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THE MISSOURI MINER.

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ATTENTION, ALUMNI.

A Rough Plan of One Alumnus for Summer Work for Students.

The following letter and outline for summer work for students was received by Dr. A. L. McRae from J. W. Caples:

"There has been running in my mind for some time some method of showing my appreciation of the efforts spent by the school in my course, and I have jotted down a few notes which I offer for your consideration and the alumni.

"It is a question of much moment both to the school and the students, where they spend their summer vacations; much depends upon the nature of the work done, or the lack of work on the part of students during vacations, how they grasp the teaching offered, the interest they take in lectures and demonstrations given in the class room and field.

"Also it is a question of much moment what the graduate has in view; what he knows from practical work should help him in making a choice, and not be left to drift along for a few years after graduation to drop upon what interests him, or for what position he may prove adapted.

"In like manner it is a very serious question to the alumni and others whom to employ for work in hand among the recent graduates.

"Taking my own experience since leaving school, as I look back over the years in practice, I feel like both the alumni and the school are not doing all they

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FOUGHT NINE HUN PLANES AT ONCE.

Lieut. Baker Tells of Thrilling Battle in Which His Machine Was Riddled But He Saved His Mate.

From Boston Post.

How he fought nine German Fokkers 7000 feet in the air, and then brought his wounded observer to a hospital in an aeroplane, after bringing down one of the enemy to the earth in flames, while flying over the Argonne front during the last days of the war, was vividly described by Lieutenant William F. (Buddy) Baker, a member of the 91st Aero Squadron, at his home at 11 Homes Avenue, Dorchester, yesterday.

Attacked by Nine.

He was flying behind the German lines north of Verdun on the afternoon of Oct. 2, taking photographs of the Boche second line of resistance, in company with two other American aviators, when nine German Fokkers came out of the clouds and surrounded them. Four came from the right, three from the left and two from overhead. Immediately the three Americans put on reserve speed and headed for the south, zig-zagging to escape the rain of machine gun bullets which followed.

They were making 100 metres an hour, and were fast gaining on the enemy when the engine in the machine of Lieutenant Baker, who was flying astern of the others, protecting their rear, began to miss fire and slowed down to 0. Immediately the attention of the nine

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PROPOSED SUMMER COURSE IN FIELD GEOLOGY.

From time to time in the past there have been inquiries about possible summer courses in Field Geology. To satisfy the demand for such a course, the department has outlined a plan for an eight weeks summer camp in the Absaroka Mountains in northwestern Wyoming. The plan has not yet been passed upon by the Executive Committee, but the demand for the course has grown to such proportions that it is hoped the proposal will receive their approval.

The region that it is proposed to map constitutes the west edge of the Bighorn Basin and the east flank of the Absaroka Range, along the Shoshone River, about thirty miles from the east boundary of Yellowstone Park. The elevation varies from 5000 to 12000 feet. Geologically it embraces both igneous and sedimentary rocks, almost the full column from pre-Cambrian to Quarternary being represented. The structure is complex, involving folding and thrust faulting on a very extensive scale.

The region has a delightful summer climate, water supply is good, and health conditions are of the very best. The party, if one is organized, would live in camp, and conduct a geological survey in detail, after the most approved methods. The trip would not be undertaken for fewer than six men, and preferably should be limited to twelve, or at the outside, about sixteen men. It is not possible to give an exact figure for the expenses involved, but it is believed that the total cost should not be over \$250.00 per

man, of which approximately \$100.00 would be for railroad fare.

The course, if given, will be open to all men of this or other institutions who have completed general geology and map interpretation laboratory (Geol. 3f, 3w and 4w), or their practical equivalents. A knowledge of lithology or petrology (Geol. 5w) is also very desirable. The credit to be allowed has not been definitely arranged, but will probably vary from 12 to 15 hours dependent on the character of the maps and report submitted. The credit may apply to junior trip, to under-graduate electives, and to work for an advanced degree.

At the close of the field mapping, it is also proposed to offer supervised trip of from three to five days through Yellowstone Park, if a sufficient number of men desire to go.

FRESHMAN.

All Freshmen who haven't paid twenty-five cents on the class picture, please see Kaley at once. Save him the trouble of looking you up. All money must be in before the picture can be taken. This includes Freshmen who entered at the beginning of the second semester.

Roy Gettler had the misfortune to be hit across the eye in a street fight Sunday evening, though he was only an onlooker. Too bad, to spoil the "map" of one so blessed with an Apollo-like countenance as "Gett" is. At least, that is the sentiment of one of the female of the specie.

Tom Wier is Freshman Yell-Leader.

Writing paper has gone UP! At least it appears that way, for the eyes of the school were brought to focus last Thursday on a partnership recently formed, the object of which seems

to be to cut down the cost of stationery. This is a very good idea, and the partnership plan is original, but there has cropped out in years past, a few results of men seeking notoriety along the same line. That is, men who were so enraptured over the many benefits to be derived from being a student at the Missouri School of Mines as to want to spread the good news to fling out to the four winds of the earth the glad tidings that they were scholars at that institution of learning. There can be no doubt as to the pride the student body has for such as these. Indeed it makes us want to nourish such ingenuity in order that it might grow and flourish and bloom as a flower and then when in years to come, so the name of these two men go ringing down thru the corridors of time, when men doff their hats and women bow their heads, when the pulse of the world stops beating for a time, as these two supreme beings pass by. then will we who on a certain morning in January, back in 1919, saw the following letterhead posted on the bulletin board be glad:

PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Frank J. Starr OF Jack Burstein
STUDENTS - MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES

As we said, then will our hearts be thrilled, and we will know it was worth while to let them live. In order that this wonderful letterhead should never be allowed to crumble to dust, some industrious soul would do well to take a few pictures of it, a plain view, profile view, and, perhaps, a third angle projection of it, a copy to be sent to the museums throughout the country. Will it not be pleasure personified to walk through these museums several years from now and tell our grandchildren that by all rights the two should have been annihilated but that we were very lenient for we let them live.

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might to make the school more efficient, and lend a helping hand to the new alumnus. Therefore, I wish to add my idea of the way the course may be changed to meet some of the deficiencies as seen from my point of view an experience, and will enumerate a few suggestions for the consideration of both the faculty and the alumni, believing a discussion of the subjects will in the end lead to some form of procedure that will tend to better the school, and help place it on the plane of the leading technical institutions of learning in the land.

The suggestions in the rough are as follows:

"1st. Only those students who pass examinations be considered, or at least given preference.

"2nd. The alumnus who employs student, or students, advances railroad fare to place of employment in case the Director in written communication to alumnus so directs.

"3rd. Students agree to stay with work assigned to them until at least money advance is earned (sickness alone being a valid excuse.)

"4th. Men thus secured to receive wages of men in like employ at mine, reduction works, or testing plant, but the actual wage to be set by head of department under whom work is done.

"5th. Freshmen to be given work for which they are proficient, either by school work or previous experience. (The alumni might prepare a list from their experience.)

"6th. In like manner the Sophomore and Junior class be given work subject to past experience, school work, and with a view to widening their experience, both in regard to work

done and localities.

"7th. At the end of each vacation period, the alumnus who employed the student or students to submit a written statement to Director showing character of work done, the ability of man employed, and any suggestions as to his course of study that might warrant special comment. This report to be held confidential.

"8th. At the end of each vacation period, the student to submit a written statement covering work done, conditions existing at place employed for the welfare of men, experience gained, if any, and preference for next vacation.

"9th. At faculty meetings these reports to be studied and compared, and from them a special effort be made to help out those showing deficiency in any way, and to develop the qualities in those showing special proficiency in any line.

"10th. The school agrees to suspend for one year or longer as the nature of the case warrants, any student discharged by an alumnus.

"11th. By changing men from one class of work to another, year to year, and from one section of the country to another they become widened in their views, broadened in their experience, and are better prepared to select the work they desire to undertake, as well as the locality.

"12th. The companies who employ the men can well afford to take the chances of less efficient men in the start, as they are the raw material out of which the future engineers, metallurgists chemists and managers are formed. They become acquainted with a wider range of men, both as to their temperament and ability, and are placed in a better position to select the right man for the right place.

"13th. The fact that the school offers the above induce-

ments would perhaps attract industrious students, will make an incentive for studious students and give the men while in school a chance to brush up against the "real thing," placing them in a position to appreciate the course offered and instruction given, as well as rounding them out for life's work.

"14th. It will tend to make the lectures of the instructors up to date in both mining and metallurgical practice (not of the cook book variety), thereby calling for their summer vacation also to be spent in some active work in the line they are teaching.

"15th. By putting into force the above actual arrangement, much so-called practical work may be eliminated from the courses in school present trips to mines and metallurgical plants done away with to a large degree, and more time devoted to purely technical training.

"16th. The future alumni would be more practical efficient men appreciate the efforts of their instructors, as well as the employer; no bone heads or numb skulls would escape on graduation day to play upon the unsuspecting employer; and the graduate would not be thrown upon the world without some idea of where best to commence the work he has prepared himself for.

"17th. The summer vacation work to be required of all students as part of the course; elective with the student if he chooses to take one week of real holiday but no more.

"18th. No student to be shown preference on account of social standing in school, fraternity connections or athletic record, any more than his ability as a leader of men may be noted.

"19th. On or before the 1st

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WEARING AN "M."

There seems to be some misunderstanding in school at the present time as to who may wear M's. It has always been understood, and we are under the impression that no change has recently occurred regarding the men eligible for a letter, that only men who have served the time prescribed by the athletic association upon the various teams representing the school in athletics are eligible to wear a letter corresponding to the sport in which they participated. We fail therefore, to find any reason that would justify a member of the Athletic Association, even if he be the coach, to wear the school letter. He must surely have one of his own, and if, perchance, he has worn it out, we would be glad to assist him in obtaining another one.

Coach Dennie always wore the "C" that he had earned in athletics at Cornell. Coach McConnell, when he wore a letter, and he always did when at any of the games or meets, wore the "P" that was awarded him for his athletic ability at Purdue. It is not surprising that the recent action of the coach has prompted many inquiries from the student body, for the only letter that the coach has worn, publicly at least, is the "M" of the School of Mines, and we question his right to wear it.

Some one evidently not thoroughly acquainted with the government of this institution, sent an unsigned letter to the Miner, concerning the R. O. T. C. Since it is the policy of the Miner never to print anonymous letters, we are sorry we cannot favor the writer of this one by publishing it. If he will sign the next one, we might consider its publication.

MEETING OF MET. AND CHEM. SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Metallurgical and Chemical Society was held last night in the Metallurgy Building. This meeting was for the purpose of organization only, hence no technical discussions took place.

Chairman Nichols called the meeting to order at 8 o'clock, and the motion to elect officers was made. P. D. Wilkinson was chosen president of the society with Edwin Slover as vice-president, and Swayze as secretary-treasurer. It was decided to have the next meeting on Thursday, January 23rd, at 7:30 P. M.

All students, excepting freshmen, who are pursuing a course in Metallurgy or Chemistry are eligible to election to this Society. The dues are one dollar per year. For the coming meet-

ing several splendid talks have been guaranteed by the Faculty; also some good eats will be served after the technical session. If you are a Met. or a Chem. be sure and be present next Thursday.

LIEUT. J. B. FAST RECOVERS

Chicago Daily News.

News of the complete recovery of Lieut. Joseph B. Fast of the British Royal Flying Corps has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Fast, 5336 Kenmore avenue. Lieut. Fast was wounded in action on Oct. 30. The officer, who is 20 years old, is credited with bringing down nine German machines. Before his enlistment with the 1st Illinois Engineers in April, 1917, he was a student at the School of Mines, University of Missouri. He received a discharge from the engineers so that he could join the air force in November, 1917.

WHO'S WHO.

William J. Nolte the corporal with the leather puttees, who would delude the innocent "frosh" into thinking him one of those who possesses shoulder responsibility. Upon very close inspection lately one would think that he had some idea of competing with "whiskers." "Bill," we would suggest "Glovers."

Lieut. Randolph McComb, ex-M. S. M., visited his sister, Mrs. J. H. Smith, in Rolla, on last Monday.

E.A.) Kelly) Miller, '16, of Harrisburg, Ill., spent Saturday and Sunday in our city. He was accompanied home by his wife and two little daughters, who have been spending some time with her parents, W. H. Ary and wife.

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CIATION TO HAVE MA-
JOR FORBES SPEAK AT
SMOKER.**

Arrangements have been made by the Missouri Mining Association to have a smoker in the Mining Lecture Room of Norwood Hall next Friday evening January 24th, at 7:30 o'clock. Major Forbes will speak of his engineering experience in the army. All men who are eligible for membership in the organization are invited to attend, whether they are members of the organization or not. It is desired that every one who is at all interested along the lines that the organization will pursue will attend. A cordial invitation to all those eligible.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

There will be a very important meeting of the Junior Class in the Mining Lecture Room of Norwood Hall Wednesday, January 22, at 6:50 P. M. Every one should be present to take part in the business that is to be transacted.

BASKETBALL.

The Miners will have the first chance of the season of watching our quintet shoot the baskets when, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Warrensburg State Normal will give us opposition. The game will be called at 7:45 and every Miner is expected to be present to do his share in helping to win the game

**MISSOURI ATHLETIC ASSO-
CIATION ELECTS OFFIC-
ERS.**

At the mass meeting Friday the student body elected officers of the Missouri Athletic Association as follows:

R. O. Swayze, president.

J. L. Howendobler, vice-president.

R. J. Dowd, secretary.

H. H. Hoppock, business manager.

H. Taylor and E. Hollow, cheer leaders.

As the men who have been placed in the positions just mentioned are men who have always taken an active part in the affairs of the school we look forward to an active year in athletics. Major Forbes and Lieut. Bowen made short talks, while Dr. Cox suggested at the conclusion of electing officers that the Athletic Association be kept clear of any debts. The Freshmen came out with a new yell, while we couldn't make out all of it, sounded full of pep and was well cheered.

**THE SOPHOMORES WILL
BE IN CHARGE OF THE
MASS MEETING NEXT WEEK**

HAPPENINGS ABROAD.

The Drury Mirror announces the re-opening of their fraternities since the demobilization of the S. A. T. C.

The Central Wesleyan Star announces their first feminine cheer leader. Suffrage has advanced another notch.

The University Daily Kansan quotes in their issue of January 13 a Doctor of Law in his opinion that international baseball and athletics would create universal fellowship. Would be kinda hard on the "ump," wouldn't it?

Clyde W. Hall is superintendent of Elligee Company, at Esqueda, Sonora, Mex.

SENIOR.

Even with the addition of three men, "Kid" Wilson, Krause and Deckmeyer, the class of '19 is still small, but with a large number or a small number, the right to wear mole skins and never bother about shaving is an exclusive right. The only thing that ever caused a Senior to shave last semester was inspiration.

Khaki and moleskin are quite similar in all respects, but when it comes down to a final decision just let us look them over.

Each Senior, four-year men, or any one who expects to be in the Senior section of the Rollamo, will see that a slip containing the list of organization and the year in which they entered school be turned in to Uthoff or Nichols.

John Howendobler must be at the head of a gang of politicians, the conclusion being drawn from his rapid election.

Economic geology is now a very broad subject. The extent of the range goes from electric lights (electrolyte) to "fashion."

Two more men have become affected, Nolte and Dowd. Stare at them for awhile, and it may be seen after a long saerch.

Seniors, don't forget the Junior Benefit Picture Show. Turn about and help along.

The faculty contemplates a course in the use of the sand bag and the lead pipe so that the student can protect himself.

Jimmy Hanrahan, ex-M. S. M., and wife, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine son, born January 9, 1919.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity gave a dinner party Monday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Macomber.

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FOUGHT NINE HUN PLANES AT ONCE.

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Germans was concentrated on the crippled machine and they began to close on their prey, shooting as they did so a shower of machine gun and explosive bullets.

Hun Machine Drops.

They were closing fast when Lieutenant Preston Jannapollo, of Virginia, Pilot Baker's observer, who had been reserving his ammunition, commenced firing, and one of the Fokkers dropped in flames. At the same time, however, a machine gun bullet pierced the wind-shield in the rear of Baker's head, and he heard Jannapollo groan and stop firing. Baker thought he had fallen from the machine.

An instant later Lieutenant Baker's engine began to function properly, and he sideslipped 300 yards and maneuvered his machine to the right outside of the nine Germans, masking the fire of all but four planes. He had then reached the American front line and was nearing the two American machines.

Saves Wounded Mate.

Suddenly he heard a groan from the rear of his machine, and knew that Jannapollo was still with him. He forgot about the Germans then and dropping quickly to a short distance from the ground began to look for a place to get medical attention for his wounded comrade.

He finally located the white cross marking the hospital at Souilly and hastily landed in a field near the hospital. With the assistance of some soldiers he carried Jannapollo to a doctor.

Lieutenant Jannapollo was found to be suffering from a severe wound in the chest. The bullet went through his left breast passing close to his heart and spinal column and came

out through the left side of his back. He recovered after a month and a half in the hospital.

The plane of Lieutenant Baker was struck 110 times by machine gun bullets during the engagement. He has a wind shield that bears irrefutable evidence of the battle.

Escapes Heavy Barrage.

On the morning of the same day in which he encountered the nine Fokkers he had another narrow escape from death. This time he was getting information about enemy artillery emplacements with two other aviators when a barrage of anti-aircraft guns, some of them mounted on automobiles, was placed on them, and they were bracketed.

The leading machine was hit squarely by a high explosive shell, and was blown to pieces 7000 feet in the air. Lieutenant Baker's machine was dropped 300 feet by the concussion.

Hardly had he righted his plane when two German heavy type machines that had been lurking in the clouds dived down and attacked the two Americans. A battle followed, and the two Germans were driven off.

Lieutenant Baker went to France last January after being commissioned a first lieutenant at the flying school at Mineola. Prior to the war he was a student at the Missouri School of Mines.

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of April each year, the Director to have prepared a list of the men by numbers, giving among other things: age, weight, physical condition, height, past experience, school grades to date, and where last employed, and submit same to each alumnus who participates in the scheme or company who desires to enter the co-operative association.

"20th. On or before May 1st thereafter, the requirements of the alumni to be in the Director's hands, with a second choice noted. Where more men in one class are desired than can be sent, then to re-arrange the classification or submit recommendations to the alumni for prompt reply.

"21st. In conclusion, it is understood that all students must expect to be treated as other employees at plant, consent to accommodations offered men, and to be shown no special favors other than to be given work that will tend to broaden their experience; they must expect manual labor as well as mental drill and be willing to take what is offered them, always provided the man is physically able to assume the work assigned him.

Mr. Caples has surely outlined the outstanding points necessary to be considered in a well-defined plan for summer work for students. He has also ably shown the advantage, and even the necessity of summer work. Perhaps your ideas of such a plan do not agree with those of Mr. Caples, or perhaps Mr. Caples has a few points enumerated which are open to criticism.

All alumni and all students are asked to carefully consider the above plan, and then to send to Dr. McRae either your

idea of such a plan, or criticism, constructive or destructive, on the plan here printed.

YARO KLEPEL.

Taken from a letter from Capt. Chas. S. Venable, Chemical Warfare Service, to Mrs. Fred Klepel, St. Louis, Mo.

"On October 29 your son, while working in the laboratory, had a small amount of concentrated sulphuric acid accidentally discharged into his face. This accident was due to the carelessness of one of the men working with him. He was immediately treated in our first aid room, and then sent to the hospital at Nela Park. Fortunately his eyes were not affected, and only a slight face burn resulted. Your son returned to duty about two days later apparently having suffered no injury beyond the slight face burn.

2. Your son, Yaro Klepel, held the position of Corporal, and was attached to the Chemical Warfare Service at this plant. His work in this position was very satisfactory. He held the confidence of Lieutenant Wilkins, in charge of the laboratory; and held the respect and good will of all the men with whom he was associated. I personally was often in contact with Corporal Klepel and would like to say that he impressed me as being the type of man to whom one likes to assign a problem, knowing that the work will be done faithfully.

3. Permit me to say that we feel very deeply his death. Your loss is our loss, and I wish again to express the sincere sympathy of all the officers and men at this station.

H. C. Beitzel, '81, is Assistant Cashier of the Penn National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.

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