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AMERICA EXCELS IN MASS TEACHING

Professor Kingsley Compares the Educational Procedures Here and Abroad

Julius Stanton Kingsley, professor of secondary education, Middlebury College, has returned to State College as visiting instructor for his tenth summer here.

Last year, Mr. Kingsley enjoyed a sabbatical year's leave of absence which he spent in travelling through many countries of Europe. He visited many different schools. From his observation of the schools that he visited in England and France, he feels that we are teaching the masses better than they are in Europe and that we offer greater educational opportunities to all, but that they are doing better high school and college work in Europe. He believes that this may be attributed to the home influence because the English and French parents feel very keenly the necessity for a higher education. Consequently, the young men and women of England and France have come to realize responsibility at a younger age than the men and women of here in America.

In the elementary schools, he found the children very hard workers. Play was not organized but all children were found on the playground during their play period unless they were handicapped physically. Another outstanding feature was that a child worked for his group rather than for his own selfish gain. If a prize was won, it was given for the group for which he was working. Discipline was very strict. Mr. Kingsley said to his surprise he found that the discipline was carried on through the student government.

In referring to the training of the teachers and their work, Mr. Kingsley said, "Men teach boys and the women teach the girls." This is particularly true after the child is nine years old. The training of teachers covers a longer period than is required for our lower grades. Yet, I believe, we have superior teacher training in our better institutions."

Psychology Dramatizations Amuse Students and Visitors

The students of the adolescent psychology course at State Missions School is instructed. Presented a series of dramatizations on advanced cases in the afternoon last Friday. A play about "White Man's War" included twenty-five original sketches which are given by the students. Mr. Lewis Wetherill led the discussion following each of the dramatizations, and Miss Hazel Williams was chairman of the afternoon session.

Several visitors seemed to enjoy the dramatizations and rationalizations. The applause of the class members was enthusiastic.

Dr. Thompson Plans 2 Request Programs Of Organ Recitals

Dr. Harold W. Thompson, professor of English, gave the first of a series of three organ recitals yesterday afternoon. The program included well-known and popular classics.

Two other all-request programs will be given on the Wednesday afternoons of July 22 and July 29 at the First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett Streets, at four o'clock. Each recital will last one hour. There will be no charge or collection, and every one is cordially invited to attend. Mimeographed programs will be given to all those present.

The organ at the First Presbyterian Church was made by Casavant Freres. It has four keyboards or manuals. Dr. Thompson designed the organ with the assistance of the presidents of the National Association of Organists and the Canadian College of Organists, and leading recital organists. Dr. Thompson will be glad to show the keyboard after the recitals to any who may be interested.

Scientific Equipment Displayed This Week

Of special interest to science teachers and students and principals is the display of up-to-date scientific apparatus demonstrated in Room 209 this week.

The Van Nardoll Color Mixer, a radio transmission and receipt demonstration outfit, soundlike magnetic wave in the New wave, Alphatype, and apparatus, the new Cross Indexer machine and the Brody's demonstration meter. A portable radio, which can be plugged into any tin snapper and it always with the troublesome, wasteful method of turning cans up-side down to get sound from the opening of the top is one of the modern instruments displayed.

Mr. H. A. Rothermel, Central Scientific Company, is in charge of the demonstration.

Summer News States Financial Policy: Price Per Copy Sinks To Five Cents

In accord with the announcement of the reduction in price of the Summer News from ten to five cents per copy, the staff deems it desirable to state the financial policy of this paper.

Prior to this year, the Summer News paper has been a private enterprise controlled by the staff of the publishers. This year, as a result of one of the college classes, the Summer News is published solely for the benefit of the student body as a whole. There will be no gain in the enterprise.

ASSISTS IN LIBRARY

Miss Dorothy Bachman has been appointed a library assistant for the summer session term.

Three Enthusiastic Students Rejuvenate "News Office"

Perched on step ladders, dressed in khaki dungarees and overalls, three energetic students were to be seen this week busily slapping paint on the walls and ceiling of the "publications" office, room 4. The idea that the place "was a bit messy" inspired to one of the students, a young lady, and it was through her that aid was solicited from those who more or less are denizens of the News office. It was but a small matter to obtain materials from the painters and to begin work.

The first and greatest task, was to remove the dusty crust upon the ceiling and walls. After a half afternoon of washing the walls, the students emerged from the clouds of flying dust to catch a breath outside air. The dust settled gradually on the tables, desks, and floors that belong to the different publications.

Paintbrushes were then scaled to the ceiling and the job of painting thus began.

No Ticonderoga Tour; Other Trips Assured For Next Two Weeks

Though the Ticonderoga tour scheduled for tomorrow was abandoned due to too few signers, the other trips are assured.

The Berkshire tour on July 25, there are already signers enough for one bus. If there are sixty signers, two buses will go.

The West Point trip has signers enough for two buses now. If there are ninety signers, three buses will ride the trip.

The cost of each trip is \$2.50. Persons desiring to make these tours may sign on the proper list on the bulletin board in the rotunda. Tickets may be purchased in Room 203 or Room 108 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

DR. MERIAN FLAYS OFFICE PRINCIPALS

They Fail to Put First Things First, He Tells Conference of Administrators

"Most principals fail to stress first things first," Dr. Julius L. Meriam, professor of education at the University of California, told the first meeting of administrators and supervisors on the lawn in front of Draper Hall, Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Meriam talked on "supervision and the principal." He described how many principals spend time and energy as "high grade clerks" who are not high grade in making reports, graphs, surveys, and other school reports which generally do not have much "stuff" back of them. Dr. Meriam believes that the principal should be on his feet most of the time. He claimed, "Most principals spend too much of their time in the office when they should be in the classroom, laboratories, or library."

It is Dr. Meriam's opinion that if a person assumes responsibility of being a principal he should be able to contribute to all phases of school work and be able to cooperate with both teachers and pupils in a superb way. "A principal ought to be a super-teacher and not a 'super-supervisor,'" said Dr. Meriam. In regard to choosing material and equipment for the school, he thinks that the principal will be able to choose material of six and up to those of sixteen years of age and with all in between these ages is better material as to the material and equipment needed to fit the needs of the pupils than the principal who stays in the office and surveys catalogues of equipment and material.

The group of administrators chose James E. Smith, district superintendent of schools in the third supervisory district of Albany County, Harold P. French, superintendent in the second supervisory district of Albany County, and Arnold Copping, principal at Stratford, a committee to plan a program for the meeting on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock.

Men Students Accept Volley Ball Challenge

The faculty's challenge for volleyball supremacy through the columns of The Summer News, met with a ready response. College House played their Wednesday evening and a team made up of former Union College students has arranged for a game, although the date has not been set. The Kappa Delta Klu Klux has also accepted the challenge.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

Miss Christine M. Hale, state supervisor in the rural schools of Adams and Otter of "The Grade Teacher" was elected president of the National Education Association at the recent meeting in Los Angeles. Miss Hale is well-known in educational work, not only throughout the New England states but throughout the entire country.

