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## BASKETBALL SQUAD HAS HARD WORKOUT

Several Formations Tried By Coaches.

### LARGE SQUAD ON HAND

Chick Hequembourg Gives First Intimation of His Tactics.

The basketball squad were put through a stiff drill yesterday by Coach Hequembourg who is determined to get the team in the best shape possible before he turns it over to his successor. To this end he sent several squads against each other in a series of scrimmages, and during these workouts brought to light a new phase of play which is very different from that used by Fred Dawson. Chick is an opponent of the dribble play and he has instructed his men to avoid it, making use of short passes and faster team work to gain the required distances. Just how this will work out is an interesting question when one remembers the results Jimmy Mudge used to get from the dribble.

As yet no decision has been reached in the matter of procuring a successor to Coach Hequembourg, whose untimely resignation for national service with the Albany Base Hospital unit will soon leave the squad temporarily without a head. At present, the Athletic Board is undecided whether the prospective earnings of the basketball and baseball seasons will warrant the engagement of paid coaches in both sports. The matter is, however, being investigated and estimates are being made of what the receipts of the Board will be during the rest of the year. If prospects seem bright for a successful season financially and if the two teams are not weakened too much by enlistments, scholarship disqualifications, etc., a paid coach will be sought for the basketball season. Should the findings of the Board be favorable, Ernie Houghton seems to be a likely candidate for the position.

### CALENDAR.

#### Tonight.

8:30—English Club, Graduate Council Room, Dr. Whipple, speaker.

#### Saturday.

1:00—Meeting of Honor Court, Silliman Hall.

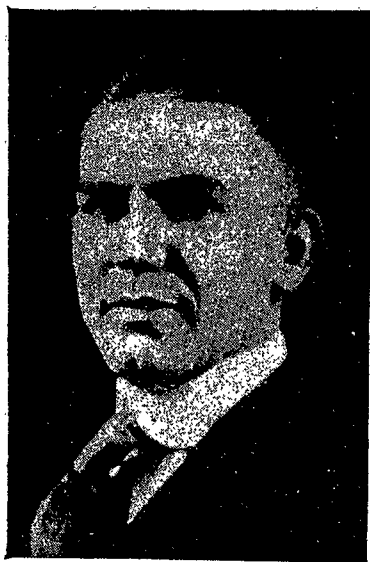
#### Sunday.

5:00—Vesper services, Silliman Hall.

#### Monday.

12:00—Student Meeting, Chapel.

## POERSCH MADE GLEE CLUB'S NEW LEADER



Mathias P. Poersch.

Immediate action on the part of the Glee Club to fill the vacancy caused by the departure from college of Sidney W. Talbot, '18, who received orders Tuesday to report to the Albany headquarters of Base Hospital unit No. 33, resulted in the election Wednesday night of Mathias P. Poersch, '18, as leader of the club. Poersch has been a member of the Glee Club for two years and is well known on the hill. He is a member of the Pyramid Club. The choice of a new leader of the Glee Club is the first of the elections and appointments which will be made within a few days to fill vacancies caused by the mobilization of Dr. Elting's hospital unit, in which Talbot, Cook and Lester, '18, were members, are enrolled.

## NO NEW COUNCILMEN FOR THE PRESENT

Freshman Bow to Will of Hoover and Make Smoker Out of Banquet—Council Agrees.

For the present, no new members of the Terrace Council will be elected to take the place of B. P. Lester, and S. W. Talbot, who left college to enter the national service Tuesday, according to a decision of the remainder of the council a meeting yesterday. It is felt that war conditions will probably prevent the ranks of the council from being kept full and that the five present members of the body will be sufficient for the transaction of business for some time.

It was also decided at the meeting that this year's Freshman banquet will be not a banquet but a Freshman smoker, to which the upper classmen will be invited as usual and which the Sophomores will take as careful measures to break up as ever Sophs have done to spoil banquets in the past. The change is the result of a general opinion in the

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## CLOUDS ROLL THICK AT FOOTBALL SMOKER

Union Spirit There in Profuse Quantities.

### AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Pres. Richmond, Capt. Corky, Johnny Bennett and Others Prove Season Successful.

Under clouds of blue smoke that issued from "Pete Schuylers," Naturals and "Missouri Meer-schaums" the Fifth Annual Football Smoker held sway at the Sigma Phi Place Wednesday night. There is no disputing its success,—there was smoke enough to parch the throat and cider in sufficient quantity to moisten the "parchment." Everybody was there; everybody said it was great, and if everybody says it, it must be true.

Pete Hoag brought order out of chaos and announced Walt Hochuli as master of ceremonies, deeming it proper that the center of the team should be the center of attraction. The new chairman's remarks were few and to the point and he soon began to corral his long list of speakers.

The first to face the multitude was Capt. Moynihan who has of late developed a place for himself among the forensic artists of our college. He was scheduled to tell why "Union Ain't What She Used to Be," but turned the tables by citing a few instances sufficient to prove that Union is all that she used to be and then some. He touched on the obstacles which the team was compelled to contend with, such as the military drill, the abolition of the training table, and lack of material, and showed that in spite of these detracting elements, the team had come through with a victory over R. P. I. and a tie at Hamilton. These successes he attributed to the constant spirit and morale of the players who fought to win.

An interesting part of his speech was the announcement of the awards. They are as follows: U men: May, Hochuli, Travis. Moynihan, Gregory, Jones, Hanly, Mosher, Bellinger, Lehman. Speer, Lefkowitz, Wittner, Manion. aUa: Meyer, Beekman, A. Notman, McMaster. Numerals: Coit, Matern, R. Notman, Comstock, Calkins, Fox, Gulick, Se-vits, Stein, Lyman, Tell.

Dr. Richmond came next on the list. He was glad, he said, that Union made her downs at the R. P. I. game and equally pleased that the British had finally got the ball and were making their ten yards on every play. The fact

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## BEATITUDES CHARTER OF CHRISTIAN STATE

Define Christian Citizenship Says Dr. Richmond.

### CHAPEL WELL FILLED

Germans and Romans Declared Outside Christian Pale, at 2nd Mid-Week Service.

"The 'Beatitudes' is the charter of the Commonwealth of Christ" declared Dr. Richmond to a well filled chapel of students Thursday afternoon in the second of the series of lectures given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Following out this metaphor the president divided his talk into five parts, explaining what in his opinion was the characteristics of the charter, the qualifications for citizenship in the great commonwealth or "Christian Democracy", as he termed it, how one may become a citizen, the privileges of this citizenship, and lastly whether the charter is suited to life in this world.

"The Commonwealth of Christ is not material but spiritual. We must not lose sight of this radical but fundamental distinction between such a democracy and the world. A commonwealth with a charter such as the Beatitudes give us would have been despised by the Romans if it had been written then. It is despised by certain governments and philosophy today. It is entirely at variance with the German code of government. In Germany there is no sympathy wasted for mankind, no other conception but that might makes right. It would have been hard for the Roman to conceive of a code of living which is not absolutely material, where hopes are not materialized. The originality of such a doctrine puts its formulator apart. Its characteristics are spiritual and involve all the higher essentials of man's life.

"It would seem after reading the 'Beatitudes' that the kind of people to whom they apply would be those 'exempt from the draft,' those who are weak. But it is not so. The Kingdom of Christ was never so strong as today. The war has proved that no nation can go against the teachings of Christ, no nation can espouse a philosophy at variance with that of the Master. The nations of the world have risen up in protest. That which seems weak is strong. In this war it has not been the armor but what has been behind the armor. The 'strongest' men, the men with the best characters and the greatest moral courage are the best men." And this is the

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(B. T. Taylor, Issue Editor.)

### THE DRILL-HATERS.

About six of the half-dozen men of the battalion who allowed their eagerness for freedom to carry them away from drill a few minutes early on Wednesday will probably be convinced of the perversity of the fates and of luck in general when they learn that they will be requested to make up time with the would-be officers who enjoyed liberty the whole afternoon. The excuse of some of them for taking an unannounced leave was that they could see no benefit in the calisthenics which were given those men not engaged at that time in learning the manual of arms. We had thought that, with setting-up exercises conceded to be a necessary part in the training of a soldier, the lukewarm attitude toward physical exercises formerly too general in the gym classes, would not be transferred to this division of battalion drill. Nor has it been, entirely. Yet there are still, unfortunately, a number of cadets whose apathetic performance in the calisthenics reveals a sorry lack of sympathy with the whole business. They are to be reckoned, perhaps, in the number of those who can see no benefit in any form of military drill except shooting a gun. The sooner they are disillusioned, the better. The Freshmen especially should be convinced of the efficacy of all the forms of drill which they are learning. To them it may seem a long time before they graduate with commissions and feel the need, in the hardships of the battlefield, of every ounce of physical energy they possess. But they should understand that a strong physique cannot be built in a day, and that their four years in the Union R. O. T. C. is the very best time to acquire one. A cursory glance at the Freshmen in the battalion convinced the observer that there is some slight need of physical improvement in some of them.

In other parts of the military instruction it appears that real prog-

ress is being made. Battalion drill, close order and open, is daily advancing in the direction of perfection. The men are more attentive and more obedient to orders; they are better soldiers than they were five and six, and even three weeks ago. The cadets engaged in rifle drill are learning fast. But it is to be remembered that individualism, the very quality in the American college man which enables him to learn rapidly, also frequently renders him less amenable to discipline than the non-college soldier. And with this fact in the minds of its members, the still imperfect discipline in our battalion should show an early change for the better.

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\* GOOD MORNING, JUDGE \*  
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A recent dispatch from Cologne states that the Kaiser's physicians have ordered him to rest, as the last six months have been particularly strenuous for him. We trust that he will find the next six even more strenuous.

Of course we are perfectly willing to contribute to the support of the war, but we certainly think we slipped one over on Uncle Sam when we bought a big supply of two-cent stamps before the price went up.

We suppose that the Engineering Building is so-called because Sociology, Economics, History, German, French, Latin and Greek are taught there.

The story is told at the Camp Devens postoffice. A bulletin was posted instructing the men as to the proper form of address to be used on mail sent to them: Private John Doe, Company X, 407th Regiment, Camp Devens, Mass. It was last reported that 1,369 letters addressed to John Doe had been received at the office.

Dean Randall of Brown University, in addressing a gathering of Brown students said: "If any able-bodied man here is not working to prepare for war service, I repeat, he should be in the trenches rather than here. We are all given one common problem now. This greatest problem of the world is to rid the world of the militaristic ideal, the burden of the human race."

Quite as paradoxical as to say: "We shall have peace if we have to fight for it." Sic hominum genus est. P. A. B.

### BASEBALL PLAYERS WON'T SEE DIXIE IN SPRING

Candidates for next spring's baseball team were sadly disappointed at the recent announcement by the baseball management that the southern trip of the team, which was in project for the Easter vacation will probably not take place this year, owing to the inability of the management to schedule enough games with southern teams to make the journey worth while. It had been

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previously thought that, should the trustees agree to an extension of the Easter vacation to seven days, a series of games with southern college nines might be arranged which would enable the team to get considerable valuable experience. Upon the extension of the vacation a southern schedule was attempted with the result that, out of about twenty inquiries, the management received one favorable answer. Uncertain war conditions are given as a reason for the refusal of most of the requests for games.

### ENGLISH CLUB TO HEAR "LLOYD-GEORGE" TONIGHT

The English Club will hold a meeting tonight at eight o'clock in its usual headquarters, the Graduate Council room, Washburn Hall. Dr. Thomas K. Whipple, of the English Department, is scheduled to read a paper on

Princeton is planning to organize a naval unit for men who are either in the Naval Reserve, or who wish to learn the naval style of drill. Classes in navigation are held regularly at Princeton.

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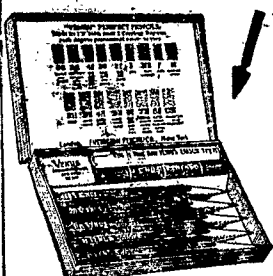
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### COLLEGE MEN AND THE WAR TAX LAW

(From the Patriotic News Service of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.)

By Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue  
College men can perform a practical patriotic service in connection with the War Tax Law. If the government is to obtain the full amount of revenue authorized by Congress it is essential that every taxpayer shall know how to compute the amount of taxes he must pay and the time, place, and method provided for its payment.

The new Income Tax Law will reach more than 7,000,000 persons who have never before paid a Federal Income Tax. Every unmarried person who had a net income in 1917 of more than \$1,000 and every married person whose net income was more than \$2,000 is required by law to make a return to the Collector of Internal Revenue for his district. He must not wait for the collector to call on him or send him a notice. He must voluntarily apply to the collector for the income tax form. If college men will familiarize themselves with the War Revenue Act and point out to their parents and others with whom they come in contact what the law requires them to do they will be rendering a patriotic service.

The purpose of the War Tax is identical with that of the Liberty Loan. Its patriotic appeal is even stronger for instead of an investment it calls for a contribution. The bond buyer loans—the taxpayer gives—to the cause of Liberty. The splendid success of the Liberty Loan was achieved through the co-operative effort of patriotic leaders everywhere in the dissemination of information and the fostering of patriotic sentiment.

As we press forward in this great war struggle, sustained by the hope of a victorious peace, we must bear in mind that only by meeting in the fullest degree our individual responsibilities as citizens can we insure ourselves against the unthinkable consequences of defeat. The War Tax Law imposes an obligation which no loyal American will seek to evade. College men can serve their country by giving expression to this thought at every opportunity.

### SCHABBEHAR CLASS KEEN ON SCENT OF WIRELESS

Considerable enthusiasm is being shown by the rookies who are learning to be radio operators under the instruction of E. A. Schabbehar, '18. The class, which meets at 10 o'clock on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, is constantly being augmented by new searchers after wireless lore and the men are learning rapidly. Completion of the course fits the student to join the U. S. Signal Corps as a radio man. The class is open to men in all college courses, and students subject to draft are especially invited to join, inasmuch as the Signal Corps is an excellent branch of the service

### NEWS ITEM.

(From the Patriotic News Service of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.)

The National Committee of Patriotic Societies addressed an inquiry a short while ago to Commissioner Daniel C. Roper of the Department of Internal Revenue as to how the provisions of the Act of October 3, 1917, affected the various student activities in our American colleges. Commissioner Roper had the following statement especially prepared for publication in the college press:

Inquiry has been received relative to the application of the provisions of the Act of October 3, 1917, imposing tax upon admissions to college athletic, theatrical and other entertainments. The act exempts from such tax "admissions all the proceeds of which inure exclusively to the benefit of religious, educational or charitable institutions, societies or organizations."

As was remarked in a recent statement relating to the same provisions of law, the word "educational" as used in such connection has been given a rather broad construction by the courts. It has been held to include physical and moral as well as purely intellectual training; and if a college itself managed the theatrical and other entertainments and received the proceeds arising therefrom, there would of course be no doubt that the exemption applied. However, it is understood that, generally speaking, such entertainments are managed not by the college authorities, but by student organizations which control the expenditure of the proceeds. Any claim to exemption, therefore, must be based upon the contention that the student organizations are themselves educational institutions or that the entertainments which they manage are educational. It is doubtless true that college sports tend to arouse interest in physical development and that college theatrical and similar entertainments have some educational influence, but the same might be said of professional baseball games, for instance, and professional theatrical performances, and of course there was no intent to exempt the latter or the promoters thereof. After all, the principal function of college sports and other college entertainments would seem to be, as in the case of professional sports and other professional entertainments, to furnish recreation; and there appears to be no more substantial ground for exemption in one case than in the other.

It is accordingly held that the tax applies to admissions charged for entrance to college athletic and other entertainments, unless all the proceeds thereof are actually turned over to the college itself, or to some other religious, educational, or charitable institution, society or organization.

(Signed) E. C. Johnson, Solicitor.

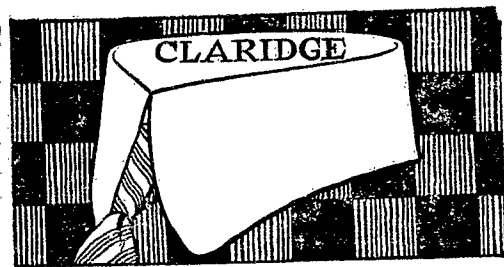
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## BEATITUDES CHARTER OF CHRISTIAN STATE

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qualification of citizenship.

"Citizenship in this commonwealth," continued Dr. Richmond, "is a voluntary thing. When a man is ready to proclaim that this philosophy is so, when he is ready to adopt it as his own, then he has taken out his first papers of citizenship. If he casts his vote for Christ as President of the Christian republic, he is a citizen of his commonwealth. His citizenship is not based on language, race, property, not even on character, but on allegiance. A citizen of this democracy becomes more intelligent, better in mind and body.

"The privileges of citizenship are many. Blessedness is not as vague as it sounds. The 'Pursuit of happiness' as set forth in our Declaration of Independence is a strange thing, when a man pursues it deliberately he never gets it." It eludes him and he is always vainly striving to reach it just a little further on. The pleasure-seeker makes it his work and it becomes just as tedious as any other work; you never catch it. Blessedness is only happiness raised to the nth power, 'beatified' as it were. Happiness is found in being loyal to one's self, one's home, one's country and one's maker.

"But the crucial question is 'does it work?' If we regard it in a low sense, no; in a high sense, yes! Ultimately it really works. If we follow this philosophy the chances are better than any other code. Any man who follows this code of Christ honestly day by day, finds success, and what is a great deal rarer—happiness."

## NO NEW COUNCILMEN FOR THE PRESENT

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Freshman class that a banquet with all the fixings would be somewhat extravagant and would show a lack of respect for national food conservation plans.

The newly-formed R. O. T. C. at Brown is having a hard time getting uniforms.

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that the season was not entirely successful did not disappoint him, he said, since the attention of the student-body has been distracted by a greater issue. In the course of his address he told of the struggles he has had since last May to gain the recognition of the battalion as an R. O. T. C. Although, as he admitted, his thoughts were not on football, he complimented the squad on their good work this season and showed that the same motives that impelled men to serve the college by enduring the hardships and self-sacrifice that accompany football was a part in fitting them for the service of the nation.

The "Duke of Hay" came third with a plea for spirit, and attributed a part of the season's misfortunes to lack of interest on the part of the students.

But the fact that "Duke" inculcated everyone with his spirit was really no excuse for Doc Mac's break when he said "Union 'shertainly sowed' fine spirit at Hamilton." All agreed that it wasn't Union "spirits" that would bring on such a "Lapsie lingua." However, Doc recovered himself and made a cracker-jack speech after all. Proper "spirits" is certainly conducive to eloquence.

Paul Murray, "the man who never lost his drive," came next and showed that he had an abundance of the old drive still in him. He considered it an achievement that the college should be able to keep football at all and complimented the men on the squads for their constant work.

When "Chuck" Waldon came upon the scene, he pledged himself to talk on athletics "for the remainder of the season" but finally decided to be satisfied with a shorter period and give the other fellows a chance. He drew a comparison between athletics and war, saying that the year's approach war as any branch of society's curriculum.

Van Philip then diverted the attention from the sensational to the practical by giving the year's financial report, which in consideration of the poor season was encouraging.

As final speaker, a Spartan gentleman took the chair in the person of one. "Johnny" Bennett. He was greatly pleased that Sparticus Moinihannos had lead back his victorious Grecians "with their shields and not on 'em." He also expressed his pleasure that athletics were not being abandoned

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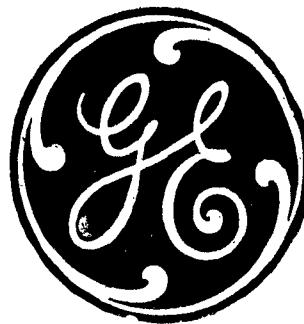
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but that interest was still being maintained in the things that make life worth living.

When Dr. Bennett had concluded, everyone gathered round the flowing bowl and cider, smokes and apples were to be had in abundance. When each went his way, it was not because the barrels were empty but because he was full.

## UNION R. O. T. C. WILL WEAR KHAKI UNIFORMS

The measurement of the new men in the college battalion and the proper filing of the measurements of last spring's members who are still drilling here is all that is retarding the ordering of new uniforms for the Union R. O. T. C. unit. This work is going forward as rapidly as possible under the direction of Dr. Hale, of the Committee on Military Affairs, and probably within a few days at most the order for the new equipment will be set in. It is planned to use, so far as they will go, the uniforms worn last year, adding blouses of khaki to match the khaki trousers. Caps, with the regulation R. O. T. C. insignia, which has lately been changed, will also be added to the equipment of each individual. The khaki uniforms will be warm enough for all indoor drill, and outdoor work will probably be given the battalion only on the warmest days of this winter.



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