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Doctor Holmes Corrects Plain Misinterpretation

In an interview with this bulletin Dr. P. K. Holmes, head of the Department of Hygiene and Public Health, University of Kentucky, has this to say concerning a recent publication authorized by him and discussing the effects of the use of tobacco:

"I would like to make the statement that I do not believe that the use of tobacco is non-injurious. Some time ago I sent an article on 'Tobacco' to a Lexington paper for publication. In order to make it eligible for publication it seemed that certain parts and deductions would have to be omitted. This readjustment gave an entirely different impression from that which I had intended to convey. This article was copied from the Lexington paper by the 'Tobacco' magazine and presented as an authoritative argument for the use of tobacco. I appreciate the fact that we are living in a tobacco section and that anything said detrimental to the tobacco industry would not meet with popular approval.

"So much has been said about the harmfulness of tobacco by fanatics and enthusiasts that is fanciful and absolutely untrue that I attempted to present the subject in a fair and unbiased manner. Evidently, I have been misinterpreted. There was a time when tobacco was supposed to be of considerable medicinal value and its use was encouraged by doctors and others. With more knowledge it became suspected of producing harmful results.

"There has been a strong feeling on the part of scientific men that tobacco on the whole is harmful, yet up to quite recently nothing of any value has been definitely proved. Mere opinion, hearsay or prejudice is not evidence. Such argument will not appeal to intelligent people. It is true that certain benefits are derived from its use, but it is also true that oftentimes these are counteracted by the injurious effects produced. It seems that certain people are not perceptibly injured by its use. This may be because we do not know how to measure the amount of the injury, if there is any. We do know that other people are positively injured by its use. It is probably true that some have more resistance towards its poisoning effects than others. Nicotine, the chief drug which it contains, is classed as a drug or poison, and drugs should be used medicinally and not otherwise.

"Considerable evidence has recently been gathered that indicates that tobacco lowers general efficiency to a measurable degree. Evidence also points to its stimulating effects upon the heart and blood vessels to the extent of inducing overwork and thus produce premature wearing out.

"Tobacco, like other narcotic drugs, produces certain temporary gratifying effects. These, though, are not necessarily healthful. The bulk of evidence is against the use of tobacco from the hygienic point of view and I am inclined to think this evidence will be increased through investigation within the next few years. I, therefore, want to go on record as not favoring the use of tobacco as it is used at present."

Fraternity Pledges for the Second Semester

The following fraternities announce these second semester pledges:

Kappa Sigma—Sneed Yeager, La-Grange; Alfred Keating, Winchester. Phi Delta Theta—Edward Fitch, Lexington.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—J. Basil Preston, Glasgow.

Alpha Tau Omega—Andrew Quarles, Hopkinsville.

Alpha Sigma Phi—James Bedford, Lexington.

Delta Chi—Allen Cammack, Owenton; James Cammack, Owenton; John Saunders, Nicholasville; Louis Masoner, Lexington.

Sigma Nu—James Malloy, Lexington; G. Dowell, Marion; Henry Chennault, Richmond; Earl Nichols, Dawson Springs.

Pledges to the girls' fraternities are:

Alpha Gamma Delta—Louise Miller, Henderson; Clara Bowman, Helene Chatwick, Vanceburg.

Chi Omega—Frances Renick, Lexington.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—Elizabeth Cromwell, Cynthiana.

Kappa Delta—Eleanor Smith, Bowling Green.

Strollers to Play in Two Bell County Cities

"The Admirable Crichton," the play to be given by the Strollers, the dramatic club of the University of Kentucky, early in April, will probably be produced in both Pineville and Middlesboro, Kentucky, after it is given in the opera house in Lexington.

Present plan is to give the play in Pineville on Friday evening early in April, and in Middlesboro the following night. This plan has been received with enthusiasm by the citizens of both towns, who have promised their loyal support, also extended pressing invitation to the University Thespians to play there.

Southern States Send Representatives to Meet

Representatives of all agricultural institutions in the thirteen southern states together with fertilizer manufacturers, meat packers, lime producers and members of agricultural departments of southern railways attended the Second Annual Convention of the Southern Association of Agricultural Workers, held in Lexington.

General sessions of the association were held in the mornings of the three days while the afternoons were given to sectional meetings. The morning sessions included discussions on agricultural problems of general interest in the South and those of the afternoon discussions on special topics of interest to the various sections.

The thirteen states represented at the convention were: Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. The University took prominent place in discussions of the communities through representatives of its agricultural college.

Expert Estimates Cost of Burley at 76 Cents

Last year an estimate of the cost of tobacco production in Kentucky was made under the supervision of W. D. Nichols, head of the farm management division of the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, and F. W. Peck of the United States Department of Agriculture with the following result:

On 81 farms of the Burley district the cost per acre varied from \$163.06 to \$403.18 with an average cost per acre of \$289.10. The yield varied from 278 pounds to 2,224 with an average of 1,141 pounds per acre. This gave a cost per pound running from 15 cents to 81 cents, with an average of 25.8 cents.

Home "Ec" Course Aims At Better Instruction

The purchasing and use of impure foods will be a thing of the past for those young women who are enrolled in the home economics class of the University of Kentucky and who adhere to the dictates of these instructions. These young women are instructed carefully in nutrition and home management.

Under Miss Eichelberger, who teaches food nutrition, students are taught which foods are most nutritious, how to observe conditions in the various shops and markets, to avoid places where sanitation is bad, and to make proper selection with consideration to obtaining the highest food value for their outlay. In the same department, students take up analysis of foods. The research and laboratory work is principally for those girls who expect to teach home economics, or enter laboratories of concerns producing foods of various kinds, or who expect to become dieticians.

In Miss Coffin's classes the girls learn to prepare food for the table by actual practice, and the work is of the kind which prepares students for their work in the homes of the future. In this connection the University maintains an establishment known as the Practice House where each student is required to live for a given period and apply her knowledge of buying, preparation, and household management.

"Frat" Battle For Net Trophy a Bitter One

By the process of elimination in the Men's Pan-Hellenic Basketball Tournament, several fraternities have lost all chances of wresting the cup from the clutches of Sigma Nu. The following fraternities are still in the contest: Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Alpha Tau Omega, and Kappa Alpha. The game between Delta Chi and Alpha Tau Omega, which was to be the last of the semi-finals, was abruptly interrupted in the first six minutes of play, when Walter Morris, A. T. O., fell and broke his leg.

Sigma Nu is now in possession of the cup for the second time. If they should be 1921 champions they will obtain permanent possession of the cup, by virtue of having won it two years in succession or by having won it three separate times.

R. O. T. C. Applicants Must File by April 15

Twelve members of the R. O. T. C. at the University of Kentucky have made application to attend the summer camp at Camp Knox. Colonel George D. Freeman considers this number far too small and urges all who wish to go to make known their intentions at once. The camp will open June 16 and will continue six weeks, during which time embryonic officers of the United States Army will get a taste of actual duty in the field.

Camp Knox is situated 30 miles south of Louisville on the Illinois Central Railroad, on the Dixie Highway, and not far from Mammoth Cave and the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. According to Colonel Freeman, camp life will not be all drilling as there will be entertainment features, such as dancing, baseball, tennis, and all sorts of competitions. The winners in marksmanship will be eligible to places on the teams sent to Camp Perry for national rifle meet.

All expenses, including transportation, are paid by the Government. April 15 is the closing date for filing applications.

James Server and Miss Wilson Are Wedded

Announcement of the marriage of Alberta Wilson, Somerset, and James Server, Henderson, both students in the University of Kentucky, was made Monday, February 21. The bride is a graduate student in the University, pursuing work toward a Master's degree, and instructing in the department of Zoology. The bridegroom is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts next session. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Lamp and Cross, Mystic Thirteen, and Keys, and is captain-elect of the 1921 football squad.

Philosophian Literary Club Names Officers

Officers of the Philosophian Literary Society, University of Kentucky, for the second semester are:

President, Lucile Moore. Vice President, Edna Snapp. Recording Secretary, Orena McMahan. Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Ellis.

Treasurer, Mildred Summerville. Publicity Agent, Katherine McGibbon. Sergeant-at-Arms, Esther Harris. Literary Critic, Katherine Weakley.

Spring Training for Baseball Opens

Baseball practice has begun in the gymnasium, where pitchers and catchers are preparing for one of the hardest baseball schedules that Kentucky has entered in years. Virtually the entire team of last year has come out besides a wealth of new material. A tentative schedule containing games for early April, is made out.

Wildcat Basketeers Battle For New Honors

The Wildcat basketball team, probably the best that ever carried the colors of Kentucky into battle, went to Atlanta for the tournament to decide southern championship honors, with all the strong teams of the South represented.

The Wildcats' won nine of the ten games they played the current season. Those who made the trip are: Basil Hayden, Captain, Bill King, Robert Lavin, Paul Adkins, Sam Ridgeway, Gilbert Smith, J. W. Hoyntz, James Wilhelm, Coach Buckheit, and Dr. F. D. Funkhouser, University of Kentucky, representative at the meeting.

Following is the season's schedule of games and results:

- January 12—Kentucky 38, Wesleyan 13.
- January 15—Kentucky 37, Cumberland 21.
- January 18—Kentucky 38, Georgetown 23.
- January 21—Kentucky 42, Chattanooga 10.
- January 26—Kentucky 29, Cincinnati 19.
- January 29—Kentucky 40, Auburn 25.
- February 8—Kentucky 27, Centre 29.
- February 15—Kentucky 38, Georgetown 23.
- February 18—Kentucky 20, Centre 13.
- February 22—Kentucky 37, Vanderbilt 18.

Field Botany Course Planned in Extension

Beginning March 1 the University of Kentucky, department of University Extension, will offer a field course in Botany to high school teachers, wives of members of the faculty, and others desiring to do special work in that science. The course will not be technical, just a thorough practical study of trees and shrubs that grow in Lexington and vicinity. The class will be under the direction of Dr. Charles A. Shull, head of the Department of Botany.

Those interested should call or write to the Director of University Extension at the University. The course will be given to a group of not less than ten, and the usual class fee will be charged.

Kentucky Wins Over Centre, Score of 20 to 13

Basketball enthusiasts packed into every available inch of space in the University of Kentucky gymnasium witnessed the second game of the season between Centre and Kentucky. As many as were admitted were turned away because of insufficient seating or standing capacity.

The Wildcats played as they had never played before and succeeded in defeating their time-honored opponents for the first time in three years. The final score was 20 to 13. In a former game of the current season with Centre, played at Danville, Kentucky was defeated by a score of 29 to 27, the only defeat the Wildcats have suffered this season.