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MANY WELL KNOWN AIRS

Translated into Ancient Tongue By College Professor; Try Them on Your Piano Some Time

Dr. Roy C. Flickinger, professor of Latin and Greek at Northwestern university and for four years dean of the college of liberal arts at that institution, has issued a new book of popular songs, the words in Latin, with musical notations. Prof. Flickinger hopes that this Latin song book will be used generally throughout the world as he declares, "it is highly desirable that there be no reaction in the tendency to use Latin as a living tongue."

Earlier Edition
At least 20,000 students at high schools and colleges in the last five years have utilized the earlier edition of the Latin songs which lacked the advantage of the musical notes, and it is in response to many teachers that the new version has been prepared, he states. As an indication of the increasing use of Latin in non-clerical circles, he cites the popularity of the familiar round, "Brother John," which has been sung in all parts of the United States. The Latin title is "Frater Johannes."

Some of the Songs
Some of the other songs which appear in a Latin dress in his new book are the following: "America," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Prairie Flower," national anthem of the Rotarians, and the Northwestern university hymn, the Latin words of which were written in 1908 by the late Prof. J. Scott Clark and the music adapted by Dean Peter C. Lutkin of Northwestern university school of music. "The Spartan Marching Song," written in Greek by Tyrtaeus about 650 B. C. is set to the tune of "Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean." Various other Latin songs are utilized such as "Adeste Fideles" by an unknown author of the seventeenth century; "Lead Kindly Light" translated from Cardinal Newman's English hymn by Prof. A. F. Geysler, and "Prex," the text rearranged by Dr. Flickinger from an eleven-line hymn found in the prayer book of Mary, Queen of Scots, and which was probably her own composition.

MASTODON TEETH FOUND IN STATE

Discovery Made Near Murphysboro; Excavations Are Commenced

Teeth of a mastodon which roamed what is now southern Illinois have been uncovered five miles northwest of Murphysboro in Jackson county. This announcement was made after research workers of the University of Illinois, who dug up the teeth, had identified them positively as those of a prehistoric monster.

While only two complete molars, one from the upper and one from the lower jaw, and a piece of a third tooth, were all that were examined, a more or less complete skeleton was found. Because of frozen ground, spring after workers had dug about the excavating was dropped until five feet along the skeleton. The investigation was made by Dr. Harold Wanless of the university's department of geology.

The skeleton is of rather special interest scientifically as it is the only mastodon remains ever reported from Jackson county. It lies in the loess deposit, which classifies it as post-Illinoian or pre-Wisconsin, and gives it an age of somewhere between fifty thousand and five hundred thousand years, according to Dr. Wanless.

During the Easter vacation Dr. Wanless plans to make a search for the tusks of the mastodon, which are probably near the skeleton and are likely to be between three and four feet long. The tusks and teeth being covered with enamel, are much more resistant and remain better preserved than the bones of the animal which are badly weathered.

The skeleton was reported to the university by C. J. Thomas, Jackson county farm adviser, and Dr. Wanless was helped in his work by Frank Graeff, on whose land the great animal is buried.

TOWNSHIP ROAD OFFICIALS MEET

Decide to Keep Heavy Trucks Off Dirt Roads During Spring Season

The Township Highway Officers' association at their quarterly meeting in Libertyville recently decided to put an annual embargo on heavy trucks every spring from now on to prevent the roads from being cut to pieces, and not only making them impassable but also resulting in heavy expenses to the various townships in improving them.

Heavy trucks, under this action, will be required to operate over paved roads during the time that the dirt and gravel roads are soft, when the frost leaves the ground.

There were about 60 road officials at the meeting, which was held at the Chamber of Commerce headquarters. A general interchange of ideas on how to improve roads was the order of the day.

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