

Today is  
April Fool

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Easter Vacation  
is Coming

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## T. J. SMULL '94



### Executive Secretary at Ohio Northern University

Thomas J. Smull, at present executive secretary at Ohio Northern University, a civil engineer of importance is a Lock Haven Teachers College's graduate, who has been included in Who's Who in America, during the period of 1892-1894, and '97.

Mr. Smull attended this school later did post-graduate work in 18-

Mr. Smull has attended Susquehanna University, Lafayette College and Ohio Northern University. It was from the latter that, in 1914, he obtained his degree in civil engineering. In 1906 he took a degree in architectural engineering from the same college. Mr. Smull was granted his degree of Doctor of Engineering by Oglethorpe University in 1921.

For twelve years, from 1905 until 1927, Mr. Smull was Dean of the College of Engineering at Ohio Northern. From 1917 to the present, Mr. Smull has been executive secretary of the university.

In addition to his school work, Mr. Smull is prominent in public activity. He is city engineer for Ada, Ohio, and keeps up a consulting practice. He has been a member of the Board of Examiners of the State Civil Service Commission and has been the appraisal engineer of the State Utilities Commission, Ohio.

In 1923 he was made a member of the Ohio Waterways Commission. He is, too, a member of the Ohio

## Social Training Art Club Will Compulsory Banquet

The Teacher as a social being has not had sufficient training in this line, so the state department of education has decided. To remedy this deficiency, it has been decided that State Teachers Colleges of Pennsylvania shall install a new department—a social department.

The course shall include lessons in Bridge, though it has not as yet been decided whether auction or contract bridge will be scheduled, with a course in "500" for the few who wish it especially. Teas shall be one of the prescribed majors, with Modern Dancing a close second. More than three cuts from these two shall be considered a failure, even though the students may have become quite proficient in either line. The State Department feels this is only just because of the great importance of these courses. Those who fail in the courses of the social department will not be granted their teacher's diploma.

Among other courses that will be offered will be one, as an elective, for girls only, "How to Get and Hold Men." A similar course will be offered to the men, "How to Keep a Girl's Affection."

In the Modern Dancing course will be included "How to dance the Latest Steps" and "How and When to dance them," as Mr. Clornew, head of the state department of social education, has announced.

A new building will be erected at each school provided with cozy rooms where only davenport and bridge lamps will be in order. The need for such a building has long been felt at Central State. Here classes in entertainment will be held daily.

The members of the faculty for Central State have not been fully decided upon yet, but Mrs. Emily Bates Post has been selected to take the course on Teas; Gloria Swanson, the special course for the men "How to Hold a Girl's Affection"; and Ben Lyons, the course for the girls, Get-

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Engineering Society, the American Association of Engineers, the Society for the Promotion of Engineering, and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Mr. Smull's old home was in Mackeyville, a small town about eight miles west of Lock Haven. From Mackeyville to 'Who's Who' is covering no small territory.

The Art Club will have their annual banquet Saturday, March 31, at 6:00 in the dining-room of the Church of Christ.

There will be a reception preceding the banquet, so that the new members may have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the alumni who return for the affair.

Charles Dale will be toast-master. The program will include musical numbers, talks by alumni about their experiences in teaching art in class-rooms.

Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong have been invited to be guests. Miss Ivah Whitwell, an honorary member of the club, will be present, also Miss Laura Litzel who is the art supervisor of Lock Haven city schools.

The club was sorry to receive word that Miss Yale, now Mrs. Louis J. Bargo, who was here at the time the organization was started, will be unable to attend.

Mrs. Bargo's letter will be read with interest by the whole school:

"I send my sincere thanks and heart-felt appreciation to the Art Club of State Teachers' College for the invitation recently sent to me.

"It is very gratifying for me to realize I am not entirely forgotten, which fact shows the same spirit of the club prevails now as when it was organized just seven years ago. "Loyalty" would have been its by-word then, and "loyalty" still can be your by-word to-day.

"Deeply affected by this, it is very difficult for me to decline the invitation, and I truly regret conditions which deprive me of the pleasure to be in your midst the night of March 31. I am very, very sorry.

"Please extend to Miss DuBois and Miss Atherton my very best regards, and to the members of the Art Club best wishes for great success in all undertakings."

## I. K. U. To Send Delegates

Vivian Eberhart and Geraldine Jones were elected delegates to the National Convention of the I. K. U. at the special meeting of the I. K. U. Wednesday, March 21, to be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan from April 16 to 19. Our delegates will leave on Sunday, April 15, and will spend four days at the convention.

The other branches of the I. K. U. noticed the existence of the Lock

## Spring is Here!

That's straight goods. Just take a look at the campus and try and count the robins. You'll get a thrill, a real thrill, out walking around and looking at the buds on the trees. They are getting so fat they look ready to burst any minute. On many of the trees, sap is dripping off the ends of the twigs. This must be where twig-hunting, nature-studying Juniors have been collecting;—they are as much in evidence as the robins.

Another sure sign of spring is that spring fever epidemic, dreaded by all school teachers. Dozens of new cases are being reported daily. Instructors firmly believe that to ward off the disease, work should be applied, frequently and in large quantities. They are using this prescription not only as preventative but also as a cure.

But cheer up! Even though we can't do anything in self defense, spring fever is not fatal, and it won't be long before the last of May and vacation!!

## Rev. Lewis Aber Speaks

"A religious heritage for every child of the state" was the thought of an address by Rev. Lewis Aber, superintendent of Church School Administration of Pennsylvania, given in chapel, March 21.

Rev. Aber, who spends his time meeting parents high school and college students, said that the aim of the state in the work is conserving youth rather than reclaiming old age.

A safe government, Rev. Aber said, depends on intelligent and righteous citizens, intelligence being cared for by the school, and righteousness by the church-school. The plea of the state is for a higher type of church-school training with graded instruction, trained teachers and supervision.

Lock Haven branch last year when three delegates were sent to the convention at New Haven, Conn. The place that was made last year for us is to be made a much bigger place this year.

Among the noted people who will take part in the convention are Patty Smith Hill, Mary Dabney Davis, Theodosia Hadley and Caroline W. Barbour, who is President of the I. K. U. There will be opportunities offered for excursions to the furniture

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## New Teaching Assignments Jar Or Please

"Well thank goodness, it's over!"

"What's over?"

"The suspense about my new teaching assignment. I had a presentiment I was going to get music and I lost my breath every time I thought of it, but luck was with me for I'm going to keep my old classes. How did you fare, Helen?"

"Wonderful! I got changed from reading to history and got rid of spelling. I only have one daily lesson plan to write. Isn't that great? I have study period and dismissal every day, though."

"Well, I have noon period and that's just as bad."

"Here comes Anne from conference. What's the news, Anne, good or bad?"

"Well, it sounds interesting, but not so easy. I'm to teach English, Arithmetic History and Penmanship. That means fifteen lesson plans per week. Isn't that plenty?"

"Mine sounds like a vacation compared to yours. But maybe it won't be so easy when I get started. Say, I don't believe there are to be many changes from one grade to another. Have you heard of any?"

"Why, yes, someone told me Laura Stuart is changing from the kindergarten to first grade and that Ruth McCall is going from first to kindergarten. I haven't heard of any changes though."

"Well, anyway, the excitement is all over and we know where we stand. From what we've heard I guess most of us are pretty well satisfied. Let's go, girls, it's five-thirty."

## Social Dep't to be Added

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ting and Holding Your Man." We feel that these three additions that have been made so far are very able to take on this responsibility of fitting our teachers for becoming more sociable beings. Ronald Colman and Clara Bow are being considered as new members of the faculty.

The new department will begin its work April first of this year, ending on the same day!

## Spring is Here Clock Loses Hand



Little April

Home Economics Department

Paul Miller, Walter McCloskey, Gordon Swoyer, Clyde Parsons, Richard Miller, J. Allen Robb, Lloya Dietrick, Robert Bauman.

## \$1,000. Reward For Clock Hand Thief

Stirred to action by malicious mischief that passes the bounds of reason the Board of Trustees is offering a reward of one thousand cold dollars for the arrest and conviction of the vandal who, on the evening of March 31, climbed somehow up the face of the training school tower and made off with one of the hands of the training school clock.

On the morning of the following day students woke up to discover the damage to Central State's landmark. The clock which has summoned students to classes, and dismissed them, for so many years, is bound up in every alumnus's memory. The action has roused the school to fury.

An outpouring of real school spirit occurred at chapel when speakers for the student body denounced the action, urged everyone to be on the lookout for the thief, and requested a holiday so that everyone might join in a search of every suspicious

character in the neighborhood.

The request was granted at a hastily called meeting of the Board of Trustees, who also voted a reward of one thousand simoleons for any information leading to the arrest of the miscreant, and appointed Mr. Walk to sit in the upper chamber of the college boathouse with the money in his hand, so that delivery might be made promptly when the thief is dragged in by the student council.

Mr. Walk was later found snoring in the clubhouse, without the money. "Wake up!" shouted Mowrie Ebner. "Where's the reward for the thief?"

"What thief?" he is alleged to have answered.

"The man who stole the clock hand last night."

"Wake up yourself," he retorted.

"Last night was March 31. Today is April Fool's Day."

## Another New Addition!

The nicest thing around this school is our new tiled swimming pool. It's under the gym where seems to me a couple of class rooms used to be. The floor is white and the water is blue and of course there are showers, too.

The middies and bloomers left this school when we got this great big swimming pool. In our bathing

suits we go to gym, and all we do is swim and swim. We used to march till our ankles broke but now we learn to stroke and stroke.

"Left, right, left, right" the teachers cry and how the feet and water fly. We stop for rest then sink with a shout, and the teacher has to fish us out. While she's saying

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## Once is Enough

It wasn't what Joe had done, you understand. Finley was mean. Nobody had a good word for him, always getting into bad scrapes and worming out of them somehow. I don't believe he had a friend in all Santa Lucia, and I'd hate to have as many enemies as he had. Yes, half of Santa Luce ordinarily would have handed his Macbeth a bouquet and called him a public benefactor. Instead, it shaped up like this: Joe was a nigger. That means a lot anywhere in the South, and out in Santa Luce it meant a lot 6x3.

Joe had give himself up so's he wouldn't get linched, and they had put him in the big jail on Highland Avenue. But the Santa Lucians did not think they had built that jail to protect killer niggers, so they got together and framed a little rescue party for Joe. You know how a landslide works: someone starts a little stone rolling, it knocks some bigger ones loose, and before long you've got a force that is going to smash something when it hits. That's the way this crowd was, starting with a crowd of big-eyed kids and becoming a mob of two thousand howling lunatics before noon.

It got hotter and hotter, and the crowd got bigger and bigger. At two o'clock there four thousand there jamming the avenue, and that does not count the kids who were hanging onto trees, telegraph poles, anything that gave them a purchase and lifted them above the mob. You know how that blistering Oklahoma sun gets you? Well, it was getting that crowd and getting them bad. By two-thirty they were ready to do anything; just clean gone.

A big, red-necked stablehand, they called him Choker Smith, got up on the curb under my tree and asked for someone to help him smash the gate in with a battering ram. About twenty men stepped up. They got a telephone pole from somewhere and started banging away at the biggest side-entrance. Someone inside either got cold feet or else sympathized with the crowd, for they unlocked the door and let the mob stream in. When they came out Choker had the nigger and some of the others were keeping the crowd back with six-shooters.

They dragged him over to a knoll and hung him to a young maple. Not the swift, neck-breaking, painless hanging the law deals out, but a

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## Us and Others

Gerry Greaser, Elizabeth Dalby, Dolly Gearhart, Clarice Cobick, Alice Pearsall and Sal Wilson were in Altoona for the week-end. Some delegation!

Elizabeth Spotts' parents visited her on Sunday, March 25.

Peg Culyer spent the week-end at her home in Warren.

Laura Stuart had her father as her guest for the week-end.

Arlene Johnson and Vendla Faulk graduates of '27, were back on Sunday. They are both teaching in Tyrone this year.

Dot Killen and Edna Mae Turney spent the week-end at their homes in Cresson.

Dot Bastian, and Peg Breth were among those present in Williamsport this week-end.

Alice Read and Iva Thompson entertained "boy friends" Saturday and Sunday.

Lily Bressler, Rachel Hevenor, and Peg Smith were at their homes in Williamsport.

## Who Said This?

"Will you please just think a minute?"

"I'll grant you that."

"This is the cawd catalogue."

"Do you get the point?"

"Now you schust can't do that there."

"Don't let the weather interfere with your work."

"Be specific."

"Let the intellectual plow sink a little deeper."

"Less talking, please."

"I don't want you to put more than an hour and a quarter a day on your lessons."

"Any additions or corrections?"

## Editorials

### Advice to Girls

Don't worry about the color of carrots until you have inquired about the price of beans. Spring styles will be different this year on account of the Gym Meet.

### School Spirit

Have you noticed all the dolls and rag dolls that the girls in the dorm have been making? It is possible to purchase three glasses for ten cents at Woolworth's. It is also very important to be on time at the arbor. A half dozen roses doesn't make a very large bouquet.

### Be On Time

As members of a State Teachers College, we ought to pay some attention to the fact that a tape measure is sixty inches long. This is important from the standpoint of psychologists, and the National Association of Librarians. Dr. Armstrong probably entertains the same ideas, although he has not been consulted.

### Pink Teas Condemned

The proper way to enter a dining room is to slide down the banister. In case of fire, wring the nearest neck, but be careful not to scratch the woodwork. Don't forget to acquire from Miss Roberts permission to entertain in the front office.

### Let's Think!!!

You should take three days to discover what we mean by these paragraphs. On the fourth day, get this straight—These are written to be read on APRIL, FIRST.

## March Weather Up to All Standards

March weather is—March weather. Yesterday the sun beat down; today clouds scud and cinders fill the unwary eye; tomorrow—?

Yesterday the thermometer hung around summer heats. Robins chirruped. Coats disappeared, even those new spring coats. Our best young men hung away their headgear, and wandered down the rialto bareheaded, like spring poets. Side-curtains were folded away. The Arbor and Titus scraped the bottoms of the freezers, and purchasers of ice cream sandwiches ate them slowly as they loitered back toward the dorms.

Today contrary winds push the surface of the river into more and more diverse wrinkles than line a graybeard's face. Dust whirls in

clouds. Students hurrying up from town all throw the sign, apparently, of the same secret order; they frantically flap their handkerchiefs to their eye—either eye—and dig, and dig, and dig. Coat-collars of winter coats, protect tender necks from drafts. From the training school to the dormitory and back again student teachers and observers travel in mad dashes, interrupted by hasty dabs to restore garments to more decorous lines.

But now and then the sun gets a little innings. A warm breeze steals part way across campus before the wintry gusts whoop after it. The grass bravely struggles to rear itself above the winter's mud. Who knows but that tomorrow may be—another day?

## Another New Addition

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ing one from going down, half the kids will pretty near drown. Then all the class as quick as a wink throw up their hands and proceed to sink. I guess we think we're on the land for all we do is try to stand.

If we keep afloat and do not sink, we're sure to win the meet, I think. The other kids aren't half so wise—someday they'll sink and forget to rise. They tell us kids that we're all wet, but boy! oh, girl! we'll beat them yet!

But along our pool I'll tell you now—say, kids that pool is one sure wow! None of the classes ever cut

## Exchanges

The Genesse Normal editor requests the placing of "better walking" along with "better speech," "better books," "better homes," etc.

Not a bad idea, is it?

The Lamron

"In the spring there's no one like cupid to make a man stupid."

Behold the humble banana, see how easily it slips through life."

"The echo is nature's way of getting the last word in any argument."

Cullowhee Yodel

California Normal is getting a nice spring vacation—from March 31 to April 9!

And way out in Madison, South Dakota, Eastern State Teachers College tells us spring vacation starts March 30 and ends April 9.

Even a week is better than five days—eh?!

Middle Tennessee State Teachers College makes a good suggestion: "Why not make May 21—the day that Lindbergh landed at LeBourget field—a National holiday? On May 21, 1927, the nation's latent idealism was stirred and awakened by the daring feat of a slim, modest youth. Why not make it so every year?"

Side Lines

We're glad to note that the addition of snap-shots to Normal Times is making an impression on our exchanges. "The Indiana Penn" says of this feature: "Lock Haven is printing in the school paper many snap-shots that add to the appearance and value of the paper. A paper with such pictures large enough for the people to be recognized, will make an excellent souvenir."

### We Wonder How We Rate

West Chester Normal interviewed the Post Office in regard to the amount of mail it handles for students. The approximate figures were 700 letters a day, 125 papers, pamphlets, magazines, etc. and 60 packages by Parcel Post.

The Green Stone

gym because you see they like to swim. And somepin tells me we'll get a one, if the whole gang keeps a goin' on. We'll learn to swim by hook or crook and we'll win the meet if I'm not mistook. But—say kids—about that swimming pool—I fogot to say that it's APRIL FOOL!!

### Surprise

Be prepared for a big surprise the first Saturday night after Easter Vacation. The boys belonging to the Y. M. C. A. have been planning one for the school for a long time. At their meeting Wednesday evening Albert Hobba and Russel Bohn told of the completed plans. "It'll be wonderful," so one of them said.

## Debates

The Shake Literary Society discussed parliamentary law Thursday evening at their regular meeting. It was also decided when the debates will be given.

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## Klub Korner

### Sororities

Beta Sigma Chi and Rho Omega Lambda sororities met in their respective rooms Monday afternoon and discussed matters uppermost in their minds—the banquet heading the list.

### Discussions

The Y. W. C. A. services were conducted in a different manner this week. The assembly was divided into what were called "discussion groups," each one headed by a leader who took the group to her room. Kathleen Spengler, Alice Baumgarner Irene Purkiss Elizabeth Dalby, Dorothy Killen, Violet Morris, Mowrie Ebner, Mary Kell, Adda Edwards and Katherine Fliger were leaders. The topic under discussion was "The Problems a Teacher Meets in a New Community." The results of the discussion will be reported at the meeting next week.

### Alpha Zeta Pi

The Normal Times staff gathered together Monday evening and discussed the paper and some of the staff members. Resignations of Geraldine Jones and Sterl Artley, sub-

mitted because they felt they could not devote the necessary time to the work, were read and accepted.

### Initiation

The new members of the Naturalist Club were initiated into that organization Monday evening. There was a different program followed, being formal rather than informal. Mr. Ulmer welcomed them into the society and refreshments were served. The Senior members entertained, but the next time the Juniors get their opportunity.

### Party

T. H. R., a day-room organization, had a party at Margaret Laird's home in place of a meeting. They played cards, had refreshments and a general good time. At this gathering election of officers for next year was held: President, Ruth Grier, Sec.-Treas., Thelma Moore. Next fall a Junior member will be chosen for Vice-President.

### Pins

L. A. L. the other day-room group had no meeting. Their new pins came, which they are proudly displaying.

## I. K. U. Sends Delegates

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factories and exhibits, and for visiting points of interest in and near Grand Rapids.

When the delegates return, they will share with the other I. K. U. members all the wonderful things they saw, heard and did.

## Once is Enough

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slow, terrible, gasping death by strangulation.

I felt sorry for Joe; when janitor in our apartment house he had often danced jigs to amuse me; but I did have to laugh to see his feet going through complicated steps reaching for the ground they would never tread again. It wasn't funny when he began to straighten out, with his tongue black and swollen hanging out of purple lips that the pain had twisted into a grin. At first he had looked like a wet rag flapping in a winter gale; but now the rag was frozen. Neck lopped ov-

er sideways, legs stretched and far apart, fingernails biting into palms, body turning slowly round and round and handing me that ghastly grin. I was just a kid then, but I haven't ever forgotten.

## It's Different in the Morning

"Say, kid, will you call me in the morning when you get up? My head is too thick to get this to-night."

"Sure, I'll call you if I don't forget. I'll try to remember."

"You be sure, 'cause I simply must get up."

(Next Morning)

"I wonder what time it is? Gee, it's almost time for Belvie to come around. Guess I'll get up. Mustn't forget to call Dot. She wants to study. . . . Dot, it's time to get up, —you wanted to study."

"Uh, I'm too sleepy; I don't want to study."

"Don't you really?"

"Uh-uh! Let me sleep."

"All right. Sorry I wakened you."

I bought a hat  
to match the  
sport suit you  
helped me select  
last  
week.  
It's a  
dream  
and I  
hate to  
put the price on  
paper—it was so  
little! I suppose  
you've guessed I got  
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