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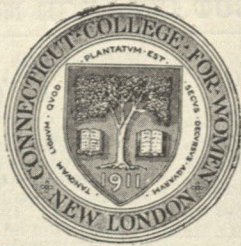
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## HISTORY OF COLLEGE CONTINUED

### First Days Chaotic

Thus the campaign in New London went gloriously on until the thermometer on the green reached its highest possible temperature, and the clock on the Day building had passed midnight! The total result of the campaign was \$134,824.41. We find the sentiments of the amazed onlookers expressed in the following newspaper clipping:

"It surprised the natives of New London; it astonished the foreigners; and the people of the Nutmeg state were amazed beyond measure that \$100,000 could be, would be, and was raised in ten days to start a woman's college that might one day compare favorably with Smith or Wellesley Colleges."

The choice of a name caused no little difficulty. The first decision was that the new college should be called "Winthrop" after the first governor of Connecticut; therefore the charter was taken out under this name. However, there was found to be another college by that name in South Carolina. The second choice which seemed more favorable was "Thames College". But there was some objection to this in that it seemed to imply that the college was for New London girls alone. Furthermore there were numerous already existing organizations in the city with the name "Thames" affixed to them. But for lack of a better name, "Thames College" it remained until at the peak of the glorious campaign to raise funds, Honorable Morton F. Plant, an enthusiastic supporter of the college movement, gave \$1,000,000 to the cause, with the very small condition that the name be changed to "Connecticut College for Females". "For Females" was subsequently dropped, and as a compromise between "For Females" and "For Ladies" we became Connecticut College for Women.

A part of the necessary money being raised, building plans were started. The first building was New London Hall, the Science and Instruction Building, named in honor of the people of the city who had given so generously to the fund. Two dormitories, Plant and Branford, also gifts of Mr. Plant, followed in quick succession, and Thames Hall was built as the temporary refectory. It had eight small dining rooms, the purpose being to avoid the institutional dining-hall with the noise and the confusion and the long unsociable dining tables.

In February, 1913, Frederick Sykes, a professor at Columbia University, was called to the presidency of the college and came to assemble the faculty and organize the curriculum.

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## GROUP TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

On Tuesday Mr. Foster called together those students and members of the faculty who would be interested in forming a group to discuss contemporary international relations.

It was decided that every subject must be interesting and that there was to be no formality. A committee consisting of Mr. Foster and two students, to be named later, will provide one or two topics and ask various members to gather data so that material will never be lacking.

The group is to meet every other Monday evening at seven-thirty. The first will be on Monday, October 19. The topic will be "China and Japan". All those interested are urged to come.

## PRES. HOOVER TO OPEN Xth OLYMPIAD

### Go West This Summer!

First announcement of the final and complete official program of the Games of the Xth Olympiad to be held in Los Angeles from July 30 to August 14, inclusive, 1932, was made by the Los Angeles Organizing Committee, following receipt of a cable of confirmation from Count de Baillet-Latour, president of the International Olympic Committee from Lausanne, Switzerland.

The program will open in Olympic Stadium (Coliseum) on Saturday afternoon, July 10, with the historic Opening Ceremony, a part of which will be the impressive Parade of Nations, in which 2,000 sons and daughters of 35 nations, led by their respective national flags, will participate in the march past the Tribune of Honor.

One athlete will then step from the drawn-up ranks to take the Olympic oath for all the teams of the participating nations. As the oath is administered the Olympic flag will be raised; the Olympic torch will blaze forth atop the massive peristyle of the Stadium and in the presence of representatives of foreign countries, world-wide Olympic organizations, and officials of state, the Games of the Xth Olympiad will be declared officially opened. Many other beautiful features of pagentry will mark the Opening Ceremony.

The Olympic Games will bring to Los Angeles the greatest gathering of dignitaries ever to assemble on the Pacific coast. Members of royal houses from all parts of the world will attend the Opening Ceremony as will official delegations from their governments. In accordance with Olympic traditions that the ruling head of the nation pronounce the Games opened, President Hoover will be officially invited to open the Games of the Olympiad.

Something of the magnitude of the program is suggested by the fact that during the 16 days the games are in progress, more than 135 distinct programs of competitions from 15 branches of sports will be held mornings, afternoons and evenings at 9 or more stadiums, auditoriums or water courses.

Competitions will be held in the following world-wide sports: track, and field athletics, boxing, cycling, equestrian sports, fencing, field hockey, gymnastics, modern pentathlon, shooting, rowing, swimming, diving and water polo, weight-lifting, wrestling, yachting, national demonstration, international demonstration and fine arts.

Olympic Stadium (Coliseum) in Olympic Park (Exposition Park) with a seating capacity for 105,000 persons, will be the center of Olympic activity. In it will be held in addition to the opening and closing ceremonies, the track and field athletics, gymnastics, field hockey semi-finals and finals, equestrian jumping events and the demonstrations of national and international sports.

In addition to these competitions the first and official announcements of the final results of all Olympic events, regardless of where they are held, followed by the historic ceremony honoring the countries represented by the victorious athletes, will occur several times daily in Olympic Stadium.

Track and field, boxing, wrestling, swimming, diving and water polo and rowing are the most popular sports on the official program.

Beginning July 31 and lasting for 8 days, Olympic Stadium will be the scene of one of the world's greatest programs of track and field athletics, with champion performers of every country participating.

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## Dr. Marie Baum Convocation Speaker

Dr. Marie Baum of the University of Heidelberg, was the first convocation speaker of the year. She spoke on Tuesday afternoon, October 13, on "The Family in the New Social Structure".

She outlined the family of the past, its part in the economic and social world, and the various influences of the Jewish, Catholic or Protestant religions upon it. Formerly the family was an independent unit economically, but during the nineteenth century there were great changes in religion and economics. But no longer is the

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## BOOKSHOP TO OPEN CIRCULATING LIBRARY

The college Bookshop announces that within a few days it will establish a circulating library. This is only one of the many innovations that will be introduced gradually. At present the management will be very glad to order any book, at any time. There are two very up-to-date books on display, one of especial interest, because its author is to be one of our Convocation speakers: it is *The Autobiography of Lincoln Steffens*. The other book is the first edition of *Two People* by A. A. Milne.

## Henry Pitt Van Dusen at College Vespers

The speaker at the 5 o'clock vesper service to be held Sunday at Connecticut College will be Henry Pitt Van Dusen, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and the Philosophy of Religion in Union Theological Seminary. A Philadelphian by birth, Mr. Van Dusen was graduated in 1919 from Princeton University, being valedictorian of his class and having held various student offices of importance in the undergraduate life. He was also awarded the Phi Beta Kappa key.

His theological interests led him in 1921-22 to study in New College, Edinburgh, and in Edinburgh University, where he has also been studying during the past year. He returned to America and was graduated in 1924 from Union Theological Seminary, receiving the degree B. D. (*Summa Cum Laude*). The next two years he spent in independent religious work in American colleges. He has been teaching in Union Theological Seminary since 1926. He is a Fellow of the National Council of Religion in Higher Education, is a member of the Editorial Council of *The World Tomorrow*, a member of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphian Society of Princeton University, and a member of the executive committee of

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## WANTED! MORE LOP- SIDED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

Who is a modern representative of "lopsided" people? According to Stanley High, Editor of the *Christian Herald* and vespers' speaker last Sunday, Mahatma Gandhi, the slender, fragile man from India, is the incarnation of this philosophy. At present there is a shortage in this world of people who have the courage of their convictions; people run away from having to make up their minds. Our ideal of a well-rounded personality includes the avoidance of being "lopsided", of being convinced. We are satisfied to go in the general direction that the rest are going, to keep inside the lot, and not to go too far.

It is from the ranks of the "lopsided" people that the greatest leaders have come. No truly great prophet ever stayed on the lot; the ideas he had led him to go far beyond where the rest of us go. Today we need a new element of prophecy; there are many traces to be kicked over. We need "lopsidedness" in the realm of civic welfare where we have no convictions of lawlessness, of cleaning up; we need leaders to investigate widespread graft and to overcome the lethargy of the average citizen. In international affairs we need the same prophetic leadership, to fill our hearts with conviction. At this time of economic depression we need someone to provide constructive leadership because the silence on the part of our economic counsel frightens us. We

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## SCIENCE CONVENTION TO BE AT CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut Valley Students' Science Convention will be entertained at Connecticut College this coming April 16, 1932. Wesleyan, Massachusetts State, Springfield, Connecticut Agricultural, Smith and Holyoke will send delegates and exhibits. This is continuing the original idea of Mount Holyoke, for the first such convention of students ever held in this part of the country was given at that college this past year. Connecticut is looking forward to the opportunity of her best toward furthering an interest in scientific research among undergraduates. She feels especially fortunate in having Dr. Edmund Sinnott, Geneticist and Botanist, from Barnard, as the guest speaker of the Convention.

Mary Mead '33. Secretary of Science Club, Chairman of the Botany exhibits for the Student's Science Convention.

Leah Savitsky '32. Vice-president of Science Club, Chairman of Program committee for the Science Convention.

Dorothy Hamilton '33. Treasurer of Science Club, planning the general exhibit in which all sciences are getting together to show the interrelations of sciences.

Harriet Smith '32. In charge of Chemistry exhibits, for the Convention.

Dorothy Friend '32. In charge of Physics exhibits.

Mabel Barnes '32. In charge of Home Economics exhibits, and chairman for the luncheon at the Science Convention.

Marion Kendricks '32. In charge of Psychology exhibits.

Dorothy Kellogg '33. In charge of Zoology exhibits.

Margaret Hunter '33. Chairman for the Speaker for the Convention.

..... Convocation Will Be at Eight Instead of Four .....



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## EDITORIAL

### Why Rules?

"Oh well, it won't make any difference this time." How often have we mentally registered this thought, as we proceed to violate a part of the Honor System? "After all," we rationalize, "other people get away with it, why shouldn't we?"

Laws and regulations are constantly being broken, not only on the college campus, but everywhere in the world. As long as there are rules to break, man will break them.

Perhaps, if we considered how much such a breach reflects on ourselves, we would exercise a little more control. In a democracy like the United States and at Connecticut College where self-government exists, legislation is the product of individual activity. A law is not made arbitrarily, but because a use is seen for its existence. The law is initiated by the community, for the good of the community. It is passed by a group because it sees the value of such a regulation.

Theoretically the value of the law passes unchallenged. When, however, the personal element enters in, then the individual, who has contributed to the formulation of the precept, loses all sense of proportion. As a disembodied fact it seems excellent. When we consider it, as applying directly to ourselves, its scope shrinks, it includes one less person.

In this way we are directly contradicting our earlier assumptions of good judgment. We are being hopelessly inconsistent in denying what we have heretofore considered necessary. The next time we decide to lapse from grace, let us remember that we are being decidedly unethical.

### Members at Large

Blackton—Jean Neal.  
Blackstone—Margaret Chalker.  
Winthrop—Mary Newcomb.  
Branford—Marion Kendrick.  
Plant—Kay Hammond.

Mrs. M. Amelia Vinal, widow of former Secretary of State Charles Vinal, died Monday night, October 5, 1931. Mrs. Vinal was widely known for her philanthropies. She had erected a dormitory at the Connecticut College for Women.

### HISTORY OF COLLEGE

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Smith College Weekly says:

"Probably none of the present colleges started out on such broad lines with a similar endowment fund and equipment of buildings. Certainly few, if any, of the women's colleges of today began their first year with a class of one hundred."

In 1915, the college was ready for opening and on the twenty-fifth of September, with a Freshman class of one hundred, gathered from numerous states, Connecticut College started on its career. "Everything was new. The odor of fresh paint perfumed the air. Carpenters' sheds adorned the campus, along with boards, barrels, stones, and plaster-mixers in the muddy court between Plant and Blackstone. Thames Hall resounded to the blows of the carpenters' hammers, as the panelling was adjusted, while students and faculty edged their way among the newly unpacked chairs and tools, or tripped over the stone mantelpiece which still lay unnoticed on the hearth of the fireplace, to find some corner in which to eat ham and mashed potatoes, while Dr. Sykes poured the cocoa"—so the first Koiné (1919) describes the situation. One can easily see that the class of 1919 had to scramble for itself, and those who had urged that the arrival of the students be postponed were justified. There were no electric lights until six o'clock of the arrival day, and during the first two days the faculty ate on the only finished corner of the dining-hall floor!

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need prophets to look at the situation and to fill us with determination to travel on the road toward the establishment of economic order. The world needs men and women who have made up their minds.

We live in a time when we have made a fad of fact-gathering; we have substituted information for convictions. It is a fad to be informed about what is going on; it is a prerequisite for social respectability. With such an attitude, facts are a liability rather than an asset, because facts may then become a dead weight; we cannot accept them in place of convictions.

### HENRY PITT VAN DUSEN AT COLLEGE VESPERS

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the Committee on Militarism in Education.

His Y. M. C. A. activities include the holding of the associate executive secretaryship, Student Division in 1927-28; membership on the Board of Managers, Bowery Branch, N. Y. C.; on the Board of Managers, Intercollegiate Branch; and in the National Student Committee. With T. W. Graham he wrote in 1925 *In Quest of Life's Meaning*, and is editor of a more recent book, *Ventures in Belief*. Mr. Van Dusen is one of the most acceptable and vital speakers on the college campuses of America today. His topic will be: "Whither Religion Today?" The public is invited to attend.

On Monday and Tuesday, October 5 and 6, there was an attractive display at the College Tea House. It was conducted by C. K. Huang of Peiping and New York City. The display included jewelry, linens, lingerie, embroideries and novelties.

### DIET AND REDUCING

"Diet and Reducing"—the ever-popular subject! It was treated very delightfully by the Home Economics Department at the meeting of the Science Club, Thursday night. Betty Linscott '32, talked about dieting as related to the college girl; and Marjorie Miller '33, gave some worthwhile comments about "Fads and Fancies in Foods". A short and amusing skit on this same subject was presented by Lillian Bacon '34, and Ruth Brooks '34.

The Club takes great pleasure in announcing that Dr. Botsford has agreed to be the Faculty Adviser for the Science Convention.

## 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:

College students are always complaining about something, partly because many of them seem to think that is "the thing to do", partly because it is just human nature to "gripe" whenever possible. Sometimes the complaint has to do with the food, sometimes to do with the so-called unjust rules, sometimes with the assignments, sometimes with the teachers, sometimes with just nothing at all. The point is that there is always some kind of complaining going on, most of which is unnecessary, or superfluous at most. All of you who find so much to complain about, think a little more before you start in again. Consider first of all that you are not doing the college a big favor by consenting to come here. The college rather is doing you a favor when it allows you to come. There are many others who would gladly take your place, many others who would consider it a great "boon" to be allowed to participate in "higher learning". To that thought add this: "Why did you come to college? Did you come to seek higher education, or did you come merely to have a good time?" College is for the benefit of those who wish to profit by the field of knowledge opened to them. Those inclined toward mere pleasure might as well stop complaining and leave. College is not for them.

You who find fault so often, stop to think of this. Did you ever consider that perhaps your Alma Mater could complain about you? Are you everything that she might wish, do you fulfill her expectations as well as your own? Can you answer the following questions affirmatively?

"Do you live up to the spirit of the honor code, do you carry it out as it was written, not as you might wish to interpret it?"

"Do you put your duty to your college before everything else?"

"Do you ever do anything to help make improvements where they are needed? That is, do you do anything besides complain?"

"Do you ever put your whole heart into your work, and do more than you have to do to 'get by'?"

"Do you ever put yourself in your instructor's place and see what a problem he has to confront?"

"Do you ever stop to consider what rules you might have, what restrictions you might have put upon you?"

All these questions are merely given for the sake of putting in a more detailed form the questions "Just what do you do to deserve more than you get, just what does college mean to you that its rules and regulations, and routines should be unpleasing to you?" Before making so many complaints it would be better for all, if you just stopped to consider whether or not you have just cause for complaint. Cooperate with your college, and do your part before you grumble at the way the college does its part.

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Dear Editor:

Oh, what has become of the lowly, timid freshmen who roamed C. C.'s fair campus in years gone by, but now would appear to have become, like the dodo, extinct? The class of 1935 walks the by-ways of New London and even, so it has been observed, attends the cinema with an independent air—alone and unprotected.

Freshmen, your sister class resents this. She is not used to being high hatted, nor does she care to be socially ostracized by those to whom she has extended her friendship. Is it the fact that you object to being seen in the presence of a mere junior which forces you to leave us at home while you seek diversion through the medium of Nancy Carroll or Leslie Howard? Would such a situation (were you to try it) cause you to feel as if you were playing the role of nurse maid? We hope the case isn't as bad as that and promise to act as

## A BRICK-BAT

Dear Brick:

Hip, hip (before the day of the diet) and hooray! The movie ban has expired—and now our only complaint is that we have either seen all the pictures this summer, or that the Westerns are too wild for our high blood pressure. Which reminds me—I saw one of those horseplay pictures the other night. They had to carry me out, for just as lil' Nell started riding in the rodeo-do-do I broke down and began to jitter.

More brainstorms—and all caused by these new hats. I refuse to trail a plume—I'm no Marguerite de Valois, and a horse (in spite of the cute green posters in the gym) just makes me a fit occupant for the strait-jacket. But there's one thing that I can't escape (tho' I've been dodging it for these three years), and that's wearing the ole' mortar board—a creation that proves that as a milliner, Empress Eugenie was the simplest of neophytes. And the gown—well, some cold evening as the sun begins to set (pathos) and as the rest of the class is merrily stumbling to vespers, I expect to be found stretched out colder than the evening—foully tripped to death.

Did I tell you that I was taking golf? Oh, my, yes! And please don't forget that replacing the turf is part of the game—it's the biggest part of my game, and I can't forget it.

Seen on this campus—a girl in a suede jacket—Get to work, Sherlock!

Yours for bigger and better mysteries,  
BAT.

sophisticated as possible if you will give us a try.

Seriously, though, much as we admire our freshmen and think them a swell bunch, we do find it a bit presumptuous of them to absolutely disregard the chaperon rule. The other night when I was in a certain off-campus house I found the occupants departing *en masse* to the movies without the shadow of an upper classman. Far be it from me to brag, but in my younger days when I was both lowly and timid, it was the custom for all us innocents to be at home or at least body-guarded by some one versed in the ways of New London after the curfew bell had tolled. Well do I recollect one hectic night when we missed the half after seven trolley. We were in an agony of terror at the thought of not being safe under cover at the allotted time. Rather than depart from paths of righteousness, we came home in a taxi, sacrificing all that remained of our cash on hand for virtue and propriety's sakes.

Aside from the actual lack of cooperation with Student Government that this shows, we juniors manifest a personal disappointment in the particular situation. After all, we have looked forward to being junior sisters for two years, and it is a blow to at least some of us not to be allowed to function as such after having attained the title. We do not have so very much chance to get acquainted with those who live off campus through the daily routine of rushing from one class to another. It makes us feel unwanted and unappreciated to have the freshmen ignore us and never seek our company.

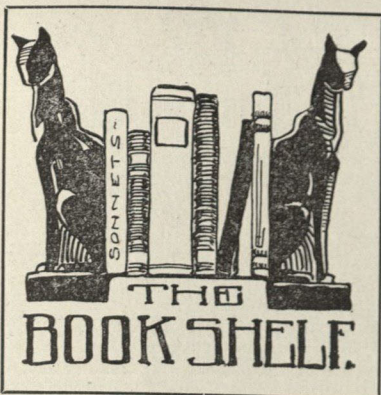
I do not think it is fair to blame only the freshmen, however. All of the juniors do not proffer their services as duennas and do not make the freshmen feel free to call upon them. How about a little more reciprocity on both sides? I'm sure it would make for that "Sisterly Feeling" we are always singing about. 1933.

### DR. MARIE BAUM CONVOCATION SPEAKER

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family a self sustaining unit—not even on the farm. The family is smaller, and it requires smaller space to live in, also. There are, too, more frivolous marriages, ending in divorce. The conditions of the family life, as it exists today, said Dr. Baum, is like a walker on a ridge—a false step may mean a great fall. If the family is to continue as an important social unit, women must be willing to accept home-making as a task comparable to others.





### NEW BOOKS AT COLLEGE LIBRARY

Buck. *The Good Earth*. N. Y., Day, 1931.

Careful writing and maturity of outlook, as well as familiarity with Chinese life, mark this new novel by the author of *East Wind, West Wind*.—*Booklist*.

Cather. *Shadows on the Rock*. N. Y., Knopf, 1931.

It is a quiet, uneventful book, beautiful in craftsmanship with a few high moments of intensity and drama that will live with us a long time.—*Golden Book*.

Chase. *Mexico, a Study of Two Americas*. N. Y., Macmillan, 1931.

There was absolutely nothing about the Machine Age, we felt, that Stuart Chase did not know. And now he has been to Mexico where there isn't a Machine Age, and knows all about that too. His new book, *Mexico* is a study of a machineless economic system; it is also a colorful summary of Mexico's glorious past, and a provocative speculation about her future and a travel book about the people and the violent beauty of the country.—*Golden Book*.

Duguid. *Green Hell; Adventure in the Mysterious Jungles of Eastern Bolivia*. N. Y., Century, 1931.

I think probably that the combined elements of sound good sportsmanship concealed beneath a casual humorous lightness are the qualities which make this book and this adventure unique.—William B. Seabrook in *Books*.

Eddy. *The Challenge of Russia*. N. Y., Farrar, 1931.

Actual achievements in industry, agriculture, education, and social legislation are contrasted with suppression of opinion of dissenters, religion, and churches. The author writes objectively.—*Booklist*.

Herbert. *The Water Gypsies*. Garden City, Doubleday, 1931.

The author is the famous A. P. H. of *Punch*. A delightfully written story, and a wise and humorous contemplation of human nature is continuously evident.—*Booklist*.

Rinehart. *My Story*. N. Y., Farrar, 1931.

A finer story than any she has ever told before.—*Forum*.

Rogers. *How to Be Interesting; a Little Book of Platitudes for Folks in General, Including Educators and Students*. Boston, Page, 1931.

The book is witty and stimulating, with a basis of sound judgment.—*N. Y. Times*.

Undset. *The Wild Orchid*. N. Y., Knopf, 1931.

Nature and her changing aspects blossom in all the marvelous richness of Undset's prose; and Paul is the very image of the youth of one's own generation.—*Books*.

Van Loon. *R. V. R.; Being an Account of the Best Years and the Death of One Rembrandt Harmenspoon van Rijn*. N. Y., Liveright, 1930.

A fictionalized biography of the great Dutch painter, Rembrandt. The book takes the form of an imaginary diary of a contemporary of Rembrandt, which gives a picture of the life and customs of the time. Illustrated with reproductions of Rembrandt's pictures and etchings.—*Book Review Digest*.

### CLUBWOMEN CONVENE

The various clubs around campus are in a particularly aggressive state. With the cooperation of all the members and the coordination of the now somewhat indefinite plans, undoubted advancement is in steady progress.

Branford Lounge was filled to overflowing with an enthusiastic group, on Tuesday evening, October 13, when the Spanish Club opened its meeting of the year. Over sixty members attended and the business of the year was entered into with real zest.

Eleanor Wilcox, President of the Club presided. Dorothy Wheeler '33, was elected Chairman of Entertainment for the coming year. Plans were discussed for the coming Spanish Club play.

It has been some time since Spanish players have been on our campus, due to unfortunate circumstances, but this year the Spanish Club, in full force, is going to present *Las de Cain* on December 13th. The cast has not yet been chosen in full, but the following production people were elected:

Chairman of Make-up—Deborah Roud '32.

Chairman of Lighting—Jean Williams '32.

Chairman of Costumes—Marian Kendrick '32.

Chairman of Advertising—Marjorie Seymour '33.

Chairman of Properties—Elizabeth Archer '34.

Chairman of Scenery—Gertrude Cooley '34.

Stage Manager—Virginia Stevenson '33.

The cast will be announced shortly and rehearsals will begin immediately, as the Spanish Club intends to put the presentation "over with a bang."

During the course of the evening Mr. Pinol entertained with a short talk on "Woman Suffrage in Spain". He said that Spain has been late in granting woman suffrage. This has in part been due to the monarchical form of government, and in part due to topographical situations. Women in the cooler climate of the north, for instance, raised large families and in so doing were tied to the house. Now, however, that they have emerged from the home, and have received the new privilege—they will find it not a privilege, but a duty to the state, and will perform their duty to the best of their ability. The age limit on women suffrage has been lowered to 23 years in Spain.

All this is of interest to Connecticut College girls especially, because the leader of the woman suffrage movement in Spain is Isabella de Palancia, who several years ago, while yet unknown, gave a lecture on Spanish customs here at Connecticut. We were probably the first American College to hear her lecture, and so it will be of great interest to us to see this woman carry on to greater heights in the Movement.

After Mr. Pinol's talk, the meeting came to an end with refreshments.

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The French Club will hold its first meeting on Monday evening, October 19, in Knowlton Salon.

M. Auguste Desclos, official representative of the French Universities, who is making a tour of the United States, will make his first visit here on October 19, 1931. He will speak at Knowlton Salon, Monday evening at seven-thirty on French Education.

M. Desclos is very well known, and Connecticut College is indeed grateful that he is coming here. It is urged that everyone, whether she belongs to the French Department or not, will attend this meeting.

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The Glee Club is progressing by having weekly rehearsals. Plans as yet are not complete, concerning their schedule.

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The History Club is holding its first meeting on Thursday evening, October 29. A new chairman of entertainment will be elected. Plans will be discussed concerning the future meetings and Miss Williams, professor of Sociology, will give a talk on "Unemployment". A large attendance is

### ALUMNAE NOTES

Elizabeth Glass '30, a student at the Chicago Theological Seminary, is a member of the student council and the constitutional committee. From all appearances, the Seminary hasn't sobered Elizabeth's humor!

Notice has been received of Ruth Hedrick's death which occurred September 19 in Michigan. She was a member of the class of 1924.

Virginia David ex-'33, whose present address is 93522 Avenue 11, Seattle, Washington, sends her best regards to all her friends and acquaintances at Connecticut College. She is enrolled in the State University which has a registration of 7,000 students. Virginia writes that we ought to be glad that we are not "fighting co-ed-itis".

Dorothy Feltner '31, and Miss Ramsay attend the meeting of the New Haven chapter of Connecticut College graduates last Wednesday, October 7. "Zeke" Spiers, Janet Boomer, and Mary Slater entertained them at a dinner in their apartment. At the meeting, Dorothy Feltner spoke on the 1931-32 alumnae program and she reports an enthusiastic discussion on the development of the Student-Alumnae Building. It was suggested that when the project is a little further along, each chapter undertake to furnish a room in the building. Gertrude Larson '31, who is working at the Children's Community Center in New Haven, was elected Secretary of the Chapter at the same meeting.

Barbara Pollard '31, who is teaching in Norwich, attended Convocation Tuesday.

### PROFESSORIAL ENGLISH QUESTIONED

Columbia paper makes war on syntax! Wary student editors of the *Columbia Spectator* have been making shorthand notes of classroom lectures for the purpose of exposing the use of incorrect English. According to an article in the *World Telegram*, the managing editor of the paper is reported as saying, "We don't expect miracles, but substantial reforms have been made by quite a few professors, and before it's all over we expect the quality of professorial English to be much higher." The editor-in-chief says that the professors ought to be glad "that we brought the matter up." The students are very anxious to find errors and to report them and now, "for the first time, the professors around here are getting undivided attention from the students."

### By the Old Stone Wall

It was with some regret that the upperclassmen saw, upon returning to college, the destruction of the old stone wall where the traditional moonlight sing was held every month, by the earliest classes of the college. When Fanning Hall was completed it was found necessary to develop the campus ground south of it. Now the traditional stone wall is part of the approach to Fanning. The new wall offers the college a new and lovely setting for the moonlight sings. The wall is irregular and runs from east to west, about 350 feet. It extends from within 100 feet of Mohegan avenue to the playing field opposite the Palmer Memorial library.

anticipated—and refreshments will be served.

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The first meeting of the German Club was an outstanding success. The program began with the singing of a delightful German song by Jean Marshall '33. The guest of honor was Frau Doktor Baum, Professor of Sociology at Heidelberg. In her informal and interesting talk, Professor Baum made comparisons between the German and the American universities.

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At a meeting of Press Board, Tuesday, October 13, Elsie Nelson '33, became President of the organization. (Continued on page 4, column 2)

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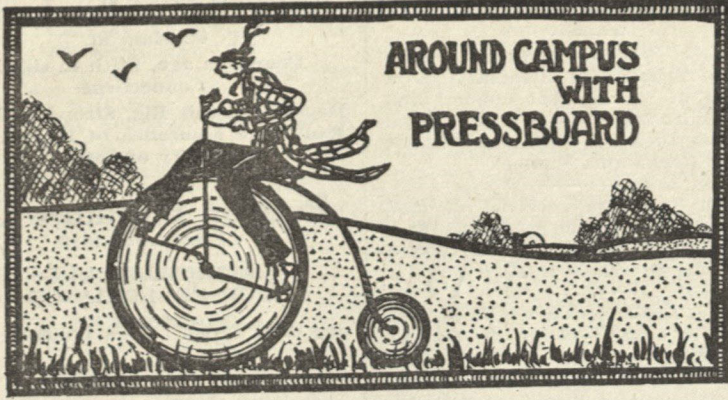
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The Sunday visitors in the Libe are always somewhat of a surprise. They wander about so vaguely and the boom of a masculine whisper is certainly unexpected.

The Thursday Afternoon Club met in Branford for tea. It knitted and sewed and discussed the problems of frigidaire, spinach, and other scandal.

Families will be amazed at the increased number of bath towels in the laundry case. The cause is not added cleanliness, but bigger and better knitting.

The Victrola in Thames lounge ran riot the other night and alarmed the smokers out of their after dinner apathy.

Some people have Post Office boxes with combinations of great portent. In illustration we offer K P and B O.

We hear that Goofy Rose doesn't like to be called Goofy. Well, Goofy, that's too bad Goofy. Really Goofy, we're awfully sorry, Goofy. Can we do anything about it, Goofy?

### Exchanges

Here is a bit of news that might interest that worried '33 who held forth in Free Speech. There are evidently others who feel sympathetically inclined toward those hard working Seniors!

"... comes a gratifying announcement from the Department of Physical Education to the effect that qualified Seniors may be exempt from gym. . . . We welcome the decision on the part of the gym department with gratitude, because we hope that it means a relaxation, on their part, of rules which have been far too unadapted in their stringency, to the present needs of college students."  
—*The Barnard Bulletin*.

And here's a chance to drop a word or two of advice to new students. Don't be a "grind"—enter into all the student organizations and extra-curricular activities. Be a big, broad-minded college woman!

"Educators have told us that college is the place where we acquire those habits of mind and principles of conduct, and that distinctiveness of manner by which are lives are directed. . . . college is a place where boys and girls . . . may learn to live. But the phrase "learn to live" can have little meaning except as the student cultivates the art of "how to live" within the walls of his alma mater. Tell me what a man does with his leisure time and I can tell you the value of his education."  
—*The Pioneer*.

We never would have believed it! "Empress Eugenie probably did not foresee anything so unromantic for the future of America as the problem of the wheat surplus. But in her own inimitable way she offered the solution to that burning question. And for that economists will be eternally grateful. When the Empress set a fashion charming enough to make even the modistes of 1931 her disciples, she made women sigh romantically and farmers chuckle happily. Eugenie decreed that we should go feminine from the soles of our dainty feet to the crowns of our

In case you haven't heard, Senior Pictures have come. We are so sick of looking at ourselves that we rather hope a mouse will decide to make a meal of them. It is interesting to observe that what we thought was "just a suggestion of a smile" turned out to be a tooth paste ad.

There are those of us who have had the embarrassing experience of showing our photographs to friends and having them ask who the person is. This is particularly upsetting when you had considered the picture quite flattering.

Exhibits, exhibits at the tea house and not a cent to spare.

Oh, upperclassmen bring your informal finery from the closet and prepare to attack the new material from Wesleyan, Yale and other points, which the Freshmen will introduce at the Service League tonight!

The touches of fresh paint about the campus, tempt one sorely. It is such fun to stick one's finger in and prove that it is *wet* paint.

It grieves us to think that handmade sweaters may supersede the lovely sweat shirt, the most attractive part of any college wardrobe.

pretty heads (black felt with white ostrich plumes). And she incidentally decreed that we acquire a whole new set of pleasing curves to fill out the fashionable gowns. No longer do we concentrate on being slim and on eating lamb chops and pineapple. We now indulge ourselves with cereals, bread, cakes and muffins in a frantic attempt to go in and come out in all the proper places. And so the wheat surplus vanishes; in fact, we must hastily raise more wheat and improve agricultural methods. The Empress Eugenie tractor is soon to be dedicated amidst a flurry of ostrich feathers."  
—*The Barnard Bulletin*.

### "A's"

(With profuse apologies to Mr. Kilmer. May he rest in peace and never know of the foolish parodies written on his poem.)

"I know that I shall never say,  
'Oh, look! He really gave me A!'  
An A in red or purple ink—  
(They come in crayon, too, I think.)  
An A with comments underneath  
That are the victor's laurel wreath.  
An A that merits bended knees  
From E's and F's and I. N. C.'s.  
Upon whose earning honor comes  
Whose absence is a shock—to some.  
Poems are made by fools, they say,  
But only brains can make an A."  
—*The Alabamian*.

Mr. Harrison Freemam of Hartford, Conn., was recently elected chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. George Palmer resigned this office because of ill health.

Tonight Service League will hold its first informal dance of the season. Virginia Swan is in charge of the affair and is being assisted by the other officers of the League. Dr. and Mrs. Erb, and Dr. and Mrs. Morris will be in the receiving line. The Yale Bulldogs will furnish the music.

### CLUBWOMEN CONVENE

(Concluded from page 3, column 3)

Ruth Jones '34, was elected Secretary to take the place of Jean Pennock '33, who resigned to accept the position of managing editor. New members of Press Board are Natilie Ide '33, and Virginia Stevenson '33.

### BITS OF INTEREST

Ohio leads all the states in the number of colleges. It has 41. New York has 40, Pennsylvania 38, and Illinois 23.

It is with pleasure that we see ambitious attempts to interest the students in the organization of an orchestra.

Tryouts are being conducted by *News*, in order to add new members to the staffs.

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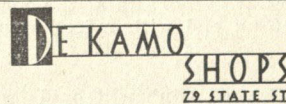
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