

# TECH NEWS



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## The Tech Show

Seventh Annual a Success

The Seventh Annual Tech Show was produced with great success,—giving good excuse for an Eighth Annual next year. The entire cast did well and some of it exceptionally well. Sargent carried off the leading male role very well in spite of its difficulties, which were there in plenty. Roden made a charming leading lady,—one up to whom it was easy for the leading man to act. Everybody regretted that Bird's part in the production was so short, for he made the audience laugh continually when he was on the stage. The main criticism of the play itself was of the endings of the acts. Something should happen there which would leave the audience laughing and thus assure good attention at the beginning of the next act. The music in the show was good—and catchy,—but was rather sparsely distributed. The "Red-head" song by Hareus was well liked, as was the "Why Don't You Love Me?" by Bauder. Sargent not only interested us in the play but also amused us during the second intermission with a song, "She Was a Horse-shoer's Daughter," illustrated with scenes around Worcester.

The dance in Dean Hall after the informal Thursday night performance, was very much enjoyed. The Tech Orchestra, with Bauder at the piano, furnished the music, which was good. It was quite a crowded floor at first, but gradually the crowd thinned out until everything was over at midnight.

The performance on Friday evening was given with more finish and confidence than before, as is usually the case. The audience was much larger than on Thursday and also more "peppy." The flying balloons of Thursday evening were supplemented on Friday by streamers, rendering doubly difficult Hareus's task of leading the orchestra. Thursday night's intermission song was augmented on Friday with some good singing by the Tech Quartet and with three speeches,—delivered by the two authors and the coach, all of which were well given and well received.

## WE KEEP OUR THREAT

We decided to go, so we presented ourselves at the Tuckerman Theatre box office. "We want a box," we said, placing a new dime on the counter. "No boxes—just orchestra," said the agent thrusting out a ticket, which we picked up. "A dollar forty more," he added, playfully. We humored his whim and then entered. A man in a five-course suit pounced on us at the door and extracted half our ticket, giving an advertising booklet in exchange, advertising some new show. Inside, a man with a red band across his vest at

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## Now for Tech-Clark Concert April 17

Tech Show has now become history, and it was an event well worth remembering. The Junior Prom is likewise a thing of the past, and the future appears to be obscured by Tech Hill and the weeks of toil that will be spent there. Not far into the apparent gloom, however, an oasis of social activity awaits the approach of time. The Tech-Clark Concert is only a week distant and it is time that we were all making preparations for this important event. To those who have attended the concerts of previous years, no recommendation need be given, as the affairs have always proven to be one of the most important activities of the college year.

The fourth annual concert and dance of the Tech and Clark musical clubs will be held in Mechanics Hall on Tuesday evening, April 17. The concert will begin promptly at eight and the clubs of the two institutions will alternate in rendering the numbers of the program. The two glee clubs will give the principal vocal numbers, and the Clark quartet will add materially to the variety of the selections. The Tech mandolin artists will demonstrate their unsurpassed ability by several instrumental numbers of the usual snappy variety. Mr. R. K. Beedle, Tech's well known humorist, will vary the program by reading several of his clever selections, and there will be a violin solo by a member of the Clark club.

One of the welcomed deviations from previous customs is the plan to shorten the concert, and make it more varied, thus giving additional time for dancing. There are to be twelve dances, and as the music is to be furnished by the Tech Orchestra, it is evident that that portion of the program will be full of pep and novelty. The dance will be very informal and a most pleasant evening is in store for all. The subscription is one dollar per couple; tickets will be on sale at the stock room and by members of the musical clubs.

## THE KNOWLES FUND

The design of a memorial which shall continue for centuries to do fitting honor to those whom it commemorates, and which shall at the same time render an increasing service to successive generations, has been achieved in the Knowles Fund of \$25,000, which has just been given to the Institute by Mrs. Mabel Knowles Gage, Mrs. Frances Knowles Warren, and Mr. Lucius James Knowles, in the memory of their parents, Francis Bangs Knowles and Hester Ann Knowles,—names already associated with substantial benefactions to this community.

It is the obvious intention of the donors of the Fund that its income—while avail-

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## Y. M. C. A. Elections

Hirst is President

The officers of the Tech Y. M. C. A. for the year beginning April 1st were chosen at the annual election held on March 28, at five o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Russell W. Hirst, '18, was chosen as president, and Milton W. Garland, '19, as treasurer, without contest, the work of these two men during the past year having rendered them exceptionally suited to these positions. The offices of vice-president and secretary will be taken by Charles W. Parsons, '19, and Howard E. Drake, '20, respectively. Three members were elected for the Advisory Board. They were: Prof. Zolotes W. Coombs, Albert C. Vinal, '99, and Charles A. Bartlett, '85. During the counting of the ballots, Mr. Ralph Harlow spoke to the men present on present conditions in Turkey. Mr. Harlow is far from being a stranger to Tech men, as a number met him, and heard of his missionary work among the Turks, at the Northfield Student Conference last summer. Mr. Harlow spoke before a number of student gatherings around the Hill and at Clark College during his stay in Worcester.

## ARMY OFFICER SPEAKS

On Wednesday afternoon, March 28, the E. E. Lecture Hall was filled nearly to capacity by an attendance of about three hundred students and members of the faculty. Capt. F. E. Williford of the Coast Artillery, gave a talk on the opportunities for service in that department of the Army. The talk was illustrated by a large number of interesting slides.

This lecture was given in response to a desire among the students to know more about the numerous departments of the army. At this time the chances for getting commissions in the regular army are better than ever before. Examinations for commissions of this sort are to be held on April 23, and June 23. A general idea of the requirements was given. With the exception of physical requirements and a knowledge of some military subjects, the examination is much the same as that of entrance to a technical institution. There is much need in the army for development of electrical and mechanical devices, mostly for perfection of instruments now in use. There were some rather remarkable pictures shown of projectiles caught by the camera just as they emerged from the guns. Diagrammatic sketches were shown illustrating methods of spotting and plotting the position of the target. Slides were shown giving views of the several instruments used in range finding. The lecture was very interesting, and served to give the men a more vivid picture of the duties of the Coast Artillery, and doubtless will result in some taking up the service.

## Theta Chi Convention

The national convention of the Theta Chi Fraternity was held at the Hotel Bancroft on Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, members attending from colleges in all parts of the United States. The Worcester Chapter acted as host and made every effort to give the visitors a royal time and show them that Worcester is the ideal city. The large electric sign on the front of the hotel showed the welcome to all Theta Chi men, and hospitality was the byword throughout the two days of the convention.

On Friday evening the chief attraction was a smoker, followed by a luncheon and an entertainment by the various chapters. Also an exemplification of degree work was given, which proved especially interesting to the older members.

The important annual business session was called at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, and among those sitting were: Dr. R. L. Irish, New York, national president; R. E. Page, Boston, national vice president; F. V. Hugo, Worcester, national treasurer; R. C. Heath, Boston, national secretary; F. W. Ladue, Stamford, Conn., grand marshal; G. V. Catuna, Brooklyn, grand chaplain; Graham Starr, Phila., and W. O. Beazeley, Lexington, Va.

The convention banquet Saturday night was the big social event and reunion, and under the direction of A. H. Cushman, toastmaster, things were kept humming. Among the speakers were: Dr. Ira N. Hollis, president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Judge B. F. Spaulding, North Dakota; Col. E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro, Vt.; Professor Young of Richmond College, Richmond, Va.; Judge E. C. Bennett, Bennington, Vt.; M. M. Gilman, and William of Worcester.

The air was full of Theta Chi spirit and the convention surpassed all hopes for its success.

## SOPHOMORE HOP

The class of 1919 is as capable in social affairs as it is in scholarship and in class athletics. Its social ability will be demonstrated to the public in the form of a May Ball on the evening of May first. The Tech Gymnasium will be the scene of this May festivity, and from present indications it will be nearly the last, but in no degree the least of the social events of the season.

Detailed arrangements have not yet been made public but complete information will be published in the next issue of THE NEWS.

The committee in charge of the hop is as follows: Welmore C. Hareus, chairman; H. S. Beers, E. I. Burleigh, J. H. Humphrey, W. E. Copeland, B. R. Amnden and R. E. Taylor.

## CALENDAR

EVERY DAY—Track practice in gymnasium in the afternoon—Everyone out. TODAY—5 p. m. Monthly Business Meeting of Tech News Association in Room 113, M. E. Building.

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## BOOST TECH

### Editorials

The committee that has been looking up opportunities for Institute students to be of service to the nation has posted notices on the Boynton Hall bulletin boards. In these notices the various places that students may serve are clearly described. They are many and varied—each man should read carefully and decide for himself.

The examinations for appointment as Second Lieutenant in the regular army are recommended for seniors. They will be held April 23 and July 23. The faculty have promised co-operation in giving students assistance and time for the small amount of preparation needed for these examinations.

The committee recommends that men in the three lower classes stay in school for the present. The education that they will receive will enable them to offer more valuable services to the country later.

At the time this issue goes to press our several organizations have not decided whether or not their activities will interfere with our most effective service to the nation. Several of the larger institutions have cancelled the spring athletic schedules. The officers of the athletic council and of our organization will face this week the question of carrying on the customary program. They must decide whether by giving any of our engagements we can better prepare ourselves to be of service to the country.

Track practice starts this week. There are few lower classmen out at present. More are needed. Everyone interested should report to Manager Pray or Professor Carpenter at the gymnasium some afternoon this week.

Perhaps the very advertisement you overlooked in this issue is the one worth most to you. Better read them all.

It was too late for the last publication when we learned of the death of Mrs. Ethel (Jernberg) Malm, daughter of Mr. Jernberg of the M. E. Dept. The NEWS wishes to express its most sincere sympathy with Tech's oldest instructor in his bereavement.

## WE KEEP OUR THREAT

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tempted to take away the other half-ticket; but we saw his game and forestalled him. He had no advertisements to give, so we kept it ourselves. After finding our seat alone, which required us to walk in front of fifteen people, we entrusted our coat and hat to the red-banded man, who did not seem to want them at all. We looked around. The ticket-agent was wrong; he had been fooling me; this WAS a box seat! Box just described it! We turned to the next man: "Where," we asked, "do we look out of the box onto the stage?" He showed us and we waited, half patiently, half impatiently and half not patiently and half not impatiently. The sudden flow of light as the curtain rose woke us up. But the dreamy pep of the dance music and the lazy energy of a couple trying to dance soon put us to sleep again. We dreamed the show had commenced and re-awoke just as Mr. Sargent was singing, "Why don't you love me?" We realized it fully, then,—as fully as only three whiskeys will permit,—that Miss Eaton really meant it: she did not think like a lady; she felt like kicking Mr. Sargent after all! But if Miss Eaton really needed a shave, why was Mr. Sargent pleading so hard for a kiss? It was quite incomprehensible to us. Pretty soon we saw Miss Eaton give in and let Mr. Sargent kiss her. But alas! his back was to us and we could not see his face! We therefore cannot criticize it as threatened. His neck was wrinkled, though, in a terrible manner. A bad face must go with a neck like that! Oh, well! We don't believe that Miss Eaton and Mr. Sargent meant half what they said before. We might have known it; these actors and other frauds are a fickle lot anyway! So we fell asleep again. However, the orchestra soon set up an opposition to our snoring and the displeased man next to us was sticking us with his hat-pin,—We don't know why! (We guess he had no ear for music.) These disturbances were soon stopped and we re-relapsed. It did not seem long before the janitor's rough voice broke rudely in upon our gentle night-mares. "Get out of here," it growled; "how long do you think this place stays open?" "Just one more beer before closing," we began, but then awoke to the fact that we were not at a bar, but at a play. "Pardon," we begged; "when does the show begin?" "It begins again Friday evening at eight fifteen," he said, kindly, as he kicked us down the steps and threw our coat and hat after us. We staggered home. The show was good, however. We know this because it said so in the next day's paper.

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### COMMITTEE APPOINTED

In accordance with a recent amendment to the student branch A. S. M. E. constitution President Warner recently appointed L. E. Wheeler, R. N. S. Merritt and A. Willard as a nominating committee to nominate men for the society officers next year. These names will be presented at the May business meeting.

### CONCERT AT FISKDALE

The combined musical clubs of Tech will give a concert in Sturbridge Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, April 18. This is a regular annual concert and one which is looked forward to with pleasure by the members of the clubs. It is given under the auspices of the American Band of Fiskdale. The Glee and Mandolin clubs will be assisted by the Tech orchestra in rendering the concert, and the Orchestra will furnish the music for dancing at the conclusion of the concert. It is hoped that all members of the clubs will take the trip.



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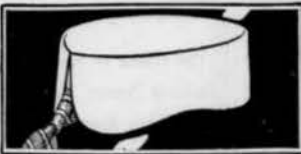
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4. If the income of the fund and its accretions shall at any time exceed the needs of students for loans the excess income may, as the trustees from time to time determine, either be added to the principal fund and become a part thereof or be expended for the general purposes of the Institute.

5. If the state or nation ever makes provision for assisting students so that loans to them are no longer needed, the income of this fund may be applied by the Corporation of the Institute for the benefit of young men and women seeking an education.

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**CHANGE IN MAKE-UP EXAM. RULE**

Many will be pleased to learn that the rule limiting the number of make-up exams to one has been changed so that it will only apply to conditions which the students receive after next June.

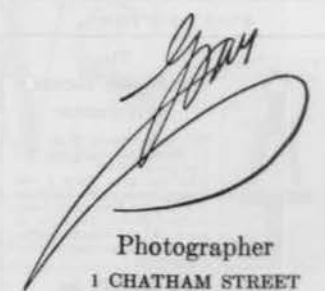
**"JUNIOR CIVILS ON INSPECTION TRIPS"**

Very fortunately, the courses of the junior Civils were arranged this year so as to include two inspection trips instead of one as heretofore. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of Tech Show week, trips were made to the Norton plants in Greendale, and to the South Works of the Amer. Steel & Wire Co. Coming as they did during a week which would otherwise have been all too full, they were doubly appreciated.

The visit to the Greendale plants was arranged for by Prof. H. P. Fairfield, of the M. E. Dept., and he accompanied the men on the inspection. The divisions visited the machine shops, the instruction school for tradesmen, the forge shop and furnace rooms, and lastly were shown the entire process of turning out grinding stones. An immense steel roll designed for a wire rolling-mill was shown, mounted ready for grinding. The trip was exceedingly interesting despite the fact that the guides prefer to have Mechanics rather than Civil Engineers on such a tour. In particular, one guide was heard to say that the more important mechanical details seem to escape all but the shop divisions. This remark met a unanimous protest by the men present, and was overruled. The men returned in a drizzling rain, but very enthusiastic over the trip.

On Thursday afternoon, the visit to the South Works was arranged by Profs. J. C. Davis, and C. A. Read, who also acted as guides. After locating a suspicious person, namely a pick-pocket, near the outside gates, the majority of the party felt that it would be safer inside. The power house and furnaces were first visited, showing the immense ingots being poured, preparatory to being put thru the rolling mill. The outside air was in marked contrast to the stoking heat of the furnaces. The engine house and rolling mill were next seen, where red-hot ingots were being forced thru the rolls, and brought down to long formidable looking bars, still red hot.

The next part of the inspection took the men thru the wire-drawing mill, where they were again intensely interested in watching the red hot wire as it came from the enclosed ducts at the rate of 20 or more feet per second, and was caught up by the operator in a fraction of a second. The lime room proved a bit annoying to certain members of the party, but they soon recovered their good nature. The trip as a whole was voted to be the very best possible, and an opportunity which comes to the junior civils this year for the first time, since the inspection has previously been made sometime during the senior year.



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A large delegation of the Emergency Peace representatives is still in Washington, as they consider that their influence can be helpful in obtaining for those men who have conscientious scruples against entering the war an opportunity to be allowed to serve in non-combatant positions which will be of aid to the general cause.

WIRELESS CLUB

A business meeting of the Wireless Club was held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Various committees reported on their work on the improvement of the receiving equipment, which is being increased and perfected. The new transmitting condenser, which has been built by Mr. Burgess, is practically finished, and increased range is expected after its installation.

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The third annual Junior Promenade of the Institute was held on Saturday evening March 31st, in the ballroom of the Hotel Bancroft. The reception began promptly at 6.30 o'clock, the guests being ushered in to meet the patrons and patronesses by the members of the Prom committee, Howard C. Sargent, Chairman; Fred W. Hubbard; Frank H. Brackett; Howland Buttler; Page S. Haselton; Hossie W. Lillibridge; and Francis N. Luce.

Dancing began at seven o'clock and continued until after the twelfth dance when a luncheon was served in the balcony of the ballroom. After the luncheon dancing continued until midnight, Mrs. Chaffin's orchestra issuing a splendid brand of music.

Balloons, confetti, and streamers were profusely strewn about during the evening which helped to make it a very gay affair.

The patrons and patronesses were:— President and Mrs. Ira N. Hollis; Professor and Mrs. Frederick Bonnet Jr.; Professor and Mrs. G. H. Haynes, and Professor and Mrs. H. B. Smith. As in the past two years the Prom was a huge success and being run on the night following the second performance of the Tech Show it closed the biggest social function of the year.

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