

MANY STUDENTS IN LAND-GRANT SCHOOLS

RECORDS FOR 1926-1927

Interesting Date is Given of Enrollment in These Colleges During Period in Question

A total of 142,779 resident students were enrolled during 1925-26 in 52 land-grant colleges of the United States, according to latest information made public today through the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior. These figures do not include enrollments in the 17 colleges conducted exclusively for negroes.

The data, which were collected by Dr. Walter J. Greenleaf, associate specialist in land-grant college statistics, show that approximately one-fifth of all the resident college students in the country are attending these institutions. Of this total enrollment, 97,881 were undergraduate men students and 44,898 undergraduate women students. This ratio of approximately seven men to three women has remained fairly constant for the past eight years.

More Men Students
Enrollments of men have increased gradually since 1912, interrupted only by the World War, but afterwards increasing at an unparalleled rate. Before the war engineering and agriculture were chosen by a large percentage of the male students, but recently other subjects including arts and science, commerce and business, and miscellaneous courses have attracted a large per cent of the men. Present enrollments, therefore, show only 43 per cent in agriculture and engineering. Agriculture and engineering are specially mentioned since the leading object of the land-grant college is to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts. Of the undergraduate men, 29,182 elected engineering and 12,957 elected agriculture.

Women Also
Enrollments of women, which before the war increased very slowly, have since grown at an unprecedented rate. In 1925, 44,898 women were resident undergraduates of whom 7,500 elected home economics. Home economics courses, however, have not kept pace with the general increased attendance of women at the colleges.

Of all men and women undergraduates in 1925-26, 34 per cent elected arts and sciences, 21 per cent engineering, nine per cent agriculture, nine per cent commerce and business, eight per cent education, six per cent law, medicine and dentistry, five per cent home economics, and eight per cent miscellaneous courses. Since 1920 a gain in percentage of students is shown in all courses except engineering which lost six per cent, agriculture which lost five per cent, and home economics, which lost two per cent. Professional education shows the greatest gain, five per cent—8,646 students—while arts and sciences gained two per cent—12,742 students.

Agricultural Courses
Enrollments in agricultural courses in 1915-17 were at their height, but the World War and the depression of 1921 affected attendance so that the number of students electing agriculture has declined. Since agricultural economic conditions at the time of college entrance are often a determining factor with students in the election or rejection of an agricultural career, it is expected in the future that enrollments will be stabilized and fewer students will be lost to agriculture. Electrical engineering has become the most popular of the engineering courses with 8,697 students registered. In the summer sessions more women than men are enrolled—35,285 women and 27,179 men in 1925.

Of the 14,470 first degrees conferred on men in 1926, 4,026 were awarded in engineering, 3,053 in arts and sciences, 2,054 in agriculture, 1,409 in commerce and business, 820 in medicine, 742 in education, 608 in law, 584 in pharmacy, 364 in dentistry, 144 in forestry, 109 in veterinary science, and the remainder in miscellaneous courses. Of the 6,791 first degrees conferred on women in 1926, 3,194 were awarded in arts and sciences, 1,429 in education, 1,245 in home economics, 173 in commerce and business, 73 in agriculture, and the remainder in miscellaneous courses.

SHIPPING BOARD GETS RID OF MORE VESSELS

It was announced in Washington a few days ago that the U. S. Shipping Board had voted to sell the remaining three government owned cargo lines operating from Pacific Coast ports. The transfer of the vessels to the new owners is to commence at once and each ship will be turned over for private operation as soon as it arrives in port. The firms who are purchasing the government ships agree to operate the lines for five years and to give six months notice of any abandonment or contemplated curtailment of service after that time. This takes the government out of the shipping business on the Pacific coast and assures the operation of the lines under private control for five years at least.

The action taken by the board is significant and bears out the statement made recently by Chairman O'Conner of the Shipping Board that private ownership is to be the ultimate outcome of the shipping situa-

tion in the United States. In this statement Mr. O'Conner declared that getting the government out of the shipping business is being steadily accomplished despite the difficulties encountered in keeping the shipping business but to get out in such a way that the ships will remain American and not get into British, German or Norwegian control is the real problem. At the end of the war the government owned 2,200 ships, and the number has been reduced to 800 with 300 in active operation on trade routes essential to American commerce.

OPEN NEW GALLERIES IN ART INSTITUTE

New galleries recently opened at the Art Institute included the five beautiful rooms known as the Agnes Allerton Wing for Textiles. This group was the gift of Robert Allerton as a tribute to his mother, who was a lover and a collector of the finest products of the needle and loom. Two of these galleries contain examples of needlework of the periods of Queen Elizabeth and Queen Anne, from the collections of Miss Elizabeth McCormick, Mrs. Fred Mandel and the Needlework and Textile Guild. The central gallery contains examples of "metal brocades," given by Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne, Martin A. Ryerson and the Antiquarian Society, with several rare pieces lent by Mrs. Potter Palmer. The fourth gallery is devoted to lace from the collections of Mrs. Allerton, Mrs. Rockefeller McCormick, Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne, and Miss Elizabeth McCormick. One of the most interesting of the galleries is number 5, which contains a large number of woven textiles mounted in frames and which are arranged chronologically from 2,000 B. C. to the present time, affording and opportunity to study the product of forty centuries of weaving. The collection is the gift of Martin A. Ryerson.

The Modern Fault
A woman may blame bow legs upon her mother or wrinkles to her father, but an unsightly complexion must roost upon her own conscience.—Woman's Home Companion.

Our Oldest Cities
It is not generally known that except for St. Augustine, Fla., Santa Fe is the oldest city in the United States.—Woman's Home Companion.

A curator of a certain zoological gardens was on holiday. He received a note from his assistant: "The chimpanzee is sick. He appears to pine for a companion. We don't know what to do pending your return."

If the shoe pinches—it's the woman who wears it—

Tourist: "Is the London fog really so awfully heavy?"

Londoner: "Terrible."

Tourist: "How do the vehicles get along?"

Londoner: "Well, the first one makes a tunnel which all the following ones pass through."

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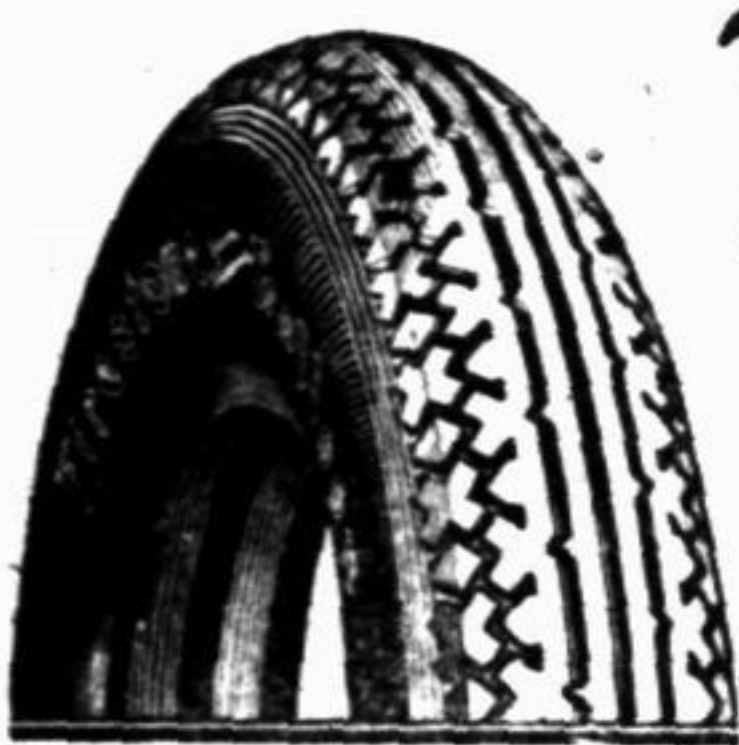


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