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HILL HAPPENINGS

If this were a ship's log, now would be the proper time to make the entry, "The good ship 'Washington' is now entering the third month out. The studious crew has weathered one of the regular testing storms with but a shake-up among the Freshmen Green-horns who are on their first trip out, and a minor shake-up among the more experienced sailors. Besides some furtive mumblings among the crew about the typhoon which is due to strike along about the last of February, all is well and the 'Washington' is standing out to sea with all sails set."

Last week we pulled a reportorial boner by printing an unconfirmed statement merely on our own presumption, and failed to give honor where honor is due. The Reid Hall Library furniture was selected recently by Dean Bradley, but its cost was defrayed by a gift from Mrs. Frank Madison Dick of Cambridge, the original donor of the Elisha Cullen Dick Library. The "administration" gets no particular thanks therefore. Mrs. Dick's contribution was announced last spring, but the purchase was not made until this fall.

You may rest assured that in the future we will do our best not to bore you with such corrections, instead we will attend to business and get the proper verification beforehand. (About this time we usually pull the old gag about "Everybody makes mistakes, that's why they put the rubber mats under cuspidors," but as you have probably heard it we'll leave it out.)

The consumer continues to be the "forgotten man," even on the college campus. Where formerly the students on the hill benefitted from the various cleaning and pressing agents running their businesses in cut throat competition, the student agents have formed into a local union and stabilized their prices. Now all the fun is taken out of getting a suit pressed because one can't even dicker for a bargain rate. In order to effectively combat this union, it looks as if the students will have to organize themselves into a consumers cooperative.

The proposed change in the system of distribution of the test "blue books," of which we spoke several weeks ago, has finally gone into effect. Instead of each student keeping himself supplied as before, now the student merely pays an assessment of thirty cents a year to the bookstore which supplies the amount of "blue books" necessary to the professor giving the test, who in turn distributes them to the students as needed. This is sure to prove a most welcome innovation as it hamstrings the most prevalent method of cheating in tests, namely, carrying notes written in a "blue book" into the test. Also it reduces the average expense of "blue books" to the student by at least two-thirds percent, which is always welcome in this age of high meat prices. The Student Council is to be commended for its action in the interests of the student body which it represents; may all its worthy projects be as successful.

After some weeks of working crossword puzzles backwards, the committee of the Silver Pentagon Society has finally completed its schedule for all the activities on the campus. This schedule was drawn up at the request of the activities committee of the faculty who felt that it was necessary to do something to prevent so many conflicts in regards to the meeting nights of the various organizations. The schedule now awaits the final approval of the faculty before it is placed in action. The President of the Silver Pentagon Society, Charles Berry; the President of the Student Council, Albert Bilancioni; and Dr. F. G. Livingood as a representative of the faculty, have been working on the plan since the beginning of the school year.

At its last meeting the Society also appointed committees for the second informal dance of the year to be sponsored by the organization which will take place this coming Saturday, November 9.

The first bill of the ambitious schedule of productions of the "Washington Players," came off last Monday night with quite a reasonable amount of success. The three one-act plays were fully enjoyed by all who came to see them, and gave promise that the season tickets offered by the Players are well worth the price. It must be remembered in criticizing these one act plays that they are designed to give every member of the Players a chance to tread the boards and prove his or her capabilities, and that these plays are all student directed, so that they are bound to vary in some instances from the appearance of a professional production. However, in the large three act plays, every effort is made to put on the best that is possible, the best actors are drawn from the student body, a faculty member does the directing, and a great deal of attention is paid to the stage settings and properties. Don't forget "East Lynne," which is to be produced soon;—if you've cried at it before, come up and cry, cry again.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we note that the college is now in a stage of a well rounded physical growth. Plans are under way for new buildings, the faculty has increased in size, the student body is larger than ever before, and now the library has just received a new collection of books. This collection was the private library of the late Dr. Mary C. Burchinal and was given to the college from her estate. Dr. Burchinal graduated from Washington College in 1896, took her Ph. D. at Johns Hopkins University, and then returned to teach here at the college for a short time. Later she became the head of the Department of Modern Languages at Overbrook High School in Philadelphia. It is an interesting fact that Dr. Burchinal was the only woman who has ever been a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors of the college. The collection contains about 300 volumes and includes some standard sets of classic German authors, namely Goethe and Schiller, and many volumes of standard modern authors in both French and German.

Figuring intercollegiate football as a subsidized business proposition, the football team's trip up to Susquehanna University was a dismal failure; but, holding intercollegiate football as a sport, designed to provide recreation for players and spectators, and to promote goodwill in friendly rivalry between the competing colleges and universities, the trip was worth while. We will grant for the players that football is often a better game to watch than play, but even so, we like to subscribe to the latter half of the above statement.

For instance, last week end twenty-five members of the student body were the guests of Susquehanna University. They were entertained at the Home-Coming Dinner, were welcomed by the Dean, Dr. Dunkelberber, Coach Stagg, and a student, Walter Wasilewski, Captain of the football team. Later in the evening they attended an informal social function as long as they were allowed to stay up, during which time they circulated among their hosts, met each other, compared notes and exchanged ideas, and were glad to know each other. All of which should help maintain friendly relations between Washington and Susquehanna.

As for the football game, that is another matter. Whenever a football team takes the field against another team, no matter who is playing on the other team, each team wants to life the other's scalp. So it was last Saturday but the Crusaders had too much man power and tricky offensive. At the start of the game both teams were evenly matched as the 0-0 score for the first half shows, but by the third quarter, by dint of many substitutions, a passing attack, and the removal of Nicholson from the lineup because of injuriles and Huffman being slowed up by an injury, the Crusaders forged ahead and scored. Later, in the fourth quarter they scored again by capitalizing on a short punt by Washington, the game ending 12-0, with the Susquehanna hex still unremoved.

Hot Spot of The Week:—Upon arriving at Selinsgrove, the team was greeted by a rather unobtrusive middleaged man who stopped beside the bus and inquired after the health of the boys. Upon departing he said, "Well give my regards to President Mead when you get back." At which remark Ace Wilmot asked, "Do you live around here?" To which said stranger replied, "Why ah, yes, I'm Dr. Smith, President of the University."

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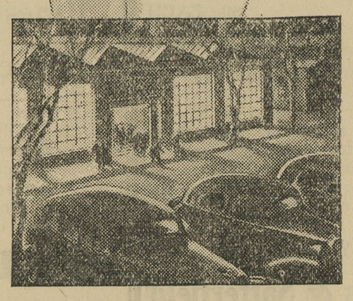

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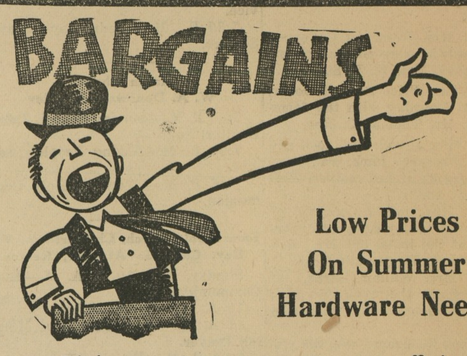

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