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AGGRESSIVE COMMITTEE PLANNING GALA EVENT



Photo by Doyle Keeling
Betty Eddy, Moe Hoelzie, B. J. Dawson, Dottie Lou Moore

Starlite Prom Arrangements Assure Most Enjoyable Time

Final arrangements for the Starlite Prom are now complete. The horrors of war are nothing new to the members of the committees for the Starlite Prom. Difficulties getting an orchestra, procuring a dance floor, arrangements for dates, such as only a few of the tribulations surmounted by the aggressive committees. No less than five bands were tentatively engaged, only to have their contracts canceled, because of transportation uncertainties and musician shortages.

At the last minute, they hit the jack pot, so to speak, and signed up an 18-piece organization, famed for their delightful sound effects—The Stromberg Carlson Modulators.

This band was signed on with no slight amount of hesitancy, as their price was a little high, but the committee reasoned the greater attraction would facilitate larger ticket sales.

Seven halls and ballrooms were investigated as possibilities, but all were too small or too unglamorous—all except one, the Starlite Room of the Hotel Sagamore.

One of the hardest nuts to crack was the apparent hesitancy of Dorm girls to invite Marines stationed at the U of R, due to the fact that the Marines were not to be granted late permission that night. All possible efforts were made to hurdle this obstacle. Even Dr. Ellingson dabbled in it, all to no avail. In the end a very simple solution was found, the starting time was moved up to 8:30.

All in all, these feverish last-minute arrangements culminated in what appears to experts to be a very well-planned Prom, one that promises to be a terrific success.

Sigma Kappa Treat

The girls of Inter-Sorority enjoyed a very interesting evening under the capable hands of the Sigma Kappa Delta sorority girls and their adviser, Miss Medden, on April 26. A dessert was served with all the fixings. After the refreshments the girls enjoyed an interesting talk by Mr. Wolford, who spoke on the European countries. He gave a very interesting talk on the customs and clothing of the people in Tibet. Mr. Wolford owns the gift shop on Spring Street. A very enjoyable evening was spent listening to his many travels in foreign lands.

GLEZEN MARRIES

Miss Barbara Glezen, Freshman Art student, is being married Friday, May 12, to Pvt. J. S. King. The wedding will take place at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Glezen, 8:30 p. m., in Cincinnati, N. Y. They will reside in Texas.



Photo by Robert Speck
Robert Etter, Martha Gilmer

Orange Blossoms In Maytime Bloom At Students' Wedding

A Mechanics Institute student became the bride of an Army Air Force lieutenant on Sunday afternoon, April 30, in a pretty double ring ceremony in Central Presbyterian Church. Principals in the nuptials were Miss Martha Ellen Gilmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gilmer of Richmond, Ind., and Lt. Robert Milton Etter of Tampa, Fla., son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Etter of Shippensburg, Pa.

The Rev. Alexander Cayley, pastor of the church, received the vows, assisted by the Rev. Earl Winters, brother-in-law of the bride and parson of E. Rochester Meth. Church.

Attire Was Gorgeous

White snapdragons, stock and carnations decorated the altar to which the bride was escorted by her father. She wore a white gown with fitted lace bodice and bouffant net skirt with slight train, and a bonnet-shaped cap of Chantilly lace from which fell a shoulder-length veil of illusion tulle. Her colonial bouquet was of white roses and snapdragons.

Miss Jean Dennis of Clyde, the bride's roommate, was her maid of honor, and Miss Betty Gehr of Richmond, Ind., was bridesmaid. Their gowns also were fashioned with fitted lace bodices and bouffant net skirts, Miss Dennis' in aqua and Miss Gehr's in pink, and both wore in their hair ruffled bandeaux to match their gowns and carried pink roses.

The Rev. Alfred Beck, assistant pastor of Lutheran Concordia Church, was best man, and ushers were Ralph Gilmer, brother of the

bride, and Gerald LaRose of Niagara Falls.

The bride's mother wore a rose and white crepe afternoon dress with a corsage of gardenias; the mother of the bridegroom chose aqua and white crepe, with orchids.

Friends Heaped Their Blessings

Following the ceremony, the couple received their friends in the lounge of the Mechanics Institute residence hall. After a brief honeymoon, the bridegroom will return to Tampa, where the bride will join him upon the completion of her junior year in school.

The bride attended Earlham College, and now is a student of retailing at Mechanics, where she is a member of Phi Upsilon Phi sorority. The bridegroom attended Mechanics prior to enlistment.

For traveling, Mrs. Etter wore an aqua gabardine suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage. The couple honeymooned in Buffalo.

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GETTING THE BREAKS

Individuality is a heaven-born gift. It's what you are that no one else has had anything to do with.

"Topsy" in Uncle Tom's Cabin, had this. She "just grew up." Many a child's life has been dangerously dwarfed by too much interference. Everything should be put in the way of a human being that will help to develop that human being's likes and inclinations. Life appears different to each and every person. There are no duplicates among people.

This natural process works the same in a nation. Speaking of the great advance in inventions, during the past half century, or better still, the last quarter of a century, Dr. Henry M. Wriston, in his amazingly clear analysis of present-day problems in the United States, says this in his book "Challenge to Freedom": "This period of invention was the flower of unpredictable human minds not governed by economic motives alone, though motives of gain had their proper place. It came from the minds enlightened with imagination, minds governed by faith, energized by will, dauntless in the face of difficulty, magnificent in richness and variety."

Take the individuality out of the people who make up a nation and you kill its character and its incentive to rise and grow.

A student gains more by asking his instructor questions than where the instructor asks the student questions. It is the desire and the will to know that spurs one on to greater knowledge and a more personal development.

We cannot make over other people. They usually have something of great value that we may lack, so that their unfolding before us is what makes them of interest to us. Nourish and enrich the soil about a human being, but let him alone to grow and flower as he was meant to by nature, through proper guidance and fraternal supervision.

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BY PHYLLIS AYLESWORTH

The students of RAMI Printing Department spent a very interesting afternoon recently touring the John C. Moore book binding plant.

The Moore Company specializes in the production of ledger and account books, most of their work being custom made. Prices range as high as fifty to seventy-five dollars for one book.

Ruling Operation Unique

We were first shown one of six ruling machines and given an interesting demonstration of same. Various sized needles are used in accordance with type of ruling to be done. The ink flows through these needles by the process of saturation from felt strips and wicks soaked in ink. The machines will print at the rate of 2500 per hour, but better quality work is done at moderate speed.

This operation is unique and a skillful undertaking. Special machines perform this function. The lines are made by pen points, set in a bar, and fed from a cloth blanket by cotton yarns. The paper is pushed under the pens on a never-ending belt, and lines are drawn on the sheet of paper. Cams control the points at which the pens drop to the sheet and rise off it. It was explained that the operation of the ruling machine could only be learned by working in a plant where the process was used. The man running the machine had forty years experience.

Bookbinding Skillful Art

From the ruling department we next viewed the process of book binding and marbling. For marbling, a shallow vat is filled with a solution of gum hogg, water, and alum that has been mixed and boiled down. Colors are added in drops and "combed in." Then the book edge is lowered into the color from left to right. This is allowed to dry and later a coat of varnish adds gloss and durability to the product. Books to be bound have their glued straight edges pounded round to shape the back, and finally put in the "roller backer" to curve it. After this, it is ready for the cover of leather, cowhide, or corduroy binding.

The next process viewed was the actual binding of the book. One of the men explained how the book was sewed together, and then covered. Marbling, the process of decorating the edges and

Nancy Roberts, Freshman student last year, now of Butt State Teacher's College, is now engaged to Corporal "Skip" Moore of Photo Intelligence in Army Air Corps. Corporal Moore was also a former student of Mechanics.

Dottie Lou is really getting swell sister-in-law.

inside covers with colored designs was further demonstrated. Moore books have designs stamped them in gold leaf, and a Moore employee obliged with a sample of his handiwork.

Gold Tooling Intriguing

All gold tooling at Moore's done by hand by the genial craftsman who has been employed this skilled process for over 20 years. Irons to be used are heated and the gold is added and an impression branded into the leather. Moore's also makes loose-leaf books besides the various cloth and leather bound books, and changing their machine shop from war work are now making their own metal backs for books.

The composing room was next point visited. Much like a regular print shop composing room, little time was spent there. The class then visited the proof room, and was very sorry to learn that it was being cleaned up in preparation to closing up for the summer. In the main office of the plant, Mr. Kentner, general sales manager and the party's guide, showed different types of forms and book covers, all produced by the Moore company. All work is done in plant, including making metal parts for loose-leaf binders.

After gratefully thanking Mr. Kentner for the privilege of the tour, the class went their way wiser and more learned.

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up above
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Did you ever go on hikes
Or into cool lakes dive?
Did you laugh and sing and shout
Cause it's spring and you're alive?

WATTY

Big Town Trip

Ruth Adams Palmer and Barbara Hadfield sojourned last weekend in New York City, at Ruth's home.

While in New York City, they decided to purchase their pals some gifts. As it is spring and swimming time is virtually here again they brought Moe a triangle pin-up bathing suit of genuine waterproof rubberized duck.

Too bad the authorities object to this course of bathing apparel, so friend Moe will have to ultimately use his slacks or seek other suitable raiment to display his natalorial prowess.

Coed Joins WAC

Miss Jane Ross of the Photo Tech Department was sworn into the Air WAC, May 10th.

Jane will finish her Junior year here at school and will leave for basic training early in the summer.

Jane is going in as a photo technician. We wish her all kinds of luck and Godspeed.

Close Escapade

Did anyone see Barb Wood drive off with the Blanchard Florist man? It was a horse and buggy that that, and from the Dorm. Friday afternoon, while waiting for May Day guests.

Some Pouch!

A schoolboy was told to define a marsupial. "A marsupial," he wrote, "is an animal with a pouch in the middle of his stomach into which he can retire when hard pressed."

Quite Ironical

Thomas Carlyle once observed that "laughter is the key whereby we decipher the whole man." However, popular usage puts it thus: "Tell me what you laugh at and I'll tell you what you are."

Buy Uncle's War Bonds

VISITING CO-EDS WHO GAVE US THE "ONCE OVER"

Convocation Tea



Photo by Doyle Keeling

'Hat Novelties' Add Zest To Dormitory May Day Program

BY A STAFF REPORTER

Students at the Residence Hall of Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute apparently agree that there is practically no limit to the design of my lady's chapeau. Their unique "original creations" were the feature of a "crazy hat" dinner, when they welcomed as their guests more than 100 senior high school girls of Western New York.

The dinner, held in the Institute dining room as part of a three-day May program, found both students and guests wearing the hats which included such decorations as fresh vegetables, orange squeezers, egg beaters, broken phonograph records, playing cards and tea cups. A theater party followed this unusual raiment.

Theatre Party Afforded Relief

Seats were reserved at the theater for a showing of "Four Jills in A Jeep," so the girls and their guests were able to sit together, and a nice cozy time was had by all.

On Saturday the out-of-towners were taken on a tour of the Eastman and Bevier buildings, and were shown the ins and outs of our school—from the cafeteria to the printing laboratory.

That afternoon the guests were allowed some free time in which to do some shopping, get acquainted with the city in general, or do whatever their little hearts desired. Saturday night was highlighted by a super-banquet (everything from soup to nuts and a galaxy of faculty representatives, headed by Dr. Mark Ellingson). After everyone had gorged themselves completely, the general trend was toward Eastman Hall, where the student body and guests were given the opportunity to dance off the additional pounds acquired at the big feed.

We had just gobs and gobs of rain, sailors, and Marines at the May Day dance.

Two sailors, Slim and Jessie, came in very much soaked. When they asked where they could dry off, two little blondes offered to see what could be done about the situation.

These Sampson sailors were taken to the Dorm and their middies pressed by accommodating coeds.

After being dried off they felt more at ease and a hilarious evening was enjoyed by the foursome. (I hear that they just about covered the town in fifteen minutes.)

Sailors Aided in the Festivities

As near as your snooping reporter could see, all of the girls had a grand time and most of them "nabbed" a man.

We really enjoyed seeing the way the MAY DAY guests entered into the fun. I would personally like to give a pep talk to anyone who didn't!

I can't get over the large number of Servicemen that were present, even the fellows now at Mechanics taking camera repair were there snapping pictures. Sure would like to see some of those shots!

Lots of the Dorm girls and guests met some mighty nice fellows and there is a great possibility that more girls will be mailing letters to Uncle Sam's men regularly.

One of the guests met a very nice Marine from the U. of R. and they made a date for September 17. Why then—your guess is as good as mine. But I imagine he will find a way to get to Buffalo sooner—he's got the excuse at any rate.

It's not fair to tell all about the Servicemen—so right here we'll mention the fact that the high school "fellas" made quite a hit, too. One little gal (N. V.) was

Miss Ruth Leach, vice-president of the International Business Machines Corporation, will give an interesting address on Saturday morning, May 13th, at the Convocation Exercises.

Miss Leach is the first woman to address a graduating class at Mechanics. Eighty students will graduate at 10 A. M. tomorrow.

A tea will be held for the Seniors and their parents in the Dorm, Saturday afternoon, May 13th.

The Juniors will serve at the tea. All Seniors and their guests are cordially invited.

mightily lucky that the high school "fella" was there to catch her or she would have made quite a HIT!

Time Simply Flew . . .

It's too bad the Dorm girls can't keep their watches the same as the Dorm clock.

Oh, well, kids, eight minutes isn't bad. Were the sailors worth it?

One of the May Day guests was being interviewed by one of the Department heads and, when the prospective student was asked if there were any questions about the course or the school, the reply was, and I quote: "No, but where are all the men?"

Sunday was a day to be remembered—on which memorable occasion the Dorm girls virtuously escorted their little playmates to church. Immediately after, a progressive dinner was started, during the course of which the girls took their plates, picked up cold cuts on the second floor, potato salad on the third, rolls and butter on four, coke and orange pop on five, and the piece de resistance (choco-pops) on the sixth floor. After once more eating to repleteness and rounding their girlish "figgers," the guests went home.

Despite the fact that the weatherman refused to cooperate and most of the activities were of necessity carried on in the midst of a nasty drizzle, the girls enjoyed themselves and really got to know the whys and wherefores of our Institute.

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MR. MORECOCK:

No doubt you will think it strange for me to write only after I'd left the states. We're in New Guinea by virtue of a government paid-for boat ride. Easter services last Sunday on board ship and the initiation of the "polly wogs" into the Ancient Order of the Deep for having crossed the equator accounted for the majority of the activity of the trip.

Perhaps some of the other students have written to you. If so, it would be nice to hear from them or of them. Harry Buss is one I'd like to hear from. One co-ed, Kay Holdridge, is a person I'd like to hear from, too. In fact, anyone who writes can be sure of a reply from this individual.

Knowing that a school paper was so essential to Mechanics, I continue to believe it is still in circulation. Is it? My letter may find its way into the PSIMAR as a means of getting in touch with the student body. In this respect, thanks.

To Mr. Cayley, Mr. Minzer, Mr. Tuites, and the faculty, as well as the student body, please give my sincerest regards. Hoping to elicit numerous replies from Rochester. I remain,

Respectfully yours,
GEORGE J. KEENAN

The following would appreciate a letter from their RAMI buddies.
John Dobrinsky AAA 3c
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Ward Island—N.A.T.T.C.
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Cpl. James S. Smith, Elect. '45
Battery C, 507 AAA Bn.
Camp Pickett, Virginia

BY ELIZABETH NORTH

Who can resist the lure to plant, now that the citizenry are blooming into shirt sleeves and shorts? Is there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, "I'll start a victory garden this year or die trying?" Of course, later on the soil will dry and the weeds will spring and the dog days set in—but let us not think of such things while the urge stirs within us. Let us rather think of big golden ears of corn just ten minutes off the stalk, roasted or boiled and steaming through dripping butter. Let us consider the savory ripe tomato, the green peas, the delicate herbs for flavoring. Let us at it, with a yo, heave, hoe! (And I do mean hoe.)

The first thing to consider with a victory garden is plowing. Everybody knows that you cannot get anyone to plow this year for love nor money, so that means dig. Digging is done with a spade, which is a long-handed instrument with great possibilities. It is practically certain to guarantee to raise one crop if no others. I refer to a fine upstanding crop of blisters. Let us disregard blisters as they will soon become callouses which shows what a really industrious gardener we are.

The next step is to plant seeds. This is very important since without seeds you do not get much of a garden, though I have seen some very commendable weeds. Youse, who are Ignorant, will probably think that all you have to do is stick seeds in the ground. That is not so, because seeds are fussy little fellows and each has his own way of being buried. Some are sprinkled in trenches, some are drilled in individually, others have a kind of family plot where two or three are thrown in together. Gruesome, isn't it?

Then consider that chemical, commonly known as fertilizer. After all, plants, too, must be nurtured. It can be extremely expensive if improperly applied.

The hardest job, though, is yet to come. First it is necessary to restrain the impulse to dig things up to see how they are coming along. This applies not only to the gardener but to the gardener's children, dogs, hens and other lethal dependents, as well as to half the other children, hens and dogs on the block. Next, it is a good idea to develop an instinct for weeding since a young weed and an infant radish can be very very similar. One lady I know uses the hit-or-miss system. She goes down a row of beans, chanting "Eeny, meeny, miney, mo out you go," and weeds out every "go." She swears that the law of averages is in her favor. Personally at this stage of the game I prefer to give each one its head and may the best one win!

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BY NANCY AUBEL

"... for I'm to be queen of the May." Yes, you can be queen in your own right and be fashion-right, too. Just let your figure rule your wardrobe. If you're of the "skyscraper" variety, stick to horizontal lines to cut your height, and fullness to build out your form—large cartwheel hats are your crowning glory; a heavy bust calls for broken lines in the bodice, so jumpers and pinafores should be your form favorites; gathered skirt fullness will camouflage heavy hips and thighs while cardigan styling attracts the eye away from a heavy waistline; and if you're "rail slender," avoid tailored lines—let ruffles build out your silhouette, and flatter your figure with crisp fabrics.

Sportswear this play season is sun-catching. McCall 5565, halter neck sundress, leaves shoulders and back free for all the vitamin D you can bare—a gay floral print doing the honors. Or, if you prefer, the sundress that boasts of a deep U neckline in front and likewise, a deep, deep U repeated in the back. For those just a little modest, the small cap sleeve is a snappy cover-up for shoulders. But, if you still feel scantily clad, a tricky jacket or bolero will conceal all. Yet, there will be those who are willing to expose the midriff in a two-piecer that will very often include a wrap-around skirt as an added attraction.

But fabrics play a big part in your sun day outfits. To put you in a gala mood, they should fairly burst with brilliant colors of all kinds, in every way. Cotton takes the lead here because there is such great variety—you'll even find blends of spun rayon and cotton to suit your every playful need.

So, make the sun your subject and prepare to tan your hide in fun fashions that cover up slightly and show you off rightly.

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General Victor A. Yakhontoff, author and lecturer on international affairs and the Far East, gave a very interesting lecture at an Assembly, May 9th, on Russia's part in the war.

General Yakhontoff stated without Russia's help, the United States would not be progressing this war.

"The Russians have been fighting the Germans so long now, that the Germans are on the run and this is the time for the kill."

A brilliant speaker, General Yakhontoff has for fifteen years lectured from coast to coast. He was an official of Czarist Russia in the office of General Staff in the 10th Russian Army during World War I. He was also Military Attaché of the Imperial Russian Embassy in Japan.

General Yakhontoff was Assistant Secretary of War in the Kerensky Cabinet. He has revisited Russia many times in 1929, 1930, 1933 and 1936.

He is an authority on the Far East and made his residence in these parts for many years.

General Yakhontoff made a study of China, Japan, Manchuria and Mongolia as a diplomat, publisher and author.

Many famous books have been written by General Yakhontoff, namely, "Eyes on Japan," "The Chinese Soviets," "Russia and the Soviet Union in the Far East" and "Over the Divide."

MARRIED

Miss Arlene Eleanor Smith, ex-Retailing I student from UMass, was married in Ridgeland, South Carolina, on April 15th, to Frank Allen Bennett, Jr., former of Rochester.

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