

# TECH NEWS



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## SWIMMING TEAM MAY BE FORMED

### Wealth of Material in College to Choose From

There is a rumor circulating around the Hill that Tech is going to be represented in Inter-Collegiate swimming meets next year. Judging from the results of the inter-class and inter-fraternity swimming meets, Tech should make a good showing. There is a wealth of material for a swimming team here, especially in the Freshmen class with Larson, Tompkins, Woolley, Goddard, Tawter, etc. Larson holds the N. E. A. A. 220-yard breast stroke title, and also held until a short time ago the N. E. A. A. 100-yard back stroke record.

Tawter, who is at present the best diver at school, should, with a little more development, make a name for himself in swimming circles. Lundberg is also an excellent diver, and is followed closely by Reynolds.

Goddard and Locke can do the 100-yard free style in 1m. 4s, while Converse, Goddard, Lundberg, Woolley and Driscoll can swim the 40-yard free style in 22s and under. A relay team composed of these latter men should be able to hold their own with other college teams.

Besides Larson, Whittemore and Cross who excel in the breast stroke, Smith and Lundberg can swim the back stroke in very good time.

There have only been two swimming meets held in the pool and judging from the enthusiasm displayed at these, many more should follow. There are many men at school who can swim that did not enter in either of these meets who probably would go out for the team if one should be formed.

## SEVERAL REELS WILL BE SHOWN

### Varied Subjects Covered in Tuesday's Program

Another "big" program of movies is promised Tech students for this afternoon at 4 P. M. in the E. E. lecture room.

The program will consist of six reels and is highly entertaining and interesting.

The first picture, "The Wizardry of Wireless," portrays the development of signal communication, showing the beacon fire, heliograph, semaphore, Indian smoke blanket, wig-wagging, the electric telegraph and telescope. The vacuum tube and other radio apparatus are presented and explained.

The second picture, also one of two reels, is entitled "White Coal." The story of how tiny snow-flakes run a country's industries, and make its home life more alluring, is told. The process is traced in some detail; snow water forms brooks, river and lakes, which in turn feed vast water falls. Huge hydro-electric generators send out electrical energy to great factories, where white hot metals are converted into

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## CAPTAIN EARLE HEADS NEW CITY NAVY CLUB

### Brig. Gen. Stuart Guest at Dinner

Nearly 200 former navy officers and sailors from Worcester and vicinity gathered at Sherer's restaurant, last Wednesday night, to launch, in the presence of prominent navy officials, the Worcester Navy Club. This will probably be the first in a series of similar clubs to be formed in all important centers in the country.

Admiral Ralph Earle, U. S. N., retired, president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was unanimously named president of the club. The purpose of the organization is to enable members to keep in touch with navy affairs, renew acquaintances and help create in the popular mind the right attitude toward the navy.

Speakers included Rear Admiral Andrews, Lieut. Reed, Congressman G. R. Stobbs, Comdr. G. T. Nelson, Capt. W. L. Littlefield, Comdr. R. B. Hilliard, Comdr. W. K. Latons and A. J. Flaherty.

Congressman Stobbs was made an honorary member of the club.

A nominating committee appointed by Admiral Earle brought in the following names, election being unanimous: Vice-President, Taylor Calhoun; secretary, Robert Carey; treasurer, Dr. Gardner Cobb; executive committee, Lieuts. P. Blake, L. Bowman, A. Holmstrom, J. Reed, commander of the Military Order of the World War; Peter Byron, Chester Edwards, Sherman Clark, William Carroll, Harold Jensen, Donald Luey, Walter Gutkey, Charles Mitchell, Anthony Malozzi, Henry Sundeen and ex-Alderman Swanson.

The club has a policy of no dues, no fees and no politics. The plan is to have the members meet monthly, at the call of the president, for a smoker and probably moving pictures.

Brig. Gen. Merch B. Stewart, superintendent of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, will be one of the speakers at the Army and Navy dinner to be held at the Bancroft to-night, April 5. It is expected that Gen. Stewart

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## HEATER BURSTS IN THETA CHI

The Nicaraguan situation and the difficulties over in Shanghai seemed to have been brought to the minds of many, last Thursday, by the explosion of the hot water heater in the cellar of the Theta Chi Fraternity house. Damage has been estimated as \$5000 and the cause seems to have been laid to excessive boiler pressure.

The members of the Fraternity present at the time of the explosion were: G. Freeman, '28; J. Coghill, '30; H. Butterworth, '28; R. Holley, '30; H. Page, '28; H. Horton, '29; and R. Rollins, '29.

Rollins was sitting in the living room directly above the heater and although thrown from his chair, he was not injured. No one in the house at the time of the explosion was injured.

What damage was done was caused directly by the explosion and although a small blaze started in the cellar it was immediately extinguished.

## TECH EASILY WINS FROM CLARK IN RELAY RACE—LARSON RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP IN BREAST STROKE

### Open Swimming, First to be Sponsored by a New England College, Held in Fuller Pool Gives Students Chance to See Best in Swimming Ranks



## "GIVE AND TAKE" TO SHOW SOON

### This Year's Show Promises Fine Entertainment

Under the able direction of Jack Heald, coach of the Tech Show, the experienced cast of "Give and Take," the 1927 offering of the Masque, is fast rounding into shape. A very finished performance should result, from the zealous attitudes of the players, who take their play with seriousness. The initial showing of the play will take place April 21st, as the opening gun of fraternity house-parties.

Jack Richmond, '30, has the job of the leading male role. He is the central figure of the play and has a difficult character part to put over. Richmond is a selfmade German manufacturer by the name of John Bauer. He and Dick Verville, '28, as Albert Kruger, the foreman of the plant, provide the comic element by their peculiar expressions and "wise cracks."

Kruger's daughter, Marion, who is Bauer's stenographer, is ably taken by Walton Lewis, '28. In the cast pictures

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## PROF. ADAMS FIRST TO REMEMBER BOYNTON

### Dreams Realized After Years

In last week's issue of the NEWS there appeared an article on the tablet which is to be dedicated to the memory of John Boynton, founder of the Worcester County Free Institute of Industrial Science, which later became the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In this article credit was given the class of '22 and President Earle for the origination of the idea for such a tablet. Since that statement was made it has been called to the attention of the NEWS that such a statement is in error in that long before the class of '22 ever came to Tech, and while the president of this Institute was a young naval officer, it was the dream of one of the Tech professors to carry out such a plan, but he was unable to get sufficient support to do so.

Professor Adams of the English department, familiarly known as "Pop," has for years endeavored to instill the spirit of John Boynton into the hearts of every Tech student while he is still

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## TAWTER TAKES FOURTH PLACE IN DIVING—RELAY TEAMS OF TECH AND Y. M. C. A. TO MEET

Tech students had a grand opportunity Saturday night of seeing all that is best and greatest in the swimming ranks of the New England Amateur Athletic Union display their wares at the Homer T. Fuller pool. Also Tech students had the additional chance of seeing Carl Larson and Joseph Tawter perform against competition as well as seeing the Tech relay team defeat Clark rather easily. Incidentally, this was the first open swimming meet ever sponsored by a New England college.

Carl Larson gave the gallery its first opportunity of cheering when he captured the two-twenty breast-stroke in the first race of the evening, thereby keeping his New England championship for this event. He easily outdistanced his two adversaries and showed the ability of which he is capable.

"Joe" Tawter placed in fourth position in the diving and showed up well against the other entrants. This is the second N. E. A. A. U. diving meet in which "Joe" has placed fourth and indicates that "Joe" possesses real skill.

In the relay, Tech easily won over Clark. Driscoll, first man for Tech, gave his mates a lead that was steadily increased, and Goddard, Tech's anchor man, led by half a length at the finish. As a consequence of their winning Tech will meet the Y. M. C. A. team in the near future.

In the other races of the evening three N. E. A. A. records were broken. Miss Margaret McSheehy of Whitinsville, swimming in the fifty-yard free style for ladies, lowered her former record by two-fifths of a second, covering the distance in thirty seconds flat. This race was the most thrilling of the evening due to the close contest between the winner and Miss Alvina Osipowich of the Worcester Boys' Club Auxiliary at the finish.

In the one-hundred yards free style for men, Frank Grant of the Worcester "Y" broke his old record by two fifths of a second, defeating his teammate, Carl Tammi, by five feet. Grant swam the hundred in fifty-six seconds.

Carlton Meyers of the Washington, D. C., Canoe Club, a student at Harvard and holder of the South Atlantic States' backstroke title, broke the old record for the one hundred yards backstroke, swimming the distance in one minute, twelve and two-fifths seconds.

In the diving, the future engineers had a lesson in how to get into the water without making a splash. Front jack-knives, somersaults, one and a halves, swan dives and many other forms of diving, all done in a creditable manner, showed what could be done. John Jassinois, holder of the New England outdoor fancy diving title, was awarded first place by a slight margin over the former champion, David Browning.

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## THIRD LECTURE FOR FRESHMEN

### Doctor Norris Addresses Men on Engineering

On Wednesday morning, March 30, Dr. James F. Norris of M. I. T. delivered to the Freshman class a very interesting talk on chemistry and chemical engineering. Dr. Norris has been connected with chemistry for over thirty years and is well acquainted with the chemical industries of the United States and Europe. He is at present professor of Organic Chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Norris began by reminding us of those boyish desires of becoming a locomotive engineer or a trolley conductor or even an ice-man. Those choices were made, he said, because those were the occupations that made the strongest appeal to us and in which we would find the most joy and pleasure. So must it be with our choice now; we should choose that branch of engineering for which we feel ourselves best fitted and which we could enjoy most.

He stressed the point that above all else, one must take enjoyment and pleasure in his work, otherwise he will not be a success. Our choice of occupation is very important, he said, for if we start off by enjoying our work, that joy and pleasure will increase, but if, on the other hand, we start in a field with which we are dissatisfied, our dis-

like for the work will likewise increase, and, sooner or later, we shall be forced either to choose another occupation or to continue to work without pleasure or satisfaction.

Dr. Norris stated that the chemical industries in this country have grown enormously since the World War. Before that time most of the dyes used in the United States were imported from Germany; now approximately 95 per cent. of the dyes used in this country are manufactured here. The opportunities for the chemist were not very great then because the chemical industries were concerned with production of the common chemicals on a large scale, but now they seem to want to find new substances and new uses for them. They want to know how to manufacture the more common chemicals at less expense and how to use these in the preparation of new and useful substances.

The industries have entered into the spirit of research, he continued. They are more and more looking for the men trained in the fundamental science of chemistry and physics. The fundamentals are the important things to learn in your education; the details are not so important. One of the reasons for the more rapid progress of science and industry in this country as compared to European countries is that our engineers are well trained in the theory and principles of science, while in Europe the engineering schools stress the value of practice and practical training in the shops. Almost every large industry in this country has a chem-

ical laboratory where many chemists are employed to test the raw materials, to see that their company is receiving what it pays for and to check up on the products. He said that chemists should not look with disfavor on analysis work in chemistry because this work brings men in contact with the fundamentals and familiarizes them with raw materials. The young college engineer should not go out into the world with the idea that he rates preference but should be willing to start at the bottom and work up. Many chemists are employed as "trouble shooters" in large chemical industries. If something goes wrong with the chemical processes, it is up to these men to discover the trouble and to remedy it.

In concluding, Dr. Norris said that the question of the chemical engineer of today is, "How can we prepare the fundamental chemicals more cheaply or by new methods?" He mentioned many lines of endeavor open to the young chemist, such as the development of liquid fuels from coal, a cheap anti-freezing liquid suitable for automobile radiators in winter, and the many other opportunities in metallurgy and textiles.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Epsilon Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity wishes to thank President Earle and all the Tech fraternities who offered their prompt assistance immediately after the recent explosion of the water heater in the chapter house. Even though the damage was not such as to cause any serious inconvenience to the men, the fine spirit shown by everyone is thankfully appreciated.

This was the third of a series of seven orientation lectures being given to the Freshman class. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

The 4th, on April 15, Friday, at 9 A. M. in the M. E. lecture room. Mr. C. F. Hood on "Electrical Engineering" (moving pictures).

The 5th on April 25, Monday, at 10 A. M. in the M. E. lecture room. Mr. Harrison P. Eddy on "Civil Engineering."

The 6th on May 9, Monday, at 11 A. M. in the M. E. lecture room. Mr. R. W. Adams on "Electrical Engineering."

The 7th on May 13, Friday, at 9 A. M. in the M. E. lecture room. The heads of the departments.

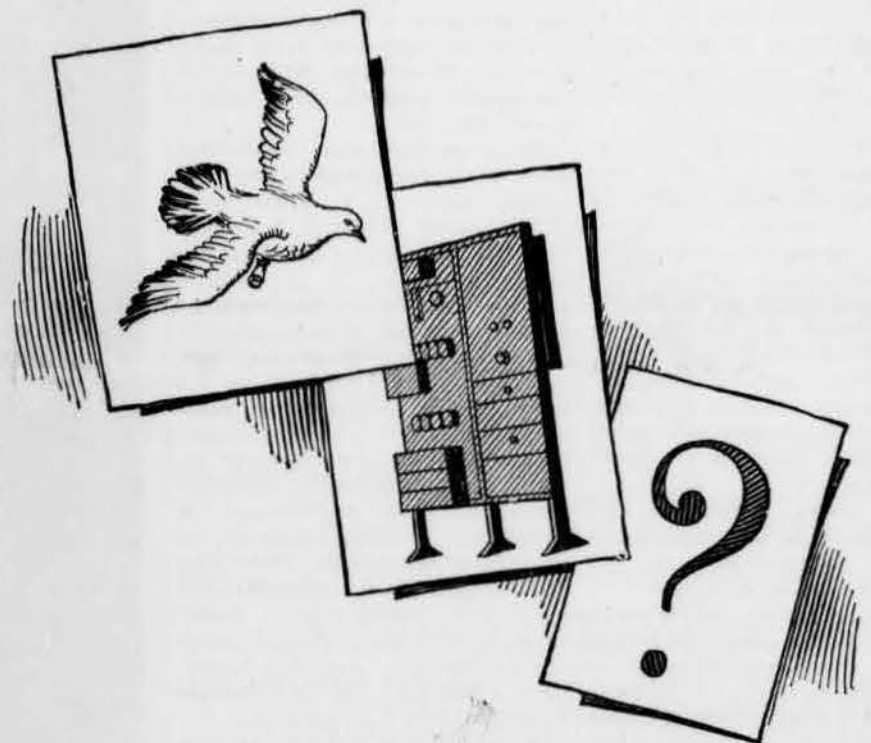
## MOVIES TUESDAY

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) economic necessities. This film is exceedingly rich in both scenic and engineering interest, including views of Niagara Falls and animated drawings which explain how a turbine-generator works.

The third picture, and the feature picture, of the afternoon's program, is entitled "Portable Electricity." This film stages a most interesting phase of the electrical industry—the storage battery, and its industrial applications. With this film one can convey, in about one-half hour, a much better idea of the storage battery to any group than would be possible in many hours on the lecture platform. The evolution of the storage battery is traced from the first practical storage battery of Plante to the recent nickle-iron-alkaline battery of today.

At the conclusion of this film a representative of the Edison Battery Co. will answer all questions and will distribute interesting literature and display a cut-away battery, showing clearly its construction.

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In just two weeks and a half the biggest and best dance of the year, the Junior Prom is to be held. On Friday night, April 22, Ed Wittstein and his orchestra will furnish the music for the dance in the ballroom of the Bancroft Hotel. Everything points to a perfect evening.

Tech may, indeed, consider itself fortunate in being able to secure the famous ten-piece orchestra headed by Ed Wittstein. His experience in playing at college proms is not lacking. In previous years he has furnished the syncopation for Yale, Princeton and Brown Proms along with many others. This year he has on his slate the Vassar and Smith Proms, which come shortly after ours, and also Yale's big affair. The quality of the music is most certainly assured.

The Junior Prom is the only Tech dance that is not held on the Hill. It is the custom to hold it in the ballroom of the Bancroft Hotel.

The Tech Show is given the same week. There are two performances, one Thursday evening and one Saturday evening, so that it in no way interferes with the Prom nor the Prom with it.

Tickets have been on sale for over a week and the committee is highly pleased with the results. Subscription is ten dollars and everyone who goes is sure to get twice the value in a good time. The tickets can be bought at any of the fraternity houses and men in each class will be appointed to sell them. They may also be purchased

**LAST DISCUSSION GROUPS  
 HELD THIS WEEK**

The last of the series of discussion groups, which have proven successful this year, will be held tonight at the Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon houses.

Dr. McNutt of the First Baptist Church will lead the discussion, at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, on "The Modern Scientific Conception of God." At the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, will be Mr. W. G. Hall, '02, sales manager of the Worcester Buick Company, to lead the group in the discussion of "The Present Situation, the Natural Resources and the Possible Industrial Development in China." Mr. Glenn, assistant pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church will be at Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, to lead the discussion on the subject, "Is Modern Youth and Society Too Fast?"

The Cosmopolitan will hold another discussion group soon after the Spring recess.

from members of the Prom committee, which is composed of G. T. Cook, S. A. Moreno, L. F. Leidholt, C. S. Durkin and E. P. Wood.

**TECH SHOW**

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taken at Bushong's studio last week. Walt shows up as a very devastating, school-girl complexioned blonde. We sure would hate to let him loose on the Hill in that soft, white dress! Of course this stenographer is the heroine, and helps to avert the impending catastrophes etc., which arise during the play, caused by Jack Bauer, Jr., the boss' son. Young Bauer is played by Donald Simonds, '30. He is supposed to be a young man just out of college, with visionary ideas as to helping the workingmen, thereby upsetting the routine in his father's mill by exhorting the men to strike. The romantic interest lies between Marion Kruger and Jack Bauer, Jr.

Lyman Adams, '27, the well-known hick impersonator, has the role of a small-town, crabby banker. Bauer owes this banker money, which cannot be paid as the concern is losing money. You now smell more complications in regard to Bauer's mill, but you'll have to be present on the 21st to learn any more about them. "Lyme" has had a lot of experience in this kind of role, so watch for a fine performance on his part.

There is one more character, Milton Aldrich, '28, as Thomas Craig, a wealthy person locked away in a sanatorium. He escapes and provides the means to get Bauer's business back to normal.


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**OPPONENTS PROVE TOO STRONG FOR BOWLERS**

**Team Twice Defeated in Week**  
 On Saturday, March 26th, the Tech bowling team was defeated by Perrin's Pets in the closest match of the season. It required an overtime of two boxes to decide the winner. Calder had the highest pinfall of either team, making 295 in three boxes. The nearest approach to this score was 280, made by Thomas of the winners.  
 The Crompton and Knowles team was met for the third time to decide the tie of the first two matches. Tech's opponents proved to be too strong for them and Crompton and Knowles bowled their way to a 4-0 victory.  
 The summary of the last two matches:

	Pinfall
W. P. I.	1,246
C. & K.	1,314
W. P. I.	1,296
P. P.	1,296

	Points
W. P. I.	0
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**VARSITY GOLF TEAM MEETS BIG COLLEGES**

**Candidates to be Called Soon**  
 The Varsity Golf Team this season is to be under the management of "Don" Calder. There is a possibility that candidates for the team will be called out the first week after Spring recess. With "Ed" Stewart as captain, also a veteran of last year, there is hope for a successful season. The only other veteran from last year is George Styffe. There is a prosperous outlook for material from the Freshman Class in: Carl Backstrom, William Clingan, Richard Hanson, Russell Gill, and Roscoe Bowers. From the upper classmen hopes are placed in Ivan Dockham, William Lester, Bradford Bowker, and Michael Boyle. It is expected that an elimination tournament will be run off about the middle of April.  
 The following schedule should present real stiff opposition.  
 Thursday, April 28, Boston University, here.  
 Wednesday, May 4, Harvard, here.  
 Saturday, May 7, Amherst, Holyoke.  
 Tuesday, May 10, Brown, Providence.  
 Monday, May 16, Holy Cross, here.  
 Saturday, May 21, Wesleyan, Middle town.  
 Thursday, May 26, Colgate, here.  
 Saturday, May 28, Dartmouth, Hanover.

The average of each regular player's string is:

Calder	89.9
Swanson	86.8
Campbell	86.1
Wade	83.6
Mill	79.6

**NAVY CLUB DINNER**  
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 art will discuss the democratization of the famous academy and outline its policy in training officers for the army. President Earle will be present at this dinner, as will Professors Taylor and Howe of the Civil department and Instructors Merriam and Cowden.  
 The dinner is by no means exclusively an affair for veterans but is open to all who are in any way interested in the problem of American national defense.

**ERECT BOYNTON TABLET**  
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 a Freshman in one of his English courses. No other person connected with the Institute has taken the personal interest and pride in the old "tin peddler" who was destined to be the John Harvard of Worcester Tech. The difficulty, however, which Professor Adams experienced was in the fact that in an engineering college such as the Tech, it is difficult to find the same sentimentality and emotion toward the founders of the college that characterizes a liberal arts college.  
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