

Talk is, indeed, both the scene and instrument of friendship.
—Stevenson.

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All are needed by each one;
Nothing is fair or good alone.
—Emerson.

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CONCERT SEASON IS OPENED WITH "JAZZMANIA" LECTURE

Dr. Sigmund Spaeth, one of America's foremost music critics, featured the opening number of the Allegheny College Concert Course Tuesday evening. In his second appearance here, Doctor Spaeth provided a splendid evening of entertainment which met with instant approval of his audience.

His talk, "Jazzmania, a Musical Analysis" met with the instant approval of the enthusiastic audience which he moved to laughter or profound silence at his will.

"Jazz," said Doctor Spaeth, "is merely a distortion of the conventional. It is the outcome of a dissatisfaction with the old conventional forms, a revolution in music. There is no cause for worry at all about this modern phenomena in music as a great many good things can come of it. At least many people will take an interest in music in this way that would never have been affected by any other."

According to Doctor Spaeth anything can be jazzed up. Jazz has come to mean something definite in life. It is not a form but a treatment. We have jazz preachers, teachers, painters, artists, and architects and people who jazz up their daily actions without being aware of it.

Most jazz is derived from something deeper and more classical that preceded it. In both there are several fundamental steps that are necessary for the real understanding of any music. Rhythm is the first step. The early savage music was merely a series of discordant sounds with a

certain rhythm. Then came the efforts at organization of the sounds and harmony which go together to make up all good music.

One of the foremost things in good music is form. Form is according to Dr. Spaeth, the most essential. There is a distinct necessity of form felt in the modern jazz writings. It creates unity in the composition through contrast. In the early stages of jazz the composers did not trust themselves to their own ideas but borrowed music from the older writers and jazzed it up. There is a monotonous rhythm in all jazz and folk songs and the melody and the thought of the piece are often sacrificed to carry it on. Yet it is a distinct step in musical progress. It is America's contribution to musical art.

Our early music was of the story telling type and ran along one thought. Modern Jazz is really more a rebellion against this type of music
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SENATE'S FINANCIAL REPORT IS SUBMITTED

FIRST REQUIRED STATEMENT
SHOWS BALANCE OF \$28.70

The Men's Senate herewith submit their first Financial report of the year. It will be noticed that the receipts this year are not as high as they have been formerly due chiefly to the fact that the profit margin on the Freshmen Caps has been greatly decreased. The Senate realized that it was unnecessary to charge such exorbitant prices for the "Dinks" and therefore the price was cut in half this year. The report submitted is as follows:

Receipts	
From Freshman Caps	\$169.00
From All-College Dance	71.00
Total	\$240.00
Expenditures	
Deficit from last year	\$ 9.60
All-College Dance Expense	60.95
Cost Freshman Caps	136.00
Cost of Proclamations	4.75
Total	\$211.30
Balance, November 1, 1927	\$28.70
T. G. Leffingwell, Treas.	

THIEL PRIMES TEAM FOR WIN SATURDAY

VICTORY FOR GREENVILLE
SCHOOL WOULD BE FIRST
IN HISTORY

Never has a Thiel team invaded Allegheny with higher hopes of securing a victory than the aggregation that will represent the Lutherans on Montgomery Field next Saturday in their annual battle with the Blue and Gold. In fact, it is reported that Thiel is confident of a two touchdown victory over their neighbors, but there will be eleven Blue jerseyed warriors on the field who will be just as determined that Thiel shall not score at all. And so, from the looks of things, it appears that there is a real battle in store for this Saturday.

Thiel boasts of a team this year that is somewhat stronger than the average of her teams, and consequently they are especially anxious to make the most of it by defeating Allegheny. If they succeed in their ambition, it will be the first time in the history of the relationship between the two schools that such a thing has happened. No Thiel gridiron team has ever been able to even score against Allegheny, and the Merrittmen are just as anxious to preserve this record as the Greenville outfit is to break it.

Thiel has been compiling a comparatively good record for them this year. Against W. & J.'s powerful combination, a team that hopes to put an end to Pitt's winning streak on Saturday, the Lutherans staged a game fight and held the score to 33-0. Against Allegheny, Coach Holleran's team has the habit of playing their best game of the season, and they usually succeed in keeping the score a great deal lower than the dope predicts. Last year Allegheny was favored to walk over Thiel, but the Lutherans played such a fine game that the Blue and Gold had to be content with a 6-0 victory. Thiel's long period of scorelessness against Allegheny was nearly broken in that game, for a terrific onslaught by the Lutherans only ended after the ball had reached the 6-yard line.

Allegheny is confident, however, that they can shake their long losing streak and again defeat their rivals. The Thiel game will afford Allegheny its best chance for a victory this year, and the Blue and Gold are anxious to make the most of it. And so, with Allegheny somewhat weaker than usual, and Thiel stronger than usual, a real battle should be in store.

MODERN SURGICAL METHOD NOW IN USE BY EXPERTS

ELECTRICAL SURGERY NOW
MAKES BLOODLESS OPERATIONS POSSIBLE

Dr. W. T. Bovie, assistant professor of Biophysics at Harvard University for the last six years, and widely known for his application of electricity to surgery, arrived in Chicago October 18, to assume charge of the new department of Biophysics in the medical school of Northwestern University. In this field, which is the application of physics to biology, Dr. Bovie is a pioneer and is regarded as the outstanding man in America today.

Operations in which incisions are made with an electric current instead of a knife, accompanied by freedom from pain and surgical shock, and in which, in even such critical operations as the removal of growths from the brain, the patient is fully conscious and aware of what is happening, have been made possible by Dr. Bovie's recent development of apparatus for electrical surgery. This method of performing operations, it has been predicted, will revolutionize surgery.

The electrical current not only makes the incision, but closes the blood vessels at the same time so that no bleeding occurs even in operations usually accompanied by great loss of blood. If Shylock lived today he could disconcert Portia by obtaining his pound of flesh without shedding a drop of Christian blood by means of electrical surgery.

"Operations which ordinarily are accompanied by great loss of blood, such as the removal of brain tumors and the removal of the breast, have been performed by electrical surgery without any bleeding," Dr. Bovie said. "In operations on the breast, for example, the surgeon spends a large part of his time tying up the blood vessels, but in electrical surgery the current closes the blood vessels as it makes the incision. In such operations, often no anesthetic is necessary and the patient is fully conscious. The absence of surgical shock makes recovery more rapid. Operations have been performed successfully on children suffering from brain tumors and their recovery has been rapid. It is in the field of general surgery, however, that electrical surgery will find its greatest usefulness."

SQUEAK! SQUEAK! SQUEAK! SOUND SHOES OF WATCHMAN

It was one of those clear, brisk nights in autumn when all the stars in the solar system seem to be suddenly outdoing themselves as they twinkle brightly down upon the earth; yet the night was rather dark, for the moon had not yet risen over the horizon.

A certain rustic bridge on which much had already happened and more was quite certain to happen was the destination of two infatuated lovers on this particular night. It was an ideal place for the transaction of the business they had on hand—possibly not business, but most certainly they would be very much occupied.

As they leaned against the railing with their arms locked in a meaning embrace, each was thinking of the other with all the ability bestowed upon either of them for that process. He knew that she was the most wonderful girl in all the world, or at least he thought that was what he knew. She did not bother to think whether or not he was the most wonderful man in the world because she knew that he was her heart's desire, and—that's all there was to it.

Moments such as these were very rarely experienced—not even the most hardened of lovers go through moments of the supreme bliss comparable to this one on a rustic bridge on a clear, brisk autumn night.

Both lovers would have wished to have spent the rest of their lives on

this crude woodwork connecting two hillsides; but alas, already this rendezvous was about to be ended. Out of the night came a faint "squeak"—"squeak"—"squeak." Nearer and nearer it came, until finally one of the infatuated ones looked away from the visage of his loved one long enough to see a man rapidly approaching the bridge—the nightwatchman.

Thus he of the squeaky shoes put to an end that night's program on the bridge; nevertheless both were secretly grateful to the squeak of the shoes.

WEAK ALLEGHENY TEAM SADLY TROUNCED BY PITT

DEEP FEELING PREVAILS THAT
ALLEGHENY SHOULD STAY
MORE IN HER CLASS

Being unable to cope with the brilliant attack of the University of Pittsburgh's football team, Allegheny was forced to suffer a 52-0 defeat in the Pitt Stadium last Saturday. The Allegheny eleven was no match for the powerful Pitt Panthers, who have been compiling one of the most formidable records of any team in the country this fall. Aside from a disastrous first quarter, in which Pitt scored 32 points, the Blue and Gold team played fairly good football against their much superior foe.

The game started off with a bang for Pitt. Only four regulars were in the Panther's starting lineup, but they gave sufficient strength to the team to enable them to push over three touchdowns in the first five minutes of play. Pitt used only line plays and end runs, but these were sufficient to gain all the ground necessary. Gibby Welch, the brilliant Pitt halfback, scored two touchdowns before he left the game early in the first half. By the end of the first quarter Pitt had scored no less than five touchdowns, making the score 32-0.

During the second quarter, Allegheny displayed a much better brand of football, and as a result, Pitt only scored twice. The first of these touchdowns came through straight football, Pitt marching down the field in steamroller fashion, ending only when Uansa broke through left tackle for a 16 yard run to the goal line. Allegheny then received the kickoff, but Goldberg intercepted a pass on the 29-yard line, and once again Pitt scored.

Pitt started its entire second team in the last half, and against it Allegheny assumed the offensive. The Merrittmen lacked the strength, however, to seriously threaten to score. Pitt's last touchdown came late in the third quarter when Cohen virtually took a pass out of the hands of Thompson and outdistanced his field in the dash to the goal line. Allegheny's best play in this period was a forward pass from Hepler to Moon which netted 26 yards. It brought the ball to Pitt's 44-yard line, but there the defense stiffened and a punt was necessary.

Allegheny made one more threat, this one coming in the last period. Moon heaved a pass to Smith, who covered 21 yards before he was downed. Then Moon went through the line for 8 more yards, and C. White made a first down in two more plays. But the offensive was soon brought to a halt when Pitt intercepted a pass from Hepler.

Pitt used nothing but straight football, not attempting a single forward pass. Allegheny's aerial attack showed considerable improvement, however, several passes being completed for nice gains. Also, Allegheny's team deserves credit for continuing to put up as good a fight as they knew how, although they were completely snowed under. Even after such a disastrous first quarter, the Blue and Gold did not wither, as many
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AUTOMOBILE SHOULD GO WITH EUROPEAN TOURIST

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
DECLARES MORE ENJOYMENT TO BE HAD

If an American wishes to see the real Europe, he should take his automobile along and explore the different countries at his leisure, follow the inviting byways off the beaten tourist path, and stop wherever a new point of interest beckons.

This is the advice of Dr. George W. Muhleman, professor of chemistry at Hamline University, who has returned to St. Paul after spending 13 months in England, Scotland, France, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy. Mrs. Muhleman and two others were with him on the trip.

Besides offering unsurpassed opportunity for enjoying the beauties of the countries, automobile travel has the advantage of economy also. Professor Muhleman declared. If his party had traveled by bus in Europe instead of in his own car, the cost would have been four times as much, he said.

Professor Muhleman began a leave of absence to study for his Doctor of Science degree at the University of Geneva, in August 1926. He drove to New York, shipped his car on the liner and took the wheel again on reaching England.

Driving through Switzerland was an experience never to be forgotten, he said, but added that making turns so sharp as to require backing, and with a precipice only a few inches from the wheels, was not so enjoyable as the scenery.

In France, Professor Muhleman enjoyed Paris and the other large cities, as well as the quiet country places, and gained some impressions not familiar to hasty tourists. However, the famous paintings, "The Gleaners" and "The Angelus" lose some of their romance after one has seen French peasant women laboring wearily in the fields, dragging their heavy clumsy wooden shoes, he said.

Highways are well marked, and if one has some knowledge of the language of the land, driving an automobile through the various countries is not so difficult as one might expect, the professor stated.

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH YOURS?—GREAT ECONOMIC WEALTH IS ADDED TO NATION BY REDUCTION OF T. B. DEATH RATE

"Health means Wealth." Grandma used to say, and her grandchildren would laugh indulgently and declare, "That's just a motto." But science has lately given the white-haired lady a pat on the back and startled the young 'uns by asking, "What did you do with the \$4.85 you saved last year because the tuberculosis death rate is half what it was in 1907?"

Since science formulated the question it can also furnish the answer. The net actual economic loss from tuberculosis in the United States in 1907 was approximately 550 million dollars. The dollar of today, however, is worth much less than the dollar of 1907—in fact, only 65 cents. Therefore, in order to make the money of today and yesterday of the same value, we must increase our figure nearly fifty per cent. Furthermore, the population of today is nearly one-third greater than in 1907. So, since the above loss was computed on a per capita basis, we must increase our figure another third.

The 550 million dollar loss, then, after changing the value of 1907 into terms of today by adjusting the differences due to decrease in money value and increase in population, becomes one billion, one hundred million dollars. That staggering sum is what the nation still would be losing

every year if the 1907 death rate from tuberculosis existed today. Due in considerable measure to the efforts of the National Tuberculosis Association, however, the death rate from tuberculosis has been cut in half since 1907; so that the saving to the nation amounts to half of the above total, or 550 million dollars per year. Dividing this among every man, woman and child in the United States gives each \$4.85.

Tracing this saving is somewhat more difficult. In the first place, it is clear that the necessary cost of life insurance has been greatly reduced because of the diminished number of deaths from tuberculosis. The cost of carrying the risk is less, and there remains a balance available either for increased dividends, for reducing the

future annual premiums, for carrying on more efficiently the work of the insurance companies, or simply as surplus. Observation has shown that most of those things have occurred. Insurance, however, is a relatively small part of the nation's budget.

The 100,000 families which did not suffer a tuberculosis death last year saved an average of \$5,500 each. Almost certainly they have bought an automobile. Ergo: gas and oil. The oil corporations in turn spent some of the money for the various educational, welfare and health projects supported by members of the group identified with them. So the money saved by tuberculosis reduction has gone in part to the prevention of hookworm and malaria, to the promotion of county health units, and in general to the

improvement of living conditions, which aid further in the prevention of tuberculosis.

The saving from the reduction of tuberculosis is, of course, widely distributed. It results in an increased purchasing power throughout the entire community and in raising the standards of living among very large numbers of people. Some persons put larger sums in savings banks, for deposits in banks increased from eight and one half billion no further back than 1912, to twenty three billion in 1925. Undoubtedly, some of this is due to the absence of tuberculosis. Others put their money into real estate and the construction of homes. People were enabled to pay more readily for education and for governmental services.

What a work has been done by the penny Christmas seal! For funds from the annual sales in December support the National Tuberculosis Association and its 1500 branches throughout the United States. In 1926 the nation invested approximately five million dollars in tuberculosis prevention by purchasing that amount of Christmas seals. So on an investment of five million dollars, it received a return of 11,000 per cent.

What did you do with your share?



INVESTIGATOR IS PUZZLED AT YE OLDE TYME KALDRON

We were delighted not to say amused or convulsed recently to examine one of the first issues of the Kaldron. The Kaldron of those ancient times was a year back in every sense of the word.

In addition to the proverbial directory to Greek letter fraternities, it also acted as a catalogue, historical handbook, fashion review and miscellaneous information bureau.

It tickled the palate with its bon-bon adds. It caressed the eyes with pictures of coquetish co-eds and in the same breath bemoaned the fact that the old order was passing and that co-education was placing woman on a par with man.

It was bound in the rotins egg blue of the middle ages that must have

brought forth exclamations of delight and approval from the spinster aunts and the effeminate uncles back home.

After trying for hours to understand and appreciate the jokes we finally gave up the ghost and decide that our ancestors must have been English. However there were a few lines that drew sympathy from us. It was entitled, "An Ode to a Moustache":

Gone where pain and sorrow never comes,
Up the golden stairs;
Gone where feathers take their place
Of those few struggling hairs.

We closed the book with lamentations, and much pulling of hair, thanking providence that we had not seen the light in that day and age.

NOTED MERCANTILE MAN GETS DEGREE AT BOSTON

Trustees, academic officials, administrative officers, and faculty members of Boston University attended the annual corporation dinner of the university on October 12. James C. Penney, president of the J. C. Penney Company, nation-wide chain store concern, was the guest of honor.

In an impressive academic ceremony, Mr. Penney received the degree of Doctor of Commercial Science at the hands of President Daniel L. Marsh of the university. Mr. Penney was voted the degree several months ago, but was unable to be present at commencement last June to receive it. He made a special trip to Boston to receive the degree at the October 12 ceremonies.

A close friend is all right—until he declines to lend you money.

LOCAL DEMOLAY CHAPTER INITIATES NEW MEMBERS

Twenty-eight new members were given the first degree of their initiation into the order of DeMolay at a meeting of Northwestern chapter held last Thursday night in the Masonic Temple.

This is the first class to be initiated since the installation of the chapter last June, and according to the "Dads" of the chapter the work was done in a very creditable manner.

It was definitely announced that Erie chapter would put on the DeMolay degree for this class at the next meeting to be held on November 10. Any of the college men who are members of the order are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the local chapter. They will be admitted only on presentation of the 1927 dues cards.

PHILOSOPHICAL STUDY MADE OF ONE OF GOD'S CREATIONS

Girls serve for delight, for ornament, and for ability. Their chief delight is in discourse; as an ornament they serve their purpose; their ability lies in the judgment and disposition of men. For single men can gaze even muse, and perhaps think they can judge of women, one by one; but the true words of wisdom come best from those that are married. To spend too much time with girls is often done; to regard them as so much ornament would be far better; to make judgment only by their actions is the humor of a mad-man.

Crafty men condemn girls; simple men admire them; and wise men avoid them. Try not to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and

discourse; but just weigh and consider. Distilled girls are like common distilled waters—flashy things. Some girls are tasted, but give indigestion; others are looked at, but not curiously; and some few are regarded with diligence and attention.

Girls make men foolish, poets liars, therefore, if man avoids them, he doth not need have much cunning to know when he is well off. But nay, there is no stand or impediment in real love. So if a man's wits be wandering, let him marry the girl. But if a man be apt to beat up his wife, and to call her one thing to prove and illustrate another, it would behoove him to study the lawyers' cases. So every defect in God's creation has its special protection.

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HATS OFF TO THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Most of us are so concerned with the continued losing streak that our football team has experienced that we never stop to think of the fine record that the Cross Country team has made so far this year.

The spectacular victory of the Allegheny harriers over the strong Pitt team last Saturday practically cinched the championship of the tri-state district for the local runners. The team has already defeated Westminster and Grove City, while meets with Thiel and Geneva remain on their schedule. Westminster recently defeated the Geneva team, so the "dope" points to an Allegheny victory in this meet, and as Thiel's record has not been so impressive this year, there is every indication that Allegheny will come through the season undefeated.

The Cross-Country team is regarded by many of the students as of slight importance on the Allegheny athletic program. Most of us, who engage in no activities at all, think that it is easy to dress in a track suit and run across a stretch of country. We do not think of all the training these men must go through in order to get in shape to run a distance of five miles. Captain Bentley and his men must be commended on their splendid showing this season. They have worked hard and deserve all the honors that can be heaped upon them.

FOR SCIENCE TO CONQUER

In this age of performing the heretofore impossible, such as flying across the Atlantic and similar difficult feats, it is interesting to think a moment on the numerous things left for science to conquer.

As yet no one has found a satisfactory method to can heat; that is, to store up some of the excess heat of the summer months and use it during January and the other cold months.

We still use gasoline for automobiles because no one has discovered a satisfactory substitute. In the field of medicine, doctors have yet to discover a sure cure for cancer and tuberculosis. The smoke nuisance is one of the many evils of the manufacturing city for which no one can find a remedy.

We could name things indefinitely. We still have never found a cigaret lighter that will work every time. A noise-creating instrument in a golf ball would save many balls from becoming lost. And flies—how about a method of ridding us of them?

The scientists are waiting for more help along these lines. We are not living in a generation too late. Millions of improvements are yet to be performed. The world is still in swaddling clothes.—The Daily Kansan.

HANDSHAKE OR "ARMSHAKE"

Why the armshake? Is it because of custom that we automatically extend our right hand upon meeting a person, friend or foe, grasp his extended hand, and pump his arm vigorously up and down? Or has constant repetition of the motion through the centuries developed an instinctive reaction that has become a part of our gregarious or group behavior?

In college circles, especially, the artificial greeting has developed with all the nerve jangling, jerking, up-and-down motion of the arm. The firm, steady clasp is the grip of friendship. Witness the father, taking leave of son, who is going away to college. Right hand extended in a warm and steady clasp. Left hand gripping just above the elbow of son's right arm, steadying it, and demonstrating to all a feeling of fatherly pride, love and security.

The clasp with which we meet our friends should be just as sincere and reassuring. There is no necessity for the "fraternity grip" or the "pledge pump," combinations of the loop-the-loop and pull-and-jerk. A firm but restful pressure of the hand will do much to preserve or to make friendships and to avoid jangled nerves and ostentatious display.—The Daily Kansan.

FLOYD L. DARROW '06 WRITES REMARKABLE CHEMISTRY BOOK

Floyd L. Darrow, of the class of 1906, has just published his latest book, *The Story of Chemistry*, which he has had sent to the editor for review. Mr. Darrow was born at Niobe, N. Y., on June 2, 1880. After graduating from Allegheny he took graduate work at Syracuse and Harvard universities. For many years he taught in Colorado and at the Polytechnic Preparatory Country Day School of Brooklyn. Among other books which this distinguished alumnus has written are "A System of Questions and Problems in Chemistry," "Masters of Science and Invention," "Through Science to God," and "The Boys' Own Book of Science." Mr. Darrow now lives at Ashville, N. Y. Most of his time is spent in writing and lecturing.

The *Story of Chemistry* is a true narrative of that important science. It is chemistry's logical presentation from the time of the alchemist to the accomplishments of today. Through its historical background the book follows chemistry's development from pioneer discoveries to those of modern prominence. The book is in itself a liberal education in chemistry. It is written in such understandable English that it neither goes below or above the head of the average reader. The reader is taken into the author's confidence, and credited with intelligence to grasp the deep things of chemistry.

The book is practically free from the technical terms that scare the general reader. It is so cleverly written that it makes the usually difficult reading of books on chemistry an easy matter. It is reliable, as it is based on the statements of the best informed leaders in chemical investigation.

For the average reader no more modern book on chemistry could be found. Little material that it contains, except for the history, can be found in other works. It has been written largely from recent authoritative publications on scientific research.

Of particular value are the illustrations, which would make a book of themselves. They make very real some of the processes and actions to which all chemists are familiar.

The rapid and popular reception of *The Story of Chemistry* may be seen in that it has been adopted for use in the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Reading Course.

The book is so broad that a brief outline of the various chapters will perhaps better explain it.

The first two chapters give the historic background necessary to an understanding of modern developments—the outstanding achievements of the pure researchers.

One of the most important chapters is that on Atoms, Electrons and Protons. Nowhere else in popular literature is to be found so complete and understandable an account of the atom and its structure. Radioactivity, subatomic energy, the transmutation of elements, the cosmic rays, the Bohr atom, the quantum theory, the Langmuir conception of atomic structure, are all discussed.

The chapter on Chemistry and Power contains the recent researches presented at the Williamstown Conference and at the International Conference on Bituminous Coal at Pittsburgh. These findings have not yet been put into book form. The great problems and the solutions which chemistry is providing receive thorough comment.

A chapter is devoted to the revolutionizing achievements of the chemist in Agriculture and War, ending with a scientist's plan for outlawing war.

There is no other popular presentation of the relations of Chemistry and Disease which is so complete and which brings the subject so nearly up to the latest minute.

Fascinating chapters are devoted to Rubber, Gases and The Age of Metals. The *Twilight Realm of Matter* discusses the colloids, which are slowly yielding up their secrets to the researcher.

Dyes, alcohol, ammonia, artificial leather, lacquers, bakelite, rayon, medicines, perfumes and flavorings are among the many subjects considered in the long chapter on Synthetic Chemistry.

American Progress in Chemistry shows where this country stands in chemical industry and education. No other book gives this information.

Research: the Key to Future Progress carries a message which the world and this country in particular must heed if industrial development is not to be arrested.

PLAY PRODUCTION CLASS TO PRESENT PLAY SOON

"THE SUNNY MORNING" TO BE GIVEN IN PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

Under the direction of Miss Alice Spalding, Instructor of Public Speaking, the Play Production Class of Allegheny College has begun its third season. The class has built a little theatre on the third floor of Bentley Hall, and each year gives several plays, which are open to the student body.

This year, the class has been asked by the Woman's Club of Meadville to stage a play in their auditorium in the Public Library, the stage of which has been modeled after that in Bentley Hall. The play chosen by Miss Spalding for this occasion is "The Sunny Morning," and will be given during the last week of November. The personnel of the play will be composed of Paul Reynolds, Carol Moody, Robert Wilson, and Dorothy Winter. The production staff for this presentation will include Richard Merrill, Eleanor Mechem, Betty Jean Smith, and Maybert King, with Mr. Merrill acting as manager. Later in the season, this same play will be given at the College.

Several plays are planned for the year, but no definite program can be announced at present. The class had a very successful season last year, and its success is expected to be even greater this year.

Discovery Might Have Mark Twain As a Plagiarist

Was Mark Twain guilty of plagiarism when he wrote "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" which first won him national recognition and started him on his road to fame? This was the question brought before College of the Pacific students when Miss Marie Breniman, instructor of the class in American literature produced a file of the Stockton Independent for December 11, 1858 in which the story of the jumping frog was told.

Mark Twain's story was not written until 1865. A comparison of the two stories showed a striking similarity. With the long introduction and the long anti-climax of the world known Twain story removed it is found that paragraph for paragraph the two stories are the same. The wording is changed but the idea and the development of the theme in each paragraph is the same. The story as printed in the Independent was written by Sam Seabough, at that time editor of the paper.

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Well, here we are back again! It was a big week-end while it lasted. Three big parties, three five-couple parties and the game and dance at Pitt.

We're glad to see that the girls have finally started having the chapter parties that are allowed them. The Thetas gave a Masque Ball last Friday thereby setting a precedent for the rest of the girls.

The dance at Pittsburgh was quite the affair. It was held at the University Club under the auspices of the Pittsburgh Alumni Club. Every one seemed to be there and it might as well have been held in Cochran Hall as far as the crowd went—but the old pep, so characteristic of Allegheny dances, was absent and gloriously. Another thing—where did all of the two bucks-fifty go?

FIJIS HOLD

CHAPTER PARTY

Phi Gamma Delta held a full chapter party at the chapter house on Friday evening, October 28. The Highlander's furnished the music and Professor and Mrs. McClean chaperoned. The refreshments and decorations carried out were in keeping with the Hallow'een spirit.

KRESS PLAYS AT

CHI RHO PARTY

Alpha Chi Rho held a Hallow'een party at the chapter house on Friday evening, October 28. Kress' Olympians played and Professor and Mrs. Wagner chaperoned. Cider and doughnuts were served during the evening. Guests of the chapter were Miss Anne Reznor, Miss Kippie Huey, Kenneth Deitrich, Hugh Long, and George Beibie.

**THETA SORORITY HAS
MASQUERADE PARTY**

Kappa Alpha Theta held a full chapter party at the home of Elizabeth Kelley on Friday night, October 28, in the form of a masquerade. The Ambassadors furnished the music, and Miss Meyer and Dr. Church were chaperones. A feature of the party was the solo dancing of Dorothy Webb and Myra Kelley. Ruth Moritz ex-'29, was the guest of the sorority.

DELTA FIVE-COUPLE PARTY

Delta Tau Delta held a five-couple party at the chapter house on Wednesday evening. Professor Henrietta and Dean Anderson chaperoned.

SIG FIVE-COUPLE PARTY

Sigma Alpha Epsilon held a five-couple party at the chapter house on Saturday evening. Professor Lally and Miss Bachofen chaperoned.

B. U. FIVE-COUPLE PARTY

Beta Upsilon held a five-couple party Thursday evening. Professor and Mrs. Wagner chaperoned.

Officers of the Fayette County school directors association have appointed Leonard E. Harbaugh '27 as assistant to the county superintendent of schools. Mr. Harbaugh, who was an assistant student instructor in History at Allegheny for two years, succeeds his brother who resigned the office of assistant superintendent to join the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh.

Miss Ruth Tuck '22 was married on July 26 to Robert Seitz at San Jose, Cal., by the Rev. Glass.

Miss Mabel A. Beatty '08 died at Oil City, on October 19. In 1916 Miss Beatty went to China under the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. When she came home on a furlough she took up graduate study at Boston University and was well on her way to the doctor's degree. Last year she served as one of the field secretaries of the missionary society. In July her health, which had been seriously impaired by her service in China, began to fail rapidly until the end. Miss Beatty will be remembered as a high-grade student and a popular girl in college.

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**DANCE HELD AT
UNIVERSITY CLUB**

The Pittsburgh Alumni Club held a dance for Allegheny Students and Alumni at the University Club in Pittsburgh after the game last Saturday. More than two hundred Allegheny students attended as well as over a hundred alumni and a hundred guests. After a little trouble concerning orchestras the dance finally got under way and "a good time was had by all."

Y. W. C. A. TENDERS

TEA TO FACULTY LADIES

A faculty tea was given by the Y. W. C. A. in the living room of Hulings Hall, Tuesday, October 25, to present the freshman girls to the faculty ladies. Elizabeth Bunner was chairman of the committee in charge.

**LANGUAGE FRATERNITY
INITIATES FIVE**

The Local chapter of Phi Sigma Iota, Romance Language Fraternity, held its first meeting of the year at the home of Dr. H. W. Church on Loomis street Monday evening. Five new members were initiated into the secrets of the Fraternity. They are the Misses Kalfayan and Bachofen of the faculty and Misses Lucille Langworthy of the class of '25, Helen Rose of the class of '26 and Ruth Wilson of the class of '28.

The local chapter now has seven active undergraduate members all of whom are seniors. At the meeting Doctor Church reported on the meeting of the National Executive Committee which he attended last week at State College. Miss Potter also read a paper on the author, Cervantes.

Gamma Rho chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma announces the pledging of Margaret Hayes '31, of Meadville, on Thursday, October 27.

Margaret Elizabeth Peters '23 was married to Stanley C. Smith of Meadville on August 17. Mrs. Smith has been a teacher in the Meadville High School since her graduation. Mr. Smith is associated with Carpenter's Electric store.

**OHIO Y. M. C. A. DESIRES
ONLY THOSE INTERESTED**

Only those students interested in promoting the Y. M. C. A. work on the campus were urged to enroll as members in the organization this year at Mount Union College. The Y. M. C. A. wants a roster of active members rather than the most universal membership possible among the student body, as in former years.

The meetings of the association will rotate among the various fraternity houses with each fraternity acting in turn as host. The meetings will be a series of discussion groups which will be led by prominent men of the campus.

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**COMMITTEE MAKES PLANS
FOR 1928 JUNIOR PROM**

**FRANK PHILLIPS IS CHAIRMAN
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Extensive plans are now under way for the 1928 Junior Prom, which will be held soon after the mid-year exams. The date has not been definitely decided upon as yet, but it will be sometime between January 26 and 31. The committee in charge of the Prom consists of: Frank Phillips, Chairman, Robert Brown, Tom Pressel, Robert Bowman, John Hartman, Phil Corbin, Carl Reuning, Joseph Shafer, Harry Miller.

It is the ambition of the committee to have the biggest and best dance ever, and of course the co-operation of the entire student body is essential for the success of the affair.

The dance is to be formal and those in charge have made known that special favors will be given and that refreshments will be served. Although an orchestra has not been chosen, several bids are being considered. It is the aim of the committee to have the best possible music but yet to keep down the expenses so that it may be a real all-college dance. Save those nickels, boys!

**Miss Bacon Speaks
On Reconstruction
Of Ruins of France**

Miss Grace M. Bacon of the college faculty delighted those at the chapel services last Monday with a sketch of the post-war reconstruction work in France. Miss Bacon, who was in France when the armistice was signed, was fortunate enough to get to the battlefields immediately, seeing the return of the peasants to their devastated homes.

The people of France suffered extreme privations and hardships before the wrecked towns could be made livable. Miss Bacon told especially of the village of Rheims, which she visited before any changes had been made. One could scarcely distinguish the path of the streets, so filled were they with debris. Many families who found their little homes totally wrecked had to begin life over again. Though most of us believe that Great Britain and America were the saviors of France in this reconstruction period, the peasants themselves stood the burden. We merely made a few contributions, which, though apparently large enough, were sufficient to rebuild only a few of the destroyed towns.

American and English cities entered wholeheartedly into the program of reconstruction. Even individuals took upon themselves the supervision of work in small towns. Miss Bacon spoke of an acquaintance, Miss Belle Skinner, a woman of considerable means, who rebuilt from her own pocket-book an entire town. Miss Skinner's unappreciated attempts to give the peasants some of the comforts of life formed an interesting story. The habits and customs of many centuries had become so much a part of these crude people that they were at first afraid to give them up for the more modern mode of living. They finally saw the wisdom of Miss Skinner's plans, however, and are now living comfortably on a land which was ten years ago shell-torn and devastated.

Miss Pearl Finch Champlain, Melrose, Mass., was married to the Rev. Charles Stanley Thoburn, '23 on June 29, 1927.

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CONCERT SEASON OPENS

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than against the older classical productions of the great artists. If Jazz ever brings forth something new in music that will last, it will have done something worthwhile, and you never can tell when this is going to happen. So far Jazz has produced a great many commonplace things and consequently a large percentage of Jazz is being eliminated. Jazzmania need not worry us greatly. It is largely the fault of intolerance. It represents the lack of least resistance for in it there is melody so simple that anyone can understand it. We are all conscious about language and the simpler the language the more we like it and the same thing is true about Jazz. It is more easily understood by the people and accordingly is better liked. Through Jazz the people are getting more fun out of music than ever before. However those who like snappy rhythm, sweet melody and harmony will find them all in the classical music. Progress is bound to be forward. People who expose themselves to good music will eventually understand and appreciate the better kind of music.

In closing his talk, Dr. Spaeth paid tribute to Doctor Church who is responsible for the actuality of the concert in Meadville and asked the people present to tell their friends about the concert course so that none would miss any of the truly great programs yet to be presented and so that the financial backing of the enterprise would be assured.

After the concert, Doctor Spaeth was the center of attraction in the large group of admirers gathered at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon House. Here he entertained the men present with numerous comical ditties and was in turn entertained by the group singing of the college songs. During his stay in Meadville, he was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Church.

At Wednesday noon Doctor Spaeth spoke at the regular chapel exercises. His talk was humorous but interspersed with things of the more serious nature. Many of the people and students who were fortunate enough to hear him declared that it was the biggest treat of their lives to listen to him talk. This was his second appearance in Meadville, he having opened the concert course two years ago. Doctor Church wishes to announce that there are many more tickets for the remaining concerts available and that they can be had by getting in touch with him.

Theodore Poister Jr. '27, sailed on the Geo. Washington, September 13, for Paris where he will study Piano, Composition, and Improvisation either under Isidor Philippe or at the Paris Conservatoire. Mr. Poister will probably act as a tutor if the opportunity arises. He expects to be gone at least a year and upon his return will take up concert work in New York City.

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Allegheny in Athletics

ALLEGHENY HARRIERS LOOK GOOD FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Grove City and Geneva, Two Comparatively Weak Teams, Are the Only Obstacles

The Allegheny College cross country team went into the lead for Tri-State honors by administering a one-point beating to the harriers of the University of Pittsburgh last Saturday at Pitt. The meet was arranged at the last moment and resulted very favorably for Allegheny.

The race was run over the five mile Schenley Park course. Only the fact that Minnis, of Allegheny, lost his way near the finish of the race the Panthers would have been forced to accept worse than a 27-28 defeat. Minnis held the lead at the time he lost his way and was still running strongly. However, he finished fifth because Fate so decreed.

Adams, the Pitt star, finished first in the fast time of 29:19.8, while Captain Bentley of Allegheny was next with a time of 30:01.4. Others finishing were: Hoffman, Pitt, third; Drelbelbis, Allegheny, fourth; Minnis, Allegheny, fifth; Wycoff, Allegheny, sixth; Roy, Pitt, seventh; Kaufman, Pitt, eighth; Winn, Pitt, ninth; Kelley, Allegheny, tenth.

Pitt 1 3 7 8 9 —28
Allegheny 2 4 5 6 10 —27

Allegheny still has two obstacles in its way towards the Tri-State title in cross-country. They are Geneva and

Grove City. Grove City has already been defeated at Grove City and Geneva was defeated early in the season by Westminster and since the Blue and Gold holds a victory over Westminster there seems to be no reason why Allegheny's harriers should not have a clear title to the Championship at the end of the season.

PITT TROUNCES ALLEGHENY

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teams would have, but came back fighting.

Welch of Pitt turned in the prettiest play of the day. Taking a punt on his 5-yard line, he was forced far to the right hand side of the field by the Allegheny tacklers, and just as he was about to be downed, he reversed his field and sprinted clear to the goal line. For Allegheny, the work of Slaven and Davis on the line was particularly pleasing, and the handling of the team by their mite quarterback, Harry Smith, also brought much commendation.

The game was not one devoid of any injuries, however. Captain Behrhorst suffered a badly wrenched knee late in the first quarter and will probably be out of the lineup for several weeks.

After the hard Saturday battle Coach Merritt deemed it wise to hold a stiff workout last Monday. Here another man was laid up with injuries for the balance of the season. Paul Younger, center, had the misfortune to break his collar bone. The lineup next Saturday will be without the above two men, probably Billings, perhaps Cober, and with Slaven and Hughes in none too good shape.... all because of sustained and prolonged injuries.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Members of the football team, through their captain, David Behrhorst, wish to thank the business men of the city for the loyal and greatly appreciated telegrams sent them when at Pitt last Saturday. Some thirty-three telegrams were sent, and found a very welcome reception. Such action serves to bring closer the townspeople and the College.

This and That

We've sure got to hand it to Coach Hammett and his cross country squad. They look like champions to us. Barring some very serious accident, the team ought to be good for the Tri-State title. Anything may happen but the Allegheny harriers do not have to meet anybody during the remainder of the season whom they do not have an edge on. The title is almost within grasp.

Three Consecutive Wins

The victory over Pitt marked the third consecutive victory for Captain Bentley and his team. The margin would have been greater if Minnis had not lost his way near the end of the race. He was leading the pack at the time and looked good for first place as it was Allegheny took four out of the first six places.

Home Stand

Allegheny's football team will start a two week home stand this week. It will be a test not only of the team but of the student body as well. A great deal rests on the shoulders of the students. The success of the team depends largely on the support accorded it by its supporters.

Spirit

Last week we had the opportunity of witnessing the Lafayette-Penn State game at State College. Herb McCracken's team was badly walloped. A large number of rooters had accompanied the Maroon from Easton. But the fine part of it was the fact that those Lafayette rooters never gave up. Even when the score was 40-0 against them they kept up their fight. Has anyone seen anything to equal that at Allegheny this year?

A Student Section

In order to insure the proper support for the team a section should be reserved for the students. And not at the end of the bleachers either. Give the student body a good section and give Phillips some assistant cheerleaders and the students will support the team plenty.

BAND GIVES CONCERT IN CHAPEL WEDNESDAY

Last Wednesday, October 26, during the regular chapel period, the college band gave a very entertaining concert in the Ford Memorial Chapel. Under the capable direction of Mr. James Meadowcroft, this organization rendered several popular selections which were of a variety that would appeal to any critic of music. The following program was given: Loyalty Day Parade; Serenade, Dream of Autumn; Trumpet Solo, John Rumsey; Victor Herbert Favorites; and Stars and Stripes Forever.

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ANNUAL FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE DEBATE TO BE HELD NOV. 17

In order that the most capable students may represent Allegheny College on the debating platform this year, the tryouts for debate candidates were announced last week by the faculty committee in charge of debating activities.

Since the competition for places on the rival teams was so keen this week, a heated Freshman-Sophomore debate may be expected on Thursday, November 17. The old practice of the freshman team of one year automatically becoming the sophomore team the following year is not to be in force this year. The opponents for this debate will be selected from those who tried out for their respective teams yesterday and today and will be announced later. The question for this debate will be: "Resolved: That American private investments in foreign countries should not be protected by the United States government."

The personnel of the varsity debating team will also be determined by open competition this year. All candidates for this team are requested to give their names to Professor McClean. The preliminary tryouts will be on Monday, November 28, and Tuesday, November 29. The final tryouts are scheduled for Monday, December 5, and Tuesday, December 6. The question for the varsity tryouts will be the same as for the freshman-sophomore debate.

William Millward '09, biologist and geologist, is now at the Fifth Avenue High School of Pittsburgh. During the years 1909-1915 he was stationed at the University of Nanking, China, as head of the department of biology and geology. While at that place he donated a valuable collection of Chihsia Limestone to the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh. Considerable interest attaches itself to the discovery of this stone because the finding of this diagnostic Permian fossilifer in the Chihsia limestone indicates that the limestone can no longer retain its original classification.

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