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**IS THERE A NEED FOR A COURSE IN JOURNALISM HERE?**

Recent announcement that courses in journalism may be offered at the college if the demand for them exists, raises the question regarding the place for such courses in an agricultural college.

In every class there may be a few students who are interested in entering journalism as a profession, for there does exist a demand for journalists trained in agricultural colleges. At the same time the greatest usefulness of courses in journalism lies in the service they render all students in enlarging their usefulness and efficiency in their particular line of work. The extension worker, the county agent, the teacher, the investigator, the business man, and the engineer, find all kinds of chances to use the tremendous power of the press in some constructive way. In every person's field there is some warehouse of information and of news which will be most useful if it is given circulation in an interesting, readable written form.

There is nothing in industry, science, or other fields which cannot be stated in an interesting and useful form for large numbers of readers. Of course journalism which develops news sense, which gives training in judging news values and in writing stories for the press in an interesting, readable style will help any student to be more useful in his line of work. Furthermore, unless material for the press is told interestingly, most people will not read it. Courses in news writing and elementary journalism can be followed by others which will give practice in writing special feature and magazine stories, and in publicity and advertising methods, but even a term of work should give a student some confidence in writing readable stories for the press.

A course or two in journalism cannot produce finished journalists, but the average student can learn to write with the reader in mind, and with some skill in news style. There is a decided value and a need for giving students at the Agricultural College the opportunity to take work in journalistic writing.

And the opportunity is now within reach. The English Department has announced that beginning with the spring term a course in journalism particularly adapted to agricultural students will be started if there are a sufficient number interested. Aside from the value to the individual there is also a direct benefit to the college. The Spectrum has always lacked for trained reporters—students who possessed the nose for news. A large part of the outside world judges the institution by its paper. At the present time there is no doubt that the Weekly Spectrum does not fully measure up to the standing of the institution for lack of staff members who know how to tell the news in a forceful, attractive way or sheer inability to even discover it.

Are you interested in the proposed course? If so let it be known at once. Encourage others to enroll. The course will be practical and given by trained instructors. The benefits derived will be many.

**"Y" Basketball Tournament**  
**Opened Monday, Jan. 16**

**Power Machinery, Engineers and Theta Chi Quints Cop Honors in Opening Games**

Opening the interclass and society basketball tournament, held under the auspices of the college "Y", the Engineers defeated the Farm Husbandry team on Monday night 25 to 9, and the Preps lost to the Power Machinery men 18 to 12. On Wednesday evening the Theta Chi Rooks defeated the Alpha Gamma Rho quint 36 to 9. The farm husbandry-engineer game was a rough exhibition of basketball. It was not until the second half that the engineers were able to get started, and then they piled up a large lead. The first half ended with the score 10 to 9 in their favor, Osman played a good offensive game and caged six field goals. The lineup and summary:

Engineers	Farm Husbandry
Bohlig F	Henry
Osman F	Rudd
Bridgeford C	Moe
Sivertson G	Bernson
Willis G	Bernson

Field Goals: Osman 6, Bridgeford 5, Moe 1, Olson 1, Rudd 1, Henry 1.  
 Free throws: Moe 1, Bohlig 4.  
 Substitutes: Gullikson for Henry, Heinie for Moe, Swanson for Willis, Metcalf for Swanson.  
 Referee, Boise.

**Preps Were Easy**  
 The second game was a onesided contest, featured by much stalling, starring, Anderson play

game and was also able to cage six field goals. Oederkird got going after a few minutes and was the main factor in the rushing game played by the Power Machinery five.

Lineup and summary:

Power Machinery	Preps
Anderson F	Oederkird
Booth F	Hay
Hawkins C	Haggerott
Altes G	Hulett
Engelbretson G	Brandemeyer

Field goals: Anderson 6, Booth 1, Hawkins 2, Oederkird 3, Hay 1, Brandemeyer 1.  
 Free throws: Hay 1, Brandemeyer 1  
 Referee, Boise.  
 The inter-frat game was a repetition of the Engineer-Farm Husbandry scramble with an excess of rough playing throughout. McArthur was the individual star of the contest, playing a fast game and shooting baskets in phenomenal style.

Lineup and summary:

Theti Chi	Alpha Gamma Rho
McArthur r.f.	Coit
Bartell l.f.	Wilner
Dunham c.	Darling
Bohnsack l.g.	Kadlec
Pete r.g.	Herbison

Field Goals: McArthur 7, Bartell 5, Dunham 3, Pete 2, Darling 2, Herbison 1, Wilner 1, Larson 1.  
 Free throws: Darling 1.  
 Substitutes: Larson for Bartell; Bartell for Larson; Larson for McArthur.  
 Referee: Boise.

**Recent Publications Not Found In A. C. Library**

(Review by P. Poe.)

The past month has been rich in a variety of literary productions by infamous A. C. authors the most notable of which are the following:

"The History of the Men's Glue Club" by Doc Putnam. An unusual book not without merits; contains a particularly interesting chapter on "How To Organize a Rubber Band in a Small Town", telling of the recent Transcontinental Tour taken by this organization. A short discourse is also given on how to sing "Bare-of-tone and How to change from First-bass line to the Outfield without the Aid of a Makeup." Many startling truths are found on its pages of which the following is a fair sample: "It is not necessary to knock a piano to pieces with an axe to find the lost chord." A very unusual book, indeed.

"How I Overtrained" by Whinot Murphy is a book of unusual interest to rising young athletes. Old-fashioned ideas regarding training are swept away before the forceful logic of this well-known man of letters.

A volume of unusual poems has just been received from the noted author, I. O. Dine, brother of Elmer. His "Ode to a Treetoad" is considered by many critics to be a diamond in the rough, in fact, too rough to be published.

"The Beerstine Theory in a Nut-

shell" by Prof. Liefson of the Department of Physics is a brief six-volume work of remarkable merit dealing with a detailed account of his recent triumph in the artificial disintegration of an atom. The parts, he announces, were saved and labeled and are now on exhibition in the physics laboratory. This publication is one of the newest non-technical books and portions of it may be readily used as bedtime stories for the children.

"Weissert's Almanac is a complete encyclopedia of misinformation compiled by the famous bookstore high-jacker. Free copies are given with every hundred dollar purchase made. An unusual feature of this publication is complete mathematical table carried out to the sixth decimal place whereby one is enabled to calculate at a glance the time of departure of the next A. C. street-car to the nearest three days.

Other publications that arrived too late for review are:

"The Biography of Nels Moos" by Skjalmar Sveinbjorn Sivertson.

"Stock Judging Among the Blond Eskimaux" by a Canadian Bootlegger.

"Barefoot Tales" by Prof. Willis Wearsis Boots.

"The Uncultural Effect of Slang" by Louis Gol Duerner.

**Outside the Gate**

**The Briand Cabinet Falls**

France experienced during the past week the fall of the Briand cabinet. The new cabinet is headed by Poincare, former president of France, and he will probably adopt the following policy:

A severe attitude toward Germany.

A delay in recognition of Russia by France.

A probable disavowal of the acceptances made at Cannes for the Genoa conference.

A demand will be made for France to act alone on reparations and for it to go to any extent to get full reparations.

Some official circles view the Poincare cabinet as the best thing, as it will bring to a head the battle between the French reactionaries and Great Britain, and will force a conciliatory attitude from France and perhaps lead to Briand's restoration within a few weeks.

**What Europe Thinks of Us**

"America is not on the right track. It does not want to accept European goods or labor. But on the other hand it wishes to continue as the great provider of its anemic debtor. Europe can compete with America in the matter of prices; but in the matter of credit, America has the advantage over Europe", says an economic writer in a Dutch review.

**Improvement of the St. Lawrence River**

It is reported from the White House that a negotiation of a treaty between the United States and Great Britain looking toward improvement of the St. Lawrence river between Montreal and Lake Ontario, so as to provide a deep waterway from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic ocean is to be undertaken soon.

**Magnanimous Engineer**

Open the door and let him in, This Ag., so meek and low. We claim him neither as kith or kin Nor yet do we call him foe. For in the days which are to come When tides have turned his way We ourselves may have to bum— Right glad to pitch his hay.

Oh, Lab, thy worthy cause would fail

Without some juicy chewin' If I'd forget my trusty plug, There wouldn't be much doin'.

Many a man who thinks he bears a great enterprise on his shoulders is simply round shouldered from carrying a large load of conceit.—"East and West".

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