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## Associates Organized

A new organization has been formed by a group of the alumni of the University, including some of the most successful men ever to have been graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a few non-alumni friends of the institution.

Called *Benjamin Franklin Associates*, the group is composed of individuals who have attained success in their chosen fields and who realize the many necessary costs in the operation of the University which cannot be met within the stipulated limits of special funds, endowments, public moneys, and income from students. They are people who are aware that today, as in their day, tuition and fees meet only about half the actual costs—that they attended Pennsylvania at the cost they paid because others before them had given funds to meet the difference.

*Benjamin Franklin Associates* is established to enable those who today share Franklin's vision of the importance of education to themselves and to the Nation, to carry on in that great tradition.

A new idea here, the initial letters and brochures inviting membership were sent out on May 5. Since that time the response has been enthusiastic and gratifying.

Sixty-one men and women have contributed nearly \$75,000. Gifts have ranged from one thousand to five thousand dollars. Diversity of type of contribution was evident when one member wrote: "In my opinion, there are a number of alumni who would prefer to give securities, as I have done, rather than cash, in order to avoid the capital gains tax on appreciated securities." He gave securities worth \$2,900.

Organized to supplement the ordinary sources of income and Annual Giving, funds of the *Benjamin Franklin Associates* program, in the long run, will assist the University: in giving special consideration to able, deserving and faithful faculty members who sacrifice potential income in other fields to teach; in attracting and keeping at the University great teachers who will add to the effectiveness and prestige of the institution; in attracting research projects; in offering financial aid through fellowships, scholarships and loans to deserving scholars and students; and in many other necessary costs for maintenance, modernization, advancement and extension of educational facilities.

## University Granted \$150,000

The University has received a grant of \$150,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to help strengthen the program of study and research in the field of American Civilization.

The grant, which covers a five-year period, will be used by the University for the accomplishment of five principal objectives:

- 1) To help develop research projects in American Civilization for pre-doctoral scholars.
- 2) To supplement the University's fellowship appropriations to assist pre-doctoral scholars to study American Civilization in the Graduate School.
- 3) To bring to the University post-doctoral scholars to study American Civilization.
- 4) To bring to the campus outstanding lecturers to speak on specialized subjects within the framework of the present program.
- 5) To set up a lectureship and seminar program on an international basis so that we may take advantage of the views of scholars from other countries throughout the world and so that they may take back with them to their lands the knowledge of the ideas and forces which influence the development of civilization in America.

The programs are organized on an inter-departmental plan, with professors of history, literature, economics, sociology, political science, anthropology, fine arts and philosophy cooperating.

## Medical Chair Established

A new chair to be known as the Frank Wister Thomas Professorship of Medicine has been established in the School of Medicine.

First to hold the new Professorship will be Dr. Francis C. Wood, Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University.

Endowment of the chair in memory of Dr. Frank Wister Thomas, who was an honor graduate of the School of Medicine in 1880, was provided in the will of his widow, who specified that "the head or chief professor of medicine at the Medical School" should occupy the chair.

## Two 1956-57 Awards Announced

### Fulbright Awards for 1956-57

Fulbright Awards available for 1956-57 have been announced and a tentative list of programs by countries may be obtained in the Office of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Countries included are: Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, United Kingdom and Colonial Dependencies. Application forms may be obtained from the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, Committee on International Exchange of Persons, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D. C. Applications must be postmarked not later than October 1, 1955.

### Danforth Foundation Awards for 1956-57

Members of the University staff working for an advanced degree, in most cases the Ph.D., will be interested in awards to be made by the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis, Mo. Nominations will be made by the University by October 15. Appointees will have a full year of graduate study on a grant ranging upward from one half of regular salary. Further information may be obtained in the Office of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 133 Bennett Hall.

## New Observatory To Be Built

The University will build a new astronomical observatory on a 31-acre site near Paoli.

To be called the Flower and Cook Observatory, the new structure will combine the functions of the University's Cook Observatory, Wynnewood, and its old Flower Observatory, Highland Park, which was closed and sold last year because of glare, haze and vibration.

Costing about \$120,000, the observatory will be housed in an L-shaped building, with an adjoining house for the director. The style will be modern with painted cinder-brick walls surmounted by exposed wood joists at the roof level, and will be among the finest in the East.

The movable dome, 27 feet in diameter, will be at the end of the longer arm of the "L." It will shelter a 28½-inch reflecting telescope, one of the most powerful on the Eastern seaboard. At the other end of the arm, a sliding roof will shelter a 15-inch horizontal telescope with a siderostat—a mirror device which reflects starlight into the tube. Since the tube itself is stationary, it lends itself to the installation of electronic observation instruments which have been developed at the University. Both telescopes are now in the Cook Observatory.

Elsewhere in the new structure will be a laboratory and workshop, a bunkroom, a photographic darkroom and other service facilities.

The old Flower Observatory was made possible by a gift of Reese Wall Flower, Philadelphia businessman, who died in 1875. The Cook Observatory was bequeathed by Gustavus Wynne Cook upon his death in 1940.

## Twenty-one Retire This Month

Twenty-one persons will retire from the University on June 30, under its retirement plans. Their service having begun with the date indicated, the following men and women have amassed nearly seven hundred years of service to the University and have won its great respect and appreciation. They are: Bessie E. Bitting, *Buildings and Grounds*, 1937; Rose Blunt, *Buildings and Grounds*, 1925; Cecelia Buchanan, *Dental School*, 1934; Clarence N. Callender, *Wharton School*, 1910; Charles W. David, *Library*, 1940; Charles Farrell, *Buildings and Grounds*, 1911; Hyacinthe U. Forest, *Romance Languages*, 1922; Isabella Glacken, *Buildings and Grounds*, 1919; Grover G. Huebner, *Wharton School*, 1908; Merkel H. Jacobs, *Medical School*, 1906; George Simpson Koyl, *Fine Arts*, 1932; Esmond R. Long, *Medical School*, 1932; Joseph Martin, *Printing and Duplicating*, 1931; J. Alden Mason, *Museum*, 1926; H. Mildred Matlack, *Illman-Carter*, 1936; Morton McCutcheon, *Medical School*, 1919; Margaret Nolan, *Buildings and Grounds*, 1919; Jacob R. Schramm, *Botany and Morris Arboretum*, 1937; Stanley P. Shugert, *Mathematics*, 1908; Dorothea Van Harlingen, *Law School*, 1910; and David H. Wenrich, *Zoology*, 1915.

## McClelland Portrait Presented

A portrait of Dr. George William McClelland, President of the University from 1944 to 1948, and Chairman from then until his retirement from administrative duties in 1951, was presented to the University by the Friars Senior Society at its spring dinner on May 27.

Painted by Miss Agnes Allen, a graduate of the School of Fine Arts in the Class of 1942, the portrait was accepted by President Harnwell on behalf of the University.

The painting will be on display in Houston Hall during the week of June 13-18.

## Two Faculty Invitations

The difficulty of reaching many who might be members leads the Faculty Tea Club to extend here an invitation to all eligible women at the University to become members.

Women who are members of the teaching or administrative staff or full-time research staff, or members of the families of these groups, are eligible for active membership.

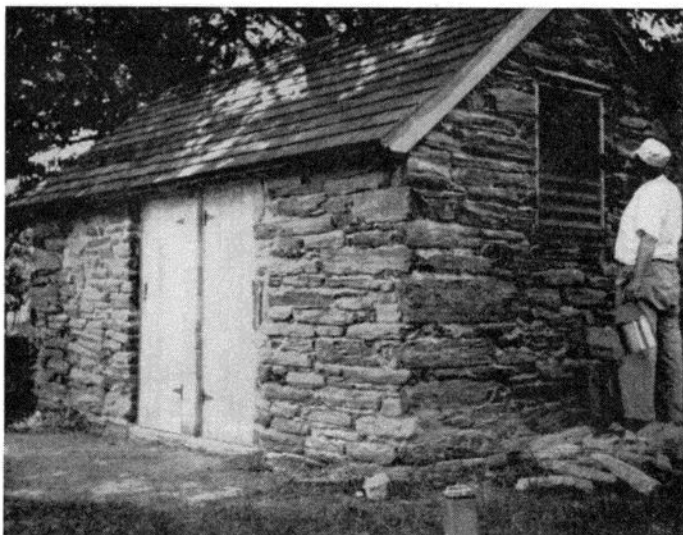
The Faculty Tea Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday from October to May, in Memorial Hall, 3601 Locust Street, at three o'clock. Dues are \$3.00.

Anyone desiring to become a member should get in touch with Mrs. Richard DeR. Kip, 250 West Hortter Street, Philadelphia 19.

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*The Bulletin* invites members of the faculty and staff to a special conducted tour of the new Bulletin plant at 30th and Market Streets. Starting at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 28, the tour will take about one hour. Interested persons please contact Lillian Burns, 101 College Hall, for reservations. Recently put in operation, the new structure is one of the most completely modern newspaper plants in the country.

## Summer Hours and Services



● Special summer library hours are announced below:

Closed on Saturdays through September 10.

Closed on Sundays through September 25.

June 20-24 (Monday-Friday) ..... 9:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

June 27-August 5 (Monday-Friday) ..... 8:45 A.M.-8:00 P.M.

August 8-September 9 (Monday-Friday) ..... 9:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

September 12-23 (Monday-Friday) ..... 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

September 17 (Saturday) ..... 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

September 24 (Saturday) ..... 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

September 26 (Monday) ..... RESUME WINTER SERVICE

● The Printing and Duplicating Service will close down

for vacation from August 6-21. During this time no

printed work will be produced at the University. All

departments are requested to plan their work so that it

may be produced either prior to the vacation period or

upon the department's reopening.

● Summer hours of work for all employees other than

those covered by union agreements, effective June 20

and ending September 10, are: Weekdays, 9:00 A.M.-

4:30 P.M.; Saturdays, none.

● The Student Health Service is available to the faculty

and staff in medical emergencies. Greatest speed will be

attained if calls are directed to: University phone—

EVERgreen 6-0100, Ext. 1160; or Hospital phone—

EVERgreen 2-4600, Ext. 787 or 788. Either a physician

will be dispatched to the site or advice will be given to

bring the patient to the Hospital. During the summer

session if no answer is obtained from the above phones,

the Hospital operator should be instructed to page STAT,

the Chief Medical Resident.

● From June 27 to August 5, Houston Hall Dining

Room will serve: Breakfast, 7:30-9:30; Lunch, 11:30-

2:00; Dinner, 5:30-7:00. The Soda Grille will be open

from 8:30 to 5:00. The Dining Room will serve Lunch

only from August 8-12 between 11:30 and 2:00. All

services will close for vacation from August 15-26.

● With the finishing touches now being put on the new equipment and facilities (left), the large recreation area is ready for University outings and picnics at the Morris Arboretum in Chestnut Hill.

Part of the University's 180-acre plot of ground devoted to growing and studying thousands of varieties of plants, shrubs and trees, the recreation area is on a 65-acre farm which is still undeveloped and offers, therefore, ample room for baseball, badminton, volley ball, horse shoes, and many other sports.

In addition, Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr., Director of the Arboretum, has had wooden picnic tables built and placed under the large trees and along the banks of the Wissahickon Creek. Stone outdoor fireplaces have been built and more are to be constructed soon.

Open this summer to members of the faculty and staff, the recreation area may be used upon application to George Peters, Dean of Men, 117 Logan Hall.

## Summer Grants To Five

The Committee on the Advancement of Research announces that three Special Summer Grants have been awarded for the coming summer. Originally publicized in *The Almanac* (February issue), these tax-free grants are designed to free appointees from the need to seek other summer employment and may be used to initiate, continue or complete any research project approved by the committee.

The 1955 Grants were awarded to: Dr. G. Malcolm Laws, Jr., Instructor in English, for his project on "The Ballad Influence on British and American Poetry"; Dr. Richard D. Lambert, Assistant Professor of South Asia Regional Studies, for "A Study of Conflict Patterns in Pakistan and India"; and Dr. Robert Edward Hughes, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, for his study of "Radiation Chemical Effects in Polymeric Systems."

## Keady Elected Moore Trustee

At their meeting on May 31, the Trustees for the Moore School of Electrical Engineering elected G. Joseph Keady as a Trustee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Colonel Edwin M. Chance.

Mr. Keady is a graduate of the Wharton School, 1925, and is President of the Sharples Corporation of Philadelphia.

After his graduation from the Wharton School, Mr. Keady began his business career with Dillon Read Co. in New York and the Container Corporation of America in Chicago. He went to the Sharples Corporation in 1937 and became its Executive Vice-President in 1938. He became President in 1948.

A Director of numerous corporations throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, England and France, Mr. Keady is also Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the U. S. Branch of the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd., of Perth, Scotland. He is a Trustee of the Haverford School and an Associate Trustee of the University of Pennsylvania.





Under an agreement with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration, the University of Pennsylvania has been assisting the Turkish Government in establishing a school of architecture and community planning at Ankara, the capital of Turkey.

Pictured above in the Presidential Palace are (left to right): Mr. Leon Loschetter, *University of Pennsylvania*; Mr. Kur, *Ministry of Education, in charge of Foreign Programs*; Mr. Tokus,

*Member of Parliament and member of the Turkish Committee on the new university*; Mr. Diker, *member of the Committee*; Mr. G. Holmes Perkins, *Dean of our School of Fine Arts*; Mrs. Perkins; Mr. Celal Bayar, *President of Turkey*; Mr. Yardicimi, *Minister of Education*; Mr. Yenen, *Deputy Director of the Iller Bank*; Mr. Uzer, *Aide to the Committee*; Mr. Yenner, *Architect*; and Mr. Willo VonMoltke, *University of Pennsylvania*.

## Names In The News

Dr. William F. Meredith, Professor of Physical Education, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern District of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, a "... recognition by his profession of his competence and leadership."

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President Gaylord P. Harnwell received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the June 2nd Founder's Day and Commencement exercises of the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, Philadelphia.

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The April issue of *Harper Books and Authors*, (published by the College Department of Harper and Brothers), devotes an article to "The Magic of Paul Gemmill." Dr. Gemmill, Professor of Economics, is praised in the article for his highly successful textbooks on economics and, under his alias, Paul Fleming, for his delightful and mystifying performances as a magician *extraordinaire*. *Who's Who*, it points out, has recognized his prominence in both fields by listing him under both names.

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Dr. W. Rex Crawford, Director of the Institute for Humanistic Studies, was elected Chairman of the Council for International Visitors at its first annual report meeting. The Council, made up of representatives from 37 other civic organizations, assisted 318 visitors from overseas in the past year.

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The May *U. of P. Medical Bulletin* points up the interesting fact that the University of Pennsylvania has sent more graduates to the American Medical Association presidency than any other medical school in the country. Our total of twenty-one stands well in front of second-place Harvard with twelve and Columbia's seven. Four-

teen Pennsylvania graduates served before 1900, six served in the first half of the twentieth century, and this month Dr. Elmer Hess, '11, became our twenty-first alumnus to take over the A.M.A. presidency.

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Robert L. Geddes, Assistant Professor of Architecture, has been accepted for membership in the Building Research Institute, Washington, D. C., a technical society for research-minded men from the professions and businesses of the building industry.

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Dr. Carl C. Chambers, Vice-President for Engineering Affairs, appeared as the featured panel guest on "The Big Idea" television program at WCAU-TV on May 17. The Program, televised each week, brings inventors and their new, unmarketed inventions before the public. Dr. Chambers commented on each invention demonstrated and also presented a brief talk on inventiveness as a part of the American Way of Life.

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