

**Tantalizing
Glimpse of
1930 Ramikin**

**Editors Are Planning To Make
Publication Quite Dif-
ferent from Others**

The 1930 Centennial Ramikin is to be the finest year book ever. Each member of the staff is putting the most original ideas into the issue in order to make a book which will be entirely different from any previous Ramikin.

One of the aims in the arrangement of the Ramikin is to bring out the idea of progress in curriculum and activities of M. I. since its founding.

There will be pages of interest for all classes and school activities. The seniors' pictures will be arranged in a strikingly unique manner. The juniors, if they so desire, will have individual cuts placed in a miniature arrangement. This is quite new and unusual for the year book. The Freshman class is to play a big part in their first M. I. year book by various group pictures. Each student article will have a page and a worthy write-up. These pages depend a great deal upon the interest that the students show in turning out for their pictures.

The art editor and his assistants are working out colored designs and sketches that will give beauty to the book from cover to the end. Their theme will be that of progress. Their aim will be to show that Mechanics is now, after one hundred years of development.

The snapshot and grid editors are putting in little features of interest that will make every item in the issue worth attention. Bits of humor, snatches from everyday life and catchy write-ups are going to add to the attraction of the year book.

The staff is working hard to make the Centennial Ramikin a success worthy of the recognition and co-operation of every student and faculty member in M. I.

Remember! Everybody's Ramikin and a Ramikin for everybody.

**Poster Contest for
"Railway Life" Won
By Agnes Klitgard**

The contest for a poster magazine cover for the "Railway Life" magazine has terminated. The cover was to be designed for the December issue of that magazine. Two prizes were awarded. The first went to Agnes Klitgard, and the second to Samuel Ossowitz.

**Mr. Stephenson
of G. R. S. Talks
to M. I. Students**

**Tells of History, Needs and
Developments of Railway
Signaling to Large Group**

The regular meeting of the Mechanical Students' Association was held Thursday evening, December 5, in the Assembly Hall of the Eastman Building.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. J. E. Stephenson of the Engineering Staff of the General Railway Signal Company. Mr. Stephenson gave a very interesting talk on the history, needs and developments of railway signaling. From the talk, the Mechanical Students learned some very valuable information along the lines of modern railway operation, and also some interesting problems which are yet to be solved. Maybe one of the students who listened to Mr. Stephenson will be the one to solve them. Who knows?

The next meeting of the association has not been arranged as yet, but will be posted when a time has been definitely set.

Mechanical Students! These meetings are for your own good, so let's start the new year off right with a larger attendance than ever before.

**Many Revisions
To Be Made In
New Handbook**

A new student publication is coming to the fore this year in the form of a completely revised Handbook. Its need has long been apparent, and new plans are ready under full swing for its early publication.

The Handbook should be one of the school's best advertising factors. It travels abroad and creates for the incoming Freshman his first impression of the school. The purpose of this little book will be accomplished if every Freshman can feel that it is his friend and guide and that it is something he would want to carry about with him.

The Handbook is not wholly for the benefit of the Freshmen, however. It contains much information of general interest and its contents should be invaluable to everyone in the student body.

It is being published under the direction of an able, enthusiastic staff, but this staff can do nothing without support and encouragement.

**Annual Dorm Formal
Draws Gay Crowd;
Miss Arney, Chairman**



HELEN ARNEY

The annual "Dorm Formal" of the Mechanics Dormitory for Women was held December 6 in the Pompeian Room of the Hotel Seneca. Helen Arney was chairman, assisted by Helen Wertman, Laura Springer, Helen Campbell, Dorothy Wilder and Helen Rathjen.

The chaperones were Mrs. Jessie E. Lockwood, Mrs. Ann Shenck, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Backus.

The patrons and patronesses were Mrs. Marie Vick, Mrs. Mary Proper, Miss May D. Benedict, Miss Mildred Proper, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johns and Mr. John A. Randall.

**Helen Rathjen and
Ruth Woodward Take
Honors in Riding**

The G. A. A. riding class, under the direction of Miss Mildred Proper and the instructions of Sergeant Thaxter, gave an entertaining demonstration of its riding ability at the Culver Road Army on December 4.

The group rode individually as well as in formation, wearing character costumes. The sergeant was judge of horsemanship, the first award going to Helen Rathjen, the leader, the second to Ruth Woodward, a Freshman. Bessie Lewis received an award for the most attractive attire. She was "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Miss Woodward rode a white Arabian horse.

The members of the class are: Misses Anita Cotrael, Mildred De Wolf, Elsie Gunkler, Rachael Hastings, Bessie Lewis, Dorothy Millham, Ruth Mix, Margaret Lou Payne, Helen Rathjen, Laura Springer, Louise Tallamy, Lonella Waid, Mildred White, Ruth Woodward and Gretchen Worthing.

A new class is starting in the spring for beginners, as well as an advanced class. Any girl in the school will be welcome to join. The advanced class will do most of its riding outdoors.

Ron Yaw does Einstein and Romeo one better. He combines love with mathematics. It can't be done, Ron. Love has no formula.

**Student Council Changes
Point System; Students
Limited to 20 Credits**

**New System Will Distribute Student Activities; More
Students To Hold Offices by New Plan**

The Student Council, by establishing a point system at its last regular meeting, took a step which will affect every student, and every student activity. Striking at the evil caused when the burden of too many activities are placed on the shoulders of a few, the Council drew up a definite point list, limiting the number of activities in which a student may participate.

The new system assigns a given number of points to each activity. No student can engage in a combined number of activities which total more than twenty points, or "social credits," as they will be known. Exceptions will be made only when a student is so well up in his scholastic activities that the Council feels he may carry extra work.

The social credit system, it is believed, will help distribute student activities, as a certain few students will not be able to hold every office; it will also protect the student who is too willing and who is forced to take too many offices because other students are too lazy; it will help the student who does not wish to sacrifice his scholastic standing in order to show his school spirit.

The complete list of activities and the social credits assigned to each are given here:

- President of Student Council..... 9
- Secretary of Student Council..... 8
- President of G. A. A..... 8
- Editor-in-Chief of Ramikin..... 7
- Editor-in-Chief of Psmar..... 7
- Business Manager of Ramikin..... 7
- Advertising Manager of Ramikin Business Manager of Psmar..... 7
- Advertising Manager of Psmar..... 6
- Members of Student Council..... 6
- Member of any varsity team..... 6
- Manager of men's athletic team..... 6
- President of any class..... 6
- Other Ramikin positions..... 6
- Other Psmar positions..... 6
- President of Dorm Council..... 5
- President of Men's Glee Club..... 5
- President of Girls' Glee Club..... 5
- President of Glee League..... 5
- President, Electrical, Mechanical, Chemical and Builders' Associations..... 5
- President or Chairman of Fraternity, Sorority, Interfraternity Council or other school organizations..... 5
- Members of G. A. A. Council..... 2
- Members of Dorm Council..... 2
- Chairman of Class Proms and

other officers of all organizations..... 1

*Major sports only

The Student Council may add to or revise this list. The Student Handbook, for instance, is not included as yet, as a study of the amount of work necessary for editing the publication has not been completed.

Edward Pitt was given charge of distributing the Student Association cards. The cards entitle the faculty and their families to all sports activities of the Institute.

The Student Council also discussed the status of the new Publication Office and decided that if such an office were to be permanent the Council would authorize the purchase of linoleum and assist in the remodeling of the room. This room, now being remodeled, will be headquarters for the Student Council, the Ramikin, Psmar and Student Handbook and for other organizations which secure permission. Vance Welkart is chairman of the committee in charge of the room.

At following meeting Herman Yoffe, editor of The Psmar, presented a detailed report of the assets and liabilities of The Psmar. Mr. Yoffe explained that The Psmar bowed to end the year without financial loss and that the prospects for achieving this were good.

The Council commended Mr. Yoffe and expressed the view that in all respects the paper and its management were being taken care of very well.

The Council declared the office of secretary-treasurer of the Council vacant because the former secretary had been unable to attend meetings. Charles Cala, acting secretary-treasurer throughout the year, was elected to the office. As Mr. Cala's activity credits would be one point over the limit established, he was elected to the office on condition that he maintain the required scholastic rating, setting a precedent for future cases.

Commenting on the work of the year, the officers of the Council said: "The duties of the old year are nearly over, but we have a greater year before us in which to embody the ideals of a greater success. As we approach the centennial year of the Institute, the Student Council wishes to extend the season's greetings. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The Psimar

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A Christmas Soliloquy

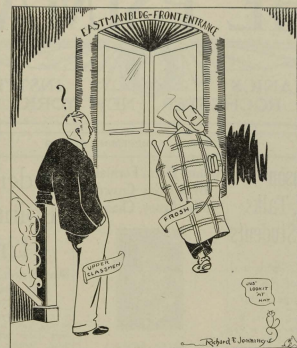
Vacation is at hand. To some of you it will mean a well earned rest after months of hard work. To some it will mean a whirl of dances, parties and dinners, or, perhaps, a strenuous program of outdoor sports. Others will be concerned solely with what they are going to give "her" or "him," and with what they will receive from the "old man." Still others will find this two weeks a lifesaver, giving them a chance to catch up with work that has persistently run ahead of them. And there are those—we hope they are few—who are planning for the next fortnight but an orgy of intemperance and licentiousness. For Christmas means many different things to as many different people; but seldom in this age of oppressive worldliness does anyone think of Christmas as meaning anything more than gayety and gift-giving.

This is the mystic time of the year. It is a season which inspires awe and wonder, love and humility in the hearts of all intelligent men. For Christmas is not merely giving and receiving gifts, or resting, or attending social affairs. It is the celebration of the birth of Him Who is the world's greatest example of charity, self-sacrifice and humility. It is a time when open-minded people take a day off and THINK.

What does it matter if you do or do not have a good time during the holidays? Suppose you were on your way to the most glorious and elaborate celebration of the season, and suppose your taxi skidded, struck another car and you were thrown through the window, severing the jugular vein. What does it matter then? The sun will give its heat the next day just the same; men will go to work; women will play (some of them will work, too); your passing will not ripple the surface of an already choppy sea of existence. Of course, these thoughts are purposely disturbing, for such thoughts are the vitamins necessary for an active mind.

We wish you, then, a thoughtful Christmas; and if it were possible for us to give you a present which would be more acceptable to you than anything else, we would ask the Genii to send a basket overflowing with contentment, for that is what man is constantly searching for; nor will he find it until he takes a truthful inventory of his inner self, supplying all deficits. Neither will he find it in the things of this world.

And so, with a plea for a little constructive thinking, The Psimar sends you best wishes of the season.



STUDENT FORUM

(Letters which appear in the Student Forum are not to be construed as representing the opinion of The Psimar editorial board. Letters must be signed with the full name of the writers, although these will not necessarily be published.—The Editors.)

Is It Possible?

Dear Editor:

"The M Club was organized by its president to protect its dignity."—The Ramikin, 1929. From this small beginning less than two years ago to the point of all-powerful dictatorship is the record of the little heard of, but much heard from M Club. The latest is the edict that no one, regardless of course or year, be allowed to wear a high school sweater. Mussolini himself would be cerise with envy were he to hear of the M Club's authority.

Perhaps this is just the beginning. Heaven help us if it is. The following standard form will undoubtedly come into vogue for all unlucky students who are not wearers of the M:

"I.....do humbly petition the high and mighty M Club for the privilege of wearing (state article of clothing) for the following reasons (give at least six)."

It is not the idea of men not wearing high school letters that is objectionable. It is the source of the command. The M Club is not elective. It has no power delegated by the students. Think what would happen if all organizations followed suit. The luckless student would be carrying a coil of wire to suit the E. S. A., also a mopkey wrench to please the M. S. A., and think of being forced by the M. I. R. to wear only Kolorge Kut Klothes!

The school administration, the Student Council or a traditions committee may make arbitrary rules and enforce them, but the M Club—Heh! Heh!

R. D. Y.

Correction

December 11, 1929.

Dear Editor:

Last month in the article written about the Ramikin, it was stated that the Student Council had allowed the book a \$2,500.00 budget.

We wish to correct this in the minds of the student body. The Ramikin has no money allowed whatever. We limit our printing and engraving budget to \$2,500.00 so that we may know how much we have to earn from sales and advertising to cover the cost of publishing. We start with no financial backing.

Thank you.

RUTH L. TAYLOR,
Editor.

Students

No one regrets it any more than The Psimar staff when there are inaccuracies or omissions. No one is more anxious that there shall be a complete and interesting account of every significant student activity.

Inaccuracies are usually caused by haste. Printers can't wait, and when organizations submit their copy at the last moment, there is no time to correct proofs or hunt up students or officers to verify facts.

The Psimar urges that each organization appoint someone responsible student who will co-operate with The Psimar reporters to the end that reports may come in complete and on time.

EDITORS

Traditions

A man named Disraeli once said: "Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage."

I want to warn the reader beforehand that this will not be any literary gem, but plain words, spoken in a plain way.

What is wrong in the accompanying cartoon? The Freshmen will smile and the Upperclassmen will frown. According to Disraeli, it seems as though someone was taking advantage of an opportunity and that "someone" is the Freshmen. The Upperclassmen has let down his vigil, has given him an inch of freedom and, true to the saying, he has taken a yard, and more than a yard. He is breaking all the traditions of the school as far as he can think of them, and delighting in the work of destruction. The Upperclassmen looks on, unconcerned, like a fond father watching his first-born smashing to bits his favorite ingersol.

If the Freshman will turn to pages 29, 30 and 31 of his M. I. Handbook, he will refresh his mind on certain topics. In case he has not got one, I'll illustrate some of them in no gentle words.

How many Freshmen have respect for the upperclass hats? How many have worn their Freshman hats, and how many are wearing their toques? Freshmen are seen wearing mustachios and side burns. Others go to classes with three or four days of growth on their faces. They are seen wearing knickers, sweat-shirts, sweaters, wind-breakers, jackets and high school insignia at Assembly. They make it a point to get out before the upperclassmen. They go in and out of the front doors of the Eastman and Bevier buildings, also up the front stairways. When spoken to by an upperclassman they get impatient. Some have been pledged by fraternities. They think they own the school. All this goes on and more, and the upperclassman just looks on, smoking his pipe. Maybe he is just biding his time. Who knows?

Christmas vacation is not far off; in fact, it is here. It is hoped that the upperclassmen make a New Year's resolution that they will uphold the traditions of the school. It is also hoped that the Freshmen will "get wise to themselves" and will not make it necessary to take out or make new paddles. Making and breaking paddles solely for the benefit of a few stubborn domestic animals is a nuisance. They have other things to do, more important than testing the tensile strength of the brand of cloth of which the Freshmen's trousers are made. It has been proven by experiment that their shearing strength is not so reliable.

Once again let us refer to Disraeli, "The most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage."

You have had your innings; now it is the upperclassmen's turn "at bat." And they are heavy hitters.

The upperclassmen have given the Freshmen the chance to show that they are sports and gentlemen, and have been disappointed. The upperclassmen do not wish the Freshmen to think they are tyrants—for they were Freshmen once themselves. But we, the upperclassmen, want to uphold the traditions of our school. We did not institute these rules and we do not intend to have them trampled under foot after one hundred years or so Freshmen, if you wish to appear agreeable in society, you must consent to be taught many things which you know already.

Upper Classmen Help Yearlings Celebrate Party

Was the Freshman party a success? Ask any of the upper classmen who attended unwitting.

The party was held December 11 in the assembly hall in the Eastman Building. For an hour and a half the various schools entertained their classmates. Leo Kaplan, art school, gave a dance and a short skit.

The electrical group pulled off a high tension wedding in which a shotgun played a prominent part. The mechanical section entertained for half an hour with two reels of Cine Kodak movies. After two or three fake starts, Al Hobbie got a hammerlock on the projector and the audience stopped making a "talkie" out of the production. Ronald Cook added to the mechanical contribution by dancing the Breakaway to the evident enjoyment of his audience.

Paul Whitman and Vincent Lopez would have turned green, or pale, with envy over the Home Economics tin pan orchestra. Two of the girls brought down the house with a clever song which hinted that dish washing is a rather dangerous pastime—for the girls.

Dorothy Baker, social chairman of the class, was in charge of the party, the first of its kind that a Freshman class has had here in some years. Assisting her was Mr. Blackburn. The skits were followed by dancing, a Freshman orchestra furnishing the music. Although the affair was a closed party, a large group of upper classmen appeared for the dancing, and the Freshmen, having neglected to erect a "gate," were forced to let them in. The Freshman class is hopeful that these same upper classmen will support the class dance, for which, by the way, an admission will be charged.

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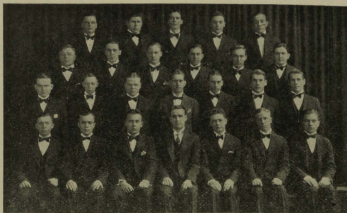
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MEN'S GLEE CLUB



The Men's Glee Club adds much to the social and cultural life of the Institute. It is one of the most representative student activities, as the club is open to all men who wish to try out and who make good in competition.

The Glee Club in past years has presented several concerts at school functions and has represented the Institute with credit at outside affairs.

In addition to its concerts, the Men's Glee Club will this year present an opera, to be given in conjunction with the Women's Glee Club. The two clubs are planning a social get-together in the near future, at which plans for this production will be made.

The Glee Club meets each Tuesday evening and is being directed by Clarence Bihorn. The officers of the club are: Charles Clap, president; Ronald Yaw, vice-president; Henry Kent, treasurer; Wilfred Klump, secretary, and Robert Kent, business manager.

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Life and Customs in India as Seen by William Taff

This month I would like to tell the students of Mechanics a little concerning the life, education and various activities that are found in India.

The students in India are not regarded as in other colleges in accordance with their school year, as Freshmen, etc. Otherwise, their studies do not vary to any great extent, only the sports participated in by the students are in many respects similar to those found in England. The chief sports are cricket, soccer and hockey.

Our chief rivals were the teams from St. Paul's, also from Darjeeling. We wiped them out whenever we met. We played the different teams from the hill stations, the soldiers from the barracks and the local teams.

The religion of the Hindu is divided into three castes. First comes the warrior, then the Brahmins and third the servants. One great Hindu feast is the Pujā—Thanksgiving. All the Hindus bathe in the Ganges and offer up to the gods an extra share of sweets, Christmas and New Year and Easter—all these holidays last for one week. All offices are closed for the full week. Another great feast day is the Mohammetan—Roza. This is observed by one month of fasting. All Mohammedans are allowed to eat before and after sunrise. Nothing is to be taken as food or drink during the day. The fast is generally broken by a cereal of some sort.

The social life of the average Hindu is very simple. The average Hindu is poor and needs must work at his trade or on his farm. The wedding ceremony is the chief event of the Hindu's social calendar. The wedding usually lasts for a whole month. The members of the wedding party dance and parade through the streets, bearing candles, and the bride and groom are carried under high canopies. They entertain until the wee hours of the morning. The children are married at the age of five or six and are united for their married life at the age of 14 or 15. This is being done away with now under English law.

The Hindu orchestra is a very weird affair. It is taken a drum that is beaten with the fingers, producing a hollow tum-tum noise. The Sarejī—a sort of guitar that is made out of a hollow tree trunk with calf-skin stretched over the top and steel strings. The Sīī—a flute-like affair made of bamboo—a one-string instrument—a sort of violin that is played with a bow.

Fraternity and Sorority News

CHI DELTA PHI

The past month has been very active in the fraternity, due to the pledging of future candidates for brothers. The thorough training necessary for this honor has been accepted in the spirit of genuine brotherhood. In accordance with Hells' law, all the pledges are flashing bright yellow ties and carrying their instruction books, ever mindful of keeping within their limits.

Nor have other activities been neglected. The basketball team has had several stiff workouts, under the coaching of Proctor, an alumni brother, and the large squad promises a strong team for competition in the inter-fraternal league. The first game scheduled is with Chi Beta Kappa. The fraternity looks forward to very close games with all the teams in the league, and awaits with great interest the coming season.

CHI BETA KAPPA

Chi Beta Kappa is anticipating an active year. The fraternity has extended a welcome to the following men:

Glen Pashley, Paul Roche, Edward A. Pike, Donald F. Thomas, Robert Kellogg, James C. Shepard, James A. Clayton, Ralph A. Cull, Jay L. Bracker, Tracy Seese, Mial Polkins, Russell F. Elliott, George H. Rice, Claude Sadler, Richard A. Vauck, Herbert Peterson, Avery Carpenter, William Cowley, Harley Marchouse.

The fraternity has organized a basketball team.

CHI EPSILON PHI FRATERNITY

The Chi Epsilon Phi Fraternity is pleased to announce the pledging of the following men: W. G. Farrell, Harold Wharthy, C. C. Gates, E. F. Murray, G. E. Blast, Ralph Nichols, Edwin Brinkman, T. G. Atcheson, P. H. Goodman, John Cox, Gordon Hammond, Kenneth Vandy, D. Getman, Donald Whitlock, Stanley Smith, L. D. Kennedy, W. J. Boyle, Robert Nelson, Herbert Rowbridge.

PI KAPPA GAMMA

The Pi Kappa Gamma Fraternity has elected to Pledge Brotherhood: D. W. Casey, G. S. Cross, F. Dantz, W. C. Ford, L. Gwelt, J. W. Klump, R. Lincoln, J. F. McCormick, M. Blackmer, A. H. McKeown, G. Welter, H. D. Western.

The Fraternity has organized a basketball team and is holding regular practices.

Mr. Henry to Speak at Next Meeting of the Chemical Society

The next meeting of the Chemical Society will be Thursday, January 9, 1920.

Mr. Frank Henry of the Rochester Gas and Electric Company has been obtained as the speaker of the evening. Mr. Henry will give a talk on "Analysis of Boiler Feed Waters." This subject should be of great interest to all of the Chemical students, as there are many perplexing problems involved which the chemist of today should be acquainted with.

Let's start the new year right by having a "bigger and better" meeting than ever before. We have made one of a "bigger" meeting by securing such a well known speaker as Mr. Henry. Now it is up to you Chemical students to make it "bigger" than usual.

There will be a short business meeting at 7.30 o'clock, and Mr. Henry will talk at 8 o'clock. DON'T MISS IT!

Senior Dance, Friday the 13th, a Great Success

The students of Mechanics that attended the Senior Dance on Friday, December 13, were not superstitious and are not sorry, for the Seniors certainly know how to put on a dance. The decorations, door prizes and music could not be beaten. "Sax" Smith and his Cavaliers did everything in the way of music in order that the Seniors might make their first event a success.

The Seniors are to be complimented on their manner of making the evening enjoyable for the chaperones. It has been rather noticeable at previous dances that after the chaperones are gracious enough to make it a point to attend the dance, those having charge of the affair more or less neglected the chaperones.

Girls' Glee Club Feature Xmas Songs at G. A. A. Tea Dec. 15

The Girls' Glee Club presented its first musical production at the Girls' Activities Association Tea on Sunday, December 15. The event was marked not only by good singing, but also effective staging.

Christmas songs featured the program, which was presented in the Beaver living room. The members of the club were attired in white and introduced their first number by marching from the second floor to the living room, each girl carrying a lighted candle.

The concert showed the excellent results of the regular Monday evening practices which the women students have been holding under the leadership of Margaret Palmer, club president. The club is planning to combine with the Men's Glee Club to produce an operetta. The success of this musical event is thoroughly assured, as both clubs have very good material this year.

Art Students Hear Carl Hawley, Member of Syracuse University

Admitting that he was a "nut" on composition, but proving that that term may often be used to describe significant ideas, Carl Hawley, director of the Syracuse University School of Fine Arts, spoke to the art students last Friday.

Mr. Hawley's work has been on exhibition during the past week and has attracted more than usual attention because of his individual methods. He was subjected to a fire of questioning when he spoke on the subject of "Composition." His exhibition is one of several unusual collections presented for the school and general public this year.

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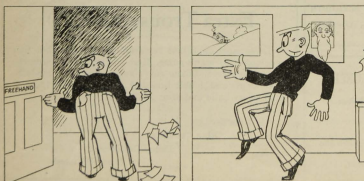
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How Am I To Know—All the Freshmen.

I'm Sitting on Top of the World—Seniors.

Bashful Baby—Claire Strickland.
I Can't Give You Anything but Love—Sunday Night Callers.

The Vagabond Lover—Bill Ward.
Deep in the Arms of Love—Harold Greene.

Loveable and Sweet—Betty Garrity.
Precious—Leo Kaplan.

Lonesome and Sorry—Helen Brooks.

Just a Cottage Small—The Dorm.
Sleepy Time Gal—Helen Rathjen.

Baby Face—Edith Somers.
Don't Wake Me Up—Miss Burkey.

I Wish I Had My Old Gal Back Again—Bill Buck.
I'm Wild About "Horns"—Dot Jergs.

Give me a Little Kiss—Paul Roche.
Ain't Misbehaving—Tommy Grant.

Statistics

It has been scientifically proven that the white elephants in India do not wear lace corsets.

If all the Ferds in Mechanics were piled on top of each other they would fall down.

If all the toothpicks used in the Cafeteria were piled end to end, it would be foolish.

This month's scientific proof: Once upon a time there were three cats in a certain town. The first had five every day. The second had six every few days, and the third had five every week. In the course of time the third cat died, and it was not long until the second cat likewise gave up the ghost, and finally the first cat succumbed to the ravages of old age. Here we have proof of the survival of the fittest.

SMOKY JOE

A red hot meller drammed with heart interest and split infinitives. A million dollar super scenario (fifty-five cents cash). A daring expose involving hundreds of thousands of people and sparing no expense (they even burn the dormitory).



Black clouds were forming overhead. Shadowy figures hurried along the deserted streets. Probably the frame owners wanted to get home before the shower broke. Hark! What is this one hears as one nears the corner of Spring and Plymouth Streets. (Theme song, "Singing in the Rain.")

It must be raining. But no, the sidewalks ain't wet yet. What can it be? At brief intervals come a sound as of a huge drop of water splashing against a hard pavement. We pause to ascertain what this strange phenomenon may be. Our eyes catch sight of two figures, molded as one, on the steps of the dormitory farther down on Spring Street. (Theme song, "Won't You Come In?")

"Who is it?" we ask ourselves. "None other than Joe Smoko, the hero of Hose Company No. 1," we reply. Joe is bidding farewell to the fair Iva Smith. The mystery is solved. Their craniums merge in a noise like corks in the Locust Club. We stagger homeward.

Clang! Clang! We leap from bed and rush to the window, inserting our head in the place where the pane used to be. A red fire chariot whizzes by. The sky in the distance is a bloody red. Flames shoot heavenward. Sparks rain down in showers. There must be a fire. (Theme, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight.")

Sure enough, the dormitory is on fire.

Steady streams of soft water are being poured on the blazing structure. We see Joe Smoko dashing hither and yon, following directions. Earnestly he peers at the top floor, roaring "Iva!" But no Iva can be seen. (Theme, "Baby, Where Can You Be?")

Return to Iva. We find that she left Joe at the door and went directly to her rooms. However, before retiring she felt a hunger for a fog. Lightning it, the unthinking girl reclined on the bed and presently the sand man touched his mystic wand to her tired eyes and she sank to rest in slumberland. (Copyrighted.)

Who are we to judge that it was Iva's cigarette which started the fire? There is a judgment that far transcends our mortal whims (Address director of dormitory for all particulars.) Anyway, Iva awakened to find the room full of smoke. She rushed to the window and screamed—died in slumberland. (Theme, "I Hear You Calling Me.")

Presently there came a clang, then a siren, then a fire truck. Iva faintly in her tracks over the window sill, but as she was pigeon-toed the clang came to the bed post with her ankles, so that she was not dashed to death on the hard, cruel earth beneath.

Xmas Assembly Adds Interest to Vacations

The Thanksgiving Assembly for 1929 was held Friday, November 19, in the Eastman Assembly Hall. President Randall presided, introducing Dr. J. J. Lawrence of the First Presbyterian Church as speaker. Dr. Lawrence gave a very original talk on the modern Thanksgiving spirit, applying the term "Thanksgiving" to our modern times and problems, supplying much food for thought.

The school's Glee Clubs, Men's and Girls' combined, made their first appearance before the student body and rendered three appropriate holiday numbers.

If any of the students missed assembly on Friday, December 13, it is just "too bad," for the students assembled were very much surprised, and agreeably so, by President Randall's speech on Christmas Vacation.

In his talk he stated definitely that no student should take any work home over the holidays, but get a complete change and rest in order to be fit for the new semester that will start with the New Year. This fact he also applied to the faculty, so cheer up, students. Perhaps those semester exams after the vacation won't be so stiff if the faculty doesn't spend much time in preparing them.

Said in a Hundred Words

Les says the horn on his Cadillac is so indifferent it doesn't give a toot . . . Perhaps the authorities who sent letters kicking certain students out, would have had better results if they had crossed off the heading in the upper left hand corner of the envelope, "Return in Five Days to Mechanics Institute." . . . How to tell the number of steers in a drove? Count the legs and divide by four.

. . . Freshmen, be not discouraged. Remember the mighty oak was once a nut, too. . . The Psychology class has decided that when two persons are thinking of the same thing, sometimes, it is mental telepathy and sometimes it is just plain embarrassing. . . Everything has gone down except paper and envelopes; they're stationary.

"I wish, Matilda, you would agree not to talk when I'm driving in traffic."

"We can discuss that as we go along, Adolphus."—London Gaisty.

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THE DUST PAN (All the School Dirt)

"None but the brave deserve the fair"—and in certain places (not mentioning any names) none but the brave can eat the fare.

Helen says "I call the boy friend 'Bawls' 'cause Dad's always picking on him and 'cause I think he's trying to string me."

Two uses to which the human nose is put; one to smell with, and one for radio singers to sing through.

Question for scientific research: Why is the ocean so near the shore?

One way to meet all the important people you know is to walk downtown without a shave.

"Words fail me," says the Freshman as he flunked a spelling test.

This month's scientific note: A cannibal's existence depends upon his ability to pick men that agree with him.

"Know a guy around here with one leg called Smith?"

"Naw! What's the other leg called?"

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G. A. A. Proves Charming Host at Xmas Tea

Christmas settings and holiday cheer prevailed at the annual Christmas Tea given by the Girls' Activities Association in the reception room of the Beaver Building on Sunday afternoon, December 15.

Women students, their parents and the faculty were invited. Carol Richards, president of the G. A. A., and Helen Rose, general chairman, directed the tea, one of the most successful the organization has held.

Dorothy Millham was responsible for the holiday settings, which were carried out in a motif of evergreens and candles.

The Girls' Glee Club, under the leadership of Margaret Palmer, presented a program of Christmas carols. The members of the G. A. A. Council acted as hostesses. Miss Mildred Propper and Carol Richards poured.

Christmas Basket

Members of the G. A. A. are going to double for Santa Claus this year. The Christmas gift will be a dinner for a family of ten, an especially needy case.

Placecards have been placed on the bulletin boards and each member is asked to sign for whatever she can furnish—oil, toys or money.

All M. I. Winter Party

The A. A. officials are planning a winter party on January 14, at which the entire school can participate. The committee consists of: General chairman, Ann Ballarini; chairperson of advertising, Lillian Warner; chairman of entertainment, Gretchen Worthing; chairman of food, Mary Storto.

The party is to be an all sports affair, sking, skating, tobogganing, outdoor and indoor games, dancing and refreshments.

Come! Remember the roller skating time. We will have more fun this time.

Construction Course Organize Wrestling Squad—Want Matches

Freshmen in the Construction Supervision course have organized a wrestling team and are working out regularly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

The squad so far is composed of the following: 118-pound class, Edmeister, 128, Carpenter; 138, Nichols, Folgman and Brooks; 148, Morchouse; 158, Ferguson; 168, Byr and Hill; 178, Pike; heavyweight, Roche.

The Construction crew challenges any wrestling team from any class or organized student body in school at any time. Other student wrestling teams wishing to meet the Construction squad should make arrangements with Floris Ferguson.

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Wrestling Team Wins First Two Meets and Shows Great Promise

Buffalo Y Defeated by Score of 26-8 in Opening Meet—Mansfield State Teachers' College Proves Tougher, But Is Defeated in Close Meet, 19-11

Captain Whitney led his men to their second win of the season and the tenth straight victory of the Mechanics wrestling team when the grapplers from M. I. defeated the Mansfield State Teachers' College matmen 19-11 at Mansfield, Pa.

Mosher, a newcomer on the team, opened the meet for Mechanics, but finally succumbed to the prowess of Squires of Mansfield, who incidentally wrestled twice for Mansfield and won both his matches. Squires won two of the three matches which the Mansfield squad garnished during the evening.

Schantz, wrestling in the 115-pound class, pinned Corbin in Mansfield almost before the match started. In fact, it happened so suddenly that the referee did not realize it was all over. Schantz threw Corbin in one minute.

Curtis added three more points for M. I. Wrestling very cleverly, he won a decision over Shucko in 3 minutes and 21 seconds.

Kent met a very tough opponent in Gould of Mansfield, but succeeded in getting a time advantage of eight minutes to win the match on a time decision. Gould's skill twice saved him from a pin fall.

Stallies of Mechanics showed his stall championship caliber in throw-

ing Quiby of Mansfield in the 145-pound class. Quiby, after being catapulted around the mat, realized that discretion was the better part of valor, and Stolljes threw him in 7 minutes.

Coach Gullo, wrestling in the 155-pound class, lost a close and exciting match to Captain Whitney. Whitnoo had to use his skill and, displaying stellar form, won a decision in 5 minutes 48 seconds.

Cala, M. I.'s old reliable, met Squires, who already had excellent record to Captain Whitney. Whitnoo had to use his skill and, displaying stellar form, won a decision in 5 minutes 48 seconds.

The match was one of the most exciting of the meet.

Si Dudley, wrestling in the heavyweight class, was thrown by Prugh of Mansfield in 3 minutes 40 seconds. Si had the advantage all the way through the match, but on a very lucky break Prugh managed to get the advantage and pinned Dudley.

On January 10 Mechanics meets Mansfield in Rochester. It will mark the opening of the season at meet. The basketball team meets the U. of R. Fresh the same evening.

MECHANICS		MANSFIELD	
Name	Point	Name	Point
Mosher (175)	0	Squire (175)	3
Schantz (115)	5	Corbin (115)	0
Fall 1 minute.		Decision 1 min. 40 sec.	
Curtis (123)	3	Subeco (125)	0
Decision 3 min. 40 sec.		Gould (135)	0
Kent (135)	3	Gould (145)	0
Decision 4 min.		Quiby (145)	0
Stolljes (145)	5	Gullo (155)	0
Fall 5 min.		Prugh (unl.)	5
Whitney (155)	3	Decision 2 min.	
Decision 7 min.		Squires (165)	0
Dudley (unl.)	0	Decision 1 min. 4	
Cala (165)	0		11
	19		

Mechanics 26, Buffalo 8

The Institute wrestling team opened the 1929-30 season with a 26-8 victory over the Buffalo of M. C. A. Montana of the 175-pound and heavyweight class featured for the visitors.

In the first match Montana defeated Mosher of Mechanics after a long, trying struggle. It was Mosher's first varsity match and, although he lost, he showed clever wrestling.

Schantz, with the score 5-0 against M. I., over the Buffalo of Buffalo off his feet and pinned him to the mat in a little over a minute's time to win the second match. This was also Schantz's first varsity appearance.

In the 195-pound class Shapiro of Buffalo gained a decision over Curtis, the Institute wrestler, with a time advantage of 1 minute and 6 seconds.

In the next match Stallies, the Institute veteran, won an easy decision over Albarrion with a time advantage of 6 minutes and 45 seconds. Stallies tried hard to gain a fall, but the

breaks seemed to be against him.

Captain Whitney then gained an easy fall over Calabrese of Buffalo in less than a minute and a half. Whitney was in no trouble at any time and appeared to be one of Coach Ellington's best bids for a successful 1929-30 team.

In the sixth match Cala, 165-pound class, won a hard fall over Cassidy after 7 minutes and 45 seconds. This victory made the score 18 to 8 in favor of Mechanics.

In the final match Dudley, heavyweight, won a close decision in an overtime period over Montana of Buffalo, who was making a second bid for a fall. Dudley, more experienced, proved a tough opponent for Montana, and after an overtime period the decision was given to Dudley with a time advantage of 2 minutes and 56 seconds.

Buffalo forfeited the 145-pound match.

CHARLES CALA



When Coach Mark Ellington issued his first call for wrestlers, Charlie Cala was among the first to appear. Since then he has been one of the outstanding factors in bringing wrestling from a humble beginning to one of the Institute's major sports.

Cala's work has been consistently good. Wrestling in the 165-pound class, he has met and defeated some of the crack wrestlers of opposing teams.

Cala's work in practice has been as great a help to the team as his victories on the mat. He has an unusual record for regularity in practice and faithfulness to the ideals of sport. He is president of the "M" Club and a member of the Student Council.

Our Critic Sez

- Schantz should enjoy reading "The Jumping Frog," riding on "The Blue Streak" or chasing "Bats Out of—" most anywhere.
- Curtis should be a cattle rustler, for the Vigilantes could never hurt him by trying to stretch his neck.
- Stolljes, not expecting to enter, came in his tax en route to the Dorn Normal, but Giesmer'd cut the ropes about to ring his wedding bells and walk a mile to boot to bring a tame camel.
- Whitney's future should be acting for motion study films. Even a Lillian Gilbreth could detect never a false move in his old system of getting his man.
- Mosher flung the vaunted "Bull" Montana with the violence of a torador-nado, but lost his opportunity by throwing the "Bull" off the mat.
- Cala, the perfect trainer, can stand a word of necking. He keeps his spine in perfect condition by forcing referees to work overtime slapping his back.
- Si Dudley's learning to step out—result, the vaunted Buffalo lost his only chance to even up time advantage, and Si won his match.
- Coach Ellington, the man of the poker face: "Was he excited? Is he ever excited? Who knows? His men too well!

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Coach McKay To Have a Fair Quinby Ready When Blue and Grey Open Season

Whatever else the Mechanics Institute basketball team may be this year, it is going to be a team with plenty of fight.

This has been demonstrated in the last few weeks as the squad began to round into shape. Fighting hard for positions, the individual players have shown an aggressive spirit that has been lacking in the Institute basketball teams for some years. The squad has "eaten up" practice, scrimmaging on position as fast as it could be produced.

Coach McKay has reduced the squad from 52 to 14 picked men, but only after careful consideration. Handicapped by lack of extra gridders and facing the necessity of playing a smooth team, McKay has cut the squad so that he may give each player individual attention.

The following men are on the team at present, although further cuts may be made within a week or two:

Forwards: Eisenhart, Collister, Edwards, Zettler and Slower; center: Levine, McCaughey, Donohoe, Biggarde; Warren, Niemi, Staley, Coryell.

The new men are setting a pace which makes the season's prospect brighter than they have been in several years. Veteran players who have survived the cut are showing the value of experience. The combined fight of the new men and the experience of the regulars is encouraging the coaching staff of McKay and Brodie.

Eisenhart, forward, has played two years at Juntura; Tommy Slower is little by name, as he was a star guard at Aquinas; Levine, center from East High; Dutch Zettler, flash forward from Pittsford; Rip Warren, sturdy guard from East Rochester; and Coryell, center from last year's team, are going great guns.

Niemi, stellar guard from West High; Collister, forward from Bivins; Staley guard from Gessner; Yerkes, guard from Canandaigua; Biggarde, center from Griggsville; and McCaughey also of Griggsville, are showing equally well. When the Blue and Grey test swings into action for the first time students and fans are sure of seeing a whirlwind team which, with proper support, should have a very successful season.