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Fourteenth Annual Little Theatre Tournament Starts Wednesday

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Calendar

TODAY
Baseball, Ithaca vs. Mansfield, Pigeon Field, 2:00 P.M.
Phi Epsilon Kappa Reunion
SUNDAY, MAY 2
Orchestra Concert, Little Theatre, 8:15 P.M.
MAY 3
Faculty Recital, Mr. Itham, Little Theatre, 8:15 P.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 4
Senior Demonstration, Little Theatre, 8:15 P.M.
Brigade Tour

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5
Little Theatre Tournament

THURSDAY, MAY 6
Little Theatre Tournament

SUNDAY, MAY 9
Band Concert, Little Theatre, 8:15 P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 10
S. A. I. Home Dance, 9-1
Are the nations of the world anticipating and preparing for another great war? This is a question which is being asked and answered in many ways throughout the world today. A review of the present activities of world powers will give one a rather definite idea as to how this question should be answered.

What are other countries in the world doing in this light of a possible new world war? Armaments are being manufactured in order that each leading power may be equal to, if not greater in strength than the others. England is conducting gas-mask drills for civilian and military forces alike in order to protect these against the possible use of this horrid device ever conceived by man-kind for use in warfare. He has also constructed bombing chambers at strategic places for the use of English children should a bullogist nation decide to conduct a bomb attack upon her. The United States has been doing some preparation likewise in order to keep on the safe side of the possible turn in world events. Experiments are being made with stratosphere planes which could descend in lightning quick attacks upon any given area. This would surely be one of the most effective war-weapons yet devised by man. The United States is taking further precautionary measures, but still she seems to be the only nation in the world who is not deliberately preparing for armed conflict, but rather is advocating peace measures.

In the Far East there are Japan, China, and Russia who have had national differences from time to time throughout history. Japan has remained fairly quiet lately, but she still has her eye on neighboring China and the Hawaiian Islands which are rather vital possessions of the United States in the Pacific Ocean. Japan has an increasingly large population which must be provided for in some manner. Obvious­ly, she is going to provide for her people in the most possible manner, which would be to join the strongest force in a war and get whatever she could when peace was made at the close. Russia has been exerting considerable pressure upon China along with Japan. She has been doing her utmost to further a movement toadovt a Soviet government among the Chinese people. If this were accomplished, Russia and China would be vital factors to contend with, if one considers their adjacent positions, if they were to become allies.

Treaties are constantly being made for protective alliances throughout the world, but treaties and the fashion in which they are easily broken can be regarded as one of history's "big jokes." Every nation is watching the other nations of the world in a book-like manner, waiting—waiting for the other person to move first, like chess players around a huge chessboard, eagerly waiting for their opponent to make a false move in order that they can step in and catch their man.

That is the picture of the world today. Distrust permeates all lands and people. It is safe to conjecture that the people desire exist only in their own governments for the people as a whole do not want war. They have ever present reminders of the lost conflict in the form of gravestones markers and monuments reared in memory of those loved ones who lost their lives in 1914-1918. It was in the hands of the people to decide whether or not there should be a war, without a doubt it could be averted and peace maintained.
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By J. F. DeFauT

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Valuable Works Of Music Literature Completely Destroyed In Flames

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turned out on maps to lend whatever assistance they might afford to save articles from the burning library.

After the arrival of the Ithaca Fire Department and a path had been cut clear to the site of the configuration, it was found that the library contained all the music used in the school orchestra and band work was the source from which the floor was burned. The quick work of the firemen precluded the complete devastation of that particular portion of the college buildings. However, flames crept through partitions and ceilings, before they could be checked.

As soon as the work of the firemen had made it safe for entrance to be made to the affected areas, the students on hand hurriedly began to repair musical instruments and music from the soaking water which was running down stairs, hallways, and draping, through partitions into the offices on the first floor of the administration building. Many instruments were damaged or completely destroyed. Those which suffered losses included LeRoy Connolly, a French horn; William Cook, a $500 viola; Helbron Wecksteiner, a new clarinet valued in nearly $250, and a flute worth the same sum; Edwin Gess, a cornet; Gene North, another cornet; Sally Harack, a violin; and many other instruments were damaged in varying degrees. When the firemen finally made it to the scene, students locally commis- sioned to operate elevators, to seek out the water, and manned brooms and other implement in an attempt to clear up some of the debris. They worked until a late hour and re- covered work voluntarily along with NYU workers early Thursday morning.

A search to recover semblance of order had to be restored to the adminis- tration offices, Dr. Job and the other members of the staff began to take up their duties in the best manner possible under the prevailing difficulties.

One of the greatest losses was experienced through the annihilation of much valuable music. Some of this was in manuscript form and can never be replaced. Other pieces have ex- isted in the library for over fifty years. Still others were works and arrangements of Barry Convo, founder of the hand school which is now an integral part of the college Music Department. Orchestral ar- rangements fee "The Student Prince" recent opera presentation by the college orchestra were damaged, some por- tions of which were entirely destroy- ed. The only redeeming feature is that the complete index of both band and orchestra music was preserved in metal filing cases, thus insuring partial redemption.

Although it is impossible to de- termine the total loss experienced through this fire, the damage has been estimated at well over the $2,000 mark.

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KAPPA GAMMA PSI INVITES CONVENTION

In the last regular meeting of the last chapter of Kappa Gamma Psi, it was voted to extend an invitation to the national chapter of Kappa Gamma Psi in Ithaca. This is to be held the last day of the school year 1937-38. The last convention was held two years ago. Only once has the national convention been held in Ithaca. However, it was announced that one of the most successful events held was the convention sponsored by the local chapter arc... (text continues)

SIGMA ALPHA Iota TO PLAY BENEFIT CONCERT

On Saturday afternoon, May 1st, Delta Gamma, the alumn chapter and Epsilon chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, will combine for a benefit concert to be held at the chapter house. This show will be sponsored by active and alumna members as well as by patrons, and all receipts will be presented at the Ithaca Savings Bank.

The concert will feature a variety of musical numbers, including songs from popular Broadway musicals. The proceeds will be donated to a local charity, helping to support the arts in our community.

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