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## Walkouts Knocked Out

To break the tense emotion built up during that beautiful and sacred ceremony of marriage, the "gang" usually comes through with some tin cans and a few pounds of rice as a parting shot at the new bride and groom.

Sorority and fraternity pledges aren't brides and grooms, not yet, anyway; but the fraternal life with which they have just become affiliated is a new mission by which they expect to fulfill certain college objectives. It is a decisive step when a person places his name on the roster of the ONE house that shall be for the next four years the medium through which he works on campus activities. It is only through serious and concentrated effort that members and pledges develop a close association with each other.

Prior to this fall, pledges have broken the solemnity of being the underprivileged and have staged walkouts. Like throwing rice after a wedding, they took this means of breaking the tension of that early pledge period. Historically, walkouts were the result of pledges desiring to have some fun with members; therefore, they scuttled the house, stole silver and even the cook, hid clothes and did a bit of Hellery in general. Of course, they seldom got away with it, but the whole affair served as a means of unifying the pledges and members early in the year. Working cooperatively and "taking it" together had its advantages.

Then it later developed into a social event "sub rosa." Unscheduled, coming in the middle of the week, the men and women united their efforts and the walkout took them tearing off around the country until closing hours, raising havoc in their respective living organizations and returning them home to take their medicine.

This year the pledges even suggested taking with them chaperons to make the affairs strictly above board. But in so doing, any faculty chaperon would be directly responsible to the administration if anything should go amiss . . . and he would be responsible for cooperating in violation of the social regulations of Oregon State college.

The administration has not said that houses may NOT have walk-outs. In the booklet on student regulations, a social function is defined as an expressed social or recreational activity of college men and women who are gathered together under the direct responsibility of an organized social group. Therefore, walkouts are a social function. It also states that all social functions must be scheduled in the office of the dean of women and must be authorized by the student affairs committee. These functions shall be confined to Friday and Saturday evenings, Saturday afternoons and those evenings immediately preceding holidays. It goes on to state that there shall be NO interfraternity-panhellenic, or general fraternity-sorority parties.

Without further discussion that just about excludes sorority-fraternity walkouts. Interest being focussed on them this week, however, interfraternity council passed a rule Tuesday night subjecting any fraternity to heavy fine if its pledges walked out. This was done to eliminate the loss of academic time which invariably follows such occasions.

The penalty of violating social regulations for men and women deprives an organization of social privileges for one year from date upon which such violation occurred. This applies to fraternity-sorority walkouts.

The dean didn't say, "NO." But the student educational activity board who revised the Student Regulations booklet, did . . . years ago. And interfraternity council did . . . Tuesday night.

## What About Desserts?

The whispered suggestion of having such a thing as exchange dinners between the living groups seems to be still a fading whisper as the office of the dean of women has recorded in the books the requests of the men's living groups as to dates and continuance of the tradition of exchange dinners.

For the benefit of those who continue to dream of desserts, the reasons for staying with the tradition of dinners is made known. The dessert plan would be acceptable for sororities and fraternities but not for independent living groups with the question of kitchen and table help to be considered. At least a half hour would intervene between the main course and the last course to enable the co-eds to "primp" and the house boys to clear the table, reset it and then clear it again after dessert. Their extra time for table service would naturally require extra pay. The time limit for the event must also be thought of.

Exchange dinners came about by student suggestion, carefully worked out for the pleasure of all living groups with no exception. The idea originated in 1935 and has been

in use up to the present day. These dinners have a specific time limit and are so arranged as to effect mixing of the students, independents and affiliated as well. If the element of dancing enters into the question, desserts would undoubtedly permit more dancing time than dinners. But many of the students do not dance and the time allowed for the affair would be much less than that allowed for the exchange dinner permitting less time for the acquisition of new acquaintances.

The exchange dinner dates will be decided upon by the standards committee consisting of a representative from the interfraternity council, a representative from Panhellenic and a representative from each of the men's and women's living groups. So the tradition of exchange dinners continues to assist Oregon Staters to know one another.

## In the Mail . . .

Dear Editor:

The announcement has just been made in the fraternities that rook walk outs are to be banned.

It seems to me that the interfraternity council sponsored by the dean of men's office has taken a large step toward the banishment of a tradition of long standing in this and every other college.

Tradition helps to build a school spirit, the school itself, and make college what it is today. What are the dean and the older students trying to do? Take the fun out of like for the lowly rook? The rooks still have to maintain study hours, sign out, wear rook lids and believe me they receive "hacks" when they are guilty of breaking these rules. Two days of inconvenience or three at the most for members of a house is small compensation to a rook for the rulings they follow, and hankings they receive over a term or year in school.

What reasons were given for this move on the "big wig" council's part? Roughness, destructiveness, a loss of study hours no doubt. How many people have been hurt, how many millions of dollars have been wasted at this ungentlemanly sport? How many hours are wasted that wouldn't be wasted anyway?

How many of these same people can look back and say with honesty that they didn't enjoy their own walkouts. How many of them today—juniors and seniors—sit back and laugh at the fun they had on their walkout—back when? It seems wrong to me to have the dean and the high and mighty restrict pleasures of the rooks especially when, it isn't the council's pleasure that is being amputated. It is only fair that the rooks should have a say in the matter. How about it rooks? What is your answer? If you don't mind being treated this way, say so. If you object, how about doing something about it? In my estimation the dean with the interfraternity council is stepping out of bounds. Is this a democratic school or something else?

G. Gurwell.

## War May Extend Scientific Vista

### Strides in Technology To Affect World

PASADENA, Calif., Oct. 15 (UP)—The life of man for the next few decades of the post-war period will be "powerfully" influenced by industrial and scientific developments now under way, according to Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Nobel prize winner, and president of the California Institute of Technology.

The war, especially, he finds has brought about vast progress in certain lines, including aviation and radio communication, that will modify communications and transportation greatly.

As scientific adviser to the National Manufacturers association, Dr. Millikan has drawn up a list of the 10 leading fields of research, science, and industrial development where the greatest progress will be made during the war.

#### Distance Cut Down

They are: "First: It is obvious that the enormous developments in aeronautics for war purposes are going to react powerfully upon all problems of transportation and international communications.

"Second: The whole field of alloys is clearly moving forward at a rapid rate, especially with reference to combining the maximum of lightness and strength, so that the field of metallic alloys is going to modify greatly the industry of the coming decades.

"Third: The exceedingly rapid development that is taking place in plastics, and the provision of sufficiently hard, non-scratchable surfaces for such plastics will have a great influence on transportation and on domestic life.

"Fourth: The notable advances being made in short-wave radio and in projecting radio waves through cylindrical conductors are certain to make the field of communications grow in coming decades.

#### Strides Made in Health

"Fifth: New and greatly improved means of sterilization of drinking water, for example, have been developed, and the influence of such biochemical advance upon the maintenance of the health of peoples of all countries is likely to be immeasurable.

"Sixth: The new knowledge of

## Alumni News

Kenneth W. Dahl, '40, formerly assistant rural rehabilitation supervisor at Albany, was recently transferred to the Malheur office at Ontario.

Douglas Chambers, '41, is enrolled in the field artillery school in Fort Sill, Okla., where he is now working for a master's degree. Last summer he married Vivian Aspinwall, ex '43.

Jean Steinle, ex '42, is married to Maurice Isted, '40. He is employed by the McCLOUD River Lumber company at McCLOUD, Calif.

Dorothy Ericson, '41, is a service representative working in the personnel department of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company of Portland.

Juanita Mahon, '41, recently returned from an extended trip to the Atlantic coast and has accepted a secretarial position with the Electric Steel Foundry company in Portland.

vitamins, already revolutionizing the eating habits of the world, and the fortification of common foods with suitable vitamins will increase the health and productivity of all workers.

"Seventh: The rapid rate at which micro-organic biochemistry is increasing our knowledge of drugs and so-called natural products. This new knowledge is finding many kinds of application in human life.

#### Soil Science Progresses

"Eighth: The new knowledge that has been gained through studies in the mechanics of soil erosion and the transport of sediment such as those going on now on the campus of the California Institute are revolutionizing agriculture as applied to cultivation of hillsides, the transport of sediments through drains, etc.

"Ninth: Developments in long-range weather forecasting are having great effects upon the handling of power systems, agricultural and military operations. The science of meteorology is in its infancy, but it is growing rapidly, with large, new implications for the future of man.

"Tenth: New studies in immunology promise to have powerful repercussions in the field of public health."

## On Other Campuses

Last week Phineas T. Barnum turned over in his grave. He must have, for at that time the editors of "Columns," University of Washington monthly publication, sprang the greatest publicity stunt in the history of their magazine. The master of publicity and hokum has been "out-hokumed" at last.

The day before the October issue went on sale, they announced that everyone who purchased a copy would receive free a kiss from one of the eight beautiful freshman girls whose pictures were featured in the magazine!

Needless to say, the sale was a great success, but imagine the number of disappointed fellows when it was discovered that the only kisses that were being given away were chocolate ones!

Back at Michigan State college, co-eds who want leg appeal without "cheaping" themselves by going bare-legged are being urged to wear red, white and blue cotton stockings during the defense-made silk hosiery shortage. Miss Elizabeth Conrad, dean of women there and long a foe of bare legs, appeals to the girls patriotism in advocating the cotton hose.

"America needs the silk that American women put on their legs," she says. "Let's have the college women lead the way in this emergency by voluntarily wearing these lovely, long cotton stockings."

Apparently all the co-eds don't think they are so lovely, for one pretty little undergraduate was heard to say, "I wouldn't be found dead in them. My patriotism doesn't go that far."

Here's one on the University of Washington Daily. Several days before the Beaver-Husky tilt, they were generous enough to run cuts of two Oregon State football players. One was correctly labeled Bob Dethman, but the other, a picture of the fellow we call Don Durdan, was captioned Bob Saunders. We think perhaps they knew who Don Durdan was before the game was over.

Back to Seattle again where they're still chucking about the group of little boys peddling football programs in front of the University of Washington stadium.

Their battle cry ran like this: "Okay, folks! Come and get your programs. Learn the names, weights and salaries of all the players!"

We liked these from the Los Angeles Collegian:

Will the person who lost a watch please line up single file near the Ad. Bldg.

Now playing—Getty Brable in Sweater Girls—a really swell yarn . . . 100 per cent wool. Shame on you!

She was just like the horizon—she never got any closer.

Modern Youth—1800 "Come, come," said Tom's father, "at your time of life, There's no longer excuse for thus playing the rake; It is time you think, boy, of taking a wife."

"Why so it is, father—whose wife shall I take?" And then there's the case of Ohio Wesleyan university, which selected the wrong "typical" students when preparing a picture booklet on its activities. The photos were taken last spring. The front cover of the booklet shows a co-ed who since has "flunked out" of school and a boy who has transferred to another college.

## Berlin Suit of Clothes In Bundles for Britain

CHICAGO (UP)—Somewhere in England this winter a Britisher will wear an expertly tailored, all-wool oxford gray suit of clothes bearing the label "Petrick & Seck, Berlin S. W., Charlottenstrasse 77."

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### Wall Street

Wall Street in New York City received its name from the fact that it follows the line of the palisaded wall or stockade built in 1652 across the southern end of Manhattan Island by Governor Peter Stuyvesant to protect the little Dutch colony of New Amsterdam against a threatened attack by the British. The last remnants of this wall, which contained the gates at what are now Broadway and Pearl Street, were removed about 1699, but the thoroughfare that took its place has ever since been known as Wall Street or "the Street." It is a narrow and short street, running east and west from Trinity Church on Broadway to the East River, a distance of seven blocks or about half a mile. Wall Street has been described as the famous street that begins at a graveyard and ends at a river. The old city hall stood on the corner of Wall and Nassau Streets. After the Revolution this building was remodeled and converted into Federal hall, and there the first Congress under the Constitution met and there George Washington took the oath of office as the first president of the United States, April 30, 1789. The old Sub-Treasury building now stands on the site. In time the stock market and many large banking and brokerage houses were located on Wall Street or in the adjacent section and this narrow and short street became the financial center of the United States.

### Hollywood

Although more than a dozen states of the union have towns and villages named Hollywood, there is no town or city in California bearing that name. The former California town of Hollywood, which was first laid out in 1887 and which was incorporated in 1903, was legally annexed by Los Angeles in 1910, the same year the first moving picture studio was established there.

According to the census of 1930, the section of Los Angeles known as Hollywood, which is largely residential, had a population of 154,000. The post office at Hollywood is an independent station of the Los Angeles office. Hollywood, now synonymous with moving pictures, became the chief seat of that industry as the result of two factors. Early movies were made in sunlight. The favorable climate, coupled with a varied scenery, brought the industry to that section, and Hollywood, then a small village near Los Angeles provided ample space for the studios. After Hollywood was incorporated in 1903 one of the first official acts of the city fathers was to pass an ordinance prohibiting the driving of more than 2,000 sheep down Main street, which is now Hollywood boulevard.

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### Girls Request 'Grease' Training

The automobile mechanics course for women was organized in the fall of 1938 with Ralph N. Lund, assistant professor of agricultural engineering, as the instructor.

Interest was shown and the class was continued. This is the first year it has been included in the catalogue and schedule book.

The need of proper maintenance of service is stressed as well as traffic regulations and safety driving practices. No repair work is done, said Lund, "but if a girl is interested she may be able to go into it."

The average size of the class is eight. Some of the student comments on the course were: "We really get down to what makes the car tick." "It's a very practical course, not too technical to get one mixed up." "We are learning how to buy a good used car which I think is important."

### Forest Recreation Division Meets

The forest recreation division held its first meeting of the term Wednesday in the forestry building to formulate plans for the coming year.

Professor C. H. Willison, of the forestry school, gave a talk stressing the opportunities in the field of forest recreation. Emphasis was placed on the need of students to participate in the club activities in order to realize the benefits of the forest recreation curriculum.

Jack Hann, senior in forestry, presented a report on the state parks followed by a report on national parks by Eugene McKeown, graduate student in forestry. Employment, both temporary and permanent, was stressed in the reports.

The committees appointed for future club activities were the state parks committee, the national parks committee, the national forest committee, the private lands and dude ranch committee and the city and county parks committee.

The election of club officers has been postponed until the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, at 5 o'clock in the forestry building.

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## Spot News in Review

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### GERMAN DRIVE PUSHES ON

Despite savage Russian resistance, the three-pronged German drive on Moscow still surges forward.

The Germans have advanced from the west and south, and are endangering the Kalinin sector northwest of the Soviet capital. Some Nazi units have succeeded in breaking into Russian defenses around Kalinin, although the main Soviet line still holds.

Germany says artillery units continue to pound Moscow's outer defenses, while motorized columns are rolling forward on the city from only 50 or 60 miles away.

The Russians have called on every able-bodied person in the nation to take up arms to aid in their country's defense. And Moscow admits freely that the capital is in danger.

Both sides are throwing huge reinforcements into the fierce conflict that has choked the battlefields with dead. Even the Russians agree that Red army losses are heavy, although they say German casualties are as bad or worse, especially in the Leningrad sector. Soviet quarters in London say crack Siberian troops now are entering the battle for Moscow, reinforcing the battle-weary defenders who have been slowly giving way before the Germans.

Only at Leningrad and along the sea of Azov, beyond Mariupol, do the Russians claim to have the Germans stopped. But an unconfirmed report from Helsinki—quoting Russian prisoners—says the Germans have taken some parts of Leningrad. The Finns also claim to have wiped out two Soviet regiments in the Lake Onega sector.

Britain claims the relentless air war in the west is aiding Russia more than most people realize. Fifty per cent of Germany's fighter planes are said to be held in western Europe to combat the fierce RAF raids.

The RAF has been on the wing again tonight, raiding the French coast after daylong attacks on enemy shipping.

### JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS GRAVE

TOKYO—Threats of a Japanese-American crisis are increasing. A spokesman of the naval ministry in Tokyo has warned his nation that "the final cross-roads" may be at hand.

"In fact," said Captain Hideo Hiraide, "the Japanese navy is itching for action."

This is the first time that any naval official in Tokyo has admitted the possibility of war with the United States. In the past, the navy has strongly supported efforts for a Japanese-American understanding. But Captain Hiraide went on to say:

"The fate of our empire depends on how we act at this moment. It certainly is at such a moment as this that our navy should set about its primary mission."

Observers explained that in Japanese naval circles, the term "primary mission" ordinarily means offensive war.

### OUSTED PANAMA PREXY GOES IN EXILE

PANAMA CITY—Late reports indicate that former President Arnulfo Arias may leave Panama by airplane today for exile in Costa Rica.

Arias, deposed last Thursday by the pro-democratic de LaGuardia regime, is believed to be confined in the model jail at Panama City.

He arrived at Cristobal from Havana by ship yesterday. Late last night he disembarked, and was escorted by police through the Canal Zone.

At Colon he was taken in charge by Panamanian police and was whisked away to an undisclosed place. Several other officials of the deposed regime are being held in jail.

The Japanese minister was among members of the diplomatic corps who paid a formal visit to the new foreign minister today.

Notably absent were the German and Italian ministers. This was thought to point out the chagrin of Rome and Berlin over the deposition of the Arias government, which was regarded as pro-Axis.

### HOUSE TO BATTLE OVER BILL

WASHINGTON—The verbal guns are ready for action in the house tomorrow, while the navy prepares real guns to arm American merchant ships.

The house foreign affairs committee has approved the ship-arming bill, and it goes to the floor tomorrow for debate. Every indication points to house passage by Friday night, but the opposition is loud even though small numerically.

Supporters of the bill contend arming of ships will give crews and passengers a chance for their lives, while opponents charge it's another step toward war.

Secretary of the Navy Knox today declared that when the measure is passed the navy is ready to mount the guns as fast as the ships come into port. The navy also will provide gun crews.

Another defense measure has moved closer toward enactment. The senate appropriations subcommittee has finished work on the six-billion dollar second lend-lease bill. Work remains on miscellaneous defense items tacked on the measure before it can be reported to the senate early next week.

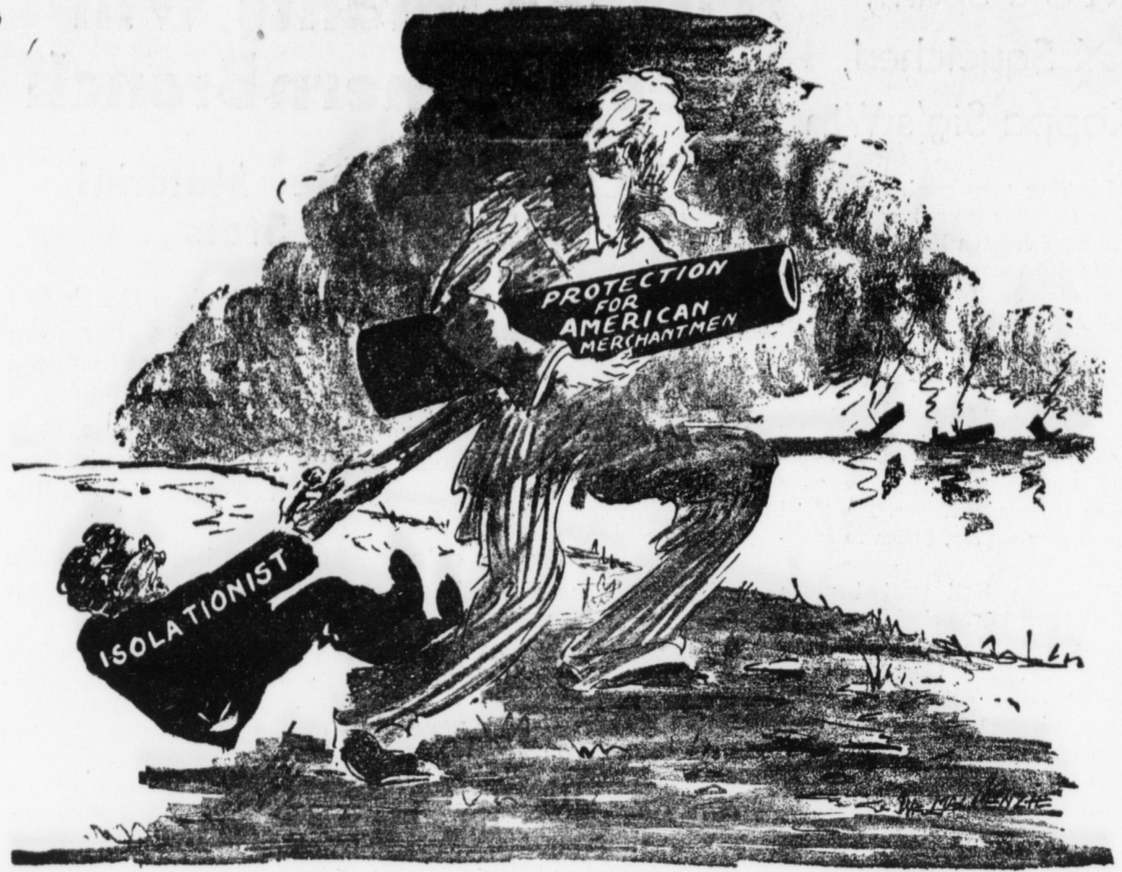
### PASTOR STANDS ON STATE LINE, TIES 2 KNOTS

CHESTER, W. Va.—The Rev. W. G. Birdsell, of the Free Methodist church, Aliquippa, Pa., probably is the only minister ever to perform a wedding in two states at the same time.

The pastor, who was to officiate at the double wedding of his two nieces, had to do a bit of straddling to observe legal niceties. One of the couples had obtained a marriage license in West Virginia, the other in Pennsylvania.

So the Rev. Birdsell, who is authorized to marry in either state, performed the ceremony on the state line, on the outskirts of Chester. He read the ceremony first to one couple on the Pennsylvania side of the line and then to the other on the West Virginia side.

Each couple served as witnesses for the other. Attendees were the pastor's wife, a farmer looking on quizzically from a distant field, and a cow in a nearby pasture.



### Powers Entertains Class Meetings Soil Clubsters

Twenty-five members of the Soil club were entertained Tuesday night at the home of Dr. W. L. Powers, professor of soils.

Dr. Eubanks Carsner, of the bureau of plant industry, discussed the work of his department, which is concerned with the control of curly top in sugar beets. Through the development of resistant strains, it has been possible to re-establish sugar beet factories in areas where curly top was an important cause in their previous abandonment.

Dr. R. A. Pendleton, an OSC graduate in soils, who is working with the bureau of plant industry in studying sugar beet seed problems, discussed fertilizer problems. He said that the heavy demands for nitrogen and sulphur which may be provided in ammonium sulphate. Boron was also needed in growing this crop on the valley soils, such as Newberg, Chehalis and other Willamette soil series.

Glass slides were used to illustrate Russian scenes covered by the second international soil congress and tour at which Dr. Powers represented the Oregon experiment station. This included views recently mentioned in current news reports. Kodachrome slides were also shown of soil experiments for the past season.

Each club member reported on his activities of the summer. Refreshments were served.

### At the Whiteside

A South American rubber plantation provides the setting for an exciting and dramatic love story in Warner Brothers' picture, "Law of the Tropics," which is now playing at the Whiteside theater. Constance Bennett and Jeffrey Lynn have the starring roles and are supported by Regis Toomey, Mona Maris and Hobart Bosworth.

Lynn, as a young rubber planter, gets leave to return to the United States to be married. On his way he receives a wire from his sweetheart informing him that she is already married to somebody else.

Seeking to drown his sorrows in a tropical drinking dive, he pours out his troubles to a sympathetic torch singer, played by Constance Bennett. She consents to marry him and return to the plantation with him; but unknown to him, it is only because she is wanted by the police for a crime she had committed in New York.

How Constance's past finally catches up with her and threatens her new found love makes a stirring story which is interwoven with the strange and mysterious background of South America.

Ray Enright directed "Law of the Tropics" which was adapted for the screen by Charles Grayson from a book by Alice Tisdale Hobart.

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### Civil Engineers See Pictures of Navy

Four reels of talking pictures depicting life and action in the United States navy were shown last night at the first meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers through the courtesy of the U. S. naval recruiting service. The four films included views of action on battleships, action on submarines, air maneuvers and the air base at Pensacola, Fla.

In the short business meeting that preceded the pictures, William J. Smith, president of the student chapter, outlined the functions of the organization and urged the cooperation of all members for the coming year. Kenneth Strawn, senior in engineering, was named to take charge of the civil engineers' part in the engineering bust and Kenneth Williams, senior in engineering, was appointed to head all field trips sponsored by the society.

C. B. McCullough, assistant state highway engineer and contact man for the student chapter, spoke. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

### Chemistry Head Authors Article

Dr. E. C. Gilbert, chairman of the chemistry department, in collaboration with Dr. George F. Davies, employed by the Canadian national defense, has an article printed in the October, 1941, Journal of the American Chemical Society. The title of the article is "Heat of Combustion and of Formation of the Inesomeric Octanes."

The article is the outcome of three years work by Dr. Davies and Dr. Gilbert. They were working on a fellowship given by the Standard Oil Company of California. Dr. Davies was preparing for his Ph. D. degree, his thesis being this project.

The gasolines and oils were prepared synthetically at the Standard Oil laboratory and then sent to the chemistry department here for testing.

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