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# THE MISSOURI MINER

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## Rollamo Will Be Issued May 26-27

**Yearbook Features Senior Layout; 900 Copies Printed**

The "Rollamo," the yearbook of the Missouri School of Mines, will be distributed to the graduating senior class at the baccalaureate exercises Sunday, May 26, and to the rest of the students on the following Monday, according to Powell Dennie, this year's "Rollamo" editor.

This year's "Rollamo" features a new layout in the senior section, and greatly enlarged intramural and St. Pats sections.

A total of 900 copies of the "Rollamo" will be printed this year. Each book will have 164 pages, which is an increase of 30 pages over last year, and of 440 pages from the year before.

The color scheme of the book this year is red, the printing will be in red and black, and the book is to be bound in a red leather padded cover.

The printer of the book this year is located in Oswego, Kansas, while the engraver is in Chicago, and the cover manufacturer is in Kingsport, Tennessee.

Figures on the total cost of the book this year are not yet available. Last year, however, the total cost of printing the "Rollamo" was \$3802.47. Of this amount, \$2751.86 was received from the students, and the rest from advertising, organizations, etc.

Each student is required to pay \$3.50 for a copy of the "Rollamo", and space is sold to campus organizations at the rate of \$20.00 for a single page of \$30.00 for two pages.

## Geometry Classes Go On Picnic

On Wednesday, May 8, Dr. C. V. Mann took several of his descriptive geometry classes to Meramec Springs on an afternoon outing and a class in the history of the old iron works that are in that vicinity. Doctor Mann fully described the ruins and showed several photographs of the mill when it was in operation. The boys also hiked about the vicinity viewing the spring and the sights in general about that section of Missouri. Robert Eck took moving pictures of the crowd and following the lecture and hike, several cases of soda came forth along with weiners which the boys roasted. They returned to Rolla late in the afternoon.

## FINAL CHEM BUILDING CONTRACTS LET

At a meeting of the Executive Committee Friday, May 10 the final contracts for the new M. S. M. Chemistry Building were let. These contracts went to the following bidders: general construction, Huff Construction Company; wiring, Woods Electric Company; plumbing, W. S. Ballard Plumbing Company; and heating and ventilation, Roy W. Southard.

Ground was broken for the first time on Monday morning. Deadline date on the contracts falls sometime in December, 1940, and the building will be available for classes during the spring semester of 1941.

## Freshmen of '44' Might Wear Sacks Instead of Pants

The Student Council, Wednesday night, held a lengthy discussion concerning the treatment of the freshmen of '44.' It was suggested that, instead of wearing pants, which would be torn off in the annual freshman-sophomore melee, burlap sacks be in vogue among the frosh for the affair. A cheering section for sports events was also mentioned. The freshmen will compose a large part of the squad in order to instill a little "Miner" spirit among the freshmen.

Some of the Rolla merchants have been neglecting to charge fraternities and clubs about the campus a sales tax which would hike the individual grocery bills several dollars each year. Recently state representatives have been attempting to force the merchants to charge this tax. The council discussed means of dealing with these actions.

A bronze plaque dedicated to the deceased professors of M. S. M. has been purchased and is to be hung in Parker Hall sometime soon.

## Mechanicals Hold Annual Outing At Meramec

By Roy Ferris

Yes, those jolly, carefree mechanicals were at it again. Spirits ran high until the Spirits ran low and then the water flowed freely except for a few of the more aquatic mechanicals.

The quiet stream that usually flows from the Meramec Spring was disturbed by several of the boys when they decided to take their regular Saturday night bath on Friday, with a little persuasion from their friends of course. Or maybe since the mechanicals are all high class society, they decided to use the spring for a finger-bowl and not knowing just how much of their bodies were fingers they just plunged in clothes and

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## Five Seniors Complete CAA Course

**Pilots License Tests To Be Held Here This Week-end**

Five School of Mines seniors completed the final phase of their C. A. A. flight training last week by flying solo over a closed, forty-mile course between Rolla, Spring Bluff, and St. James, Missouri. Three more students are expected to make solo flights over the same course this week in time for final C. A. A. flight exams tentatively scheduled for this week end.

The seniors who have flown the course are Elmer Trautwein, Paul Ross, Vernon Rieke, Richard Followill, and Herman Andresen. Approval of the route selected for the flights was given by the Civil Aeronautics Authority last week, after it had rejected a previously proposed route linking Rolla, Jefferson City, and Spring Bluff as too long, and including too much rough terrain.

The C. A. A. flight tests planned for this week end will qualify students for private pilots' licenses, and will be given here under the direct supervision of a C. A. A. Inspector. In order to pass the tests, students will be required to satisfactorily execute a number of difficult precision maneuvers, chief of which will be spot landings, precision spins, power turns, and figure-eight turns around pylons. However, before these final exams are given, students will be required to pass through flight exams given by their instructors this week. All of the eight men now in line for the tests have in the neighborhood of thirty hours to their credit, and need only a few more hours to gain the total of thirty-five needed to finish the course.

## Photography Club Elects Officers

Art Brune was elected to head the photography club for the coming year at an election last week. Other officers elected were Virgil Becker, vice-president; Ben Weidle, secretary; Jack Olsen, treasurer; and Paul Nelson, custodian.

The retiring officers of the Photo Club are Joe Fornsworth, president; Paul Elliott, vice-president; Ben Weidle, secretary; Virgil Becker, treasurer; and Art Brune, custodian.

## 29 FACULTY MEMBERS PETITION DIRECTOR TO KEEP RATINGS SECRET

**Several Instructors Circulate Appeal After Results of Poll Privately Shown**

Twenty-nine faculty members of the Missouri School of Mines petitioned Director W. R. Chedsey last Saturday to "take such steps as are necessary to prevent any publication of the results" of the recent MINER-sponsored faculty rating poll.

Acting on the request of the petition, Dr. Chedsey informed Fred Finley, editor of the MINER, that it would be necessary to keep the faculty ratings secret.

## Senior Chemical Engineers Take Inspection Trip

The senior class of chemical engineers left Sunday, May 12, for St. Louis and vicinity where they will spend a week in making their annual inspection of industries associated with chemical engineering.

Professor W. E. Yates is in charge of the group. The students going on the trip are: Clifford M. Boutin, Robert K. Carpenter, Joseph M. Coon, Carl H. Cotterill, Clyde L. Cowan, Leonard E. Henson, Sebastian L. Hertling, Lawrence R. Hinken, Chas. O. Koch, Julius C. Leslie, Ferd G. Machmer, John D. McClendon, John J. O'Neill, Ed C. Romine, Jack E. Tiede, Robert H. Smith, and Herbert A. Volz.

The industries which they will visit are: Laclede Gas Light Company, St. Louis; Laclede Christy Clay Products Company; National Lead Company, St. Louis; Shell Petroleum Corporation, Wood River, Illinois; American Smelting and Refining Company, Alton Illinois; Owens-Illinois Glass Company, Alton Illinois; Monsanto Chemical Company, Monsanto, Illinois; Lambert Pharmacal Company, St. Louis; Monsanto Pilot Plant, St. Louis; Mallinckrodt Chemical Works, St. Louis; Procter and Gamble, St. Louis; General Steel Casting Corporation, Granite City, Illinois; Union Starch and Refining Company, Granite City, Illinois; Missouri Portland Cement Company, Chain of Rocks Plant, St. Louis; City of St. Louis Water Works, Chain of Rocks Plant; and Anheuser-Busch Incorporated, St. Louis.

College men tend to marry earlier and in larger proportion than college women, according to a survey.

Women teachers in New York schools are absent twice as often as men teachers, a study shows.

For the text and signers of the faculty petition presented to Director Chedsey, see page two.

This poll, which was conducted by the MISSOURI MINER early in April, allowed each student to grade each faculty member as superior, medium, or inferior in intelligence, ability to teach, interest and knowledge, energy, fairness, and personality. Faculty pressure was brought on MINER officials soon after the start of the poll, and the poll was changed so that any faculty member who so desired could have his ratings withheld from the list to be made public. (In similar polls conducted here in the past, the results have been posted for all faculty members).

Each faculty member was informed last week of the results of the poll in his case only. Soon after, the petition was circulated, and given to Dr. Chedsey Saturday morning. The deadline for secrecy requests by faculty members was to have been Saturday noon.

Numerous secrecy requests had already been received by the Miner before the results of the poll were sent out, and a number more were received afterwards.

## Senior Miners Take Trip

Fifteen senior mining engineers left on their senior inspection trip last Thursday, May 9, accompanied by Professor Forbes, Dr. Mulenberg, and A. P. Hahn, a M. S. M. grad.

The Miners will cover about three thousand miles in their 16 day try, which will take them through the Dakotas, Colorado, and Wyoming.



## THE EDITOR EXPLAINS

The petition of the faculty to Director Chedsey asking that he "take such steps as are necessary to prevent any publication of the results" of the recent faculty rating poll has provided a fortunate solution of the problem of whether or not to make public the results of the poll. Although such polls have been conducted in the past, and the results have been made public, an active objection from the faculty arose this time that had not been encountered for the previous polls.

While we believe that the faculty is justified in making their demands for secrecy, we may point out that each faculty member was invited to request from the MINER secrecy for his individual ratings, but that only four of the twenty-nine signing the petition had made individual requests for secrecy.

Although the policy of the MINER in regard to making public the ratings was announced several weeks ago, the petition did not appear until after the faculty had been notified of their individual ratings. Consequently, we are forced to come to the conclusion that it was dissatisfaction with the individual ratings that gave rise to the petition. While this was probably the cause of the petition, we must concede the fact that many of the signers received very high ratings.

The text of the petition, signed by only twenty-nine of the sixty-seven members of the faculty who received ratings, follows:

## PRESENTING THE PETITION.

May 9, 1940

Dr. W. R. Chedsey, Director,  
School of Mines and Metallurgy,  
Rolla, Mo.

Dear Dr. Chedsey:

The undersigned, members of the Faculty of the School of Mines, having been informed that a student rating of the several teachers of this School has been made, and that such ratings, obtained in a way which we are inclined to believe is unscientific, are to be published unless the individual teacher makes a personal protest by Saturday, May 11, do hereby respectfully request the following:

(1) That you take such steps as may be necessary to prevent any publication of the results which shall show the ratings given individually to any teacher on this Faculty.

(2) That you appoint a special committee of this Faculty to consider (a) whether at any future time any such rating of this Faculty is to be permitted to be made by students of this school; and (b) in the event that the Faculty, in general or special session votes so to permit such ratings to be made, then under precisely what rules, regulations, and methods.

Instances of such ratings made in the past have resulted in the resignation of teachers who have later rejoined the Faculty, and are now considered as among the best teachers on the campus. Publication of such ratings has the possibility of holding the respective teachers up to the uninformed public in general, thus tending to damage the reputation and standing of the teacher as a member of the faculty of the institution. No such publication is made of the personnel ratings the Faculty now makes of individual students. In fact, only the student himself has access to his own individual card. The undersigned feel that such publication of the ratings of teachers can but result in harmful judgments being made of some members of the Faculty, and by those outside the institution, which might even properly become the basis for libel proceedings against the agency responsible for such publication. When true ratings of the value of the teacher in an institution depend not only upon popularity with students, but also upon other services as well, including research, we feel that such ratings by students can at their best be regarded as little more than popularity ratings, and not as reliable indices of the value of the instructor to the institution.

(Signed) L. E. Woodman, I. H. Lovett, G. O. Ranes, Claire V. Mann, John M. Willson, C. D. Thomas, O. R. Grawe, W. C. Zeuch, M. H. Cagg, C. H. Black, M. D. Orten, D. F. Walsh, R. Z. Williams, C. J. Millar, F. E. Dennie, R. M. Rankin, E. E. Johnson, E. A. Goodhue, V. B. Hinsch, Joe B. Butler, W. T. Schrenk, K. Kershner, F. C. Farnham, O. A. Henning, H. R. Hanley, R. O. Jackson, (agreeing to part 2) C. Y. Clayton, Nadine M. Sease, J. W. Barley.

## With the ALUMNI

W. M. (Windy) Halm, a graduate of the Missouri School of Mines in 1909, passed away recently.

He had not been feeling well for a few days, and he went to San Francisco to see a doctor. The doctor gave him an examination and pronounced him in first-class shape. On his way home he had a heart attack. He managed to turn off the ignition of his car, which ran up on the sidewalk, where he was found dead a few minutes later.

For many years Windy was with the Santa Fe Railway as valuation engineer; he spent a number of years with the Portland Cement Association in Chicago, and for the last eight and one-half years he has been with Yosemite Portland Cement Corporation as sales engineer.

## This Scientific World

A new microscope that "sees" by electrons instead of light, and that can reach so far into matter that eventually it is thought that it will be possible to "see" atoms has recently been made and demonstrated by Dr. V. K. Zworykin of RCA's Electronic Research Laboratories. This almost miraculous new microscope achieves magnifications of 25,000 to 30,000 instead of the 5,000 which was possible in the light type of microscope. The first research application is expected to be in the field of biology. It is considered possible that the new microscope may help solve the problem of the nature of versus which cause certain unconquered diseases.

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British scientists have developed a protection against the dreaded German magnetic mines. The nature of this protection was revealed when the Queen Mary arrived in New York recently with a "girdle" around her hull. This girdle was supplied with an electric current which sets up a magnetic field around the ship. This field, in association with the steel hull and other magnetic material on the ship, is such that magnetic mines at sea are not set off as the ship passes over them. The name applied to this device is "de-gaussing girdle." It is named after a great German scientist Carl Friedrich Gauss who, in addition to being responsible for the theory of probability, did fundamental work in electrodynamics.

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Newest British bombers are designed in such a way as to make it possible to put armor on the gunner's turret. Guns are placed anywhere on the plane, but the gunner sits in a central turret and aims the guns by remote control. This makes it possible to armor the gunner's position, where before with the guns in the turret, armoring would have added too much weight to the plane.

## THE MISSOURI MINER SAID...

Professor .....

The results of the recent faculty rating poll show your average to be as follows:

Intelligence ..... Interest and Knowledge .....  
Ability ..... Fairness .....  
Energy ..... Personality .....

The results are the arithmetic average of the students' ratings of you in each of these qualities, giving a "Superior" rating a weight of Two, an "Average" rating a weight of one, and an "Inferior" rating a weight of zero.

If you request secrecy of your rating by a note in the MINER box in the Business Office, the mimeographed tabulation to be posted on the school bulletin boards will omit your ratings.

The deadline for secrecy requests is Saturday noon, May 11.

## AND INSTRUCTOR'S VIEWS

(Following are excerpts from three of the many letters received by the MINER.)

May 9, 1940

Dear Mr. Finley:

Concerning the "recent faculty rating poll" I would like to suggest that the number of students reporting on each faculty member be listed opposite that faculty member's name in connection with the mimeographed tabulation which is to be posted on the school bulletin boards. Also, I think that the total number of students who participated in this poll should be indicated somewhere on the mimeographed tabulation.

If there is any value at all to be attached to the personnel record of any individual, it comes about through the averaging effect from a large number of individual ratings. In the case of instructors who teach the freshmen and sophomore and other so-called basic courses, there are probably ten times the number of students now in school who have been enrolled in their courses compared with the students who have been enrolled in the courses of a rather large number of instructors who teach specialized courses to smaller groups of students.

Therefore, I think that you will lend value to the posted mimeographed tabulation and will be eminently fair to all concerned by listing both the number of students reporting on each instructor and the total number reporting in the poll.

May 9, 1940

Dear Finley:

In reply to your letter of May 9 I wish to state that I would have no objection to the publication of my rating by the student body providing that every other member of the faculty has his rating published, but if the published list will be only a partial one I prefer to have my rating unlisted.

May 9, 1940

Mr. Fred Finley,  
Editor, Missouri Miner,  
Rolla, Mo.

Dear Fred:

In reference to the publication of faculty ratings, as outlined in your note addressed to me under date of May 9, I am sorry that in this instance I cannot give my approval to the publication of ANY faculty ratings—not mine only—but any on the campus.

These publications of faculty ratings ought not, in my judgment, to be made, any more than should publication of all the personnel ratings of the students. Such a policy has been in force in Faculty circles since the personnel ratings were inaugurated. Posting of these student ratings is a thing in itself that is wholly different from the posting of faculty ratings. In posting student ratings—which is not done—no one would be laying himself to a court action for libel, which is a factor in posting Faculty ratings. A teacher's reputation is one of his professional assets, and if it is harmed by a wrongful rating, then the group responsible for the publicity has exposed itself to a libel damage suit. I do not think your group should take any chances on such an action, even though the Faculty may be generous enough to let the matter pass over. In the past there have been instances where in some of our GOOD TEACHERS have sustained direct financial loss by reason of students ratings made in this School. I don't think this procedure should be repeated. The outside public is sure to hear of the ratings some of the teachers get, and that is carrying things too far. Public esteem based on such unscientific student ratings is a poor thing to be so fastened upon any teacher, I do not care who he may be.

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## MSM LOSES A FRIEND

It is with the deepest regret that we note the passing of Dr. George W. Stephens, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and professor of economics at Washington University in St. Louis.

Dr. Stephens will long be remembered as a friend of the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, often driving to Rolla to address groups of students.

His loss will be greatly felt by the students who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, as well as the large number of faculty members who held Dr. Stephens among their friends.

## THE GREATEST INVENTIONS

A recent compilation of nineteen of America's greatest inventions should be of particular interest to engineering students since it indicates to an amazing extent the important part American ingenuity and industry have played in developing the world's present scientific and industrial condition. The selection was made from a total of eighty inventions by seventy-five scientists and industrial executives. The selection was made by seventy-five scientists and industrial executives from a total list of eighty inventions, and includes Whitney's cotton gin, Fulton's steamboat, McCormick's reaper, Morse's telegraph, Goodyear's vulcanization of rubber, Howe's sewing machine, Shole's typewriter, Westinghouse's airbrake, Bell's telephone, Edison's phonograph and incandescent lamp, Tesla's induction motor, Hall's aluminum process, Mergenthaler's linotype, Edison's motion picture projector, the Wright's airplane, de Forest's three electrode vacuum tube, Bakeland's thermosetting plastics, and Burton's oil-cracking process.

There has been much criticism that while the choice of these nineteen is by no means incorrect, it is by no means complete, and has omitted many of the more fundamental inventions upon which modern progress has been established. This is especially noted in view of the fact that the pure scientific contributions of Willard Gibbs have been omitted, and no mention has been made of Whitney's system of interchangeable parts, not to mention the omission of Langmuir's contributions to electrochemistry.

Controversy on this issue is interesting since it merely tends to emphasize the quantity and variety of products of the American brain. The time has come where we are having difficulty in choosing the most outstanding inventions of the past years, so great are they in number. Each one of them is playing so important a part in the whole set-up that its far reaching influence is frequently overlooked in the search for the most outstanding ones.

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## INTRAMURAL Sports

In the B series, the Kappa Sigma team bowing down to the team from the Alpha Lambda Tau house. This permitted the A. L. T. team to play the Frosh, who had a bye in the first series. The Theta Kappa Phi played the Kappa Alpha team and defeated them, thus scheduling themselves to play the Sigma Nu team, who had also been given a bye in the first series. As the winners continued to play each other, the freshmen played and beat the A. L. T. team, and the Theta Kappa Phi team defeated the Sigma Nu team. These winners again played and the freshmen proved strong enough to completely over-power all opponents and acclaim themselves winner of this bracket, and at the same time gaining a chance to win the M. S. M. championship.

Once again however, the losers were not entirely idle. The Kappa Sigmas played and won over the team from the Sigma Nu house and the A. L. T. group defeated the Kappa Alpha team. These losing winners then played each other, the A. L. T. team winning. This win gives the A. L. T. team a chance to play the Theta Kappa Phi team for the title of "winner of the losers."

Since no additional points have been added in the last few weeks, the sophomores are still the leaders. However, there are to be 500 points awarded to the winner of the softball games. This will enable even a dark horse to win

the intra-mural cup. This award will be made as soon as the championship is decided, and will be posted in the Gym.

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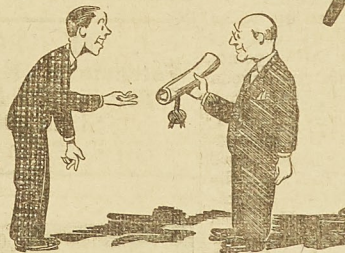


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## G-E Campus News

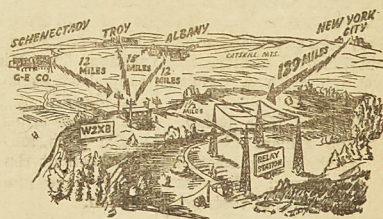


**FOR OUTSTANDING  
ACHIEVEMENT**

**G**RADUATES from seven colleges, five of them also graduates of General Electric's famous Test course, were among the 22 G-E employees who were given Charles A. Coffin Foundation Awards this year for accomplishments which reflected outstanding initiative, perseverance, courage, and foresight.

James R. Alexander, Jr., U. N. C. '24, received recognition for perfecting equipment (developed by Arthur W. Burns, who also received a Coffin award for his work) using an "electric eye" to control temperatures in cement manufacture; Florian A. Arnold, Purdue '25, for designing automatic welding machines used in making fractional-horsepower motor starters; William S. Bachman, Cornell '32, for improving tone reproduction in broadcast receivers; James E. Beggs, Purdue '31, for developing a loop antenna for radio receivers; Eugene W. Boehne, Texas A & M '26, and Leonard J. Linde, South Dakota State '29, for developing a high-current circuit breaker which does not use

oil as an insulating medium; Kenneth K. Bowman, Kansas State '26, M. A. Edwards, Kansas State '28, and Francis Mohler, V. P. I. '26, for developing Amplidyne controls for high-powered motors; Adolph F. Dickerson, Texas A & M '10, for lighting the Golden Gate International Exposition; and Simon H. Weaver, Purdue '03, for developing a heat stabilizing treatment for steam turbine shafts.



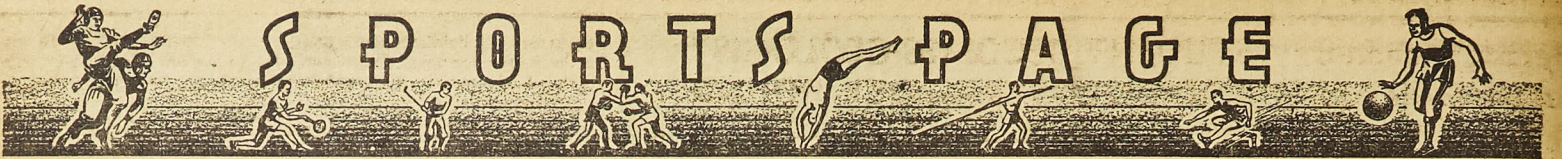
**NETWORK TELEVISION**

**G**ENERAL ELECTRIC engineers passed another milestone on the road to large-scale telecasting when they recently demonstrated to the Federal Communications Commission the feasibility of network television.

Until a short time ago it was not thought possible to transmit television farther than the horizon. Recently, however, General Electric put into operation its new relay station, picking up programs originating in New York City—129 miles away, more than a mile below the line of sight. The New York programs are then retelecast over General Electric's Schenectady television station W2XB to homes in the Schenectady-Albany-Troy area.

**GENERAL ELECTRIC**





## Cape Girardeau Takes MIAA Track Title

### Indians Win Title For Sixth Consecutive Year

Cape Girardeau captured the MIAA outdoor track meet title for the sixth consecutive year when they walked away with the conference records several times, burg last Saturday, May 11, with a total of 81 points. The Teachers had a banner day, not only keeping up their splendid record, but also placing Mulkey at the head of the scorers. Cape won five firsts in individual events, and succeeded in breaking the tape in the half mile and mile relays, endangering conference records several times, but never surpassing the old marks in any event. Spurlock, Cape vaulter, tied for first place in the vaulting classic at twelve feet six inches, and tried to smash the old record of twelve feet seven, but failed to surpass the old record. Spurlock is one of the best vaulters in the conference, and has cleared the bar at thirteen feet, but could not prove his worth of the record in the given number of trials.

#### Mulkey High Point Man

Mulkey, Cape star, placed at the head of the scoring list for the second straight year, finishing the meet with a total of twelve points, and endangering several records. He cleared the bar in the high jump event at six feet one and three-quarter inches, which gave him a first in this event, but he failed in his attempt to better the old record of six feet three and one-half inches in the given number of trials. He is only a sophomore in school, and the followers of track should hear a lot about this man in the next two years. He is one of the mainstays in the Cape basketball team, and also played on the football team. Mulkey was presented a cup for his outstanding ability, and also walked out with a number of medals.

#### Miners Third In Mile Relay

Although the Miners did not receive any of the higher spots in the final placements, they ran some of the best races of their season. A mile relay team composed of Pierce, Cutler, Eads, and GaNun rounded the track in 4:31.7, which happens to be the best record of the team this season. Several bad passes caused the Engineers to lose several seconds, which possibly cost them second place and maybe first. Everyone of the fellows certainly deserve a slap on the back for their excellent running form and determination, for without a doubt they rank with the best relay teams in the conference.

#### Fort, GaNun Better Times

Nelson GaNun ran the 880 in 2:01, which is the best record of his trackdays. Nelson ran second to Taylor of Maryville, and although he did not break the tape, it was quite an achievement for him to beat all of his past records, and thus give him something to work towards next season. George Fort completed the

four rounds second to Taylor of Maryville, running the stretch in 4:34.1. This was George's last track meet, and he certainly wound it up in one grand climax. For the past four years he has been a dependable miler for the Miners, and the points he has won are numerous. He is noted among the milers in the conference as a clean, hard running man, and will be missed by his opponents as well as his team mates.

#### Several Records Broken

Taylor, Maryville star, bettered two old records Saturday afternoon, in the 880 and mile runs. He surpassed the old record in the 880 by one-half second, when he crossed the finish line in one minute fifty-nine and one-half seconds. Taylor led Fort all the way on the mile, breaking the tape at 4:26:5, bettering the previous record of 4:27:3.

Allison, Cape dash man, did not succeed in breaking any of the conference records, but he ran the finish of the most exciting race of the meet. He took the pass in the mile relay a full thirty yards behind a Maryville runner, and closed the distance before the half way point was reached. He led the Maryville man in by several yards, running the lap in approximately forty-eight seconds, which would have smashed the 440 record by a good majority.

#### Miners Placing

The Engineers ended up in the bottom frame with a total of thirteen and one-half points. Paul Bouchier heaved the javelin a little over 161 feet, which gave him fifth place in the final payoff and a tie with Warrensburg. The two men in fifth place flipped for the medal and Paul won the toss, which gave him a recognition for his efforts. Van Pool finished fourth in the 880, after moving up from last place through four opponents into the paying section. The Miners were handicapped at least fifteen points by the absence of Taylor, Ladd, and the Tucker twins, who are on their senior trips, and if these men had had been at the meet the Miners would have placed in the middle section.

### Springfield Wins MIAA Tennis Title From Miners

The Miner tennis team went down to defeat in the MIAA tennis tournament held at Warrensburg on May 11. The doubles team of the Miners started well as Silhavy and McKee swept through their first match to defeat the Maryville entry in straight sets of 6-1, 8-6. Continuing their streak the Miner doubles defeated Cape Girardeau in the first set 7-5 before succumbing by losing the next two sets by a 1-6, 4-6 count.

The singles entrants for the Miners were McKee and Henderson. McKee was unlucky enough to draw Perry of Springfield, MIAA singles champion, and

### Track Letters Awards Posted

Letter awards for spring sports were announced recently by C. Y. Clayton, chairman of the Faculty Athletic Committee. They are as follows:

Track: N. P. Tucker, A. J. Tucker, Ralph Eads, Robert Cutler, Leo Spinner, Harley Ladd, Woodrow Burgess, Otis Taylor, Clifford Corneau, Nelson GaNun, George Fort, Joe Strawn, Tom Pierce, and Joe Van Pool.

Golf: (Major Letters)—Floyd Watts. (Minor Letters)—Mark Beard, Charles Clarkson, and D. W. Timberman.

Tennis: John McKee, Robert Silhavy, James Henderson, Jack Fleischli, Phil Leber, Floyd Maupin, Kenneth Mooney, Leroy Allen, and James Heddel.

#### IN THE SPRING

Out of love and in again, Such depraved existence! Each year another spring—and then I lose all sales resistance.

went down to a 6-1, 6-2 defeat although playing much better than the score indicates. Henderson, playing his usual steady game, took the first set from Newsom of Cape only to be set down as he lost the next two 2-6, 3-6.

The '41 Miner netmen are looking forward to a good year next year as they return to the courts with six veterans from this year's squad.

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## Intramural Awards To Be Awarded

The intramural sports awards that have been won during the year will be awarded by Coach Gill at the assembly in Parker Hall Friday, May 17 at 11 o'clock. In order to receive an award the winner must be present.

The basketball championship trophy will be given to the Sigma Nus, the golf trophy to Pi Kappa Alpha, the volley ball award to the juniors, and the touch football trophy to the sophomores.

James Henderson and Jim Heddel will receive first and second awards in tennis. First golf honor will be taken by Bill Hartmann with Dick Followill and Frank Refeld tied for second. Russ Gund and Francis Krill will take the individual awards in horse-shoes, and Frank Rogers and Bill Nesley will be awarded championship team honors. Jim Kirkpatrick and John Schilling will take first and second medals in ping pong.

The following swimming awards will also be made. Ted Hadley and Brent placed first and second in the backstroke. Bill Neumeier and Howard Leake have honors of the breast stroke. Dick Brackett and Bill Beekman will take awards of the free style, and Robert Winkle and Dick Brackett first and second in diving. The freshman teams will be given first prize in both the Medley and 160 yard relays.

Medals will be awarded to the

Intra-mural boxers and wrestlers also. The awards in boxing will be presented to Francis Gottsberger and Eugene Boyt, first and second in the 118 pound class; Sam Boutin and Everett Birch, first and second in the 126 pound class; Robert Winkle and Bob Brackbill, first and second in the 135 pound class; James Nevin and Ray Vaughn, first and second in the 145 pound class; Bob Ridley and Ralph Eads, first and second in the 155 pound class; Paul Bouchier and Charley Morris, first and second in the 165 pound class; Mathew Domjanovich and Otis Taylor, first and second in the 175 pound class; and Ed Kronka and Eugene Hammann, first and second place in the heavyweight class.

The wrestlers to receive awards are Julius Leslie, first place in the 118 pound class; George Fort and Osborne Milton, first and second place in the 126 pound class; Woodrow Burgess and William Brown, first place in the 135 pound class; Art Rose and James Bishop, first and second in the 145 pound class; Ed Vogelsang and Bill Bowman, first and second in the 155 pound class; Gene Veale and Fred Kilburz, first place in the 165 pound class; Earl Kane and Preston Axthelm, first and second place in the 175 pound class; and Frank Rogers and Dick Walker, first and second place in the heavyweight class.

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## Herzog Honored At Theta Kappa Phi Dance

Last Saturday Theta Kappa Phi entertained many of its alumni and friends at its farewell dance with Al Herzog as guest of honor. The alumni who were present for the dance which followed the annual softball game with the actives were: Ed Hackett, Peter Mattei, Jack Friesmeyer, Charley and Jim Murphy, Paul Etzkorn, Bill Dennis, John McLaughlin, Joe Scally, Gus Schaller, and Bill Murney.

Out-of-town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Leisher, Paul Larsen, Bill Christman, Ed Goettelman, Bob Bruce, Bernice Hoelscher, La Verne Rosegrant, Rita Wooster, Margaret Arvin, Dorothy Hesse, Betty Jean Reynolds, Bettie Lou Hayes, Dorothy Bergin, Ruth Hanlon, Louise Branson, Alice Lademan, Jane Morris, Rosie McSpalding, Ann Elise Gimson, Virgil Froussard and Jeanne Devaney.

The chaperones for the evening were: Dr. and Mrs. Tom Day and Mr. and Mrs. Yates. The music, which lasted from ten until two, was provided by the Varsity Orchestra.

## AICHe Meets

The Missouri School of Mines student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers held their last meeting of this semester on Wednesday night, May 8. F. G. Machmer gave a report on "The Safety Precautions for the Protection of Workers in Monsanto Laboratories." Robert Smith gave a report on the Eagle Picher Lead Company.

## TCI Employs Several Seniors

To Tennessee Coal and Iron, a subsidiary of U. S. Steel, goes top ranking in the number of seniors employed by any one company. Eight men have already been contracted by this company, with possibilities for two more.

V. N. Cox and C. G. Rose have accepted positions at Jefferson City, Tennessee, in zinc operations for the company. J. F. Reed and B. H. Martin will be employed in the coal operations at Birmingham, Ala. J. F. Rushing, Civil, has been employed for the Land Department.

Curtis Hubbard, sophomore transfer from the University of Illinois, R. H. Eads, freshman, and D. S. Farthing, freshman, leave early in June to enter the summer undergraduate work outlined by the company. Probably one other position will be filled by a Rolla undergraduate, and possibly two.

The summer undergraduate employment system, now in practice by both Tennessee Coal and Pittsburgh Coal, may serve as the basis of employment for all engineers hired by these two companies in the future, if the reports from this summer's progress prove favorable.

**DANIEL BOONE**

**CAFE**

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## STUDENT BECOMES GEOLOGIST AND DISCOVERS ROCK HOUND

To The Editor,  
The Missouri Miner,  
School of Mines,  
Rolla, Mo.

Dear Ed:

Some time ago I, by devious routes, became an embryonic geologist and began delving into the realm of rocks. Shortly after it became noised about that minerals held a strange fascination for me, I received the following letter by an underground, backhanded method peculiar to geologists and mineralogists. Although I have not the authors permission to print it, I am taking the liberty of doing so as it is somewhat of interest to students of a mining school. The letter was as follows:

(Signed) Jno. C. Allen  
**A ROCK HOUND**

A Rock Hound is a depraved species of mankind, a cross between a Geologist and a Mineralogist, if you know what that means. If you don't, you are not much the loser. The Rock Hound is usually found hunting for rocks on a hot summer day in the blazing sun, many miles from water or shade. The rocks he finds he seldom brings home. He usually trades with his friends who have acquired their rocks in the same way.

The rock hound travels from Georgia or some equally distant spot, to Arizona in his search for rocks, thereby saving the cost of postage, as rock is heavy. Of course, what he spends on gas, groceries, tires, and oil on the way out, is negligible to him as he will die a pauper anyway.

His house is all cluttered up

with motors, grinding wheels, piles of rock and cases of specimens, much to the disgust of his wife and others of the immediate family. He has stacks of catalogues and letters from out of the way places, which are always becoming lost and eventually turn up in the soup or in the morning's biscuit batter, like as not.

The Rock Hound invariably begins a conversation in this way: "When I was up in the hills back of Deadwood looking for sylvanite," or "When I was hunting for malachite near Bisbee," and then he launches into an interminably long, haggling tale of his exploration. He fills his pockets with many small stones and others not so small, to show his friends who do not care to see them, and when they do see them, don't know what they are and would still be bored if they did.

The Rock Hound is worse than the inveterate hunter and fisherman, because the open season on rocks is year-round.

He has been known to cross the continent in search of a certain kind of rock, only to be told that there is a better grade of that rock to be found in his home state, close to his home town, and almost in his back yard.

The Rock Hound is human in some ways. He eats food except when on a lone scout for some certain species of rock when he will often hunt all day and far into the night with the aid of a flashlight, before he ever thinks to satisfy the inner man. He has

been known to hold his head under the water for long periods in search of moonstones or agates. He even digs in heaps of refuse and old mine dumps with a small stick used as a shovel. He speaks with pride that is all his own, of his achievements in the "game" as he is to call it.

Passing motorists who sees him work or play, as he may call it, give him only a passing glance and say to themselves as they flash on down the highway, "There's one of those nuts. Imagine a man spending his time hunting rocks. He sure is nuts."

And sometimes I think we are. Written by one of them, Bryant F. Mears, Silversmith and Lapidary, Eagle Pass, Texas (When I am not out hunting rocks.)

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## Miner Golfers Lose Championship To Springfield

Last Saturday, May 11, the Miners lost their M. I. A. A. golf championship to the Springfield Bears. Floyd Watts, Miner No. 1 golfer, turned in a brilliant 136

for the 36-hole match to gain the individual title. The Miner No. 2 man, Charles Clarkson, shot a 73-74 for a total of 147 which coupled with Watts' score barely missed winning the title won by Springfield's twosome of Webb and Stewart. At the end of 18 holes in the individual match, the standings showed Watts in third place with a 71 behind the two Springfield entrants. The last 18 holes showed Watts in form as he added a 31-34 score for a 65 and the golf crown. In shooting a 65 Watts lowered the course record at Warrensburg by three strokes.

Previous to this year the Miners had held the team title for two consecutive years. Next year's team will be built around Beard and Clarkson since the two other golfers on the team Watts and Timberman, will be missing from the foursome. This year, incidentally, makes the third consecutive year that Watts has won the individual title.

Simmons College freshmen observe May Day by hanging May baskets on the doors of their junior sisters.

University of Connecticut's new home economics building is expected to be finished by July 1.

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## innocent bystander

By J. W. Jensen

One of the more unfortunate ideas that have been repeatedly acted on by the Miner Board for the past few years is that of having students rate the faculty members.

Seniors who are applying for jobs realize how valuable the present system of rating students is to themselves and to prospective employers. The system has very definite value and accomplishment. The same can hardly be said of the ratings which have been secured by the Miner campaign. They can offer little service other than furnishing snicker material to fellows who panned their unfavorable prof. The ratings are seldom made by the student with the thought of being a service, as those made by the faculty. They are often welcomed as a chance to get even with some instructor for an actual or imagined wrong. Comparison of past ballots will reveal that there has been so much digression from year to year in student opinion that the results are necessarily ignored almost completely.

It is unfortunate as well that the new Board was started with this awkward situation on its hands. Since the poll has never proven itself, perhaps the lesson should be learned and the rating permanently dropped. And if there must be a poll, why not a personnel poll of the officers of the campus organizations? Thank Heavens, it's too late to start that this year!

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## THE BRIGHTER SIDE

Wife: You know, I suspect that my husband has a love affair with his stenographer.

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### EPITAFFY

One little look,  
One little glance,  
One little sigh,  
And one big chance.  
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### SAFE

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But the young lady knew  
That he dare not pursue—  
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### TEKNIK

Marsh—"Baby, I can read you like a book."  
Dotty—"O. K., but lay off the Braille method."

### PERSISTENT CUSS

Fran: "I've decided all men are trying at times."  
Jane: "I've found them trying all the time."

## Former Student Shows Airplane Pictures Here

"How did they ever build such a nice airplane in the dark?" was a remark overheard after the pictures that were shown Friday at 11 o'clock in the auditorium. The pictures were shown and explained by Jimmy Foster, an Alumnus of the Missouri School of Mines, now superintendent of the Curtiss-Wright airplane factory in St. Louis. Although some of the pictures were a bit dim they showed the development of the large Stratoliner, now for sale by Curtiss-Wright.

The new transport plane is America's largest twinengined airliner. It will carry 36 passengers and 5200 pounds of cargo with a 1500 mile range and a cruising speed of over 210 MPH.

Different problems and peculiar situations that arise in building such an enormous airplane were presented. The failure of a small part might mean the loss of the complete ship, and therefore all of the material was thoroughly tested before it was used.

Some startling facts were revealed, such as the fact that each of the huge 1700 horsepower engines are mounted with only four bolts. Another interesting fact is that it took considerable juggling to get the plane through a door 21 feet high and 104 ft. wide. The plane burns 125 gallons of gasoline per hour while cruising at

## Alpha Chi Sigma...

The Beta Delta chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, chemical fraternity, installed their new officers at their last meeting this semester held on Thursday night, May 9. Retiring Master Alchemist, William A. Enderson, administered the oath to the new Master Alchemist, D. L. Dean. The latter administered the oath to: C. M. Zvant, Vice Master Alchemist; Ed Butch, Treasurer; Robert Pohl, Recorder; D. G. Creclius, Master of Ceremonies. Ashton P. Renwick was pledged to the Alpha Chi Sigma at this meeting.

Students at Bucknell University spontaneously started a campus-wide drive to improve their own scholastic standings.

Fingerprints of 2,000 open house visitors were made by Police club members at Los Angeles City College.

240 M. P. H. The design of the fuselage is copied after a cross section of a double soap bubble, to give maximum interior space with a minimum of exterior surface.

There were a few pictures of the one place interceptor that Curtiss-Wright is now building. This is a very small fighter, but it has a 1200 h. p. engine and climbs faster than a mile a minute, or in other words it gains altitude at faster than 6000 feet per minute.

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## ADVICE TO THE STUPID

(Questions on any subject except politics and mathematics will be answered by F. Finley & Co., editors of this column, if questions are accompanied by a \$5 bill to cover mailing costs).

Dear G. H. Q.:

Yes, I would heartily advise wearing a necktie to English class. Peculiarly enough, the few loose grade points in the English department are attracted to neckties like iron filings to a magnet. If you do not possess a necktie, one may readily be improvised from an old sock, or by cutting a narrow strip from the tail of a red flannel shirt.

Dear Bewildered:

A supply of piercing points for the entire Descript course may be purchased at the local drug stores for 10 cents. A new type of drawing paper on the market has built-in piercing points. I would strongly advise you to use this new paper, since each plate is marked "100 per cent correct," and your descriptive geometry teacher will not dare change it for fear of violating a copyright law.

Dear Mrs. H.:

In response to your query as to how to protect your daughter's moral condition, I would advise you to lock her in your basement, first having barred all the doors and windows. Let her out once a week for exercise, but do not allow her to become engaged in conversations, poker games, etc., with Miners.

In particular, do not allow copies of the MISSOURI MINER to fall into her hands, since this will certainly mean complete moral collapse.

Dear P & G:

Foolproof cribbing methods are difficult to devise, but here is one that will surely work:

Write the formulas you wish to remember on a small piece of paper, and fasten it to your tonsils with thumbtacks. During the quiz, open your mouth as if yawning and observe the notes by means of a small shaving mirror concealed in your hand. If the professor approaches suspiciously, hastily draw a tube of shaving cream and a safety razor from your pocket and begin amputating your whiskers. This will quell the professor's suspicions regarding the mirror.

For other foolproof cribbing methods, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for our bulletin No. 65, "Modern Cribbing Methods, and Why They Don't Work."

## Stevens Says

Intramural baseball is about over, and it is evident that there would be no better time to try out the all-star proposition than right now. I would like for the teams competing in baseball to pick an all-star team from their opponents. It would be an excellent time to determine whether or not this method of choosing the men is possible. All that would be necessary is for the men to pick their teams and send them in to the Miner, or give them to Percy Gill. The final standing will be printed in the paper, and all concerned will have a chance to see how this proposition is going to work out. These choices should be in by the 20th of May, if you wish your choice to be recognized; so let's all get together and pick the best players in the school.

The Miners have finished track competition for the season and have turned their thoughts towards football. It is evident that the Engineers will have a good ball club next year, and with a number of new fellows entering the school, the team should go to town. Fifty percent of the team's playing comes from the support on the sideline; so when the season opens up next year, let's give them the support they deserve from the stands, and forget the bronx cheer team. There will be plenty of room from the stand point of the team for any drug store all-star players; so if you play on the bleachers, why not check out a suit.

After interviewing some of the coaches at the MIAA track meet, I found that it was impossible to obtain any info on their possible outlooks for football season. They gave such hardluck stories, that it is possible that we will have to lend them some material in order that they have enough men for a team. I did find out however, that the players have a lot of respect for Kromka's line play. He must have jolted a few of the boys last year.

A number of the Warrensburg men had charge of the track meet awards last Saturday, and succeeded in breaking every trophy on the field. The Winner's trophy fell over and knocked all of the cups off of the table, and every cup was broken in several pieces. This was actually the pay off after seeing a poorly organized meet from the beginning.

Floyd Watts set a fast pace for the golfers at the conference meet, when he went two rounds in 65, which happened to set a new record on the course. It is actually a wonder that he was able to find his ball, after knocking it out into the biggest patch of dandelions you will ever find on a golf course.

## Old Stuff From Miner Files

This was taken from the Miner of March 1, 1918 at the time the United States was in the midst of the World War.

The Huns are marching through Russia and devastating everything in their path. They are slaying innocent people by the hundreds and enslaving the rest. But have no fear, for America's democracy is now safe. Colonel Muilenburg, B. S., mobilized his "Battalion of Death" last Tuesday afternoon.

Here is another taken from the January 18, 1918, issue:

The shortage of coal has made it necessary for the lights of Rolla to be turned off at 11:30 p. m., and this has made three prominent local unions to almost be tempted to sue the city for "butting in." They are the Grinds' Union No. 5, Fussers' Union No. 13, and Poker Players' Union No. 11. Meetings have been held, and the three are believed to be working in the dark. However, in order to start a boycott, nothing definite can be learned.

While such a thing proves to be an outrage to the three above mentioned organizations, two other local unions are rejoicing and hope that there is no help in sight. They are the Anti-Study Union No. 23, and Alibi Union No. 7. These unions have consolidated their forces, and it is feared that they are not in sympathy with the other three on anything.

First systematic course in the philosophy of physics is being given at Harvard by a former University of Prague professor.

Professor Harold Hibbert of McGill University has a process for liquefying wood.

University of Connecticut has reorganized its 80 departments into 35.

Yale University has received a private grant of rare books dating back to 1538.

Undergraduates entering Fordham University in September may compete for 17 scholarships.

## While War-Drums Pound



Tom Fadden, Lola Lane and James Craig in the dramatic adventure production "Zanzibar." Owl show at Rollamo, Sat. May 18th.

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### OUTING (Continued From Page 1)

all, making a complete job of it. Nothing like doing a job well says. Oh, Yes! Some of the seniors took offense because one of the guests arrived at the feast unshaven. (He came home unshaven too, even if he was a bit damp).

That was a nice ball game although it progressed rather slowly. It was a long way from second base to that keg of ale, and too, the base runner couldn't run very fast with a cup of brew in his hands.

Boy! That was one time when the ASME advertised refreshments and didn't just pass out cigarettes. We saw one undernourished little fellow eat six steaks, innumerable pickles and just gobs of potato-salad and cake besides all of that colored liquid that he used for lubrication.

If some of the boys hadn't fal-

len in the spring and gotten all wet the party might have lasted all night, but when some of the boys fell in, the others started drifting back and admiring the beauty of the trees. Soon everyone was either all wet or out of sight and the meeting was automatically adjourned.

Results and Conclusions: For the mechanicals spring outing the equipment required consists of one large tin cup (a gallon pail

will do nicely, displayed in some conspicuous place), a bright red shirt that you don't expect to use anymore, an umbrella to protect one from frequent showers of beer, and a pair of water wings.

Tests at New York University reveal the "New York accent" as the nation's most thoroughly disliked style of speech.

She—"My little doggie is named Broker."

He—"Why Broker?"

She—"Because he's active around the curb."

### GONE

I bought my girl some garters At Woolworth's Five and Ten; She gave them to her mother— That's the last I'll see of them!

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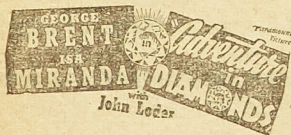


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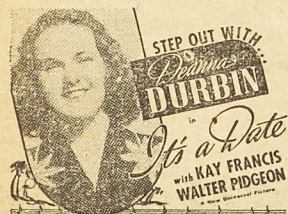
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