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# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NEWS



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## Scarpa, Norris, And Austin Elected To Phi Beta Kappa

Three Winthrop Scholars Praised For Achievement By Entire Student Body

Three members of the senior class, Palmina Scarpa, Frances Norris, and Shirley Austin, have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa on the basis of three years' work, as announced by President Katharine Blunt in her Chapel talk Tuesday morning. Palmina Scarpa, a Classics major, is vice president of the Italian club and is a Palmer Scholarship winner. Frances Norris, also a Classics major, holds Palmer, Winthrop, and Morrison Scholarships. Both are day as well as self-help students. Shirley Austin, an English major, is president of the Student-Faculty forum, advertising manager of *Koine*, and treasurer of the Ornithology club.

These Phi Beta Kappa members in the junior year are also Winthrop Scholars, an organization to recognize high scholarship, established by the faculty before Connecticut was granted a Phi Beta chapter.

## Dr. Lawrence Has Heart Attack On Sunday, Oct. 19

Dr. Henry W. Lawrence, professor of history, suffered from a heart attack Sunday morning, October 19. He is in the Lawrence Memorial Hospital where he will be confined for some time. His classes are being taken this week by Dr. Hannah Roach and Dr. Marjorie Dille of the history department. Arrangements for his classes for the duration of his illness are now being planned.

## C. C. Menu Planning Involves War Effects, Fads, And Work

By Betty Shank '43

Three times a day we troop into our respective dining rooms to partake of the repast set before us. As we plunder the fruit bowl for seconds, little do we think of what goes on behind the scenes, or how the present emergency may be affecting our daily diet.

Why—for example—didn't all houses have strawberry ice cream last week? The answer—national defense. It seems that due to a shortage of paper for boxing, frozen strawberries are now ordered by the quart rather than by the pound. The order, however, came through in pounds, thus causing a shortage which resulted in extra flavors being used to supplement the strawberry ice cream. All our ice cream, incidentally, is made right here in Thames' kitchen in order to provide the variety that C.C. girls seem to like.

The four main kitchens are located in Thames, Knowlton, Jane Addams-1937 Houses, and Smith-East Houses. Via electric cart, food is brought from Knowlton kitchen to Windham where the cart is again plugged in to keep the food piping hot. Mary Harkness puts the food which it gets from

## Dance Group Gives Guide To Evaluate The Dance Program

Guides to the interpretation and enjoyment of the dance program to be given October 29 by Doris Humphrey and Charles Weidman are offered by the dance group in its statement of seven points that the dance group will watch for in the performance. They are as follows: 1, Quality and perfection of movement in the group. 2, Form of compositions. 3, Manipulation of groups in space. 4, Development of movement themes and abstractions of movement. 5, Contrapuntal devices used. 6, Costumes, lights and type and quality of accompaniment—not as decorative, but as functional to the idea of the composition. 7, Reaction of audience.

The Sykes Benefit Fund, which is sponsoring the dance program, is a senior organization with the purpose of raising money toward an alumnae building. The organization is named in honor of Frederick Henry Sykes, the first president of Connecticut college. The officers of the organization for this year are: Barbara Macpherson, chairman; Louise Ressler, head of publicity, and Joan Jacobson, in charge of ushers.

Beginning Thursday, October 23, tickets for the concert may be purchased for one dollar at the Palmer Auditorium any day from two to six p.m. They may also be purchased at Starr Bros. from eleven a.m. to five p.m. on Saturday, October 25, and throughout the following week from eleven a.m. to one p.m.

## College Given Announcement Of President Blunt's Retirement At The End Of This School Year



PRESIDENT KATHARINE BLUNT

## President's Record Is Story Of College's Rise To Fame

Dr. Katharine Blunt, president of Connecticut college since 1929, has announced to the students through a letter published in the *News*, that she will retire at the end of the present school year, or as soon thereafter as a successor can be found. President Blunt is relinquishing her post because she has passed the retirement age of 65 years. A committee has been appointed, at her request, by the college board of trustees, to select her successor. President Blunt, the chairman of the board of trustees, and two faculty members, Dean E. Alverna Burdick and Dr. Pauline Dederer, comprise the committee which will make the selection.

President Blunt's administration has been one of distinguished achievement, which has brought the college renown as an institution of progressive ideas, soundness and great vigor. Under her leadership, Connecticut college has developed from an infant and relatively unknown college for women into a mature and first rank educational institution.

The great faith of the President in the potentialities of women in all fields, scholarly, professional, and domestic, has had a great effect in molding the character of the college and its women during her years as its head. She has emphasized a curriculum, and stimulated

extra-curricular activities which would lead to the greatest possible realization of these potentialities. She has devoted herself to widening the scope of college work and to the synthesis of cultural subjects with those which are vocational or professional, by the introduction of specialized courses and training.

The importance of active participation by women in public affairs has been one of President Blunt's major interests. She has exemplified this by her own service on state and municipal boards, contributing thus a great deal to the civic life of the community and at the same time strengthening the relations between the college and the community and state.

The physical growth of the college during President Blunt's administration has been little short of remarkable. President Blunt has always stressed the importance of this material development by saying that we must have "the necessary tools for good work."

The years from 1931 to 1941 have been described as "the brightest decade in the history of Connecticut college." During this period, ten major buildings have been erected on campus, including seven dormitories, Harkness Chapel, the Frank Loomis Palmer auditorium,

## Pres. Blunt Tells Of Retirement In Letter to Students

Miss Blunt Will Serve Until Committee Finds Successor For Office

President Katharine Blunt, who has headed Connecticut College for the past thirteen years, announced her forthcoming resignation to the student body through the *News* on Monday.

Dr. Blunt, outstanding educator, beloved by students, faculty and administration, made the announcement through a letter, which follows:

October 20, 1941

Dear Students,

I hate to have to tell you that I am retiring at the end of this college year, or as soon thereafter as a successor can be found. I want you to know directly from me before a statement comes out in the newspaper.

I shall have had thirteen very happy and rewarding years here; I have passed the normal retirement age; and in all sincerity I believe that a change in administration should come soon.

The trustees have appointed a committee to find the new person. I am a member, and so are Professor Dederer and Dean Burdick. Any suggestions as to a possible president should be made to one of us.

With much affection to you, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Katharine Blunt

## Home Ec Club To Stress Extension Of Activities

The Home Economics Club will meet Monday evening at 7:30 in New London Hall. The program will include three speakers, formulation of plans for the Intercollegiate Home Economics club, and refreshments, announces Audrey Nordquist '42, club president.

Miss Florence Palencourt of the home economics department will speak on hospital dietetics. Virginia Frey '42, and Virginia Martin '42 will talk on their respective majors, child development and home economics.

Last spring Audrey Nordquist was elected president and Charlotte Hosfeld '43 secretary of the Intercollegiate Home Economics club, an organization including the home economics clubs of Connecticut University, Connecticut College, and St. Joseph's College for Women. Plans for an increased coordination of Intercollegiate Home Economics club activities, and a tea to be held on November 5 will be drawn up at the coming meeting.

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**To Our President**

Even though the retirement of President Blunt is still an event of the distant future, we cannot help expressing our sincere regrets that such an event must come to pass. We are all aware that we owe more than we can ever measure, of the spiritual, intellectual, and material development of Connecticut college to the whole-hearted, untiring efforts of our beloved President. In the thirteen years of her presidency, the school has grown greater in reputation, in beauty, and in size than could be imagined possible. Under her careful guidance, we have grown from infancy to maturity, and thus we continue to grow every year.

We wish it were possible here to express the deep regret which we all feel at this news, but there are no words for it. We can express, however, our great pride in our President and her immeasurable accomplishments, and our gratitude to her for her most important part in making this college one of the finest (to us, the finest) in the country. She has received a full measure of recognition, and countless awards, such as her recent award as one of the outstanding alumnae of the University of Chicago, for her achievements, which are more in number than any one of us can dare hope to attain. We, the students of the college to which President Blunt has devoted all of her energies for thirteen years, can give her no greater award than our pledge that we shall continue to share her pride in the college and its achievements, and our lasting gratitude, devotion, and loyalty, not only throughout the continuance of her presidency, but forever after.

**What Is This "Propaganda"?**

The old word "propaganda" is getting the beating of its life these days. It's worked and over-worked, used and mis-used. "Oh, that's just a lot of propaganda," has become a sort of by-word, a phrase attached arbitrarily to almost any expression, whether of approval or condemnation. For instance, an American film, produced by American citizens, pointing out the evils and horrors of the totalitarian brute-machine is labelled as "propaganda." It is perhaps true that the picture presented is exaggerated in some of its details, that the horror angle is purposely emphasized. This distortion is certainly obvious, and in many respects justified, for in all probability no

**FREE SPEECH**

The Editors of the "News" do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions expressed in this column. In order to insure the validity of this column as an organ for the expression of honest opinion, the editor must know the names of contributors.

Dear Editor,

President Blunt's enumeration and clarification of current rumors on campus in Chapel yesterday should, in my opinion, serve to bring the attention of the students to the need for authenticity of all information.

Lack of an attempt to discover the truth leads to falsely based conclusions which may breed danger! If we believed everything we hear, where would we be now? You know how the grape-vine system ends up! Exaggeration, falseness, misinterpretation!

As President Blunt said, we must endeavor to know and transmit accurate and true information. Trouble caused by falseness, with consequent consumption of valuable time, would be eliminated. Be constructive in less time! Find out for yourself—clear up your doubts! Be definite!

We must all take "with a grain of salt" all the news we hear; we must base our opinions on general trends and facts.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Pease '43

picture could describe the horrible, grim reality of the truth.

The word "propaganda" has far more insidious connotations. In operation it is not obvious, but rather veiled and stealthy. It creeps like a latent cancer into the minds of a people, where nourished by the hand of a dictator, it finally reaches the incurable stage. It strives to foster not truth, but falsehood. Propaganda agents, subsidized by alien powers, may be working under cover here in the United States, and it is always wise to read and listen with caution. Recognize propaganda for what it is, but don't apply the term like a haphazard tag.

**The Dark Ages**

The cry, "Don't forget to turn out your lights" has become the dormitory password in the last week. Anyone who has walked across the campus during dinner hour could not help but notice that, whereas formerly dormitory windows blazed forth from all floors, spreading light several yards around, now the upper stories are dark and deserted looking. At first, the passer-by wonders if a general exodus has taken place, or if the girls are all on vacations, or asleep. But then he thinks, "Ah! The college defense program is at work."

Yes, the response to President Blunt's plea for conservation has been excellent. As yet we haven't had cold enough weather to try ourselves on heat conservation, but if social pressure and co-operation prove as effective in that respect as they have with the "Turn out your lights" campaign, we can be well pleased with this particular defense effort. Let's continue to cooperate to the fullest, and say even more often, "Don't forget your lights!"

San Luis Obispo, Calif.—(ACP)—Discovered: One college "final exam" that pleases the students. Not because it's easy, either.

It's the examination for the tractor skills course at California Polytechnic College James F. Merson, agricultural mechanics instructor, originated the examination, which is more like a difficult game than a test.

Merson's test is like a game of golf—using tractors for golf clubs and stakes instead of holes. As in golf, the lowest score is the best score. The object of one of the four events is to drive a wheel tractor, pulling a spring tooth harrow, up and down several rows of stakes, cultivating as close as possible to the stakes without knocking any of them down.

**Calendar . . .**

- Wednesday, October 22**  
Concert, Helen Traubel . . . Auditorium, 8:30
- Thursday, October 23**  
Wig and Candle Rehearsal . . . Auditorium, 7:15
- Friday, October 24**  
Science Club Meeting . . . Commuters Room, 7:30
- Sunday, October 26**  
Wig and Candle Rehearsal . . . Auditorium 3:00  
Wig and Candle Rehearsal . . . Auditorium, 8:00  
Cornelius Krusé (Wesleyan) . . . Chapel, 7:00
- Monday, October 27**  
Wig and Candle Rehearsal . . . Auditorium 202, 7:15  
Spanish Club Meeting . . . Commuters Room, 7:30  
Home Economics Club Meeting . . . New London Hall, 7:30
- Tuesday, October 28**  
Wig and Candle Rehearsal . . . Auditorium, 7:30
- Wednesday, October 29**  
Sykes Fund, Humphrey and Weidman . . . Auditorium, 8:30

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. . . By Bobbie Brengle



"What I want to know is, where do they draw the line between National Defense and SELF Defense!"

**TO DATE**

**Mid West Changes Opinion**

It is always interesting to note the change of attitude toward war. The Middle West, formerly the strong hold of isolationism, is gradually shifting its sentiments. The four states, which were strongly anti-interventionists, were Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois. Of these, Wisconsin is the only one to retain its stand. In Michigan the legislature heretofore passing resolutions to remain out of war, has recently passed one condemning the isolationists. At the American Legion Convention in Milwaukee, both Illinois and Indiana indorsed the intervention policy, while Wisconsin still holds forth on isolationism.

**S. America Needs Supplies**

Through its desire to aid the Allies by placing strategic articles on a priorities list, the U.S. is putting a crimp in its good relations with Latin-America. Because of the British blockade the South Americans were greatly handicapped in getting materials for their industries. Recognizing this, the U.S. agreed to aid them through loans which were to enable them to get their supplies from us. Many of the materials which they need are the very ones which are on the priorities list, which means that we are more or less defeating our own purpose.

**Relief Is Still Problem**

The problem of relief, which is always prevalent, has been somewhat reduced by the present defense jobs. While this is all very well for the present, a darker side is evident in that there is also a future. Undoubtedly, those most recently employed will be the first to be dismissed. Even so, there still remain many families which contain no employable member, and it is these which must remain on relief, so that while right now "things are

**BOOK REVIEW**

By Sally M. Kelly '43

*Good Neighbors*, by Hubert Herring, is a report on "America south," including material about Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and seventeen other countries. The facts, carefully parcelled, give the average knowledge-seeking United States citizen just what he's looking for in the line of information on his good neighbors below the border.

In short sentences, at times cryptic, Mr. Herring analyzes the South American situation. Argentina, backward in education, peppered with Naziism, is dependent on industrial countries despite her beef, sheep, and minerals. Brazil, less enterprising, is hampered by unsteady politics, bulky undefended areas, poverty, and absence of coal to utilize her vast natural resources. Chile, the most progressive ABC country, has wealth in the soil and mineral resources. So goes the rest of the book.

Far from being a treatise on international affairs, *Good Neighbors* attempts to explain how much the United States policy has accomplished, even though Hitler has retaliated with his propaganda. Education and economic cooperation are more important than continual good-will tours.

*Good Neighbors* is a report, backed by facts. It is interesting, readable, and popularly written. If you want to know "exactly who are these good neighbors for whom we are about to bare our breasts and armour plate"—this book will appeal to you.

looking up" one must remember that the situation is by no means permanent.

**Recognition Will Mean Aid**

In spite of all the Free French have done and are trying to do to aid the Allies there has as yet been no official recognition of the de Gaulle government. Once this is done it will permit Washington to give the same aid to the Free French as has been accorded the other allies.

# CANDIDS

By Patricia King '42 and Barbara Brengle '42

The sisters Wright, Elizabeth and Mary, are the inhabitants of the Bursar's Office, 204 Fanning, where all college receipts and disbursements are handled and checked. Elizabeth is the tall one, Mary the short, and ever since the evening they went to a faculty masquerade party some years back dressed as two Teddy-bears, they have been known as "Big Bear" and "Little Bear." Like all sisters, the Misses Elizabeth and Mary Wright have their differences, both of opinion and of taste. Miss Elizabeth likes to wield a rake and hoe, to hammer a nail, or to build a fire. Miss Mary prefers the gentler arts of knitting and sewing. Miss Elizabeth plants the flowers, Miss Mary picks them.

Natives of this state, the Wright sisters were born and brought up in Hartford, and came to Con-



the headline: CONNECTICUT TOWNS ALL OF A TWITTER OVER LOCATION OF NEW WOMEN'S COLLEGE. And a little further on is a picture of the first class, a bevy of girls in long skirts, with "rats" in their hair, and high-laced shoes.

Naturally the Wrights have noticed a decided change in the undergraduates since the early days, both in costume and in general attitude. The first students at Connecticut were especially known for their "pioneer" spirit. Industrious and constructive, they pitched in to help with such tasks as building the road from the Quad out to Williams street and moving the books from New London hall to the newly constructed library. Today the Wright sisters observe a more pronounced interest in things intellectual, an interest in discussion groups and lectures.

The sisters Wright may often be seen touring to and from the campus in their big black '39 Buick, license 39, with Miss Elizabeth at the wheel. From the door of Fanning to their own front door is but a short ride, and justly proud they are of their lovely white house on the hill. It was Miss Elizabeth, with suggestions from Miss Mary, who planned every detail of the house. After she had completed her drawings, an architect was called in and one day in October of '39 the Wright sisters moved into their new abode. One of the most ingenious features of the Wright home, shrewdly devised by Miss Elizabeth, is the two-way garage. The driveway leads right through the

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necticut College in 1913, before plans were completed or the work on the buildings begun. For some time they had their offices in the Mohican Hotel downtown, and in 1915 they arrived on campus with the first class. During all the years since the founding of the college, the Wrights have kept a scrapbook—several, in fact, all brimfull of newspaper clippings and pictures. A glimpse into the very first book reveals on the very first page

## C. C. Trustees Vote To Clear '37 House Debt

The Connecticut college board of trustees voted at a recent meeting to clear away the last indebtedness on the 1937 dormitory, using the available balance from last year's budget surplus and appropriation from the 1941-42 budget for this purpose.

The wiping out of the 1937 house indebtedness leaves East house, a freshman dormitory completed last year, the only one of seven new residence halls built during the eight years 1933-40 inclusive, on which any debt remains.

President Katharine Blunt, in making known the action of the board of trustees, said that while the college points with pride to the successful financing of several of its greatly needed dormitories in recent years, these buildings would not have been possible without the support of many generous friends of the college.

"Their gifts," said President Blunt, "have done more than help pay for college buildings. The belief in our work of which these gifts are evidence, has given us constant encouragement in our effort to make Connecticut college an increasingly strong and great college for women."

## Science Club To Have Quiz Night Friday

Information Please? Yes, here it is on our own campus with experts rivaling John Kieran. The first Science club meeting will be held in the form of an Information Please program on Friday night, October 24, at 7:30 in the Commuters' room. Questions on scientific subjects, submitted by freshmen and other members of Science club, have been duly edited and censored. Some questions will be open to discussion from the floor, so everyone present will participate. Peggy Mack '42 will assume Clifton Fadiman's role of master of ceremonies. Acting as the board of experts will be Babs Murphy '43, Mary Surgenor '43, Maja Anderson '42, Shirley Austin '42, and Pat Douglass '44.

Plans have been made for a few students to give reports on their summer scientific activities and accomplishments. And—even scientists cannot live on the program alone, so at the end of the program, cider and doughnuts will be served to all!

## Inter-Club Council Goes Forward With Definite Plans

Inter-club Council announces its latest plans for the re-organization and rejuvenation of campus clubs. At the meeting held on October 17, the council considered the suggestions of last week's Student-Faculty Forum meeting, and decided upon a definite plan of action. Club presidents have been asked to consider two questions with the other officers of their clubs: first, is the club serving any purpose which is not or could not be handled through the department?; and second, if so, what sort of entrance requirements might be set up for future members?

The Inter-club Council has a definite purpose in asking these two questions. If the club is serving no purpose which is not or could not be handled by the department, it might well disband for the present, giving students more time to devote to defense work. Later on, possibly, when there is a definite need and interest, the club will be reorganized with genuine and spontaneous enthusiasm. If, on the other hand, the club feels that it has a definite purpose outside and apart from departmental activities, it is felt that its worth might be immeasurably increased by setting up some sort of entrance requirement. By this means, smaller, more active groups will be formed and there will be the added incentive of a feeling of honor in achievement.

There is nothing tentative or purely theoretical about these plans. Inter-club Council is determined to carry through its ideas and to effect the reorganization and rejuvenation of college clubs. The next meeting of the council is to be held in two weeks. The date is not yet determined.

## Doris Caesar Will Show Work Soon

An exhibit of sculptures by Doris Caesar, a New York sculptress, will be held at college in the Palmer Library sometime in the near future. Miss Caesar is the creator of the "Seated Girl" which was given to the college in 1936 and placed outside the door of Mary Harkness House. Watch for further notices about this exhibit!

## Miss Ballard Gives Piano Recital Of True Excellence

The college music season formally opened last Thursday night when Miss Ray Ballard, assistant professor of music, presented a piano recital before a sizeable audience of students, faculty, and townspeople. The program was well varied and arranged in classic form, progressing from selections of the older masters through to the works of more modern composers.

Miss Ballard's great technical skill was evident throughout, but showed to particular advantage in the octave passages of the Liszt "Polonaise" and in the intricacies of the Rachmaninoff "Prelude." Sparing and completely advantageous use of the pedal complemented an amazing mastery of the keyboard. One of the highspots of Miss Ballard's annual concerts is the presentation of an original composition; this year's offering—an "Impromptu"—exceeded all previous standards of excellence.

The complete program was as follows:

- Gluck-Brahms—Gavotte (Iphigenia in Aulis)
- Beethoven—Thirty-two Variations
- Brahms — Intermezzo, E-flat minor
- Brahms—Ballade, G-minor
- Chopin—Nocturne, C-minor
- Liszt—Polonaise in E
- Griffes—The White Peacock
- Rachmaninoff — Prelude, G-sharp minor
- Ballard — Impromptu, G-minor (Ms)
- Strauss-Schutt — Paraphrase on Die Fledermaus Waltz

## Pres. Blunt Ejects False Rumors In Tuesday Chapel

"If we have poise, self-control, and maturity, we can prevent the spread of rumors," President Katharine Blunt said in her Chapel talk of Tuesday, October 21.

Among the rumors the President dispelled was that of the Thanksgiving holidays lasting only one day. "There was no truth in it. Why did you believe it? Why didn't you go to the proper authority, the President's or the Dean's office, and find out?"

There was a rumor circulating a year ago that half the freshman class was on probation. Such a thing makes a number of people frightened, unhappy, and panic-stricken. Another perennial rumor is that the infirmary is too full to take care of any new cases.

The President continued: "Rumors come faster in times of emergency. The seniors remember right after the hurricane the stories that every hard wind was another hurricane. In the paper we read national and international rumors which are coming faster now than the world is at war."

"Lastly, there is the rumor, cropped up again this year, that the government is going to take over the college because of its strategic position. There is absolutely no information on such a move, so that is another rumor to forget."

"What can we do to stop this and others from circulating? Laugh at the ones that are silly, and by all means investigate those you are not sure of. Do not yield to the dramatic desire to make a good story better. We have no secret information to withhold, but we can pass on annoying points of view."

## A Fable: About 754 Cherubs Who Learned How To Do Their Bit

By Lucille Bobrow '44

Part One

Once upon a time there was a group of 754 pretty cherubs . . . dark ones, redheads, and peroxidized blondes . . . and all of gentle temperament. They lived high on a hilltop where the grass was ever green, and grew in abundance, except when it was covered snugly with snow. They studied diligently their irregular Spanish verbs, and the history of the Angevin Empire, and the reaction between copper sulphate and nitric acid. At odd moments they would trip down to New Haven or Princeton to watch some lowly mortals wrestle with the pigskin.

Yet despite the enormous amount of information that these lovely cherubs were amassing, both intellectual and otherwise; despite the fact that they read carefully the leading editorials of the *Times*, and nodded their heads sagely and knowingly over the tragic turn of events, and clicked their teeth together in sorrow and compassion, they were, sad to relate, bereft of understanding. They were, in a word, blind.

For there was a chapel on the hilltop, where they oft-times convened for spiritual meetings . . . and in the basement of this building was a boiler room, which did other things aside from keeping them warm. But they couldn't see that. They could see only the physical aspect of the boiler room . . . the whitewashed walls and brown tables . . . they could not see all the little children, both young and old . . . who were crying for knitted

warmth in that very boiler room, even though they were thousands of leagues away. These gentle little cherubs could see no further, in fact, than the post-office and Norwich Inn. And then the sad news came rolling in . . . reports that the tiny knitted garments had been coming in so slowly that there seemed to be little hope of ever coming in sight of the quota of 1000 sweaters, which was set for December. Gloom settled over the once happy hill-top, for the little cherubs were confronted with a serious problem. But what to do? WHAT TO DO?

Part Two

Lo and behold! . . . when the cherubs were brought to realize the extent of their failings and short-sightedness, they hopped busily to work . . . and every Tuesday and Thursday from four to six, and every Friday for an hour following the chapel service . . . they could be found busily knitting away in that heavenly boiler room, grown beautiful in a moment, and lighted by a celestial radiance. And so all the little cherubs on the hill-top, the brunettes, the red-heads and the peroxidized blondes, lived happily ever after; were happy because they discovered that there is more to life than dangling particles, and Dartmouth green, and sport convertibles . . . happy because they were doing their bit to make others happy.

Epilogue

Part the First is the sad truth  
Part the Second mere conjecture  
We do hope and pray, in sooth  
That C.C.'ll profit by this lecture!

### Religious Language Is Sermon Subject Of Dr. Paul Tillich

"Religious language is the body to the religious soul," stated Dr. Paul Tillich of the Union Theological Seminary at Vespers, Sunday, October 19. "If you separate the soul from the body, the soul cannot express itself. . . . If you do not use the right language you will lose religion itself." The wrong expression not only hinders but also destroys the reality it was supposed to express. Traditional terms are strange to the majority of people. "Church," for instance, does it mean the building or something else? The name "Christ," if we realized it meant Messiah would it mean something? "Religious language is transforming as well as expressive; it is symbolic," said Dr. Tillich. He closed his sermon by explaining that the church is the symbol of the Kingdom of Heaven, which is the symbol of relations between person and person. "We should use religious words with fear and trembling."

### Parking Area To Be Ready For Oct. 22

Work has been started on a new parking area south of the Frank Loomis Palmer auditorium at Connecticut college. It is expected that the space will be ready for use before the opening concert of the college series on October 22. The section now being surfaced will accommodate 150 cars. N. Benvenuti and Sons are doing the work.

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### Soph's Caberet Pleases Frosh "Night Owls"

By Alice Adams '44

As you were informed before, the sophomores entertained the freshmen with a party last Wednesday night held in the Gym Rickey. In the invitations, the freshmen were requested to wear skirts, and though it was a small favor to ask, several verbal protests were audible. It's getting so a girl just doesn't wear a skirt any more. The entertainment was in the form of a night club floor show and for this reason the freshmen were asked to dress as ladies and the sophomores wore overalls to act as their escorts.

The program consisted of about ten specialty numbers dreamed up by the omniscient sophomores under the able direction of the chairman, Sue Harbert '44. A group of singers whom we personally have named the six misses and no hit gave out with some snappy songs.

Pat Dillworth '44 intrigued the crowd with a "strip tease" which consisted in disrobing about a half dozen shirts and flinging her moccasins out to the audience saying they were props from "Tobacco Road." Libby DeMerritt put on a very successful Hawaiian Hula number which was preceded by a quick Brooklyn hula executed (and we do mean killed) by the team of Nicholson, Weinstock and Rosenstiel '44. Ethel Sproul '44 did an Indian club routine which showed definite evidence of a fourteen track mind. The hit attraction of the evening was the re-presentation of the winning freshman skit done by the girls in Grace Smith House. We agree with the judges that it was superb, and we think "Hel" was wonderful. Her rendition of *Perfidia* tops any recording we've heard. Corny cracks and jokes were sprinkled throughout the program by Algie Adams '44, and the closing number of the show was last year's East House song to the tune of "Let's Get Away From It All" done by the foregoing a cappella choir.

With that we did get away from it all and the sophomores took their freshmen sisters home for sources of physical stamina and a "starlight sing" out in the quad.

### Religious Council Discusses W.S.S.F.

Miss Margaret Brown, representative of the World Student Service Fund, was the guest of the Religious Council on the evening of October 21. In her talk to the girls she spoke of her experiences and described the work of the organization as it affects students in war-torn countries.

Announcement was made at the meeting of the Quaker group which will meet each Sunday morning at 10:30 for an hour in the chapel library. The Bible study group is also to be continued and will meet with Dr. Paul Laubenstein at 7:00 each Tuesday evening.

### President Blunt

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and Frederic Bill hall. A hormone laboratory and greenhouse for botanical research, new, modernly equipped scientific laboratories, and a nursery school have been instituted. Faculty apartment houses have been erected, a modern power plant constructed after the hurricane, and now the Palmer library is being enlarged by the addition of three spacious wings.

Less conspicuous developments in these years have been of great importance. The faculty has been strengthened. Faculty salaries have been increased and retiring allowances provided. The curriculum has been improved by the introduction of new courses and the reorganization of those which have become stereotyped. Scholarship and loan funds have steadily increased, enabling gifted young women of limited means to take advantage of the educational opportunities of the college.

An accomplishment which has won high praise has been the consistent balancing of the college budget. In the darkest part of the depression, when sharp economies were exacted in many directions, faculty salaries remained unchanged, high standards of student living were maintained, and the college lived within its income. At the depth of the depression, President Blunt convinced the board of trustees of the practical wisdom of building the badly needed Windham house, and thus launched the succession of dormitory buildings which eventually brought all resident students onto the campus.

In many other phases of the college development, President Blunt has left the mark of the clear thinking, initiative, courage and vitality, which have won for her universal admiration.

Her accomplishments in the field of women's education have been widely recognized. Among the honors which have been conferred upon her in recognition of her attainments as a scholar, educator, and administrator, have been honorary

degrees from Mount Holyoke college and Wesleyan university. Recently she was awarded a medal by the university of Chicago for outstanding achievement. She was one of nineteen out of approximately 40,000 alumni so honored.

President Blunt has not only been high in the esteem of the faculty, students, and others with whom she has worked. She has been deep in their affections. The problems and aspirations of teacher and student have been her personal concern. She has encouraged and aided their research, their experiments, and undertakings of all kinds. She has joined in their play as well as work. She has above all, succeeded in creating a stimulating spirit of freedom on the campus.

Outside she has enlisted the interest of countless men and women in the work of the college, making friends for the institution who have become its staunch supporters, furthering its high aims with gifts for buildings, equipment, scholarships and other things, and in many intangible ways lending strength to the forward movement of Connecticut college.

Dr. Blunt came to Connecticut

college from the university of Chicago where she had done important research in nutrition and had developed in the graduate school one of the best departments of home economics in any of the American universities.

She is a graduate of Vassar college and of the university of Chicago where she received her doctorate in chemistry.

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# M. Reibstein Tells of Summer At Labor And Social Centers

By Marilyn Sworzyn '43

Learning to understand social problems through direct association with the people concerned was the priceless achievement of a summer well spent by Marion Reibstein '42. Marion managed to squeeze into one summer four weeks at a special social work school in Boston, another four at an International Student Service Work Camp in Pennsylvania, and two weeks as a trainee of the Hudson Shore Labor School.

From June 15 to July 15 Marion was one of five college juniors from Smith, Wellesley, Bates, Mt. Holyoke and Connecticut that attended Junior Month, a special social work course sponsored by the Family Welfare Society in Boston. Service League sent Marion to see, understand and practice model social work. In Boston Marion and the girls lived at the Family Welfare Society located in one of the world's most overcrowded slum districts. The first two weeks the girls made extensive field trips to many model social agencies and hospitals in Boston, and took a course in introduction to case work under David W. Haynes, director of Junior Month.

The third week each of the girls was assigned as an assistant to a

district secretary of the Family Welfare Society. After reading case histories, Marion was sent out on her own to do case work, and to write a report on her findings. Admitting that she was shaky at the first thought of going into private homes, Marion lauded the value of these personal contacts in destroying a paternalistic attitude so detrimental to social work. Marion grew to understand the people's intricate problems, and to help open up new vistas from which they could make their own choices.

The final week the girls returned to headquarters where they finished the course in case work. Next summer another opportunity to attend Junior Month will be open to a Connecticut junior who, incidentally, doesn't have to be a sociology major.

After leaving Boston Marion spent two weeks in July as a trainee, sent by the Student Industrial Group to the Hudson Shore Labor School in West Park, New York. The labor school is a leadership training project for laborers, made possible by the American Association for Adult Education. Here Marion observed methods of workers education and got to know the laborers and their problems. She found that most of the workers were pro-British and anti-communistic.

After spending four weeks at the top end of an ax and shovel building a 4500 foot road in Wyoming Valley Pennsylvania Work Camp, Marion admitted that she'd never again laugh at a WPA workman leaning on his pick. From August 4 to 31 Marion was one of twenty college students that felled trees, leveled ground and built a badly needed mountain road near Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Girls and boys alike worked each morning from eight to noon under the guidance of Stanley Mesavage, an industrial forester. The quota of Marion's group was 1000 feet of road, but at the end of the month they had built 4500 feet. Before this road was laid twenty five miles of forest could burn before the foresters could reach it. At the completion of the project that danger had been narrowed to one mile.

The twenty "manual laborers" lived in a farm house, prepared their own meals and practised self-government. After the morning work the students took trips to neighboring towns and coal mines where they studied the particular problems of the mining district. They also attended lectures given by persons well versed on the problems of the vicinity. Marion had the experience of seeing employers anti-union intimidation tactics at work when she aided a labor organizer's daughter hand out union

information. The people of the vicinity weren't very cordial to the students, as they questioned the motives behind their working without pay.

In summing up her summer accomplishments Marion modestly declared that such wonderful opportunities as hers are open to all who are interested. Marion will be glad to furnish further details.

## C. C. Hockey Team Competes In Games At Pembroke

Last Saturday morning 12 girls left for Pembroke college to represent Connecticut in the North Eastern Umpire hockey association. The team members were Mary Lou Shoemaker '43, Franny Homer '42, Grace Wilson '45, Sally Rapelye '45, Helen Lederer '42, Jeff Ferguson '45, Dorry Hostetter '43, Jane Shaw '44, Marion Bisbee '42, Babs Sexton '42, Marge Lawrence '45, Clare Tracy '45 and Dottie Chapman '44. There were three fifteen minute periods for each team. In the first one with Rhode Island State college the score was 0-0. In the second, Connecticut beat Jackson 3-0, and in the third period Connecticut beat Framingham 4-0. On the all-college team chosen by judges there were two Connecticut college players, Franny Homer '42 and Mary Lou Shoemaker '43. The all-college team played the Boston all-star second team and the college team was defeated 3-2. In this game one of the all-college team's goals was made by Mary Lou Shoemaker.

Here on campus, managers for fall sports have been elected. Tennis and hockey have class managers and golf, archery and rifle practice have section managers. Managers for tennis are Eleanor King '42, Julie Rich '43, Ruth Hine '44 and Pat Manning '45. The hockey managers are Dorry Hostetter '43, Jane Shaw '44, and Marge Lawrence '45. The golf managers are Brooks Johnstone '43 and Ginny Passavant '44. The archery managers are Mary Ann Knotts '43 and Barbara Dillon '43. Rifle practice managers are Lois Creighton '43, Marge Livingston '43 and Mary Surgenor '43.

## Spanish Club Will Meet October 27

At the first meeting of the Spanish club, Monday, October 27, Heliodora Carneiro de Mendonca '45 will sing Brazilian songs and Margaret A. Scudder '45 will talk about life in Argentina. Activities for the rest of the year will be discussed at this meeting, under the direction of Sylvia Martin '42, president. Other officers of the club are Eleanor Horsey '43, vice president, and Jane Storms '43, secretary-treasurer.

## Menus

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circumstances, therefore, menus are uniform in all houses.

Miss Harris has found many difficulties already from the national defense situation. Because of the shipment of butter, eggs, processed cheese, fats, and pork to Great Britain, prices have risen tremendously. Securing lima beans from California and Bird's Eye frozen vegetables has been hampered by a shortage of cartons. Even the quality of our paper napkins has been effected because of the scarcity of chlorine for bleaching. As for almonds, it is practically an impossibility to get them since Spain is no longer shipping them, and the California crop has been ruined.

Our fruit bowls prove how varied our source of supplies can be. The grapefruit and pineapple come from Puerto Rico, and the melons from Chile. Argentina deserves full credit for those luscious purple grapes, while California sends us the seedless ones.

A brief glance at the weekly market order for the college would make most of us gasp. Imagine 600 pounds of butter, 300 dozens of eggs, 2800 quarts of milk (no wonder everyone accuses Connecticut girls of looking so healthy), and 280 pullman loaves of bread arriving at our gate per week! Our "bird-like" appetites last Sunday helped us to consume 180 chickens, and 134 quarts of ice cream, with the latter being topped by 24 quarts of fudge sauce.

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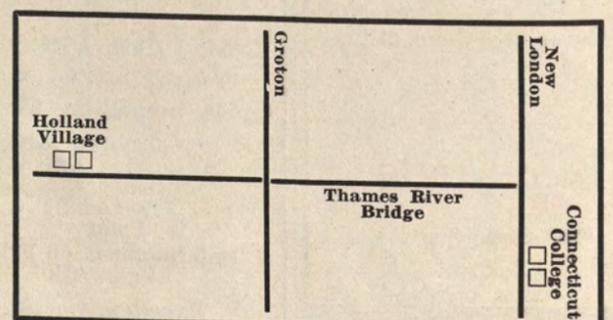
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## Business, Study and Marriage Occupy Last Year's Seniors

By Shirley Simkin '42

Twelve per cent of the Class of '41 have said, "I do," and settled down to married life. Twenty-five per cent of the class have graduated from C. C. into schools of advanced study. Most of the others have already become experienced "career women." According to the reports received to date by the Personnel Bureau, only seven members of last year's graduating class are unemployed.

At least one fifth of the graduates have been offered more than one job, and some have had as many as three or four opportunities open to them. The profession most popular with the Class of '41 is teaching. Fifteen graduates are now working in colleges, high

schools, and nursery schools. Secretarial work comes second, with thirteen of last year's seniors doing work of this type in various fields.

Many are also serving as fashion coordinators, assistant buyers, and saleswomen in department stores. Others are working as laboratory technicians in the fields of medicine, psychology, and chemistry, or as journalists, social workers, home economists, banking and insurance clerks, advertising writers, or defense workers.

More than one third of last year's graduates have not joined the ranks of the "white-collar girl." Thirty-two of them are doing graduate study in a great variety of subjects.

These figures, as compared with the records of the last several years, show a great increase in opportunities for the employment of college graduates. The Personnel Bureau is unable to fill the frequent calls for chemists, secretaries, home economists, physical education teachers, and laboratory technicians.

So—if you came to college to find a husband, to lay a foundation for further study, or to learn to earn a living, this is a brief summary of what may be your chances of success after four years at C.C.

## Come And See The Bill Hall Art Library

By Nancy Troland '44

"Half-way down the stairs  
Is a stair  
Where I sit.  
There isn't any  
Other stair  
Quite like  
It."

How would you illustrate this nursery rhyme? With a college girl slouching in her blue jeans halfway up to "fourth-floor-Fanning," or with a child, sitting on a certain stair? Only one of the many things to be found in the Art Library is a book of illustrated nursery rhymes.

In room 404 of Bill Hall there is a file with a wealth of source theme material in it. It is a file of pictures—an open file so that the topic headings that it contains can be seen at a glance. Some of the first topics to catch the eye are: city planning, housing, table decorations and settings, games, jewelry, and snowscapes.

Behind these headings lie hundreds of pictures, many with explanations under them. Any major from Home Economics to Physical Education can find material of interest in this Art Library.

In addition there is an adequate library of books—covering landscaping, sculpture, American Country Houses of Today, art technique, history of art, and even how to illustrate nursery rhymes!

In addition to these books, there are pictures, hundreds of them, in the library. These pictures do not line the walls of the room, thus cluttering its appearance, but are neatly filed, and can be produced by the librarian.

Current topics of interest are posted on the bulletin board out-

## N. L. Buck Enables College To Replace The Old Pine Tree

The great white pine tree which was a striking feature of the Outdoor Theatre at Connecticut college before it was broken and stripped of many of its branches in the hurricane, will be replaced in the near future. The tree has been slowly dying from the salt spray with which it was drenched in the great storm.

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## Editors Of Vogue Announce Annual Camera Contest

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This nation-wide contest consists of eight photographic problems to be presented in the magazine. These cover a wide range of topics, including fashion shots, outdoor and indoor subjects, action and still-life. Winners of this contest will join the staff of the Condé Nast Publications on, or about June 15, 1942. For further information, write to *Vogue's* Photographic Contest, 420 Lexington Ave., New York City.

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# Caught On Campus

Patsi Garrett '44 with the best of intentions went to call on her sophomore sister the other day before the sophomore-freshman party. Her freshman sister is Betty Trimble of East house but in inquiring as to Miss Trimble's habit some kind soul told Patsi that she lived in Mary Harkness. This isn't as bad as it sounds as there are freshmen in Harkness. Patsi informed her that she was her sophomore sister and asked her what sort of things interested her around college. Miss Trimble told her that she was managing the fall play for Wig and Candle. The mighty sophomore was impressed to say the least but still no bell rang. Eventually the awful truth leaped out and Miss Trimble turned out to be Luise Trimble '42, a most revered senior. Excuse it please!

There is a line in Chaucer's *Knight's Tale* stating that Palamoun and Arcite were lying on the battle field side by side half dead and half alive. According to Miss Tuve such is the condition of all 8:00 o'clock and 1:00 o'clock students.

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## Monitors At Smith Save Heat, Light

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Sept. 30 (A.P.)—Heat and light monitors have been appointed at Smith College to conserve fuel for national defense. Since about one-third of the heat used in student houses is lost in the early mornings, heat monitors will be appointed weekly on every floor to close all windows at 6 a.m. The light monitors will turn out all extra lights, especially those left on during meal time.

## Fashion Writers Offered Contest

For the seventh consecutive year, the editors of *Vogue* invite the college women of the class of '42 to compete in the Prix de Paris. The purpose of this annual contest is to discover college girls with a flair for fashion reporting and the ability to write. First prize is a year's job with a salary on the New York staff of *Vogue*. Second prize, a special Vanity Fair feature writing award, is a six month's paid position with the fashion magazine. In addition, five cash awards are made for the five best contest articles submitted. These are purchased for publication in *Vogue*. Numerous honorable mentions are also given. Winners of these awards have the opportunity to be interviewed by department stores, newspapers, advertising agencies, and other organizations which have jobs to offer.

The contest is based on four quizzes and a short article. Seniors who are on the look-out for a career in fashion reporting or feature writing, should write to Caro-

## Six Outing Clubbers Bicycle To Niantic

Six members of Outing club bicycled twenty miles to and from Camp Pottagansett in East Lyme Sunday, October 19. "October's bright blue weather," good roads, and plenty of food by the side of the lake at the end of the trip made the hills encountered melt away. Those who made the trip are: Jane Worley '42, Betty Rabinowitz '44, Sally Kelly '43, Pat Manning '45, Connie Fairly '45, and Peggy Marion '45.

lyn Abbott, Vogue, 420 Lexington Ave., New York City, for further details. Or they may secure information and an entry blank from the College Vocational Service.

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## Candida

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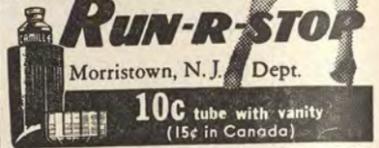
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