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## TEN TO REPRESENT RUTGERS TOMORROW AT STATE TRACK MEET

Capture of Newark Meet Expected By  
Sprinters As Climax to Season; Under  
Auspices of St. Benedict's School

The State Interscholastic Track Meet, under the auspices of St. Benedict's school, Newark, will be held tomorrow night at the 113th Regiment Armory, Newark. This meet is the goal of the indoor season to which Prep has been pointing all year. Coach McGinn has entered ten men who form the strongest team in the history of the school, and who should figure in the final results. The men entered are:

220 and 70 yard dashes, Brost, Kott, and Linders; 440 yard run, LaCalle; 880 yard run, Stengel, G. Wenz; 1 mile run, O'Donnell, C. Smith, and C. Wenz; shot put, E. Smith and Linders.

### Linders Expected to Place

Linders, captain of the track team, who at Newark on January 31 won the Class B 70 yard dash in faster time than Class A, and who also captured the 220 yard dash in the same time as Class A, is an outstanding contender for the sprint crown tomorrow night. He is expected to be a heavy point gatherer for the team.

Stengel, Class B State Champion in the 440 yard in 1931, and half-mile champion in 1930, is counted on heavily by Coach McGinn. Stengel, who after a courageous fight won third place in the Newark meet, is expected to be a serious contender for the 880 yard State indoor crown. Tom O'Donnell captain of the cross-country team, who placed second in the mile run at Newark, has been improving rapidly since that meet, and automatically becomes a favorite in that event.

### Brost, Kott, in 220 Dash

Brost, a member of Prep's championship relay, is entered in both the 70 yard and the 220 yard dashes, as well as Kott, who has shown remarkable improvement under the tutelage of Coach McGinn. George Wenz, a new-comer to the track since

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## Argo To Feature Interview With Oldest Prep Alumnus

An intimate feature interview with oldest living Prep alumnus will be in the next issue of the Argo. The death of Erasmus Tappen, whose life story was carried in the pages of the Argo and the Daily Home News last year, made it necessary for a research to be made for the next in line.

## UNDERSEA VALLEY FOUND OFF COAST OF NEW ENGLAND

Scientists Discover Drop in Ocean Floor  
Near Fishing Banks and on Important  
Steamship Lanes; Is 300 Fathoms Deep

Government scientists have discovered what they describe as a remarkable underwater valley off the New England coast where the bottom of the ocean drops down to a depth of 400 fathoms, 2400 feet. The discovery of this valley will be shown on mariner's charts as indication of course. The position of the valley is fixed and the sea captain who passes over it will know from the unusual depth his exact position with relation to the American coast.

### Near George's Bank

The cut or drop in the ocean floor is near George's Bank, partly on one of the world's most important fishing banks and directly on the west bound trans-Atlantic steamship lane between Europe and the United States. It was discovered on an extensive survey of these waters made by two Coast and Geodetic Survey vessels, the Lydonia and the Oceanographer, at one time favored as the yacht Corsair, belonging to J. P. Morgan.

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## RECESS AT EASTER TO BEGIN MARCH 24

Four Foreign Prep Boys Will Spend Short  
Vacation at School; Ruiz Describes  
Native Easter

With the approach of Spring, everyone looks forward to the Easter vacation, which begins this year on March 24th, and extends through April 4th. All the Trap boys, with the exception of Arango, Beguirstain, Morejon, Ruiz, whose homes are too far distant to visit for so short a period, plan to spend the vacation at home. While the faculty is not yet decided as a whole, most of the teachers are planning to be away.

The manner in which Easter is celebrated in Colombia and Panama was interestingly revealed by Ruiz and Arango. A drama depicting the life of Christ is enacted, beginning on Wednesday and ending on Friday, and a general holiday is declared on Good Friday. Movies are prohibited, except those which represent scenes from the life of Christ, and processions are in order throughout the period. According to Ruiz, there is a popular superstition that anyone who goes swimming during this time will be charged to fish. On Sunday everyone attends church, where they participate in the "Halleluiah," a ceremony based on the life of Christ.

## NATATORS JOURNEY TO ENTER IN STATE MEET SATURDAY

Spence and Ready to Lead Natators at  
Trenton When Prep Team Tries for  
State Title; Poly Prep Loses

Tomorrow the Prep swimming team will compete in the State Meet at Trenton. This contest includes all events. Spence and Ready are expected to be the chief point-getters for Rutgers Prep.

Led by Captain Leonard Spence, the swimming team turned in another victory last Saturday afternoon at Poly Prep in Brooklyn. Ready contributed two first places for Prep's team. Rogers, of Poly was the star for the losers. Spence added to his list of records by breaking the Poly Prep pool record in the 100 yard breast stroke, swimming the distance in 1:15. The summaries were as follows:

200 yd. relay, won by Poly Prep (Hayes, Hull, Cambell, and Doig) second, Rutgers Prep (Schneider, Ruiz, Shive, and Wood). Time 2:03; 50 yd. backstroke: won by Spence and Rogers (tie for first) third Poly Prep. Time 35:5.

Fancy diving; won by Love, Poly, second Reilly, Prep, third, Hull, Poly 50 yd. free-style; won by Ready, Prep, second Dodge, Prep, third Schecch, Poly Prep.

## NATIONAL SWIMMING AT U. OF P. CANCELLED

Lack of Response to the Invitations  
Caused Authorities to Suspend  
Annual Meet

The National Interscholastic Championship in swimming annually held at the University of Pennsylvania has been cancelled this year, according to an announcement by Mr. C. H. Brown, Director of Athletics at Rutgers Prep.

The meet was suspended for the reason that out of eighty schools invited to participate only twenty answered the letters, and only eight of these were sure of sending teams. Because of this lack of representation, the authorities thought it wise to call off the meet. The winners, they felt, would not represent the entire country if the contest was held. Therefore, there will not be a national scholastic championship team for 1932.

The Argo has been invited by the University of Pennsylvania to compete in a contest for the Penn Publishing Company and Saturday Evening Post medals to be awarded to the most outstanding newspaper and magazine. Copies of the Argo have been entered. Results will be announced later.

## STEVENS TO BE MET TOMORROW ON COURT; CONTEST PLANNED

Hoboken Team To Be Next in Season  
Lineup; Seton Hall Picked As First  
Opponent In Class A State Matches

Stevens School from Hoboken will be the guest on the George Street courts tomorrow in what promises to be a good exhibition of basketball. The locals will be out to chalk up another victory for the season. There will be no drastic change in the Rutgers lineup.

### March 5 Picked for State Go

Rutgers Prep will run up against a strong aggregation from Seton Hall, when the two teams meet in the first round of the Class A state championship on March 5. The decision as to where the game will be played has not as yet been decided, but it is a known fact that a neutral court will be used.

### Ranking Causes Discussion

The re-grading of Rutgers Prep from a Class B prep to a Class A rank, has been the subject of much discussion. Just why the state officials made this change has not been announced, but unofficially it is rumored that several Class B prep teams would have dropped their entry in the tournament if Prep had been listed again under its former rank.

This change places the local team in a category with schools of much larger enrollment, who have always held top-notch listing. Such schools as Blair, Hun, Pennington, and Seton Hall are in this grade. It will be necessary for the Prep quintet to measure up well against these to hold its new rank.

### Second Game With Hun

Prep, however, will enter the contest with a smaller handicap than any of these six teams, for it is the only one that has not lost any of its games. The winner of the Rutgers Prep-Seton Hall game will play Hun School in the second go, at Asbury Park.

The members of the Rutgers team are experienced as shown by their former play. John "Loose" Jablonsky, pivot man, was a stellar player at New Brunswick High School. He has been officially recognized as all-state center. At the forward positions are Frank Pennington and Morris Grossman. Pennington was a teammate of Jablonsky on the New Brunswick passers. Grossman is the only letter man from last year's basketball squad now at Prep. Leroy

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## STARDUST

The unusual success of the basketball team this year has aroused comment from many quarters. It is indeed gratifying that proper recognition has come to the team from the state authorities. This recognition in the form of a higher ranking is to several persons rather unfair, for it places Prep, a small school, among more expansive secondary schools. There is no doubt that had Rutgers Prep again entered its Class B listing, there would have been a complete string of victories. But, in view of the situation that the Prep team this season is the equal if not the superior, in many ways to larger Jersey schools, the decision of the state officials seems entirely logical.

It is all very well to enter a contest and be defeated, when it was known that little could be expected, but, to be forced to engage a vastly superior team, with a dependable good team, but not an equal, is nothing short of unfair. In such a manner the sacrificing of a part was necessary to save the whole. This reasoning has never been questioned.

Rutgers Prep will enter the state tournament, not against superiors, but, against equals in every way.

## MORE STARDUST

The celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Washington this year marks another highlight of our nation. That the nation should choose to honor the "father of our country" with pageantry and festivals throughout the season is entirely fitting. It need hardly be necessary to say that a small tribute can be paid by keeping in mind the virtues enobled by Washington.

## Religion In College Is Essential States Dr. Stauffer, Prominent Leader

Is Not Like Suit of Clothes or Conduct  
Rules, Says Minister; Religion Is In-  
separable part

In a statement to the inquiring reporter of the Argo staff recently, the Rev. Milton T. Stauffer, Pastor of the Second Reformed Church, gave his ideas on the question "Is Religion Needed in College Life?" Dr. Stauffer has long been interested in boys, and has been for a number of years prominent in the Student Volunteer Movement in America. Last year he conducted a discussion group at the Trap.

Said Dr. Stauffer, "I never bothered about taking my heart or my eyes with me. Religion is not like a suit of clothes or even a rain coat. It's not even like rules of conduct. One can pack these up in a suit case or forget them and leave them at home. But religion—at least the religion I covet for every boy in college—is not anything packable. It is an inseparable organic part of one. One may as reasonably ask whether he ought to take hope or fear or love with him when he sets out for college as to ask this same question.

### College Boys Have Religion

"Religion is the sense of the presence of another. Another who is supernatural, and on whom all depends. No college boy I have ever known is without religion. His religious beliefs may be few and immature,

he may subscribe to no creed, may belong to no Church, and yet, he very likely is sincerely religious.

"How do you know, you ask? Well, I know because when I apply the tests—and there are many of them—he gives a positive reaction. In the class room when we study poetry or art or music we discern that there are realities in life that transcend our physical senses. To distinguish between them and the physical senses, (for lack of a better word,) we call them divine. In our everyday experiences, especially when we come to define what life is all about, we can't help being haunted by the sense of any other. It is this inescapable conviction, which makes every college man religious—whether he admits it or not.

### Religion Is Needed In College

"We need religion in college life then, because we are not normal, or whole personalities without it, because religion keeps reverence alive in us, it offers us helpful connection with the unseen, it contributes to character development, it makes one more sensible to the sensibilities and worth of his fellow-students, it helps one from ever giving up in defeat, it makes one glad to be alive and to cooperate with God in achieving in a glorious manhood for himself by obeying his rules for the game of life and giving himself to life-tasks which are his no less than they are His."

## Cribbed From Contemporaries

"What do you call your new car?"

"Passion."

"How come?"

"Because it's so hard to control."

—Cannon Ball.

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Prof: "How does it happen that your essay on your dog is identically the same as your brother's?"

Frosh: "It's the same dog, sir."

—Sour Owl.

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"But, Janet, why do you insist in going out with Jack, he stutters so that he can hardly utter a word?"

"Oh, but my dear, actions speak louder than words."—Kitty Kat.

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"Are you engaged?"

"Yes."

"In what?"—Juggler.

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"Do you always look under your bed before you say your prayers?" asked the flapper niece.

"No, darling," said the old maid, "first I say my prayers."—Sour Owl.

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Ichabod: I understand that the head columnist is quite clever.

Derrick: Yes, He's often sought after for his witty remarks—sometimes with bloodhounds.—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Park Officer: "Hey, come out of that pool. Don't you know that people have to drink that water?"

Bum: "Oh, dat's all right, ofisser—I ain't using soap."—Longhorn.

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Young Wife: "Aren't you the same man I gave some biscuits to last week?"

Tramp: "No, Ma'am. And the doctor says I never will be again."—Lyre.

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Kappa: "What's the matter, don't you love me any more?"

Phi Gam: "Sure I do, I'm only resting."—Sour Owl.

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Teacher (to class): "Now, children, I want you to write your names in your primers."

Little Abe: "Vat—and kill the resale value."—Juggler.

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"Darling, am I the first man you ever loved?"

"Yes, Reginald, all the rest were fraternity boys."—Purple Parrot.

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"So Jack finally married Betty? Well, he spent enough money on her."

"Yeh, he married her for his money."—Punch Bowl.

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First: "All a girl thinks about nowadays is her clothes."

Second: "From all appearances, I should say that she was pretty thoughtless."—Log.

## RANDOM NOTES

Washington's birthday passed tranquilly and comparatively uneventfully at the Trap, which was deserted save for Arango, Ruiz, Warren Heinrich, and Wood, and the few faculty equilibriums maintained performance. Arango and Ruiz spent the weekend conversing vociferously in their native Espanol, leaving us in doubt as to whether their oral tirade was complimentary or adverse to the equilibriums mentioned above. Warren wrote numerous letters to Lewes' fairst, Heinrich was telephoning mysteriously the greater part of the time, and Eddie Wood enjoyed the rare opportunity for philosophic meditation.

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Mr. Cook reports a large attendance at the re-exam, in Solid last Saturday, and a decided success on the part of most of those participating. From the quantity of midnight oil consumed on the preceding evening, we would consider the adage "When duty whispers low thou must..." amply fulfilled in the Seniors' chief concern of the moment.

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Jack Klauer announced on Valentine's Day that his heart was broken. So decided and heart-rending was his disillusion that we had no courage to make further inquiries; but in the spirit of cooperation we offer our sympathetic understanding.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brown enjoyed a visit over Washington's birthday with friends in Hackensack, N. J.

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Harry Sampson still evidences his individuality by forgetting his book containing home-work (!), and now offers Proctor a close race for permanency in Conduct I.

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Stengel and O'Connor entertained Alpha House with an exhibition of the manly art of boxing one evening last week. So manly was it, in fact, that the gate receipts totalled eight marks.

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Dr. McGinn reports an excellent performance of Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffmann" at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York last Monday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kelly returned the middle of the week from a visit of several days with relatives and friends in Meriden, Connecticut.

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The track team is said to have developed such dynamic force that some of its members with difficulty avoid running entirely off the track. This was demonstrated by La Calle and Brost at the Lawrenceville meet last Saturday.

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Breakfast being optional last Sunday except for the Officer of the Weekend, Mr. Stroud breakfasted in solitary grandeur.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher attended a tea-dance at the Columbia University Club in New York last Monday afternoon.



## SO THEY CLAIM—

The last sailing ship built in Great Britain was the Archibald Russell. It was built in Glasgow in 1905.

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England reports a great proportion of the crimes committed in that country are by youths between 17 and 25.

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Sound travels much faster through warm air than it does through cold air.

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Canada is larger than the continental United States by about 500,000 square miles.

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One of the duties of Japanese beauty parlor employees is to clean the ears of their women customers.

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Nickel is more brittle than cast iron but when mixed slightly with magnesium it may be hammered into thin sheets.

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Enrico Caruso's memorial candle, 16 feet high, 5 feet in circumference, and weighing one ton, will be burnt one day each year—All Saint's Day—and will last for 18 centuries, it is said.

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The most northern of all monkeys are the red-faced monkeys of Japan which are no more afraid of snow than the red squirrel.

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Jet is inflammable.  
Hawks' bills have no teeth.  
Japan consists of 487 islands.  
Vipers produce their young alive.  
All marine serpents are venomous.

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Madison, Wis., capital of the state, was chosen as the capital site when there was not a house on the present location of the city.

## STUDY HOUR APPROVED

The following is a sample of many expression received during the last weeks by Mr. Kelly proving that the post-exams study hour was appreciated by parents as well as boys.

"Thank you for your notice of the 18th inst. regarding the special study hour you and Mr. Neal are conducting. —will be present every afternoon without exception, and I appreciate your special interest in this matter."

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

## NEW LABORATORY HEADQUARTERS



The building in the middle houses the laboratories where science is daily being improved. Here the world gathers to marvel and acclaim.

The refuse in the foreground is the professor's lunch which he threw at the staff photographer.

Stuart Whitaker, commonly known as, "Professor" is now conducting many interesting experiments in his residence at 696 George Street. It appears that the chemist is working on an explosive which he expects to be more powerful than any hitherto known. If by chance the professor should accidentally hit upon the experiment, his secret will never be known.

It is an extraordinary task to describe the size of this new laboratory or any of the experiments. After this representative of the Argo had visited many others, it was adjudged the only one of its kind in existence. With all his new improvements, it is expected that many of the unknown elements will be revealed to the scientists of the world.

Several of the members of the present

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It is said that Mr. Hartman's gold fish were so provoked by his absence over the weekend that they refused the culinary attentions of Mr. Stroud, who attempted to feed them in the name of the S. P. C. A.

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We wonder if Moore's "Room To Rent," displayed outside his window so conspicuously as to clamor for attention, was prompted by Ruiz's aptitude of expression in Spanish, or by the demise (?) of his radio.

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Bill Whalen and Heinrich have apparently acquired a decisive way with the feminine contingent. Asked recently by two of its representatives to purchase ice cream sodas apropos of the evening's entertainment, Bill and Heinrich emerged from the episode as the "treated" rather than the "treaters." We presume Leap Year is a factor, but we believe lordly personalities also contribute to their success, of which this incident is but one example.

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1900 Co-Ed: "No, No, No, No!"  
1910: "No, No, No!"  
1920: "No, No!"  
1930: "No!"  
1940: "W-e-l-l?"  
1950: "Please."—Kitty Kat.

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Axiom: A girl with cotton stockings never sees a mouse.—Cornell Widow.

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## UNDERSEA VALLEY FOUND

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## Two Miles In Width

The mouth of this newly discovered valley, which is two miles in width, lies in latitude 41 degrees, 20 minutes north, longitude 66 degrees, 10 minutes west, and extends in a north-northwesterly direction for a distance of about eight miles. The floor of the valley lies approximately 300 fathoms below the general level of the ocean bottom. Forthcoming charts of this feature will furnish navigators traversing that area with a valuable submarine landmark, since it is ideally oriented with respect to the general trend of the continental shelf for fixing a ship's position.

## Measures Time of Sound

The navigator of today, with modern apparatus and accurate charts, no longer is required to slow his speed in such areas. The lead and sounding line of sea tales have largely been replaced by mechanical sounding devices. An electrically actuated drum sends sound vibrations into the water depths; another electrical apparatus — the fathometer — measures the time it takes for the sound to travel to the ocean bottom and back, and the depth is registered in the pilot house.

## Makes For Speed

In other words, without reducing the speed of his vessel, it is possible for him to have a continuous record of the depths over which he is passing. With the modern chart showing the configuration of the bottom in sufficient detail, he can readily fix the position of the ship, even under weather conditions which would render other methods useless. He uses these underwater landmarks just as he uses lighthouses, buoys and other aids to navigation near the shore. These unusual undersea landmarks are, however, perhaps even more useful and comforting when out of sight of land and in areas where dangerous shoal conditions are known to exist.

—The Mercersburg News.

## AN ODE TO DR. MCGINN'S PUPILS

By MORRIS GROSSMAN

When in the English class I sit,  
I dream and think of worldly ways,  
Of parks and lakes and Luna's Pit,  
And memories of pleasant days.

'Tis then I feel that school is good,  
To bring back thoughts of yesteryear  
Or ponder on the choice of food,  
When at Sam's lunch I will appear.

As oft I listen to the birds,  
And see them flying through the rain,  
'Tis then I wake to hear the words,  
"Aha, my boy! Asleep again!"

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## TEN TO REPRESENT RUTGERS

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Christmas, has been on Stengel's heels in the 880 La Calle, also a new comer, has shown ability in the 440. E. Smith, who took second place in the Shot Put in the Newark meet, is expected to be an outstanding contestant in this event as he has made a rapid improvement since that meet. C. Smith and C. Wenz, also members of the cross-country team, are entered in the mile run.

Since individual medals and school trophies are to be given away tomorrow night, competition will be keener and victory sweeter.

## No Score at Lawrenceville

The Lawrenceville Winter Track Meet was held at Lawrenceville, N. J., on February 20, with Lawrenceville, Rutgers Prep, Pennington, Princeton Prep, and George School competing. No final score was announced as the meet was a practice meet in preparation for the State Interscholastics. The individual members of the Rutgers team, however, made a very good showing. The 70 yard dash was won by Bob Linders, captain of the team. Bob also took his heat in the one lap run, but due to a cramp was unable to enter the finals. Carl Stengel won first place in the half mile, while Edwin Smith captured second place in the shot put.

## MEET STEVENS PREP

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Lins and Richard Keating hold down the guard positions. Their floor aid has been one of the striking features of the play this year. Lins plays running guard and as such has been able to chalk up many baskets. Keating plays back guard which gives him little opportunity for shooting but makes him essential as a passer.

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## COURTING THE MUSES

The following poem was written by Edgar W. Allen, a new student at Prep, for the Park Avenue Social Review.

## JAZZ

There's a pathetic appeal in saxophones,  
In spite of all your jazz.  
There are people who listen through micro-  
phones,  
And they don't give you the razz.

Let the clarinet reach a higher pitch,  
Then drop and fade away.  
Softly, and freely, easy and slow,  
Like the light of a new-born day.

The rhythm you play and beat to-night  
Is as old as long ago.  
It was born in the beat of a tom-tom drum,  
In the forests of dark Congo.

The exhilarating notes of the sweet cornet  
Thrill you through and through,  
And dispel your troubles in spite of the  
fact  
That your cares make you feel so blue.

The jazz band together strikes a ringing  
chord  
'Way down deep in your heart,  
And keeps your feet agoin'  
On a carefree and happy lark.

It's youth and it's fire,  
It's burning desire,  
So don't hold it in.  
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## Mata Hari Is Arrested

Mata Hari learns of his ill-fortune, drops her work, and comes to his side to comfort him. While in this worried state she becomes involved in an argument with a French officer and shoots him. The wound is fatal. She is traced and accused of being a spy. At her trial she practically acquits herself, but the news that the prosecutor is planning to bring in her lover as a witness causes her to break down and confess. Mata Hari is sentenced to die by rifle fire, but is allowed to visit her blind fiance once more. She never lets him know of her former hazardous work and consequent apprehension.

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