

## IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AND SPEECHES MARK OPENING OF AERONAUTICAL BUILDING

### DEDICATION TALK IS DELIVERED BY W. P. M'CRACKEN

Guggenheim, Warner, Means  
Are Among Speakers at  
The Exercises

#### MEANS MEDAL AWARDED

The Daniel Guggenheim Aeronautical Building at M. I. T., pioneer in aeronautical engineering education in this country, was dedicated at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon before a distinguished gathering of aeronautical engineers, and army and navy officers.

Dedication of the new building marks the opening of a new chapter in the history of aeronautical instruction and research at Technology, where years ago a little group of students began airfoil studies in a crude wind tunnel devised by the late Professor Gaetano Lanza.

Harry M. Guggenheim, president of the Daniel Guggenheim Foundation for the Promotion of Aeronautics, which made a grant of \$230,000 for construction of the new building, was one of the speakers at the dedication exercises at which Dr. Samuel W. Stratton, President of Technology, presided.

The Hon. Edward P. Warner '17, Secretary of the Navy for Aeronautics, and head of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering at Technology on leave of absence came to Boston specially to be among the speakers. The dedication address was made by the Hon. William P. MacCracken, Jr., Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics. Another distinguished speaker was Commander Jerome C. Hunsaker who was one of the instructors (Continued on Page 4)

### KEYSER REPRESENTS N. ENGLAND ORATORY

Paul V. Keyser, '29, of the Institute won the New championship of the New England division in the national oratorical contest. The New England finals were held at Springfield, Mass., two weeks ago, and Keyser was adjudged winner over eight competitors from various New England colleges.

"The Constitution" was the topic under discussion by all of the speakers, who spoke on various phases of that famous document. Keyser told of having seen the yellow parchment in the Congressional Library at Washington, where his home is, and spoke of the motives which inspired that work. He cautioned that this paper was nothing but the actual yellow parchment unless the citizens of the country backed up its commandments with their moral and actual support.

On June 21, Keyser will represent New England in the National finals which will be held at Los Angeles under the auspices of the Better America League, when the winners will compete for a sum of \$5,000 in prizes, of which \$1500 will go to the winner. Keyser is a member of the Institute debating team.

### Serve Lunch at Walker After Ceremonies Today

Buffet luncheon will be served in the Main Cafeteria of Walker Memorial immediately after the completion of the commencement exercises according to the special announcement made by the Faculty Committee on Arrangements. It is hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of this opportunity so that the crowd may be kept together as much as possible, and as a result the entire program of the day may be carried out successfully, especially the reception by the Corporation which will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

### Delivers Address at Graduation Exercises



DR. JOHN H. HAMMOND

### OPEN EMMA ROGERS ROOM FOR VISITORS

According to the announcement by Cleofan, the Emma Rogers room will be open this afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock. Visitors who are inspecting the Institute at this time are welcome to avail themselves of the opportunity for resting during their walks.

### The Lounger

From the Lounger's point of view, the Senior picnics get better and better every year—who said wetter! For a nice, sober, quiet holiday for the tired student the thing positively can't be beat.

The Senior Week Committee surely must be complimented for the unsurpassed smoothness with which the affair was run off. First of all, take Rainsford Isle. What could have been more appropriate for a Tech party than this abandoned Detention Home for Naughty Girls? It sort of reminded the boys that it was a serious expedition, and not at all for the type of rowdiness that has oftentimes prevailed in the past.

And then the nearby Spectacle Island, site of the infamous city incinerator, simply filled the air with appetizing aromas that did more to make Ames' boy lunch go over than can be realized!

Ever see Dick Grable dressed in only his lingerie and a slicker? Or capable Ralph Jope playing nursemaid to an unruly Senior? Very interesting, especially Dick with his pants vanishing in the briny deep. The Lounger understands that Sid Brown was a shining example to everyone. A boy, Sid. It would seem too that Ames was very very good for once; responsibility sure does fall on one.

President Jope proved himself a better man than anyone thought before the mob floored him; the Lounger takes it that Ralph has a one-way throat.

Speaking of these bathing parties in skin tight, the Lounger notices that the boys were as much cut up over the wet afternoon as though all the broken windows had been sprinkled on the beautiful beach. That window-breaking stunt surely shows the advantage of a technical education. When a sober Senior can stick his fist through a pane of glass without losing the fist, he deserves a couple of diplomas. Somehow the designer of the roof on the physician's house hadn't thought of all the stresses that might be applied.

Doc Croke, handy man, Saint Peter, and all, claimed he could cure anything but the prevailing ailment; the seasickness sure had 'em down.

What was that delightful old ditty the boys persisted in singing over and over? Something like "Ninguna Pelota," if the Lounger got it straight. A slight modification of Obie's "Three Brass Bawls."

Just a suggestion: For the next picnic, how's for getting a flat-bottom scow that doesn't have to worry about (Continued on Page 2)

## PRESENT 397 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES TODAY AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

### Senior Week Is Finale Of '28's College Career

Festivities Are Opened With  
Annual Picnic Held On  
Rainsford I.

With the closing of the Senior Prom in the small hours of tomorrow morning, the events of the Senior Week of the Class of 1928 will come to a close, marking the end of their four year career at Technology. These events, significant as they are, have proved to be, as usual, the most joyous social affairs of the season, and the Prom is expected to be the climax of them all. Promptly at 9:30, music for the party will be struck up by the Tunesters in the main ballroom of the Hotel Statler. The attendance is expected to fill the hall to capacity. There have been tables reserved for all those attending, so that a midnight supper may be served in true Prom style.

The assembly of the Seniors for the departure for the annual picnic at 9:15 o'clock on Thursday morning marked the opening of Senior Week. Special cars carried the hilarious group of rowdies down to "T" Wharf where they boarded the good ship "Myrtle" for Rainsford Island.

It was not long after their arrival that the supposedly lethargic Seniors were enacting a panic scene as the result of the mere announcement that lunch was ready. Having finished that, the athletes played off the traditional Dormitory-Fraternity baseball game. No one knows who won it, unless it might be "Obie" Denison. The umpire, or rather "Referee."

"Tech night at the Pops" on Friday was another occasion of merry-making. The program was in three parts, the first of which was some well known classical selections. However, during the first intermission, the streamers started flying, and the volume of noise mounted, never to stop until the last measures of the Stein Song, had died away. The next two parts of the program, comprising semi-classical and modern show music were rendered under difficulties, so to speak. When the Class banner was presented to President Ralph T. Jope, few knew or cared what was said. Finally as Denny rose to give a few of his familiar songs, he announced his first selection by raising three fingers, and was greeted with tumultuous applause.

Professors Samuel C. Prescott '94, and Harry W. Tyler '84 were the speakers at the annual Class Banquet held at the University Club on Saturday. (Continued on Page 3)

### ALUMNI SECRETARY GIVES UP POSITION

O. B. Denison Leaves After  
Five Years' Service

With the conclusion of the present term of school, Technology is losing the services of Orville B. Denison '11 who has for the past five years held the position of Alumni Secretary. During the time that he has held this office there has been a marked increase in interest in the alumni clubs.

This increase in interest has resulted in the establishing of 16 new alumni clubs in various parts of the United States, bringing the total number up to 51. Aside from this the membership of the existing alumni organizations has shown a decided increase, and several regional scholarships have been established.

Mr. Denison, who is better known as "Obie," has visited each of the alumni clubs, including the 13 organizations west of the Mississippi within the past two years, and all of these east of the Mississippi have been visited within a year.

As yet Mr. Denison has made no definite plans as to what he will do after he leaves the Institute, but he plans to go into some sort of sales promotion work rather than return to manufacturing, in which he was engaged previous to his appointment as Alumni Secretary.

### 181 MEN RECEIVE HIGHER DEGREES FROM TECHNOLOGY

Major-General Preston Brown  
Awards Reserve Officers  
Commissions

#### HAMMOND GIVES ADDRESS

In an entirely new setting 578 Bachelor of Science and advance degrees will be awarded to members of the Class of 1928 and graduate students at the commencement exercises to be held in Symphony Hall at 11 o'clock today. The presentation of reserve commissions will be made at the same time.

Dr. John H. Hammond, noted mining engineer, will deliver the annual commencement address upon the subject of "The Engineer." Immediately after the address the administration of the oath of office to the reserve officers will be made followed by the presentation of degrees and reserve commissions by President Samuel W. Stratton and Major-General Preston Brown.

Of the degrees awarded 397 will be those of Bachelor of Science being 13 less than last year's total. The advanced degrees include eight Doctors of Philosophy, and ten Doctors of Science. Preparations have been made to seat nearly 3000 members of the students' families and their friends.

Following the graduation ceremonies President Stratton will give a luncheon at his home for the members of the Fifty Year Class, the Class of 1878. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon he will also hold an informal (Continued on Page 3)

### Probe Abolishing Old Junior Week

Social Functions May be Held  
In Various Parts of  
School Year

Within the next few months the advisability of abolishing Junior Week will be carefully considered and investigated. At the last Institute Committee meeting the matter was discussed and left in the hands of a committee with Vigil W. McDaniel '29 as chairman.

According to the new plans which are being considered, the various activities which make up Junior Week will not be abolished but will be spread throughout the school year rather than running them all at the same time. It is felt that by doing this and making each activity the and, by advertising the separate activities at the time at which they are presented, the interest of the whole student body, not of the Junior Class only, but of all the undergraduates will be aroused and the affair will become a success. As it is now, the advertising given to each activity is relatively small and the attendance is likewise.

#### GRADUATION PROGRAM

leading social function for the month,  
Symphony Hall  
11:00—Ceremonial Parade  
Music  
Graduation Exercises  
Invocation, Reverend Sidney Lovett,  
Music  
Administration of the Oath of Office in the Reserve Officers Corps (Those not taking the oath of office are requested to remain seated), Major-General Preston Brown, Commanding First Corps Area.  
Announcement of Honors, Presentation of Degrees, Presentation of Reserve Commissions, Dr. Samuel W. Stratton, Major-General Preston Brown,  
Music.  
2:00—Inspection of the Laboratories.  
4:00—Reception at Walker Memorial.

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THE LAST WORD

NOTHING could be more ludicrous than a few Juniors giving a class of graduating Seniors a wealth of parting advice; nothing more ironic than sympathizing with them over a last departure from the Courts of M. I. T. These Seniors know better than anyone else what is good for them, on the eve of their completion of all the study an engineer will ever need. And they vainly try to tell themselves that not a tear will be shed over leaving forever the undergraduate body of such a laborious institution.

Hence we are closely confined in this parting message to a few words of sincere and friendly hope for the future. We can't tell the Cap and Gowns that they will have a lot to learn, for they wouldn't believe it. But we wish with them that it may all turn out for the best—that these air castles will at least partially be realized. We can remind them that however much they have groaned and complained at the constant overload the Faculty persists in administering, they have never failed to boast of it once outside Technology walls; an overload that has helped to develop a reputation for thoroughness which gives them a double chance for success.

The Institute may be justly pleased with this latest product, in its own methodical way, as are the three remaining classes who will soon be in their place. Few among the scores of activity leaders have not unconsciously been the idols of their younger followers. They have made Technology a finer place to work fully as much by their example as by the results of intended effort. We mean this in no facetious light; it is far too true a fact to be joked about and tossed aside. Men have been made by the examples of their seniors; men who have become the strength of the world. Let there be strength from the idols of '28!

The campus will seem strange this coming Fall with half a thousand Seniors gone. No doubt the coming upper class will do their utmost to fill the void, as each has nobly done in the years past, but it can't be accomplished in every respect. It is in vain though to wish them back again, for they have left to conquer the world. We can but wish them luck in that endeavor.

The Managing Board of THE TECH, Volume XLVIII, regrets to announce the resignation of Gregory Smith '30 as Advertising Manager.

THE TECH BOOK LIST

WHAT PRICE GLORY?

AMBITION, by Arthur Train. New York: Scribner's. \$2.50. Sullivan. New York: Century. \$2.50.

Probably the fiction best fitted for those about to upset the prevailing order of things are novels about those who have achieved that end in the past and ones about the obstacles in the way of reaching the goal. "The Empire Builder" is woven about the life of James J. Hill, the great personality behind the development of the transcontinental railways, and "Ambition" deals with the difficulty of achievement with a wife whose aims are different.

Simon Kent in "Ambition," being a lawyer instead of an engineer, had the misfortune of going to Harvard, but in spite of that fact he showed great promise and some new ideas. But Clarice knew a little more of getting tactics than the average Wellesley girl and after tactfully waiting till she had gotten her man she set about obtaining her social and financial ends. It is a very engrossing and

extremely well composed story, that bids fair to be one of the leading works of realism of the season.

Although "The Empire Builder" has not quite the outstanding literary quality of the former book, it is still well above the average. Besides being a novel of no mean quality it is an accurate biography of one of the greatest of railroad personalities. There is an entirely new picture of railroading shown to those whose only connection with the profession has been that received in traveling comfortably from place to place.

H. T. G.

THE LOUNGER

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getting stuck in the mud when the tide goes out? And why not get a good referee! All the rest seemed okay.

It seems that Joe Parks was the only one who had nerve enough to plan going through with the Commencement celebration suggested in the last Filter Paper. Joe had it all decided that he was going up to Tubby Rogers the day after diplomas were assured and give him the last laugh. You see Joe read a book and wrote his first paper on it for Tubby's American Lit course, and Tubby swore up and

down that he couldn't possibly have read the book. So Joe got his other nine papers from his girl's thesis, more or less word for word, and darned if Tubby didn't claim that here was a shining example of how much a fellow could get out of reading for himself. Joe's girl got a C out of Tubby's course.

Professor Russell—not No-graft for once—pulled the prize of the last exam period; he decided that Mr. Liddell couldn't give a decent final in Hydraulics, so he made it out for himself. No one finished the thing to speak of, and out of the 64 who took the quiz, only 49 flunked it; flat failure, that exam. They say that Liddell was as sore as the rest of the class.



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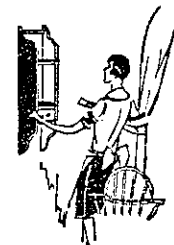
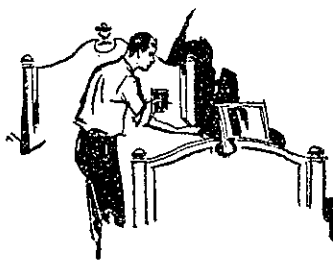
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#### GIVEN BY DR. STRATTON

President Stratton announced the following honors at the graduation exercises today:

Ira Beals '27, of Belmont Mass., was awarded the travelling Fellowship in Architecture for pursuing courses leading to the degree of Master in Architecture.

Egi Victor of Adams Mass., A.B., Williams '37, was awarded the du Pont Fellowship, for pursuing courses leading to the degree of Ph.D.

George Rigby of Salem, Oregon, A.B., Willamette University, was awarded the Swett Fellowship, pursuing courses leading to the degree of Ph.D.

Harold Turner '28 of Des Moines, and Denniston W. ver Plank '28 of Salem, Mass., were made Swope Fellows in Electrical Engineering for study in America or abroad in courses leading to the degree of S.M., with stipends of \$1,000.

David George Luck '27 of Cambridge, Mass., was made a Malcolm Brown Fellow pursuing courses leading to the degree of Ph.D.

Ermanno Bastilio '28 of Quincy, Mass. was awarded the Swope Fellowship in Physics for study in this country or abroad in courses leading to the degree of S.M., with a stipend of \$1,000.

John Vinti '27 of Boston Mass., was awarded the Savage Fellowship pursuing courses leading to the degree of D.Sc.

Donald Stevens Cryder, B.S., M.S., of Pennsylvania State College was awarded the Savage Fellow pursuing courses leading to the degree of D.Sc.

Ernest Brown B.S., Idaho College of Boise, Idaho, was awarded the Verges Fellowship for pursuing courses leading to the degree of S.M.

Guillermo Zuloaga, Ph.B., Central University of Venezuela, of Caracas, Venezuela, was awarded a fellowship in Geology for pursuing courses leading to the degree of Ph.D.

Charles Draper '26 of Palo Alto, Cal., and Victor C. Smith '24 of Beaufort, S. C., were made fellows in Automotive Engineering.

### Seniors Celebrate Finish of School

Week of Festivities Brings '28's College Career To a Close

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urday evening. Ralph Jope acted as toastmaster for the jovial crowd which was considerably larger than at last year's affair.

The Baccalaureate Service this year was held in Trinity Church on Sunday at 3 o'clock, and the parade which marched down the center aisle to occupy the front section of the church comprised nearly 200 Seniors dressed in their full cap and gown regalia. The sermon was preached by the Reverend Henry K. Sherrill, rector of Trinity Church.

As one of the major events of the week, the Senior Class Day exercises were held yesterday in Walker Memorial at 10 o'clock. The Senior Class endowment gift, which was presented by Ralph T. Jope to President Stratton, greatly exceeded last year's fund in size, and will amount to \$75,000 at the end of 25 years if there are no lapses. The Class History, consisting of a brief resume of '28's activities during their four years at Technology was given by James Donovan. This was followed by Hunter Rouse '29 and his pal Reggie who in a short act exposed some noteworthy dirt among the class. In keeping with custom the address of the day was by Professor Robert E. Rogers, who with his reputed humor was the cause of a continuous outburst of laughter while he occupied the floor.

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### GIVE 578 DEGREES AT COMMENCEMENT

Reserve Officers Are Given Commissions by Gen. Preston Brown

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reception for those graduating and their friends.

For the convenience of commencement visitors preparations have been made to serve a buffet luncheon in Walker Memorial following the commencement exercises.

It has been arranged to have the laboratories of the Institute open for the inspection of visiting friends and alumni between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, filling in the period previous to the President's reception.

This graduation will be the first one since the construction of the new Institute building twelve years ago that the exercises have not been held in the open of the courts of the Institute grounds. This change has been made necessary by the alterations now being made in the great court as part of a plan to beautify the grounds.

### MAKE THIRTY-EIGHT CHANGES IN FACULTY

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Those appointed instructors were L. A. Bingham, Electrical Engineering; C. M. Cooper, Chemical Engineering; E. S. Gray, Mechanical Engineering; E. F. Izard, Chemistry; M. W. Libby,

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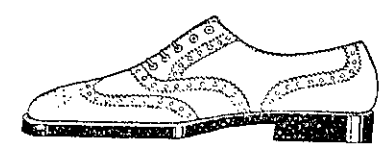
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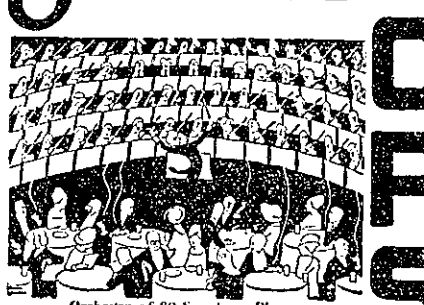
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**CEREMONY OPENS AERO LABORATORY**

Means Prize is Awarded to S. Niedelman '28 For Essay On Aeronautics (Continued from page 1)

In Aeronautical Engineering when the course at Technology was in its infancy.

The James Means Memorial Medal for 1928 was awarded during the ceremonies to Samuel Niedelman '28 of New York City, whose essay on "Intercommunication Between Aircraft and Between Aircraft and the Ground" was declared to be the best submitted.

The prize is donated by Dr. James H. Means of Boston in memory of his father, the late James Means, who was greatly interested in aviation. As early as 1884 James Means published an article on "Manflight." His interest in the possibilities of flying was aroused by watching the flight of gulls during a sea voyage. In 1895 he published the first volume of the "Aeronautical Annual," believed to be the pioneer aviation journal in this country. Years before the first flying machine had been invented, Mr. Means declared that while lighter-than-air ships might be constructed, the heavier-than-air-craft would in the end be the most practicable.

Dr. Means was one of the dedication speakers and presented the medal, which bears a design symbolical of flight.

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