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## NEW DIRECTORS OF UNIVERSITY OF AKRON DECIDE ON IMPORTANT CHANGES TO BE MADE

Next Fall Will See Introduction of Course in Engineering and City Tests are Already Being Carried on at New University—Curtis Cottage to Become College of Household Arts for Women

Within a month after their appointment by Mayor Rockwell, the nine new directors of the Municipal University of Akron have decided upon some changes in the affairs of the university which will lead to alterations of great importance before the start of another term.

A course of engineering, which has been desired for several years, will become a reality next fall, when a Freshman class will be started in a five-year course. The class will run through eleven months of the year, and the students will have an opportunity to put into practice in local factories what they have been taught in the class rooms. This will be accomplished by means of an arrangement with Akron manufacturers, whereby students will alternately work in the shops two weeks, earning apprentice's wages, and spend an equal length of time in school.

Prof. Fred E. Ayer, of the Municipal University of Cincinnati, has been appointed Dean of the new school of engineering. He will take charge of his work here on March 1. Prof. Ayer is an expert in co-operative engineering, and has had charge of this work at the University of Cincinnati for the past eight years.

The present Academy building will become the school of engineering.

Testing of the various departments of the city will soon be done at the new university. The office of city chemist will be done away with, and Mr. Hardgrove, who has filled that office, now carries on the tests for the city at the university. He will be given the rank of assistant professor, and will be made director of the bureau of city tests, which embrace chemical, biological and physical conditions.

By this transference the city is saved \$1,500 a year, the amount now paid to the city chemist.

Another innovation will consist in the starting of a Department of Municipal Research. Chemical students can, through this department, take up problems in chemistry confronting the small manufacturer who is unable to employ a regular chemist, and both the student and manufacturer will profit by the arrangement. Dr. Charles M. Knight will return to the institution to take charge of this department, although he resigned from active service a year ago.

Curtis Cottage, which for years has served as a girls' dormitory, will be discontinued at the end of the term and is to become a college of Household

Arts. Mrs. E. A. Thompson has been appointed dean of the women of the university, and will also head the department of History.

Free scholarships will henceforth not be issued to students living outside of Akron, except at the request of the donor of scholarship funds. Out-of-town students must pay \$100 as yearly tuition, while to Akron students a half-yearly fee of \$10 will be charged. This amount includes the registration, incidental, library, gymnasium, and student activity fees.

By a suggestion of a special committee of the alumni to the new directors, there will be no more annual prizes from the alumni to the students in each of the four classes who at the end of the term have the best grades. Instead, the money will go to the betterment of the commencement week exercises.

The instructors of the university will enjoy a gradual increase in salary, according to Pres. Kolbe, although no marked increase will be made at the start.

These, then, are the most important changes to be made in the newly made-over institution. They signify the beginning of a new career for the school which has had a long and honorable history as a privately endowed institution, and which, now taken over by the city of Akron, is destined to become one of the influential schools of the country.

### Successful Glee Club Candidates are Announced

After a long period devoted to trying out the candidates for the Boys' Glee Club, Mr. Foley, director, announces the following as the successful candidates for places on the club:

First Tenor—Arbogast, Squibbs, Sidnell, Conrad, and Foltz.

Second Tenor—Taylor, Werner, Davis, Lawson, and Magennis.

First Bass—Wilson, Mapes, Spencer, Walter, and Remington.

Second Bass—Phelps, Gillen, Wellock, Ranney, and Work.

Alternates—Carlton, Azar, Crawford, Marlow, Bruner, and Rood.

Mr. Foley states that while the above selection of candidates is approximately the way in which the Club will be divided, further changes are not improbable. Two concerts are booked, one for February 6, at Crouse Gymnasium, and the other for March 10, at the Universalist Church.

The Glee Club now seems to be on a surer footing than it was last year, and there is no apparent reason why it should not have a most successful season.

### University Library Receives Two Gifts

Through the columns of *The Buchtelite*, the Library wishes to acknowledge recent contributions of books.

Miss Dessa C. Ebbert, of Barberton, presented the library with two volumes of Schelling's Elizabethan Drama.

The library of the late Rev. Edward Morris, of Marietta, comprising nearly 200 volumes of miscellaneous books, was also donated to the University library.

### Weekly Newspaper Published by Advanced Composition Class

"The Buchtel Weekly News," a four-page newspaper, has been started by the Advanced Composition Class under Prof. Sturtevant. It is issued every Friday afternoon and can be read at the Library after 2:15 p. m.

The staff of the paper is composed of the following:

Special writers—Mildred Joy, Pauline Weaver, and Alberta Roach. Reporter—Clement Sickler. Editor, H. D. Ellis.

The talk of the school—Art Ranney's mustache.

Practically every fellow has a job at our institution, and is proud of it.