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THE INSTITUTE GROUNDS

SEVERAL times lately the attention of THE TECH has been called by observant students to the unembellished, almost unkept, condition of the grounds around the Institute buildings, it being such as to detract from the general attractiveness rather than set them off, as do the campuses of most schools. This is all quite true and has long been recognized by the authorities. But "Rome was not built in a day" and it probably would never have been built at all had present prices prevailed.

The buildings now in use are only the nucleus of the Institute of the future, and within two or three years it is prophesied that even recent alumni will be lost in the labyrinthic maze of new buildings and hallways, some additional units even being planned for the coming year. It will be folly to invest much money in improving ground that is soon to be broken for building. But the court—\$200,000 would make a veritable Paradise of it with all the fountains, shrubs, trees and perennials that the most visionary landscape architect could imagine; but wouldn't it seem poor business to put that amount now into ground that has not yet packed down to a permanent level, into ground that will continue to settle for several years. And in the mean time, until the master design is conceived and developed, dustless gravel, which requires little or no attention is felt to be the best answer to the problem. So, lovers of the aesthetic, be patient.

Technology's wartime wooden village will soon be demolished. The work of razing these wooden structures back of the Institute which were used by the Army and Navy schools continues rapidly to the consternation of soft-voiced professors. When the wrecking crews are through no buildings will be left with the possible exception of Barracks 3 and 4 and the Army and Navy hangars, which may be retained this year for Institute uses. The ground thus cleared will be graded and rolled as before to await the growth of the New Tech.

THE ALL TECHNOLOGY SMOKER

SUMMER is here, the cinders of the running track have laid undisturbed for weeks, dust has been gathering on the desks in the offices of The Voo Doo and Technique; Proms., Concerts, and House Parties have drifted into the past. In fact, all those activities, which play such an important part in the history of the Institute are marking time, awaiting the beginning of a new Institute year.

The new year promises to be a banner one for Technology. There is every indication that the student body will be larger than ever before, and every activity should have a wealth of material from which to draw. With such possibilities, it is quite necessary that the year be started right, and already, plans have been made for the right sort of a send-off in the form of an All-Technology Smoker.

The All-Technology Smoker will be the largest undergraduate "Get together" that the Institute has ever known. Upperclassmen will meet old friends and underclassmen will make new ones. There will be singing, speeches and entertainment a-plenty. The incoming freshman class will be made acquainted with Technology customs and traditions. In short, all Technology will turn out to celebrate the official opening of a most successful year for its activities.

Alumni Notes

MEDDING '17—SHERMAN

Captain Walter Lyman Medding '17 was married on July 16 to Miss Elizabeth Steele Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Sherman of Roxbury.



CAPT. WALTER L. MEDDING '17

Captain Medding is a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and was also on the Junior Prom Committee, Finance Committee and, in his Senior year, class treasurer. On October 17, 1917, he was commissioned a captain at Fort Leavenworth and is one of the youngest in the service. After training there, he was sent abroad in charge of a company of engineers, serving overseas in the construction and inspection of bridges. He returned to this country two weeks ago.

Miss Sherman is a graduate of Radcliffe, Class of 1917, and since her graduation she has taught at Brownell Hall, a private school in Omaha, Neb.

BROOKS '16—LORD

Miss Ethel Agnes Lord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Lord was married last Monday to Philip Nelson Brooks '16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Brooks of Haverhill. The ceremony took place at the Payson Park Congregational Church, Belmont, Mass., and was performed by Rev. C. L. Morgan. Miss Grace Nies of Worcester, Boston University '17, was maid of honor. The bride had a large group of other attendants. Reynolds Brooks, Harvard '19 of Westbrook, Me., was best man.

After graduating from Technology with the Class of 1916, Brooks was attached to the Naval Aviation Ground Service at Pensacola, Fla., during the war.

PARSONS '17 MADE INSTRUCTOR

John L. Parsons '17 has been appointed an Instructor in Chemistry at Boston University, according to a recent report of appointments.



JOHN L. PARSONS '17

Parsons prepared at Phillips Exeter Academy and Portsmouth High School and took his degree in Chemistry at the Institute. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity and also of the Rifle Club and the Chemical Society.

MAYER-MACOMBER

Miss Kathryn M. Macomber of Amherst and Albert D. Mayer of Boston were married on Wednesday evening in the home of the bride's parents. The bridegroom, a former student of the Institute, is a navigator in the employ of the United States Shipping Board.

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PLATINUM FROM COLOMBIA SUPPLIES MOST OF THE WORLD

The fact that platinum, that beautiful and expensive metal just now worth about six times as much as gold, was first discovered in South America in a section of what is now the republic of Colombia, is hardly a matter of common knowledge. Furthermore, it may not be generally known that scientists, dentists and manufacturers of the most expensive jewelry in the United States must now depend for their supplies of the precious "white gold" practically entirely upon the Colombian mines, since the Russian sources of supply are for the time being not available.

Still there is no imminent danger of Colombia's resources in platinum being exhausted. They have been mining it down there for nearly 150 years, but the output seems to be constantly increasing.

It is also interesting to note that at one time, and that not so very long ago the crude platinum grains that were mixed in with the ore of certain gold mines in Colombia were regarded as a waste product and thrown away.

The rejection of platinum as a waste product in the operation of refining gold led to some strange happenings in Colombia. The platinum separated from the gold by the dry or blowing system was either cast into the street or thrown through cracks in the building where the work was done. Later, when platinum became valuable, a considerable quantity of the metal was thus discovered in Quibdo, capital of the Choco district, where much gold refining was done.

MANY VISIT PARIS BUREAU

June 19—Dudley C. Chaffee '94, I. G. Hall '18, W. A. Gray '18.
June 21—J. W. Barker '16.
June 22—Volant V. Ballard '12, John B. Woodward '18, Chas. H. Drew '19.
June 23—J. B. Franks, Jr. '15, Neal E. Tourtelotte '17, Ralph Millis '16.
June 24—M. C. Balfour '19.
June 25—Thomas K. Meloy.
June 26—James E. Wallis '17, John Hall '12, Winthrop Swain '16, H. Whittemore Brown '15, R. Brooks '17, Ernest E. Bomar '15, I. G. Hall, Jr. '18.
June 27—James L. Jones '19, Franklin H. Wells '18.
June 28—G. Sutherland '16, C. F. Cellarius '16.
June 29—Edward Keesler '19, Frank E. Birmingham '19.
June 30—Franklin H. Wells '18.
July 1—A. W. Buck '13, Richard O. Bailey '15.

AMERICAN LEGION

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

What did the Legion do at its St. Louis Meeting?

It demanded investigation of the pardon and subsequent honorable discharge by the War Department of convicted conscientious objectors.

It condemned the activities of the I. W. W.'s the anarchists and the International Socialists.

It recommended that Congress should take steps to reclaim arid, swamp and cut over timber lands, to afford ex-service men an opportunity to establish homes for themselves and a fitting place in the constructive work of the country.

It demanded of Congress the same disability pay for men of the National Guard and the National Army as now pertains to those in the regular establishment.

It demanded that Congress should deport to their own countries those aliens who refused to join the colors at the outbreak of the war, and pleaded their citizenship in other countries to escape the draft.

It authorized the establishment of a bureau to aid service men to get re-employment; and of a legal bureau to help them get from the Government their overdue pay and allotments. These two bureaus are being organized at the National headquarters of the Legion.

The New England States secretaries of the Legion are as follows, and they will cheerfully give any other information about the organization desired:

Maine—James L. Boyle, 184 Water St., Augusta.
New Hampshire—Frank J. Abbott, Manchester.
Vermont—Joseph H. Fountain, 138 Colchester Ave., Burlington.
Massachusetts—Leo F. Spillane, 84 State St., Boston.
Rhode Island—James E. Cumiskey, Crompton.
Connecticut—Alfred A. Phillips, Jr., 110 Glenbrook road, Stamford.

INSTALL AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES

G. M. Welch, general manager of the Michigan State Telephone Company, announces that automatic telephones will be installed throughout Detroit as soon as the apparatus can be delivered. Ultimately, he said, this system would be extended to all Bell lines in Michigan. The general manager also announces that with the installation of the mechanical apparatus not a single employee will be thrown out of work.



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