

PROFESSOR THOMSON ACTING PRESIDENT TECH SHOW 1920 GIVEN AT ARLINGTON THEATER

TEMPORARILY TAKES CHARGE OF OFFICE

Is Man of Great Achievements—Duties Consist of Signing Diplomas and Other Important Documents

'KNOWN THE WORLD OVER'

Professor Elihu Thomson of Swampscott, long associated with the General Electric Company at Lynn and a leader in the electric world for more than forty years, has just been appointed acting president of the Institute in order that diplomas and important documents may have a proper signature. "Known the world over," says the Boston Transcript, speaking editorially, "for its owner's attainments in the field of science, his name will carry greatly appropriate character wherever it now comes to appear in the Institute's official records."

Professor Thomson declares that he has important work in other lines that must be carried on and that he feels justified in retaining his position only until the Institute can secure another man of the requisite caliber. "My work will be to sign necessary papers for carrying on work at the Institute," he said, "for there are diplomas and other important documents which must be signed, and there is no predicting when a successor to the late President Richard C. MacLaurin will be chosen. It may be many months, and I have no desire to take the office for a life job." Professor Thomson will not pass his time at the Institute for the pressure of outside duties of a scientific and manufacturing nature already occupy him.

DORMS WILL GIVE APRIL FOOL DANCE

Walter Johnson will be Present in Person with 10 Musicians—Special Number in Honor of the Day

ALL TICKETS SOLD

Every ticket for the dorm dance Thursday has been sold. It will be held in Walker dining room and dancing will start promptly at 8 o'clock and continue until midnight. In honor of the date the program will include special dances, and Walter Johnson will be present in person with the orchestra which has enjoyed such popularity in former occasions. This time it is to consist of ten pieces instead of the usual eight.

April Fool's Day will give an opportunity for many untried and interesting specialties, the nature of which are being kept secret. The refreshments are to be served at 10 o'clock in the grill room. The patronesses are Mrs. William Franklin, Mrs. Robert E. Rogers, and Mrs. Joseph Lipka.

TEX START SOCCER PRACTICE

The Tex Soccer Team will begin work for the spring by arranging for practice at 5 o'clock on two days a week. The members will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 1 in room 10-275 at 5 o'clock to make plans for the season. Among the eight or nine games to be played are contests with Harvard, Dartmouth, Springfield, and Worcester, with Andover pending.

T. C. A. STARTS COMPETITION

Candidates for the position of assistant business manager of the 1920-1921 T. C. A. Students' Handbook report at the T. C. A. office on Tuesday, March 30 at 5 o'clock. Those who cannot report at that time should see T. H. Gill '22, business manager, as soon as possible.

Serious Loss of Books in Walker Library Endangers Its Existence

FRESHMEN DRILL

Uniformed Company Begins Work When Ground Dries

The Government has recently detailed Captain R. T. Pendleton to the Institute. While here, he is to take charge of the freshman drill which is to begin as soon as the weather and the parade ground permit. Captain Pendleton is to be assisted in this work by the other officers of the Military Science Department. At the outbreak of war he had the distinction

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Mrs. King Reports 120 Volumes Missing—Those Borrowed for Study Not Included—Sixteen Per Cent Now Gone

MAJORITY USE THEM FAIRLY

In spite of notices in the Walker Library, the loss of books has been continuing at a serious rate. An inventory taken by Mrs. E. A. King during the week of March 15 showed a loss of 120 volumes and the Institute authorities consider that the existence of the library is seriously menaced. In fact, it is considered hardly worth while by those in charge to buy any more books unless the

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PLAN TO COMPLETE YEARBOOK IN TIME FOR TECHNIQUE RUSH

Hold Contest for Free Copies in Great Court On April 15—Add Original Views of Institute to Illustrations

BEGIN TO REDEEM SIGNUPS WEDNESDAY

Thirty of the thirty-seven forms of Technique 1921 have been printed and the remainder will be ready for the binder on Wednesday. Signups for the new year book are to be redeemed before April 13 if the holders wish to receive their copies during Junior Week. Starting Wednesday, men will be in the main lobby every day to redeem any signups between 1 and 2 o'clock until April 13, after which date none will be redeemed until the end of Junior Week, when volumes may be had at any time up to May 5 upon payment. After that date no signups will be valid and the remaining volumes will be sold at an advanced price.

The Technique Rush, which comes on Thursday, April 15, will take place in the Great Court at 4 o'clock. The "rush hut" will be placed in the middle of the court, and the twenty wooden slabs, each representing an autographed copy, will be passed to the contestants through the roof of the hut. The first four and the twentieth books are free.

The board of Technique 1921 consists of the following Juniors:

Editor-in-Chief, R. H. Smithwick; Business Manager, W. R. Barker; Treasurer, Winter Dean; Societies Editor, F. B. Kittredge; Portfolio Editor, I. D. Jakobson; Statistics Editor, H. F. MacMillin; Faculty Editor, Waldo Adams; Grinds Editor, Z. P. Giddens, Jr.; Photographic Editor, R. P. Windisch; Associate Photographic Editor, W. G. Loesch; Art Editor,

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PUBLIC MUST LEARN MORE OF AIRPLANES

Paton MacGilvary Tells Aero Society that American Airplane Industry Should Have Support of Everyone

DENKINGER EXPLAINS LECTURES

Two speakers, movies, and "ice the apple" made up the first Aeronautical Engineering Society smoker of the term, held in Walker Memorial last Friday. The speakers were G. M. Denkinger, who spoke on the series of lectures that he is planning to give to the society, and Mr. Paton MacGilvary, who is general manager of the Curtiss Airplane Company of New England.

Montgomery Knight '22 announced that the pins had arrived and could be procured on presentation of the receipt to the proper authority. He also

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CONFERENCE OF TECHNOLOGY CLUBS WILL AID INDUSTRIES

Sessions of Alumni Held in Philadelphia Last Week Determine the Specifications for the Education of Technically Skilled Men

MANY PROMINENT SPEAKERS ADDRESS DELEGATES

At the first big conference between industry and education last Friday and Saturday at the Drexel Institute in Philadelphia, held under the auspices and efforts of the Technology Clubs Associated of America, specifications for the education of technically trained men were laid down to the fullest degree and as detailed and exacting as those required for any other element employed in the management of big businesses.

This meeting was the direct result of a wide survey by the Technology Clubs of the present industrial needs and educational equipment in

the entire United States and the realization that a crisis in the nation's industries has been reached due to the great lack of sufficient technically skilled men. The survey has gone into thousands of plants and to each of six hundred and twenty universities, colleges and technical schools.

Technology Plans Discussed

At the afternoon session of the Clubs on Friday, the time was devoted to a business meeting which was

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MR. METCALF SPEAKS

Lectures to C. E.'s at First Smoker of Term

In the first smoker of the term held last Friday evening in the North Hall of Walker Memorial, nearly 200 members of the Civil Engineering Society were addressed by Leonard Metcalf '92 and Colonel Frank M. Gunby. A ten-piece jazz band lead by R. L. Sumnerwalt '20 furnished the musical numbers of the evening.

Professor C. M. Spofford, head of the department of Civil and Sanitary Engineering, introduced the speakers of the evening.

Mr. Metcalf, the first speaker, talked on "The Work of Our Engineering Societies." He said that in the development of an engineer it is

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Management Makes Selection Through Efforts Of Coach—Ticket Applications Sent To All Students This Week

THREE PERFORMANCES WILL BE STAGED IN BOSTON

With all the rehearsals of the cast, chorus and ballet progressing smoothly and without a hitch, and the final selection of the Arlington Theater as the scene of the Boston performances, the last difficulties have been overcome in arranging for the successful production of this year's Tech Show, "Patsy."

The Arlington Theater has been secured by the Show management through Mr. Craig and the three Boston performances will be staged on the afternoon and evening of Monday, April 19, which is Patriot's Day and a legal holiday, and on Tuesday evening, April 20.

Mail Ticket Applications

Both Monday performances are intended for the patronage of the student body, while Tuesday evening will be Alumni night and former graduates of Technology will be given the preference over students in obtaining tickets for this last production of the show.

Ticket application blanks will be mailed to the entire student body either on March 31 or April 1, and they will contain the scale of prices. All applications for tickets are to be returned by Saturday of this week so that the tickets may be ready for distribution by April 5, in the order of their application. Either a check or cash for the desired tickets should accompany the returned applications. If through any delays in the mail, anyone does not receive a blank by Saturday, one may be obtained at the Tech Show office by that time.

Announce Schedule of Prices

The seating capacity of the Arlington Theater is 1700 and the show management gives assurance that all

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SELL JUNIOR PROM TICKETS TOMORROW

Sub-committee of Freshmen and Sophomores Appointed to Assist Management at Underclass Dance

EXTENSION WELL RECEIVED

The Junior Prom Committee has set tomorrow as the day for redemption of signups for the Junior Prom. Juniors and Seniors may obtain their invitations and tickets upon payment of the additional six dollars any time tomorrow from 9 until 5 o'clock at the booth, where the signups were originally obtained. The management feels that this gives all men ample time to affect the exchange. Junior and Somerset Proms Alike. The management of the Junior Prom committee is highly pleased

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INSTITUTE COMMITTEE TAKES ACTION ON NEW DORMITORIES

Will Place Housing Problem Before Alumni Advisory Council

The new dormitories, Senior Class Day elections and the Junior Prom were considered at the Institute Committee meeting held in Walker Memorial Thursday, March 18. The meeting was held in the Institute Committee's office in Walker. W. L. Coffren '20 and J. W. Kellar '22 were marked absent.

Under old business, secretary W. H. Young '21 said that he was unable to find any past record from 1914 on wherein the Institute Committee had taken any action in the appointment of Editors of the Tech Eible.

The New Dormitory Committee made its report. It was suggested that plans for the new dormitories to be erected as a memorial to Institute men who were lost in the war, be drawn up at once, and the housing problem be placed before the Alumni Advisory Council. A committee may also be appointed by the Institute Committee to act in conjunction with the Alumni Council in laying the matter before the Corporation. The report was accepted. The Junior Week Committee had no report.

President Abbott '20 announced that Senior Class Day elections would be held during the week of April 21 and that the three men having the highest number of votes would be the class marshals. He read a letter which asked that a chapter of Sima Tau, an honorary fraternity, be established at Technology. Abbott asked the mem-

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CALENDAR

- Tuesday, March 30
 - 4.00—Crew candidates at B. A. A. Boat House.
 - 8.00—Faculty Club Meeting, Main Hall, Walker.
- Wednesday, March 31
 - 7.30—Combined Professional Societies in north hall, Walker.
- Thursday, April 1
 - 1.30—E. E. Trip leaves Kendall Square.
 - 5.00—Tex Soccer Meeting, Room 10-275.
 - 7.45—Chauncy Hall Club Meeting, Faculty Dining Room, Walker.
 - 8.00—Dormitory Dance in main hall, Walker.