

STUDENT COUNCIL IS ORGANIZED AT G. W. U.

Each of Nine Departments of University Will Be Represented on New Advisory Board.

A student council at George Washington University having control of all student activities next year was assured when a mass meeting of students from all departments, held at the Law School last night, unanimously adopted the plans of the faculty for the council.

Each of the nine departments of the university will be represented by not more than three nor less than one member, all to be appointed by the faculty committee. The whole committee will be subdivided into subcommittees to supervise different activities.

Dean Everett E. Fraser, of the Law School, and chairman of the faculty committee, is the sponsor of the new plan, and explained it to the students. D. A. Bauer, graduate manager of athletics, urged the students to support football next year. Among those who spoke were: Prof. E. Otto Shreiber, Jr., Wm. C. Van Viesck, secretary of the Law School; Donald McKewen, manager of football; William S. James, manager of track; and Harold Keats.

Police Don Summer "Duds" Today. Maj. Pullman announced last night that the police will don their summer uniforms today. The suits consist of a short, close-fitting navy blue coat and trousers of a light material. The crossing policemen will wear white gloves throughout the summer, beginning today.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hofman Dead. Mrs. Elizabeth Hofman, of 1344 South Carolina avenue, died yesterday morning at her home. She has been a resident of the Capital for a half century. Funeral services will be held at the home tomorrow.

Lost nearly twenty-four years, a gold watch owned by Charles Hearn, of Broad Creek, Del., was found by his son, who was pitching hay down from the mow. Hearn lost the timepiece while working in a field.

"The Birth of a Nation" Shows Grant and Lee at Appomattox



Historic Scene of Lee's Surrender.

Among the film actors playing historical characters in "The Birth of a Nation" spectacle, Howard Gaye and Donald Crisp have received the most praise for the faithfulness of their work, the one as Gen. Robert E. Lee and the other as Gen. U. S. Grant.

The picture shows Gen. Lee surrendering to Gen. Grant in the Wilmer-McLean mansion at Appomattox Court House, Va., April 9, 1865. It is a most exact reproduction of all the persons and the minute details of the action.

It is well known that many supporters of the defeated Confederacy wished to

prolong the struggle by means of a guerrilla warfare similar to that waged by the Boers toward the close of the Anglo-Boer war. In fact, John Wilkes Booth was deluded into believing that by killing President Lincoln he would have the support of the South in such a struggle.

But Gen. Lee was of a different temper. He realized that the South had been beaten in a fair struggle on the fields of battle and that prolonging the fighting would merely add to the misery and want endured by his people. Therefore, after the battle of Five Forks, he opened negotiations with Gen. Grant and on the morning of April 9, under the budding apple tree of an Appomattox orchard, were determined the terms of peace, which were formally written down at the Wilmer-McLean house in the afternoon.

Lee had dressed for the occasion with great care. Grant, on the contrary, looked like a man who had been through a "fatigue" uniform, with jack boots dusty from the hard campaign. Strangely enough, Gen. Lee had nothing with which to write. A pocket inkstand and quill pen were loaned by an officer of the General Staff, and it was with these that the historic document was written. Afterwards an effort was made to arrest and indict Lee for treason, but Grant, who knew Lee's nobility of character and how he had fulfilled to the letter all of the surrender obligations, prevented any such disgraceful sequel to that memorable meeting at Appomattox.

A Novel Toy Outfit.

Among the toys of a constructive nature which have been introduced of late is a concrete-block making outfit which has the double advantage of being educational as well as entertaining. In the April Popular Mechanics Magazine the toy is described, with illustrations showing each step taken in making the little blocks. It is not surprising, in view of the widespread use of cement as a building material, that children's playthings should in some way be influenced by this product, but it is interesting to note in what way this has manifested itself. The toy in question is one of very modest proportion. Its parts consist of a tiny bucket, combination spade and tamper, a sheet-metal mortar box, a couple of iron castings and wood blocks for molding purposes, and a small bag of sand and cement of the proper mixture. The whole paraphernalia fits in a pasteboard box of pocket size. With it a youngster is able to make his own blocks, and in a half dozen shapes and dimensions. With these he may build houses that look like houses, or a whole city of them if he wishes. The extent of his building operations depends solely upon his store of cement, which may be of almost any commercial brand. Here an advantage comes for the boy, although he may be only 3 or 5 years of age, may learn to mix cement, mold it into different forms and then erect something with the blocks thus produced. The educational value of this is considerable, for a child teaches himself something which is of permanent value and unconsciously instills in his make-up that spirit of enterprise which is most necessary for his proper development.

Checker Games by Wireless. Members of the Watertown, N. Y., Radio Association who are checker enthusiasts are indulging in nightly long-distance games. This odd diversion has a number of devotees, and plans are now being made for a general tournament in which the entire personnel of the organization will participate. In playing checkers by wireless, two boards instead of only one, are used. The squares on these are numbered, while each set of men is lettered. By this system the arduous moves are easily designated and the game pursued without delays. Three hours were consumed in playing the first contest some time ago. Now, however, it requires only a little more time to play off a wireless game than one contested in the usual way.—April Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Siberia produces the best graphite for lead pencils thus far discovered. That is the source of supply for the German pencils. Australia, as well as Siberia, produces the material for an indelible pencil. America has a fair amount of lower grade graphite.

THREE LOADS OF BIKES TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

Police Department Will Sell Unclaimed Articles Tomorrow—Proceeds Will Go to Pension Fund.

Three wagon loads of unclaimed bicycles will be sold at auction by the police department tomorrow morning. The majority of the wheels were recovered from thieves, but were so mutilated that the owners could not identify them.

The police department insists that persons claiming property taken from crooks must be able to identify it.

A large amount of lead piping, spigots, old clocks, and similar articles, will be placed on sale. The proceeds of the sale will go into the police pension fund.

Two Chicago firms alone shipped 5,000,000 pounds of poultry, valued at \$1,000,000, to England last winter.

Fish Travel by Elevator.

To enable migratory fish to pass such barriers as weirs and dams when ascending a river to spawn, the Canadian commissioner of fisheries has developed an elevator which is apparently practicable. It has been placed in service at a 24-foot fall in the St. Croix River, N. B., and is operating successfully, according to advices. In part, the device consists of a vertical shaft erected several feet from the falls. Guides, or walls, radiate from both sides of the structure to the opposite banks of the stream so that fish are led to it. A cage in which the latter are trapped and carried to the top of the shaft, where they are automatically dumped into a sluiceway and discharged into the water on the upstream side of the barrier, is hoisted by means of a counterpoise tank which is periodically filled with water from a supply reservoir surmounting the tower. The cage and tank are secured to the opposite ends of a cable that passes over pulleys at the top of the shaft. The fish compartment is provided with two doors, one at each end. When it is at the bottom of the shaft beneath the water

one of these gates is raised to permit fish to enter. On the other hand, an auxiliary door on the shaft lets down and prevents fish from swimming around to the back side of the guides or into the space normally occupied by the carrier, when the latter ascends. The operation of the device is described in the April Popular Mechanics Magazine. A fine page view, showing the ladder in operation, accompanies the article.

Model Kitchenette Shown.

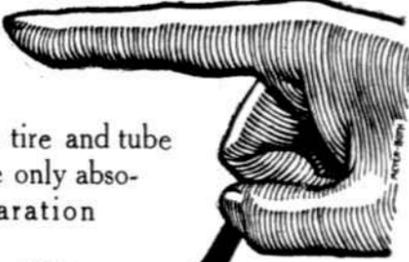
One of the interesting exhibits at an electric show held some time ago at New York was a model kitchenette which occupied a surprisingly small amount of space. It is described in the April Popular Mechanics Magazine. Nearly all of the utensils and appliances with which it was equipped were electrically operated and designed to save labor and simplify kitchen work in particular and housework in general. In a space, 10 feet long and 36 inches deep, were arranged all the things needed in the culinary department of a small residence or apartment and many things found in

but few homes. It represented a combination kitchen and laundry in which every inch of space was utilized, and fire and ice unknown and unneeded. At one end was a well-equipped cabinet, and adjacent to it two wide shelves on which the various utensils were kept. Beneath these were a rack, sink and washing machine. Space was provided for a portable vacuum cleaner, an electric refrigerator, air purifier, oven, stove, dishwasher and drier, and a sanitary garbage receptacle. An electric roaster, percolator, toaster, chafing dish, tea samovar, and other accessories of a like character were arranged on the shelves, which were finished in white enamel and kept immaculately clean.

The groundhog, or woodchuck, is the largest representative of the squirrel family. The prairie dog is another member of the squirrel group.

It is estimated that every year 1,500 people are struck by lightning, to a greater or less degree, but of these only about 500 are killed outright.

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