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## M. I. T. Prof. To Lecture On Science

**Prof. G. R. Harrison To Explain Application Of Physics To Modern Life**

George Russell Harrison, the famous Professor of Physics and Director of the Physics Research Laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will lecture on "Modern Science and Modern Living" at Convocation, October 29th at four p.m. Professor Harrison will explain the broad application of physics to everyday modern life, and will show how discoveries of fundamental science have been applied in communication, agriculture, radio, medicine, aviation, and many other technologies.

Professor Russell was a member of the faculty at Stanford University and at Harvard University, but has been at M. I. T. since 1930. He is a member of the National Research Council, and is renowned internationally for his outstanding work in physics.

In October, 1939, Professor Harrison was awarded the Rumford medal. This prize is given to individuals whose important discoveries or useful improvements on either Light or Heat are regarded as unusually valuable in promoting the good of mankind.

## Democracy Is Topic Of Peace Group At Meeting On Oct. 20

"Democracy is an attitude of mind," stated Miss Marjorie Dilley of the History Department in addressing the Peace Group of the Religious Council on the "Meaning of Democracy," Sunday, October 20, after Vespers in the Chapel Library. Then Miss Dilley went on to explain that no one particular form of democracy is more sacred than another, using Great Britain and the United States as examples of different forms. There is a difference between a democracy and a democratic government. Democracy does not support rampant individualism, stated Miss Dilley, but sees the individual as he is related to the group.

Then Miss Dilley explained some of the basic assumptions of democracy. Democracy assumes that individuals can manage their own affairs, that individuals will participate in their own affairs, that government by the group is more efficient. There is also the assumption of the spirit of give and take in democracy. In expecting so much from the people, a democracy encourages a restless, critical attitude. In concluding, Miss Dilley stated that the issue of the present European war is not whether we are to have collectivism or not, but whether that collectivism is to be governed by a democratic or non-democratic system.

The Peace Group will meet again November 3, when it will discuss Great Britain's form of democracy. Anyone who is interested in this topic is invited to attend.

### Organ Recitals

Every Wednesday and Friday from five o'clock to five-twenty there will be an organ recital in Harkness Chapel. Students and faculty are urged to attend.

## Wise Seniors Will Give Proclamation Thursday Morning

Around this year's Senior Proclamation there is an aura of mystery. Ancient sages have predicted that this one of 1940 will be the best proclamation ever. 'Tis said the purpose is more obscure than ever, the theme has been lost, and only the incentive remains. It will not follow the example of Sophocles in that it will not be brief, it will not ape Swift in that it will not be satiric, it will not be similar to Shelley in that it will not be exalted verse. But it is essential that underclassmen flock to the Chapel service in the Auditorium on Thursday, the 24th of October in order that they may pass on to posterity that which they will glean from the Senior Proclamation.

## Informal Tea Held By Home Ec. Club

Active members of the Home Economics Club, freshmen, and child development majors gathered together and chatted in informal little groups at a tea which was given on October 17 in Windham living room. Each girl wore a tag with her name on it which facilitated getting acquainted.

After tea had been served to everyone, Winifred Tilden called the meeting to order. Miss Chaney spoke on the "Relationship between Child Development and Home Economics." Following this a number of talks were given by club members. Barbara Yohe told "what goes on in the Nursery School." Leila Kaplan, Audrey Nordquist, Dorothy Lens, Virginia Frey, Evelyn Solomon described the work they did during the summer in various fields of home economics. Florence Wilkison and Virginia Martin, who were representatives at the American Home Economics Association's annual convention in Cleveland June 23-27 gave reports on their experiences.

After deciding that future meetings would be held on Tuesdays at seven, the meeting was adjourned.

## Industrial Group Elects Officers At Meeting

At a meeting of the Student Industrial Group, Thursday evening, Roxanna Kaplan '41 and Irene Steckler '43 were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. A Planning Committee of Ruth Sokol '41, Adelaide Knasin '42, and Margery Eckhouse '43, from the three upper classes, was selected to take care of the programs for this year.

President Priscilla Duxbury announced that there will be another meeting of the Student Industrial Group on the 31st of October. At that time there will be a discussion of the Cooperative Movement.

## Amusing Skits Are Highlight Of Soph Party

By Betsey Pease '43

The freshmen came to the Sophomore Initiation party Wednesday evening, October 16, in the gym, dressed as they were at 9:30 a few nights before. Pajamas, nightgowns, house robes, and less were the outstanding attire.

Betty Gossweiler, the president of the class of 1943, welcomed the freshmen and started the party rolling. Both classes participated in the dramatic activities. Five groups of freshmen names were drawn; each group's task was to act out a chosen proverb. The proverbs treated were: "A rolling stone gathers no moss"; "A stitch in time saves nine"; "Familiarity breeds contempt"; "Haste makes waste"; and "Love conquers all." The fourth group dramatizing "Haste makes waste" was adjudged the funniest. The girls in this group were Marilyn Jenkins, Frederica Giles, Marion Drasher, Helen Crawford, and Alice Atwood.

The *Lighthouse*, a skit by a group of sophomores, was narrated by Edith Gaberman to the tune of "Gloomy Sunday." Irene Steckler made a very frightening villain, and Jean Wallace, a very heartening hero. Thelma Gustafson, the sweet heroine, and Lynn Thompson, the rheumatic lighthouse keeper, helped each other up and down the winding lighthouse stairs.

The sophomores of Emily Abbey house decided that if it weren't for William Shakespeare, they would now be "pushing up the daisies." Thereupon they dramatized *Romeo and Juliet*; the costumes, and emotions were exaggerated much. Juliet ("Pineapple" Dole) and Romeo (Jane Storms), the fat and the lean of the cast, went through

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## 'We Need Hope' Says Mr. Lovett

"In the world ye shall have tribulations, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." With this quotation from the Bible, Sidney Lovett, Chaplain of Yale University, opened his Vesper service Sunday evening, October 20th. Mr. Lovett thus indicated that though the world looks particularly dark at the present, there will, and must be, inevitable hope for the future. He then quoted the poet, William Butler Yeats: "We begin to live when we have conceived life a tragedy," and elaborated on this by emphasizing the importance which life takes on when the wasted potentialities of the world are in evidence—potentialities both social and economic.

Mr. Lovett compared life to the climbing of a mountain. Some people become discouraged and give up; others mark the footing well and keep striving ahead. Hope is what drives us on and is what we need most in the world today. Mr. Lovett concluded by emphasizing the importance of courage in the face of trouble; for trouble builds endurance, endurance builds character, and character builds hope.

## Pres. Blunt Asks Students' Help In W. A. White Drive

## World Community To Be Theme Of Religious Council

A World Christian Community will be the theme of the Religious Council for the year '40-'41, the members decided at the first meeting of the year on Thursday evening, October 17, in the Chapel. Peggy LaFore, president of the Council, explained that now, especially, in time of world crisis, it is necessary to keep "our eye on something larger than ourselves," and that each individual has something to contribute.

The Religious Council is planning two conferences for this year in keeping with the general theme: an international conference for a weekend with many different nationalities to represent their side of the picture; and a spring conference with Grace Locks Elliott.

Grace Locks Elliott is a social service worker connected with the

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## American Defense By Aid To Allies Aim Of Committee

A group of students and a number of faculty members interested in working for the William Allen White Committee for Defending America by Aiding the Allies, met in Fanning Hall on Tuesday, October 22, at 4 o'clock, to learn the aims and purposes of the Committee.

Lois Vanderbilt '41, the student chairman of the Connecticut College branch of the Committee, presided. Dr. Marjorie Ruth Dilley, the Connecticut College representative of the Committee, explained that the Committee has a twofold purpose; first, to act as a propaganda group, for informing and convincing people of the importance of its aims, and, second, to act as a pressure group for influencing favorable legislation.

Dr. Dilley stated that the Committee believes that the best way to protect America is to aid the Allies. There is a definite trend now, she said, to include China among the Allies. The problem of the Committee is an educational one, and its job is to convince people of the importance of aiding the Allies, by educational propaganda. After this has been accomplished, said Dr. Dilley, the job is to influence legislation by sending petitions and letters to the President, to the Senate, to the House of Representatives, to the Foreign Relations Committee, and other important bodies, asking them to do specific things.

In the discussion which followed, these suggestions were offered for stirring up interest in the work of the Committee; the distribution of reading matter; a mass meeting, with a speaker from a larger branch of the Committee; a poll of opinion of the student body toward the Committee; an extension of the work of the Committee by students and faculty to include the city of New London; and participation in a mass meeting in New Haven.

## Dr. Dilley Appointed Head Of Drive At Connecticut College

President Blunt opened her Chapel period Tuesday, October 22, by thanking the many students who helped to make the Twenty Fifth Anniversary week-end a success. She extended a special thanks to those students who helped with the exhibits, and to the forty seven guides who were on duty over the week-end.

The President then explained briefly the organization and function of the William Allen White Committee for Defending America by Aiding the Allies. "The Committee," she stated, "is a national organization, with 700 chapters in many states, cities, and educational institutions. William Allen White, a Kansas editor who has considerable influence all over the United States, started the movement, just before the fall of France in this war; hence the reference to "The Allies." The idea behind the organization is that Great Britain now, and, formerly France also, are fighting for democratic principles. Therefore, anything that we do for them, we do for the good of our own country."

The state of Connecticut, President Blunt explained, has a subgroup of the larger organization, for educational institutions. Dr. Marjorie Ruth Dilley is the Connecticut College representative, and she has appointed Lois Vanderbilt '41 as the student representative. The President announced that a preliminary meeting of all students interested in working on the Committee would be held Tuesday afternoon, October 22, at 4 o'clock P.M.

## First Meeting Of Forum, Student-Faculty Group, Planned For Oct. 24

The first meeting of the Student-Faculty Forum will be held on Thursday evening, October 24th, at 7:30 in 1937 House. Since the Forum is primarily a student organization, an effort will be made this year to increase the proportion between students and faculty. The organization was first started some years ago in order to bring together representatives from the four classes who might discuss with members of the faculty certain problems of college life.

All newly elected members and the members of the Curriculum Committee are cordially invited. Later on in the year an open meeting will be held, in which the entire student body will have an opportunity to take part. Patricia King, Chairman of the Forum this year, suggests that if any group of students is particularly agitated about some problem, it refer this problem to the Forum for discussion.

## Music Club Offers Recital

Members of the Freshman Class will present a varied program for the first meeting of the Music Club, Tuesday evening, October 29, at 7:30 in Holmes Hall.

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There Are Two Sides To Every Question

The campus is a-buzz this year with discussions on important issues. Everywhere groups of earnest students gather to exchange ideas. Some of us have been here longer than others, have survived many a heated "bull-session," and have come to realize that there is no spectacle quite so pathetic as the blue-faced, hysterical, and mulish disputer.

Have you ever watched a good debater or a wise lawyer slowly bring his opponent to bay? He doesn't accomplish this by belligerent argument and feverish gesticulations. Instead, he listens with attention and respect to the opposite point of view. He thinks intelligently, keeping well in mind that there is always the possibility that his own ideas may be wrong, and then proceeds to back his own personal point with sound reasoning. As soon as his opponent begins to show signs of weakening, clutching wildly for his tattered shreds of argument, the wise debater drops the subject and leaves the other fellow floundering.

Since here at college we are not motivated in our discussions by the wish to change the other fellow's point of view, or to prove that he is altogether wrong, let us enter into discussion with a receptive mind, ready to concede the good points of another and to back our own reasons for citing certain deficiencies. It does not hurt to listen once in a while, and perhaps we may learn something!

Thank Goodness We May Still Argue!

"Democracy is the one form of society which guarantees to every new generation of men the right to imagine and to attempt to bring to pass a better world," President Roosevelt has said.

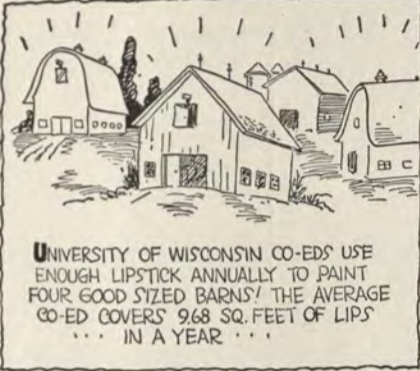
Assuming that this is a true statement of an important element of democracy, it follows that every individual, as well as every generation, has the right "to imagine and to attempt to bring to pass a better world." Each of us has his own opinion as to what constitutes a better world, and many of us are eager to express those opinions. Naturally, we often dis-

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CAMPUS CAMERA



GEORGE WASHINGTON RECEIVED ONLY ONE COLLEGE DEGREE -- AN LL.B. FROM WASHINGTON COLLEGE, MD.



Faith For Living Combats Fascism

By Lee Eitingon '42

In his latest book Mr. Mumford begins at the point where he left off in his "Men Must Act" which decried fascism and proposed a policy for limiting its spread. In *Faith for Living* Mr. Mumford continues with an examination of those weaknesses in our civilization which make us vulnerable to Fascism, and with a plea to have faith in those ideals that can help to carry us through the present "apocalypse of violence."

This book is a bitter indictment of those pragmatic liberals who instead of being the backbone of our civilization have betrayed our civilization and the ideals of liberalism. These liberals have lost confidence in themselves and in the validity of their ideals. Their ability to act has degenerated into mere hoping for the best while they are unable to face the worst. They are unwilling to sully the virtue of their intellectual understanding and broadminded sympathy by using force (when necessary) to combat evil as represented in Fascism, and thus surrender completely to fascism, giving up their ideas and ideals without a fight.

Mr. Mumford makes a burning plea for action, for a force tempered by reason to combat the barbarism alive in the world today, and furthermore, a plea for the building-up of a fresh new culture based on a renewed faith in the family, in the land, in the self.

*Faith for Living* is a timely book. Simply, logically, it gives an answer to the question that all of us are asking—"What hopes will give decent people the courage to resist the present wave of terror, and on what basis will they be able to build a future with a more humane society?"

Mr. Mumford says in his book: "I but remind the reader of those durable ideals of life which in the past have kept humanity going during its most anguished and shattered moments. Forgetfulness of these ideals has helped to bring on the very catastrophe we must now live through: Remembrance of them may help us to survive it."

G. Leslie Featured In Opening Recital

By Sally Kiskadden '41

The musical season at Connecticut College was formally opened on Thursday evening, October 17th, when Miss Grace Leslie presented her annual concert of songs. In addition to compositions in French, Latin, Italian, German, and English, Miss Leslie showed herself an impressively versatile linguist; for she sang in Spanish and Finnish as well as the more conventional concert tongues, and thus added greatly to the interest and variety of the program.

The initial group which consisted of the "Laudeamus Te" from Mozart's *Mass in C-minor* and a recitative and aria from *Titus* by the same composer made up the classical portion of the program, and was competently executed. The second group contained songs by five modern French composers. Outstanding was the lovely "Nocturne" by Cesar Franck, which captures all the mystery and tender tranquility of night. Miss Leslie's sympathetic interpretation made this song one of the high points of the evening.

The third portion was devoted to three German songs and to the Spanish and Finnish compositions. *La Canción del Burro* of Ledesma, pleased the audience with its lilt and its suggestion of trotting hoofbeats. Not a few were reminded of "The Donkey Serenade" and Ferde Grofé's "Grand Canyon Suite." In "En Slanda," the Finnish composer, Jan Sibelius, reveals that his genius is not so well-suited to the creation of a song as to larger orchestral forms like the symphony and the tone-poem. The loosely-combined phrases result in a diffusion rather than a concentration of melody. A truly effective song needs more clarity, both in its structure and its mood.

In the closing group, Miss Leslie reached another high spot in her program with the singing of Richard Hageman's *When I am Dead, My Dearest*. This song impresses, not for any striking originality of treatment, but rather because of a particular loveliness in the unity of mood between the musical setting

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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:

It seems to me that certain points were forgotten in last week's criticism and Miss Skinner was not given sufficient credit.

Perhaps most of you do not know that Miss Skinner was very kind to us, in that she contributed indirectly to the Sykes Fund by not charging us her established fee since it was a benefit performance. Since costume performances require an even higher fee, we did not pretend to present one. But both Miss Skinner and her husband were so delighted with our auditorium that they expressed the wish that they might give a costume performance here in the future.

I am sure the majority of the audience came to the performance to be entertained, not to think or to learn, but to laugh and laugh uproariously. It was a "Saturday night crowd," a group out for their weekend's fun. This college certainly excels in intellectual presentations throughout the year and there is a need to have a break in this schedule with something a little less cultural, with something to enjoy thoroughly. Taking Willkie's words, "It warmed the cockles of my heart" to see over eight-hundred people "rolling in the aisles."

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Calendar . . .

Wednesday, October 23

Organ Recital . . . Harkness Chapel 5:00-5:20  
Concert by José Iturbi . . . Auditorium 8:30

Thursday, October 24

Senior Proclamation . Auditorium 9:55 A.M.  
Student-Faculty Forum . . . 1937 House 7:30

Friday, October 25

Organ Recital . . . Harkness Chapel 5:00-5:20  
Phi Beta Kappa Meeting (Delta Chapter) . . .  
President Blunt's Office 7:15

Saturday, October 26

Service League Dance . . . . .  
Knowlton Salon 8:00-12:00

Sunday, October 27

Vespers—Cornelius Krusé, Wesleyan University . . . . . Harkness Chapel 7:00

Monday, October 28

Spanish Club Meeting . . . . .  
Fanning 206 7:00-8:00  
Modern Dance Group . . . . .  
Knowlton Salon 7:00-8:30

Tuesday, October 29

Convocation—Dr. George R. Harrison, Director of Research at M.I.T. "Modern Science and Modern Living" . . . . .  
Auditorium 4:00  
Music Club Meeting (Freshman Program) . . . . .  
Holmes Hall 7:30

Wednesday, October 30

Organ Recital . . . Harkness Chapel 5:00-5:20  
Coffee for Transfer Students . . . . .  
President Blunt's House 7:00

Editorial . . .

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agree in our ideas of the elements necessary for an improved social and economic order. Instead of trying to suppress all opposition to our own views, and instead of looking askance if our neighbor seems to believe in principles which are entirely contrary to what we ourselves believe, we should be heartily thankful that, in this country, we are still free to argue with, and to differ from our neighbors. A difference of opinion is an indication of the healthful state of our democracy.

The present political campaign is an encouraging sign of the well being of democracy in the United States. Our newspapers, in this campaign, have proved that we still have a free press, and a free press makes a free people. When Dorothy Thompson mounted Mr. Roosevelt's political train the other day, to the consternation of her Willkie-supporting employer, that paper received many a criticism for printing Miss Thompson's views, which are so distasteful to the Willkie-ites. Yet when that same paper failed to print Miss Thompson's opinion that Hitler and Mussolini are afraid of Roosevelt, the outcry against the same paper, from the other side, was equally loud. Obviously, while a free press makes a free people, "a free people, properly watchful and even suspicious, make a free press."

Yes, let's be glad that we aren't all of the same opinion!

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**Philosophy Prof.  
To Deliver Sermon  
At Sunday Vespers**

The speaker at Vesper Services at 7 p.m. on Sunday will be Professor Cornelius Krusé, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy in Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. Equally interested in philosophy and religion, Dr. Krusé is the holder of the degrees of B.D., M.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University, and was the roommate of Reinhold Niebuhr for one year while at Yale. He is known to C.C. students because of his frequent visits to the campus in connection with the intercollegiate philosophical discussion group, and also because of the very favorable impression he created last year as a vesper speaker.

During the World War, Professor Krusé served with the Quakers in the devastated area of France, and remained after the war for study at the Sorbonne and the College de France. He is national secretary-treasurer of the American Philosophic Association, and has held his present post at Wesleyan since 1923.

**Phi Beta Kappa Members  
Will Convene On Oct. 25  
To Elect Three Seniors**

The election of three new undergraduate members of Phi Beta Kappa will take place on Friday, October 25, when resident faculty members of the Delta Chapter of Connecticut convene in President Blunt's office. These new members, to be chosen from the senior class on the basis of their scholastic standing for the past three years, will also be Winthrop scholars, an honor awarded to those earning the Phi Beta key in their junior year.

Their initiation will take place in the Faculty Room, Fanning, on Friday, November 1, at 4:30 o'clock.

Also, Miss Elizabeth Wright will speak on her experiences as delegate to the Triennial Council held in San Francisco last August at the October 25th meeting.

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**Eminent Speakers  
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Two students, Harriet-Ellen Leib '41, and Edythe Geissing '43, were delegated by President Blunt and Dr. Lawrence to attend the *New York Herald Tribune* Forum on Current Problems, from Tuesday, October 22, through Thursday, October 24, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City. Miss Hyla May Snider, Assistant Professor of Secretarial Studies, is also attending the Forum. A number of prominent speakers will be heard, and a major part of the Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon program may be heard over the radio, including the following:

From 8 P.M., Wednesday: Fiorello La Guardia, Mayor of the City of New York; Mrs. Robert Taft, Oren Root, Jr., Wendell L. Willkie.

From 1:45 P.M. Thursday: Dorothy Thompson, Angus L. MacDonald, Canadian Defense Minister for Naval Affairs; William C. Bullitt, American Ambassador to France; Franklin D. Roosevelt.

**Grace Leslie Recital**

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The program was arranged to show Miss Leslie's unusual vocal resources. She has a wide range

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and impressive volume, and if, occasionally, strident notes appeared in her upper register, these were the exceptions. For the most part the performance was consistent, both in technical mastery and in objective truth of interpretation.

Sharing the applause with Miss Leslie was Miss Alice Wightman, an unusually able accompanist. She and Miss Leslie were en rapport at all times. Indeed, it is seldom one hears more sympathetic team-work.

As an encore Miss Leslie presented for its initial public hearing, "Dinah's Dream," an appealing and fanciful little song, which was composed in her honor by Mr. Roger Daboll.

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**Amusing Skits Highlight  
Gay Sophomore Party**

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acrobats to do justice to their conception of Shakespeare's great tragedy.

Last year's Winthrop house freshmen repeated the skit, "Operation." The actors' silhouettes were thrown on a sheet by means of a lamp in the rear. Babs Boyd was the helpless and well-filled patient, and Kathryn Davison was the relentless and successful surgeon. Having slit Babs the length of her body, "Davie" commenced to remove incongruous articles from Babs' interior; sausages, a coke bottle, knitting, an alarm clock, a bunny, and a flag. Then Babs was sewn up again in spite of much kicking produced by insufficient anesthesia.

Bobbie Batchelor, the sophomore song leader, next led the entire group in singing.

To climax the occasion, the freshmen paraded across the stage in their bedtime costumes much to the glee of the sophomore onlookers. But when Marion Kane appeared in a towel and curlers, there was no doubt as to who was to be the prize-winner! Marion had been taking a bubble bath at the zero hour. Her prize was a spoon pin with the Connecticut College seal on it.

After the singing of the Alma Mater the freshmen were taken to their sophomore sisters' dorms for more hilarity, and food!

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The numbers of people who signed up for the other activities follow: 112, International Relations Club; 110, Mission House Work; 102, Psychology Club; 83, Science Club; 68, French Club; 60, Art Club; 55, Spanish Club; 50, Math Club; 48, Riding Club; 40, Student Industrial Group; 35,

Religious Council; 34, German Club; 33, Home Economics Club; 12, Italian Club; and 9, Ornithology Club.

**World Community  
To Be Theme**

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Union Theological Seminary of New York.

Two elections were made at the meeting: Ruby Zagoren '43, as secretary-treasurer, and Emily Park '42, as the head of a new commission to plan for and investigate conferences held in connection with religious groups on the various campuses.

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