

ALFRED COMMENCES EIGHTY-FIFTH YEAR

Large Enrollment In All Classes. Many Faculty Changes

Alfred University's eighty-fifth year began last Wednesday morning with the opening assembly in Kenyon Memorial Hall. After conducting a devotional service, President Davis extended a warm welcome to the students who have returned to their Alma Mater and to those who are entering for the first time.

The registrar's office was opened after the assembly and students began the work of filling out the registration cards. The enrollment this year is the largest in the history of Alfred. The freshman class is the largest class ever enrolled. There are 71 Frosh, 48 Sophs, 28 Juniors, 36 Seniors and 15 Specials. A total of 198 registered. With the return of several former students who are returning late, the registration in the college will go well over 200 students.

A number of faculty changes have occurred since last college year, and each department is now strongly manned to do efficient and progressive work.

The resignation of Dean A. B. Kenyon in June to accept the Carnegie Retiring Allowance, caused a vacancy in the Professorship of Mathematics which is filled by the transfer of Prof. W. A. Titsworth to this department.

Dr. Paul E. Titsworth has been appointed Dean of the College for the coming year in place of Dean Kenyon.

Archie Lewis Ide, Ph. D., has been appointed Professor of Philosophy and Education to fill the position left vacant by the death of Prof. Ford S. Clarke, and filled last year by Mrs. Helena Piotrowska as substitute teacher. Dr. Ide received his A. B. degree from Hamlin University, his A. M. degree in Psychology and Education from the University of Washington, and his Ph. D. degree in Psychology and Philosophy, from the University of Pennsylvania. Besides this graduate work, he has taken courses in Washington State College and Washington State Normal. He has taught in high schools, normal school and colleges in the states of Minnesota, Washington, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

Dr. Twitmyer of the University of Pennsylvania, Psychology Department, says of him, "Dr. Ide is a very successful teacher. He is a happy instance of a natural born teacher. In addition, his scholarly attainments are of a high order."

Dr. Ide is assisted by Miss Gladys Bleiman, who is a graduate of Cornell University with the A. B. degree, and with an A. M. degree from the same college. She has also done further graduate work in Columbia University, fulfilling the resident requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Prof. Montague of the Department of Philosophy, Columbia University, un-

der whose direction she is writing her doctor's thesis, says of her, "I was impressed with the scholarship, clear-mindedness and originality displayed in her written work, and also in her conversations with me on philosophy. In addition she seemed to me to have the tact, poise and facility of expression to hold the attention and stimulate the interest of the students."

Morton E. Mix, who has been studying for the past two years in the University of Wisconsin has received his Ph. D. degree and has returned to Alfred as Professor of Modern Languages and head of that department.

He is assisted by Miss Margaret E. Landwehr, who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with the A. B. degree. The year following her graduation from college, she was appointed to a graduate fellowship, quite an unusual recognition inasmuch as one year of graduate work is usually required to precede such an appointment, and received her A. M. degree that year. She has done major and graduate work in German, French and Spanish.

Prof. Hohfield of the Department of German, University of Wisconsin, says of Miss Landwehr: "As regards her scholarship, we have a very high opinion indeed of both her ability and accomplishments. Also in general character, cultural refinement and sound and strong ideals of life, Miss Landwehr impresses herself wherever she goes, as a superior woman."

A. A. Wesbecher, Professor of Physical Education at Alfred University and Coach of Athletics, is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College having played football and baseball for four years and also having had considerable experience in basketball and track team work. He was captain of the W. & J. football team in his senior year.

The year after his graduation he was assistant coach of Washington and Jefferson under Sol Metzgar, and was later elected coach at Lafayette College, but entered the army before completing the year's engagement.

Sol Metzgar recommends him as follows: "I can say without reservation that he will prove to be by far the best football coach you ever had."

Joseph Seidlin, Babcock Professor of Physics, is a graduate of Columbia University with the B. S. degree from the same University. He has also done graduate work for his Ph. D. degree. He has had several years' experience teaching mathematics and physics before and after his service in the United States Army during the war. He comes to Alfred strongly recommended as a teacher of excellent ability and character.

Prof. Fite of Columbia University says of Prof. Seidlin: "I am glad to recommend him because I think he

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DEAN PAUL E. TITSWORTH

Football Season Opens With Hamilton Game This Week

SCHEDULE

October Games

8th—Hamilton, abroad
15th—St. Stephens College at home
22d—Buffalo, at home
29th—Geneva College, abroad

November Games

5th—Niagara University, at home
11th—Mansfield, at home
19th—St. Lawrence, abroad
25th—Thiel, abroad

The 22d of October is the day that every loyal alumnus of Alfred should plan to be here and cheer for his College.

The varsity grid men will open the season this week when they meet the Hamilton eleven on October 9th at Clinton. Coach Wesbecher has had the squad hard at work for the past two weeks and the purple and gold team shows signs of a strong fast team. The line may be somewhat lighter than in former years but the addition of several new men to the squad will strengthen the line considerably.

Of last year's letter men only six appear this year in the squad. They are Capt. Searles, Chief Witter, Ahearn, Ferry, Campbell and Ford. Several of last year's second string men are going strong for places on the team this year. They include Stryker, Hodorff, Banks, Peck, Teal, Clark, McMahon and Hinchliff. Several new men are going good. Young Campbell is a strong contender for

quarter and is practically sure of the berth. Alfred has a real find in Swanson, a Cornell letter man, and a tackler on that team for two seasons.

The game this week will open the most formidable and pretentious schedule Alfred has played since the 1916 season when the purple and gold warriors took six out of seven games including the famous Carlisle Indians. Several of the teams are new to Alfred schedules and the outcome is watched with keen interest.

Y. M. — Y. W. RECEPTION

Two hundred and fifty people, when moving through the Brick parlors and halls, seemed too crowded to be comfortable; yet there was a spirit of home-like welcome in the association reception of last Thursday evening which united the faculty, students and townspeople present into one big family. Each of us was introduced to everyone there, and this first step to the friendships of the year proved to be very pleasant. After short talks of welcome by Pres. Davis, Sarah Randolph, president of the Y. W., and Burdet Crofoot, this year's Y. M. leader, we enjoyed well-rendered vocal selections by Prof. Ray W. Wingate and Ruth Phillips. Mrs. Morton E. Mix gave an interesting reading. The Y. W. girls served punch and cakes, which even the football warriors could not resist.

The reception proved quite a strain to some of us, who have the pleasure of meeting each other formally per-

SUMMER SCHOOL LURES EVEN FOLKS FROM FOREIGN LANDS

How would you like to have been one of one hundred thirty-three congenial, eager, young men and women coming from seven foreign lands and representing six widely separated states who spent six weeks in study and recreation among the Allegany hills?

This privilege was enjoyed by an enthusiastic group of young people who attended the seventh session of the summer school at Alfred. The student body embraced a Chinese, a German, three Italians, a Chilean, two Cubans, a Hollander, a Bulgarian besides Yankees from New England, a Creole from New Orleans, and just people from herabouts.

Over twenty-eight per cent of the students were registered in the courses in rural education under Myrtle Garrison Bates. Their daily round of study included observation in the demonstration school where flesh-and-blood youngsters were being taught by an expert teacher, homecraft, agriculture, gardening, nature study, art, and physical training—all substantial work equipping the country teacher—to-be not only as an instructor of children but as a community power.

The modern languages, including German, claimed the second highest percentage of registration, with English and Ceramics as close thirds. Perhaps the Ceramic course had the widest field of any offered in the session, for it embraced not only instruction and practice in pottery building, but included work in the drying and firing of pottery, glazing and also modeling.

The faculty of the summer school numbered eighteen skilled teachers and professors. Besides the regular faculty professors who conducted courses there were several courses under professors from other colleges. Prominent among these, were Professors Samuel N. North and Walter G. Karr. Professor North, who was at the head of the English Department, is the state supervisor of English in the high schools of the state of Maryland. The Chemistry Department was conducted by Professor Karr, a former Alfred man and also a graduate student of the University of Illinois and Yale University.

Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, director of the summer school since its organization six years ago, is very optimistic regarding the future of the venture. There was a gain this year of over 60% over last year's attendance. Should the attendance next year increase another 50%, the summer school would rival the winter session at Alfred.

COMMUNITY RECEPTION

The students are especially invited to a reception and social hour at the Parish House, on Wednesday evening of this week at 8 o'clock for Pastor and Mrs. Ehret, Dr. and Mrs. Allen, and the community nurse, Mrs. Place.

haps only once a year. However, the greatest strain was on those who acted so naturally and efficiently as our hostesses. We appreciate their efforts in decorating the halls, planning the program, and entertaining us so successfully.

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is the kind of man you would like to have on your faculty."

Mrs. Seidlin, well known to musical circles as "Ada Becker," is elected professor of pianoforte. She is a musical artist of rare accomplishments. She is a graduate of the artist class in pianoforte under Manfred Malkin and has also studied under Godowsky. After graduation she served for several years as assistant director of the Malkin Music School where her special duty was to coach concert artists. She with her sister, Rose Becker, a well-known violinist, has done considerable concert work, and Mrs. Seidlin has also appeared as accompanist for many important soloists, one of whom is Mr. Renato Zanelli.

Charles D. Isaacson, Manager of the Globe Concerts, says of her, "I count Miss Becker as one of the best younger musicians with whom we have come in contact and I look upon her as an exceedingly valuable teacher as well as pianist."

Mrs. Arlotta B. Mix, who has been doing graduate work and some instruction in English in the University of Wisconsin, has received her A. M. degree from that university. She is this year assisting Dr. Paul E. Titsworth in the English Department of Alfred College, as instructor in English and Expression.

Miss Marion L. Fosdick, who was Professor of Drawing and Design, has been transferred to the Professorship of Modeling and Pottery in the place of Miss Elsie Binns who has resigned to specialize in sculpture.

Miss Clara K. Nelson, instructor in art at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, and who has taught art during the past summer session at Alfred, will become Professor of Drawing and Design for the coming year. Miss Nelson's excellent work and pleasing personality are already well known in Alfred by her successful work in the summer session.

With the new members that have been added to the faculty Alfred is looking forward to the most promising year in its history.

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PRE-COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

Old Firemens Hall sounded a musical welcome to us, which happened to come from three Hornell musicians led by "Cap" Rice, when we gathered there last Tuesday evening, Sept. 28th, for our annual Vacation Assembly. The dance gave us our first real chance to mingle with our friends of past years and to meet new ones. All those who were lucky enough to be on hand for this first social event of the college year, had one grand and glorious evening. Some of the couples left the Hall about 10:30, without waiting for "Home, Sweet Home," but the men who had not received a gentle hint from Coach Wesbecher continued clapping for encores until the joy-killing town clock notified the union musicians that it was quitting-time.

The dance was a big success in every way, especially for the Athletic Association. Robert Boyd, by careful and able management, had \$39.00 profit from the evening which made our needy Athletic Association just so much richer. The dancers showed by their genuine pleasure that they appreciated the efforts of those who arranged the Assembly.

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Y. M. C. A. NEWS

The men who gathered at the Gothic at 7 o'clock Sunday evening heard about the Y. M. plans and prospects from Burdet Crofoot, president of the Association, and Robert Clark and Donald Burdick, our delegates to the Silver Bay Conference. The keynote of the meeting was Christian service on our Campus, and the speakers did their best to show how we all can help in this work. Clark and Burdick spoke earnestly of their experiences at the big Conference held on Lake George, June 25th to July 4th inclusive. The fellows present expected to gain an idea of the spirit of a great Christian gathering of college men, so the delegates' omission of the details was forgiven. Both Burdick and Clark told a sincere personal story of Christian evangelism and an awakening to opportunities, as leaders in Y. M. C. A. work.

Mr. Crofoot outlined the plans of the Association for the coming year. Every man in college is urged to give Christianity a chance to make his everyday life fuller and richer, by coming out for the weekly meetings of the Y. These meetings will be held at the different fraternity houses, immediately after dinner Tuesday evenings. All fellows who are not living at club houses are expected to join with the men of Burdick Hall, who will meet in the old Y. M. room. Problems in our college life will be discussed, and leaders have been chosen to direct the trend of the discussion in logical order and Christian spirit to definite conclusions. Dean Worden will have charge of the meetings at the Delta Sigma house and Robert Clark will lead at the Eta Phi. Don Burdick and Burdet Crofoot will organize Clan Alpine, and Clyde Dwight will be the leader of the October meetings at Burdick Hall. This year's plan also calls for a monthly meeting of the whole Association, which will be held at the Gothic or at Kenyon, in order to keep the four branches unified.

If this program, as outlined, seems to any of our male readers too new, difficult and theoretical to succeed, please remember that your help and criticism will be much more appreciated if you are on the inside, working with us, rather than on the outside, watching us.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Psalms 90:12.

STUDENT SENATE

The first meeting of the Student Senate was called to order by Pres. Davis, Sept. 30th, in the Fiat office. Alfred Whitford was elected vice president and Eloise Clarke secretary and treasurer.

It was voted that the Freshmen-Sophomore football game be scheduled for Friday, October 8th. A motion was carried to place Monday night of each week on the College Calendar as fraternity night.

Regular meetings were arranged to be held every Wednesday night at 7 P. M. in the Library Seminar rooms.

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The seventh year of the Fiat's existence starts with this issue. Never in the history of the paper has conditions seemed more promising for the paper. The Fiat is entirely out of debt and has a surplus on hand from last year, showing that the paper is becoming more than self-supporting. What we want is your co-operation to make it a bigger and better paper. We want to increase the circulation to as near a thousand as possible. Will you help? The task is not impossible, yet is not an easy one. Advertise the paper and you advertise Alfred. It all helps so let's do our part.

Football has again come to tis own at Alfred. This year we have undertaken a program that promises to bring Alfred back into the limelight of the minor college grid teams. At considerable expense the athletic association introduced pre-college practice and a training table. Both ventures are new to Alfred but proved to be very successful.

We have a new coach, and best of all, a schedule that calls for eight all college games. This has been undertaken at considerable expense and we can all help to make it a success. Show your spirit even if you don't play on the team. Cheer the boys along—it helps to win games and that is our biggest aim.

FIAT OFFICE

The school has kindly consented to move the Fiat and Senate rooms from the tower room in Kenyon Memorial Hall to the Seminar rooms in the Library. The new office being more centrally located will be much more convenient. It will make it possible for the staff to do their editorial and proof reading in the office. Anyone that has contributions that they desire to be published, can leave them on the desk in the office or hand directly to one of the members of the staff.

POINTERS TO ALL STUDENTS

Learn the Alma Mater.

Be yourself.

Be present at Chapel.

Be economical, but don't be little.

Limit your cuts.

Don't forget the social side of your character. Book learning is not all of a college education.

Remember, you will not enter life when you leave school; you are living now.

Don't be in a hurry to get through; the world can wait. Load first, then shoot.

Come out to the games. Alfred may lose a game which she might have won if you had been there.

Be sure to keep your ideals high.

Be sure to join the Y. M. C. A. or the Y. W. C. A.

HINTS TO FRESHMEN

Read your Frosh Bible thoroughly. Watch the Bulletin boards—your name may be there.

Utilize the Library and Reading room. Learn the Dewey system of book classification.

Attend the Y. M. C. A. meetings, or the Y. W. C. A. meetings in the Brick.

Go to the church Sabbath Day or Sunday in the Village Church or at the Gothic, Sunday afternoons.

Don't be ashamed of your religion. College men respect sincere Christians.

Feel free to consult your professors; they are your friends.

Take an interest in Athletics and in all College activities.

Don't be a dead grind. The various College activities have to be carried on by someone, and "I've got to study" is no excuse for neglecting your part of them.

Have a regular system in your College work; a time for study, recreation and exercise; and then live up to it. You will find you have time for all.

Organize your class as early as possible and make friends. Those who have gone before us have found that the friends made while in College are the most valuable.

Go to Chapel—Freshmen occupy the front seats.

Be bright; don't be smart.

Live up to the Campus Rules. You must obey before you can command.

Be sure you begin your College career in such a way that it will not end in regret.

The big "A's" are worn only by those who have earned them. Earn one for yourself.

Don't get the big head, and don't brag, but work!

Learn the songs and use your lungs on the yells. Buy a College Song book and spend ten cents.

FROSH BIBLE

On registration day the Students' Handbook made its appearance, following the custom of several years. The book is more useful to the Frosh, probably, than to the rest of us, but we are all grateful to the Associations for giving us the rules and by-laws of our College in concise and convenient form.

The "Bible," as it is usually called, was published this year by a committee, on which Robert Clark represented the Y. M. C. A. and Anna Crofoot, the Y. W. This undertaking is the greatest financial burden which the Associations have, and it is not possible to publish the book at all without the support of the local merchants, who advertise, and of the students, who usually do their share by joining either the Y. M. or Y.W.

Glancing at the Handbook we find that some new features have been added, while others have been omitted. The college track records and the full schedule of this year's football team will no doubt help us think and do more for Alfred athletics. Our remodeled Athletic Constitution, still far from perfect, is printed in full. "Hints to Freshmen" was omitted from the "Bible" because our Fiat Lux seemed a more logical place to publish them.

The Handbook is bound stoutly and is intended for every day use. The Athletic ticket, found on the inside cover, will have to be shown at all games and will assure the student's admission, even if unsigned by the Treasurer. As soon as the tuition bills, or the athletic fee of \$3.00, is

paid, these tickets should be signed. It is up to each student to keep his or her book up-to-date by filling in the names of officers, as they are elected, and by marking the scores of the games, as they are played. The Y. M. C. A. cabinet has been completed, with Dean Worden '21, taking Harry Kadlebow'sky's place as chairman of the program committee, J. Clair Peck in charge of membership, Robert Clark as chairman of the finance committee, and Orval Perry, of the conference committee.

ALUMNI

M. Enid White '18, is teaching at Sayre Pa., this year.

Vincent Axford '19, of Detroit, Mich., was a guest of Alfred friends last week.

Fritz Hildebrand '18, is teaching manual training in the Hornell public schools this year.

Anna Savage '18 and Hazel Humphreys '19, are teaching in the High School at Friendship this year.

Dr. Walter G. Karr '13, has recently accepted a postion as research chemist with the Parke, Davis Co., at Detroit, Mich.

Dr. L. C. Bassett '04, has recently moved from Farina, Ill., to Dunellen, N. J., where he will practice his profession.

Myrtle Meritt '13, and Beals French '13, were married on August 18. Mr. and Mrs. French are now residing at Swanee, Tenn.

Mary Hunting '19, is a guest of Alfred friends for a few days. Miss Hunting is doing design work in New York City this year.

Pauline Babcock '18, was married on Thursday, September 30, to Carlton M. Jones, Ag. '19. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will reside at Batavia, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burdick of Belmont, have a baby daughter, Jean Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick are both members of the class of '16.

Al Gaiss '18, spent a few days in Alfred the past week, enroute for Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he is an instructor in the Modern Language Department.

A daughter, Harriet Eloise, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon B. Bassett on July 12, at Winchendon, Mass. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bassett are members of the class of '16.

Ruth Canfield '19, is in Pittsburg, Pa., this year, where she is an instructor in modeling and weaving in the Margaret Morrison Division of the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Harrington are now located in Bridgeport, Conn., where Mr. Harrington has a position with the Remington Arms Co. Mrs. Harrington is a member of the class of '18, and Mr. Harrington belongs to the class of '20.

Norah W. Binns '13, was in New York City the week of September 20, where she had charge of the booth of the American Ceramic Society at the National Exposition of Chemical Industries, held at the Grand Central Palace.

SILVER BAY'S NEWSPAPER

The men who told us about the Y. M. C. A. Conference at Silver Bay insisted that they had enough to report to fill a book. We have seen the newspaper which some of the 700 delegates published at the Conference, so we believe they could perhaps publish even a book full. Clark is so slow in passing around the paper, perhaps because his name is misspelled on the list of the newspaper's staff and because the prize "bonehead" is on him. The sheet is named "The Pick-Up," and we hope you will have a chance to see it.

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Constitution

ARTICLE I

The Student Body of the College of Liberal Arts and the New York State School of Ceramics at Alfred University create an Honor System under which each student by his attendance pledges himself to be just; to be fair; to be honorable in all matters relative to or pertaining to scholarship in this University.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The members of the Student Senate shall be a committee to represent the Student Body and deal with all cases involving violation of the Honor System.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The committee shall have power to summon the accused person and witnesses and conduct a formal investigation. In case of conviction, recommendations shall be made to the convicted of his separation from college and, if such separation is not made, the committee shall then make to the Faculty for consideration the same recommendation with a brief resume of the evidence in the case.

Section 2. The committee may at any time summon a mass meeting for instruction or to support their action in any disputed question, or to report the name and case of any extreme offender.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The trial of the accused shall be conducted as follows: Witnesses against the accused shall be examined first and their testimony taken in full. The accused shall be called separately and allowed to make his statement, presenting his defense. All witnesses and the accused may be questioned by members of the committee. A decision shall be made, rendered according to the evidence.

Section 2. Six (6) out of seven (7) votes shall be necessary for conviction.

Section 3. All evidence possible shall be procured in every case and in no event shall a man be tried the second time for the same offense, except in the light of new and important evidence.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. Each student must, in order to make his or her examination or test valid, sign the following pledge: "I pledge my honor that I have neither given nor received aid in this examination."

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Student Senate shall keep and preserve a record of all cases acted upon. In no case shall a member of the Student Senate make mention publicly or privately of any case brought before the committee except through action of the committee as a body.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. Every student is honor bound to aid in enforcing this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths (¾) vote of those present at a mass meeting, notice of which must be given at least one week previous.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. The committee shall make provision for interpreting the Honor System to the members of the Freshman Class within three weeks after the opening of each school year.

Section 2. Copies of this Constitution shall be posted in recitation rooms, on College bulletin boards, and in the Library.

Section 3. The Constitution shall be published in the Flat Lux three (3) times each year—the first number of the first Semester, the last number before the final examinations of the first Semester and the last number before the final examinations of the second Semester.

Not Like a Lawyer.

Mirandy, of dusky hue, made a poor witness. In answer to every question put to her by the attorney she invariably replied, "I think so." The attorney finally became disgusted.

"Now look here," he warned. "I want you to cut out that thinking and answer questions. Now talk!"

"Yes, sah," quavered Mirandy. "But, mistah, you see it's like dis. Ah ain't like you lawyers; ah can't talk without thinkin'."

A Long Time to Wait.

"Well, professor," inquired the young musician, "how do my compositions please yo?"

"Why, I think," responded the older man, "that they may perhaps be played when Mozart, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Meyerbeer have been forgotten."

"Really?" exclaimed the young musician in ecstasy.

"Certainly, but not till then," remarked the other.—Houston Post.

WHO IS WHO AT ALFRED

Student Senate—

B. C. Davis, Jr., Pres.
Frobisher Lyttle
Eloise Clarke
Oliver Ferry
Alfred Whitford
Robert Campbell

Class 1921—

B. C. Davis, Jr., Pres.
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Class 1922—

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Raisin Imports Show Increase.

Nearly 8,000,000 pounds of raisins were exported from Malaga, Spain, to the United States during the first six months of 1920, a quantity that exceeds the total raisin export from that port for the seven-year period, 1913 to 1919, inclusive, according to the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture. Practically the entire 1919 Malaga raisin stocks have been exhausted and there are no stocks on hand. The American consul reports that there is prospect of increased production. The raisin growers are looking for a continuation of the great demand for raisins in the United States.

French Forests Badly Hurt.

The forests of France, so carefully protected and cultivated for centuries, saved the cause for the allies, according to reliable information in government quarters. More than 40,000 trees a day were cut during the four years of the war to meet the demands of military leaders. Not only because of these demands, but from neglect and the ravages of war, the forests of France have been depleted, the war having destroyed more than 2,000,000,000 board feet of lumber and caused the neglect of about 750,000 acres of valuable wood land.

BUTTONS FROM OUR RIVERS

It should be remembered that in addition to their food value fishes are necessary in our rivers if we are to perpetuate the pearl button industry of the country, which employs some twenty thousand people and yields a product valued at more than \$5,000,000.

When the young mussels, which are of microscopic size, are thrown off from the brood pouches of their parents at the proper season, the larval mussels slowly drift to the bottom and perish in a few days' time unless they come in contact with a passing fish of suitable kind and succeed in making attachment. Once this attachment is made, the tissue of the fish grows over the little mussel, until it has undergone a remarkable change of form and structure; then it drops from the fish to commence its independent life at the bottom of the stream or lake.

It is a further fact that the young of particular kinds of mussels require the gills of particular kinds of fishes as nurseries. The black bass is host for several sorts of mussels, while the kipjack, a kind of herring, is the only known host for the best of all mussels. As this last mentioned fish is far from being abundant in American rivers, it is plain that much care should be exercised in its maintenance.

The mussel fishery that supplies the fresh water pearl button industry is actively conducted in at least twenty states in the Mississippi river basin. The raw production of shells now has a value of about \$1,000,000. The fresh water pearl button is now recognized as among the cheapest durable buttons that can be procured. The mussel beds have been rapidly depleted, chiefly because the fishermen in past years would retain only the very best shells and discard as culls all shells that were of an inferior grade.

Necessary action in the way of government legislation to protect the mussel fisheries has been so long delayed that this unique and rather important industry is now sure to experience considerable difficulty in perpetuating itself.—Floyd W. Parsons, in the Saturday Evening Post.

TURKS TURN DOWN BUTTONS

When I was in Constantinople I made friends with several of the pariah dogs that roved the streets, and though they had their drawbacks it always seemed to me that they were likable beasts, and not so great a nuisance as one would suppose they must be. I was therefore genuinely sorry when I learned that the remorseless march of progress had led to the determination to get rid of them. You will remember that the poor dogs were shipped off to various islands and there left to die, because the Turk would not transgress against his religion by killing them outright. That was five or six years ago and apparently the unhappy dogs all met their inevitable fate. Today numbers of Russian refugees are housed on the islands which were formerly the dogs' prison, and the American Red Cross authorities, who are caring for these particular refugees, have set their proteges to work at making buttons from the dogs' bones. I am not altogether surprised to learn that the Turks will not buy the buttons.—Near East.

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