

SCHERGER SPEAKS ON WASHINGTON'S LIFE IN ASSEMBLY

After Dr. Scherger's speech given last Friday at 10:30 in the assembly celebrating George Washington's birthday, Dean Penn remarked, "I have been listening to Dr. Scherger speak for the last thirty years, and I like him more every time I hear him."

Two numbers by the orchestra, "The Field Artillery March" and "The Glow Worm," opened the program. Dean Penn, in introducing the speaker, explained the fact that there is a discrepancy in the date of our celebration of Washington's birthday, for he was born on February 11 and at the time of his birth, years began in March instead of on January 1 as they do now.

Dr. Scherger first mentioned Richard Henry Lee's statement that he considered Washington to be, "First in war; first in peace; and first in the hearts of his countrymen." There is no one who has a greater place in the hearts of all Americans. Even Lincoln doesn't surpass him.

Had Little Education

In other countries the people could not tell you who is the greatest man their country ever produced, but in America no one stands out as predominantly as Washington. It seems that we have put Washington and Lincoln on pedestals and made half-gods of them. Recently some people have tried to pick flaws in Washington. The newer books, which are based on sound fact, explode the attacks of these critics. We don't believe in a goody-goody Washington, but we do believe in one who sets before the people an example of true Americanism.

He had no better education than Lincoln. About one year was all of the time that he spent in school. Here he learned to read, write, and cipher. He had a superb penmanship but spelled miserably. His lack of education was a great discouragement to him. Because of this, he always felt ill at ease when he talked with more educated men. He was not a very great reader, and most of his information was secured from conversation. Nevertheless he built up a library of some 850 volumes. He was a wonderful realist and had a typical engineering mind. This is shown by his passion for weighing, measuring, and counting.

A great ability to make friends and wonderful good fortune stood him in good stead all through his life. One of his great pieces of luck was having the rich Lord Fairfax for a friend while still a youth. This friendship gave him a chance to mingle with refined people, to become an out-of-doors man, and to earn from seven to twenty dollars a day while he was only seventeen years old. He saved this money and bought land with it.

Made Many Friends

Some people say Washington was a cold man, but this is not true. He was merely modest. His great capacity for making friends shows that he wasn't cold. Another proof lies in the fact that he was kind to his wife's two children, and altogether he adopted nine children.

He had the faculty of picking out men of great ability, and made very few mistakes in his judgments of men. Alexander Hamilton's ability was recognized by Washington, and as a result, Washington always stood by him.

He was also a very great military strategist. Fredrick the Great said of his retreat across New Jersey that it was the greatest military feat ever recorded in the annals of war. His knowledge of how to handle men and how to get along with them stood him in good stead during the Revolutionary War.

From every point of view Washington was a great man and we would do well to try and follow his ideas, especially those on patriotism and foreign entanglements.

LOST

A Collection of One-Act Plays by Mayorga was lost in the Physics lecture room, second floor, Main, last Tuesday at five p. m. The book was issued from the University of Chicago library.

The return of this volume is very urgently requested. The finder may bring it to the Dean's office.

New Books

- Thomas Craven
"Men of Art"
- A. D. Hamlin
History of Architecture
- Kimball and Edgell
History of Architecture
- S. H. Rathbun
Background to Architecture
- David Strang
Printing of Etchings
- F. L. Wright
Modern Architecture
- H. H. Statham
History of Architecture
*(Reviewed in this issue)

Staff Reporters To Have Contest

Organization is the keynote to the plans of the new Tech news staff. At a meeting called last Tuesday evening, Editor O. T. Barnett stressed the fact that only by having all of the men cooperate with each other can the paper be improved to any great extent.

The reporters will cooperate by getting their stories in on Thursday, by being more careful of their English, and by getting as many tips as they can. Impetus was given to the tip getting idea by the starting of a contest to see which reporter can write the greatest number of column inches in a given time. So far this contest has been going for only one issue, but George Wheaton has nevertheless piled up sixteen inches.

The benefits to be derived from these little bits of cooperation are evident. The men who do copy reading, headline writing, and make up work will have more time to do their jobs well, they will have less worry about how to rewrite somebody's incorrect sentences, and they will have more news from which to pick out good articles to print.

Another improvement which is being made is that every week a copy of the paper with all of the mistakes in it marked, is to be posted on the assignment board so that everyone can see just what sort of mistakes are being made, and thus help to eliminate them.

Stamp Club to Hold Election of Officers

Election of officers will be held at the next meeting of the Philatelic Society on Monday, February 29. E. W. Carlton, the originator and organizer of the club, has been presiding as the temporary chairman at the previous meetings.

The group has already developed a number of ideas and intends to put them into operation soon. McKeel's and Lynn's Weeklies, two popular magazines for stamp collectors, were subscribed to at the last meeting. A local stamp library has been organized and is located as a section of the main library, being accessible only to members of the club. A librarian to take charge of this will be one of the officers voted upon. An exchange system is being organized by means of which duplicate stamp books will be circulated among the members for the purpose of exchange as there is no time for making exchanges in any other way.

Doctor Scherger has accepted an invitation to give a talk on the history connected with some of the more important stamps. This will be given sometime in the near future and promises to bring out many points of interest.

The dues have been set at fifty cents per semester and will include the distribution of membership cards and possibly pins.

SCHERGER SPEAKS AT CLUB

Dr. George L. Scherger, head of the history department at Armour, held the distinction of acting as speaker at the Covenant Club Monday, February 22, at noon.

The celebration at the Covenant Club was one of the many held throughout the country this month in honor of the birth of George Washington two-hundred years ago.

E. E. Chilberg Speaks at A. I. E. E. Meeting

E. E. Chilberg, of the Chicago General Electric Company Engineering Department, was the speaker at the meeting of the Armour branch of the A. I. E. E., last Friday.

His topic, "Building Network", considered the care and protection required to insure constant electrical service in large buildings where the continuity of service is absolutely essential.

Electrical wires carrying high voltage are protected by stalwart frameworks. Some are incased in metal cables and hidden in the walls.

In case of a fire at some building, such as Marshall Field's store, a fireman might unknowingly break open a cable containing a 13,000 volt wire. The result would be a much worse fire. This is guarded against by the heavy protection coverings.

Provision is also made for breaks in the wires. The wires are automatically acted upon to prevent damage. Current is then brought by alternate wires.

The meeting was held in the Electrical Lecture room at eleven-thirty, immediately following the Washington's birthday assembly, instead of at ten thirty as originally planned. Junior and senior electricals were excused from their regular eleven-thirty classes for this purpose.

FRATERNITY NOTES

KAPPA DELTA EPSILON

The results of the election of officers held last week are as follows: J. Tuchinsky—President. E. Field—Vice-President. N. C. Krause—Secretary. P. Rosenfeld—Treasurer.

The social committee is making plans for a dance to be held in the latter part of February.

Mr. Wise with the cooperation of P. Portnoy ex-'33 is planning to edit a four page bulletin. The purpose of which is to convey items of interest of the fraternity and of the school to the alumni. Pledge H. Shannon has left school for the remainder of the term.

BETA PSI

Hell Week starts with a bang at high noon on Saturday, February 20. Pledge-Captain Wegner will start the ceremonies by caressing Pledge Wittekindt most lovingly with a barrel stave, as the clock tolls twelve.

The formal initiation will occur on Sunday, 28.

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The annual Valentine's party was held Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Chapter House. Several alumni and guests were present besides the actives and pledges.

Plans are being made for an inter-chapter basketball tournament between chapters at Armour, Northwestern, and Chicago. It probably will start about March 6.

Pledges Storey and Curran are living at the House.

Brothers Gregerson and Novak have returned to school to resume their studies at A. I. T.

THETA XI

The newly organized Mother's club was entertained at a luncheon given by the chapter on Monday, February 22. After the luncheon the mothers enjoyed themselves by playing bridge.

Pledge Brother Carlton Landis is now in the hospital recuperating from an attack of flu. We wish Carl a speedy recovery.

Dr. Koch Gives Talk At Meeting of A. C. S.

Dr. F. C. Koch, of the University of Chicago, disclosed many new and interesting facts in his talk on the male sex hormone at a meeting of the American Chemical Society held last Friday, February 19, at 8:00 P. M. in the Midland Club.

Connected with the Department of Physiological Chemistry at the University of Chicago since 1909, Dr. Koch recently has done a great deal of research work on male sex hormones, in cooperation with the Department of Zoology.

When these hormones are present either in too large or in too small quantities, abnormal effects are produced in the person. The probability of a child growing into a giant, or remaining a midget, however is small.

A great deal of work has been done in this field, and now the presence of the male hormone is a firmly established physiological fact of wide significance.

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