

T. C. A. WILL TRY TO COLLECT WAR PLEDGES

Book Exchange Will Be Open
From Twelve to Three on
Weekdays—Freshman Advis-
ors to Be Chosen Soon

WORK ON BIBLE PROGRESSES

The T. C. A. will soon add another field to its activities and this time it has chosen a worthy task, for it has announced its decision to attempt to collect the outstanding pledges that were made by members of the student body at the time of the United War Drive. As was announced time and time again on the bulletin board in front of the Bursar's office, a considerable part of the pledges have remained unpaid, and the T. C. A. will now take it upon itself to round up the delinquents. Plans for accomplishing this have not yet been announced, but the organization feels confident that it will be able to obtain a large percent, if not all, the pledges.

In order to facilitate the exchange of second-hand text books, the T. C. A. office will be open from twelve to three daily, except Saturday, during next week and the week of the examinations. The regular plan is this: anyone may leave books, drawing materials or instruments at the office and mark on the same the price at which he wishes each article to be sold. In the fall, when the articles are sold, the former owners receive the price desired minus a charge of five cents an article, to cover the cost of service. The price asked is usually two-thirds of the retail cost, but depends upon the condition of the article. So far this method has proved to be a very satisfactory means of exchanging second-hand books at the Institute, and it is hoped that the student body will continue to avail itself of this opportunity.

The work on the Tech Bible is progressing very satisfactorily, and cards for the personal registration will soon be sent out to the entering freshman class. The matter of freshman advisers has not yet been taken up, but will be decided in a few days. The previous custom has been to obtain volunteer advisers through the various student organizations, and the same will probably be done this year as soon as the numerous elections are over.

SIX WEEK ARTILLERY CAMP WILL OPEN ON JUNE 23

Recent Orders Announce Final Arrangements

A telegram received Thursday by the Department of Military Science announces that the summer camp at Camp Eustis, Va., for the Coast Artillery section of the R. O. T. C. is to begin June 23 and will last until August 9.

The government is to pay mileage to and from the camp at the rate of three and one-half cents a mile. Commutation and clothing will be furnished. The camp is open to students in good standing at the Institute who have completed two years' work in Military Science. The minimum age requirement is sixteen years and the maximum is forty years.

SEAPLANE HAS DEPARTED

No longer are diligent students rudely aroused from their stolen naps by the wheezing of the old river scow of the New England Airplane Corporation, as it skims across the top of the Institute and barely misses clipping a letter from dear old Aristotle's or Copernicus's name. No more will its lanky heart throbs grate upon the nerves of worthy professors, and interrupt the class just as it is about to be asked the only question no one knows. Even on these hot days it would vary the monotony of watching the swimmers in the Charles or other attractions near by, but it has moved to a new location, namely, that of Pemberton, and it is with regret that everyone notes its departure.

SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT



NORRIS G. ABBOTT, JR., '20

As a result of the class elections held Tuesday, the president of the next year's Senior Class is Norris G. Abbott, Jr. '20, who is at present so well known to the student body at large as Editor-in-Chief of the *Technique* which recently made its appearance. "Nobs," as he is more affectionately known, hails from Providence, R. I., but during the school year his place of business is just across the river on Beacon street. At the Institute Committee meeting held recently, Abbott was elected president of this body, but to tell all his offices would take too long and so this introduction to his picture must be sufficient.

CHEMISTS HOLD BANQUET

Institute Men Give Talks On "Chemistry and the War"

Wednesday night the Chemical Society held its annual banquet at Riverbank Court. After an excellent dinner, President Atwater gave an outline of the year's progress and the prospects for 1920, and said that a membership of three hundred will be next year's goal.

Professor Talbot was the first speaker of the evening, and gave a talk on the "Effect of the War on the Chemical Courses at the Institute." He pointed out that the three term year is not an outcome of the S. A. T. C., but that it had previously been decided upon. The plan calls for two examination periods, one at Christmas and the other in June. Only condition examinations are to be given in March. In reply to many queries Professor Talbot stated that Course 10A is already running, and that the outside experience will be given to the men starting next June and resting until the first of the year. On completing the remaining twenty weeks of graduate work successfully, the student will receive an M. S. degree. The Research laboratories, under the direction of Dr. Walker, are being started up again on a much larger basis. Practical problems will be taken up again, and published reports will be given for the benefit of the profession.

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RIFLE TEAM AWARDED LETTERS

Five members of the Rifle Team, together with the manager, have just been awarded their letters by the Advisory Council, this bringing the total number of wearers of the "RT" up to twelve. Nothing indicates better the progress made by the Institute's marksmen during this season than the award to these six men, as no insignia has been awarded for rifle work since 1917 when G. R. Bond, team captain, won his letter. The five team men are the marksmen who sent Harvard down to defeat, and are also the men with the highest averages in the N. R. A. matches.

The new RT men are: Capt. J. R. Perkins, Jr. '20; G. G. Kearful '22; L. J. Powers, Jr. '22; A. N. Brambach '21; Manager J. F. Pierce '20.

INSTITUTE COMMITTEE MEETS AND ELECTS OFFICERS

Norris Abbott, Jr. '20 Elected
President

The last Institute Committee meeting of the current year was started Thursday afternoon at five o'clock. At this meeting the members of both the old and the new committees were present, for the object of the meeting was to elect the officers for next year.

The meeting started with the old officers presiding, and as soon as the usual business formalities were gone through, nominations started. First on the list was the election of the president, and this did not take long. It is customary for the Senior president to be also president of this body, and this being the case, Norris G. Abbott, Jr., was elected. Next in order came the choice of vice-president, and Garvin Bowden '21 was unanimously elected to fill this position. The election of secretary came next, and here there was more than one nomination. However, William H. Young who was this year's Sophomore president, was in due time chosen secretary, but then a nominating committee was appointed to bring in a list of other nominations at the next meeting. This committee was Blank, Nash, and Ryer. Before the meeting ended, however, the members to represent the Institute Committee on the Executive Committee were elected, and these men were Nash and Ryer. A ruling says that all officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the year, so the meeting was not adjourned, but is to be continued next week.

TECHNOLOGY MENORAH SOCIETY HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On Thursday afternoon at five-thirty the Technology Menorah Society held the last meeting of the year in room 10-275, and elected officers for the coming year. James J. Wolfson '20 was re-elected president, and the other officers were as follows:

Meyer H. Naigles '20, vice-president; Leonard J. Siff '22, secretary; Jerome Meier '22, treasurer; Joshua Musnitsky '20, chairman executive committee, Milton M. Manhel '22 and Arthur Winebaum '20, executive committee.

MAN HURT IN CHEM LAB

Explosion Causes Injury to Hands and Face

True to the habits of freshmen in a chemical lab, one of them, whose name the Department of Chemistry wishes withheld from publication, mixed several chemicals together so as to make some of the various preparations which are not called for in the course. He mixed potassium chlorate, sugar, and copper chlorate in the hope of getting driftwood blaze. As he was grinding them up in a mortar, the explosion occurred. It blew the mortar to bits, sending some of the pieces sixty or seventy feet. Some, however, did not get that far, but were lodged firmly in the hands and face of the man performing the "experiment." He was severely wounded in the left hand and slightly in the right, and in addition received several cuts on his face.

The explosion occurred at 11:20 yesterday in room 4-251 used by Section X of the regular freshmen, under the care of Professor Gill of the Chemistry Department. As none of the other men were in the vicinity at the time, no one else was hurt, but many were rather frightened. The injured man walked all the way to the superintendent of building's office with his hands dripping blood. He was treated there and later taken to a hospital, where he was given ether so that the pieces of the mortar still in his hand could be removed, and although he will probably lose the use of his hands for several days, that seems to be the extent of his injuries.

This is one of the most serious explosions that has ever occurred at the Institute. The man himself admits that it is entirely his own fault, and had he asked any of the instructors present, he would have of course been told the folly of mixing these substances together. The moral as given out by the Department of Chemistry is not to mix chemicals without instructions.

S. A. T. C. MAY GET EXTRA BONUS OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

The Massachusetts representatives of the Technology S. A. T. C. were once again met on Tuesday in Room 10-250 at the command of Colonel Cole, to discuss the why's and wherefores of their losing the hundred dollar bonus which the Bay State is giving to all its sons who participated in the war. Not that the S. A. T. C. members want the hundred, but they are indignant that they are not classed as soldiers, and therefore are not eligible for the bonus, and so it was quite an indignant meeting that the Colonel presided over. It seems that the ladies have again caused all the trouble, for the noble yeowomen of Massachusetts have protested that if they are not eligible for the bonus, why the pampered S. A. T. C. lads surely should not be allowed to have the extra hundred. The State legislature is taking up this question with great care, and is expected to render its verdict soon. To bring this issue to a successful conclusion, Colonel Cole has had printed the copies of the orders authorizing the formation of the S. A. T. C. and showing its exact status. These copies have been handed to the Senators and it is hoped that this worthy body will recognize the true worth of the S. A. T. C.

SEASON CLOSURES

Aero Club Suspends Activity During Summer Months

That the Technology Aeronautical Engineering Society, despite its brief career, has shown considerable activity, seems to be the general opinion of faculty and students alike. The Society is entirely new and should not be confused with other aeronautical clubs under similar names, which have existed in past years. The formal completion of organization took place on April 18 of this year, when an original constitution was adopted, and temporary officers elected. At this election A. L. Morse received the presidency by unanimous vote, appreciation thus being shown of his endeavors to arouse interest in aeronautics once more at the Institute. The secretary-treasurership was awarded unanimously to R. M. Arnold, while H. B. Caldwell was elected vice-president.

Shortly after this meeting it was deemed a good plan to reserve a table in the Walker Memorial main dining hall. The officers state that this was one of the best things that could have been done to get the men in the Society acquainted with the every-day aeronautical world and with each other. One table soon proved inadequate, and a second was reserved. Through the kindness of the Aeronautical Department, of which Professor Peabody has charge, an excellent model of a Galaudet seaplane was donated to the Society, and for several weeks this has been sailing above the dining table, bearing a placard welcoming all interested in aeronautics to gather there.

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CREW REGATTA COMES JULY 4

On July 4 there is to be a Crew Regatta in which the Crew manager hopes to enter an all-star Technology eight. To this end members will be picked from all the various eights which have rowed this year, irrespective of class and also from men who have had rowing experience outside of Technology. The manager hopes that there will be enough of the rowers left at the Institute during the summer session to man an eight and he feels confident that if a crew is entered it will come through with flying colors. In order that the number of men willing to row in the regatta can be determined, all rowers are asked to put their names in H. D. Folinsbee's box in the TECH office in the Walker Memorial as soon as possible. A list of practice will be posted immediately after the number of candidates for the crew can be determined.

FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET

A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 10 at 5:00 P. M. in room 10-275. All reports are due to the Report Committee Monday, June 9.

AUTHORS WANTED

Contest Now Open for Book of Tech Show 1920

The Publicity Department of Tech Show 1919 announces that the competition for the book of TECH SHOW 1920 is now open. The book will not be due until after the first Tech Show smoker next year, but the competition is being opened now so that the contestants will have the summer to work in.

Not only fully written books, but outlines or sketches of plots, ideas and suggestions will be welcome. The form which will probably work out most satisfactorily is an outline, which should contain a synopsis of the story, dividing it into acts and scenes, and indicating musical numbers where it is possible. It is of fundamental importance to get an idea which is capable of expansion, enlargement and extensive alteration, one which is not rigidly bound to a single interpretation.

Some of the most successful acts in Tech Show in the past have originated in a mere suggestion, which has been cleverly taken into the plot. A suggestion for a scene or setting can often be worked up into a very successful act and built into the plot. Thus it is evident that clever ideas are more valuable than literary talent in drawing up a draft of a story or the competition.

The cast should be confined to a number not greater than twelve, although a smaller number is preferable, for characters are often written into the show after rehearsals are well under way. In writing the plot for Tech Show 1920, it would be well to remember that the following men of the cast of "A Doubtful Medium" will be in the Institute next year:

P. D. Appel '22, F. S. Briton '20, W. J. Hamburger '21, G. B. Allen '22, E. W. Booth '21, A. D. Harvey '21, J. A. Philbrick, Jr. '20, H. J. Horn, Jr. '22, and H. L. Zager '21.

Any of the men connected with the management of Tech Show 1919 will be glad to answer questions or give advice to those who are interested in this competition.

TECHNOLOGY PIER IN GREAT DEMAND DURING HOT SPELL

Tuesday with its heat marked the unofficial opening of the "Walker Memorial Bathing Beach." Masses of people crowded down to enjoy a refreshing dip in the Charles. Dirty as it is, and it was very hard for all the pupils and professors to melt away in the Institute class rooms and gaze with longing eyes upon the hordes of dripping enthusiasts.

Wednesday came with more heat, and even a greater crowd than before. But it was not alone composed of Technology men, for well-known urchins of Cambridge had heard of the rendezvous and flocked to it. Thursday its reputation had evidently spread and the river front was black with people.

On Thursday evening a crowd of Institute students who were watching the sights by the water, remarked upon the fact that the attraction of such a crowd, which uses the grass in front of Walker Memorial as a free bath house, would soon spell ruin to the Institute buildings, and that this use of the piers built by the naval aviation detachment and now the property of Technology, should be reserved for Institute men only. Immediately a heated argument ensued and good arguments were presented by both sides, and among others, such remarks as "We used to be kids once" were heard.

As a result of the arguments the matter was presented to the Bursar for further consideration yesterday, and it may be that the pier will be reserved for the use of Technology students only.

TECHNIQUE SIGNUPS DUE

Today is the last day for redeeming Technique Sign-Ups. After today the price will be \$3.25. Books will be given out between 1.00 and 2.00 today in the main Lobby.