

ALUMNI NOTES

W. R. STRICKLAND '98

William R. Strickland '98, till recently with the General Motors research laboratories, has now joined the Cadillac Motor Car Company as assistant Chief Engineer. For a number of years he was chief engineer and designer for several well-known concerns, chiefly the Peerless Motor Car Co., of Cleveland. Mr. Strickland is a graduate of Course I and is at present a resident of Duluth. While a resident of Cleveland he was actively connected with the Society of Automotive Engineers. He served as chairman of the Cleveland section of the Society and vice-chairman of the S. A. E. Standards Committee. He is at present chairman of the sectional committee on ball-bearings. During the war he served as engineer in the U. S. Navy at Mare Island, Hawaii.

"SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR"

No one who is interested in writing, or in the theatre, can afford to miss "Six Characters in Search of an Author," which Brook Pemberton is presenting at the Princess Theatre in New York. Here is a play, acclaimed by the critics as one of the most stimulating plays of recent years, which has created a tremendous sensation. Originally announced for a limited engagement, the demand has been so great that Mr. Pemberton has decided to extend the run indefinitely.

It is the work of Luigi Pirandello, an Italian playwright, whose writing and whose position in the Italian drama bears a striking similarity to Shaw's in the English. He is a man of fifty-five, well known on the continent as a novelist, who began writing plays only five years ago. In this short time, he has turned out twenty-two plays, ranging all the way from delicate fantasy to trenchant satire, and melodrama.

"Six Characters In Search of an

Author" opens with the arrival of a stock company for rehearsal. They are interrupted by the entrance of six strange persons who announce that they are six characters, conceived by an author who decided that their story was impossible for the commercial theatre, and abandoned them. They are in search of an author who will give their story to the world. The manager becomes interested in them, and as his actors stand listening, they enact their drama.

Humour, satire, philosophy, emotional appeal, all are present in this amazing play, by one of the great modern dramatists. The cast includes Florence Eldridge, Margaret Wycherly, Moffat Johnson, Ernest Cossart, Eleanor Woodruff, Dwight Frye, Fred House and others.

NEXT MEETING IN HONOR OF COLOMBIA AND MEXICO

Latin American Club Planning for Banquet

According to the plans of the Latin American Club the next meeting will be called the Colombia and Mexico meeting. A banquet will be held at the Hemenway Hotel on December 21 at 6:30 o'clock. The club is expecting as guests the consuls from Colombia and Mexico.

The meeting will be devoted to learning about these two countries. Mr. J. M. Gonzalez will speak on Colombia and Manuel Sandoval Vallarta '21, now doing graduate work at the Institute, will tell about Mexico. Mr. Y. de la Peza, a Mexican, will entertain with piano selections; he will play the typical songs of these two countries.

This meeting is one of a series which are held in honor of the leading countries of South America. In doing this it is hoped that the Latin American students will become better acquainted.

GENERAL DIXON SPEAKS TO ARMY ORDNANCE MEN

Plans for Meetings in Future Are Discussed

At a smoker of the Army Ordnance held on December 12, plans were made for meetings to be held during the second and third terms of the school year, and a rough outline of the speakers was made. It was planned to have men from the Ordnance Department in Washington speak to the men here. These men will have the latest developments along the army ordnance line, and will also bring with them slides and moving pictures.

General Dixon spoke to the men on the general advance in ordnance during the last year, emphasizing especially X-ray tubes and steel analysis. He also took up in his talk the possibilities of the aeroplane in case of warfare.

Several of the officers of the Ordnance School at Watertown were present, and Major Grubbs assured the Army Ordnance society of the Institute that it would have the full co-operation of the officers and students at Watertown.

CORPORATION XV ENDS YEAR OF ACTIVITY

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to 124. During the three years from 1917 to 1920 the success of the Corporation was only moderate. During this time there were only few activities and the membership consisted of mostly Sophomores and Juniors.

The year 1920-1921 saw the beginning of the active Corporation. Reorganization was effected when a new charter was granted, authorizing a capitalization of \$10,000. Members for the first time became stockholders and received their stock certificates. Activities were better and more numerous, consisting of evening smokers, afternoon lectures and trips to industrial plants.

Big Spring Tour Planned

During the present year it has been the aim of the Board of Directors to make still further improvements. The policy has been to give the stockholders more than their money's worth. In addition to the regular smokers, lectures and local trips, a series of industrial movies were shown at intervals throughout the term. The policy of holding one good evening smoker each month followed. It has also been the rule to make each plant visit a profiting one.

Last year the Corporation made a three days' tour to seven industrial plants in Syracuse, Schenectady, Springfield and Holyoke. The Roils-Royce factory, the General Electric Company, the Springfield Rifle Company and many chemical plants were included in the trip. This spring, the same trip will be covered.

ENGINEER UNIT HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Student Chapter of A. M. E. to Be Formed

A. A. Kenney '23, was elected head of the Engineer Unit Association at its recent elections. With him were elected F. R. Shaw '24, secretary-treasurer; J. M. Robbins '23, J. C. Holden '24, and J. D. Fitch '24, committee members. Contests for the various offices were very close, especially that for Secretary-Treasurer.

At the same time the question of establishing a student chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers was voted upon, and was favorably decided with a vote of 76 for and 5 against, two ballots voting neutral. Steps are to be taken to form the chapter in the near future from the members of the Engineer Unit of the R. O. T. C.

Idaho U. Solves Dorm Problem

Business men have solved Idaho University's dormitory problem through the Idaho Building Association. This concern issues bonds for dormitory purposes maturing serially and which will be paid for out of the receipts from the dormitories.

Students Run Class At B. U.

During the illness of the professor in a course in Hebrew Seminar at Boston University, the students themselves are conducting the class, discussing the text matter and outside reading somewhat in the manner of a round-table conference.

Rhode Island Freshmen Work on Coal Pile

Freshmen who break student council rules at Rhode Island State College are punished by five to ten hours hard work on the college coal pile, by wearing a baseball mask two days, or by wearing a placard reading "Excuse me, I cannot be polite."

Work Without Proper Aim.

I respect the man who knows distinctly what he wishes. The greater part of all the mischief in the world arises from the fact that men do not sufficiently understand their own aims. They have undertaken to build a tower, and spend no more labor on the foundation than would be necessary to build a hut.—Goethe.

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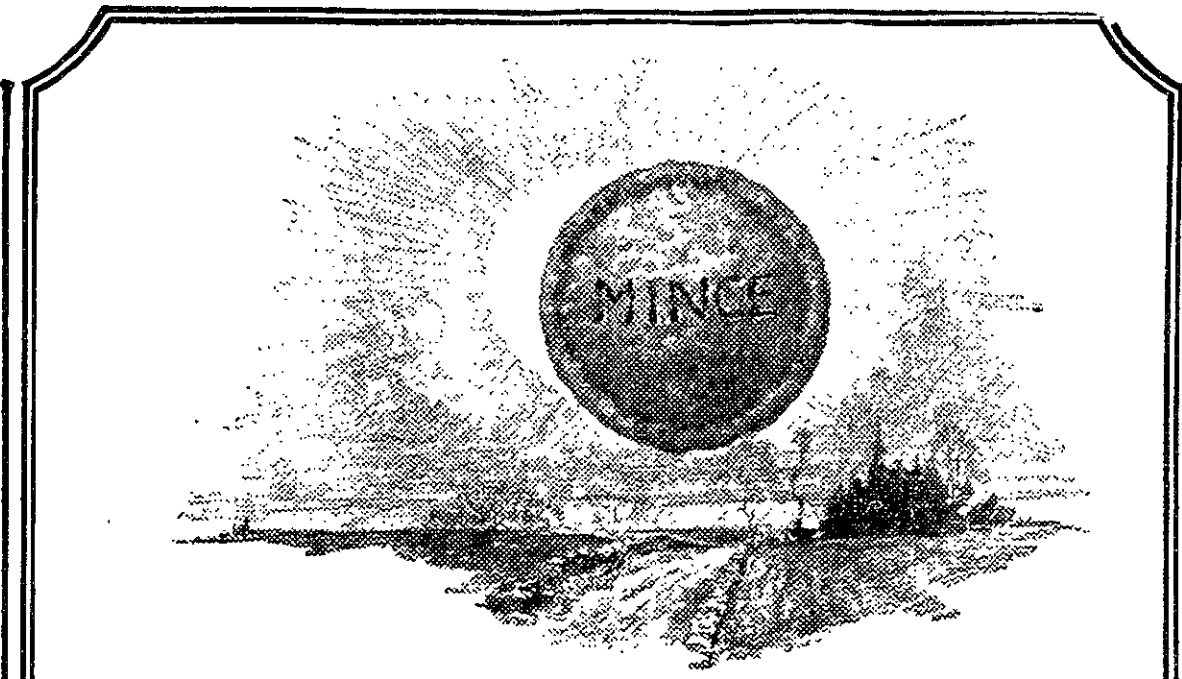
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