CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Attendance Reaches Six Hundred Mark

Five or six hundred people from a widely separated places as White Plains on the south, Pittsburg on the north, Fredonia on the west and the border on the east were in Albany for the educational conference Saturday, March 24. The attendance was gratifyingly large. In the administration section there were 150 in attendance, in the modern language section-60 in the English section-100; in the history section-100; in the commerce section-40; in the Latin section-40; in the mathematics section-50; in the chemistry, physics, and biology sections-30 each.

The luncheon conference which followed the morning meetings completely filled the cafeteria and private dishes were served to the corner. Dr. Avery W. Skinner, Dr. Howard D. Burridge of the Fredonia Normal School, Charles E. Finch of the Rochester Junior High School, Evelyn L. Toole of Columbia-Palomar, and Dr. Wilkes of the State Education Department were the out of town leaders of discussion. The college faculty furnished the following leaders: Professor Hastings for the English section; Professor Birchough for the mathematics section; Professor Woodford for the biology section, and Professor Hale for the physics section. The conference was animated and in some cases resulted in definite resolutions providing for changes in procedure. There seemed to be a unanimous opinion that the conference should become an annual event.

BOOKS AT THE CO-OP

For Easter vacation reading, rent a book at the Co-op, twenty-five cents for the ten days. The Co-op will also have on hand next week the best kind of train reading, in the April numbers of America's finest magazines. A slight reduction will be made in all copies.

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MIXED CHORUS TO SING

One good song before going home! Thursday, April 3rd, Professor Caudhill will conduct the Mixed Chorus and the Women's Chorus. This chorus will participate in singing certain numbers.

Everyone remember to bring their song books.

Secretary of State Addresses Students

"I would rather be dean of a college like the President of the United States" was one of the opening statements of Mrs. Knapp, Secretary of State, in chapel last Friday morning. This tribute of Mrs. Knapp to the cause of American education is not made without experience in the field, for she led a position as Dean of the College of Home Economics at Syracuse University to become Secretary of State.

In a vivid description of the recent inauguration of President Coolidge, which she attended, Mrs. Knapp emphasized the seriousness of the occasion, that the fact that the inaugural was a picture of the responsibility accepted by the nation and by its chief executive. Her message to the students, especially the women, was to realize and accept responsibility. "The students of this college," she said, "are under a greater obligation than any other group of people of the nation, unless it be a smaller group. Accept this responsibility to state and nation, surely, even though it may not be agreeable to you." American institutions, Mrs. Knapp says are not contributing the things they should be training for citizenship.

There is no help for America unless her people, especially the class representing the entire state, accept this responsibility. The students of State College, realize their responsibility. If they do, they can help not only the state, but the world.

Speaking, in closing, of the desire of many people to do something special for the country instead of doing nothing, Mrs. Knapp said: "There is nothing spectacular in actual duty, but all truly great things come from the quiet acceptance of one's own responsibilities."

He urged on the women of the college active participation in the duties of citizenship, if not in public life, at least as a voter, or in the place where each might do the most good.

Big Vaudeville By G. A. A. Tonight

Don't forget the big vaudeville that takes place this evening in the college auditorium. This is being given by the G. A. A. and the proceeds go to the Student Council. Five big acts are being put on. Some of the faculty jokes. The chairman of the different committees are: Publicity, Marion Chesnough; Dancing, Ruth McNutt; Music, Brenda Fulkerson; Stunts, Hertha Zagar; Props, Isabelle Mabrey; Waldillig; Stage Manager, Marion Schaefer; Costumes, Dorothy Taylor; Telephone, Cora Woodruff; Mary Pleasun; Program, Helen Elton; Lithographs, Dorothy Heyes; Advertising, Helen Elton; Tickets, Gertrude Swettman. Come at 8:15 and have a bear-wearing laugh.
THE AIM OF STATE}

Why is this a state college? Why should the state go to the expense of maintaining this institution? We are apt to think that State College is for the sole purpose of benefiting its students. This institution, to many of us, is a place where we can get the "trade" which will prepare us to go out to earn a living; a college for our intellectual advancement and personal pleasure. To a certain extent this is true. The "State of New York," however, other reasons for supporting its schools. The state wishes to develop the very best that is in each individual, for it realizes that the caliber of the state is determined by the force and power of those who go to make up its population. New York, as do many of her sister governments, realizes the need of educating, right-thinking subjects, and, to the end that it might secure there, it goes to the enormous expense of maintaining schools and colleges, such as the State College for Teachers, with the importance of teachers who are capable and willing to give of their best efforts for the education of younger generations who are now growing up, and will soon be in the leadership of your college and city. It is not altogether reasonable that the state should go to the expense of maintaining such institutions, and the people of the state are for the students, in the final analysis, for the boys and girls who will soon be men and women. We should not, however, forget that the college gives us everything that we are under no obligations. We must realize the true purpose of a college, that it is not merely that we will be to fulfill the hopes and workers' ambitions of our state and college.

DIGESTED INFORMATION

The President's Committee of the campaign held its first meeting on Monday at the home of its chairman, William Kennedy. Members of the committee, John D. Thackury, the president of the Student Body; and John D. Thackury, the editor of the college newspaper, the state college, were present. The committee decided to have the meeting in the college library, and the meeting was adjourned.

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CLEOPATRA
Eyes dark as night,
Chiefs fair as light
Had Cleopatra.
Yet of love died she
For Mark Antony.
Poor Cleopatra.

He had sailed away
Noiselessly in night,

From Cleopatra.
So he lost her heart;
None was as a part
Of Cleopatra.

Had his arms impressed,
His lips still suavely
Drew Cleopatra.
And she had not chased,
Kings and authors praised
Through Cleopatra.

Antony lost Rome,
True here, child and home,
And Cleopatra.

Hope he could not stand;
Died by his own hand
Near Cleopatra.

Tears before the grave
Where the palm trees wave
Over Cleopatra.
But deep in our hearts
Love wets, never departs
For Cleopatra.

Intelligence and high scholarship do not necessarily go together, or at least that is the inference from the freshman class. Despite the high-grade intelligence of '28 which was widely heralded last fall the class has failed to show scholarship approaching that of the other classes now in college. The January honor roll contained an exceptionally small percentage of freshmen names.

Possibly the freshmen have too many outside activities. Union College authorities are taking the step of realizing the popular belief that working one's way through college is an easy job. They allow only one-fifth per cent of this year's freshman class at mid-year, usually for grade work. Many of these students could not give due enough attention because of financial difficulties.

Pygmalion, George Bernard Shaw's play, has been considered by Miss Futterer as a possible vehicle for the advanced dramatics class this spring. A point system for limiting students to a certain number of undergraduate offerings is being attempted soon at Union College. The project was defeated once before. An experiment with the honor system may be tried here by the college Home Economics department. The proposal was made by that department Friday by Professor Whibell. It is understood to have President Brucker's approval.

Marmalade Sale

Don't you want a jar of perfectly delicious orange marmalade either for an Easter gift or to eat with those crackers? Aren't you hungry for something to satisfy that inner longing for truly good goods? This marmalade, prepared by the Home Economics Club, is even better than the kind "mother used to make." It has that easy, tangy taste you love and when you have finished one jar you will want another. Here's the secret. You can buy all you want for sale at Whitney's on Saturday, March 29. Remember the time—Saturday, March 29.

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