

Branch Rickey at  
People's Church  
Wed., 8:00

# Michigan State News

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## THETA ALPHA PHI GIVES FIRST PLAY OF YEAR TONIGHT

Three Act Comedy, "Goose Hangs High", is First Selection for Presentation.

### EXPECT LARGE CROWD

Societies Buy Blocks of Seats; Give Play In Church for First Time.

By Leaven Horton, '28

The Goose Hangs High," a three act comedy by Lewis Beach, will be presented tonight at 8 o'clock in the People's church as the first production of the year by Theta Alpha Phi, national honorary dramatic fraternity. The advance sale on tickets promises a full house for the first meeting of the dramatic fraternity.

This play marks the first offering of a popular high royalty play and the reception which it is given will go a long way to determine the continuing of the practice of selecting plays of such a caliber. "The Goose Hangs High" is one of the most popular of modern plays with a light and lighthearted theme which nevertheless bears upon modern society. Everywhere it has been given an unanimous reception and it should be very popular with the college audience.

#### First Play Ever Given in Church

This production will mark the first time that the offerings of the dramatics fraternity have been given in the new People's church. Blocks of seats have been sold to the fraternities and sororities as well as dormitories and the seating capacity of six in the downstairs auditorium where the play will be given is ex-

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## TRAVEL ABROAD IS SPONSORED

K. C. Randall to Aid Students Who Wish to Make European Trips.

Endeavoring to induce Michigan State College students and faculty members to take advantage of opportunities to travel abroad K. C. Randall, of the English department, is sponsoring the work for the Gates Tours company. He is trying to determine what students and faculty members desire in travel and is prepared to explain the possibilities and advantages of various tours.

The Gates Student tours are arranged to take advantage of the economies in travel expense made possible by the action of various steamship companies in setting aside on certain summer dates special accommodations for the exclusive use of students and others of similar interests. This makes the ocean trip to Europe at a very low price with a great degree of comfort and satisfaction.

Accommodations are provided with meals at all hotels and the sightseeing is conducted by competent guides. There are no travel worries and there is spare time at the various points of interest for individual enjoyment of the foreign atmosphere.

Arrangements for the tours may be made through Mr. Randall and he is prepared to answer any questions pertaining to the tours. Women who are interested in European trips may obtain the desired information from Mrs. Randall.

## CONVENIENT CAMPUS CALENDAR

**Fri** - Christian Internationalism series: "The World and Its Youth"; Dr. Bishop, People's church, 7:00. "The Goose Hangs High"; Theta Alpha Phi, People's church, 8:00. Meeting Home Economics club, R. E. bldg., 5:00. Marshall Mordkin Russian Ballet dancers, Prudden auditorium, Lansing, 8:15.

**Wednesday, Dec. 1** - All seniors must sign up for graduation eligibility statement, registrar's office.

Meeting freshman chorus, Woman's bldg., 7:00-8:00.

Branch Rickey, manager of St. Louis, world's champions, M. S. C. Artists course, People's church, 8:00.

**Thursday, Dec. 2** - Meeting of Mathematics club, room 210, Olds Hall, 7:15. Program: Mathematical Fallacies, by Miss Mary Marshall; Historical Devices.

Miss Ruth Olsen; Magiv Squares, Mr. Clifford Cheatham. Students and faculty members interested are invited.

**Friday, Dec. 3** - Union party, main ballroom, 8:12:00. Military sponsors installation and all-college dance, gym, 8:00.

Annual Christmas bazaar, People's church.

Take Leading Parts  
in Play Tonight



MARIAN TRUMBULL



CLYDE OLIS

## MILITARY BALL NEW DIVISION FOR WILL BE PREMIER COACHES TO OPEN EVENT FOR CADET HERE NEXT TERM

Select Group of Soldiers Expected to Attend Annual Ball; Details Nearing Completion.

### DATE SET FOR JAN. 28

Advanced Military Men Get Bid Preferences; Bill Will Be Four Dollars.

By Bill Muller, '28

The annual military ball will be held on Jan. 28, 1927, at the field of the armory of the 119th field artillery in Lansing, with accommodations for 175 couples, the junior and senior military men of the college having the preference.

Arrangements are being made for a formal orchestra, probably Jean Goddeeris' own. The Strand theater, the management of the 119th's armory, and Gerald Reynolds, general chairman of the event, are co-operating to secure this orchestra by arranging a booking for three evenings in Lansing. Though nothing definite has been obtained on this issue, Reynolds declared there is enough competition in the bidding for the party to assure a good orchestra.

#### Unique Favors Promised

Favors for the occasion have been obtained from a prominent graduate of fraternity, society, and the committee to order them has promised something unique this year.

Military men, both juniors and seniors, will be first to be allowed tickets for the dance, after these men have been invited the remainder will be divided between ex-servicemen and the sophomore and freshman of the college who are enrolled in military courses. Tickets for the occasion will be \$4 per couple.

#### Abolish Awkward Squad

This year it is planned to have no awkward squad, as was done last year. There will be some military exhibitions, a few and odd to the atmosphere of the ride, the nature of which has not been determined.

The list of patrons and persons for the occasion has not yet been completed, while most of this minor details are still in tentative form.

According to Prof. H. E. Marshall, the new coaching course will be initiated at the opening of the spring winter term and it will be placed immediately upon a par with the other divisions and courses of the college.

#### Young Heads New Department

The department of physical education under the new plan will be headed by Ralph H. Young, present director of athletics. Mr. Young, in addition to

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## MORDKIN BALLET TEN ORATORS APPEARS TONIGHT SEEK HONORS

Famous Russian Ballet Includes Fifty People; Six Principles and Symphony.

Marshall Mordkin, Russia's foremost male dancer, and his Russian ballet will appear at the Prudden Auditorium tonight as the third number of the Lansing Philharmonic course. It will be his third appearance of the kind in this country.

Mordkin's initial tour was headed by Anna Pavlova and himself and consisted of a company of Russian dancers from the Imperial Ballets of Petrograd and Moscow, assembled and directed by Mr. Mordkin. The following year he undertook the same tour leading the company himself.

The entire company will consist of 50 people including six principals and a symphony orchestra of 15. Among the artists selected by Mordkin to support him will be Elena Jankova, former prima ballerina of the Petrarch opera; Pierre Vladimiroff, one of the most brilliant of the younger Russian dancers; Hilda Butsaya, long associated with the Pavlova Ballet Russes as prima ballerina; Mile Abramova of the Moscow opera, and others.

The orchestra will be under the leadership of Vladimir Bakaleinikoff, recognized as one of the most brilliant musicians of the present day in Russia. He was formerly the music director of the Winter Palace.

In the past few years the building program here has been very extensive and the problem of heating these buildings has become harder every year until now a new boiler has been purchased and will soon be ready for use.

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## PLAN COLLEGE HEATING EXPANSION FOR FUTURE

\$53,000 Boiler Construction Near-  
ly Ready for Use in New  
Buildings On Campus.

A new boiler, representing a sum of \$53,000, is now under construction in the present boiler house. The need of this is to help take care of the heating of the new buildings which are being built on the campus.

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## EIGHT CO-EDS FAVORED WITH ARMY-NAVY BIDS

Michigan State College was well represented at the Army-Navy ball in Chicago last Friday night by the attendance of eight of the college coeds. The ball was one of the events held for the entertainment of the student bodies of the two government schools, who were present in Chicago for the great football classic held at Soldier's Field last Saturday, before 110,000 people.

The girls attending the dinner-dance were: Lucille Allen, Lansing; June Brandon, Battle Creek; Bessie Castle, Lansing; Mildred French, Lansing; Inez Hall, Lansing; Helen Mengel, East Lansing; and Margaret Sherburne, East Lansing. Amy Hedrick, daughter of Prof. W. O. Hedrick, who formerly attended school here, but is now at the University of Chicago, was also a guest at the ball.

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East Lansing was in receipt of another epistle out of the Orient last week bespeaking the adventures and romance, and the studies and worries of Michigan State's two world-globe trotters. A long, low envelope bearing a generous bit of Chinese inscription greeted the bewildered eyes of the East Lansing postoffice officials and was found to be an account of the affairs of Robert H. Powers and Carl Boehringer, former editors of the Michigan State News, and prominent students on the campus, who are bumming around the world.

Latest reports from the "Paris of the Orient," as Shanghai is well named, point to the departure of the two former Statesmen on the next lap of their journey very soon. While experiencing all of the diversions of a position on a Chinese weekly news-

paper, the pair of wanderers have accumulated enough money to continue their ramble. They have abandoned their first intention, that of continuing into Siberia and Russia, for India and the Mediterranean regions. With winter approaching thoughts of a trip into cold, bleak Siberia dampened the ardor of the two students for a glimpse of the Soviet rule.

The first of December, providing they are able to secure successors in their positions, will see them on their way to Peking by way of a steamer to Tientsin. By rail they will return to Hankow, thence to Shanghai again. There, they will take their last look at the gay Oriental world and embark for Manila, Singapore, and India. In India,

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To Speak at State



BRANCH RICKEY

## BRANCH RICKEY SECOND ARTISTS' COURSE NUMBER

Vice-President of World Series  
Winners to Speak at People's  
Church Wednesday.

HAD VARIED CAREER  
Stars In College and Pro Athletics,  
Coaches, Now Business Manager  
of Cardinals.

Branch Rickey, vice-president of the Cardinals, the St. Louis National League baseball team which won the recent world's series, lectures here Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, at the second number on the M. S. C. Artists' course. The lecture will be given in the auditorium of the People's church, beginning promptly at 8 p.m.

After graduating in 1904 from Ohio Wesleyan university where he was a baseball and football star, Rickey caught for Cincinnati, St. Louis and New York American league teams. Later he entered the University of Michigan in order to study law.

It was while reading Blackstone Known As Lawyer

and developing a winning diamond arrangement at Michigan that Rickey discovered and signed George Sisler for the St. Louis Browns. Rickey also discovered and developed the incomparable Rogers Hornsby.

In 1918, with his friend the late Clarity Mathewson, he enlisted in the United States military service and served as a major in the chemical warfare service.

Rickey is the founder of the Knot Hole Gang, an organization designed to give the boys of St. Louis a nightingale chance. This club has made it possible for hundreds of boys of the city to pay their way with clean living, has given them a square deal. In fact, giving the other fellow a

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## ESTABLISH NEW MAIL COURSES

John D. Willard, Director of Continuing Education Announces  
Opening of School.

Establishment of a correspondence school with courses in economics, sociology and home economics, to be ready by Jan. 1, has been announced by John D. Willard, director of continuing education. Mr. Willard was formerly extension director at the Massachusetts Agricultural college and came to Michigan State College in September to take up his new duties.

Details of the courses and the question of college credit for such work will be determined later, according to Mr. Willard. It is expected that a nominal fee will be charged for enrollment. The material offered will approximate that which is studied in a four-hour course during one term of the college year.

Administration of the school will be handled by the office of continuing education. The individual courses will be under the supervision of the regular faculty members of the college staff.

Courses which are expected to be ready by Jan. 1 are: Economics, agricultural economics, history and principles of cooperation; principles of marketing; sociology, principles of sociology and rural sociology; home economics, the modern family and household management.

Other courses will be developed by additional departments of the college as rapidly as possible. Special emphasis will be given to material which is covered in extension projects in agriculture and home economics, it is expected.

The state board of agriculture at a meeting Nov. 24 approved the general plan of the correspondence work. Details were left for future action. Blinding courses will be provided for those who do not wish to follow out the outlined work in the regular correspondence course.

## "U. S. NEEDS WORLD COURT"--DR. BISHOP

International Body Surpasses Achievement Record of Supreme Court Rev. Bishop Says.

By Elmer L. Kirk, '28

In his third lecture on "Building the House of World Peace," Rev. Bishop had a large gathering of students at the Peoples church that the world peace movement is "successfully passing the acid test." What does it do? The world court has been more disputed than did the United States supreme court during a similar period of its life.

Rev. Bishop said that the House of World Peace has yet to accomplish greater perfection of the machinery to stop war to accomplish gradual disarmament and to win the support of the United States.

The important nations which are not members of the House of World Peace are Russia, Mexico, Arabia, Turkey and the United States.

Rev. Bishop continues his series of talks to students with a discussion of Christian Internationalism this evening at 7:30 in the student parlors of the church.

## Graduate Engineer Now With Westinghouse Corporation

Marshall G. Houghton, '26 engineer, who is now employed by the Westinghouse Electrical corporation at Mansfield, Ohio, returned last week for a visit in East Lansing. Mr. Houghton received his B. S. degree here last June.

## Faculty Folks Club Plans Annual Social Event for Jan. 17

Arrangements are now under way for the annual dancing party of the Faculty Folks Club of the college, which will take place Jan. 17 in the Union ballroom.

"Goose Hangs High"  
Church Tonight  
at 8:00

Number 20

## At the Union

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## MIXING A LITTLE MUD

Present styles of men's troopers and some of the campus walks don't mix very well (perhaps we should say that they mix too well). In some of the places where we find it necessary to walk on the campus, the trousers should be rolled at least above the ankle. In this respect, the girls have the advantage if they can keep their rubbers on.

If there are any two places on the campus where sidewalks are needed, they are the main path between the home economics building and the Union, and the path from the street to the Union building. The main paths have been repaved to the point of keeping pedestrians out of the mud, and it certainly would be a blessing to see a few cinders from the Union building to the street, so that it would not be necessary to walk either in the mud or in the driveway.

**SCIENCE NEEDS SUPPORT**  
America has done wonders in applied science, but in comparison with various European countries it has lagged behind in the attention and support given to research in fundamental or so-called pure science. We have had four Nobel prize winners in science, but so far Holland, a country with but a fraction of the population and resources of the United States, Germany has had 21 Nobelpriizes, the United Kingdom 11, France 10, Sweden four and Denmark and Switzerland three each. These numbers give some indication of the degree of activity and achievement in research in these countries. It would certainly seem to be incumbent on this country to make more and larger contributions to fundamental scientific knowledge than it has in the past.

Any country which depends on the applications of science for its national strength and prosperity and for the health and comfort of its people to the extent that America does, must necessarily be largely interested in the steady advance of knowledge in fundamental science, for upon a constant output of new basic scientific knowledge depends the output of new useful applied science. It is not sufficiently known, popularly, how directly our great achievements in applied

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## Campus Forum

The few of us who use the Union are certainly more than tired and disgruntled in day after day having to throw our cigarette ash, cigarettes, candy wrappers and waste paper on the rugs or floor. Perhaps you have noticed the stranger in embarrassment who, coming into the building smoking a cigar, sits down and usually looks for an ash tray. Upon not finding one in evidence, he gets nervous and fidgety, and finally gently drops his ashes behind the door of his lounge chair, then later picks the remains of his cigar off the floor or rug.

This same questioning task has been going on, evident of late, one instance being the night of the Steel Pierrot's luncheon. Other banquets of equal or even greater importance are often held in the Union.

The disgusting condition of the floor in the lobby may account for an increased number made by a majority of the student body, who really feel that the Union is their property. Would you care to introduce your friends to a stranger if the place looked like old fashioned waiting rooms?

Smoking traps as in the main lounge have partially turned back into the smoke that all of the smokers produce in the corners are being held in traps that prevent them from getting out of the room.

A few smokers refrained from using their pipes because of the smoke that was produced in the lounge. Many of the smokers, however, did not care to do so, and many others were not afraid to do so. Not all of the smokers, however, may be smokers, and it is the responsibility of the smokers to clean up after themselves.

JUDGES

Fathers of the Union, resulting in smoking, smegma and the presence of smokers which have savoring millions of dollars through their use in such places as coffee, tea, diners, telephones, restaurants, and others, was probably the cause of the original stages of the success of禁煙運動.

## STUDENT GLOBE TROTTERS TO RENEW RUMMING JOURNEY

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Powers and Boehringer plan on spending about a month before continuing their voyages. Europe proper will occupy them next, while their journey will end in England before their return to the United States.

Bob Powers, who was the writer of the letter, told at some length of their interests in the intricacies of the oriental civilization. The appeal of the cabaret, the lure of the color of Mongolian pony robes, and the customs according to Powers, lend a charm which is hard to break.

The tone of their letters marks a change in the viewpoint of the young globe trotters. From the devil-may-care fashion of the collegian, a more serious, contemplative outlook is often held in the Union.

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**Due to the exodus of students from the campus over Thanksgiving vacation, no social affairs were scheduled last weekend. Most of the sorority houses were closed during this time. Only a scarcity of occupants remained in the fraternity houses. Those who spent the vacation here resorted to Lansing amusements in the way of entertainment.**

### Collingwood

Helen Coffman returned home for an indefinite time after spending several days at the college hospital.

Ruth Hall and Irene Johnston spent Thanksgiving in Pontiac as the guests of Jean Clark. Mae Brinkman visited Pamela Loft at Coldwater.

### AeTheon

Thanksgiving dinner was served at the house Tuesday evening.

Clyde Beck was the guest of Pierre Lonsberry at Adrian, and Sherwood Charnierman returned home with Don Gordner of Howell, Charles Johnston and Lee Sparta spent the vacation with friends in Toledo and Detroit, respectively.

### Practice House

Tea was served to freshmen at the house Monday.

Miss Gross, Instructor, remained at the house during vacation.

### Residence

Florence Huntley returned home with Dorsey Cawser of Geneva Ind., and Dorothy Johnson was the guest of Ila Tanner at Sandusky.

### Phi Chi Alpha

Harry Newell of Lansing and James Davis of Cedar Springs have been added to the pledge list.

### Drama Literary

James McElroy, Clarence Cook, Val Anderson and Dean Swift spent Thanksgiving vacation in East Lansing.

### Pythian

The marriage of H. Baker of Lansing to Miss Anna Gondrich, also of Lansing, took place Saturday, Nov. 27, at the First Presbyterian church in Lansing.

### Phi Kappa Tau

Ralph Becker, Paul Dutcher and Donald Widett remained at the house during vacation.

### Epsilon

Twenty mostly East Lansing boys were served Thanksgiving dinner at the house Tuesday evening. The affair was sponsored by pledges of the fraternity.

John Olsen, Ted Stevens, L. S. Edwards and Walter McLean spent the vacation at the house.

The indoor baseball game which was to have been played with the Phi-Kappa-Taus on Saturday, Nov. 27, was indefinitely postponed because of the freshman football game.

### Kappa Delta

Mrs. Neva Lovewell was a dinner guest Tuesday evening.

### Alpha Chi

Pledges entertained the pledges of other sororities at a theater party Thursday afternoon.

Eve and Beth Gillis remained at the sorority house during vacation.

### Chi Omega

Genevieve Lakin spent Thanksgiving vacation as the guest of Lois Harwood in the Women's building.

Mabel Gettel visited in Detroit during vacation.

### Co-ed Edna Says:

"So another vacation is over, and we're back at the same old grind. But not for long now! It certainly is a good thing though that we poor, overworked college students have two weeks of school and a week of exams in which to recuperate from our Thanksgiving vacation before going home to rush through the Christmas holidays."

And now, I suppose, you are all going to settle down to a little honest-to-goodness studying, my dear fellow students, to make up for the loafing you've indulged in all term. Don't worry; it's never too late to reform. I once passed a course in the last week of school. Of course, back in those days, the profs were not as hard boiled as they profess to be now, and it was easier to put things over on them. Still, it can be done.

The story about weak eyes you know always goes over big. And then, if you are a senior the school is usually so anxious to assist you in departing that they are willing to overlook almost everything in order to get you out of their classes. There is such a thing as being such a pest that it does you a little good, you know. Everyone says, "Oh, for heaven's sake, graduate him and get him out of the way."

So there's the moral of my little tale: Everybody can find his own special means of getting through courses. Some do it through application and hard work, but others have more original ways. If one method doesn't work, try another.

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### Delta Sigma Phi

Richard Bothwell was a visitor at the house last week.

Alton Becker visited in Chicago during vacation.

### Lambda Chi Alpha

William Warren of Flint and Mark Snyder of Lansing were guests at the fraternity house last week.

### Olympic

The fraternity indoor baseball team defeated the Phi Kappa Tau team by a score of 11-4.

### Alpha Phi

Miss Myrtle Vandorn '26, of Detroit, was the week end guest of Miss Neva Lovewell at the Alpha Phi house.

### Phylean

Al Pather, Tom Sturgis, Henry Arnold and C. P. Salisbury returned Saturday from a boating trip to the upper peninsula. They were joined on their trip by four pledges: G. S. Pather '26, Roy Alger '25, Gary Arnold '26 and Louie Smith '25. The four pledges spent the weekend at the house. Four boats were brought back.

J. C. Bergeson '26 and Gerald Abbott '26 spent vacation at the house while S. Green, F. Erickson,

Ed Waters of Lansing was a vacation guest of J. Jacobs of Midland, and J. Medill also remained.

### MORDKIN BALLET

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(Continued from page 1) — and director of the Moscow Musical Art studio which is on tour in America this season.

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