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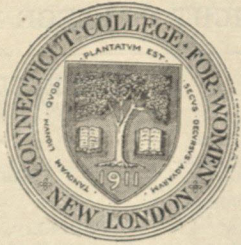
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## Freshmen Pageant To Be Given Today

To Take Place In Bolleswood

While the Juniors have been busied with their plans for Prom, and the Seniors have begun to think about Commencement, the Freshmen have been occupied with certain affairs of their own. Sounds of music and dancing feet come from the gym and from Knowlton Salon. We have seen notices on the bulletin summoning the gnomes and fairies to rehearsal. There has been mention of a Sultan, King Charlemagne, and numerous other interesting personages. The Pageant—for it is with Freshman Pageant that all this excitement and secrecy are concerned—was written by Lois Taylor. As usual, the exact nature of it will be kept a secret until the performance. Contrary to custom, this year the Pageant will be given in Bolleswood instead of in the amphitheater, and it will take place later in the afternoon than it has formerly. Gertrude Smith has been coaching the Pageant.

The heads of the various committees on arrangements are as follows:

- Costumes—Jane Dibble.
- Properties—Martha Katz.
- Dancing—Jeannette La Marche
- Business—Betty Butler.
- Make up—Elinor Smart.
- Music—Alice Hangen.
- Head Usher—Alta Colburn.

## "THE SKIRTS" DEFEAT GIRLS

Prom Baseball Game Proves Amusing

The feelings of the campus were keyed to a high pitch all week in anticipation of the coming to C. C. of the much tooted Junior Prom Men's Baseball Nine, alias "The Skirts". Their arrival on the field of combat was greeted with great ovations when they donned their multi-colored and multi-shaped skirts and took their places at bat. Even the disadvantage of being forced to bat one handed and travel from base to base in a rather tight fitting skirt belonging to their fair opponents, seemed but momentarily to take away from their skill. On the other hand the old adage of the "weaker sex" was not apparent on the field either, for one charming young gladiator clad in a red skirt, suddenly found himself flattened to the earth, when he was forced to slide for a base by a rather determined first base woman. The length and breadth of "The Skirts" first baseman was another decided advantage since the fair ones were unable to tell in just what part of the field or in whose hands the ball was at that time. It was rumored that he is a regular guard on the Yale football team and we who found ourselves in back of him at first base do not doubt the statement in the least.

The umpire easily fitted his decisions to the occasion and was more

## The Rev. Boynton Merrill Speaks at Vespers

The Reverend Boynton Merrill, pastor of the Second Church in West Newton, Massachusetts, and speaker at Vespers chose the text of his sermon from one of the poems of *Watchers of the Skies*, by Alfred Noyes. In this poem Noyes presents three stages of our life: the first, one in which we "bask contented in our sun and take what daylight shows us for the truth"; the second, one in which we "discover that the sun has blinded us to the depths beyond"; and the third, the stage in which life becomes "a night in whose majestic shadows men see God". Mr. Merrill proceeded to discuss these three stages of life.

The first stage, that is, the period of "basking" is not to be scorned or taken lightly because it is the first or because it is passive. There is great good in the complete content of basking. It is in this period that the foundations of life, and especially of religious life, are laid.

The second stage of life, continued Mr. Merrill, is one in which we discover that life has depth. This period breaks with amazing, breath-taking swiftness. It is a period of harsh experience and of not infrequent loneliness; a period which we realize the depths of need, of sorrows, of character; a period in which we become aware that though God may be right, the world is full of people who may be anything but good. Yet this is a great period and it ought never pass from us.

In the third and crowning period of our life, concluded Mr. Merrill, we realize that mysterious and awesome though our world is, God is in it. We can walk into it unafraid. We see the shadows but they need not frighten us. And if we have come to the conviction that God is, we add the conviction that he is light.

## DR. BAKER TO SPEAK WEDNESDAY EVENING

Subject—Scientific Work for Women

Dr. Lillian Baker of Rockefeller Institute, New York, will speak in the faculty room of the library Wednesday evening, May 16, at 7:15. Dr. Baker will speak about scientific work being done by women at the Institute. Although Dr. Baker will be introduced to the college by the Zoology Department, the field of her interests is very broad and includes chemical, nutritional, biological, and medical scientific efforts. All who are interested in the scientific work being done by women are cordially invited to be present with the Science Club to hear Dr. Lillian Baker, a speaker of interest with a fascinating subject.

popular with the ladies than the men, it is feared!

The score, sad to relate, was decidedly in favor of the visitors.

## New London Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Holds Dinner

Seven Seniors Guests of Honor

On Thursday evening, May 3, the New London chapter of Phi Beta Kappa held its annual spring meeting and dinner in honor of the members of the Senior class who have had the highest scholarship during the past four years. The seven girls who were invited were: Roberta Bitgood, Theresa D'Alessio, Constance Irving, Anna C. Lundgren, Bessie Meyer, Mildred Rogoff, and Truth Wills.

The chapter was especially fortunate in securing President James L. McConaughy, D. D., of Wesleyan as the speaker. He emphasized in his talk the meaning, significance, and work of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. He spoke with regret of the cramping effect of uniformity and conformity of our educational system today, in teaching in standards, even in buildings. He explained how Phi Beta Kappa differs from all other fraternities and organizations, and how it is constantly tending toward originality; how it is unique because it embraces only those of the highest intellectual standing, who can think things through for themselves.

Because Connecticut College has been so recently founded, it is not yet old enough to have a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

## PROM VAUDEVILLE CLEVER

Hidden Talent Displayed

The vaudeville given before the dance last Friday night was one of the best bills seen on C. C. campus. There were seven acts, and equalled any Keith program. The opening act was an ensemble number. The chorus wore costumes of black and white which were very effective in the novelty dance number. In the same act Polly Seavey stepped out of the chorus and starred with her vocal rendition of "Rain". The second act, "Dance Moments", consisted of the excellent clogging of Jeanette La Marche and Adelaide Asadorian. The third act was the heralded "Vaudeville Sadie", none other than Edna Somers. As usual she scored a hit. Elizabeth Douglas in the next act gave a monologue, "Betty at the Baseball Game"—worth several laughs and a lot of applause. The chorus from the "College Blues" gave a repetition of several of the hits from that show. They sound better each time we hear them. The sixth act, Alice Boyden and Emmy Lou Dickey, succeeded in being "just themselves" with a song and dance act. We wonder if "Emmy Lou" is going out on a summer circuit. The concluding act was "Dances of Yesterday and Today"—an old fashion waltz with

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## Parents' Week-end

Campus Scene of Activity

And now draws near that much-anticipated occasion, Parents' Week-end. It is hard to tell how many hearts are beating in delight, sorrow, or suspense as they await fateful letters from home (particularly the Freshmen). From May 11th to May 13th family reunions will be in order, and New London will have not a few traffic problems (not necessarily due to one's parents). Friday afternoon will find a steady stream of arrivals, if not actually at the college, then in the vicinity.

On Saturday, which is Freshman Day, outdoor games will be played from 10 to 12 o'clock. Then at 1.30 President Marshall will be in conference with parents at Knowlton Salon. At 4.00 the Freshmen will hold their Tree Day exercises, and at 6.45 the Freshman Pageant will be held in Bolleswood. It is to take place opposite The Cliff. It is suggested that rugs or pillows be brought to sit on, as the rocks and soil may not be too dry.

After the Pageant, at 8.30, a very informal dance is to be held in Knowlton House. Girls are urged to bring their guests, for the dance is for their especial benefit.

On Sunday morning, May 13th, a service of worship will be held in the gymnasium, conducted by President Marshall. This begins at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon there will be hymns at 5 o'clock in Knowlton House, and President Marshall will read poetry. This is the last time that President Marshall is to read to us, and it is felt that as many should be present as possible.

Parents' Week-end is *not*, as we have heard some remark, an anticlimax to Junior Prom. Rather, it is a week-end of dear association with families and with each other. There is something in the air that is not only spring, and May, and three more weeks to examination. It is a sort of enthusiasm, designed to show our best selves to the people who care most of all about us.

## CHARTER HOUSE CLOSING DAY, MAY 15

Everyone Invited

Everyone is cordially invited to Charter House closing day Tuesday afternoon, May 15, at four o'clock. First of all there will be an exhibition of tumbling by the boys' class which is conducted by girls taking the recreational leadership course. Then there is to be an exhibition of folk dancing by the girls who have been under the instruction of Jean Hamlet and Rosamund Holmes. This will be followed by a play entitled *Queen Crosspatch and The Scullery Wench*, in which members of all classes will take part. Refreshments will be served by Service League and the things that the children have been doing all year will be on exhibition during the afternoon.

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### EDITORIAL

It is good to know that the students of C. C. are always enterprising. Whatever they find themselves interested in, they make an effort to get. A group of ambitious girls have thought that it would be worth while to have a course in college that would give students a chance to study Continental Literature. This is a subject that has never been offered here and it is still open to question whether there is to be such a course next year. However, it seems to us that if a sufficient number of girls have shown themselves interested, and the member of the faculty who would teach the course is willing, there should be no serious objection. A new subject is a sign of growth and C. C. is young enough to grow and grow and grow. Because of our small size it is impossible to offer as extensive a program as the larger colleges do; yet it seems that when a petition is made for a certain course, it should be granted.

### GLEE CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED

President—Grace E. Houston '29.  
Vice-President—Winifred Beach '30.  
Business Manager—Loretta Murnane '30.

### IT'S MAY

It's May—  
When the trees should be in bloom  
And the skies should chase all gloom—  
But you'd never know it!

It's May—  
And among the new green grass  
There are signs: "They shall not pass"—  
But you'd never know it!

It's May—  
But the winter winds still blow  
And I'm positive 'twill snow—  
And believe you me—you'd know it!

### CLUBS

#### Psychology Club

The Psychology Club held a meeting in the gymnasium Thursday, May 3rd, at which Miss Ruth Washburn of the Yale child clinic was the speaker. Her topic was the measurement of child mentality, as it is correlated with physical development and chronological age. At the Yale clinic, there is a room containing cribs arranged in as home-like fashion as possible, where the children stay when they are being examined. In the ceiling of this room is a lighted dome containing cameras and strong electric bulbs. These cameras record the actions of the children, which are studied for what they may reveal of the children's mental age. A favorite test is to give the children a number of red cubes and observe the methods in which they hold and play with them.

By way of illustrations, Miss Washburn gave some tests to the small sons of Dr. Shields, and Dr. Gallup. The reactions of both babies to the tests were used to show the advance made in the mental ability of a child from the time it is five months until it is eleven months old.

#### French Club

The French Club has elected its officers for next year. They are: President, Edith Simonton '29, of Thompsonville, Connecticut; Vice-President, Julia Rubenstein '29, of Hartford, Connecticut; Secretary, Margaret Marvin '31, of Troy, New York; Treasurer, Jennie Gada '30, of Niantic, Connecticut; and Chairman of Entertainment, Josephine Arnold '29, of Chicago, Illinois.

#### Spanish Club

The Spanish Club will elect its officers on Tuesday evening.

#### Mathematics Club

Last Monday evening, the Mathematics Club elected Gertrude Reaske '29, of New Rochelle, New York as President. There was also a social meeting and an mathematics discussion led by Dr. Leib.

#### Philosophy Club

The Philosophy Club held its last meeting for the year Monday evening. In the absence of Dr. Morris, Eleanor Taylor '28, and Dorothy Adams '29, led the discussion on *Plato's "American Republic."* Plans for the picnic to be held next Monday were made.

### SENIORS ELECT

At a recent class meeting the Seniors elected the following to be their first Alumnae officers:

President—Dorothy Bayley.  
Vice-President—Eleanor Wood.  
Secretary—Abbie Kelsey.  
Treasurer—Adelaide King.  
Chairman of Entertainment—Henrietta Owens.

### SCHEDULE OF BASEBALL GAMES

#### Members of Squads

Thursday, May 10—Sophomore-Senior, 6:45.

Tuesday, May 15—Freshman-Junior, 6:45.

Thursday, May 17—Sophomore-Junior, 6:45.

Saturday, May 19—Freshman-Sophomore, 1:30; Junior-Senior.

Tuesday, May 22—Freshman-Senior, 6:45.

Members of the baseball squads are as follows:

Seniors—E. Arthur, D. Bayley, K. Booth, R. Booth, M. Dunning, E. Gallup, E. Hart, C. Kilbourne, D. Pasknik, M. Peterson, L. Ross, M. Webb.

Juniors—D. Adams, M. Anderson, M. Bond, P. Clark, K. Congdon, F. Fenton, A. Green, E. Lanctot, N. Leslie, E. Newmiller, R. Petrofsky, M. Scattergood, M. Shaw, M. Slayter, E. Speirs.

Sophomores—E. Bahney, D. A. Barrett, D. M. Barrett, F. Brooks, H. Burhans, J. Burroughs, R. Ferguson, F. Gabriel, C. Green, R. Harrison, E. Johnson, L. Murname, M. Nash, M. Price, G. Thomen, E. Tomlinson, E. Utley, B. Ward.

Freshmen—C. Bradley, B. Brooks, J. Dibble, M. Disbro, A. Ebsen, M. Fishbourne, F. Gorton, R. Griswold, J. Hopkins, D. Johnson, J. Satterthwaite, E. Schaubley, J. Shidle.

### RIDING SQUAD

The Riding Squad as announced May 2 consists of the following girls:

Margaret Babb '31, Ruth Barry '30, Genevieve Bentley '28, Helen C. Boyd '30, Dorothy Davenport '28, Emily L. Dickey '28, Carol Eldridge '31, Mary Ferris '28, Jane Fitch '31, Trumana Foote '28, Inez Frankman '31, Clarice Freud '30, Jean Hamlet '29, Martha Katz '31, Marion Kembell '31, Norma Liebling '30, Gwendolyn Macfarren '31, Eleanor Mann '29, Vera Mead '31, Elizabeth Moise '30, Janet Morris '30, Mary Nichols '30, Mary Reed '31, Edith Simonton '29, Edith Walter '30, Helen Weil '30, Jane Williams '31, Anne Van Natta '31, Shirley Vogel '29, Marie Schneider '30.

### CABINET APPOINTMENTS

Barbara Bent '29—Fire Chief.  
Catherine Greer—Chairman of Student Friendship Fund.

### BUSINESS ETHICS

Northwestern University will be the first institution to present a course on business ethics in connection with its school of commerce, when such a study is added next year. It has been made possible by a gift of \$25,000 for that express purpose. Said Dean Ralph E. Heilman:

"If departments of commerce in our colleges and universities provide the rising generation with a greater mastery of business technique and methods without developing a strong sense of the moral obligations of the business man, the result may be disastrous. University education for business aims to provide the young man with better tools of business: but if he is to have better tools there must be provided a strong control of the use of such tools. It is of the utmost importance that there be developed in the business leaders of tomorrow a strong ethical sense and a keen realization of the social obligations of business."—*New Student*.

### GYM DEPARTMENT MAKES CHANGES

The gym department after a great deal of labor, has decided to make some radical changes. The following is a statement of the new plan:

"Up to this time, the academic class to which an individual belonged, determined whether she would be in a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior work, regardless of her ability. We have been wrestling with the situation that resulted for several years. For example, a girl who took tennis with the freshmen her first year decides that she would like to try hockey her sophomore year. She finds the class very largely make up of students who have already had one year in the sport, have passed certain tests in technique, and have acquired a degree of skill. She and a few others struggle along trying to master the game, feeling rather conspicuous because of their lack of skill. The instructor gives as much individual help as possible, and in the meanwhile is conscious of and bothered by the fact that she is having to progress a little too fast for the less skilled ones, and at the same time in having to hold back the whole class from progressing as fast as the majority could go along, in the hope that some of the struggling ones may catch up. . . .

"Our solution to the difficulties . . . presents other difficulties, but they seem to us minor. We propose to rate every individual at the end of the season as to her skill in the sport she has taken into the 'Beginning,' 'Intermediate,' or 'Advanced' group. We have changed our schedule so that certain hours no longer belong to freshmen, sophomores, etc., and we have scheduled certain sections for Beginning hockey, others for Intermediate, and others for Advanced. . . . We feel that we can have a definite progression from one group to the next and that eagerness to get into the next higher group will be an incentive all along the line. . . . This system will give us excellent opportunity to have interclass competition within the three groups, giving every girl a chance to compete in some match games.

"This new system will go into effect next fall and will affect the following activities: baseball, basketball, clog dancing, correctives, hockey, natural dancing, riding, riflery, tennis and track. It is as yet impossible to use the plan in connection with formal gymnastics, informal games, fundamentals, where we have only one or two sections, of each and can arrange no more on account of the limited floor space."

Sports are to be elected next week, according to the new system.

### PROM VAUDEVILLE CLEVER

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Gretchen Yoerg and Edna Whitehead, very well done, and the spirit of the Black Bottom enlivened by Mary L. Irvine—and how!

The show was well put on from every angle and those who worked it up, participated, and managed it are to be congratulated. Could we express a sincere hope that there be more of this sort of thing and bring out the local and hidden talent.

Ladies of the Vanity Chorus—Helen Boyd, Jean Hamlet, Margaret Cook, Ruth Cooper, Sarah Diescher, Juliet Phillips, Frances Hall, Elizabeth Lyle, Pauline Seavey, and Helen Weil.

Ladies of the Blue Chorus—Dorothy Barrett, Helen Benson, Frances Brooks, Constance Green, Dorothy Harner, Virginia Warthin, Elizabeth Webster, Fanny Young, and Gwendolyn Thomen.

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Seniors Give Stone Wall to Juniors

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**ALUMNAE NOTES**

1925

Charlotte Frisch has announced her engagement to Robert Garlock of Bloomfield, New Jersey, and New York City.

Helen Hewitt Webb has a son.

1927

Frances Jones is now working in a Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau in Hartford.

Red Harris is soon starting work in the laboratory of the Deaconess Hospital, Boston.

Frances Andrews and her sister are opening an Antique Shop about the first of June in Ashaway, Rhode Island.

Bernice Leete is in a broker's office in New York City.

Mildred Dunham and Azee Clark are rooming together at Johnson Hall at Columbia.

Sue Chittenden is going to Stone's Business College in New Haven.

Henrietta Kanehl is studying music at home.

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CALENDAR

**Saturday, May 12**  
 10.00 A. M.-12.00 M.—Outdoor Games.  
 1.30 P. M.—Parents' Conference with President, Knowlton House Salon.  
 6.45 P. M.—Freshman Pageant in Bolleswood.  
 8.30 P. M.—Informal Dance, Knowlton House Salon.

**Sunday, May 13**  
 11.00 A. M.—Service of Worship in the Gymnasium.  
 5.00 P. M.—Hymns and Readings in Knowlton House Salon.

**Monday, May 14**  
 Philosophy Club Picnic.

**Tuesday, May 15**  
 4.00 P. M.—Charter House Closing Day.

**Saturday, May 19**  
 8.00 P. M.—Spring Play—*Arms and the Man*.

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FOR THE ELM TREES

Stephen Leacock, better known as a humorist than as professor of economics at McGill University, was hardly joking when he told University of Pittsburgh students that their Cathedral of Learning, or "high-up" of building, as he calls it, is all wrong.

"I should prefer the dream life and elm trees of the old college campus to anything the Cathedral of Learning might offer," he said. "Your campus will be rubber trees on the fiftieth floor and the shaded lanes will be elevator pits.

"I have realized that the world has changed since my youth. When I first heard of the proposed design for the Cathedral of Learning I could hardly believe that so extraordinary a building would be put into actual effect. Now I begin to think that my ideals and those of the older generation will go the same path as prejudices and hates.

"But even up there on the fiftieth floor," Mr. Leacock admitted, "you will be doing characteristic work. We can, like the White Knight in *Alice in Wonderland*, learn to think upside down if we only know how."

—New Student.

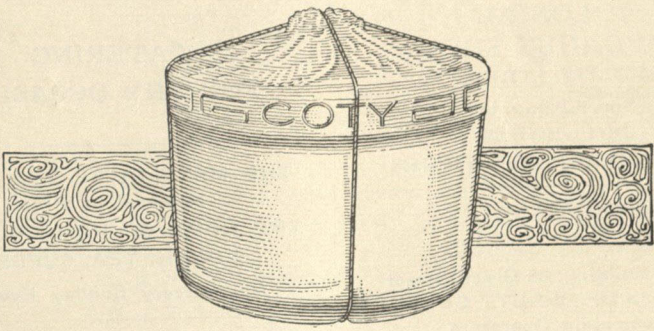
SEEING RED

Another bouquet for Norman Thomas, Socialist party candidate for president, comes from the *Dartmouth*, of Dartmouth College, where a group of undergraduates recently established an organization to support the Socialist. The *Dartmouth* treated the club lightly, but it dealt seriously with Mr. Thomas, concluding that although he will not be elected, "if presidential elections depended on character rather than enlightened intelligence, the papers would be filled with his campaign."—*New Student*.

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