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FRANK COFFEE WRITES INTERESTING LETTERS PRIOR TO DEATH IN DARDANELLES

Former State Student Gives Vivid Portrayal of Conditions on Fighting Line in Letters To His Aunt.

ENTERED UNIVERSITY AT AGE OF FIFTEEN

A remarkable series of letters appeared recently in The Lexington Herald, written by Frank Coffee, a former State University student, a short time before he was killed in action while serving in the English army in the Dardanelles campaign, on November 18, 1915.

Mr. Coffee was born in Australia. His father is an American, born in Warsaw, N. Y. His grandmother, Mrs. Charles Coffee, died in this city and is buried in the Lexington Cemetery.

At the age of 15 he entered the University of Kentucky in the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, in 1902. After leaving the University he saw newspaper service in Canada and finally Australia, where he was given a lieutenant's commission in the Australian contingent of the British army.

The letters published below were written from the front and received by Coffee's aunt, Mrs. Sarah Clark, 117 Woodland Avenue, and other relatives. They are remarkable for their clear and vivid descriptions and portrayal of conditions on the fighting line. They touch especially the humorous and pathetic phases of the life and death of "Tommy Atkins."

Space is available for only a small number of the most interesting letters. Selections follow:

Allan Line, R. M. S. Ionian,
Off Cyprus, Sept. 11, 1915.
(Received Nov. 1, 1915.)

Sept. 10—11:30 a. m.—Good sleep last night. At 9 a. m. had parade of men with life-belts. Very few of them sea-sick, although badly crowded. Half an hour ago we passed over the spot where the Royal Edward was submerged. One officer aboard a S. Wales Borderer was saved from the Royal Edward. He was five hours in the water, being picked up by a French destroyer. The French officers did everything for him—brandy, rubbing and everything. He was just beginning to feel O. K. again when a British cruiser sent an officer to see him.

The Naval Johnny wore a monocle, and this was his greeting to a man just rescued: "Haw! Have you a roll of those who were saved? Bah Jove! What! You haven't? How extraordinary! Good-day sir!" Not a word of sympathy, but the patient nearly laughed himself sick. Picture a man clothed in a life-belt calling the roll of those afloat!

Allan Line, R. M. S., "Ionian,"
Lemnos Island, Sept. 13, 1915.

Dear Mill and Dan:—

This belated letter is written twelve hours after arrival in Mudros Bay, Island of Lemnos, 40 miles (about) from the peninsula. The campaign here, by the way, has developed into the largest in history, of such a nature; and until this war of Armageddon the empire never in history has had such a large overseas force engaged. Approximately how many British and French troops are fighting I can not divulge, owing to the censorship; but when we finally get through to the sea of Marmora I suppose the world will be allowed to learn a little of the magnitude of our operations.

And it is great to think that the Australians and one English division—composed of the flower of the British army, men who fought from Mons to Marne and back to Ypres—will be entitled to the lion's share of the credit at the end. The New Zealanders have fought steadily and bravely; but the dash, snap and tenacity of our boys has placed them in a class by

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STAFF PLANS FOR KENTUCKIAN

Snap-Shots Will Be a Feature of the 1916 Book

There will be a meeting of the Annual staff Monday afternoon, January 10 at 3:30 o'clock in the Kentuckian office. Work will be pushed rapidly on getting out the 1916 book. All Seniors are urged to visit the photographer, Spengler, within the next three weeks. In order that the special rate will be effective all individual pictures must be in before February 1.

The snap-shot section will be a feature of the 1916 Kentuckian, and all amateur photographers are urged to see Lawrence Heyman, who will have charge of this section. Snap-shots of Seniors, prominent students and faculty, and views generally of student life and activity will be accepted.

Further details for the photographers will be announced later by Mr. Heyman. Artists and cartoonists are urged to submit drawings and cartoons, sketched, but the art staff requests that no completed drawings be sent in until after the original sketches have been approved.

WILDCATS FIRST GAME SCHEDULED FOR 14TH

Cincy Contest May Be Cancelled Because of Lack of Practice

TO USE PARK FLOOR

With only eight days remaining before State is scheduled to open her 1916 basketball season with the University of Cincinnati at Cincinnati, and the basketeers undergoing an enforced idleness due to a poultry show in the armory and a fruit show in the gym, which are the only available floors for practice, local chances for a win in the opener are not bright.

Those who were delegated to have a floor put down in the auditorium during the holidays neglected to do so, but now the work is being rushed and Dr. Tigert expects to have his squad there this afternoon. The auditorium will be the scene of all the home games as in the past several years, and it is well that the squad get as much practice as possible on that floor.

Doctor Tigert said yesterday that in view of the lack of practice that he was making an effort to have the opening game with Cincinnati postponed until a later date. It is hoped that the Cincy officials will agree to from the Blue and White. Vandy has thrice met the Wildcats, losing one and breaking even in the two other series. This year, however, they expect to bring the strongest team that has yet represented them, and one which will make the home boys outdo themselves to ward off a double defeat. Tom Zerfoss, ex-Kentucky star, will be seen opposed to his brother, Captain Karl, and possibly another brother, George, who showed up excellently during pre-Christmas practice.

the basket sport this season than in the past, because of the fact that a rating of all the Kentucky college teams will be possible due to the fact that State will meet two of the K. I. A. A. teams besides Louisville.

Aside from these contests with Kentucky teams, the greatest interest will doubtless center in the renewal of the annual contests with Tennessee and Vanderbilt. Neither of these teams has ever been able to top a series 'is as the Ohio quintet has already played several games and are in mid-season form.

More interest should be attached to Last year's big center, Jim Server, probably will be kept out of the game because of other tasks.

Captain Zerfoss is a man who can locate the basket from almost any position on the floor. Gumbert played in several of the big games last season and is known as a valuable man. Derrel Hart, varsity forward several seasons ago, is a fast man, and a sure goal thrower. Schrader, Schwart,

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FARMERS WEEK OPENS AT UNIVERSITY WITH RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE

Horticultural, Dairy and Poultry Exhibits Excel All Former Displays and Are Indicative of Widened Interest.

PRESIDENT BARKER MAKES A GOOD ADDRESS

Farmers' Week opened at the University of Kentucky Tuesday with a record-breaking attendance at sessions of the State organizations assembled. Considerable interest was manifested in the poultry, corn, fruit and dairy shows.

The Kentucky Beef Cattle Association opened the week with a session in the chapel at 10 o'clock. President Barker delivered the address of welcome, congratulating the agriculturists on the interest showed in State-wide progress and predicting wonderful improvement and advancement of Kentucky as a result of their interest and enthusiasm.

The chapel was crowded to doors, while many more visitors who follow special lines in agriculture were inspecting the displays in the corn, poultry, dairy, horticultural and domestic science shows.

The widening of interest manifested in the attendance is further evidenced in an enlarged participation in the several competitive exhibits.

The number of entries in the corn show reaches far in excess of last year's list. In the gymnasium there is a splendid array in white, red, yellow and speckled rows.

SEASON OPENS WITH KENTUCKY WESLEYAN

Co-eds Handicapped By Lack of Practice During Last Days

The girl gasket-ballers are handicapped in the same way that the boys are, due to the exhibits in the gym, and will suffer from the lack of practice, at a valuable time, too, as the opening of the season is near at hand.

Only two of last year's varsity, Captain Elsie Heller and Manager Nancy Innis, are in the University, though Misses Frances Geisel and Pearl Bastin, both of whom played in enough games to be called veterans, are working for positions. Miss Natalie Woodruff, another of last season's squad, is out. Misses Mary Hamilton, Dawn Flannery, Helen Burkholder, Celia Cregor, Lillian Haydon, and Sarah Harbison are among others who showed up best in the practice before the holidays.

The girls will practice at the auditorium as soon as it is in readiness, until "Farmers' Week" is over, when they can get back into the gym again. There will be a lively scramble for position among the last year subs and

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In the same hall are the dairy and horticultural exhibits. Dairy products are listed from all over the State and the display of models for barns, silos and equipment is especially interesting.

Heads of the horticultural show declare that the fruit exhibit, with apples the main feature, excels all former shows in numbers and beauty.

The drill hall is crowded with what experts pronounce an unexcelled display of poultry, graduating from the giant Light Brahma to the tiny Partridge Wyandotte. The pigeon section is remarkable for its beauty and the fullness of classes. In open races there are entries from Ohio, Indiana, Virginia and Tennessee.

Several coups of pheasants add a gorgeous touch to the exhibit. There are numerous pens of stately turkeys and an extraordinarily large number of smiling ducks. The prizes, including numerous handsome cups, will be awarded this afternoon.

All of the shows save the domestic science exhibit are in the Armory building. The dazzling array of work of women and children is displayed in the Educational Building.

In compliment to the work done by the Kentucky Experiment Station for the benefit of Kentucky farmers and agricultural interests throughout the State the following resolutions was passed Tuesday by the Beef Cattle Association of Kentucky:

"Whereas, The Blue Grass counties of Kentucky afford exceptional grazing and pasturing facilities, and

"Whereas, We are convinced that it is only by a system of live stock farming that the permanent fertility of our soils can be maintained properly and the worn and exhausted soils of the State restored to a profitable condition of agricultural productiveness, and

"Whereas, The most valuable experiments are being carried on now at the Experiment Station farm in the fattening and proper maintenance of our meat-producing animals; therefore

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TWENTY-THREE NEW MEMBERS OF STROLLERS

Roster of Organization Shows Thirty-Eight in School at Present

An important meeting of the Strollers was held before the Christmas holidays, on December 19, at which time a list of twenty-three names was presented by the membership committee and all were accepted as members of the Strollers. The stage manager reported on the "Amateur Night" performance and told of the progress in the selection of the play for the annual production of the organization. Nothing definite has as yet been done, but the play will be selected and rehearsals will be started immediately after the first term exams.

Miss Katherine Mitchell, who leaves college in a few weeks on a leave of absence until the end of the year, handed in her resignations as vice president and member of the play membership, and room committees. **was voted not to accept her resignations.**

The new members elected to the Strollers are: Henry Powell, Julius Wolf, Cecil Noe, Eugene Gribben, Marion Condit, Goodson Reynolds, Leonard Taylor, Gordon Marsh, McClarty Harbison, W. L. Smith, Tom Richards, Hector Lawson, Wayne Haffler and Messrs. Swope, Cherry, Arnold and Land, and Misses Mildred Graham, Eliza Spurrier, Mary Turner, Eliza Pigott, Edness Kimball and June Sale.

By request of the Strollers the complete roster of the organization is published below. For some years the roster has not been kept carefully and an effort is being made this year to determine the membership accurately. Such records as are available have been consulted, but it is realized that the list below is probably incomplete and incorrect. It is hoped that any person who is a Stroller, but whose name is omitted will immediately turn in his name to the secretary-treasurer of the organization, John R. Marsh, so the list of the members can be made complete. The roster of members who are in the University at the present time follows:

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*Wearers of the Stroller pin.

ADA MEADE.

Everybody liked "Old Hiedelberg" so well that Manager Gurnee of the Ada Meade Theatre, has booked another clean-up tabloid for the last three days of this week, January 6, 7 and 8.

"Night on a New York Roof Garden" is the name of this new winner and it has sixteen clever classy people in the cast. Ten girls make up one of the snappiest and best-looking beauty choruses it has been our pleasure to present in some time and the comedy is all of the spontaneous laugh-in-every-line variety.

As a special feature all box seats for the 9:15 performances will be reserved from now on and all matinee seats will be reserved at the following scale of prices: All lower floor, twenty cents; box seats, twenty-five and balcony, ten cents. The night prices will remain at the usual scale. Order seats now and avoid the rush.

COLONIAL THEATRE.

During the last half of the week the Colonial will offer the following attractions:

Thursday, January 6—Kleine-Edison's, "The Devil's Prayer Book," featuring Arthur Hoops and Alma Hanlon.

Friday, January 7—An Equitable comedy drama in five acts, featuring the great stage success, Thomas A. Wise.

Saturday, January 8—A Vitagraph drama, "On Her Wedding Night," featuring Charles Kent, Louise Bondet, Edith Storey and Antoine Moreno, which is a photoplay of remarkable charm and force.

Sunday, January 9—"The King's Game," a Pathe picture, featuring Pearl White, George Probert and Sheldon Lewis.

Monday, January 10—A five-act Esanay photoplay "Misleading Lady," featuring Henry B. Walthall and Edna Mayo. (Adv.)

WILDCATS FIRST GAME

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Ireland, Peah and other have played before and are good men.

The Freshmen are as yet almost unknown quantities, however, there is a lot of excellent material in the class. Zerfoss and Longworth are two whose work has been particularly noteworthy.

The complete schedule of the Wildcats as far as it has been determined, is as follows:

- January 14—Cincinnati at Cincinnati.
 - January 18—Georgetown at Georgetown.
 - January 29—Chattanooga at Lexington.
 - February 4 and 5—Vanderbilt at Lexington.
 - February 15—Centre at Danville.
 - February 19—Cincinnati at Lexington.
 - February 22 or 24—Louisville at Louisville.
 - February 26—Maryville at Lexington.
 - February 29—Centre at Lexington.
 - March 3—Marietta at Lexington.
- A return game with Louisville at Lexington and games with Tennessee at Knoxville and Lexington will be played on dates not yet determined.

SEASON OPENS WITH KENTUCKY WESLEYAN

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new girls and until the coaches get them to working together a little more **noothly it will be impossible to pick out the five who will face Kentucky Wesleyan in the opening game.**

The game scheduled with Margaret College for January 14 has been canceled, but an effort will be made to arrange for this game February 8 at Lexington.

The complete schedule as far as it has been fixed is as follows:

- January 21—Kentucky Wesleyan at Winchester.
 - February 5—University of Louisville at Lexington.
 - February 11—K. C. W. at Lexington.
 - February 18—Margaret College at Versailles.
 - February 25—University of Louisville at Louisville.
 - February 29—Kentucky Wesleyan at Lexington.
 - March 3—K. C. W. at Danville.
- In view of the lack of practice, Ireland, Peah and others have played

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themselves. Time and again they have been ordered to do the impossible; never yet have they failed; and I doubt if there is a British officer who would not be proud to wear "Australia" at the bottom of his stars of rank. All hell could not shift our men from their positions. For months they hung on by their teeth against odds of 5 to 1, and gained ground bit by bit. The Eighth Light Horse were put in the trenches soon after their arrival. The order came to charge. With a yell they started; but not a man got beyond twenty-five yards from his trench. Machine guns cut them down like a scythe; and forty-five out of the whole regiment answered the next roll call, but those forty-five held their line against all counter attacks. That is the worst we have had yet; but it is typical of what they will do.

An officer of the Fourth L. H. tells this story of a fight of a few weeks ago: Our trench was nine feet deep, with a high sand-bag parapet. When the Turks charged they came on in eight or ten lines. One of my men in order to fire more freely, climbed to a seat on top of the parapet, and as they came on he blazed away like a machine gun. All the time he kept talking to himself along these lines, 'Come on, you — niggers! Here's another! Get yer! Got 'im! An' 'im! Oh, you — — —!' As they neared the

trench the Turks yelled, "Allah! Allah! Allah!" "That's right!" yelled the bird on the parapet, "bring him along, too, to 'ave a taste of us!" (Slightly expurgated).

At Quinn's port a shell landed on a parapet just after the morning ration had been issued. It took twenty minutes to dig one man out of the mess; but when they did get him out all right the first thing he said was: "Who the h—l stole my ration?" Damn them, they upset my bottle!" But not a word about the shell! All he cared was that it had split his rum for him. Can you beat men like that? It is quite true that they lack in discipline, but it is a question whether or not their pure audacity has not more than compensated for that disadvantage.

Our brigade, the Sixth, has already earned credit, although but a short time here. . . . On our arrival yesterday the first steamer we saw looming up in the rapidly growing dusk was the "Aquitania." She has been turned into a hospital ship, and will carry 4,000 wounded, making the trip to England in six days. Painted white with a broad green band and three Geneva crosses in red on her hull, and four light yellow funnels, she is a thing of wonderful grace and beauty. "We wouldn't, unless one saw it, credit that naval architecture could have evolved such grace. In fact, her very gracefulness creates a false impres-

sion of her height and length.

Submarines are active here, as you know, but the navy people are taking care of them. You have probably heard that the transport that brought our battalion, the Twenty-fourth, from Alexandria, was torpedoed twelve miles from here, but reached Mudros with a slight list in safety. We saw her as she lay near us when we arrived.

This navy of ours is hard to beat! They built a dummy battleship, on when they put a few men for appearance sake. The Germans bit like hay-seeds and sent five torpedoes into her before she sank, when her "turrets," "funnels" and "big guns" floated away! The enemy are very short of torpedoes, so no doubt they failed to enjoy the joke. Their submarines can get out of the Dardanelles, but they never get back in again.

Out in Australia you know more of the situation on the peninsula than we do. All one may know of is his own immediate front, while you have the advantage of perspective.

I hear that doctors are needed in France, but so far as I could see they have too many in Egypt. What they need here is nurses.

Well, this has been a rather spasmodic and uninteresting note, but the best I can do—there is so little news. Expect to be properly in action before many hours now. I go in quite sure I'll come out O. K. But, in case my luck doesn't hold out, good-bye, good luck and bless you all.

As ever, FRANK.

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MOVEMENT ON FOR WOMAN'S BUILDING

The Alumnae Club of the University has inaugurated a movement to secure an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Legislature for the erection of a Woman's Building on the campus.

The building will contain headquarters for the Home Economics Department, the Y. W. C. A., the girls' gymnasium, and various other activities of the women of the University.

Many of the most influential clubs over the State have promised their cooperation in securing this appropriation, and the Alumnae Club is very optimistic over the prospect.

MISS HAMILTON IN LOUISVILLE

Dean Anna J. Hamilton left today for Louisville, where she will address the Alumnae Club.

STATE STUDENTS APPEAR IN "MOVIES"

Members of the Strollers in particular, and State University people in general, will be glad to hear of the appearance of Miss Eloise Ginn and Mr. Thomas Hedden in the "movie" world.

Miss Ginn is with the Monrovia Company in California, and Mr. Hedden with the Edison Film Company. While neither of them have deposed Mary Pickford and Charlie Chaplin as yet, the dramatic organization of which they were once members has every reason to feel proud of their work.

James: "Papa, I ain't got no syrup."

Papa: "John, correct your brother."

John (looking at plate): "Yes, you is."—Columbia Bugle Call.

LEGISLATURE TO SETTLE QUESTION OF FEES

Mess Hall Deficit Is Brought Up Before the Board of Trustees.

The 1916 session of the Kentucky Legislature has been asked by the Board of Trustees of the University to settle the question concerning the payment of fees by county appointees.

The question was brought up at the regular December meeting by Governor Stanley, but in order that it might receive further study and discussion, was referred to a committee. The report of the committee was received at a meeting last week in Governor Stanley's office which was an adjourned session of the December meeting. It recommended that the question be referred to the Legislature that "so far as the benefits accruing to the students (county appointees) from this assessment of \$15 have been actually enjoyed by them, they should be precluded in equity and good conscience from recovering in an action brought for that purpose."

"For the future, however, every doubt in this matter should be removed, and the committee suggests that an effort be made to have the Legislature so amend the powers of the board of trustees as to authorize the assessment beyond any question, or, in the alternative, that an appropriation be made for the purpose of enabling the University students, without discrimination, with those things purchased by this incidental fee."

It is expected that the matter will be settled before the matriculation of students who enter at the beginning of the second semester. An attorney was consulted last fall when some of the appointees objected to the payment of the fee on the ground that the statute provided that they should receive all the privileges that the University offered without charge, but the matter was dropped.

Another important question which came before the committee was the settlement of the \$3,500 deficit in the operation of the mess hall during the year 1914-1915.

The committee recommended that a friendly suit be filed, or the agreed facts be submitted to a court to fix the responsibility between the University or Mr. Wells, and the boys who had boarded at the mess.

Between the noon and afternoon sessions of the trustees, the board was entertained at dinner by Governor Stanley at the mansion.

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The Year and the Class.

This is your year, Class of 1916.

After you are thrown into the rush of life many memories will hold you in their grip through the years that pass, but none with so firm a hold as those arising out of your college days. And this new born year of 1916 will always stand out pre-eminently as the year in which you said good-bye to the old University with its pleasant associations and staunch friendships.

What will your memories be of this college life which you must needs leave before many months have winged their flight? Will they be the ghosts of four years of listless endeavor and shirked duties? Will they be phantoms of a time of fruitless chase after the will o' the wisp of social pleasures? Will they be the dry dead bones of a period of monotonous grind? Or will they be memories of a short and happy time in which work, college activities and recreation were well admired and each in its proper place?

Unless your memories fall within the last-named category, as a college man or woman you have failed. And if but one of the three above-mentioned elements be lacking you are a failure.

But if you have failed in any one of these do not be discouraged. "It is never too late to mend." New opportunities are all around you. The doctrine that, "opportunity knocks only once at each man's door," is damnable false. She beats a constant tattoo for the ears of all who will heed her call. She never seeks but must be found and seized. It is there the weakling fails.

"To each man's life there comes a time supreme;
 One day, one night, one morning, or one noon,
 One freighted hour, one moment opportune,
 One rift thru which sublime fulfillments gleam,
 One space when fate goes tidying with the stream,
 One Once, in balance 'twixt Too Late, Too Soon,
 And ready for the passing instant's boon
 To tip in favor the uncertain beam.
 Ah, happy he who, knowing how to wait,
 Knows also how to watch and work and stand
 On Life's broad deck alert, and at the prow
 To seize the passing moment, big with fate,
 From Opportunity's extended hand,
 When the great clock of destiny strikes Now."

You owe it to yourself, to the class of 1916 and to your Alma Mater to do everything within your power to make this year a long-to-be-remembered one and to make every effort connected with the class of '16 an undisputed success.

This is your year, class of 1916. What will you do with it?

 * **SQUIRREL FOOD** *

The Kentucky Colonel Says.
 The man who busts his New Year resolutions, huh, will live to resolute again. Heah's to the mint julep of Kentucky, huh, I am resolute in favor of it, huh.

Our New Year Pome.
 "Oh, what makes Maymie pout so?"
 Asked younger daughter, Flo.
 "She pouts," replied her mother,
 "Because of mistletoe."
 "Jack surely did not kiss her,"
 The younger daughter wailed.
 "Why, no," the mother answered,
 "She pouts because he failed."

Several Santa Claus letters were omitted last week. We publish them below:
 "Dear Santa: I am a good little boy and eat at the mess hall. Please bring me some false teeth, a set of dissecting instruments, a magnifying glass and a deodorizer.
 "Your friend,
 "D. S. PEPSIA."
 Dear Santa: I am a Senior Mechanical engineer. Please bring me some midnight oil. Yours truly,
 G. R. IND.

P. S.—I will need a job next Christmas.
 Dear Santa: I am a good boy and will graduate this year. You will find me in the Law Department. Please bring me some cigarettes and chewing tobacco for use in classwork; also a pair of heavy shoes, as I will need them on the farm when I graduate

and get a job.

D. M. UNCERTAIN.

Vanderbilt has a Pressing Club in Kissam Hall. You finish it.

We wonder if Luke knows that Iva Frame is a soloist in Highland Park College at Des Moines, Iowa?

No, we refuse to pull one on the chicken show. Pullet yourself if you want to.

A Hot Tip.

The rivers made an almost unprecedented rise the past week, but advices from above give an assurance that the Ohio will come to a stand today. The water is now over the bottoms back of Main Street.—Carrollton News.

Limited Quarters.

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15, 1915, Miss Sue May, of Worthville, daughter of Mr. John May, a merchant of that town, was joined in holy wedlock with Mr. Ellis Burton, youngest son of Mr. W. S. Burton, the well-known merchant of Sulphur. The groom, however, has been a resident of Worthville, having had the position of telegrapher there for quite a while. The ceremony was performed in Covington, where resides the bride's brother, Rev. H. C. Martin, a Methodist minister of that city, in his own parlor. The attendants were Miss Blanche May, sister of the bride, and Mr. Henry Burton, brother of the groom. The newly wedded left at once on a trip to Texas, their destination being Corsicana.

The bride is a very pretty and amiable girl, while the groom is one of the most admirable young men to be found anywhere. Their home will be in Worthville.—New Castle Local.

Pretty Soft!

W. B. Burton, of Lancaster, will be at the Grider Sale, near town, next Wednesday the 29th to buy army and cotton mules.—Casey County News.

Next week's Squirrel Food will publish names of eligibles for Leap Year competition among the girls. Hush money will be accepted up to January 10.

Just An Inch.

Lives of poets all remind us
 We can make our lives a crime;
 And departing leave behind us,
 Yards and yards of useless rhyme.

Get a Grip on This One.

More than one of our students, returning from vacation, carried his own gripper with him.

The Villain—A Portrait.

The villain is a long and skinny guy,
 Whose mustache on his liplet sets.
 He dogs the "girl" till tear drops dim her eye,
 And always smokes vile cigarettes.

A Mere Guess.

Now why the dance is popular
 I won't pretend to say—
 I know that some girls can't be hugged
 In any other way.
 —Louisville Courier-Journal.

Just why the dance is popular
 We hesitate to note—
 Complexion can be tested when
 It rubs off on your coat.

Safety First.

Why does each boy
 Now seem so coy
 And walk as if in fear?

He scarce dares bow

To girls, I vow;

It is the glad leap year.

Lunches We Have Never Tried.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Marshal Kilgallon, of Junction City, four miles south of Danville, had one of his ears almost chewed off by an intoxicated man he arrested. Kilgallon was walking quietly with his prisoner to the calaboose, when suddenly the man grabbed the officer's ear and began chewing on it.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

We note with approval that "Watch Parties" were held in various parts of Kentucky on New Year's eve. If we were not too nice we would recommend the "Ankle Watch Party" as the most inspiring.

"Mix the love letters of a wise man and a darn fool up together," says Luke McLuke, "and you can't tell which is which." We say that a wise man doesn't write love letters.

The 1916 Forecast.

Squirrel Food, as is its annual custom, this week presents its forecast of events for the coming year. This prophecy has been put together and guaranteed after much study of the stars and other actors and is worthy of close perusal, we believe. O. I. Gesso, the author of the forecast, is now attending the chicken show in the armory. He carries a goose bone in his left upper pocket, the "rheumatiz" in his right lower limb and a wish-bone near his gizzard. The forecast follows:

The stars predict dire disaster for certain students of State University prior to February 1. Beware of dark profs during this period, also blond ones.

A great desire for military training by the older students is foretold just previous to February 22, the date of the military ball.

April 25 or thereabouts a financial crisis will be reached by students. This crisis will be of great intensity and long duration, and will follow the Junior Prom.

Early in June a number of students will receive diplomas, and others will be too eager for work to go home. These will attend summer school. Warm weather will probably be experienced in July and August.

June will be an unpropitious month for lovers, as quite a number of marriages will take place.

Disaster is forecast for all teams playing against the Wildcat football machine next fall.

Between November 20 and 25 all students are warned to beware of a dark man named George, who has an insatiable appetite for student furnished turkey.

The stars prove that Christmas of 1916 will be almost as severe a strain upon the pocket as that of 1915 was.

The close of 1916 will be followed immediately by the beginning of 1917.

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 * **STUDENTS' FORUM** *

The Editor of The Kentucky Kernel, State University, Lexington, Ky.:

Sir:—The other day by chance there came into my hands for a few moments a copy of your paper called "The Kentucky Kernel." I had sufficient time for reading it to discover that it was just such a paper as I should have expected the old "Idea" by this time to have developed into. Somewhere in the paper itself I learned that truly it was the "Idea" renamed.

Suddenly the question popped into my head: "Is there anything permanent at State?" and at once the answer: "It seems there is not."

Before saying what I want to say about this change of name I wish to delimit clearly and distinctly my criticism of the change, lest it be understood that I am making a plea for the old name because of any inherent superiority which I conceive it possesses over the new one. My criticism would be just as valid as, and not more so than, it is, whatever the strength or the weakness of the reasons which, in this case did, or in any other case would, make a change of name, according to one's point of view, well-considered or ill-advised. In other words, what I shall try to point out is a consideration which is always to be thrown into the balances against every proposed change of this character.

An effort is being made to secure to the University greater affection on the part of the alumni—a vigorous effort in a worthy cause. No one, I suppose, who can truly be called loyal to State would deny that the bond of interest and affection which attaches alumni and other old students to the University should be made and kept as strong as possible. Yet it seems that there are many who are loyal to State, but who nevertheless fail to see that every change in the University cuts a thread of association that goes to make up the cord that binds the old student to the University. Imagine a student of State of the present day paying a visit twenty years hence to a University supported by the State of Kentucky, but with name slightly altered from its present form, situated, say, in Woodland Park, with truly handsome buildings of stone—not brick, an altogether new faculty, and of course after the lapse of twenty years a complete change of undergraduates. Many shocks, a few pleasant surprises, but no affectionate thrills; no re-living of college life, incident by incident, under the guidance of a recollection substantially assisted by persons, places, and names. A nice place all right; but not State. The limit of alteration consistent with the retention of identity would have been passed. The University's identity as a corporation, amended but not dead might impress the legal mind, but not the human heart. With only this juridico-philosophical subtlety to offer to the old student revis-

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Mechanical Department News

GRADUATES IN GREAT DEMAND

No better compliment can be given a technical college than for executives of large and prosperous industrial corporations to make unsolicited requests for graduates to enter the employment of the company.

The vice president and general manager of a Pennsylvania manufacturing company has written to the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at the suggestion of the manager of another large company that yearly employs one or two men from this college.

The letter, part of which follows, is interesting, as it shows the kind of young men that are in demand:

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"If he has had practical shop, drafting, sales or organization experience it will help. In short, I want a good piece of material, and if the man does not have the right training and equipment, and a proper character, to build on it is better not to waste our time and his.

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"This man will be given an unusual opportunity to study our business in all its phases, and will be in line for position of responsibility as soon as he merits it.

"If you have such a man he might write me a letter and send reference, also his photo, which may lead me to come down to see him or pay his expenses here.

"If you will interest yourself in this matter and handle it in a very quiet and confidential way it will be greatly appreciated. Would prefer not to disclose name of our company unless the outcome looks to be quite likely.

This is a pretty town of 15,000 in-

habitants, much wealth per capita, a pretty and an inexpensive country club, beautiful country for camping and canoeing, and very good boarding is available at about \$35.00 per month. In writing please direct for my personal attention."

FORMER STUDENTS

R. L. Jones, class 1912, will leave the Milton Manufacturing Co., Milton, Pa., to take up special work with the American Tobacco Co. at Durham, N. C., on January 8. Jones will superintend the designing, building, erecting and testing of apparatus for controlling the humidity of the air in the large tobacco handling rooms, using a lately developed improved method.

W. K. Gregory, class 1913, who for some time has been connected with the Lexington branch of the Edison Mimeograph Company, will leave for Milton, Pa., on January 10 to accept a position with the Milton Manufacturing Company of Milton, Pa. Gregory will take the position made vacant by R. L. Jones. In a letter regarding the position, Mr. George L. Shimer, president of the Milton Company, expresses his regrets at the loss of Jones, and accepts the recommendation of Gregory without question.

"EFFICIENCY" ENGINEERING

Beginning Tuesday, January 11, a course in Industrial Engineering will be given the Seniors in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. The course will consist of twenty lectures augmented by some corollary laboratory and other problems. The schedule arranged is for the second hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with occasional field work on Monday afternoons.

This is the first attempt at giving a course in Industrial or "Efficiency" Engineering at Kentucky, and it is believed that no technical college in the South offers such a course.

(Continued from Page 1) of the heads of the several departments of Animal Husbandry, feeling that their efforts in our behalf are to be commended and that their future efforts in these directions should be fostered and sustained; and, "Be It Resolved Further. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and that copies of the same be sent to the representative papers throughout the State and to the Governor of our Commonwealth."

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Joe Torrence, president of the association; Bart Peak, vice president, and Jim Park, secretary, will make short talks in which they will present the work of the Y. M. C. A., setting forth what is being done and attempted.

If you know what the Young Men's Christian Association means here at State, come. If you do not know, come and find out.

BATTAILE PLAYS SANTA.

Frank Bataille, class of '08, presented the students who remained in the dormitories during the holidays with two crates of delicious oranges.

Mr. Bataille is noted for his generosity and interest in all University affairs.

FRATERNITIES

Pan-Hellenic.

The final social function of the old year at the University was the annual Pan-Hellenic dance given by the fraternities at the Phoenix Hotel Friday evening, December 17.

The ball room was decorated in the emblems of the eight fraternities, whose representatives on the Pan-Hellenic Council led the grand march. The council members are: G. M. Pedley, K. A.; Henry Cromwell, Phi Delta Theta; E. A. Blackburn, Sigma Chi; R. F. Albert, S. A. E.; Lindsay McKee, Kappa Sigma; W. J. Collins, Pi Kappa Alpha; Hartford Matherly, Sigma Nu, and T. C. Taylor, A. T. O.

STATE SENIOR MAKES A RECORD.

A. L. Johnson attended a dance at Jackson during the holidays. When the participants of revelry had assembled, the music started and everybody was getting in a weaving way, some youth of the Jesse James type from beyond the border became over-enthused. He extricated a small toy (of the .44-calibre family), from his pocket and began to amuse the guests.

Johnson made his exit through a nearby window, breaking out the glass, but taking the sash with him around his neck. He left his hat and overcoat in the hall and took a B-line

up the road. In his excitement he failed to stop in at home, but passed right on in a cloud of dust with an acceleration of 27 miles per second. Nothing definite of his whereabouts is known, although the latest report came in from about 47 miles above Jackson. A native said that some

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WEDDINGS.

Van Meter—Capers.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Van Meter to Mr. Ellison Capers in Lexington, December 27, is of interest to many State people who knew Mr. Capers when he attended the University several years ago. He was prominent in athletic and social circles, and popular among his fellow students.

Julian—Ebbert.

The friends of Mr. Sprigg Ebbert, a graduate of State University in the class of '11, will be interested in his marriage to Miss Douglas Julian, of Lexington, December 27. The wedding was a social event of much prominence, and Mr. and Mrs. Ebbert will make their home in Scranton, Pa.

Porch—Buchanan.

The marriage of Miss Mary Edwin Porch to Mr. Edward Phillips Buch-

anan was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents in Somerset, Thursday, December 30.

Miss Porch was a student at State University several years ago, and a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Many of her friends here will join in congratulating her.

Byers—Watt.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Byers to Mr. Robert McDowell Watt took place at Lexington, December 21.

Miss Byers was formerly a University student, and is well known in musical circles. She is a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

PERSONALS.

Grover Routt, '11, visited friends here during the holidays. At present he is located in Canada.

O. L. Fowler and G. E. Miller, both State law students, passed the bar exam. at Irvine recently.

Everett S. Penick, of Elliston, passed the bar examination in Lexington last month. Penick is a student in the law department.

M. C. Redwine, a law student here last year, and now principal of the high school at Bridgeport, Franklin County, was in Lexington last week.

Among the engineering graduates who visited in Lexington during the holidays were Duncan Bell, '07, of Detroit; E. C. Parker, '15, of Columbus, O.; R. D. Puckett, '15, of Detroit; J. E. Byers, '15, of Trenton, Mo.; and H. F. Otto, of Indianapolis.

Paul Dixon, Law '15, spent part of the holidays in Lexington. At present he is practicing law at Bowling Green.

W. R. Tichenor, Chemistry '11, spent part of the holidays in Lexington.

PATTERSON HALL NEWS.

Miss Anita Crabbe visited Miss Edith Deane, of Owensboro, during the holidays.

Miss Mary Gruber visited Misses Mary Hamilton and Laura Lee Jameson during the vacations.

Miss Ada Crawford is visiting her sister this week.

Miss Louise Wolfe, of Chicago, visited Miss Jessamine Cook before the holidays.

Miss Mildred Collins will be at the hall for the rest of the year.

Miss Josephine Thomas spent Christmas in Louisville.

Miss Stella Pennington spent part of the holidays in Cincinnati.

Number Fourteen.

"Why is a goat nearly?"

"Nearly what?"

"Nearly nothing. Just nearly."

"I pass."

"Because he is all but."

—Iowa State Student.

STUDENTS' FORUM

ing his Alma Mater, she had better, as she values his affection, persuade him not to return at all, but to try to remember her from afar just as she was when he knew her first. The less he should see, nay, the less he should hear of her, the more blissfully ignorant he would be of the fact that she no longer really existed.

Now the seriousness of the change which provoked this letter lies in the fact that it was not absolutely necessary. To me personally it is trifling indeed. "The Idea" is a name which came very late in the formative period of that group of mental associations of mine which clusters about State College. (I say State College and not University because I find that the college had won a permanent place in the group before the University arose to contest it.) Being so late this name may be easily plucked away without very much disarranging the rest. To me it would be a much greater wrench to learn that the Annual in future would be called something other than "The Kentuckian." But even this would not be insupportable, for do I not remember when the annual was called "Echoes?" In fact, I distinctly remember the noise the annual made at State the year before the "Echoes." No, the things I should really dislike to see ruthlessly and unnecessarily changed at State are the things that were there and well established when first I saw the place. They are what make State to me an object of veneration. The State College of the first years of the century, with its persons, its buildings, its places, its rules, its customs, its names, is the "State" which has my sincere affection. I may admire any other institution in Lexington which shall be proclaimed with the formula: "State is dead; long live State!" But that will be your State University, not my State College.

It is only old students of a much later day than mine who will feel a sense of irreparable loss in the disappearance of such names as The Idea. The plea I am making is that they may not be robbed of a single association. For just to the extent that they are robbed is the bond of had known weakened.

Many of the outstanding features of the old student's picture of his college or university inevitably change. In a very short time the campus is peopled with undergraduates who are strangers. After only a little longer 'me as the years revolve ever more rapidly the teachers drop away one by one till all are gone. Other features of the picture not quite inevitably but almost necessarily change. New buildings are needed and are built; old ones are altered or demolished; and thus the place itself comes to wear a changed appearance. The Education Building steps in front of the Gym and obstructs its view of what would be the lake if the lake was any longer there. The old long benches in Professor Neville's room, their backs scribbled on and carved by generations of Latin students are replaced by neat individual desks.

The extent to which changes like these, some inevitable, some nearly so, go in destroying the reality of the picture which the old student carries about with him in his head is appalling. And it is just for this reason that everything capable of remaining permanent should be protected from change, and kept as it is, as

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it was, in order that as much as possible may still remain for the old student to continue to love.

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