

## BRIEF NEWS NOTES

### DEPARTMENT OF HOME ECONOMICS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO RICO

Due to the increasing demand that is made from year to year by hospitals and other institutions for dietitians and specialists in home economics, the Home Economics Department of the University of Porto Rico will offer a three years' course for those wishing to specialize in this work.

At the present time several Porto Rican young ladies who have specialized in dietetics are filling important positions in the Island, and as the many hospitals and institutions in Porto Rico are soliciting the services of expert dietitians this important course offered by the University will no doubt meet with a cordial response.

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#### MISS SARAH LANE

Sailing on the last trip of the U. S. Transport *St. Mihiel*, Miss Sarah Lane, Superintendent of the Public Nursing Service of Porto Rico, expects to spend a short vacation with her relatives in Schenectady, N. Y., and in Europe.

As a member of the American Legion, Miss Lane plans to attend the American Legion Convention in Paris on September 8th. While abroad she will also travel extensively on the continent, revisiting the battlefields and many other places of interest, as well as renewing acquaintance with some of the interesting people whom she met during the World War, and later as a representative of the American Commission to Serbia.

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#### SOCIAL-WORK CONFERENCES

The course on Social Work organized by the Social-Work Division of the Department of Health and given at the University of Porto Rico from July 5th to July 22nd, proved very interesting.

Twelve students were enrolled for University credits and the average number attending was about fifteen, although there was an attendance of twenty and twenty-five at some of the lectures.

The results of the course are evident. A number of persons have decided to take up Social Work as a profession, and the Director of the Summer School has expressed his desire to have a fuller course next summer.

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#### SCHOOL GARDENS IN PORTO RICO

Much emphasis was placed this last school year on the teaching of agriculture in the public schools. Part of the products raised in the school gardens was used in the free school lunch and part was given to pupils for the purpose of teaching them how to prepare the vegetables. This was done in order to accustom them to eat more of these foods. Some of the products were sold by the school pupils and in this way they had practical lessons in salesmanship. With the proceeds from the sales victrolas, pictures, medicine kits, etc., were purchased for the rural schools.

Plans are being developed for the teaching of Agriculture in the High Schools of Porto Rico during the next school year. Three periods of forty-five minutes will be given to theory during the week and two double periods of ninety minutes will be given to experimental observation and garden work during the week.

A manual of menus is being prepared at the present time for use in the preparation of the free lunches in the Rural Schools of the Island.

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#### DR. ANTONIO MARTINEZ ALVAREZ

After a short trip north Dr. Antonio Martínez Alvarez is again in the city. Dr. Josefina Villafañe de Martínez, his wife, is now convalescing at Lake Placid, New York, where she recently underwent an operation.

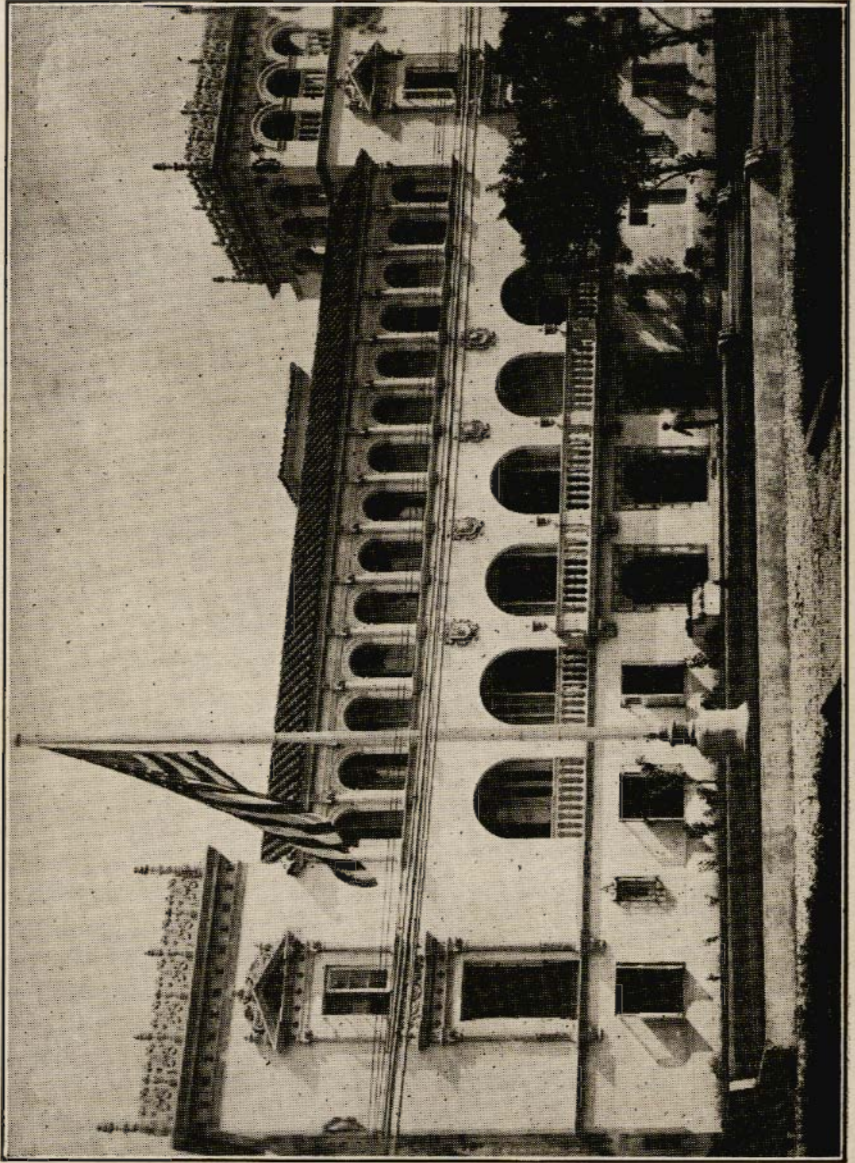
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#### THE SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

The Announcement of the School of Tropical Medicine for 1927-28 presents several changes in, and additions to, its faculty.

Dr. A. Fernós Isern, will be Assistant Professor of Hygiene this year; Dr. Wm. R. Galbreath will be Clinical Professor of Tropical Medicine and Dr. Martín O. de la Rosa, Assistant Professor of Communicable Diseases. Dr. José S. Belaval will form part of the faculty as Clinical Professor of Tropical Medicine. Dr. Ramón M.





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Suárez as Assistant Clinical Professor of Tropical Medicine, and Dr. Charles Weiss as Assistant Professor of Bacteriology.

Resident lecturers for this year will be Dr. E. Fernández García, Dr. M. Díaz García, Dr. V. Gutiérrez Ortiz, Dr. Walter A. Glines, Dr. Amalio Roldán, Dr. Jorge del Toro. Visiting lecturers include Dr. F. W. O'Connor, M. R. C. S. (England), Assistant Director, Division of Medical Education of the Rockefeller Foundation; William H. Taliaferro, A. B. Ph. D., Associate Professor of Parasitology, University of Chicago; Haven Emerson, A. B., A. M. M. D., Director and Professor of Public Health Administration, De Lamar Institute of Public Health, Columbia University.

The first of the three distinguished visiting scientists to arrive in Porto Rico will be Dr. O'Connor, who is expected the latter part of October. From Clegowes Wood College, Kildare, Ireland, Dr. O'Connor was matriculated at the Royal University of Ireland in 1901. The following notes give a brief sketch of his professional career from then on:

Medical School and Hospital: St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, London E. C., 1901-1907.

M. R. C. S., L. R. C. P. (London, England), 1907.

D. T. M. & H. (Cambridge), 1913.

Wandsworth Scholar, London School of Tropical Medicine (University of London) 1919-1922 for research in Polynesia.

Resident Medical Officer to Sir Patrick Manson, 1909-1910,

Albert Dock Hospital, London School of Tropical Medicine, Formosa, Japan, Clinical Medicine, 1910-1913.

Demonstrator and Assistant Entomologist, London School of Tropical Medicine, 1913-1922.

War Service, France, September, 1914-1915.

In Egypt and Palestine 1915-1917, with Wenyon in Alexandria and later in charge of advance field laboratory on Sinai Desert as Parasitologist.

Staff officer to Sir Ronald Ross, K. C. B., in War Office at Taranto, Italy, and Salonika—for study of malaria, 1917.

Polynesian Islands: Samoa, Tokelau and Ellice groups for study of Filariasis and Epidemiology of Tropical Diseases, 1919-1921.

Malarial Field Studies for International Health Board, Southern United States, 1923.

#### Publications:

Intestinal Protozoa Amongst Members of the British Expeditionary Force, Egypt.

Intestinal Helminths Amongst Members of the British Expeditionary Force, Egypt, etc., etc.

In collaboration: C. M. Wenyon and F. W. O'Connor--- Human Intestinal Protozoa in the Near East.

Clifford Dobell and F. W. O'Connor—The Intestinal Protozoa of Man.

Dr. O'Connor will give a series of lectures on parasitology and tropical medicine, correlated with the course on parasitology offered by the School of Tropical Medicine from October to December.

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First term of second session begins Oct., 1, 1927; second term, Feb., 1, 1928. Special students and investigators admitted at other times as space and circumstances permit. In all cases arrangement in advance is advised.

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