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Five Bros. Proclaim Summer Presence

Students come and students go, but Ye Olde Five Brothers Fraternity has an admirable way of staying on forever. Members have come to Bee Gee this summer from hill and dale and across the gien to prove that there is no depression so far as thinking and better training for teaching is concerned.

Advisor Powell is teaching this term in his usual inimitable way, and jolling things up a lot. Under his leadership, there will be an active organization this summer.

We are told by those who should know that whispers of a picnic are making their way about. The eighteen Five Brothers present— with their wives and sweethearts—should make quite a lively gathering. Let's hear more of it.

Every member is requested to be present tomorrow evening, June 28, at the usual time, for a meeting at the House. Be there!

Chicago Art Players Entertain Bee Gee

Nearly 800 people enjoyed the splendid performance of "The Silver Cord", by the Chicago Art Theatre in the college auditorium, Thursday evening, June 23. The play, in three acts as written by Sidney Howard, was the conflict between the professional mother and two young women who fought to make their love for the two sons break the trouble—making ties of mother's apron strings.

Marjorie Miller (in a Barbara Stanwyck role) as Christina, very ably portrayed the part of the wife to John Van Osch in the characterization of David Phelps, the architect. The role of Hester was portrayed by Mary Gehr who played the part of fiancée to Robert Phelps, a young society man. Last, but not least of the roles was the part of Mrs. Phelps, played by Crayne Parker, which should have dwindled the value of all former villain roles in your experience to naught.

There was splendid acting in all three acts of this fast moving play, that kept the audience on their toes every moment during the presentation. The play had a late start of a few minutes and did not end until 11:30.

74 Years Ago

"It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in a lifetime of most men who read this paper—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so inconceivable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow-citizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment, and without the prospect of it.

"In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent, upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly Indian insurrection, and with its disturbed relations in China.

"It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference (which, happily, no man pretends to feel) in the issue of events.

"Of our own troubles no man can see the end. They are fortunately, as yet, mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose
Praise to Whom Praise Is Due

We commend the library, staff and officials, for the efficiency with which they have been dealing with the summer students demands for both "study space" and books.

The only thing we can't understand is just why those blooming windows can't be opened in the reserve room. Those pestiferous flies can't even escape the heat. Who put in such a ventilating system anyhow?

Here's Your Chance

The Bee Gee News finds it possible to publish a limited number of shot snaps. Have you any that you think the whole college should get a laugh over? or benefit from? Put them in the News box, appropriately labeled, below the office windows.

Lest We Forget

This is your paper; it needs your support. Don't forget that its columns are open to you for anything you may deem of interest—editorials, jokes, serious articles, controversies. Place your contributions in the News box below the office windows by four o'clock Thursday preceding date of issue. Sign your name—it will be withheld if you so request.

Improvement in Bathrooms

Wednesday's papers printed accounts of the interesting innovations in bathroom equipment to be displayed at the exhibition of the National Association of Master Plumbers on June 20. Thursday bathrooms again figured in the news. Two small children in different parts of the city had locked themselves up in their respective bathrooms, forgotten the combination, and had to be rescued by the aid of firemen and policemen.

The incident suggests that the really modern bathroom should have a lock that can be released from the outside. Such bathroom luxuries as tea service, cigarette stands, book racks and easy chairs for rest and contemplation after a shower are likely to induce sleep in the sybaritic bather. A lock to be worked from either side would permit an attendant to enter, wake the sleeper and prevent his being late to the opera or the office.

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

A Question

What's more disturbing to a fellow in the Reading Room, trying to study, than some one across the table chewing his gum, as tho his life depended upon it?

Never experienced it? Well your turn surely is coming.

How about some rules concerning same to post in Reading Room or O'le Steve in there to see that silence is enforced?

—One Really in Earnest

Announcements

During the summer of 1932 the following entertainments are scheduled:

June 28—Dean Charles W. Hunt, School of Education, Western Reserve university.
July 5—Rev. M. S. Rice, Detroit.
July 12—Dean J. B. Edmondson, School of Education, University of Michigan.

Evening

July 18—Concert, Welsh Imperial Singers.

Tuesday, June 28—Picnic today.

Campus Gossip

A couple of cars cracked up on the boulevard the other day, putting quite a dent in a fender; in fact, there seemed to be more dent than fender—Clyde Brown says he can't help it if people believe him; they ought to know better—Willie Miller gave a blood transfusion the other day—general opinion of experts on the campus has it that Schmelling was robbed; the hardest thing in the world will be to prove it—there are a number of post graduates on the campus working for their second degrees—have you seen Warick play golf?—we do miss "Steve", the cop—Wayne Champion has started to make an impression; he's carrying a brief case—did you ever see anyone who enjoyed his pipe as much as our Dr. Ogg does?—that dead mole in the Botany room got too much for Penny Ross, and Dr. Otis had to come to the rescue by removing the body; a vote of thanks to Penny—Dr. Kohl looks younger every year we come back—heard a young lad remarking about too lenient rules for women; what a laugh!—wanted: an argument; see Mike Selbert—heard everywhere, "When's the picnic?"

Columnist O. O. McIntyre says Joe E. Brown "was born with a silver laddle in his mouth."

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Student: I hear you are going to Niagara Falls for your vacation. Didn't you go there on your honeymoon?

"Mike" Selbert: Yes, we did, but this time we want to see the scenery.

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Ardent Freshman: I love you, darling, I adore you.

Lonely Teacher: Are you going to marry me?

Freshman: Aw hell! why change the subject.

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"Bill" Swain: I said, kiss me Henry, but he's a doctor and he said he couldn't because kisses cause all sorts of horrible diseases.

Room-mate: But did he?

Bill: I'm an invalid for life.
A NEW EDUCATION

When our parents went to school, what was the main purpose of the instruction they received? Teachers taught subject matter with the object of increasing the pupil's fund of information. What was he to do with this information, this body of facts? How was the individual affected in his relations of man to man by reciting parrotlike the Pickett lost 2900 men at Gettysburg and that Mt. Everest was the highest peak in the world? These questions were never asked. The teacher did not consider the child as a living, breathing being whose character and personality were to be developed.

This by-gone school; how sad to say that it still exists, cannot in any sense be called a school. A school should be a miniature society, a place in which to develop individuality as the pupil is driven by a felt or inner urge to explore and participate in purposeful activity. This old idea of education sucks the life blood from the tissues of its subjects and turns out a group of weak and pitiful conformists who cling tenaciously to the futile phobias of the past.

A knowledge of the social heritage is valuable only when it leads the individual to a better understanding and interest in the problems of the present. This knowledge, however, must not be gained at the expense of intellectual independence and social progress.

This new education, then, hopes to turn out men who are leaders not sheep. What is the responsibility of the teacher and parent in this connection? Their job is greater than ever before. In their hands rests the future fate of our so-called democracy. Shall our civilization crumble beneath the vile heap of mercenary individualism, selfish greed, and stereotyped superstition? The destiny of America—yes, even of the entire world—rests with its people. If they chose to take the position of a Pangloss, "that all is for the best in this best of possible worlds," they will continue passing on to their children dead material, and, it is inevitable, that after high school and college, they will have dead, solidified souls.

But suppose parents, as well as teachers, become so filled with a new attitude, an attitude that will save and not destroy religion, democracy, and education. I speak of the social attitude, which, when obtained by these molders of the future race, parents and teachers, will force them to view education as psychological rather than formalic learning. Education to present day parents and teachers must mean a growth in a quickening sense of social responsibility which is neither sectional nor national in its scope but international. When this new goal is set up, education will pass from darkness into light, it will turn out real citizens instead of crowd men.

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SPORT NOTES

If most of the reports we hear are true, the man who received the hardest wallop at the Sharkey-Schmelling fight at Madison Square Garden bowl last week was old Mr. Prizefight himself. (Yes we admit that Mr. Fairbanks also took one on the chin.) The fact that a "no foul" ruling was in effect did much to encourage some 70,000 fans with about seven times that many dollars to attend the fight classic. (Leaving their currency on the way in). Then, after a fair program, everyone was dumb-founded to learn that the apparent loser of the fight was given the decision and of course the world's heavyweight championship that accompanied the decision.

Most of the important fights that have been held in New York, in recent years, have ended in an argument of some sort or other; due to laxity on the part of the Commission, referee, judges or fighters themselves. But last week's affair gave evidence of being the exception rather than the rule and it would have been except for the decision. This sort of thing is just additional spikes in the coffin of Mr. Prizefight because the average fan is not in sympathy with tactics of this sort and the success of the game depends entirely on the gate receipts.

The Five Brothers announce that they are alive and active for the summer, but as yet the News has heard nothing from the other two fraternities nor from any of the sororities. "Where, O where, can she be?"

The Social Calendar tells us that this week's specials are two: (1) a picnic at Otsego Park this afternoon at four o'clock and (2) a Tea Dance Thursday evening. Look for announcements of details on the bulletin board.

College entrance exams were given Saturday, June 25, in Room 210A. Now there are more who will never be the same: their intelligence has been captured and put in figures for all and sundry to see. Well, we wonder.

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COLLEGE IMPROVEMENTS

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Soft Water Everywhere

Trouble a plenty has been caused by the very hard water in use by the college. Boilers cake with lime, heat regulators are difficult to keep in efficient service and the rooms become unsatisfactory.

There will be great rejoicing at the dormitories over a generous supply of soft water. Then there will be no more bucket brigades to secure soft water to purify the soiled wigs.

Oh boy! how the athletes will delight as they indulge in their showers of smooth, refreshing soft water.

President Williams announces there is to be a water softener installed of sufficient capacity to soften all the water used on the campus.

Other improvements in the power house will be new pumps to maintain a satisfactory return of the water from the heating system. This improvement will add greatly to the comfort of all. A quantity of smaller equipment is to be provided being necessary to keep the plant up to its usual high standard.

These improvements will help a bit to give employment and start the ball rolling as some $17,515 is to be used to make the necessary repairs and improvements.

Prof. Nordmann: The modern girl can talk rings around the third finger of her left hand.


"Bob" Shaffer: People used to go to college to get polish—now they drink it.

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