

SOCIETY NOTES

PHILOMATHEANS EXPLAIN CUSTOMS TO MEMBERS

For the benefit of the new members, a Philomathean program was given Friday evening, Sept. 29.

The first number, a brief history of the society, by Annabel Thompson, was by way of an introduction to the new members and as a reminder of the old ones. Marie Beaman gave an instructive talk on Philomathean customs, thus bringing to light some of the unwritten laws by which Philomatheans abide.

The musical number for the evening was both interesting and informational, acquainting the new members with origin and past record of the organization.

The place of the literary society in the college was then discussed by Vera Farlowe, who pointed out the various advantages and opportunities offered in a literary society.

A piano solo, "The Shepherd's Tale," by Nevin, played by Luna Taylor, while the final number of the program was the Philomathean call, given by all the members.

The society received into membership at this time, Lalah Hassel, Annie Mae Fowler, Mary Ragsdale, Margaret Armfield and Alma Stuart.

ZATASIANS DISCUSS LITERARY SOCIETIES

A discussion of the work of a literary society was the feature of the Zatasian program for Friday evening, Sept. 29. Nellie Allen gave a short history of the Zatasian society, concluding with some practical suggestions for society workers. Viola Tuttle then gave an instrumental solo. This was followed by an instructive paper explaining what a year of society work may mean, by Eva Holder. She told of the many opportunities and benefits a society offers, dividing them into two classes, the mental and the social. Ruth Levering read a humorous selection from O. Henry, "The Romance of a Busy Broker." Pherlie Mae Siske closed the program with a still more ludicrous number, "The Way to Happiness."

Three girls, Frankie Lohr, Edith Spencer and Hazel Coltrane were received into membership.

BONUS BILL SUBJECT OF WEBSTERIAN DEBATE

The feature of the Websterian program at their meeting on Sept. 29, was the debate on the question:

Resolved: that President Harding was justified in not signing the bonus bill. The negative, Smith and Wimon, won the judges' decision. They argued that the economic rehabilitation of the veterans was necessary for the welfare of the nation, and that Harding had made a purely political issue when he vetoed the bonus bill.

The affirmative, Nereus English, and Howell, gave a creditable account of themselves, centering their arguments around the economic condition of the U. S. at the present time.

Gorrel discussed a number of current events, while George Crisp contributed the humorous element of the program, with a number entitled, "Whispered Words."

The society was glad to welcome Ernest Macon as an active member.

H. L. Macon, critic, gave a constructive critique, after which the society adjourned.

HENRY CLAYS ARGUE CHILD LABOR QUESTION

New students and old Henry Clays joined in a mutual appreciation of the variety of talent displayed in the program Friday evening.

Humor in appealing forms, satiric, farcial and clever, was created and handled skillfully by James Joyce. Benbow Merriman interpreted Dvorak's "Humoresque" in a pleasing violin solo. The final feature of the program, the speeches from visitors, was no less enjoyed.

The question for debate, Resolved: that the child labor law should be re-enacted in the United States, was by Russel Branson and Marvin Shore for the affirmative. The fact that at present there is no protection afforded children from working in mines and factories under the federal law, or by the constitution was a strong point for the affirmative. The negative, represented by J. G. Frazier and Allison White, won the decisions of the judges by granting the need of an amendment of the constitution and a child labor law, but proving the inadequacy of the former law based on taxation of a business employing child labor.

GENERAL NEWS

Chief Events of Various States and Countries Briefly Told.

Ohio has about three million acres of corn this year.

Recent forest fires in Italy have done damage estimated at \$10,000,000

Hot lunches were served in 3,808 rural schools to 187,430 children during last year.

The Bell telephone system now has 18,000,000 miles of its 27,800,000 miles of wire underground.

Five cows, all attached to the same chain, were killed by lightning at the farm of Frank Ford, near Unionville, Orange county, N. Y.

President Harding has signed the act lately passed by congress providing for 25 additional federal judges to take care of increased business.

Birmingham, Ala., has just completed payments of \$500 for repairs in sewers caused by a set of false teeth holding back a pile of rubbish. No one has been found to claim them.

One million gallons of fuel oil have been ordered by the Donner Steel Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., for use in its eight open hearth furnaces, each of which has a capacity of 90 tons of steel a heat.

The fourth annual convention of the American Legion will be held in New Orleans, beginning October 10. Premier Lloyd-George of Great Britain has been invited to attend and may accept.

Evangeline Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in America, is to be retired from that position by Gen. Bramwell Booth of England, chief commander of the organization. The reason has not been stated.

An experimental shipment of 100,000 Holland faced brick will be landed in New York early in November. At present prices for the domestic product, it is asserted, the Dutch brickmakers are able to compete.

Major General Leonard Wood, governor of the Philippines, has been made honorary president of the Boy Rangers of America. The Rangers are between eight and twelve years old and act as feeders for the Boy Scouts.

The new Delaware river bridge, which is to be built by the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and the city of Philadelphia, is estimated to cost about \$28,871,000. This bridge will cross the Delaware river from

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Caribou, rabbits, geese and bears, which moved down from the mountains surrounding Fairbanks Alaska, a few days ago, were mowed down in vast numbers by residents who joined in a community hunt. Miss Evelyn Houcke, assistant postmaster, was the target of a maddened caribou, which charged at her automobile after the girl had fired one shot. Her second shot, also her last cartridge, brought down the animal. Two hundred automobiles and all the horse-drawn vehicles in town carried hunting parties.

John Williams of Jersey City mowed lawns in summer and tended furnaces in winter; he recently died and left \$8,000 to the churches and charities. He never took a day off and never bought a new suit of clothes, wearing the cast offs of his customers. He lived a contented and fairly successful life.

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