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# CONNECTICUT COLLEGE NEWS

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## Catholic Mass Will Be Topic At Vespers

Father Vincent C. Donovan, O.P., preacher, lecturer, author, and musician of New York City, will speak at Vespers this Sunday on the Roman Catholic Mass. He is the second speaker of Interfaith Month, now being observed at Connecticut college.

Father Donovan, the National Director of the Catholic Thought Association, is an English speaking member of the Dominican Liturgical Institute of Rome and an authority on the Gregorian Chant and Catholic Liturgy. He is the brother of Col. W. J. Donovan, former assistant United States Attorney General.

Formerly the head of the English Department of Providence college, Father Donovan has had an extensive literary career. He has lectured at various colleges and educational institutions throughout the country, and has contributed articles to the *Commonweal*, *Blackfriars*, *America*, *Liturgical Arts Magazine*, and the *Screen Guild Magazine*. He is the author of "The Path to Peace," "Primer of Church Music," "Roots and Branches," and "Liturgy and Life."

Recently he has been active in interfaith work with Rabbi Morris Lazaron of Baltimore and Dr. Everett Clinchy, director of the National Conference of Jews and Christians. He was a member of a good-will team which last October returned from a tour of England.

The public is invited to attend the Vespers service at seven o'clock in Harkness Chapel.

## Peace Is Discussion Topic at Dr. Smyser's

Dr. Hamilton Smyser invites a group of students to participate in a discussion to be held at his home, 269 Moberg Avenue, on Monday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m. The topic for discussion will be "What kind of peace do we want?"

The first students to sign for the discussion on a slip posted on the Defense Committee bulletin board will participate.

## IRC Will Consider Russia's War Role

The International Relations club will meet Wednesday, February 18, at 7:30 in the Commuters Lounge. The topic will be "Russia and Her Role in the War." Sally Clark '42 and Margery Levy '45 are presenting papers. Questions such as "What about Russia after the war?" and "What is Russia's position in relation to the Far East?" are being included in a round table discussion.

The club is planning two college-wide meetings in March on the subject of post-war reconstruction. This will take somewhat the form of a League of Nations in which students will present the cases for various foreign countries. These discussions will of course be open to all students and faculty members and the club hopes thereby to stimulate an active interest on campus and a participation in discussions of world affairs.

## V. B. C. To Collect Books For Camps Feb. 18 To Mar. 1

The Salvage Corps of the Defense committee is sponsoring a campus-wide Victory Book Campaign from February 18 to March 1. This campaign is under the auspices of the American Library Association, the Red Cross, and the United Service Organizations.

During that time each student will be asked by a special "V. B. C." student committee member for a contribution to the book drive. Books of any description will be accepted by the committee. Text books are of special value. The army camp librarians, who have been following the reading tastes of their patrons, have reported an interest in psychology, economics, political science, and history. In fact, they insist that anything from Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People" to Emily Post has been requested.

The V.B.C. committee which is under the college Salvage Corps organization, is headed by Miss Florence King, associate librarian, and Nancy Crook '43. Working under them are the fifteen house librarians. Each librarian will appoint her own house committee to make a room-to-room canvass. The books collected by the houses will be sent to the V. B. C. headquarters for distribution to the various camps.

## Monograph Series Begins With Book By Dr. Smyser

The Connecticut College Monograph Series, first in the history of the college, has been started with the publication of a volume entitled *Survivals in Old Norwegian* by Dr. Hamilton Smyser, associate professor of English, and Dr. Francis Peabody Magoun, jr., professor of comparative literature at Harvard university.

The work consists of translations from the Old Norwegian of medieval English, French, and German literature, together with translations of the Latin versions of the heroic legend of Walter of Aquitaine.

The material was prepared for the use of graduate students in the study of western medieval literature. It possesses a certain uniqueness as well as historical and literary importance because the Norwegian texts translated were themselves translated in the 13th century from English, French, and German works which are now lost, and the Latin text used was based on a now lost Old High German poem. All texts are translated into English for the first time.

Further monographs in the new series are in prospect for publication in the near future.

## Movie To Be Given By Spanish Club

The Spanish club plans to present "El Astro del Tango," a movie on Latin America, on March 6 in the Auditorium. This movie, dealing with Argentina as it is today, was originally to be shown on February 20. The performance is open to all and no admission will be charged.

## President To Unretire At Trustees' Request

News has been received that President Katharine Blunt will remain as president of the college during the year 1942-43. Although she announced her retirement in the fall, the board of trustees asked her at their February 12 meeting to remain next year. The situation created by the war would make the administration change difficult, they said.

## Gay Midwinter Formal Stars Winter Motif

By Helen Crawford '44

This year Mid-winter formal is really going to be wintery! But the atmosphere will also be glowing, for Knowlton ballroom will have become a great, old-time skidodge for the dance on Saturday, February 21, from eight o'clock to twelve. This gay-winter motif will be carried out in all the ski-lodge decorations and in the waitresses' bright skating costumes; Mary Morse '43 and her decoration committee will effect the transformation.

Sue Smith '42 is head of the chaperone committee, and this year President Blunt, Dean Burdick and, for the first time, the new faculty couples, Dr. and Mrs. David C. McClellan and Dr. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgeman will serve. The waitresses, picked by Jean Pilling and her committee to give everyone a superbly good time and gladden the eager escort eye, are as follows: seniors, Jean Staats, Edna Fuchs, and Caroline Wilde; the juniors, Bobby Bailey, Betty Crouch and Jeanne Du Bois, and sophomores, Mary Cox and Betty Luce.

Ken Reeves and his orchestra will provide fast swing and haunting refrains. His specialties include everything from waltzes to congas and rumbas and all related derivations. Among the many who have enjoyed his music at debutante and New Year's Eve parties, Ken Reexes' orchestra is famous for smooth versatility.

Another big feature of Mid-winter is the flower situation—real ones this time! The flower girls, Putty Linder '42, Nancy Wolfe '42, Nancy Pribe '42 and Barbara Macpherson '42 will sell gardenias for fifty cents apiece and carnations for twenty-five.

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## Drama Festival To Be Presented Here

The Wig and Candle club will act as hostess for the annual Connecticut Secondary School Drama Festival to be held on Saturday, March 7, in Palmer Auditorium. Eight schools will compete in the contest; the winner to be sent to the New England Secondary School Drama Festival. Four of the one-act plays will be presented in the afternoon and four in the evening.

The college committee in charge of plans for the event will be headed by Evelyn Silvers '43. She will be assisted by various faculty members and students, as well as the four local high schools. The committee will furnish the properties for the plays, and will make provision for the accommodation of the group during their stay in New London.

## Edgar Wind Will Speak On Artist At Convocation

The Selden Memorial Art Lecture Series will sponsor a lecture with slides by Dr. Edgar Wind, on Tuesday, February 24 at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The subject will be "Michelangelo's Last Judgment."

Dr. Wind made his first visit to this country in 1924 at which time he held the position of assistant professor of philosophy at the university of North Carolina. In 1928 he joined the Warburg institute in Hamburg and the philosophical department of the university of Hamburg. In 1933 Dr. Wind helped to transfer the Warburg Institute, with its library and staff, from Hamburg to London where he became deputy director of the Warburg institute. London, and editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the Warburg Institute*. He also held the title of honorary lecturer at the University college, London. Dr. Wind returned to this country in 1939, and has been lecturing at various universities and art institutes. In the fall of 1941 Dr. Wind gave a series of five lectures on the Philosophy of Love in Renaissance Art at the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy. From January 16, through February 13, 1942, Dr. Wind gave a series of five lectures on Pagan Imagery in Renaissance Art at the Yale University Art Gallery.

Dr. Wind is a visiting lecturer at New York university, and since September has been co-director of the Department of Fine Arts at the university of Chicago.

## New Faculty Join Bacteriology And History Dep'ts

Additions to the faculty at the beginning of the second semester include Mr. Arthur Ekirk, Jr., instructor in history; Mr. Bradley DeForrest Thompson, instructor in history; and Mrs. Lynette Olsen, visiting instructor in bacteriology. Mr. Ekirk is replacing Dr. John Cochran, who was commissioned by the U. S. Navy as an ensign and is teaching navigation at the Maritime School at Fort Trumbull. Mr. Ekirk is teaching courses in modern European and ancient history. He is a candidate for his doctorate at Columbia where he earned his M.A. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Dartmouth College.

Mr. Thompson, teaching American and European history and current events, is a candidate for his doctorate at Harvard. He was graduated from Williams College and received an M.A. from there and from Harvard. For two years at Harvard he was an assistant in English history and since 1939 has been an assistant and teaching fellow in European history. Mrs. Olsen received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Rhode Island State College where she is now an instructor in bacteriology. She also studied medical bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin.

## E. Houston '44 New Poster Guild Head

Elinor Houston '44 has been appointed head of the Connecticut College Poster Guild, which is sponsored by the Art club. Those wishing to have the Guild make posters for them for publicity should contact her.

## Physical Fitness Essential In College Defense Plans

by Alice Adams '44

You will notice, we hope, the large poster on the A.A. bulletin board with daily plans for physical fitness. It is our general opinion that these plans are another very fitting link in the chain of civilian defense activities.

According to the illustrations on the poster, you can start all sorts of new activities like lifting dumb bells. There is no particular or direct connection between dumb bells and civilian defense except that the dumb bells develop muscles for energy to be applied in the near future. Basketball and badminton sessions help to take off excess weight as well as build up resistance to colds and the overstuffed and sluggish feeling and appearance.

The lights used to blink at 11:00 p.m., but it seems that this stopped the clocks among other things and so has been done away with. However there is nothing preventing the individual from voluntarily blinking her lights at 11:00. Sleep, and plenty of it, is one of the most important ways to keep yourself physically fit and, with from eight to ten hours of good solid Morpheus behind you, you'll really feel like taking up one of the many physical recreations offered. There are signs around the dorms to remind you of the importance of healthy beauty to the members of the opposite sex. For instance we found one slogan reading, "A man won't wait for a dissipate" accompanied with appropriate pictures of the difference between the "fagged hag" and the "healthy dream." It

does no good to remind yourself of the little saying about "my face—I don't mind it because I'm behind it; it's the guy out in front who gets jarred." To put it tritely, during a time of national emergency, cooperation of all types and varieties is necessary. The least each one of us can do is to keep ourselves looking like human beings for the benefit of our friends and associates.

However until many of us get caught up on that important item "sleep" it will give the stronger members of our group a chance to practice up on their First Aid, especially during these sessions of physical exercise offered in the gym and down in the vicinity of Buck Lodge. Those of you who are stronger physically (and mentally), help the weaker members. Their first efforts at strenuous physical play may result in fainting and hemorrhages and such mishaps must be treated immediately and in a calm and unruffled manner. This is one angle of Darwin's theory of the survival of the fittest, only the point here is to make everybody fit so that they can all survive. There are certainly enough jobs for everybody and we can't afford to leave any of our members by the wayside (better known as the Infirmary) as a result of physical exhaustion.

Therefore, "my friends, switch to sleep so you won't be asleep at the switch," exercise adequately to keep the human machine in perfect balance, keep up your studies (we've just turned over the proverbial new leaf) and don't forget to knit for the Red Cross.

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## President Blunt

The student body has received the news of President Katharine Blunt's "unretirement" with gladness and relief. The request made of her by the Board of Trustees that she continue as president of the college, and her decision to do so, coincide with our often expressed wishes and hopes. Having long recognized her abilities, her achievements, and her devotion to the college, we were fully aware of the difficulties involved in trying to find a successor who could even begin to carry on her important work. With the entrance of the United States into the war, the demands and responsibilities of her position increased, as did our awareness of President Blunt's immeasurable value as an executive.

Now that the direction of the college is to remain in her hands, we have come to other realizations. Her position will be much more difficult than ever before. The load of responsibilities and duties is tremendous, and will demand even more of her time and will tax her energies to the utmost.

We know that she will remember the importance of her own health at this time. We want to cooperate by doing everything we can to lighten her task, and we hope that she will call upon us to act in whatever capacity we are able. The college counts itself fortunate indeed that President Blunt is to be here another year, and we repledge to her our loyalty and our faith.

## Election Care Is Defense Duty

Student Government elections are always important, but this year they are of even greater importance than usual. Democratic government all over the world is under attack at the present time, and whether or not it is to continue as our form depends to a great extent upon how effectively and adequately it can meet and withstand the attacks now being made upon it.

Our own democratic student government is liable to the same dangers and attacks as that of the nation. The future of self government on the part of Connecticut college students depends upon the shouldering of full responsibility by every student for the wise choosing of our next officers. This year more than ever we must carefully weigh and consider the merits of every candidate, and then vote, not necessarily for the person whom we like the best, but for the candidate who is best

## 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:

The recent article in the News concerning the students' choice of "valuables" during fire drills was interesting—interesting in that it revealed the disgustingly juvenile attitude of Connecticut College students. Apparently it is necessary to point out that the object of fire and air raid drills is not to develop self-expression, personality, or wit; on the contrary, it is to train us so that we could, if necessary, meet an emergency in an efficient, adult way.

Routine? Dull? Definitely!! But some day should the supposed "drill" happen to be real, would it then seem so very clever and original to find oneself carefully clutching bobbie pins—or a stuffed bear?

Wake up, Connecticut, and stop being so pathetically adolescent!

Dear Editor:

I am still trying to make arrangements for a motor mechanics course for those interested. The local Red Cross Chapter is not prepared to provide instructions for such a course for college girls. We are exploring other possibilities, and notice will be given later.

M. Dilley, Chairman,  
Defense Committee.

Dear Editor:

What more fitting memorial for Dr. Lawrence could be reared than the establishment by the faculty of a steady habit of chapel and vespers attention—

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qualified and best able to uphold and strengthen the principles on which our self government rests.

Each candidate also must realize fully the responsibilities that will fall upon her if she is elected, and must be willing to devote herself wholeheartedly to maintaining and carrying on our campus democracy. There is no concealing of the fact that the job of governing the student body will be increasingly difficult. It requires a ready willingness on the part of the officers we choose to undertake much routine detail as well as an ability to make wise but expedient decisions.

We feel sure that there are candidates for all the offices who shall be able to fulfill the responsibilities of the various offices well. The choosing of the right persons rests upon each member of the student body. Because of the importance of this election, and because of the large number of candidates running for each office, the vote of every single person is necessary. We must all accept the responsibility of acquainting ourselves with the qualifications of the candidates. Last year, participation in the elections was ninety-eight per cent. This year, it should, and must be one hundred per cent.

## Calendar . . .

### Wednesday, February 18

Wig and Candle ..... Auditorium 7:00  
Badminton ..... Gym 7-9  
Home Economics Club ..... New London  
Riding Club ..... Branford 7:00  
International Relations Club  
..... Commuters Room 7:30

### Thursday, February 19

Musical Service ..... Chapel 8:00  
Wig and Candle ..... Auditorium 7:15  
Badminton ..... Gym 5-6  
Basketball ..... Gym 7-7:45

### Friday, February 20

Arthur Murray ..... Knowlton 4:15  
Science Club ..... B 106 7:30  
Badminton ..... Gym 7:00

### Saturday, February 21

Mid-Winter ..... Knowlton  
Badminton ..... Gym all day

### Sunday, February 22

Vespers, Vincent C. Donovan ..... Chapel 7:00  
Wig and Candle ..... Auditorium 3:00, 8:00  
Badminton ..... all day

### Monday, February 23

Amalgamation ..... Auditorium 6:45  
Wig and Candle ..... Auditorium 202 8:00  
Discussion Group with Dr. Smyser  
..... 269 Mohegan Avenue

### Tuesday, February 24

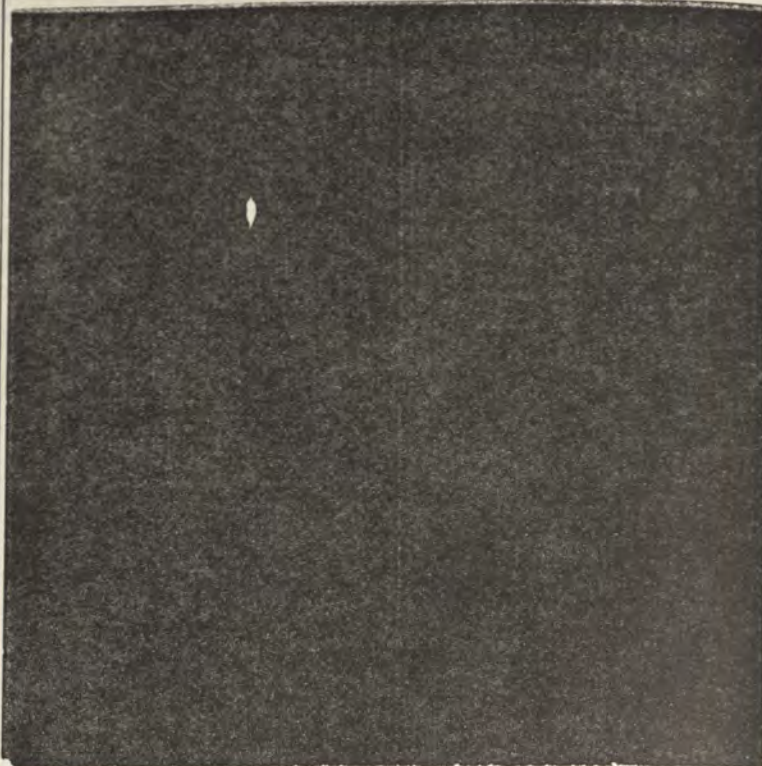
Selden Memorial Lecturer, Dr. Edgar Wind .....  
..... Auditorium 4:00

### Wednesday, February 25

Wig and Candle ..... Auditorium 7:15  
Music Club ..... Windham 7:30  
Student Industrial Group  
..... Commuters Room 8:00

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. . . By Bobbie Brengle



"If the blackout won't be over for another five minutes—  
I'll bid seven no trump!"

## BOOK REVIEW

by Betsy Pease '43

"I want him to be mine—all my own!" said Ken, the young hero of Mary O'Hara's novel, My Friend Flicka. Ken lived on a ranch in the summertime, and he yearned for a yearling colt which he could call his own, which he would grow up with, train, and love. The colt would give him self-confidence after he had disgraced himself before his Army father by failing his exams, by losing ranch gear, by omitting his daily chores, and by being distant and unfriendly toward the whole family.

The colt that Ken was finally permitted to have was not a wise choice in the eyes of his father. Flicka was the daughter of a wild albino mother and of a fast and beautiful father; she had the characteristics of an untrainable "lone wolf" horse. Was she "loco" just because she was terrified by small spaces and by man? Or was she a highly sensitive and independent horse? Ken could not understand her, but, after she had crashed through a barbed-wire fence, tearing her flesh to bits and thereby losing her strength, Ken spent most of his time feeding, caring for, and talking to her.

Unable to run away, Flicka endured her small master's attentions. The two suffered together in the mare's illness.

The touching and sad tale of a small boy's devotion to a weakly but spirited horse results in—read this moving tale of the western horse and greengrass country and discover the simplicity and beauty of ranch life, and the outcome of Ken's psychological revolution! Beauty is engraved on every page of My Friend Flicka!

## Patriotic Daughter— Save a Dime or Quarter

If dimes and quarters are hard to save,

Here's a remedy of which you'll rave:

The C.C. Bookstore has for you United States Defense Stamps, something new.

To date they've sold the very nice sum

Of a hundred dollars, but they're not done.

Each one of us must buy a share To show our country that we care.

So do your part in these trying times,

And learn to save those quarters and dimes.

Follow the crowd that's learned to say

A defense stamp a week for the U.S.A.

## STUDENTS! Cut Out and Send to Your Dates!

You are cordially invited

to the

## Connecticut College Midwinter Formal

on Saturday, February 21, 1942

8-12 p.m.

Knowlton Salon

Music by Ken Reeves' Orchestra

Escorts are requested not to send corsages,  
as flowers will be sold at the dance for the  
benefit of the American Red Cross.

# Dr. Henry W. Lawrence Was Distinguished Scholar, Writer

## Professor Taught For Years At Hampton Institute In Virginia

With the death of Dr. Henry W. Lawrence, professor of history and government, on Friday, January 23, Connecticut college has lost a beloved friend and an able and distinguished teacher and scholar.

Dr. Lawrence was known to the entire student body which attended regularly his Monday morning assemblies where he discussed and interpreted current affairs of the nation and world. He took a keen personal interest in his students, and many of them will long recall with pleasure interesting and informal conversations with him, particularly at his Sunday afternoon 'open houses' in his office.

Dr. Lawrence, born at Nyack, N. Y., in 1879, was graduated from Yale university in 1906. He received his master's degree in 1907 and his doctorate in 1910, both from Yale. In 1909, he studied at the university of Paris. In 1910-1911 he was temporary professor of history at the university of Vermont, and from 1911 to 1917 he was instructor in history at Dartmouth college. He became assistant professor of history at Middlebury college in 1917, and attained a full professorship the following year. He continued at Middlebury until 1920, with a brief time out for wartime service with the Y. M. C. A., at Camp Devens, Mass. He became professor of history and government at Connecticut college in 1920.

Dr. Lawrence was also noted as a writer and an interpreter of history in terms of men and women, both of which are demonstrated by his widely acclaimed book, "The Not Quite Puritans," by his syndicated articles on historical events in their application to present day problems, and his numerous newspaper articles on current subjects. His keen but

gentle wit and humor, and his human sympathy and understanding are reflected in his writings.

He worked devotedly with the negro student teachers at Hampton Institute in Virginia for many summers, and was deeply concerned with negro education.

Although a tireless worker for the cause of world peace, and active as a writer and speaker before the outbreak of the present world conflict, and a sincere advocate of international cooperation, Dr. Lawrence was one of the first



to realize the impossibility of dealing peacefully with the Nazi regime, and in his recent writings urged immediate action on the part of the United States.

Dr. Lawrence was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chi Rho, American Historical association, American Political Science association, American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, Connecticut Civic association, American association for Labor Legislation, and the National Economic League.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Barbara Gordon Lawrence, president of the class of '38 here, and two sons, Lieutenant Henry Wells Lawrence of the United States Army Air Corps, and Lincoln Billings Lawrence.

## Dr. Chakerian And Miss Randolph Are Married On Feb. 6

Important among recent matrimonial announcements was the news that Miss Juanita Fairfax Randolph, of New York City and Bowling Green, Kentucky, foster daughter of the late Senator and Mrs. M. M. Logan of Bowling Green, Kentucky, was married on Saturday, February 6, to Dr. Charles G. Chakerian, assistant professor of sociology at Connecticut college.

The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Bell, of New York City, in the presence of a small group of relatives and friends. The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Bell and was attended by Miss Alice McReynolds of Ashton, Maryland, and Miss Frances Settle of Washington, D.C. The ushers were Robert G. Menasian of Hartford and the groom's cousin, Garo Araklian, of New York.

## Demonstration For Home Ec. Students

Demonstrating wholesale cutting and butchering of meat, Mr. Joseph Silva of the Winthrop Market in New London gave a talk on meats yesterday, February 17, in Bill Hall for beginners and majors in Home Economics. The demonstration, which was sponsored by the Home Economics Department, has been given by Mr. Silva annually for the past seven years.

At today's meeting, February 18, of the Home Economics club, Miss Emma Dietz, assistant professor in the Chemistry Department, spoke on her work with vitamins at the Merk Company in New Jersey.

Last Friday, February 13, the Home Economics club sponsored the tea given for the International Weekend guests.

## Student Drive For Leib Fund Now \$1,452.25

The result of the student drive for the David D. Leib Memorial Scholarship Fund totaled \$1,452.25 on Monday afternoon. The returns, however, are not yet complete. A box will be placed in the Information Office in which students who have pledged their contributions are asked to leave their payments, name, and date.

## Jewish Liturgy Is Vespers Topic Of Rabbi M. Lazaron

"Hear, O Israel, the Lord Our God, the Lord is One" is the core of Jewish faith, revealed Rabbi Morris Lazaron of the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, at vespers service Sunday evening, February 15 at 7:00 in the Chapel. Jewish liturgy was the subject of Dr. Lazaron's talk which inaugurated Interfaith Month.

Dr. Lazaron explained that Jewish prayer is two way conversation with God. He illustrated the beauty of ancient Jewish prayer in reading several passages first in Hebrew and then in English. Rabbi Lazaron concluded his talk with an explanation of the synagogue service, the High Holy Days, and other festivals.

An informal discussion in the Chapel library followed the vespers service.

## Pres. Blunt Feels College Is United In Its War Effort

The ways by which the college is playing its part in the war was the subject of President Katharine Blunt's chapel talk on Tuesday, February 17. Mentioning the trustees' request that she remain as president during 1932-43, the President spoke of the two most important points to be developed at college at the present time:

First, to carry the college through this difficult time. "I should not have dared to stay were I not sure of your student support—it is absolutely important to have it in whatever we do," the President said.

"Are we doing everything we can to help win the war?" Dr. Blunt asked. The city-wide blackout Tuesday night in which the college participated, about completed our civilian defense training. Both curricular and extra-curricular activities are contributing to our war effort. The decision of the seniors to forego their prom was generous and wise. Just where students can best fit in helping to win the war is a personal problem, the seniors working next year, others at summer school, and so on. More definite plans and ideas about this problem will be developed soon.

In conclusion the President said, "The most important duty for you is to train to be intelligent and devoted women. There is great need for women who have wisdom gained through knowledge and women with high ideals. Develop especially the power to think, as well as all your other powers. Develop also 'toughness' of mind, that 'toughness' to 'stick' in your devotion and effort."

## Blanket Tax Office Hours

Blanket Tax office hours have been changed to 10:15-11:15 on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. A notice will be posted on the student bulletin board by the 19th of February concerning allotments to the various classes and clubs on campus.

## Foreign Students Attend Conference On War And Peace

Four foreign students from neighboring colleges were campus guests from Friday, February 13 to Sunday, February 15 in celebration of the second annual International Weekend sponsored by Interclub Council. Luther Tucker, a secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, who has spent several years in China and Japan, was the outside speaker for the occasion. The post war world was the central focus of the conference, which was headed by Julia Rich '43. Each organization of Interclub Council shared in planning the activities. Participation in the events was campus-wide.

International Weekend opened Friday afternoon, February 13, with a tea from four to six given by the Home Economics club in Windham. Friday evening Dean E. Alverna Burdick began the conference with a depiction of utopianism and a query as to what we can do in our own country to better human relations. Dr. Charles Chakerian, assistant professor of economics, initiated the discussion by pointing out the scourges of war. The remainder of the evening was devoted to probing into the causes of war with view toward remedying them.

Saturday afternoon the foreign students and their hostesses gathered at Buck Lodge for discussion and hot cocoa. At four o'clock Luther Tucker led the discussion in Knowlton in which the foreign students exchanged views on what their respective nations were fighting for. The issues of the present struggles were stressed. Mr. Tucker pointed out that the character of the new world is to be moulded by the character of the victors. He denounced the racial discrimination that is prevalent in our own country.

Saturday evening, following a banquet in Knowlton, Luther Tucker chairmanned another discussion on the moral and spiritual prerequisites of the warring and postwar world. Mr. Tucker explained that "the repudiation of the sovereignty of God is the underlying cause of world degeneration. Not until we achieve concern for the common weal can we es-

tablish a peaceful world order. We are in trouble today because we refuse to admit to ourselves that arrogance and self-will cannot be abolished by education. We cannot wait until people agree to bring them together," said Mr. Tucker.

The conference was officially concluded with a World's Student Christian Federation religious service conducted by Dr. Paul Laubenstein and Mr. Tucker on Sunday morning at 11:00 in the Chapel. The World's Student Christian Federation is the oldest international student organization in existence. On the third Sunday each February similar services are held throughout the world.

We had as campus guests: Mt. Holyoke: Florence Chaudet of Argentina. Radcliffe: Margaret Edgerton-Bird of England. Smith: Ruby Sokol of Argentina. Barnard: Yedda Leite of Brazil.

## Miss Creighton To Talk On Gene News For Science Club

"Gene News," told by Dr. Harriet B. Creighton, associate professor of botany at Wellesley college, will be Science club's program Friday evening, February 20, in 106 Bill Hall at 7:30. Current studies of inheritance that hint at what is and what may not be inherited, and present methods of attacking inheritance problems will be discussed and illustrated with kodachrome pictures.

Miss Creighton, assistant professor of botany and housefellow of Jane Addams at Connecticut until two years ago, is a cyto-geneticist, having done important genetic research in corn and now in plant breeding at Wellesley.

## Musicians To Play Original Pieces

The Music club will present a program of works composed and played by the members of Dr. Erb's class in composition, on February 25 at 7:30 in Windham. The following students will take part:

- Elizabeth Travis '45
- Rebecca Green '42
- Evelyn De Puy '42
- Margaret Ramsay '42
- Jeanne Corby '43
- Marian Reich '43
- Constance Hughes '42

## Coolidge Quartet Gives Fine Concert With Muriel Kerr

by Constance Smith '43

A perfected technique including excellent coordination of instruments was exhibited by the Coolidge String Quartet and by Muriel Kerr, pianist, at the concert in the Palmer Auditorium, on Wednesday evening, February 11.

The program, which consisted of three compositions, opened with Beethoven's Quartet in B-flat, Opus 18, No. 6, which was played by the Quartet. Typical of the classic period of music, this composition is precise and technical in form. Its interpretation by the Coolidge Quartet was accurate and technically perfect. Consistently throughout the program the four men displayed fine coordination, resulting in excellent timing. The Beethoven Quartet in B-flat was well-controlled, seeming at times to be almost too restrained.

The second composition was the Quartet in F major by Ravel, a more modern composer. Being less conservative in form than the Beethoven Quartet, Ravel's composition was more lively and varied. It was well-played throughout by the members of the quartet, the last movement being exceptionally good. One of the most striking aspects of this composition was the frequent use

of the pizzicato, which was well-executed by the four men.

The final and most interesting composition on the program was Dvorak's Quintet for Piano and Strings, in which Muriel Kerr, pianist, joined the string quartet. She cooperated with them excellently and displayed her own talent as a pianist. This composition by Dvorak was especially interesting because of the inclusion of the piano, which gave support to the string instruments. The combination of piano and strings gave a richer quality than the strings alone could give. Dvorak's quintet is interesting from the musical standpoint itself, for it has a lively, stirring character, especially noticeable in the first movement. The piano and strings were well-synchronized throughout.

At the conclusion of this composition the audience applauded enthusiastically for an encore. They especially hoped for more piano selections, as Muriel Kerr had only performed in the last composition, Dvorak's Quintet, in which she displayed an excellent technique with an interpretation of true feeling. The audience was not granted an encore, however, and had to be content with the three compositions that had been played so well.

## C. C. Choir Will Present Musical Service Feb. 19

The Connecticut College Choir under the direction of Miss Edith Underwood Porter will present a musical service on Thursday evening, February 19 at 8:00 o'clock in the Harkness Chapel. The choir will be assisted by Mr. Harold Gordon, tenor. The program for the evening is as follows:

- Organ Prelude: Rheinberger—Vision
- Miss Porter
- Brahms—Song of Destiny  
The Choir
- Mendelssohn—Then Shall the Righteous Shine (Elijah)  
Mr. Gordon
- Haydn—Lo, My Shepherd's Hand Divine  
The Choir
- Mendelssohn—If, With All Your Hearts (Elijah). Be Thou Faithful Unto Death (St. Paul)  
Mr. Gordon
- Bach—Blessing, Glory and Wisdom  
The Choir
- Organ Postlude: Dubois—Hannah

Harold Gordon, the soloist, was formerly a professor at Mount Union College of Music, Alliance, Ohio, where he directed the choir and taught voice. He has been singing professionally for three years in radio and in the church, and is now studying for his Ph.D. at Columbia University.

### Free Speech

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dance? It will well be that many or most of the faculty feel a sense of responsibility for the religious life on the college campus, but if so, we students see little evidence of it. By his habitual attendance at chapel and vesper services, Dr. Lawrence left none in doubt as to his feeling on this matter, and this visible evidence of his interest was an inspiration to us all. Such inspiration is too precious to be allowed to decay. No faculty member was busier than Dr. Lawrence, yet he made time to attend these services.

Particularly in these war times, when the deepening of the spiritual foundations of life needs to be stressed, it is fitting that such outward indication of religious concern be shown by the faculty

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### C. C. Girls Prepare Dressings To Fill Emergency Supply

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Twenty-eight students at the college have signed up. The time and place of the first meeting will be announced shortly. For the present, the group will meet once a month.

taken by another slightly older in appearance, but much older in bearing. "She," I thought, "is from the campus on the hill." Then my attention was drawn as by a magnet to the Reactions of the Boy behind the Counter.

Adoration enters the picture. Pure, unadulterated Admiration in large quantities, generously dished out to the Girl from the Hill. "Ah, here is the fabled Lady Love of our Hollywood young-love movies. This is the Real Stuff." I began to reminisce on my own past days, and began to feel Lavenderish.

Another quick change. Coke was gone. So was the Adored. And another Lovely, apparently also from The Hill, was sitting there. This time I glanced only casually at the Boy behind the Counter. "Hardly necessary," I thought. "His reaction will be but of mild disinterest." Imagine my surprise when I found him with the same rapt expression I had seen in the previous tableau.

Sadly I let my first thoughts fade into realization that this younger group was somewhat non-understandable by one who had Years to his credit. "This must be an Attitude" was my decision. I was satisfied for a time.

Minutes slid by, according to the electric clock on the wall. The Girl of the Attitude went with the minutes. The seat she had occupied was occupied by an elderly man with gray hair. He had his afternoon coffee. And then a third Girl from the Hill occupied this same stool.

By this time my interest in the High School Boy had reached large proportions. I watched him,

and staff. The establishment of a permanent chapel going tradition would be a perpetual, living memorial to Dr. Lawrence. We miss his presence at chapel. No formal organization is necessary to start such a tradition. All that is required is that faculty and staff members decide to make chapel a regular part of their daily schedules. The example of such decisions on the part of faculty members will multiply similar student decisions across the years ahead. No finer or more influential memorial could be raised to the memory of our beloved Dr. Lawrence.

Dear Editor:

Seated in a popular soda-and-ice-cream spot in town the other night I was fascinated by a boy of high school age who was waiting on customers from behind the counter. The incidents most worthy of note seemed to occur when members of the fair sex appeared and perched themselves on stools provided for the purpose, twining their ankles around the steel supports while they casually—but definitely—chatted over their cokes.

The first of these seemed to be a high school girl. There was a certain degree of comraderie between those on opposite sides of the counter. Banter from those upon one level to others on the same level. "Fun, this kid stuff," said I.

This girl left, her place soon

### Formal

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tions for twenty-five cents. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross. So do not dare wear flowers bought elsewhere—you'll be socially ostracized! But be sure and let your date know the set-up; the most diplomatic method is to cut out the invitation to Mid-winter, which includes this information, from this "News" on page two and send it to HIM at once. The block invitation was printed especially for this purpose and your convenience, so reach for the scissors.

The powers behind the publicity committee, which produced Fliv Silvers '43 in "Snuggies" and later that man on horseback, are Ashley Watson '43 and Mardianne Dinkley '43. Daisy Goes '44 is in charge of the tickets which, by the way, cost \$3.50 per couple and \$2.00 a stag, tax included. Polly Smith, who was social chairman for last year's Soph Hop, is in charge of the dance so it is bound to be one that you won't forget. Delve into your closet and dust off the silver slippers! Service League distributes all the proceeds among welfare organizations—we defy you to hatch up a more constructive and yet completely enjoyable way to spend your cash for a worthy cause!

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fascinated. The girl, attractive and a bit different, was being given the self-same service and rapt attention which had been given to the two preceding her, but lacking when the elderly man entered the scene. Then came the dawn. I began to realize that this was no ordinary Adoration or Attitude I had been witnessing. This, I now know, was Art.

All things come to an end. My not-too-sumptuous meal finally did. And I took myself away from my seat of vantage, feeling much more learned in the Ways of

Young Things than when I had entered the portals of what had been to me, a mere ice cream shop.

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## Traveling Actor Describes His Life; Interprets Shakespeare Most Vividly

by Mary Lou Elliott '43

If we had known Mr. Lytton, traveling actor, ahead of time, we would not have rung the bell with such hesitation when we paid him a visit before his performance here Thursday evening. As he opened the door himself, we saw a friendly looking man with a large frame, receding grey hair that had a tendency to curl at the nape, and a ruddy complexion set off by sparkling blue eyes. His air was one of ease and interest as he directed us into the living room. With a warm laugh he told us about the two friends he had made since he came; they were the cat and dog! Then bit by bit he sketched an outline of his life.

Born in Boston, he seems to have been interested in the theatre there from his earliest years. It was by luck that, at the age of thirteen, he happened to have the opportunity to play Orsino in "Hamlet." From that time on he played with various youth companies, leaving high school to travel with them. Judith Marlowe's company was his first notable opportunity with a Shakespearean group. Since then he has followed his career all over this country, in Europe, and in the Orient. In stock companies he has directed and acted with Ralph Bellamy, Melvyn Douglas, Lyle Talbot, Charles Winniger, and many other famous people. He has acted in numerous plays all over the country with the Stratford-on-Avon company and other groups. His character roles on the screen which he has done for the last five years include a part in the film "Gunga Din."

When we asked about the beautiful jade ring he wears, he smiled and spoke of his friend, Dan Totland, author of "Moor Born" and the pageant of the history of the city at the San Francisco World's Fair. In the latter Mr. Lytton played the part of Tyde, the old man of the sea who tried to prevent the building of the bridge. He also told us about the times he has played Oscar in the "Royal Family" which Wig and Candle is presenting in the spring.

As we walked over to the auditorium with him, he expressed his belief in a great national theatre, which will come from the schools and colleges and the civic theatres. His traveling around and performing before large and small groups, high schools and colleges, has convinced him of the enthusiasm among the young people. His interesting life has brought him in contact with many different kinds of people and has made worthwhile the precarious position of continually traveling about.

His program was mainly devoted to interpretations of Shakespeare, of whom he said, "He is just another playwright, though he is the greatest, to be understood humanly and played naturally." He did not have time to give his favorite role—that of Stockmann in Ibsen's "Enemy of the People." Also being fond of Mercutio and Othello, he managed to include the former. Incidentally, he started his program with a tribute to Mrs. Ray, calling her a "real trouper." Following this was a short picture of Jacques in "As You Like It," an inebriated view of the Porter in "Macbeth," Mercutio in his "Queen Mab" speech, a portrait of the great dictator Julius Caesar, a very amusing and well done Falstaff, an unusual treatment of Hamlet, and a sympathetic portrayal of Shylock. He ended his interesting characterizations with an excellent contrast of Shylock with an American Jew. One of the most appealing things about his program was the sparkling enthusiasm and friendliness which he never seems to lose.

## First Aid Courses Unite College In Concerted Effort

by Phyllis Schiff '43

Our story opens a whole week before regular examinations were to begin because already groups of people were studying furiously. We put our own Hercule Poirot on the trail of the mystery; the results were amazing. There was talk of compound fractures and second degree burns. Bandages, blankets, and broken arms (well they looked broken to us) were common sights. Harassed members of the faculty loudly lamented the day they didn't study. All was definitely not well high on the serene hilltop. Our nose for news sent us snooping to Fanning Hall and there we gazed in triumph upon the cause of our confusion. Final examinations in "First Aid" were being held. For ten weeks some two hundred students and faculty had delved into the secrets of burns and bruises; their knowledge complete, the time had come to measure all they'd learned.

Some three weeks later we are proud to announce that 191 college members, including 155 students and 36 faculty, have been awarded certificates for satisfactory completion of the standard Red Cross First Aid course. Praise is due members of the physical education department, under the leadership of Miss Ruth Stanwood and Miss Eleanor Priest, who were instructors for the course.

But our story does not end there. Four hundred more C.C.'ers are hard at work digesting the principles of "First Aid." New instructors have been drafted from student and faculty ranks and include: Olive Mauthe '42, Shirley Austin '42, Mary A. Kwis '42, Mary Anna Lemon '42, Margaret Carpenter '44, Miss Pauline Aiken, Miss Elizabeth Ebert, Miss Lois Pond, and Miss E. Frances Botsford, in addition to Miss Stanwood and Miss Priest. And so we point a moral: Insurance companies do relate. Minor casualties are very great. If you would learn to use first aid these accidents would be allayed. In times of peace or times of war C.C.'s preparing a safety corps.

ens (nee Babcock) will lead the group in singing old college songs, and refreshments will be served.

## French University Opened In N. Y.

Dr. Esther Cary and Dr. Angelo C. Lanza attended last weekend the ceremonies for the founding of the new Ecole Libre des Hautes Etudes which took place at Hunter college in New York City. The school is being founded on 66 W 12th Street as a school where French university courses may become available to American and French students in this country. It will include a faculty of letters, a faculty of science, headed by Jean Perrin, member of the Academy of Science and a winner of the Nobel prize, and a faculty of law and political science, headed by Paul van Zeeland, former prime minister of Belgium and Professor at the U. of Louvain.

Official assurance was received from General DeGaulle that the degrees conferred by the new school will be recognized in France after the war. The Ecole Libre des Hautes Etudes is not recognized by the Vichy regime.

## Chinese Child Is Adopted By C. C.

"Esteemed grandparents" is the newest title acquired by Connecticut college. This unusual appellation has come as a result of the "adoption" of a Chinese foster child, through the United China Relief. Contributions totalling \$30, sent to the United China Relief, made the adoption possible. "Esteemed grandparent" is the

way children address their grandparents in China, where family devotion is a profound part of national philosophy. Just as the college has become a substitute parent for a number of Bristol war orphans, so it has now become a substitute "esteemed grandparent" for a Chinese child.

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Students who have had either Home Economics 22 or 31-32 already qualify. All students who are interested in fulfilling the requirements are requested to see Dr. Chaney immediately.

## Alumnae-to-be Are Invited To Meet

The Connecticut College Alumnae Society will hold a business meeting on Thursday, February 26, at 7:30, for the purpose of acquainting the incoming alumnae of New London and the surrounding area (Class of '42) with the general procedure of the society. The guest speaker will be Miss Kathryn Moss. At the close of the business meeting Mrs. Ruth Stev-

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# Caught On Campus

Miss Hier has adopted a new policy in roll calling this year. When an absence is noted instead of inquiring after the student's health, she now says, "Is Miss X married?"

(Contributor's note: Our news items seem to run to class roll call news, one of the most exciting of class procedures, this week). On a quiz returned to Jean Bagby '44, formerly Miss Jean Brown, Dr. Chakerian wrote a little note saying, "Are you the young lady who was married recently? If so, congratulations!" When the roll call sheet was passed around the next time in class, Mrs. Bagby signed her name like all good little students do and added an answer to the question. "Yes, I'm the young lady who was married recently. Are you the young man who recently followed in my footsteps?" We're madly awaiting the next installment in this correspon-

dence and will convey it to you immediately if and when we get it.

Thea Dutcher '41, last year's editor of News, was married on St. Valentine's Day and is now Mrs. Coburn. You will recall that this year's editor, Nancy Wolfe '42, returned after Christmas engaged to Robert Hughes and because of all this married bliss surrounding us (the News staff) we feel that this branch of student activities will soon turn into a marriage bureau. No doubt our reporting and proofreading staffs will be enlarged with this optimistic outlook ahead.

Examination answers are always a good source of boners but this one is of a little different type. It seems that in the English Lit. 3-4 exam the students were requested to bring information from other courses into their answers wherever possible and, we might add, wherever it is pertinent. Nancy Troland '44 of Dr. Moore's section thought hard and decided to put in a little sociology and stir thoroughly. At this point she was discussing Desdemona in Shakespeare's Othello and she ventured to comment that, "Sociologically speaking, Desdemona was handicapped by the fact that she was married to a Moor." Just to make it plainer, she said that "Anybody would be handicapped if married to a Moor." She glowed with admiration at this masterpiece of a statement and happened to look up only to see Dr. Moore sitting up in the front of class. Panic seized her but she seized it right back as tempus was fugiting mighty fast and she figured she wouldn't have time to cross it out and replace it with another such pertinent correlation.

## C.C. Chemist Works In Defense Lab.

What was requested as a summer job turned out to be an immediate opportunity to Miss Louise Speers, part-time assistant in the chemistry department, who has taken a position in the Lederle Laboratory in Pearl River, N. Y., a branch of the American Cynamide Company. Miss Speers, who was trained in chemistry and bacteriology at Vassar, wrote for a summer job and received in answer a request to start work immediately on making typhus vaccine. The laboratory was contracted by the government eight weeks ago to make typhus vaccine for use in combatting epidemics in war-torn countries.

## Registrations For Defense Almost 100%

The cards and papers on Miss Stanwood's and on Miss Pond's desk are growing to tremendous proportion these days—the reason being the tabulation of results for the recent registration of students and faculty for civilian defense services on campus. As yet all students have not been assigned definitely to posts, but Miss Stanwood has a large card index of completed registrations.

So far, all of the student body, with the exception of 41 girls, have registered. Although 80 expressed a desire not to sign up for a service, the remainder of the students listed their preferences for specific jobs. The list of girls signing up for each job was sent immediately to the chairman of that service, who selected as many girls as she could use, and returned their names to Miss Stanwood for final registration. The rest of the girls on the list were released to be used in other services. For this reason some students have been placed in a vital service other than the one for which they expressed a preference on the original blanks.

If figures don't lie, 27% of the student body (204 girls, to be exact) are serving under the air raid warden division of the disaster service as fire aides and warden aides. To them goes the responsibility of officiating during all blackouts, and air raid drills. The chief student warden sacrificed part of their Christmas vacation to return for a training course in New London.

The second largest group is enrolled in first aid and medical services. In all, there are 144 girls who will form first aid corps, so that at no time during the day or night will any place on campus be without qualified persons to do first aid until the medical service can take over.

The aircraft warning service comes next on our list. At the time of registration the college had 69 observers but the total has jumped since then to 83.

The property protection squad, which is a vital organ of the disaster service, has 62 members, although students are excluded.

The recreation service now has 47 active "registrees." Their function is not to see that people "play games" during a blackout, but simply to have such equipment as portable radios, victrolas, cards, etc., in case the girls do want some form of relaxation.

The motor corps and messenger division of the disaster service takes care of another group of 44; whereas 34 students are registered under the physical fitness service.

Quite naturally, there were some branches of service that were swamped with more applications than they could use. Communication, for example, had 57 signed up, but due to Mrs. Bausor's need for trained assistants, the group selected for duty was limited to ten. The publicity branch had a similar problem as 34 expressed a preference for this type of work, whereas only 11 could be used.

As for the other branches of civilian defense services, such as Red Cross workroom, relief, salvage, summer work, and discus-

sion, the final registrations have not been made. Fifty-three girls, however, expressed a preference for the Red Cross workroom service, 19 for relief, 10 for discussion, and nine for summer work.

Do not think the faculty have been lagging behind on this registration drive. Despite all their other duties many are working on more than one service, and in all, 112 are down in the registration files.

We must remember that the figures shown by this first tabulation of registration blanks are not permanent. In some cases people will have to be shifted. Gradually the defense co-ordinators hope to fit the best trained persons into the job most suited to their skills.

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