Pres. Blunt Speaks In Chapel On Visit With Ida Tarbell

Reviews Life Of Noted Journalist And Writer She Recently Visited

President Blunt spoke in Chapel yesterday, reviewing the recent visit with Miss Ida Tarbell, noted journalist and writer, at her New York apartment. Miss Tarbell, who is now eighty-two years old, lectured at College many years ago. She was very much impressed with her alert audience, and has always been very interested in the progress of Connecticut College.

Miss Tarbell graduated from Allegheny College, and, after teaching for a while, went to the Woman's Theological Seminary, New York, and, after one year, went to Paris, where she studied the French language, receiving a mention on the women of France at that time, and wrote a book upon her findings. After visiting the United States, she joined the staff of the loo-Hours magazine, a very vigorous and popular publication. With these, she wrote a life of Napoleon, which ran serially in the magazine.

Mr. Clark and the staff of the McClure's then decided that there was much material on Abraham Lincoln that had never been printed. So, Miss Tarbell wandered over Illinois, collecting material, and talking with people who had known Lincoln. The result was her famous book on the life of Old Abe. This book exemplifies the thoroughness with which Miss Tarbell always works. She is noted for her accuracy and her diligence. For many years Miss Tarbell had been interested in the development of the oil industry, and, in 1928, was awarded the D.D. for her industry and achievement. The book, beautifully written, ran serially in the Women's Home Companion, and Miss Tarbell showed her fine control.

Mr. Clark and the Associate Dean of Students, Miss Alice Wightman was an important factor in the evening's success with her able accomplishment and encouraging smile.

Mr. Tarbell warned the program with three German songs, to which her clear voice did justice. After a while, she started over her material, and, after a little while, started off on her industry and achievement. The book, was written with a fine sense of proportion, carried with it a strong jist of $500, and Miss Tarbell has further recognition in the form of a Resident Day Scholarship of $400 from Bryn Mawr College.

Mr. Clark, Our Night Watchman, Tells Amusing Secrets Of His Nocturnal Vigils

By Paul King '42

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To be sure, Mr. Clark, our night watchman here at Connecticut College, carries a lantern, and he does interrupt our peace with a stream of hourly questions, but he is not a native of this land, nor does he interrupt our peace by extending his influence to the interior outposts of the College community. We have passed the days of 1710, when thieves and marauders swarmed undisturbed by the long arm of the law, but by his watchful eye. He is a useful servant of our present-day state of safety, the result of a long process of evolution, of which he is the latest and probably the most amusing example.

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"There's the serious type," he said, "who walks about with an expression of grim pessimism upon her face. She bears the whole trouble of the world on her shoulders, and, to her, life is a serious matter. But there aren't many like this. Much more common is the happy-go-lucky type. She goes about with a smile on her face, and, to her, life is a matter of pure chance. She is the kind of girl that will develop into a great writer. So, she went on, "These girls are the best I've ever seen. They're cheerful and optimistic, and above all-real girls!"

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Good Luck Seniors!

Tomorrow at this time General Examinations will be over for probably the last time in these careers. The seniors, of course, or not the seniors will receive their diplomas June 19th. Then, they will be through with fear and trembling. They are supposed to aid students by helping each one to correlate her knowledge of her major courses for two and one half years, and go to the movies this evening! Tomorrow we hope they will take their minds off their major courses for two and one half years, and go to the movies this evening! Tomorrow... We can help to make public education rise above the blinding fogs of fury, combined, the myriad prophets of doom seem better than folding up in despair, do the heavy work around the house and yard while we can see, in fairly even balance, in a bakery in Los Angeles. He moved to Los Angeles Joe met nine-year-old Kareen, his "sweet sunshine," and mother and sisters and Kareen were all about him, "Goodbye, dear!" and "Two senior girls who will be passed before we slip out of our role as students, so let's not let Spring, with its bicycle bells, drag our Spring is spreading fast, even so. final exams are here thrown into the fearful distress, and unanswerable questions. As long as we do enter. (I) Is the United States going to enter the war? If and when Hitler seems to be winning decisively, probably "Yes." As long as we are large and powerful and so, "Fat happy kids," he had never got tired. (Continued to Page Eight)

Spring Comes To College

For now that Spring has come to this, our College, the campus has begun to show innumerable evidences that Winter is a season of the past, for the next six months. Skis and ice skates have been exchanged for tennis rackets, golf clubs, and roller skates. Once pale faces are turning red and Indian brown from frequent tussles in the elusive sun. Spring wardrobes, including wash dresses, bathing suits, and new sable suits, skirts, sweaters, wardrobe, to the back of the closet, and blankets are now used for sun bathing on the grass. Half of the window screens have been removed from windows at the white suns on the river, and at the gay groups swinging at golf balls on the campus. Yes, in the time when Spring never attacks us,

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Amusing Tidbits About Mail Told By Post Office Girls

By Betty Shank '41

A wild dash after our 8:30 a.m. classes to get out of the usual jamming and cramming against the wall—grows of despair from some of us, would perhaps have been relieved by several of the others who have received "the letter" from the post office. This expansion means increased facilities for both teaching and research.

The VacatIon Church School Program

The Vacation Church School offers many advantages to children and adults alike. It was started in order to provide opportunities for children's leisure time toward religious aspects and serves as special guidance to the development of religious ways of living.

It started in 1903, at a time when teachers were interested in the Vacation Church School. During the 1940s, there was wide development of these schools, but from 1929 to 1931, there was a stagnation because of the depression. During the 1940s, a remarkable growth has occurred. The movement is widespread not only in this country, but also in Canada, the Philippines, Islands, China, Japan, and other countries.

The establishment of these schools in isolated areas has been one of the central features of the VCS program, Miss Martin said. Child psychologists and mining areas, where there is a definite need for teaching in religion and citizenship, have been greatly benefitted.

The Vacation Church School also serves as a laboratory training school for Sunday school teachers and so the program has been extended to include both youth and parents.

Dear friends,

I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Connecticut College for your aid to me. I might say that I received aid from you last year, and I was surprised and glad that my scholarship this year can be continued in the same manner.

This year I am Senior in the School of Education and will graduate in May. My home is in New Lees Land, Ohio. I attended Kent State University in Ohio for the first two years of my education. I believe I told you all of this last year.

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Dr. Mary L. Kilpatrick explained in her lecture on "The Dissociation Constants of Carboxylic Acids," how that type of acid differs from the acetic acids. Dr. Martin also discussed the formation of water molecules as contrasted with acid molecules.

This way to the dance, folks, hear the "Hampton Student." We looked up at the dancing for the lights and colors. Did those lights mean at night? And why are all those people whirling and playing? Was this the Same Dance which the C.C.O.C. had to promise? Surely, we could help. Our red kerchiefs out to a more prominent position and stalked in. Here and there, squares of people, eight in a group. Of course, the last half of the evening included a waltz contest. It was won, naturally, by people with style and most grace, but those who remained on the floor were well pleased with the endurance. We added another square dance to the program, the "Castle in the Sky." The accompanist had no sympathy for our tired feet; the dance continued round and round. "Swing Reel," the first of the "shoe" dances, was performed and a half swing confused us. We returned to "Golden Slumbers" at intervals to be sure that the pies were not burning.

One of the prize stories concerns a girl who happened to take her bag of mail back to her owner with the words "Highly explosive" printed on the outside, only to have it returned by the post office with a note attached: "Explosives not mailed!"

"It's really a study in personalities," says Pris Duxbury, "just to hear some of the comments we get." A querying "Is the mail out yet?" and "I was on the Telephone and I had every device in the door with his mail bag is the most common. Then there is the detection of who is responsible for the loss--somebody obviously feels Sue Shaw, is the one who stars blantly at the "mail out" when you try to call at the post office there isn't any more. But the person who says, "I know the person who delivers the mail," really declares the staff, "is the one who hands us a dollar, asks for so many dimes and twos, so many special's, and then tells us to give her the change in penny post cards."

With a little observation and determination, the exchanging of mail and the tidbits about campus mail have been quite enlightening. Thus, I feel confident that the majority of the mail comes from New Haven, Hanover, and Middletown (I. C. to speak well for our college.) In addition, the heaviest mails occur just before and after a big weekend, here. We hear that the mails were simply swamped last Tuesday and Wednesday with "thank you" notes and cards from birthdays, and with those who have just announced their engagements, receive the mail.

Miss Martin Speaks At Vesper Service On Sunday Night

History and Movement of Vacation School Classes Is Topic Of Discussion

Miss Florence Martin, director of weekday church schools and vacation schools in Dayton, Ohio, spoke at Vesper on April twenty-eighth, about the work in the United States pertaining to the Church School Program.

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Peace Meeting Held At Buck Lodge

Buck Lodge was the scene of a long, lively discussion between "pa" Smucker, the president of Buck Lodge and Yale University on April twenty-sevenths. Don Smucker, a secretary of the Connecticut Reorganization was the inspiring leader. He opened the topic of "munches" of hamburgers and apples, the group discussed the economic, social and political aspects of the peace movement.

Don Smucker, in leading the discussion, stressed the point that "we are the only group in all the living, in the most trying times, have to keep together. This is headed (translated "tears of Christ" or Italian Champagne) is absolutely unvulgar.

Mr. Zuliani always glows with satisfaction when students, their parents, or their friends ask him to show them how the Italians manage their spaghetti. Once, he said, a girl wanted to know if he would furnish recipes with each order of spaghetti. He not-too-seriously considers giving a course in Spaghetti Management here at college.

Teaching Group Will Entertain Faculty

The members of the Practice Teaching Group, composed of six seniors, will entertain the faculty under whom they have been working in the neighboring high schools, on the afternoon of May 7th. They have invited sixty of these teachers to a tea from four to five-thirty in the Common Room. The schools in which the group has been teaching classes are Chapman Tech, W. M. C. L, New London High School, and Bulkeley high school. Invitations have also been extended to the Administration committee, the education department, and to those concerned with the Teaching Group.

Margaret Dunn '40 and Harriette Rice '40 are co-chairmen of the affair. The following seniors are members of the Practice Teaching Group; Sadie Haddad, Elizabeth Gleich, Margaret Dunn, Thomas Callaghy, Louise Flood, Ruth Gill, Mildred Brown, Ruth Babcock, Helen Daghlian, Helen Burnham, Pauline Carroll, Dorothy Gregg, Marguerite Whitcomb, Helen Stott, Laetitia Poulson, Frances Russo, Margaret Dunn, and Harriette Rice.

Do You Know?

1. What is a decade?
2. What is a knot in nautical terminology?
3. What is a fathom?
4. How long is a rod?
5. How many men are there in a legion?
6. How many pounds are there in a stone?
7. How long is a fortnight?
8. How many lines are there in a sonnet?
9. What is an octogenarian?
10. How many people are included in a centenarian?

(Answers on Page 5)
Smith Girls Prefer “Dead Heroes” To “Live Cowsards”!

Due to some diligent investigations by Williams students, a few salient facts have been discovered concerning the attitude of Smith and Vassar girls. The Smith lasses were recently queried on the question, “If it were a matter of choice, would you rather have your husband imprisoned for conscientious objection or killed in Europe?” and returned a verdict in the latter alternative.

Evidently possessing much of the Madame Defarge in their cold-blooded little hearts, the young ladies felt that a “hero dead” would be preferable to a “coward alive.” Of course, the traditional Smith feeling that “you can always get another” may have in part prompted this display of pseudo self-sacrifice on the altar of their country, and returned a verdict in European entanglements.

Another question, “Would you rather have your husband return from the war a hero or a coward?” apparently evokes rather different results.

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**Caught on Campus**

Recent tendencies in the much-discussed weather have resulted in a Biblical demonstration. A Jane Addams resident has been rounding up stray animals by pairs, and we understand that she is commemorating work on an ark.

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Speaking of the art, all members of the second floor of Jane Addams think it a very fine idea. Two students who purchased live ducklings found that the little ones felt most comfortable in the bathtub. So the bath was shut it; consequently, the bathers had to let the little things have the run of the bathroom or take showers.

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What With a deep sleep their time gal was the precipitator of a second Johnstown flood? Early, but not too bright one Sunday morning she neglected to turn the tub off. That day Woodham rented lockers to those who wished to swim in the third floor canals.

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The Ornithology class has unwittingly contributed to table conversation; if it can be thusly termed.

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**Bureau Of Census Information For College Students**

Editor's Note:

The Connecticut College News reprints here sections of an article sent to it by Roece Wright, chief of Public Relations of the Bureau at the Census in the United States Department of Commerce, with the hope that it will be of some assistance to students and to their parents.

"College students, temporarily away from home to attend school, should be counted as members of the households in which they usually reside. Students who have no permanent residence other than the place at which they are living while attending school or college, however, should be enumerated there. Such students should file a return to the District Supervisor for the census if they are not enumerated."

"Offhand, it might be thought that these things would know every thing about the student which would be asked for in the Census. The questions which are being asked in 1940, however, are somewhat more complex than those of previous years, reflecting the need for facts bearing on the many problems which have arisen in the United States during the eventful decade just closing."

"The queries on which parents are most likely to be uncertain are those relating to employment status.

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Twenty Years Ago This Week
From the Connecticut College News of 1920

At exactly five-thirty on the rainy morning, Saturday, May the first, every Sophomore opened school, prepared for a day of the best sort of weather. It was assumed that there was important business on hand, and forthwith arose with alacrity.

Approximately one half hour later, the majority of the Junior on campus became mysteriously adorned with a May basket. Such adorable and charming May baskets as they were—long-stemmed roses of crimson, their hearts all golden with kisets, and tied to each stem was a little verse. This is what it said:

Deep in the heart of a red, red rose
Golden our wishes lie,
Golden wishes for happiness
And thoughts of days gone by.

Take this rose with its heart full of love,
May/it be to you,
A symbol of loving friendship
To you from Twenty-two.

Classes were suspended during the 3 o’clock period, Friday, April 30th, in order that the student body should have the advantage of hearing Professor Carlton Hayes speak on “The History of the Great War.” Professor Hayes is at the present head of the depart- ment of history at Columbia University. He is well-known to the author of the two large volumes of Modern European History. It was through the efforts of the His- tory Club that Prof. Hayes’ visit to the college was possible.

The seniors took their part in the contest for a College song at the Community sing on May first, making a great impression as they marched into the gym, wearing caps and gowns. Their program, which was one of the best so far presented; consisted of class and college songs which were thrown upon the screen. A song to the Freshmen giving them a bit of ad- vice, after such an applause that it was repeated, and one written by Drs. Sykes and Dr. Darror formed an interesting part of the program.

The exercises of the second commencement of Connecticut College for Women will be inaug- urated on the afternoon of June twelfth, when the members of the class of 1920 will be given a reception and tea by the Daughters of the American Revolution at the interesting old home of the New London County Historical Society on Bank Street. On the evening of that day, June twelfth, the class supper will be held at the Crocker House. On Sunday after- noon, June thirteenth, President Marshall will deliver the Baccala- urate address in the St. James Episcopal Church on Federal Street.

The last few years have been singing years. A nation at war is sure to be a singing nation. This is this “singing spirit” found as in colleges. College men and women have always enjoyed group singing, and in showing themselves heroic for their Alma Mater have won new friendships and deeper affection for their col- leges. For college songs have ever typified the best college spirit.

May Day Welcomed With Song And Spring Flowers
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May Day Program and decoration of the steps of New London Hall. By 1920, May Day at Connecticut had become Senior Day and the seniors marched in caps and gowns from Blackstone to New London Hall to sing again the Eucharist. By 1922 the seniors were decorating the campus with class colors and receiving May baskets from their Sophomore sisters. May Day chapel was always held out-of- doors, weather permitting, the hymns included in the program being chosen by seniors. The class of twenty-eight gave the bronze plaque in Knowlton steps as a sen- sor mascot on May Day. This last tradition has been eliminated from the May Day program and deferred to a later date.

For some time, the May Day picnic supper was the last informal social get-together of the Senior class. It and the more recently adopted inter-senior baseball game at the end of the term have been discarded of late. The informal sing that used to be held directly after lunch by the seniors will also be among the missing traditions this year, because of the other unionized traditions, comprehended the fol- lowing day give seniors little time to spend a musing.

This year, the seniors arose about six o’clock and decorated campus with their color classes. At seven o’clock, wearing caps and gowns trimmed with tiny May Day flowers, they sang on the steps of New London Hall according to the original May Day tradition. Then they returned to the strawberry breakfast that all Connecticut College enjoys on May Day morning.

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Peg Lafore Represents College At Conference
Peg Lafore, newly-elected head of Religious Council, was Connecticut College’s representa- tive on the New England Council of the Presidents of Christian Associations at New England, which was held last week-end. The group left Providence for New York City Friday evening. Valpariso Torch, a representative of the World Christian Fellowship spoke to them after dinner at the International House and stressed again the theme of the discussions and talks by social workers—China, Negro, and white—that the first step for student groups is to reach an understanding of the problems of other groups and races.

Exchange Notes

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Varied Musical Program

Pre-rented by "Senior"

Homer—The House that Jack Built
Rummel—Etoay

Bach—Gigue (First Partita, B-flat)

Beethoven—Sonata Pathétique,

Allegro molto con brio

Rubinstein—Barcarolle, F-minor

Chopin—Nocturne, Op. 72, No. 1; Waltz, Op. 34, No.

Makrje—Vocal

Nieman—Garden Music, Op. 17

Mendelssohn—Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 4

Evelyn McGill’s delicate fragile voice was well suited to the lifting French air which she sang. Both she and Miss Testwuide emunctrated clearly and shaded the songs sympathetically.

Varma—Wings of Night

Neville—Page’s Road Song

Mendelssohn—Jerusalem, Thou that Smitest the Prophets (St. Paul)

Debussy—Voici que le printemps

Delbue—Bourjou, Stouten

Masnet—Gavotte (Monos)

Miss McGill and Miss Testwuide closed the program with an excellently sung duet—Hildegard’s “The Passage-Bird’s Farewell.” A little humorous byplay at the piano, without seriously damaging the girls’ collected presence, ended the evening on a note of hilarity.

Pres. Blunt Speaks On Life Of Ida Tarbell

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ly, to her surprise, classed as a Muckraker, the name given to the ardent boosters of reform during the latter part of the nineteenth, and the beginning of the twentieth century.

President Blunt concluded by saying, “This eighty-two year old lady is now wondering, objectively, College, and about the world at large. I got a vivid sense of her power, her intelligence, and her confidence in the ultimate victory of man’s self respect.” I only wish you could all have the pleasant experience of knowing her.

Dr. Lawrence Gives Answers To War

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Of the portentous period following the French Revolution of 1789, a great English poet wrote:

“It was bliss, at that dawn, to be alive;

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Spectacular Novel Denounces War

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