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The Century of Progress at Chicago gave the layman an opportunity to see one of the numerous functions of the photo-electric cell. The "automatic" drinking fountains which operated whenever a person passed in front of them were working through the "magic" touch of the cell.

The new photo-electric cell, the product of Professors Kunz and Tykociner's spare moments, is in the E. C. lab awaiting the securing of a patent before being released to public use. Its construction and other detailed information concerning the cell is being kept secret.

Congenial Professor Kunz, when interviewed by a staff reporter, talked easily about the cell and its use.

The new improvement will make the cell twice as sensitive, which will practically revolutionize its value to science.

The cell is now used to study light absorption by clouds, fish, plants, the termination of the light of stars, and is employed for the study of radio waves.

Astronomers using the present photo-electric cell in observatories in California, Australia, Europe and Asia are eagerly awaiting the patenting of the Kunz-Tykociner improvement.

The co-inventor, Joseph Tykociner, is a professor in the University of Illinois electrical engineering department.

Russell Reveals Prom Plans

Plans for the Junior prom to be held in the George Huff gym December 10 are going forward at a fast rate, according to Howard Russell, chairman of the prom committee.

A committee of competent judges will narrow the field of candidates for Junior prom queen down to five next Wednesday night in Bradley hall. Five attempts were made to obtain George Petty, Esquire cartoonist, to give the prize.

The contract for decorations has been given to a decorator and the decorations will be done in black and white. The programs will be made on white leather.

The committee dinner before the prom will be held at the SAE house. Besides the committee and their guests, about 50 or 60 couples are expected to attend, according to Sam D. '39, president of the Junior class. The couples will come by special invitations issued to prominent juniors.



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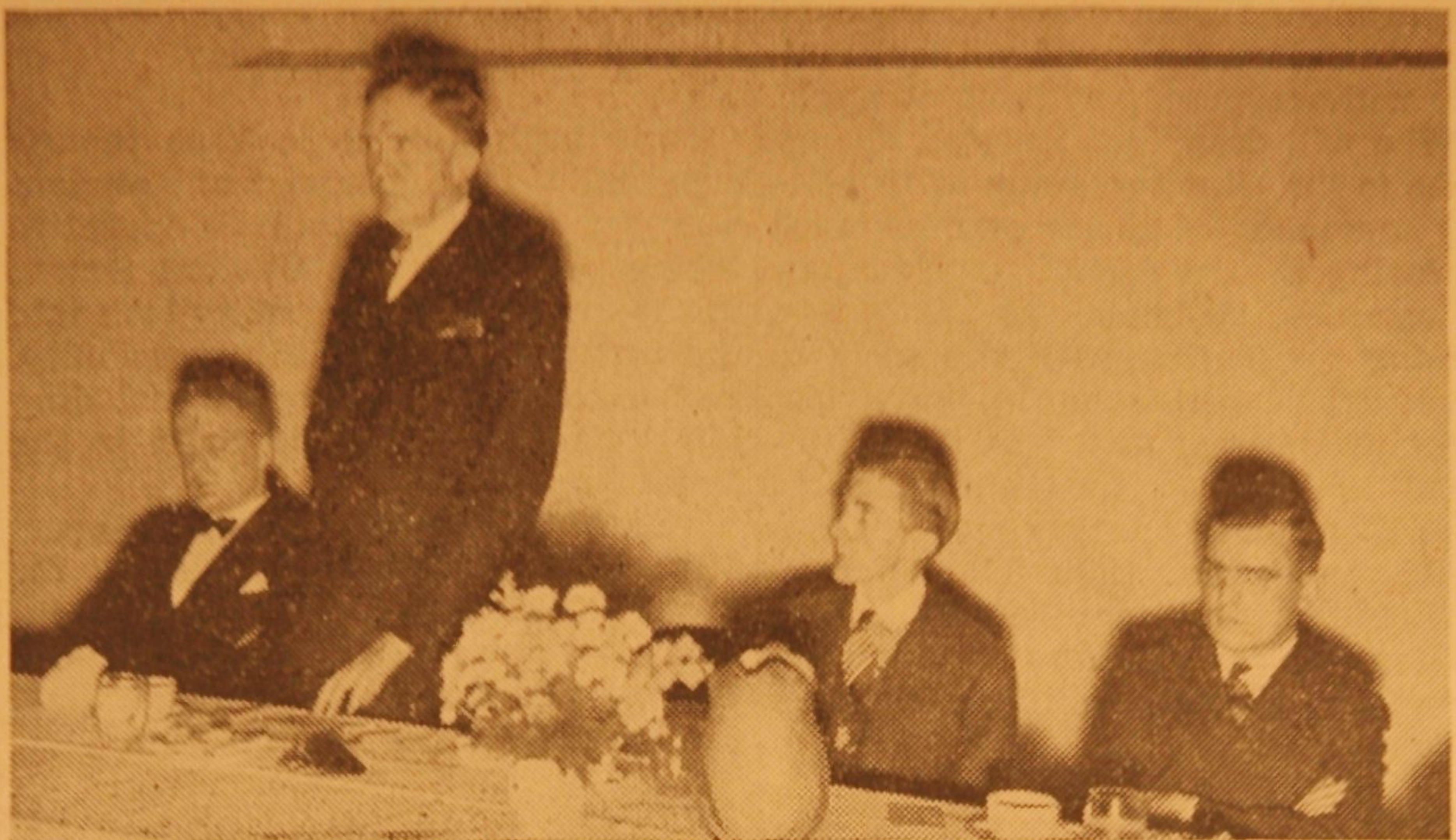
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'Boheme' Opens Apo Opera Season tonight

By Tif Taylor '39
The "Big Apple" will give way to opera tonight, in Lincoln hall theatre at any rate, when Arepo's winter season with Puccini's opera "La Boheme."
Singing the two leading roles in tonight's performance will be two Indiana Independents, Margaret Sproat '38 and Edwin Platt '40, in the parts of Mimi and Rudolpho. Two complete casts have been rehearsing "La Boheme" all fall, the cast headed by Platt and Miss Sproat has been selected to appear on opening night.
Other Independents who will sing principal roles in tonight's show or the repeat performances next Monday and Saturday nights are Harriet Harper, Edith Wood, Richard Roberts, Al Peterson, and Ross Hendricks. More than half the leading roles in the two casts are played by Independents.

Original settings for "La Boheme" have been designed by another Indiana Independent, Gordon Robinson '38. The production, which is sponsored by the Lincoln Theatre Guild, will be directed by Kathryn Janie Sutherland, operator for the Guild.

While two different casts of principals will be used, the same chorus will appear all three nights. Independent members of the chorus include:

Robert Wilson, John Gray, Paul Zell, Maurice Kirby, R. P. Adair, Arnold Schenk, Richard Ropie, Edwin Barber, Francis Taylor, Nan Morgan, Geraldine Bonner, Marie Ward, Anne Cohen, Mary King, Margaret Morgan, Sally Morff, Roberta Tucker, Vivian N. Faraba Anderson, Lenore Ufford, Charlotte Conrad, Alva Leo, Clyde Hubke, Florence Hallam, Leona Speer.

Tickets for tonight's performance for the two performances next Friday and Saturday nights are now on sale at the Student Center box-office.

S Plans Musicales December 14

The WGS Musicales is in the air. Chairman Margaret Kimble and the WGS musical committee are planning an entertainment consisting of dance, song, and dramatic skits.

Kimble announced that ten plans are to give the musicale Monday, Dec. 20, in upper rooms of Woman's building.

Entertainment is supplied by members of the women's group system. Each president at the beginning of the year handed in a list of the girls in her house who were capable of trained to entertain.

Last year, the first WGS Musical was held in Henderson Hall at West Foundation, Tuesday, Dec. 15, in connection with a style show staged by the Department Store.

Turn-out for the musical last year was much larger than expected. This year, however, plans are being made to care for a large crowd.

STARS IN "LA BOHEME" TONIGHT



Margaret Sproat '38 and Edwin Platt '40, both Indees, will sing the leading roles of Rudolpho and Mimi respectively in tonight's presentation of Puccini's opera "La Boheme" at Lincoln hall theatre.

Flares Burned; Indee Council Began

By Dick Gordon '39

There were nights back in 1928 and 1929 when red flares lighted the street corners in the Independent men's rooming house sections. And, in the weird glare of the flames, Independent men assembled to hear "Johnny" Granata tell them why they should back the newly-formed Independent council.

Those nights are gone, but C. R. Frederick, assistant dean of men and adviser to the Independent council since its beginning in the school year 1928-29, still remembers them.

"The large Independent council constructive program really began with Ed Barton and MIDA," he says, "but in those early days there were really some geniuses for organization and leadership."

W. J. Granata, now a Chicago lawyer, was president of the council during the first year. Other leaders in the organization included D. D. Considine, Kenneth Moberly, Art Nedwed, and Harve Hectman. The council consisted of 60 members or "senators" and a senior cabinet of five members. This form of organization continued for several years, although the number of senators varied.

"There were idealistic members who planned and hoped for great things, but there were also those who were interested only in the fellowship of the group and in playing a little politics," says Mr. Frederick.

Harve Hectman assumed the presidency in 1929-30. Other prominent council members were Ray Rugen, Len V. Finder, and T. J. Wang, now assistant in physics. Wang rivaled Granata in leadership ability during this early period.

The school year of 1930-31 was uneventful for the council under President Ray Rugen. In 1931-32 there were only 15 senators on the council, but such leaders as Mort Wilbur, Joe Mirabella, and C. C. Wil-

son were coming to the fore. Barney J. Farnam was president.

In 1932-33 a new system of electing a president for each semester was tried out but was abandoned the next year. Wilbur was first semester president and Mirabella headed the council during the second half of the school year.

Throughout the years of its development, the council has always insisted that there be no antagonism of fraternities, according to Mr. Frederick.

The year 1934-35 saw another change in organization. In addition to the senior president, C. William Honeywell, Richard Fulmer was chosen junior president.

"One main fault of the council has been that it has changed its constitution and plan of organization too much," says Mr. Frederick. "Up until the last couple of years there was no continuity—no organization from year to year."

Edward W. Hodges headed the council in 1935-36.

Then Ed Barton took over last year. The Independent council became the Men's Independent District Association council, and a constructive platform was adopted.

"The early days were distinguished by inspirational processes and good speakers," says Mr. Frederick, "but today the council is doing more than thinking and hoping. It is acting."

"Another big difficulty that stood in the way of council activities was the lack of money. In fact, the council's greatest success dates from last year's Independent Informal, when the council made enough to push the ideals it stood for."

The Roofjacks of McKinley Foundation held their regular semester banquet last week. There were 36 present. The banquet was served by Mrs. Hughes.

Thuermer Proposes University Sex Courses

By Howie Sandstadt '38

Will the University of Illinois offer a course in sex education next semester or the one following?

MIDA took a step in the direction of a positive answer to this question when it was voted to organize a committee that will correlate all movements on the campus favoring a course in sex instruction following an animated discussion on the subject by Angus Thuermer '38 at the weekly council meeting Monday night.

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The movement was heartily cheered as Thuermer explained that the only instruction dealing with sex problems is given in Sociology 5, a course in The Family under Assistant Professor Timmons. "This course makes only a partial dig into sex relations," he said, "and we need one that will go directly to the heart of the problem and be a help to us all."

Thuermer went on and explained that "now is the time for action." The issue brought rumbles of discussion among council members who were somewhat startled by the motion, but, when asked for a show of hands whether councilmen favored the movement, there was unanimous agreement.

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Sociology 5 A Family Course

"Enlightenment of the relationship between the opposite sexes would be a good thing," believes Benjamin F. Timmons, assistant professor of sociology.

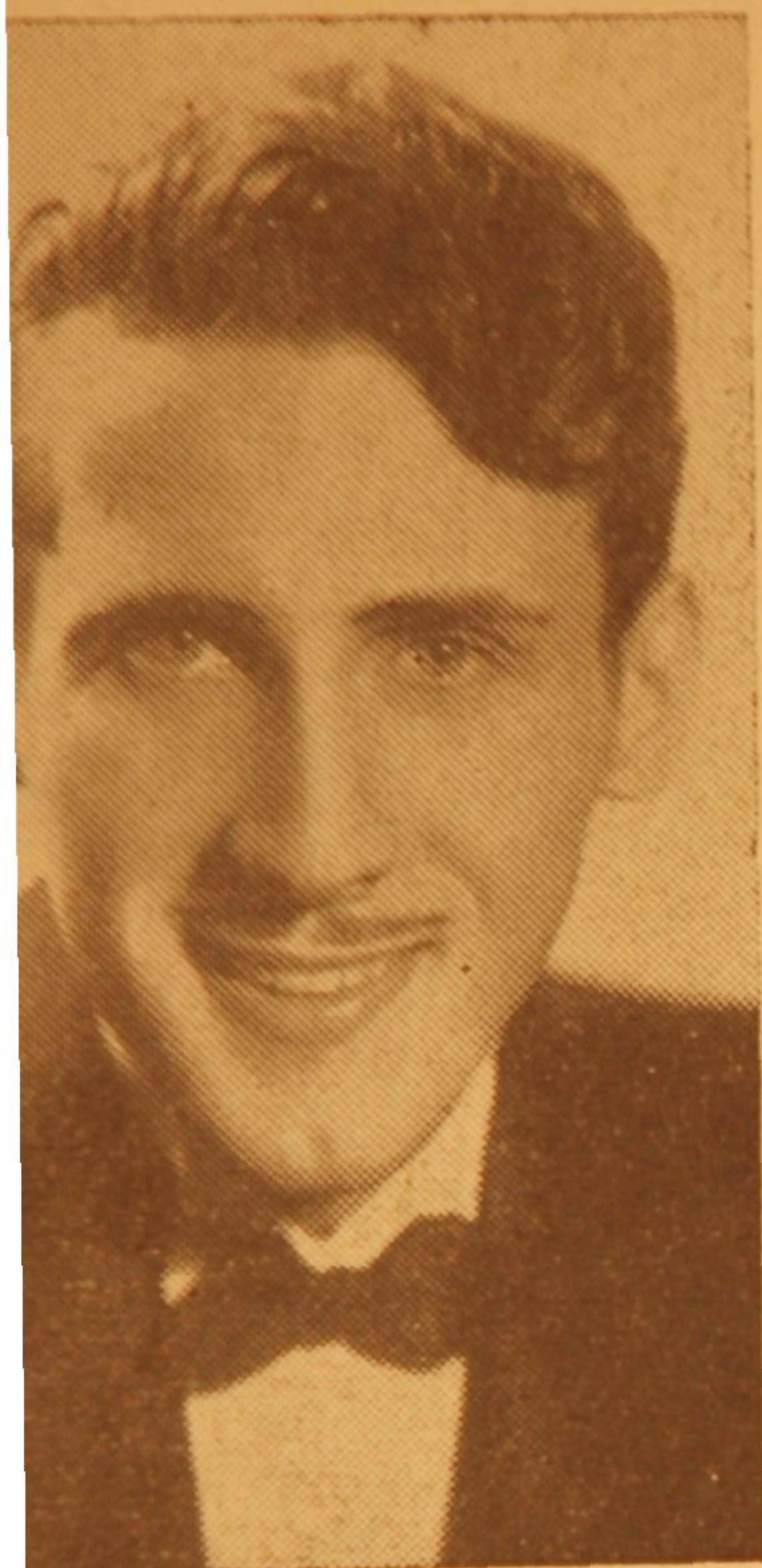
"If it is necessary to teach an additional course on marriage in our department to make a balanced offering of courses taught in the University, then it is a good thing. The old Greeks realized the necessity of balance when they said that a golden value is balance."

"If we move too fast and get out of balance then a new course would not be a good thing."

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WGS-MIDA Dating Bureau Organized

Mary Jacobs, '41, and Joe Vasta, '38, members of the MIDA-WGS social committee, addressed the men's and women's councils last Monday about the plans made for a permanent dating bureau sponsored by MIDA and WGS.

The bureau will be exclusively for the use of organized houses in MIDA and WGS. Members of the committee have been distributing registration cards during the past week at 238 Student Center and will continue to do so.

"Girls who want dates for the coming week-end must call in between Tuesday and Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 and state their preference," Joe Vasta announced. "Boys may call in Thursday and Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 and Saturday from 10 to 12 for dates."

All registration will be confidential with the social committee of MIDA and WGS. Members of the committee are Natalie Romine '38, Ralph Favo '39, Joe Vasta '38, Mary Jacobs '41, Harris Gregg '38, and Marjorie Innes '38.

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Officers from Chanute field and the naval training schools on the campus will be special guests at an old-fashioned square dancing party at the faculty-staff-graduate mixer from 9 to 12 p. m. Saturday in the Illini Union building. Miss Gladys Andrews, teacher of physical education at the University high school, will call the dances.

Music for the party will be in charge of Miss Velma Kitchell, assistant professor of music education, and refreshments will

U of I Fetes 75th Birthday Next Tuesday

Radio Broadcaast, Rally,
Luncheon, Dinner,
Scheduled

Local Residents Get Ration Books

3 MEN ARRESTED IN FREE-FOR-ALL

A soldier-sailor-civilian fight at 12:30 a. m. today ended with the arrest and booking, on charges of disorderly conduct, of two Chanute soldiers and a civilian. The scrap which occurred on

19 of 229 County Schools Register 28,874 in Two Days

War Ration books No. 2, to the number of 28,874, were issued to Champaign-Urbana residents

Scouts Prepare 31st Anniversary

Scouts are already preparing for their thirty-first anniversary celebration which begins the week of March 1st, the officially designated birthday of Scouts as "Birthday" was just 31 years ago. Juliette Lowe, Girl Scout leader, invited a group to her home in Savanna, and began a movement which probably surpassed wildest expectations. Eleanor Schenck, local executive secretary, at a number of birth-parties being planned for Wagon-Urbana scouts. There is a group of flags made by Alpha Pi Delta, a scout service group, making enough flags to represent the international color of the scouts already.

Schenck met with Alpha Pi Delta at the University last week to direct work on the

collection which the group have consists only of flags of countries where there are Scouts or Girl Guides.

The college group finished, all the flags of the United Nations represented in the

E. Card is supervising the making of these flags to be used by the girls on special occasions.

The birthday gift being a Juliette Lowe movie. Girl Scouts will attend a time during the week."

PHYSICAL PLANT BATTLES WINTER

More than 90 University buildings, covering 65 million cubic feet of building space, are heated every day, an authority at the University physical plant disclosed today.

All University buildings except the artillery barn, the Horticulture field laboratories, the farm buildings, and the President's home, receive heat from the gigantic boilers in the plant. The plant is connected to the University by two 12-inch and an eight-inch steam main. Another six-inch main is used for high pressure steam service in the University laboratories.

The largest amount of coal used so far this winter in one 24-hour period was 227 tons. This amount was consumed on Feb. 13, last Saturday, when the temperature dropped to five degrees below zero. The average 24-hour consumption is approximately 90 tons.

Engineers at the plant say the University has not suffered because of the coal shortage this winter. The coal stock pile has met all emergencies so far, and no lack of heat in the University buildings is foreseen.

The buildings are heated 24 hours a day until the outside temperature rises to above 20 degrees. Then the heat is shut off around 6 p. m., or, as in the case of the library, when the building is closed, the heat is turned on some time between midnight and 4 a. m., depending on the temperature.

When green goggles are placed over their eyes, chameleons turn green.

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Fightin' Indees Start Today Against Michigan

By George Pace '39

Battling against Michigan in the Illini Homecoming game will be independent men who have proved their worth in the earlier games of the sea-

PLAYS HERE



MIDA-WGS Weekly, 'The Independent' Starts Today

The edition of The Independent published this morning is the result of a feeling on the part of the Men's Independent District Association and the Woman's Group System that a newspaper could co-ordinate the ac-

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Granada Club Third Largest Men's Dorm

The Granada club, 1004 South Fourth street, housing 100 men students, is the third largest independent men's dormitory on the campus.

In addition to the occupants of the club, 61 other independents eat in the Granada dining room. Fourteen independent students are employed in the kitchen and dining room.

Occupants of the Granada take part in intra-mural sports, and each year the building is decorated for Homecoming. The Granada building, built in 1927, contains a large lounge which is used free of charge for meetings of clubs connected with the University.

House officers this year are:

Carl Lindberg '39, president;
George Landau '40, vice-president;
Seymour Kovoloff '38, secretary; and
Robert Marsh '39, coach.

Tuesday evening an exchange dinner was held with Warner hall. At intervals throughout the year smokers are held for residents of the Granada. Last year two orchestra dances and one radio dance were given.

A trip to Turkey Run state park in Indiana is arranged each fall by Marion J. Wilson, manager of the Granada, for members who wish to go.

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H House Wins Annual Sing

Four-H House won first place in Campus Mother's Sing held Monday night, March 21, in Smith Memorial hall. There were thirteen teams competing with a wide variety of song choice.

Willard, Heacock Banquet Speakers

B. C. Heacock, president of the Caterpillar Tractor company and the Illinois Manufacturers' association, will speak on what it takes to succeed in business at the MIDA-YMCA freshman independent dinner on April 7 at 5:30 p. m. in the Wes-

Petitions For MIDA Issues Being Signed

Still fighting for the issues that it has fostered all year, the MIDA council has distributed petitions among its members asking that the present Student Center be remodeled to establish a cooperative book exchange and a low-cost restaurant.

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Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper
appear together for the first time
as the leads in the new comedy,
"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," which
comes ..Saturday ..to ..the ..Rialto
Theatre.

Dating Bureau Party Tonight

Approximately 600 students regis-
tered in the MIDA-WGS dating bu-
reau will attend the first annual
spring party to be given by the bu-
reau in the gym of the Women's
building tonight.

Tickets have been distributed dur-
ing the week through house represen-
tatives. Those who have not re-
ceived tickets may obtain them by
calling at 238 Student center before
4:30 today.

Members of the party committee
are.

Joe Vagta '38 and Mary Jacobs '41,
co-chairmen; Natalee Romine '38,
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