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PROFESSOR ENDS RECITALS TODAY

Miss Eleanor Foote Will Be Assisting
Dr. Thompson

Dr. Harold W. Thompson, nationally
known composer and organist, will
conduct the fourth and last of a
series of organ recitals at the First
Presbyterian Church on the corner
of State and Willett streets this after-
noon at 4 o'clock.

The program will be offered:

Song of the Vanga Boatmen...

The registration in The Summer News
will be reduced to 25 cents this
week.

SUMMER SESSION NINE TO DISBAND,
MASLAN DECLARES

The state college baseball team will
not be seen in action any more this
summer due to the approaching final
evaluation sessions. A student manager
of the team announced today.

This is the first year that State
college has had a summer session
baseball team in the field, Maslan said.
A letter showing in baseball for the
summer season is expected for next
year as a better schedule of games
is being prepared, according to Maslan.

The team this year was composed of
various players. Leo Allen, star
hitter of the State college baseball
team from Fort Edward, Schulte was
the outstanding player on this year's
summer session nine.

DANCE WILL BEGIN
AT 9:00 TONIGHT,
SCHOOR DECLARES

Plans are complete for a dance to
be conducted in the Lounge in
Richardson hall, according to
Alexander Schoor, one of the
sponsoring organizations.

The Royal Serenaders will furnish the
music. Dancing will be from 9 to
12 o'clock, Schoor said. The charge
will be $1.00 per couple or 50c
per person. Dr. Donald Smith will
be chaperon. Schoor announced
today.

Dr. Powers Develops Science Teaching Ideas

Dr. Carlson J. Powers, assistant
professor of physics, has recently
developed new methods of teaching
the sciences in the junior and senior
high schools. Dr. Powers has been
working on the projects for some
time, but only lately has he found it
possible to complete his plans
satisfactorily.

Dr. Powers believes in the use of posters
and other diagrammatic projects to
teach physics and chemistry
students the various processes
with the manufacture and production
of materials. Not only does
he find this method more direct
and clearer but also a more interesting
method of teaching.

Dr. Powers has also been receiv­
ing many displays from well known
commercial companies, showing the
steps and way in the manufacture
of many household products. He
has received many moving pictures
slides and a projection machine.
This material he obtained from
the General Electric Company.

These were to show the manufacture
of many commercial machines.

The chemistry department has
also been collecting displays which
are being used in the methods
courses, showing the making of
dyes, the refining of oil, and the
refining of sugar.

Registrar Classifies Students Here:

2,314 are Graduates Of Normal Schools

At the request of Dr. Nelson,
director of the summer session,
Miss Elizabeth VanDenburg,
registration classifies the students regis­
tered in the Summer Session at State
college. The classification reveals
some interesting facts to those who
study them.

According to the data compiled
there are more graduates of
manufactured than of any other
school. Those registered for study
this summer number nine hundred
and ninety. Among the number
there are thirty-five graduates of
hospitals, taking advanced work.
From the regular enrollment of
this semester there are two hundred
and thirty-four graduates, many of
who are working for their degree
of Bachelor of Science in Educa-
tion.

THREE HUNDRED AND TEN ARE
COLLEGES TAKING ADVANCED WORK.

Many among this number are
State graduates.

Registering the four normal schools
there are also under graduates.
The former members of training schools
and classes numbered eighty-nine.
The under graduates of various
colleges total two hundred
and nineteen of this total. Fifty
eight others remain who do not fall in
any of the above mentioned cate-
gories.

The registration in 1929 was eight
hundred and twenty-two, this being
an increase of eighty-seven students
over 1928. Thus the registration
for the summer session com­
pared most favorably with that of
past years.

Final Issue Of Summer News
To Appear Next Wednesday

The final issue of the Summer News
will appear on Wednesday
next week instead of on Friday
as usual, the editors announced
today. It will be distributed in the
Lounge as usual after 10 o'clock
on Wednesday. This change is
made by the fact that examination
starts on Thursday.

WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPION MAY BE
KNOWN THIS WEEK

The winner of the women's tennis
championship may be determined
this week. In the first round, Gertrude
Hochberg was won from Elsie Nebel
by the score of 6:0, 6:2. Sylvia Ficher
won from Frances Mazur by default.

In the second round, Gertrude
Hochberg defeated Sylvia Ficher in
a close match resulting in the scores
6:2, 6:4. The winner of the match
between Elsie Nebel and M. Pet­
trugil will play Gertrude Hochberg
to determine the winner of the tour­
ament.

County Buildings Seen
By Economics 4 Class

A large group of students from the
Economics 4 class visited the Albany
County Buildings last Monday af­ter-
noon. Members of other classes
also were included in the group.

At the lunch meeting of the
classes, Professor Harold C. Williams
spoke of the building and grounds.

Uneventful Speed Is Achieved
By Cafeteria, Manager States

Speeds of 200, 250 and 300 words
a minute were attained by a demonstrator
at a conference of shorthand teachers at Bath recently.

An excursion this afternoon to
Hovess' Caverns is being conducted
by Dr. Donald V. Smith of the
history department. All students are
invited to participate in this excursion.

Hovess' Caverns is in Schoharie
County about thirty miles from Al­

ey. It is a natural phenomenon.

There is a large underground lake
at the end of the tunnel, which until
recently was closed to the public.

The entrance is equivalent to that of
a sixteen story building.

Guides take each group through
a three mile tunnel of natural forma-

tion of rock. There are also
branching tunnels which are locked
at present because officials say they
are unsafe to be open to the public.

There is a large underground
lake at the end of the tunnel, which
until recently was closed to the public.

Colored lights are distributed all
through the caverns, which add to
the natural beauty of the cavern.

The return from the underground
lake is by a different route from
the entrance.

DR. SMITH HEADS EXCURSION TODAY

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PEDAGOGICAL PIONEERS

In a recent news article this publication announced that an entirely new experiment in educational methods would be tried out at Yale university this fall. It is significant that such a step, perhaps of momentous importance to the educational world in the future, should be taken in this country. It is time that attempts be made to discover new methods of education to supplant successfully the old. The old classroom theory, with its drill and lack of individual opportunity, must yield to the advancement of widespread use of methods similar to those to be used at Yale.

More and more it is becoming apparent that students must be taught as individual problems rather than as a mass. This should give the attention, instruction, and the opportunity to travel on ahead of their classmates if they show ability to do so. Such is one of the most desirable features of the new plan.

The nearest approach that State college has to such a course in the advanced composition class is that of Dr. Harold W. Thompson in which the students are permitted to arrange their own hours and select their own topics, thus giving them as much individual choice and freedom in the matter as possible under a teacher training institution.

The College needs more courses like that of Dr. Thompson. It must make every effort to avoid degenerating into a machine that turns out teachers by mass production having first fully exploited individual abilities and possibilities. It is this new tendency that has given rise to the phenomenon of American educators today. More and more cogency is being taken of the advantages of the curriculum of American educators today.

State college must contribute its part to the new scheme of things and maintain its place in the march of educational progress.

INTO THE PAST

Occasionally, even in this day and age, it is well to remind ourselves that we are building a new foundation on things that were once here and accorded their proper significance.

We are referring specifically to the history research tours conducted by the history department. It seems to us that there could not be a more delightful or instructive field in presenting the details of historical events than by these very trips. Not only does such a tour enhance the observers' consciousness but the fascinating little facts which are as dry as dust when read in print, become living vital elements of surprise and education.

A battle in a history book does not bring up conscious thoughts of the terrain over which the opposing forces had to move but when it is seen at first hand, each small gully and hedge where the cavalry had to change its course gains its importance a thousandfold. The reaction we receive is much akin to the impression of people when they saw the moving pictures of Admiral Byrd's polar expedition. "Well, we never knew it was like that!"

But even apart from the novelty of looking at veritable subject matter in a new and ascensionist light there is the element of surprise. Any number of people here seem to feel that the summer session is sadly lacking in just that respect and here is an instrument to make it betterment of social conditions more readily at hand. Anything along the back of line is always well received by a congenial friend and an all day trip along the highways and byways of our country's historical past a unique belonging in that category. Go on these trips and find an enjoyable day of learning.

BOOKS

The American Road to Culture


According to Dr. George S. Counts, Professor of Education at Kansas Teachers College, our American schools are not at all what they should be. He finds them mechanically efficient but socially failures. It seems that we have entered a new era without developing a new philosophy to suit it. Most of Dr. Counts facts are collected from observation and told from the point of view of a foreign observer.

Throughout our system he sees the tendency to over-commercialize the individual's interest as opposed to that of his fellow man. This is based on the assumption that accomplishments in any field must spring from the egoistic rather than the social reaction.

As education stands today controlled by the business man, "A textbook of the Dialectics of the American Revolution, the Knights of Columbus, the English-Speaking Union, the Amalgamated Chamber of Commerce, the American Federation of Labor, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Order of the Father's Beneficent Society, the Christian Labor Association, the American Legion of the Ku Klux Klan." And in this respect, he finds the text-supposed to resemble the textbook-a scene in Hamilton's library.

Eminent Americans Are Seen and Heard

In History S6 Class of Dr. A. W. Risley

Eminent persons in American history have been seen and heard each morning in History S6 conducted by Dr. Adna W. Risley, head of the history department. This course deals with methods of teaching history.

One class is divided into seven groups of six persons in a group. Each group represents a high school class in American history, and each student has his turn in teaching the class for ten minutes. During the teaching various stunts and dramatizations are put on. Last week Lincoln's second inaugural Address was broadcast through Station SBC. On one occasion a scene in Hamilton's library was presented. On another occasion the Supreme Court rendered the decision in the famous Dartmouth Case. Debates are heard, court sessions are held, foreigners naturalized, and cabinet meetings held by various presentations of the classes.

"These stunts and dramatizations are of practical value in visual teaching and may be used to an excellent advantage in teaching history in the high school," Dr. Risley said.

AFFAIRS OF STATE

By Ray Collins

The baseball opener proved an all-star performer. The spectacular errors were witnessed. The score was tied only once and that was in the bottom of the seventh. Manager Muslan was master of the situation at all times and with his judgment was able to direct his men and keep score at the same time. However, in the sixth inning he was mistaken because of their inability to carry out his instructions, and as a result he took his bat and ball and went out to pitch. His trustworthly friend, Mr. Schoor, took the reins in hand at this point and with his natural ability and strategy in left field he was able to wave signals to the boys at the same time wave to the ball as it passed him by.

Norman Collins has been elected president of the Purity League for next year and it is expected that he will receive the morale of State men will be of very high standard. Everything looks well except that as many of the boys are able tochin themselves on the curb without any difficulty.

The examination schedule was received enthusiastically by the students and the "remainder is trying to ascertain the score." At least they would like to know which side is at bat. We deplore the slow emergence of the student from the college, it is the popular cry of the instructors.

The trip to the battle field was magnificent, especially to those students who heretofore had never witnessed the marvelous scenery view. The students fairly gasped for breath as they passed through that extremely beautiful city of Mechanicsville, and the signs were so impressive that the boys were forced to stop in order to subdue their great amazement. After a long struggle they managed to explore the famous spots in Mechanicsville, and they proceeded onwards towards Bennington to take a part in the battle of Saratoga. The battle was over in sufficient time to allow the students to arrive in Albany on time for day.
EXAMINATION LIST
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Complete Schedule of Hours, Rooms, and Courses Is Available

Dr. Adna W. Risley Labels Saratoga
Field "Marne Of The United States"

Visits to headquarters of British and American armies before the Battle of Saratoga, as well as hunting for old bullets, were the main attractions of the summer session students on an excursion conducted by Dr. Risley to the Saratoga battlefield. Dr. Risley told of Burgoyne's old lilac tree which was near General Arnold's headquarters, and General Morgan's headquarters. After a brief explanation of the various items of interest at the fort by Dr. Risley, the party journeyed to Freeman Farm, the actual site of the decisive battle.

While the students sat under the lilac tree which was near General Burgoyne's headquarters, Dr. Risley gave a lecture on the Campaign of 1777, and the important part that a very battlefield which they stood played in American history. Dr. Risley told of Burgoyne's capture of Fort Ticonderoga, the side military expeditions of the British to East Haddam, and Bennington, and of the two battles of Saratoga. He said that one battle took place on September 19, 1777, but the decisive battle was on October 7, 1777, which lasted only 22 minutes, and in which Arnold divided his work after he had fled from the blockhouse where he was confined by General Gates. Dr. Risley said that the Battle of Saratoga is the "Marne of the United States."

The group then journeyed a short distance to the woods where British entrenchments may still be seen, and to the spot where Benedict Arnold was wounded while charging with his men. Many students dug for old bullets of the battle, but they met with little success. After inspecting monuments that mark various incidents in the famous battle, the party left the battlefield and went to Schuylerville.

It was at Schuylerville that Burgoyne surrendered ten days after the battle. A monument stands marking this historical spot. Some of the students undertook to climb the 189 steps to the top of the monument, but others agreed that it was too difficult a task.

The excursion party arrived back in Albany about 6:30 p.m. Everyone agreed that the trip was a great success and expressed desires for similar trips in the future.

NEWS HEADS

Miss Helen Waltermire, "33, was a week-end guest at the "Piping Rock," formerly the Lido Venice, where Vincent Lopez and his orchestra are furnishing the stimuli for recreation and diversion.

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CONVENTION WILL BE IN CLEVELAND
ON THANKSGIVING OF THIS YEAR

Many teachers of New York state schools will be in Cleveland next Thanksgiving and the Friday and Saturday following to attend the meeting of the State Council of Teachers of English.

William M. French, '29, is a member of the publicity committee.

Creative English will be the keynote of the convention which is for all teachers of English. Section meetings will consider English in the elementary, junior and senior high schools, in the grade schools being planned for the country but all along the educational line.

George Andolina, Fredonia: "The law of self-preservation would be the ruling factor in this case. Therefore, it would save myself, my fiancée and my best friend, the young scientist. In such circumstances, altruism would be forgotten and the law of self-preservation would apply to the case. It may seem selfish, but if you were in such a case you would not think it was selfish."

Anthony Sroka, '32, State college: "I would choose the young scientist. In such circumstances it would only be natural to think of saving myself first as the law of self-preservation demands this. I would save myself and my fiancée and the more experienced guide would be necessary to guide the party out."

Edward Thompson, '30, State college: "One could not make a scientific choice unless he received more information. Then he would send out the older guide, the older scientist and the promising young scientist."

Marion Wallace, Wellesley: "I would save the two scientists and the aged scientist's wife. These scientists could carry on more profitably after their experience. It is the wife's duty to remain with her husband and the law of self-preservation would be included among the rescued. My fiancée would not leave me alone on a desert island, but would stay with me."

Mrs. Zara Kimmey is listed as taking courses in the education department. Mrs. Kimmey is state supervisor of drawing.

Mr. Henry Maric is in the State Teachers College: "I would choose the young scientist. In such circumstances it would be only natural to think of saving myself first as the law of self-preservation demands this. I would save myself and my fiancée and the more experienced guide to take us out of the desert."

This seems to be the logical answer in such circumstances. Altruism would be forgotten and the law of self-preservation would apply to the case. It may seem selfish, but if you were in such a case you would not think it was selfish."

VOCA TIONAL GUIDANCE

Miss Lillian E. Flower, a district superintendent of schools who is devoting all of her time during this summer session to courses in the educational department,

Mr. George E. Hutchinson, who is studying at State this summer, is in charge of the vocational guidance department for the State of New York.