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\$400,000 Goes Into New Buildings

Patsy is on The Way

Cast Has Been Chosen

Rehearsals are in Progress

If a try-out for school plays is any test of school spirit, or class spirit, then the Junior Class certainly has that quality. As soon as the list of characters for "Patsy" was posted Monday, April 15, one heard "Are you going to try out?" "What part are you going to try for?" and other such remarks from all sides.

In the afternoon from four to six it appeared that the whole class was there. It wasn't easy to find even standing room on the steps from second to third floors. Those who did not get a chance in the afternoon tried out between 6:30 and 7:15 in the evening. Then followed the expectation and suspense of wondering who the lucky ones might be.

At noon Tuesday everyone crowded.
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Pittsburgh Alumni Banquet With Two Trustee Guests

The Western Pennsylvania Alumni Association holds its annual banquet in the Fort Pitt Hotel as this issue goes to press. One of the liveliest alumni groups of the college, with a strong group of alumni from the classes between '85 and '05 as its loyal nucleus, the annual affair always draws about 75 Lock Havenites to renew old memories.

Two Lock Haven alumni, both of them on the Board of Trustees now represent the college. I. T. Parsons, secretary of the trustees' body, and Dr. David W. Thomas, president of the central alumni organization and the most recent appointee to the Board of Trustees, are to make the trip to Pittsburgh.

Dr. Armstrong may or may not be present. He was making every effort to get away, he said, but the press

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Ground Broken This Summer for First Unit New Training School-- For First Six Grades

ADD ACRES BEYOND GYM TO CAMPUS

A \$400,000 training school is the next addition to the campus of Lock Haven T. C. This huge step in our program of expansion is so near that incoming students this fall will see the walls of the building up and the construction well under way. A big addition to the campus is to be made to provide room now required.

Ground will be broken early this summer for the first unit of the new training school plant. This building, the central unit of the completed group, will provide classrooms and demonstration teaching space for 400 pupils in the first six grades. It will take up a space approximately 160 by 60, and will be constructed so that later wings may be added at either end without interfering with school work or requiring any remodeling.

To Be Model Plant

Final details have not been settled. The authorities here, the state department in Harrisburg, and the architects have been studying local conditions, and building plans carefully so that the completed building will be a perfect example, not only of public school, but also of training school construction.

The outer walls will be of brick, the lines of the building, two stories in height, and its general appearance harmonizing with the other buildings near it. Opposite the main entrance, in the front center, will be located the principal's office, and flanking the office and entrance on the first floor will be classrooms and rooms for demonstration teaching, conference rooms for training teachers, and ample, well lighted cloak-rooms.

The second floor will be reached by broad stairways located at either end of the building, and, like the rest of the building, completely fire-proofed. On the upper floor will be additional classrooms, conference rooms, demonstration rooms, and also a teacher's room and a room for medical inspection and other health work.

Present School Continued

This first unit will house only the elementary grades. Later additions at either end of this unit, beyond the stairhalls, and running back to the rear of the plot, will accommodate the kindergarten, a gymnasium, and the junior high school.

For the present the kindergarten will continue in its present quarters. So will the junior high school, but many urgently needed classrooms will be added to the recitation space now allowed. Other rooms, now holding elementary grades, will be released for the use of normal school classes.

No Delay in Construction

While the final plans have not been approved in all details, the planning has been carried to a stage where it can be rushed. As soon as the plans are finally OK'd bids will be advertised for and work will start immediately. The first spadeful of earth is almost sure to be turned soon after the close of this session, and next year will see the first six grades, the training teachers, and the numerous scrub faculty moving into shining new quarters.

The building of the next units will start as soon as practicable after the completion of this first section.

Campus to be Increased

An announcement which can be confidently expected is that of a large addition to the campus. Uncertainty as to exactly where the new buildings should go up has held up somewhat the work of the architects. The present campus does not offer room for these buildings and for the other additions which are on the Trustee's program of expansion.

That the school is going ahead rapidly with its preliminary plans affords justification for the belief that ground has been purchased, somewhere adjoining the school property, probably beyond the gymnasium, though no public announcement has yet been authorized.

Dr. Corson Dies During Address

Stricken at Educa- tional Conference

'26 Commencement Speaker

Serving the causes of better education with his final breath, Dr. Oscar T. Corson, one of this country's greatest educators, had been speaking for five minutes in the chapel of Ohio State University at the Ohio State Educational Conference when death came instantly.

Dr. D. W. Armstrong gave the news to the student body here on Monday morning, reminding them not only of Dr. Corson's stature among this nation's educational leaders, but also of his especially close connection with this school, which he has often visited and addressed, coming here last in May 1926, when he delivered the graduation oration to the largest graduating class up to that time.

To Dr. Corson's excellence as a
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Educational Pageant Will Portray His- tory of Edu- cation

Both Juniors and Seniors will take part, and every group in the Training School, including the Kindergarten, will be represented in the great pageant that will take place the night after the Junior play.

The pageant will be presented in four episodes portraying the history of education from the time of ancient Greece to the present day. The grand finale will be our State Teachers College.

Miss Dixon and Miss Rearick and Miss Dixon's Pageantry class have been working on the pageant for some time. Miss Atherton and Miss DuBois will oversee the scenery and costuming. Miss Whitwell and Miss Ammon will be in charge of the music, and Miss Alber, the dramatist. Mr. Ulmer will see that the

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Y. M. Outclasses Barnum and Bailey

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"Right this way to see the tallest man in the world!"

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"Fortunes! Learn all about your past, present and future."

"One ticket admits you to the art gallery—this way to see the most artistic art in the country!"

"Candy! Balloons!"

"Come try your luck in the fishing pond. Everyone catches something and just for one ticket."

"Ice-cold pop!"

Events in the Big Tent

The famous male quartet of Lock Haven State Teachers' College furnished music and song. They were a minstrel show, circus band, and jazz orchestra combined.

Emerson Packard displayed his wonderful talent in a Hula Hula dance.

Boxing Moon and One-Square Polinger staged a five round battle. Moon was knocked out three times in the last round, but is still unconscious of it.

Dr. I. Killeen, alias Bohn, performed a miracle in two operations. The first was a process of subtraction, and the second one of addition. The victim felt almost as bad at the beginning as he did at the end.

Ray has surely missed his calling. He makes a most remarkable clown.

It doesn't make any difference what Lloyd Bauman may choose to do. He does it and does it well.

Max Fitzsimmons says he walked a tight-rope. Did he?

The money the boys made was well-earned.

Y. W. Meets in Price Hall

Electricians may make impossible the use of the Y. W. rooms, but they cannot dampen the Y. W. spirit. The first meeting since vacation was held, Wednesday evening, April 18, in Price Hall. The topic, "What the Y. W. Means to Me" was a well-planned one, Irene Purkiss being in charge. The meeting opened with the song which lends so much spirit to all Y. W. meetings, "Follow the Cream." Elizabeth Dalby spoke of the meaning and benefit she received from our own Y. W. Caroline Cathcart made everyone want to attend a summer camp when she told of a day at such a place. Lucille Taylor hosted Eaglesmere and her talk was seconded by Kathleen Spengler. Due to lack of time Miss Rowe could give only a small portion of the interesting things she had in store for the meeting, so it was decided to continue her talk at the next meeting.

McCloskey, Eckles, Artley Get Honors



Head their curricula and are picked by the faculty as Commencement Speakers.

Dorothy McCloskey, Caroline Eckles, and Sterl Artley head the primary, the intermediate, and the junior high teachers in scholarship up to and including the first nine weeks of the second semester, and so were the unanimous choice of the faculty at their last session to be the honor speakers at 1928's commencement exercises.

Pushed closely for honors by five other, their selection was uncertain until the last grades had been carefully averaged. The result should meet popular approval, for each of the three has combined outstanding scholarship with active participation in the activities of the school. Selected to represent highest scholarship only, they nevertheless represent the all-around leadership which marks real general ability.

Dorothy McCloskey, pacemaker in the kindergarten-primary group, and daughter of W. L. McCloskey, 1204

High Street, Williamsport, has stood consistently in the 1-class since entering here, and has at the same time been one of the most active members of the Normal Times staff and of the Art Club.

Caroline Eckles, leader in Group Two, has been equally active in the Art Club and other undergraduate groups. She hales from 425 Second Street, Altoona, and is the daughter of J. S. Eckles, Jr.

Sterl Artley has been a campus leader since he first stepped on the West Campus sward. Few students have ever participated in so many activities, or given so much to them. Among his sidelines have been the presidency of the Art Club, the Naturalist Club, and Alpha Zeta Pi, the leading part in the class play, "Captain Applejack," many Dramatic Club parts, and the business management of 1928's yearbook, Praeco. He is from Liberty, Pa., the son of William Artley.

Bigger and Better Lights Installed

"How bright!"

"What a change!"

Everyone noticed the new lights when they came into the diningroom the first time after vacation. The new system was installed during Easter vacation. The lights are larger and brighter and make for greater attractiveness in the dining-room.

This one change promises the great improvements which will be in effect when the work of the entire building is completed.

Glee Club Gives Novelty Concert

Did you see and hear the music of yester year, turned into jazz of today? The Glee Club Girls gave all this opportunity at the concert Friday evening April 27.

"An Evening of Memories" was portrayed by the girls, who in old fashioned costumes sang the songs of long ago. Unique lighting effects were used. Dialogue wove the series of songs into the form of a play-lette.

Audubon Societies Organized

The Nature study classes, under the direction of Mr. Ulmer, have organized Audubon Societies during the class periods immediately following the close of the Easter vacation. These societies were formed for the purpose of promoting interest and love for bird study.

The officers were elected in each class and dues were set at fifteen cents. A part of the dues entitles each member to several pictures, and information regarding the birds, and the use of a Bird magazine entitled "Bird Lore." The rest of the dues will be put in a fund which will be used for something to promote bird life, possible bird houses.

One Nature Study class period a month will be devoted to an Audubon meeting at which bird programs will be presented.

Educational Pageant

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proper lighting effects are produced. Miss Roberts will have her regular job of seeing that everybody is at the proper place at the proper time for rehearsals. And Mr. Sullivan is the general supervisor of it all.

Miss Whitwell Announces College Song Contest

Miss Whitwell in Monday morning chapel period voiced the need of a college song which the student body and alumni feel that Teachers College ought to have. Miss Whitwell said that every student should try his hand at writing a winning song. Sixty-five dollars has been contributed by all the organizations and sororities as the prize.

A central committee composed of one member from each organization was formed under the chairmanship of Samuel Long, with Louise Bowes as secretary, and Cy Williams as treasurer, and these other members: Ruth McLaughlin, L. A. L., Margaret Martin, Shakespeare Literary Society; Christian Feit, Naturalist Club; Ted Bray, Dramatic Club; Anna Gillogelogy, B. E. X.; Louise Bowes, Price Literary Society; Mowrie Ebner, Art Club; Cy Williams, Boys' Glee Club; Peg Beeson, Y. W.

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Mr. Ulmer Gives Arbor Day Talk

The sentimental version of trees was the theme of Professor Ulmer's chapel talk on April 20 in commemoration of Spring Arbor Day.

Trees have played a great part in the molding of our lives. Eugene Fields, Henry Van Dyke, and others have, through poetic art, created a tree for the foundation of their works.

Mr. Ulmer painted for us mental pictures of trees which held for him boundless admiration. "I remember various trees because of the places they have occupied: the old apple tree which bore little fruit; a willow, whose branches were torn off by the wind; and two historical trees, both of which I have seen—the Washington Elm at Cambridge, Mass., which if it had had the ability, could have told a wonderful story and the tree located near Whittier's home that provided the inspiration for his 'Snowbound.'"

"Two old virgin pines, approximately three feet in diameter, situated on a small tract of land where we spend our vacations, have always had and still have a fascination to me. Although I have been advised many times to cut the trees because of their value as timber as well as the warning of their short duration, I gave my answer each time to the woodsmen in the words of G. P. Morris.

"Woodsman, spare that tree,
 Touch not a single bough.
 In youth it sheltered me,
 And I'll protect it now."

We all have recollections of trees which have meant a lot to us. Because of this we love them, not alone for their money value as trees, but for the happy memories they have impressed upon our minds.

Editorials

Dorothy McCloskey, Caroline Eckels and Sterl Artley are the three worthy people chosen for our honor students this year. We all join in to wish them the greatest happiness and success in their future work.

It's time to be thinking about the song you're going to write. Let's begin now and make it a worth-while Alma Mater for old Central State, regardless of the prize that is to be offered.

There are only a few more weeks of school but there's still time to write those long neglected thesis and read your forgotten references.

Don't mind the rainy days—tennis weather always comes.

Will Speak for School

Dr. Armstrong has been instructed to convey to Mrs. Corson our deep regret and sympathy for her of our trustees, faculty, and school.

Us and Others

Mary Young, Helen Williams and Charlotte Lowe were at their homes in Williamsport for the week-end.

Verna Stanley had her parents and her brother as guests over Sunday. Sal Wilson had her mother with her for the weekend.

Marjorie and Winifred Boring of Altoona were guests of their friends, Jean Peters and Lillian Smith.

Peg Miller and Reba Johnson spent the week-end at Peg's home in Tyrone.

Connie Newcomb was at her home in Huntingdon for the week-end.

Connie Gillough, graduate of '27, was here for a short while on Sunday with her sister Ann and her friends.

Mollie Lewis was in Avis for the week-end.

Gwen Penfield visited with friends in Mill Hall.

Clarice Cohick and Dolly Gearhart spent the week-end at Clarice's home in Salladaysburg.

Evelyn Bosworth spent the week-end at her home in Johnstown.

Jerry Jones and Vivian Eberhart have returned from their trip to the National I. K. U. Convention which was held at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Tennis is With Us Again

Tennis again! is in swing out on the "East dorm" courts, with the ground freshly rolled and lined. At all hours of the day figures can be seen dashing back and forth over the courts, applauded or more often jeered at by the crowd of spectators.

Spring must surely have come when the halls begin to echo with cries of "Where's my racket?", or "Does anybody have any balls?" It is a queer thing that no one in these dorms seems to own a tennis ball.

But it is always managed somehow, for as soon as one is out in the sunshine, "spring fever" gets us and work and cares whizz off into the air with the first "serve".

Alice Read

Miss Ammon Returns From Conference

Miss Fern Ammon reports a most profitable and enjoyable time at the National Music Supervisor's Conference held at Chicago, April 15 to 20. The sessions of the conferences were held in the new Hotel Stevens said to be the largest hotel in the world.

Miss Ammon says that it was one of the most interesting conferences ever held. Walter Damrosch, Conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra lectured. A distinguished visitor was Percy Scholes, one of the foremost English music critics who brought greetings from English teachers and musicians to all teachers in America interested in music. Mr. Scholes came from England especially to attend this conference.

Miss Ammon relates that the most thrilling thing on the program was a concert by the National High School Orchestra conducted by Frederick Stock, Conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Howard Hanson, Director of Eastman School

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Men's Banquet at Roster's

The boys of the dorm held an informal banquet at Roster's Thursday night, April 19. Talks were given by Mr. Dyck, Charles Vonada, Captain of the basketball team, Captain elect, Ted Robb, and Dick Parsons, football captain, and by Dr. Armstrong. Mr. Sullivan presented the L's to the boys. The basketball boys received 4-inch letters and the football boys 6-inch.

After a Rough Game

Mrs. Borth—"My boy must be suffering something terrible."

Mrs. Muir—"Broken bone?"

Mrs. Borth—"No, he's had too many cuts in Psychology."

—The Winonan

Dr. Corson Dies

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speaker and to his eminence as an educator Dr. Armstrong gave tribute, but greater than these was his nobility in life and character, the depth and breadth of which revealed itself constantly to his friends.

From Country School to State Leader

Dr. Corson began his notable career of teaching and organizing of school systems in Ohio in a "little red schoolhouse" in which he taught for four years. Then he became principal of the Fair Haven school, superintendent in Camden, Granville, and Cambridge, Ohio, and, in 1892, Commissioner of Common Schools for the state of Ohio.

Until 1918 he was editor of the Ohio Educational Monthly, the oldest educational journal in the United States. In 1898 he was elected president of the Ohio State Teachers Association, and two years later became president of the National Educational Association. For 14 years he was trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University, and during that period was elected to the presidency of Athens College, which post he refused, preferring to devote his time to periodical and educational work on broader lines. Much of the philosophy of education which he has since been instilling into the schools of every state in the Union is contained in the six volumes of Ohio state school reports from 1892 to 1898.

Throughout all his service in these various positions Dr. Corson gave lectures on education, and taught in that subject for a time at Western College. Combining a wealth of concrete information with a magnetic personality, a command of the arts of speaking, and a forceful, deep-seated educational philosophy, he has spoken all over the United States, entering every state again and again.

Every schoolman of any prominence in Pennsylvania has received something from the impact of his messages. At county institutes, state gatherings, college conventions, public meetings, he has appeared in almost every Pennsylvania city and town. Every one of her 68 counties have sent him repeated calls, with but one exception, and in that county he was scheduled to speak this spring.

During much of his life the character of Abraham Lincoln absorbed Dr. Corson's study. He has hunted up men who knew Lincoln, journeyed to hundreds of spots with which the great President was associated, and read about him constantly. His favorite lecture topics have been woven about America's Great Commoner; and a few months ago "Lincoln: His Words and Deeds" appeared from the press. Dr. Corson's full-length recreation of Lincoln as a man and as a spirit among men. He was also the author of a work constantly used among educators, "Our Public Schools."

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Bird Contest

The Naturalists spent an interesting evening Monday in Room N. Mr. Ulmer threw some bird slides on the screen and a contest was held to see who knew the most birds. It ended a tie between Beatrice Heim and Violet Gardner.

Dr. E. Gress, State Botanist, is coming to speak to the Club. Russel Bohn was chosen to meet him at the station.

Plans were discussed for the Naturalists' annual outing which will be held April 28.

Glee Club Prepares Novelty Concert

How would you like to see and hear the music of yester-year turned into the Jazz of today? The Glee Club girls will give you this opportunity at a concert Friday evening, April 27.

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Miss Ammon Returns From Conference

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of Music, Rochester, N. Y. and J. E. Maddy, University School of Music, Ann Arbor, Michigan. This was a full symphonic orchestra composed of three hundred high school students from every state in the union but one.

A new feature of the program was a National High School Chorus with members from every state, conducted by Hollis Dann.

This was the largest convention ever held and according to Miss Ammon, one of the best.

Balks Like a Man

Last summer my father had a brand new mule about thirty years old, maybe sixty, which he acquired through a horse trade. I was, of my

New Staff Members

In order to have competent and efficient Normal Times Staff next year, eighteen Juniors have been chosen to be "Broken in" to the work and to act as reporters. They are Alice Read, Mary Ann Gilson, Sylvia Sykes, Alice Pearsall, Kathryn Klaer, Margaret Beeson, Bernice Alexander, Elizabeth Dalby, Caroline Cathcart, Mary Flegal, Genevieve Arlanskas, Katherine Anderson, Geraldine Greaser, Vera Alzinger, Dorothy Gearhart, Mary Louise Lewis, Theresa Straley and Doris Mattern. They will be taken into Alpha Zeta Pi as soon as the quality and quantity of their work can be wisely judged.

New Actors and Actresses

Even new members have been elected to the Dramatic Club: Richard Parsons, George McMullen, Lloyd Plummer, Mollie Lewis, Clara Miller, Irene Purkiss, Doree Mattern, Catherine Cook, Virginia Roche, Irene Langan, and Myrna Miller were the lucky ones.

own free will, helping my father haul in on his truck wagon his rather small crop of rye (its destination was not white mule) when, coming in from the field with the second load, the mule balked. When father spoke to him, he tossed his head negatively, switched his tail positively, stamped his feet aggravatingly, and was all balled up in to a big ball of balk. I could see father's temper rising above his shirt band and spreading over his face like the swelling of a wasp sting.

To make a long story short, that mule wouldn't change his politics to suit anybody, not even himself. He would die first. He remained obstinate to the end—yes, to the end! He was shot on duty at sunset. We would have waited until sunrise, but the beast might have changed his mind. Stubborn creatures occasionally do.

—Clara Donley

Norma's contention is that a young woman doesn't have to dress as they do in the movies to appear youthful and "peppy." Her idea of smartness without being extreme is realized at



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