods of Teaching Family Relationships in Junior and Senior High Schools while on July 15 and 16, she will participate in a meeting of the Educational Test Service and Evaluation Committee of the American Home Economics Association in New York. In July 22, she will serve as a consultant at a workshop at Syracuse University.

Attends Institute

Joseph T. Law, assistant professor of political science at the College, recently returned from Washington where he attended the third annual Institute for Teachers of Government, which is sponsored by American University.

While in Washington, Law and other professors, had interviews and were photographed with President Truman, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, and other prominent officials of the federal government.

Miller Transferred

Col Virgil R. Miller, who has been executive officer in the department of military science and tactics at the College for the past two years, has been transferred to the ROTC unit at Lehigh University, it was announced today. A graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, Colonel Miller has been serving in the Army since 1924. During the war, he served in Hawaii and in the European Theatre of Operations, returning from Italy two years ago to accept the post at the College.

Auerbach Book

Dr. Erich Auerbach, visiting professor of romance language at the College, has published a study in Romance philology entitled, "Introduction aux Etudes de Philologie Romane," by the Kolstermann Press, Frankfurt am Main.

The book, written in French, is a general introduction to the linguistics and literature of the romance countries.

Wesley Foundation Stages Talent Show

The Wesley Foundation, young Methodist group, will stage a talent and stunt night at the church at 8 p. m. Friday.

In the form of a radio show, the program will be "carried" over Station "WFSF." All students are eligible to receive the ground prizes.

To schedule acts or stunts those who wish to participate should call Nancy Smith, 107 Atherton Hall.

Those wishing to attend should arrive early, Miss Smith advises.

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