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Lewis Hilton Returns Home From France

Study Is Cut Short By War

● If it hadn't been for a sudden cancellation of passage on a freighter sailing from Bourdeaux, France, by a submarine-conscious traveller, Lewis Hilton, freshman at Teachers College last year, would probably still be in Europe.

Hilton sailed for Antwerp, Belgium last July. Travelling south from Belgium through Luxembourg, he entered school at Nancy, France, planning to study language there. As war appeared certain, he went into Paris, after remaining in school about a month. In Paris, with a number of other Americans, he voluntarily worked in the American embassy, helping Americans in their plans to return home.

He stayed in the United States foundation, living quarters connected with the University of Paris, where American students, studying in France, may stay. By this time he was one of two students left in the foundation, which was converted into a hospital by the government on the night before war was declared. He and his companion were allowed to remain in the foundation; so with no lights or cigarettes allowed and with gas masks nearby, they spent their last night in Paris.

Left Paris

In the morning, finding that France had declared war against Germany, they decided to leave for Bourdeaux, where they would be safer and in a better position to catch a boat for home.

Finding that their train was to leave at 11 p. m., they packed their belongings, leaving most of them in a bomb-proof basement to be sent home later. No taxis were in service, as they had been taken over by the government, so they took the subway. Train schedules were purposely being erroneously published in order to confuse Nazi spies, possibly seeking to blow up the trains. They found upon arriving at the station that their train was really to leave at 1:30 a. m.

Hitch Train Rides

They had no money, and consequently no tickets, so they sneaked on the train, which had been converted into a troop train. They evaded ticket collectors as best they could all along the way. Hilton's companion spoke French fluently, and he talked them out of several difficult situations. At one place they posed as conscripted French soldiers and at another said that they had been given permission to take the train to get out of the danger zone. By the roundabout route which they were forced to take in order to hitch rides free, it took them two days to make a trip ordinarily requiring eight hours.

In Bourdeaux they stayed at the university dormitory. Literally hundreds of names were ahead of Hilton's on passenger lists of boats sailing back to the United States. Luckily, and quite unexpectedly, one passenger cancelled passage because of the impending submarine danger, and Hilton was booked in his place. The boat was overcrowded, and together with some of the other men, Hilton slept in a covered hatch. Whenever the captain sighted a submarine, the group from the covered hatch donned life preservers and moved into the bow and stern of the ship so that they would be farther from danger if a torpedo were to hit amidships. The inscription "USA" was painted in large letters on both sides of the boat. Flood lights illuminated these letters and several American flags at night.

Of his experiences abroad, Hilton said: "I was convinced along with virtually every American travelling in Europe this summer of the horribleness of the war."

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Hake Chalk Talk Fills First Hour

● The first 'musing hour on Iowa State Teachers college campus was held at the Commons, Tuesday afternoon, September 26, at 4:30 o'clock. Herbert V. Hake was introduced by Evelyn Tesmer, chairman of the social life committee of the Student Council, and gave a chalk talk. An audience of approximately 100 students attended the hour program.

"We need to develop our imaginations," Mr. Hake said, in opening the chalk talk, and he proceeded to show the students just what he meant. He placed the letter x on his drawing board and with a few skillfully added lines he produced an Englishman. Mr. Hake assured the audience that if the alphabet were taught in this manner no child would forget it!

A question mark was drawn last and in an endeavor to solve the problem, does might make right, the entertainer turned the question mark into a picture of Hitler. In order to pacify the beliefs of the group present, Mr. Hake drew one more question mark to settle the argument that seemed to arise. This time a portrait of Abraham Lincoln appeared.

The next 'musing hour will be held Tuesday, October 1, at 4:30 p. m., in the Commons. A group singing will be conducted by Verner D. Delaney. "Inside Asia," will be reviewed by Dr. M. R. Beard on October 8.

U. S. Navy Band To Play Concerts Near Waterloo

● The United States navy band, playing under the baton of Lieut. Charles Benter, will play two concerts at the cattle congress hippodrome, Waterloo, Monday, October 2, at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.

In 1925, after giving many programs in Washington, D. C., the navy band was permitted to leave Washington on concert tours. Since that time they have made annual concert tours authorized by acts of congress.

They do not confine themselves to the limits of the United States, for in 1937, for the first time in the history of its existence, the officials of the Canadian national exhibition chose a service band of a foreign country as its feature musical attraction, and it was this band that was invited.

Generations in years to come will be able to listen to the navy band from over 50 phonograph recordings.

One of the greatest tributes made to this band was that made at the time of the death of John Philip Sousa. When his band was disorganized, the United States navy band was chosen by unanimous acclaim as successor to that organization which had played for the world for years.

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What Do You Know About Your Campus?

● Despite the appearance of several articles in the last two issues of the College Eye, the Student Handbook, and other publications informing the new students of the past and present Iowa State Teachers college, the low-down on the institution has yet to come to light.

How many of you know, for instance, how many feet of tunnel lie hidden "low-down" under your hurrying feet? To be exact, there are 5,064 feet and 10 inches of tunnel beneath the campus at Teachers College, all of which in addition to 2,552 feet of conduit, carry 22,818,000 pounds, or 368 tons of steam per day to heat these buildings in the middle of winter. To generate this steam, 2,890,326 pounds of coal were burned last January, making an average of 46½ tons a day.

Believe it or not, all these lights on the campus required 181,000 kilowatt hours of electric power last January. Of course, some students would prefer to economize and turn out some of the lights by benches and near the entrance of Bartlett hall.

To see that all this steam and electricity is generated, all the tunnels are in good condition, all lights are on, and a million other things that make it possible for us to go to school, the state employs nearly 75 men.

Next time you walk across the campus, try guessing what lies below you.

Gilbert Hobson Elected Church Councilman

● Gilbert Hobson has been elected councilman on the national council of Methodist youth, it was announced this week by Miss Marjorie Houk, student counselor of the Teachers College Wesley foundation.

Late in August he attended his first council meeting in Warden, Missouri, where he represented 10 Wesley foundations in six states of this area. At the meeting he discussed the problem of youth and its attitude toward peace with more than 100 leaders of Methodist youth.

Each speaker explained in detail the work which is being carried on by his respective organization. Sixteen members of the league council were present at the meeting.

Tentative plans for forthcoming meetings were explained by Miss Teale. The next meeting will be devoted to committee reports and a group discussion, while the third meeting will be concerned primarily with the problems which will confront this year's Women's league.

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Horn's Pictures Win Prizes At Fair

● John W. Horns, instructor in art, brought back a fourth prize and two honorable mentions, on the 1p pictures he exhibited at the Iowa state fair this past summer. The prize winner, a water color piece entitled, "Silage," was from a sketch made on a farm west of Cedar Falls.

The two paintings honorable mention were in oil, "Woman's Place," a composition of three men and one woman pushing a car out of the snow, and "November," a scene on a farm south of the golf course. The former was painted from imagination and the latter on the actual scene.

John Steuart Curry, of Kansas, one of the three outstanding regional painters in America, was the judge. The winning pieces are all on exhibit at present in the Memorial Union building at Iowa State college, Ames.

Mr. Horns agrees with the regional painters, in that, "Painters should use subjects with which they are familiar." He feels that the highest function of the artist lies in interpreting elements of life which constitute the real experience of both the artist and observer.

The British Are Coming; Mueller, Laird Prepare For International Debate

● Due to the present war in Europe there has been some doubt as to whether the traditional British debate would be held on the campus this fall. But according to Dr. F. W. Lambertson, debate coach, "The British are coming."

Word has been received by Dr. Lambertson that the men scheduled to clash with Teachers College debaters have been drafted into war service, but that doesn't stop the British. Younger men have been substituted, and they are coming with their ready arguments and wit.

As yet the date hasn't been scheduled, but Melvin Mueller and Dugan Laird, Teachers' debaters, are preparing for the British debate.

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Moser Elected To Head Industrial Arts Guild Writers Hold First Meeting Of Year

● The election of Gerald Moser, president; Clyde Ware, vice president; Dale Orton, secretary; Robert Gray, treasurer, and Dave Moorhead, corresponding secretary, took place at the last meeting of the Industrial Arts guild. These officers will hold office during 1939 and '40.

As yet only three committees have been organized and their chairmen appointed. They are: program, Howard Bro, chairman; bulletin board, Dave Moorhead, chairman, and membership, Dale Orton.

Ann Sheridan Prefers Active Sports Clothes

● Feminine curves and active sports clothes have really got together and now flatter each other for the first time, declares Ann Sheridan, "Oomph Girl," who would rather wear play togs than evening garb and has a complete wardrobe of them.

In her wardrobe, shorts as brief as bathing suit trunks, culottes as full as whirligig skirts, and slacks as precisely tailored as a man's, are all cut to flatter the girlish figure—never to make it appear boyish.

The shapely Ann cites a play suit designed by Orry-Kelly for her to wear in the Warner Bros. auto race thriller, "Indianapolis Speedway," which is appearing at the Regent theatre Saturday and Sunday.

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● Seventeen students were present at the initial meeting of the Writers club, student interest group open to all students interested in creative writing, which met at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with Dorothy Tostlebe presiding.

The meeting was given over to the formation of plans for the coming year's activities and the reading of original selections.

The club will meet in the future, it was decided, on alternate Mondays at 4 p. m., the next meeting being October 9. Students are urged to attend and bring their manuscripts.

Meetings are to be of an informal nature, presided over by a student manager, who will be elected at the next regular meeting.

The aims of the Writers club, as given by Miss Selina M. Terry, sponsor, are: "To encourage students to write; to give them an opportunity to hear and discuss each other's compositions, and to receive criticisms and suggestions concerning technique."

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