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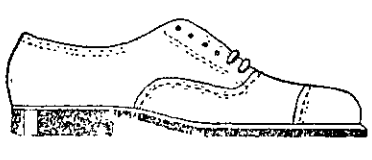
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EARTH'S AGE IS 12 MILLION OR 4 BILLION YEARS

Prof. H. W. Shimer Says It All Depends on Which Way It Is Figured

DELIVERS FIRST ARTS SOCIETY TALK SUNDAY

That the earth may be anywhere from 12 million to four billions of years old, depending on the way in which it is figured, was brought out by H. W. Shimer, Professor of Paleontology, in delivering the first of this year's lectures given under the auspices of the Institute Society of Arts, in 10-250 last Sunday afternoon.

Nearly 500 people heard Professor Shimer talk on the subject of the "Age of the Earth as Revealed by Geology and Radioactivity," following his introduction by Professor H. M. Goodwin of the department of Physics.

Professor Shimer first outlined the three methods of approximating the earth's age. These he said to be first, by erosion of the land and sedimentary deposits, secondly by evolution of animal life and in the third place by radioactivity. He first pointed out the apparent modernism of present life, using as examples the ages of some of the world's oldest known trees, some of which are as much as 6000 years old.

Earth Has Rate of Wear

After impressing this upon his audience he took up the method of estimating from the erosion of earth. By a comparison between the present rate of depositing material from the Nile River and the great amount of material deposited in the Gulf of California from the Grand Canyon of Colorado, he pointed out that it was possible to estimate the age of the Earth as being at 12,000,000 years old, but that this was greatly under its real age.

Continuing to the second method, that of the comparison of modern animal life and that of prehistoric animals as they have evolved through the ages, knowing the definite rate at which animal life evolves, it was estimated that the world was 4,000,000 years old. This he said, evidence showed was probably in excess of its real age.

Taking up the last method he said that it was possible knowing the rate at which a given radio-active mineral degenerated into another and determining the ratio of the two minerals present in any given sample, it had been estimated that the earth was at least 2,000,000,000 years old.

MAN IN DORMS HEARS ENGLISH RADIOPHONE

Accomplishes Receiving Feat by Home-made Set

In the transatlantic broadcasting tests last week M. L. Ash '26, in the Dormitories, heard 2LO, London, England. Early Saturday morning, between midnight and 1 o'clock, he was listening in on his radio set, which is a home-made one, consisting of a honeycomb coil regenerative tuner, with a detector and two stages of audio-frequency amplification.

Suddenly he heard a radiophone transmitting the following: "This is 2LO, London, England. I have heard KDKA." A little later, came the words, "This is 2LO, London, England. I have heard WGI."

This reception is one of comparatively few of the English stations that have been made in the vicinity of Boston since the tests were begun.

WANTS TEACHER FOR EAST CAMBRIDGE JAIL

Is One of T.C.A. Boys' Department Activities

An interesting, though not necessarily typical demand on the resources of the Boys' department of the Technology Christian Association, is the recent request for a teacher of elementary subjects at the East Cambridge jail. So they are asking anyone who wished to take the position to leave his name and qualifications at the T. C. A. office, which is to be open during the vacation.

The chief function of the Boys' Department is to furnish leaders for boys' clubs in the various settlement houses and Christian Associations in Boston and Cambridge. At present it has a man in charge of a Boys' Club at the Cambridge Neighborhood House and one leading a Dramatic Club at the Cambridge Y. M. C. A. Twice a week a group of boys come over to the Institute from the Boston Y. M. C. A. for basketball practice in the gym and they are also taken care of by this department.

The organization is now looking for some students willing to teach English to foreigners at various settlement houses. Although there is some remuneration for this work it is not enough to make it a very attractive financial proposition. The T. C. A. believes that it does, however, furnish a lot of valuable training and experience.

At the Theatres

"CHARLIE'S AUNT" AGAIN REVIVED FOR HOLIDAYS

For the fifth time "Charlie's Aunt" has been revived at the Copley Theatre for the holiday season. Brandon Thomas wrote the farce and it has been very popular among matinees but the Repertory Players do it in the English style that makes it better than ever.

Mr. Clive takes the part of Lord Barbarley, a student at Oxford who is put in the very unusual predicament of having to don woman's clothes and impersonate an aunt of another student and chaperone a party that one of the fellows is giving in his room.

The possibilities for very amusing situations are unlimited and Mr. Clive, who has each year taken this part with great success, makes the most of them. The girls and the other men do not fall far behind, however, as that the piece is fairly "side splitting."

WELL ACTED COMEDY AT ST. JAMES THEATRE

"Connie Goes Home," a comedy with just enough pathos to silhouette the humor is this week's play at the St. James. A young actress, down and out, decides to go to a home for destitute girls in Illinois. She has only enough money to buy a ticket to Buffalo. Dressed as a little orphan, she tries to baby the conductor into letting her stay on the train. She is about to be put off when a young man buys her a ticket to Chicago and takes her to his home there as a present to his old uncle. The fun begins when Connie becomes the old man's companion and plays the part of a girl of fourteen. The climax comes when she abandons her dollies and saves the young man from a scheming "vamp" by marrying him herself.

Miss Bushnell as the girl, Walter Gilbert as Jim Barclay, her rescuer and Mark Kent, the Great Uncle, show up particularly well. There is no drag to the comedy; the dialogue is good; and the play furnished an enjoyable evening.

Play Directory

COLONIAL: "Helen of Troy, N.Y." Musical comedy.
HOLLIS: "So This Is London." Good Cohan comedy.
SELWYN: "The Song and Dance Man." George M. Cohan, himself.
SHUBERT: "A Perfect Lady." Musical comedy with Constance Binney.
SYMPHONY HALL: Paderewski, at 3 this afternoon.
TREMONT: "Lollipop." Good, new musical comedy.
WILBUR: "The Lady in Ermine." Musical show with a plot.

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ALWAYS THE BEST SEATS

Do Not Understand Student Government EH21 Exam Shows

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Technology," said one commuting member, "because I really never knew we had such a system." One cynical individual declared that the student government was as successful as the average levee of morals of the men would allow.

Strong defenders of the present system were prominent among the Course IV men taking the examination. "I believe," said one, "that the men picked for office are all capable of managing the affairs of the student body." Another architect said, "The student government used at Technology creates general satisfaction and I do not believe there is need to resort to change." Other commendations were expressed as follows: "The members of the Institute Committee

PRIZES OFFERED FOR LETTERS OF BANKING

The Forbes Magazine has offered prizes to the amount of \$1000 for the best letters on the subject "What Is Your Bank Doing For You and Your Community." There are to be four prizes awarded, a first prize of \$500, a second prize of \$200, third prize of \$100, and 40 prizes of \$5 each.

Anyone may enter this contest whether a Forbes subscriber or not. These letters to receive consideration must be in before December 31, 1923. There are otherwise no restrictions. Discussions may be had with the various banks and references made to anything pertaining to banking.

Besides the \$500 going to the best letter, there will be a large silver cup presented to the bank about which the letter is written. This cup is to be on permanent exhibition and is to bear the name of the winner.

1000 COLLEGE MEN AT BIG SMOKER

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University of Michigan and former attorney-general of Massachusetts, presided. Robert Baldwin of Harvard was chairman of the general committee in charge of the smoker.

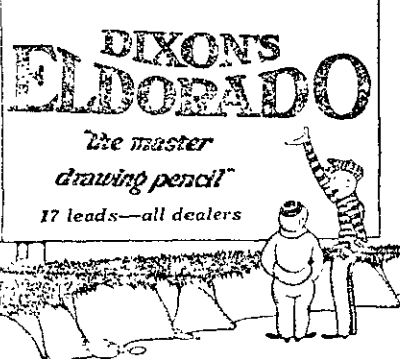
The ballroom, balcony and foyer were decorated with banners of the many colleges represented. Occasionally throughout the evening the cheering competition subsided to permit some of the more famous college songs to be sung. Amherst, as usual, took honors with its close harmony, but Dartmouth was not far behind.

A lunch of crackers, cheese, cider and ginger ale, completed the picture of a real college smoker.

work only for our benefit, receiving nothing material for themselves."

One man offers the following constructive criticism: "A Congress of Opinions where a student could express his views, would be an improvement on our present system."

The opinion of one of the English instructors was that the man who passed up the question was not entirely unwise. Many men with otherwise perfect records of the nine preceding queries, fell down cold when he tackled the tenth and last question.



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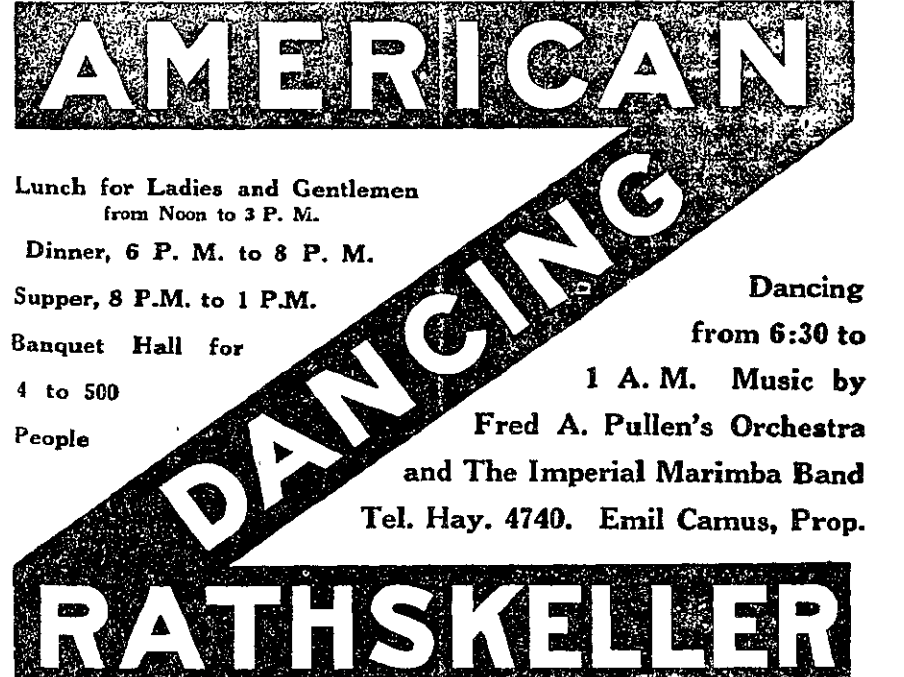


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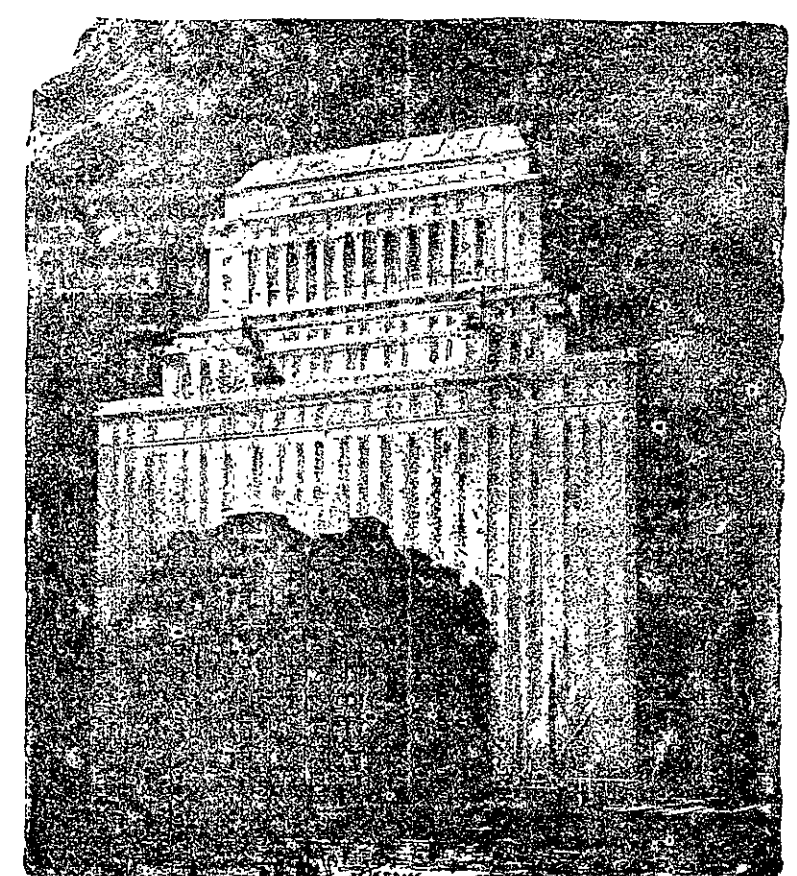


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