

### Hotchkiss Speaks on City Rebuilding

#### Appears Before Local Civic Groups

President Hotchkiss, speaking before the Inter-America Council, Cordon Club, Fine Arts Building, Chicago, on February 22, and at the Current Events Club, made up of prominent citizens of Evanston, on February 22nd, gave his views on the timely subject of "Can We Rebuild Our Cities."

"According to the best estimates," he stated, "around two-thirds of the distinctly urban population of the United States requires housing ranging from a rental of \$3.00 to a maximum of \$7.50 per room per month. Estimates taken in New York and other parts of the country show that the minimum rentals of today cannot be gotten lower than \$12.00 per room per month."

New York in 1901 passed the first tenement house law—condemning a large percentage of the tenement houses then in existence. These buildings were unfit for human habitation, and yet in 1931 these same tenements were housing more than one-fourth of the population of New York City. The program of demolition which was expected to proceed rapidly resulted in tearing down only about one per cent a year, so that about two-thirds of the structures unfit for human habitation in 1901 are still doing business.

In comparing the automobile industry with homes, Dr. Hotchkiss further stated, "The phenomenal results of the automobile industry has been secured by cultivating the low income market and pushing its sales progressively into lower and lower income groups, raises the question whether possibly the serious social problem of bad housing can ever respond to a similar approach."

An idea that Dr. Hotchkiss brought out in his talk was that many people have the erroneous idea that high land values are the only obstacles in the way of low cost housing. There is, however, ground for at least a reasonable hope that if the question of land valuation could in some way find a sensible solution, the other elements in the problem could be gradually worked out under the same type of approach that has resulted in giving a large percentage of the people with small incomes the opportunity to ride in automobiles. In one case, the approach has been "it can and must be done," and in the other case, "it can't be done."

Dr. Hotchkiss stated that the basic facts of the real estate problem are becoming well known by the study of American students, but the solution is far from found. If the Federal Government under the Public Works Administration should concentrate upon that section of the housing problem which private enterprise has neglected, namely, low cost housing for people with small incomes, it is hoped that it would stimulate activity in a section of the building industry in which there is a large potential market. Even though the direct results of the Federal activity should be small, the indirect results might be of great value, if in any way private enterprise could be stimulated to enter the field of low priced housing.

### English Class Rents Texts from Library

Professor Hendricks' "Play a Week" class is to have the privilege of renting the plays to be studied in their class from the school library.

Eight copies of "Chief Contemporary Dramatists" by T. H. Blackburn, which is the text-book of plays selected by Professor Hendricks, will be put on the library shelves, thereby saving the students the price of the book. For the use of this book a payment of three cents a day will be made, with a three day limit, the day the book is taken out counting as the first day. This small charge will help to pay the cost of the books and their upkeep.

In many cases a book is in great demand and is soon worn out. With more copies available a greater number of students would be benefited at only a small charge. Miss Steele reports that if this service to the students is successful other classes may try the same plan.

### Scheger Speaks on Passion Play

This evening Dr. George H. Scheger will give his celebrated lecture on the Passion Play at Oberammergau, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. He gave this lecture last year at the same place and the vast church was crowded to capacity. The Shriners have therefore given Dr. Scheger the flattering invitation to repeat his lecture.

Dr. Scheger's colored lantern slides are considered as some of the finest ever made. He, as well, is considered an authority on the Passion Play, having been at Oberammergau several times.

Mrs. Marie Mayer Becker, who played the part of Mary Magdalene will also be present and speak. The public is cordially invited to this lecture.

### Professor Schommer Entertained by Alumni

Professor John J. Schommer, present in the vicinity of Indianapolis, Indiana, February 24, was entertained by a group of Armour alumni at the home of Fred D. Paine, F. P. E., '23. The Notre Dame-Butler basketball game drew the services of "Jawn" as referee, hence the distance from his stamping ground.

Present at the gathering were: C. S. Chandler, '28; H. L. Fox, '31; J. W. Gamble, '29; E. R. Hubbell, '26; W. P. McGuire, '11; E. E. McLaren, '24; and F. D. Paine, '28.

Several hours' worth of the usual good times were had, and it was with much disappointment that the referee broke from the gathering and dashed rapidly for the rear platform of the fast retracting 2:00 a. m. train. He was in good condition Monday.

### Fraternity Notes

#### PHI KAPPA SIGMA

The Alpha Epsilon chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma takes pleasure in announcing the pledging of the following men:

John Elza Cameron. Thomas Edward Baker. The chapter house had the pleasure of having for lunch Thursday three very distinguished members of the Fraternity, brother Arch Jackson, the president of the fraternity, brother Myron T. Nailling, another member of the Executive Board, and brother John Schommer.

The house is planning a radio dance to take place Saturday, March 10, and a large crowd is expected.

#### DELTA TAU DELTA

Harry Green, traveling secretary of the fraternity, dropped in at the house last Tuesday for a few days' visit. Brother Green is from Gamma Mu chapter at the University of Washington. Lou Streb and Tom Peavey have just returned from a quick trip out to Boulder, Colorado, where they attended the Western Division Conference. They report that the weather in the Rockies is not all that it might be.

A regulation size ping-pong table has recently been installed in the house and the ping-pong players are hard at work practicing up for the coming inter-fraternity tournament. There will be a meeting of the Mother's Club next Sunday.

#### BETA PSI

Plans are under way to organize a good ping-pong team for interfraternity competition. The fellows are getting in a lot of practice and expect to make a good showing. Robert Goldsborough '30, has ob-

### OTHER CAMPUSES

Students of Vassar college were permitted to smoke recently in their rooms in the college dormitories for the first time. Danger of the habit leading to over indulgence, the fire hazard, and the social significance of lesser restrictions have been stressed on the students by the president. The girls are required to furnish ash trays and metal waste baskets for their rooms.

In England there is a college with a faculty of forty professors, although the student enrollment is never over eighteen.

Because college petters parked their cars before his home, a professor at N. Y. U. asked trustees of his suburb not to have snow removed from the roads so that he could spend more peaceful nights.

The weekly newspaper of Montana State college has organized a "dating" bureau to aid lonely stags and wall-flower co-eds.

tained a position in Chicago and is once again living at the house. Glad to have you back, Bob.

#### THETA XI

Plans for the annual father and son's smoker, which is to be given on Friday, March 9, have been completed. According to advance indications, many of the alumni also expect to be present.

A radio dance was held at the house on Saturday, March 3. The dance was well attended, including some brothers from the Northwestern chapter.

The ping pong team has been practicing in anticipation of Interfraternity ping pong. We would like to arrange some practice games with other houses.

Athletes at the University of Iowa are cooking their own meals and living on as little as a dollar a week.

More than a hundred boys at Oklahoma college are enrolled in the housekeeping course.

Girls at Wellesley college have decided not to speak to one another on the campus. They say that speaking to the same person several times a day grows tiresome. How can they do it?

A study of a "typical freshman class" at the University of Kentucky disclosed that of 319 matriculating in 1929, the number gradually decreased through the four years, until only 80 were graduated in 1933.

The oft-times perplexing problem of meeting college expenses was solved by a student at Brigham Young university by bringing a cow and a supply of hay to school with him this year. He gets his board and room in exchange for the milk. A student at Marshall college met the problem by enlisting cats to sell to anatomy students, while at the University of Akron the department of bacteriology helped out by paying \$1600 for blood transfusions last year.

Students at the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines near Fairbanks, Alaska experienced the lowest temperature, sixty-six below, recorded for thirty years. Mercury thermometers had frozen and alcohol thermometers lied. A student who tried the college ice rink discovered that it "wouldn't slide" in such cold weather.

While having his hair cut at a local barber shop, a junior at Detroit university was asked by his barber, "Wet or dry?" Highly annoyed, the collegian retorted, "Cut my hair and never mind the politics!"

### Thiemeyer Talks To Fire Protects

Mr. Thiemeyer who is connected with the Insurance Company of North America was the guest speaker of the Fire Protection Engineering Society on Friday, March 2.

He began his speech by explaining various types of insurance, the first of which was riot insurance. This policy protects the owner, insuring everything damaged by the rioters. One condition of such a policy is that the rioting party must consist of three or more members since an outbreak by any smaller number is not considered a riot.

Explosion policies, he stated, are practically the same all over the United States. In explosion insurance the assured can be indemnified for loss caused by explosion, but not for loss caused by fire ensuing from the explosion. There is, however, an exception to payment on this policy, that being in the case of an explosion due to steam pipes, boilers, flywheels or internal combustion engines. The owner can then collect no damages from this policy.

Another type of insurance was the "Sprinkler Leakage Insurance" in which the owner is insured against damage done to his goods if his sprinkler system leaks or is discharged by accident. This policy does not insure goods against loss by "sweating" of pipes.

Mr. Thiemeyer concluded by stating that the modern trend in insurance is to have one policy covering everything.

Students at the University of Washington buy more than 40,000 cigarettes and 7,500 candy bars each month. It would be more interesting to know how many cigarettes some students bum each month.

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