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# W. Haynes to Talk Girls Tell Of On War Chemicals Monday, Dec. 7

## **Publisher of Several** Technical Magazines; Wrote Science Books

Dr. Williams Haynes, noted chemical economist, will lecture on Chemicals of War on Monday, December 7, at 4:30 in Palmer auditorium. A native of this district, he belongs to the family after which Williams Street is named. Mr. Haynes makes his home in Stonington in an ancestral farmhouse that he has remodelled.

Hailed as America's foremost chemical economist, Dr. Haynes has a wide literary and scientific background. At Johns Hopkins he specialized in chemistry, biology and economics.

#### Popularizes Science

He also had another interestthat of writing. He has done newspaper work in London and New York. He was once editor of the Northampton Herald. He also owns and publishes the business magazine Chemical Industries. In addition he has owned and published the technical magazines Drugs and Cosmetics Industries, and Modern Plastics. He has published many scientific books written for the person without technical training. Among them are Men, Money, and Molecules, and This Chemical Age. A recent one, just out this summer, is The Stone that Burns, the story of sulphur. At present Dr. Haynes is writing a four-volume history of chemical industry of the United States. He has also written five books relating to dogs, his very active hobby.

This will not be Dr. Haynes' first visit to Connecticut. He lectured here five years ago. He speaks as he writes, warmly, dramatically, and understandably.

# First Lady Refers To Visit Here in Column, "My Day"

In her column, My Day, of last Friday, November 27, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt made the following reference to her visit at Con-

Washington, Thursday-I spent Tuesday afternoon and evening with the faculty and students at the Connecticut College for Womvere a most intergroup ,full of questions and keen to know all they could of what was happening in Great Britain. One girl asked me something I imagine comes up quite often, "Do the students of Great Britain accept the added physical education, which is now being given us, as a horrid necessity, or do they really feel it is important and enter into it with zest?"

I assured her that it was quite well understood by students over there that the best possible physical condition was necessary, both for men and women. That they needed to know more about nutrition and far more about mental balance and the value of a trained and controlled mind as part of their entire physical well-being. There were many other very stimulating questions and I enjoyed my time with this group of young women very much.

# Heroic Action At Great Fire

by Helen Crawford '44

"What impressed me most of all," said Betty Harlow '45, in describing what she had seen of the tragic Coconut Grove fire in Boston last Saturday night, November 28, "was the way the service men immediately took charge of the situation, giving orders calmly, quietly and most effectively. To start at the beginning, we were unbelievably lucky that we did not arrive sooner. Betty explained that she and her escort were just leaving the Mayfair to go to the Coconut Grove, which is across the street, when he remembered that he had planned to call his mother on Long Island, as it was her birth-For about fifteen minutes they tried to put the call through without success; they finally gave up and at 10:15 p.m. went across the street past the back entrance of the Coconut Grove. As they came to the door, they noticed that smoke was pouring out of the windows. "Then suddenly," said Betty, "the whole place burst into flames. Sheets of flames enveloped the whole building in three minutes. It was what they call a 'mushroom fire,' when everything becomes ignited almost instantaneously."

"The police and fire depart-ments," Betty continued, "were amazing; it seemed as if the fire engines arrived at once." She estimated that about twenty-five fireengines and all available ambulances were rushed to the scene of the fire. "When they ran out of ambulances, they used railway express trucks, taxis and private cars and station wagons.'

Betty went on to describe how efficiently all the people rallied around and risked their lives to help. Policemen, firemen, ensigns,

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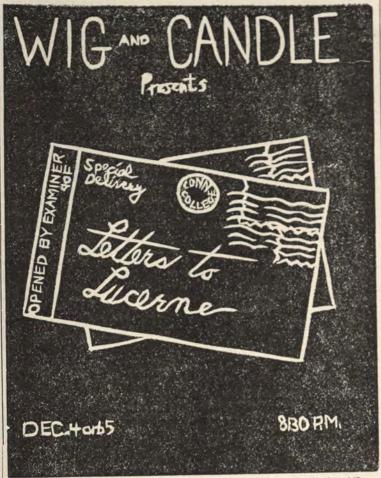
# **Old Clothes Drive** Extends to Dec. 7

The Home Economics club will sponsor a drive to collect articles of clothing from December 1-7. Clothing will be sent to the people of Jone's Cove in Tennessee. These mountaineers have written exceedingly grateful letters for the little help that they have al-ready received from Connecticut college. Since the winters are cold and long in the mountain districts and clothes are scarce, any article of clothing is sincerely ap-

preciated. Boxes will soon be placed in each dormitory to receive garments that students can no longer wear. This is one instance in which even the government would advocate a "fill 'er up" pol-

## Polly Smith to Read the August Proclamation of C. C.'s Solemn Seniors

The traditional Senior Proclamation, the prediction of a senior's Utopia, will be read Thursday morning, December 3, at the chapel service in Palmer auditorium. The entire class will be garbed in caps and gowns both Thursday and Friday, and they wish to announce that for the duration of said two days they will act as model students, cutting no classes, and breaking no rules of any sort.



by Barbara Garber '43

# **Blood** and Sweat and Tears ---So a New Play is Born!

by Phyllis Schiff '43

The house lights are dimmed, a hush falls over the audience, the curtain slowly rises. Once again the theatre goers of Con-necticut college and New London are gathered to see a new play as presented by Wig and Candle, Connecticut's own drama group. But how many of that audience realize the months of serious thought and hard work which go into producing that skillful and polished performance?

If we were to conduct a thorough investigation of the many steps which led to the performance of Letters To Lucerne, this Friday and Saturday evenings, December 4 and 5, we would have to begin way back last spring, when the new reading committee began to function. Or perhaps we would first have to introduce Mrs. Josephine Hunter Ray, director of all Wig and Candle pro-

ductions. Mrs. Ray joined the staff of Connecticut college in 1935. Since that time she has directed at least two three-act plays each year. The final credit for any Wig and Candle production must be awarded to Mrs. Ray, for she serves as the general source of information for all the various branches of the technical and dramatic staffs.

The reading committee read extensively all during the spring. Its great and almost insurmountable problem was finding a worthwhile play with a small number

### Invitation Issued by The Wig and Candle

Wig and Candle invites all faculty members' families to Letters To Lucerne, December 4 and 5, at 8:30 p.m. in the Palmer Auditorium.

Students and faculty will have to pay the federal tax of five cents at the door.

of male characters. In former years men had been borrowed from such places as Trinity col-lege and New London Junior college plus an acting group down-town—but this year Uncle Sam had priority. Finally in mid-August with Mrs. Ray's aid, Letters To Lucerne was discovered. Now it was time for work to begin.

Mrs. Ray undertook her usual summer task of drawing up a temporary floor plan which would make use of all available Wig and Candle sets and props, then too, a light plot had to be made. With these details in hand, she was ready to start work when we returned to college this

In early October a board meet-ing was held and the various committee chairmen were introduced to the new play. Try-outs followed, while the committee chairmen selected their staffs.

#### Various Committees Function

Mrs. Ray presented her floor plan to the scenery committee under the direction of Alida Houston '44. It was their job to make small models of the entire set and to create a color plan to be used by the costume, lighting and properties committees.

Next the lighting committee under the direction of Eleanor Murphy '43 and Isabel Vaughn 43 discovered the mysteries of the light plot and learned to set up the lighting and run the switch board.

Rehearsals were under way, three times a week the whole cast learned to live their parts. We could hear Mrs. Ray exclaim, "You wouldn't hang onto the furniture," or "Just be, Miss Dun-ham, just be!" Personal rehearsals for various characters were also scheduled.

Barbara Gahm '44 and Virginia Foss '43 instructed their costume staff in the art of measurement while Dorothy Lenz '43, assisted by Helen Riblet '45, sent her prop-

# Deposits to Blood Bank to be Made Thurs. at Windham

## Healthy Students Will **Donate Corpuscles** As War Contribution

Thursday, December 3, is the day set for C.C.'s donation to the blood bank. Approximately 120 girls are scheduled to deposit one pint of their blood at the mobile unit sent from the Hartford chapter of the American Red Cross, the principal to be used for wartime purposes. From 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. there will be a steady stream of donators to and from Windham's game room, the "de-pository," where seven girls (if they are prompt) will be taken care of every fifteen minutes!

#### Program of Day

The program of the day fol-lows: blood donors are asked to have a hearty breakfast, since they can eat no food for four hours before the event. (Fat clouds the plasma and makes working with it difficult). At Windham the mobile unit staff includng a doctor and a corps of nurses and nurses' aides will check them for temperature, haemoglobin content, blood pressure, and other symptoms of health; these precautions are taken to safeguard the donor, not the donation. Just before they give their blood they will be given a glass of water and a glass of fruit juice—enough to make up for the amount of fluid lost by the body during the donation. Afterwards, they will be given refreshments, cider and doughnuts the entire process taking about half an hour.

The blood donated is drained into pint jars and then packed in See "Blood Donors"-Page 6

# Dr. Mims to Speak On War Problems **Facing Students**

Dr. Edwin Mims, professor emeritus of English at Vanderbilt university, will speak at the college Tuesday, December 8 and Wednesday, December 9 on "The Problems of College Students in Time of War." In commemoration of the founding of the Phi Beta Kappa Society in December, 1776, Dr. Mims will talk at 4:20 p.m. in Palmer auditorium on Tuesday and in chapel on Wednesday as guest of the Connecticut college chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa. His talk will be of special interest to underclassmen who are faced with the problem of completing college in war time.

Dr. Mims is a member of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and has taught in England as Carnegie's visiting professor. Until his retirement, Dr. Mims headed the English department of Vanderbilt university in Nashville, Tennes-see. He is the author of several books including The Life of Sidney Lanier, and Adventurous America.

At present he is making a tour of the New England colleges. He has already visited Smith, Brown,

Amherst, Wheaton, and Radcliffe. Because of Dr. Mims' chapel talk, Miss Hanna Hafkesbrink, professor of German, will speak in chapel on Thursday, December 10, instead of Wednesday, Decem-See "Play"-Page 4 ber 9, as previously scheduled.

Sally Ford '44

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## December, a Reminder

December, 1941—a month of tragic revelations -a month that will not easily be forgotten by the people of the United States. Let us look back briefly to the war chronology of that fateful month. On December 7, "a date that will live in infamy" as President Roosevelt said, the Japanese attacked United States air and naval bases in the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines, Guam and Wake Island; and the British bases of Singapore and Hongkong December 8-Congress declares war on Japan; December 11—Congress unanimously declares war on Germany and Italy after Germany and Italy declare war on the United States; and the Americas First Committee dissolves and urges all its followers to give full support to the war effort. December 11 also marks the date when Congress amended the Selective Service act to permit American troops outside of the western hemisphere. The ousting of the army, navy and air force commanders in Hawaii who were in charge when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, came on December

Thus runs the history of last December! We have now come to the first anniversary of this month of disaster. We have gone through many hardships and disappointments in this year of war. In the foreign fields we have seen disasters and reversals that were sickening to read about. Here at home we have seen our friends and relatives depart for service-there is scarcely one family whose home life has not been affected by these departures. We have seen our colleges and universities depleted by the selective service draft, by enlistments, and by other factors resulting from

We have seen, in addition, curtailment of consumer services and goods which we had always considered as essential to "our way of life." In this second December we have concrete examples of this trend. We know what it means to have our gas supply cut, to have our homes less warmly heated, to do without the full amount of meat, coffee and sugar. We receive an emphatic plea from the ODT begging students to observe "a Christmas without travel to help win the war." Along with dimout rules comes the order to eliminate all outdoor Christmas lights. The war is being brought home to us!

A year of reorganization of our old ways, this, we can pause in this second December and ing year!

# FREE SPEECH

The Editors of the "News" do not hold them-selves 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 opinions, the editor must know the names of contributors.

Dear Editor:

We survived! Connecticut college had its victory dinner a week ago Monday night, and we are all alive and healthy, with no ill effects. Imagine that. Why, we didn't even lose an ounce in spite of no butter and less meat. Doughnuts must have calories. We may have survived, and we may be surprised but now we have proof that a victory dinner can be a success, and it's satisfying. Therefore—let's have more victory dinners. We've made a step in the right direction, but let's keep going. What about a victory dinner at least once a month, and possibly once a week? When we realize that the meal we had Monday night was typical of what the people in Europe get every day, it is little enough for us to do to have it once a week.

The spirit in which we had the meal was the best. We were all willing and glad to have soup in order to help. Even the faculty had soup, and I've heard some of them mention the fact that it was delicious. Sort of like home cooking don't you think? Soup from the left over bones! Here's to more victory dinners for the healthy and happy gals at C.C. Let's all do something about it-vote for it when the motion comes to you in your house

> Sincerely, Marge Lawrence '45

Dear Editor:

We would like to believe that more than 40 girls a week are buying war stamps. If they are buying them elsewhere, well and good, but our war stamp desk open all day Wednesday has been established for our convenience. It seems a shame when everything is made easy for even the laziest, to forget their money every Wednesday.

5:30 Thames

5:15 Chapel

7:30 Windham Game room

Dear Editor:

Accidental dishonesty is bad enough; deliber ate dishonesty is disgraceful! But those girls who take other people's morning newspapers from the halls do so quite intentionally. For example, after Miss Hartshorn missed her paper for four successive days in Mark Harkness, the janitor hid it for her in his desk drawer; by the time Miss Hartshorn arrived it had been taken from the drawer. To whom it may concern, kindly refrain!

Helen Crawford '44

#### Calendar . . .

Wednesday, December 2

A.A. Council

Organ recital

Wednesday, December 9

Home Economics club meeting

Wednesday, December 2	
Organ Recital	5:15 Chapel
Wig and Candle dress re	
	7:30 Auditorium
Thursday, December 3	
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A.A. Coffee	
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Letters to Lucerne	8:30 Auditorium
Sunday, December 6	
Vespers, The Reverend J	ohn Schroeder
	7:00 Chapel
Monday, December 7	
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Dr. Williams Haynes	
First Aid refresher	
Oratorio rehearsal	7:30 Auditorium
Math. Club meeting 7:	
Tuesday, December 8	
	1.00 1.311
Dr. Edwin Mims	
Pre-Medical Talk	4:15 Fanning 111
Choir rehearsal	4:30 Auditorium 202
Amalgamation meeting .	
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feel that what we have been going through has not been in vain. At last the equipment and supplies turned out on an ever increasing war production scale are helping to turn the tide. On all fronts-in the Pacific, in North Africa, in Russia, we see that the war has turned from a defensive fight to one in which we are rapidly becoming the aggressors-one in which we see the Allied military machine beginning to come into power. This is partial consolation for that previous month of December!

This is the time, moreover, for us to guard against being dulled into a state of self-complacency by sudden success. This is the time when we should be stimulated by the forward steps that have been taken in the first year to realize what touched with heartache and sacrifice; yet for all our continued concerted effort can do in the comCONNECTICUT-UPS



He says he loves me, but I wonder what would happen if he came down on a Monday.

O. M. I. (Office of More Information)

by Mary Lou Elliott '43

Liberal Party Wins in Uruguay

In an election held November 29 among the people, women included, of Uruguay a decided victory was given to the liberal democratic Colorado party over the reactionary anti-democratic Bu-ango or National party. Juan Jose Amezaga and Albert Guani, who are very friendly to hemispheric solidarity, are now president and vice president respectively after defeating Eduardo Blanco Acevedo and Luis Alberto de Herrera, who are for "strict neutrality." At the same time the Uruguayan voters elected new national and departmental legis-

The plebiscite concerning the new Constitution also indicates a majority in favor of the liberal party. The former Constitution promulgated by President Gabriel Terra in 1934 was disproportionate and undemocratic. President Alfredo Baldomir, who has been the executive until Sunday's election, framed the new document which has just ben accepted by the people. Judging on the basis of the liberal aspect in voting, it looks as though Uruguay is ahead of us!

#### Chile's Stand To Be Revealed

Although there have been slightly favorable statements coming from Chile and on November 26 former Foreign Minister Rossetti revealed a pact made last January in Rio de Janeiro with Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles of U.S. which promised Chile military and naval aid in case of attack. There is still a cloud of mystery over that America, On December 2 Foreign attend a session of the Chilean Senate to explain Chile's actual position in the international scene. All those who have been at all interested in Latin American relations will have their eyes on Santiago today.

#### FEPC Receives Backing

When President Roosevelt established the Fair Employment Practice Committee (FEPC), it did not have sufficient funds to operate efficiently. But Lawrence Cramer, executive secretary of the FEPC, announced last week that an arrangement had been made with the Budget Bureau giving this valuable committee a budget four times as large as its previous allotment. Although this amount is still short of the needs, it will make possible the investi-St. Louis, Cleveland, Philadelphia

# **BOOK** REVIEW

by Betsy Pease '43

A German novelist writes the story of an escape from a concentration camp; Seventh Cross, by Anna Seghers is a symbol of the fight against Nazi tyranny. Horror, pity, ruthlessness, admiration, disgust, pride, hopelessness, all human emotions and feelings are awakened in these oppressed victims of Nazi scoundrel rule. Some who join the forces of the "new times," others who silently curse the change and wish for the "old times," and others who fit in superficially but strive secretly for the restoration of a new freedom and a new peace-all are represented in this harsh but nevertheless authentic story.

### **Trials During Escape**

George Heisler, the hero of the tale, and his friends make possible but improbable an escape from the often described concentration camp in Nazi Germany. The fear, the constant nervous strain, the continuous planning, the joy of finding a friend, the physical torture, the unmitigating doubts, the snatching of a little sleep anywhere, the scanning of every face-all goes to complicate and bring about a fast moving tale of loyalty to and destruction of human rights. There was Paul Roeder, a man comparatively happy with a good job and a large family, who risked his hap-piness and that of his family to help his friend. There was a chemistry professor, with a large mansion, who helped a friend of a distant acquaintance. There were six others like George; they were recaptured, but they withheld all information leading to long coastal country of Latin George's whereabouts. They died. There was young Fritz, whose Minister Joaquin Fernandez will chief possession was a new jacket; Fritz' jacket disappeared and was later found to have been in the possession of the fugitive. Fritz disowned the jacket, so "his man" would not be caught. There was Elly, his unloved wife; her life was watched constantly, just as were those who had had any connection with George. There was George's old mother, harrassed by her three other "loyal" sons. There was the underground system which the fugitive hesitated to trust. There was always darkness, fatigue, and uncertain-

If you can enjoy continual tenseness and ever-present excitement, then you can read Seventh Cross. Anna Seghers has written a tale, not unpoetic in style, that is so brilliant and startling, you cannot tuck away in a far region gation of five key cities—Detroit, cannot tuck away in a lar for st. Louis Cleveland Philadelphi, of your mind the necessity of the recognition of the rights of

See O.M.I.—Page 5 any human being.

# First Campus Thanksgiving Huge Success

by Barbara Riggs '45

Everyone who spent Thanksgiving at college has agreed that it was "one of the nicest times ever had here." Girls and faculty aroused themselves from slumaroused attend late breakfact ber to attend late breakfast and chapel at 11 a.m. Distinguishing features of the special service were the reading of the governor of Connecticut's Thanksgiving proclamation and a solo, Handel's "Thanks be to Thee" by Dorothy

The feast was spread in the various dining halls on campus at 1:30 p.m. Great baskets overflowing with fruit and vegetables, and lighted tapers in other houses lent a festive note to the occa-sion. The tables groaned under their loads of traditional turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mince pie, pumpkin pie, nuts-ad infinitum. Appreciation was so great that the girls in some houses sang to the kitchen help, who after a bit of blushing reticence, broke down and appeared to make their bows.

After lunch some girls retired to couches. Others sped on downtown to the movies. A small and hardy group turned out for the Hare and Hound chase sponsored by the physical education department. Four energetic girls, Betty Gossweiler '43, Dot Lenz '43, Marge Lawrence '45 and Babs Swift '45, alias the four hares tore over hill and dale, plodding through dismal swamp land and clambering up and down cliffs;

See "Thanksgiving"-Page 4

# Students Invited To Attend Gov't In Action Trip

C.C. students are invited to participate in the fifth Government in Action field trip sponsored by the New York City League of Women Voters to be held in New York on Tuesday, December 29th. In years past several Connecticut girls have been on these trips.

The tentative schedule for the day, which begins at 9:45 will include trips to the Magistrates' Court, a garbage incinerator, a health center, and the city hall.

Registrations for the trip, which will cost two dollars, should be made through Miss Marjorie Ruth Dilley as soon as

# First Lady Visits Connecticut College



Seen with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in the Green Room before her lecture are Marilyn Sworzyn '43, President Katherine Blunt, Jean Wallace '43 and Barbara Snow '44.

# Amusing and Serious Anecdotes of Wartime England Recounted by First Lady at Coffee

by Marilyn Sworzyn '43

serious side of life in wartime England was told informally by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to Connecticut college students at coffee and at dinner during her visit here on Tuesday, November 24. Mrs. Roosevelt's anecdotes ranged from tales about herself and prominent officials to stories about the armed forces. She let her seven dinner partners in on a major piece of news, the arrival of Madam Chiang Kai-Chek in the U.S., four days before it was announced by the press. Several of the facts that she related at the coffee in Jane Addams were off the record.

While in England Mrs. Roosevelt traveled under the assumed name of Mrs. Rover. One day she was scheduled to meet her son Elliott at a given destination. At the last minute he had to change his plans. Mrs. Roosevelt was informed of the changed arrangements by a telegram that read "Rover has lost her pup."

The humorous as well as the reports, are the optimum in self. Roosevelt said smilingly. sufficiency. The men jump equipped with practically every item they need from a tommy gun strapped to their shoulders to a clean pair of socks and a razor. They even carry, except for tires, a type of collapsible bike that resembles a kiddy-car. Ammunition in bright colored parcels is dropped from planes be fore they alight. A paratrooper must land on his feet and then tumble to avoid injury. Short men seem most adept at this. As soon as taller men are trained in the art they will probably be loaded

## Betty Gossweiler To Attend Hunter War Conference

Betty Gossweiler '43 will attend a conference on "College Stu-dents and Total War" to be held December 5 and 6 at Hunter College, New York City, under the co-sponsorship of the Hunter College War Committee and International Student Service.

The discussion Saturday afternoon will center around vocational subjects, particularly new fields which are opening up for students during and after college and government. Saturday night a session on the subject, "Should Colleges Continue in a Total War?" will be talked over by men in the Civil Samine Company. in the services, war industries, in the Civil Service Commission, educators and an authority on British universities in war. Benjamin Fine of the New York Times, who has just completed a survey of colleges in war, will also

Sunday there will be opportuni ties to talk over the broader implications of the war with experts and a final session with demobilization problems.

# A. A. to Announce Street Congregational church. Clubs at Coffee

The Athletic Association will give the annual fall coffee on Thursday night, December 3, at 7:00 in Knowlton salon. All those girls who have been elected to the different clubs will be invited. At the coffee the lists of the members of each club will be read.

The paratroops, Mrs. Roosevelt with more paraphernalia, Mrs.

The New London rainy weather last Tuesday recalled to Mrs. Roosevelt the London rain and fog, which, she admitted, was much more penetrating and treacherous than our domestic variety. The fog and rain in Great Britain are often responsible for more damage than the enemy. Squadrons of British planes have been known to bomb the enemy without any loss of their planes only to be completely wiped out en route home in the pea-soup

Mrs. Roosevelt's classic story of the responsible jobs the Brit ish women are assuming involves Sarah Churchill, one of the daughters of the Prime Minister. Miss Churchill is engaged in some very difficult and exacting reconnaissance work in which she is reputed to be as skilled as any man. Recently the Prime Minister said to his assembled family, 'I can now reveal some very exciting news-the American troops are landing in Africa at this very moment." Sarah Churchill casu-ally remarked, "Oh, I've known that for six weeks. I've been doing the reconnaissance work for it." "What?" exclaimed the Prime Minister, "and you didn't tell me." "Why father, I didn't know how much you knew," replied his

A newcomer to Connecticut college audiences, John C. Schroeder, professor of preaching in Yale divinity school, will be the speak-er at the vesper service to be held Sunday, December 6, in Harkness Chapel. Dr. Schroeder is a graduate of Union Theological seminary, New York, and has held pastorates in Saginaw, Mich., where he was minister of the First Congregational church, and in Portland, Maine where he served as pastor of the State

He is one of the younger members of the Divinity School faculty and is a favorite at young people's conferences.

#### Food for Thought:

Two and one fifth slices of bread supplies enough energy for the average girl to dance for one

# Miss Blunt Lauds **Blood Donors in Chapel Address**

## Cites Boston Fire as Illustrating Value Of Plasma Supplies

In her chapel address to the students Tuesday morning, December 1, President Katharine Blunt extended her commendations to the blood donors, who will contribute their blood to the Red Cross on December 3. She also announced the coming lecture of Dr. Williams Haynes, the outstanding chemistry lecturer; and she spoke upon the currently prominent subject of women workers in the United States.

With reference to the Connecticut college blood donors, Miss Blunt pointed out that the stu-dents might be very proud of the importance of their donation, which cannot be over-estimated. She mentioned as an illustration. the urgent need for blood plasma which was occasioned by Saturday night's disastrous fire in Boston and the rapidity with which the Red Cross and individual blood donors responded to this

In making her announcement of the coming chemistry lecture by Dr. Haynes, President Blunt said that the address would be of popular appeal rather than of interest only to chemistry students. Dr. Haynes is known as an easily understood speaker; his talk will be on synthetic rubber, plastics, and other chemical products related to current war interests.

The third topic on which the president spoke was the article published in last Sunday's New York Times magazine upon women in the government and war industries. The article noted by Miss Blunt was written by Margaret Culkin Banning, a graduate of Vassar in the class of 1912. In referring to the article, Miss Blunt pointed out that new ideals of womanhood are being born in these times, and that women students should not underestimate their own abilities to do great

## **House Librarians** Are Chosen for The Present Year

The students listed below have consented to act as house librarians for dormitory libraries for the year 1942-43:

Blackstone, Betty Anderson '45; Branford, Lois Parisette '45; Commuters, Bertha Eastland '45; East, Jane Rutter '46; Emily Abbey, Lois Hanlon '44; Grace bey, Lois Hanlon 44; Glace Smith, Frances Farnam '46; Jane Addams, Anne Godchaux '43; Knowlton, Janet Kennedy '46; Mary Harkness, Jean Buck '44; 1937 House, June Sawhill '45; North, Harriett Kuhn '46; F Farlee Eaton '45; Thames, Judith Willner '46; Vinal, Gloria Alprin '46; Windham, Frances Hutchins '44; Winthrop, Doris McEvoy '45.

The house libraries have been built up by the students themselves, and the books are selected by a committee of each house. An anonymous prize of \$15 in books is offered to the house which adds the best selection to its collection before the 1st of March, 1943.

#### Christmas Music to be **Included** in Recital

Mr. Arthur W. Quimby's organ recital on Wednesday, December 9, will consist of Christmas music including the Chorale No. 111 in A minor by Cesar Franck. This is the third and last in the series of Chorales by Franck which Mr. Quimby has presented at recitals this fall.

# C. C. to "Toughen Up" Under A New Hardening Program

In an endeavor to "toughen" Connecticut college women for the increased physical demands which will be made upon them for the direction of the for the duration of the war, a new "hardening" program has been introduced by the physical education department. This program will be carried out in every gym class, with the probable exception of the modern dance and military drill classes, which are considered toughening enough in themselves.

By means of the new plan, ten or fifteen minutes of every badminton, country dance, basketball, or other gym class will be devoted to pure physical fitness exercises. These exercises are designed to instruct the college students in correct body mechanics, the proper way to lift heavy loads and move heavy objecs, and correct ways to exercise thoroughly should priorities curtail badminton birds and other recreational

increased physical demands in

In addition to the short time from each class period which will be devoted to physical fitness, there is a class teaching physical fitness exclusively for those who wish to take it.

Connecticut college's new program is similar to that recently adopted by the University of Michigan. The following statement from the Associated Collegiate Press reports their results:

"University of Michigan students have improved their physcal fitness by at least 20 per cent with completion of one term of the institution's compulsory "hardening" course, it is reported in a survey just completed by the university department of physical

education and athletics.

"'Before and after' achievements of the average student revealed the following gains: pull-It was explained by the physic-women are going to have to meet life following gains: pull-ups, 7.45 to 10.20; push ups, 15.93 to 21.18; right grip, 56.77 to 59.86 kilograms; left grip, 53.43 to 55.67

# Faux Pas Occur Behind Scenes Of Mrs. Roosevelt's Visit

stood as there was standing room only), it appeared to us that the events of Mrs. Roosevelt's visit last Tuesday went off like clockwork. Everything went according to schedule which even allowed Mrs. Roosevelt approximately ten and one half minutes for tea in Windham before her talk in the auditorium.

We are informed, however, that behind the scenes there were a few minor worries and grey hairs momentarily multiplied on the heads of the people in the Jane Addams kitchen. One of the student waitresses was thinking about the big moment when she would be entering the dining room laden with a tray destined for the table farthest from Mrs. Roosevelt's, and the mere thought of this proximity left her somewhat confused when she went to get her own plate of dinner ahead of time. She helped herself to chicken and noodles, squash and peas and the next thing in line on the stove was a large metal con-tainer holding some dark brown

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y Alice Adams '44

From where we stood (and we stuff for gravy and took plenty of it, distributing it liberally over chicken, squash and peas. It turned out to be the butterscotch sauce for the ice cream. De-li-

A little after 6:30 p.m. when Mrs. Roosevelt and the Jane Addamites were having fruit cup, the chef, second cook, et al were dishing up the platters for the main course when the dumb waiter (not to be confused with any personage) carrying the squash up from the basement got stuck about half way. Squash or no squash? That was the question. Some kind soul made a split second decision, ran down to the basement, pulled the dumb waiter down and transported the squash upstairs tray by tray. Thus this little difficulty ironed itself out.

According to Stella Buisson, head waitress in '37 House who had the honor of waiting on Mrs. Roosevelt's table, "It certainly was a pleasure and I'm happy about the whole thing."

Later in the evening when Mrs. Roosevelt was preparing to leave, her knitting bag could be found nowhere in Windham where she had left it. Half of the people could have sworn they had seen it in the Windham living room and the other half could have sworn that they had seen it in the car with the rest of the baggage. The "other half" were right. Marilyn Sworzyn '43 was sitting on it in the car.

# **Boston Fire**

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marines, sailors and civilian bystanders immediately began carrying out the dead and injured on stretchers to the waiting ambu-lances, where they were rushed to all the hospitals within a radius of ten miles. "They just had to leave the injured lying on the floors of the hospital lobbies," added Betty, "in order to speed back to the fire. Bell-boys ran out of the Statler hotel carrying great piles of blankets and sheets for the wounded; one woman helped a fireman in managing his heavy hose." But of all those helping, Betty said that the navy ensigns seemed most outstanding. They took immediate charge of the emergency and gave orders to sailors nearby and were promptly obeyed. The sailors pushed back the crowd forcibly by joining hands and making a chain to hold off the onlookers. The service men entered the building again and again, carrying out the injured; Betty's escort helped them in their rescue work until twelve o'clock. Betty herself tried to comfort and calm several hysterical women. One odd thing she noticed was that almost no body who came out of the build-

ing was wearing shoes.

"An astonishing thing," commented Betty, "was that I could not see any flames after the fire had burned ten minutes. The fire itself was never out of control, never spread to any other build-ing; it was probably the searing flame and suffocation that caused so much panic and disaster." Betty's escort told her that the smoke was terrible and that one

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## War Stamp Sales

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Class	No. of People	Stamps	Bonds
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	9	3.85	
1944	8	7.50	
1945	8	5.30	\$18.75
1946	8	5.95	
Faculty	1	.75	
Employee Miscellaneous	10	9.55	
	55	\$47.50	\$18.75

The following number in each house contributed:

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Blackstone	2	\$3.25
	2 2	2.00
Branford	ī	.20
Commuters	1	.25
East	-	1.00
Emily Abbey	1	
Grace Smith	2	1.80
Jane Addams	6	6.10
Mary Harkness	4	2.25
North	1	1.00
	0	0.00
Plant	1	.50
Thames		7.00
Windham	8	1.50
Winthrop	2 7	
1937	7	2.40
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Students Contributing	38	
Total amount of Stamps		\$47.50
Total amount of Ronde		18.75
Total amount of Bonds		20.10

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could not breathe inside the building without choking.

Betty told how most of the people who passed her on sretchers or who were assisted out of the building seemed to be quiet, dazed, and numb; the most uncontrolled people were those whose friends had not escaped. As she was standing outside the back door, Betty saw one boy lead several chorus girls to safety by breaking a window on the second floor and helping them down a ladder. Most heroic of all, however, was one sailor who, working side by side with Betty's escort, plunged into the flames time and again, carrying out thirty persons before he collapsed overcome by the smoke.

Marilyn Bard '45 was also at the scene of the fire for a short time; she and her escort decided to leave the Coconut Grove about 10:10 p.m. because it was so smoky and crowded. As they went out the door, they heard a cry "Fire!", but never imagining how serious it was to become, they went on. They were astonished and horrified to turn around when they were half a block away and see flames enveloping the building they had just left so calmly.

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erties committee scurrying in all directions for numerous props. The make-up committee worked with the dramatic interpretation class as Margie Livingston '43 gave lessons in the proper application of powder and paint.

There were tickets and programs to be printed, posters to be distributed, ads and news stories to be written. June Wood '43, business manager, and Phyllis Schiff 43, publicity, handled these details.

To the stage manager, Evelyn Silvers '43 and her assistant, Bar-

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ing and important stage details of timing and prompt action.

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lots of sleep was lost and some

grey hairs were born these past

two months, it's not an idle ru-

mor. But producing a play is still

more fun than hard work, the whole staff cries in chorus, "Hur-

ry, hurry, see what has been done—the curtain's going up!"

**Thanksgiving** 

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all the while leaving a trail of pa-

per strips in their wake. Hot at their heels panted the fifteen or

more hounds. All around Robin-

hood's barn they chased, eventu-

ally winding up behind a big rock near Buck lodge. The tireless hounds, bent on working off that

turkey dinner, then set about catching the hares. With this ac-

complished they all headed back

to campus, via the shortest route.

form of entertainment found it at

the informal open house in Wind-

ham from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., when Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" and the "White Cliffs of Dover" were played on records.

No supper was served by the

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# Of War's Lessons In Vespers Talk

"Force checks evil until good takes root," stated Dr. Phillips Endicott Osgood, rector of the Emmanuel Church, Boston, at vespers, Sunday, November 29. Man's spiritual nature must not merely rise to meet the situation in war and then return to what it formerly was. It must advance. Dr. Osgood pointed out that the world must be changed through what we learn in this period of evil. War has made man abandon the soft, wandering way of self-ishness, of carelessness, and of religious sentimentality. War has made a man face realities. Man must profit by this straight liv-

This is a people's war. It is up to each person to put forth what is demanded of him. Each of us must have the courage to make sacrifices and to right the wrongs present in this war. Each of us must accept the challenge that is placed before him as a duty, concluded Dr. Osgood.

#### Meeting of Pre-Medical Students to be Dec. 8

A short but very important meeting for all students interested in going into medicine will be held Tuesday, December 8, at 4:20 p.m., in Room 111 Fanning.

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# Dr. Osgood Speaks Survey Reveals Student Favoring of a More General Summer Curriculum Than Last Year

by Betty Shank '43

That C.C. students wish to see erated summer school than in the past was brought out by the third in a series of surveys conducted by the News. The question asked too. of 63 students was "In a summer session should we have only those courses for which the need is immediate such as mathematics, physics, accounting and secretarial work; or should we have a wider curriculum?" Thirty students very definitely felt that a broader curriculum should be offered if we had such a session; whereas only 10 felt we should ble. concentrate only on "war Sop courses." In another group who considered the type of courses to be given in a total accelerated program, 22 felt that if acceleration were to be put into effect here, all major fields should be included, only one person said an accelerated course should be limited to "war majors." Although many spoke in favor of a broader summer course, all of them did not favor the idea of acceleration.

The following opinions seem to be representative of the group feeling on this third question in the series:

#### Junior Opinion

Barbara Schwab-I think if you accelerate, you accelerate to get into war work, and so would want courses that would enable you to get war jobs.

Nancy Bennitt-As acceleration is to help with the war effort directly, I think that subjects such as the sciences, math, etc., should be emphasized in a summer program. I do not approve of acceleration myself, but think provision should be made for those who want it.

Margaret Carpenter - I think the summer program should offer just math, science, and other courses directly applicable to the war effort for those who are majoring in them and for those who really want them. Those who are majoring in the humanities and courses not as directly useful to the war itself would contribute much more to the war effort and to the peace afterwards by spending the summer working elsewhere, such as in war industries, rather than by trying to speed up their college work.

June McDermott—If we are going to have acceleration, which I hope we are not, I'd rather have the courses we would be taking anyway, so that we can just go on and graduate earlier.

Marjorie Geupel—I think a general program would be the best, if we are going to be accelerated, on giving a rounded college education and leaving specialized training until after college.

Sally Ford—I think, if we are

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going to accelerate, we should objection to having only science take just what we planned to take a broader curriculum in an accel. all along. I'm in favor of a general program, but I do think courses more directly helpful to

> Barbara Barlow-I am in favor of acceleration, but I do think the program should be so arranged so that we can get in all of our major courses by next February-so that none are left unavailable until the second semester of next year. I think we ought to be able to get in as much science and math as possi-

#### Sophomore Opinion

Nancy Walker-I think that we should have a balance of both types of courses. Then people who wished to come from other colleges to take a summer course in a scientific or technical subject could do so. The students who are majoring in liberal arts courses would then be able to attend the summer session too.

Bobby Wadsworth-If the summer session were compulsory I think the same courses should be offered as are offered now, but if it were optional the curriculum could be concentrated on so-called "war courses" with a few of the humanities added.

Sally Hosack—I think all types of courses should be offered because technical and scientific courses might not fit in with the major of every student.

Charlotte Burr-If the college offered only those courses which fit in with the war effort students who wished to accelerate by taking the summer session would have to go elsewhere for liberal arts courses

Shirley Strangward-My main

#### O. M. I.

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and Baltimore. When the public hearings are held, those who have been treated unfairly will have a chance to protest and reveal their mistreatment. In many places Negro women have been refused employment in firms where Negro men are hired. In other cities there have been "token" employ-ments but "unfair practices" have continued.

This committee now will have a larger hand in preventing unfair discrimination and helping those who are willing and able to contribute their part in the war effort.

### Is the Middle West With Us?

Speaking of contributing one's part to the war effort brings up the question of the middle west where there is a tremendous stir against gasoline rationing. It seems they just can't understand that it is not to conserve gasoline, of which they know there is plenty, but that it is to conserve the product we are in such great need of-rubber. As far as rubber goes, we are a "have not" nation and it is up to everyone in this nation to realize the seriousness of the issue and put the old "buggy" in the garage unless it's absolutely necessary to use it. Since the rest of the country has not voluntarily done this, as the Baruch report points out, nationwide rationing is extremely urgent, so that our whole transportation system won't collapse after a year of war. The numerous selfish protests we hear from the midwest make us wonder whether that section of the country yet knows we're at war.

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courses in the summer session is that the whole curriculum would be unbalanced, all science in the summer, all liberal arts in the winter.

Barbara Gieb-If the summer session offered all the regular courses a lot more people would accelerate. Liberal arts majors who had completed their science requirements would have no reason to attend an all-science summer session.

Peggy Piper—I don't think it would be fair to the liberal arts majors if the courses they require for graduation are not offered. If they wished to accelerate they would have to change their majors or else go to another college for the summer ses-

Hannah Lowe - I think it should be a general program, as that would include courses beneficial to the war effort. It would enable those who major in such subjects as science, math, eco-

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# Caught On Campus Books of Medieval Library

Mabel Cunningham '45 willingly offered to get Jeanne Mendler 45 her dessert the other day over at Thames. She rushed off and returned with—two dishes of mayonnaise. Tasty, Mabel?

Dee McEvoy '45 was slightly embarrassed the night of the concert. She very properly told one gentleman who was wandering around that she couldn't give him a seat while a number was going on. "That's all right," he replied, "I'm their manager, Mr. Fadi-

If you don't know your Army and Navy ranks, you had better brush up on them on account of we have been getting wind of some faux pas like the following for some time in addition to committing them ourselves. A freshman after receiving a phone call rushed into a friend's room and rushed mo a friend's from and said, "Guess what? A sailor just called me up!" Friend: "Oh really, what rank is he?" "A private, I guess." Friend: "But they don't have privates in the Navy." "Oh, he must have been a 'squab' then. Whether this term is a fugitive Whether this term is a fugitive from the game called Anagrams or just combination of gob and swab, we really couldn't say.

Not long ago Skip (alias Louise) Rosenstiel '44 received a note from her major advisor requesting the pleasure of her presence at a meeting of the junior majors in that department. The envelope was addressed to Miss Louse Rosenstiel '44. The "Miss" helps to

#### Blood Donors

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a refrigerated Church container From there it is sent to a laboratory for testing, prepared for shipping, and finally used for some war service.

Making use of the opportunity, Miss Margaret Chaney and Miss E. Frances Botsford are conducting an experiment to find out the effect of iron on the regeneration of blood. Consequently, as part of the experiment some donors are taking iron pills and some, as a control group, are not.

Miss Chaney is chairman of the blood donors committee, Mrs. Sarah Jones, assistant in zoology, Mrs. Dorothy George of the President's office, and Dr. Charlotte Rogers of New London are making tht haemoglobin counts. Miss Beatrice Dodd, assistant in home economics, is assisting them, and Mrs. Grace Setterholm is doing the clerical work involved.

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counterbalance the "Louse" but it still leaves an "i" to be desired. A typing error no doubt.

The math club is having a meeting soon and the subject to be discussed and practiced is how to wrap packages mathematically and geometrically. All this time we've been licking the stickers with our own rosy tongues. This wrapping packages mathematically is definitely a-cute angle.

Jane Addams and Windham have three more engaged residents. June Wood '43 has announced her engagement to Lt. Charles Beers. Also from Jane Addams, Jane Folts '43 has announced her engagement to Howard P. Lewis, Jr. From Windham House, Joy Hyde '43 has announced her engagement to Robert L. Green, Jr., of Episcopal Theological school at Cambridge, Massachusetts. The rule of seniority is definitely applicable here.

> Survey (Continued from Page Five)

nomics, etc., to continue their studies, and those who do not, to take these more directly useful courses besides their major if they wish to. We ought to be able to get both types.

Eleanor Koenig-I think that, if we are accelerated, we should have a general program which would include all courses.

Clara Sinnott-Any major should be offered in consideration of preparing for post-war life as well as war time needs.

#### Freshman Opinion

Betsy Healy-I think we should have a wider curriculum because many girls are not taking courses related to the war effort.

Betty Kellock-I think we should just have the courses that are necessary immediately and which will prepare us for jobs that will help our country's war

Ruth Goodhue - I think we should just have courses which are necessary, because the people who are going to be taking accelerated courses will want to be prepared for jobs which pertain to war work. Art and related subjects will not be necessary for preparing for defense jobs.

Alice Willgoos - I think we should have a wider range of subjects because subjects not related to the war effort are also important as the war won't last forev-

Betty Reiffel-I think that the girls who want to graduate earlier so that they can obtain war jobs should be able to take the courses necessary for graduation.

Janet McDonough-I think we should just have the courses that in math or chemistry. are needed because there probably won't be enough people to make it worth while to offer more courses.

Joanne Ferry-The purpose of acceleration is to shorten the college course so that war needs can be filled. Therefore, I think that only those courses which specialize for the war effort need be offered in the summer.

Ellie Kempsmith—1 believe we should have a wider curriculum

# Romance Lives Again in the

Even with all the excitement of today, do you, now and then, feel little wistful for the days of chivalry-the days when knights in shining armor rescued fair ladies from distress? The Palmer library of Connecticut college has provided amply for you. Books of medieval romances are abundant in the Medieval library of Dr. Carleton Brown, late expert in the Medieval field; this collection has been lent to the college by his widow, Mrs. Beatrice Daw Brown. There is the Vulgate Version of Arthurian romances in nine volumes; here you will meet such heroes as Gawain and Lancelot Percival who saw the Holy Grail Tristram, the fated lover, and Merlin, the master magician. The Vulgate is a compilation of all the stories of these heroes that appeared in the vernacular

If you are scholarly, you may want to read a collection of commentaries on these romances, gathered by Dr. Brown; or you may want to peek into J. O. Bruce's Evolution of Arthurian Romance, two very valuable and rare volumes.

If you are interested in historical backgrounds, you will find ample material in the 283 volumes of the Rolls Series (not in Dr. Brown's library, but in the fourth level of the stacks) on the medieval period with its romantic concepts. This Rolls Series contains all the material available for the history of England, Scotland, and Ireland up to the Renaissance; a "truly remarkable possession for a college of our years," comments Dr. Dorothy Bethurum, chairman of the English department. Then for the artistic student, the Art department

#### Mary Cusati '45 Elected Head of Italian Club

The newly reorganized Italian club has as its officers this year: President, Mary Cusati '45; Joan McCarty '45, Secretary-Treasur-er; Carolyn Thomson '43, Publicity Agent. At the meeting held Monday evening, November 30, Italian folk songs were sung, in Italian, and Italian games were played. Plans were also made to have a spaghetti dinner at the next meeting which will be some time after Christmas.

accelerate, the students should be able to go on with the courses they have originally planned so that after the war is over, these students will be fully prepared in the field of work they have chos-

Nancy Faulkner-We need a variety of courses so that students can specialize in the work for which they are best fitted. Some of us show more aptitude in English and art than we show

Sally Caskey—I think that during the summer the college should offer a complete program including courses necessary to the war effort as well as liberal arts courses.

Sally Quintard—The college should offer a wider curriculum in the summer for the girls who wish to accelerate in other courses.

Janet Weiss—A summer course should give us all the advantages because if the school is going to of a regular curriculum.



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cathedrals of the Medieval period. Nor is the Medieval Period the only strong point in Dr. Brown's library. There—in rare and valuable books, with old bindings, with pages that crackle when turned, and with the musty smell of age-is presented material on the Renaissance. There is an English translation of Pliny's Natural History, a folio volume, published in 1634; Pliny's Natural History was the Shakespeare's source when he wrote Othello. There are also the Sermons of Vicenti, published in 1550 with metal locks on them to keep the binding straight; there is the Concordance of Scriptures made under the order of Pope Clement VIII. Cooke's Etymological Dictionary is there too; it traces the roots of words through English, French, Greek and Latin. There is Candon's History of Britain, published in 1695, with its historcal account of each county. All are books to be handled with care old books to show us glimpses of an age far away in the past.

Medieval and Renaissance periods-when men and women like ourselves, lived, and worked and played. To smell the odor of age, to feel the stiff pages, to glance through the material—all this gives one a sense of kinship with the web that civilizations in ages past have been weaving and which is still being woven.

Faculty surely are taking advantage of this wealth of material, for besides Dr. Bethurum, Dr. Pauline Aiken, instructor in English, Dr. Hamilton Smyser, associate professor of English, Dr. Beatrice Brown, assistant professor of English, Dr. Rosemond Tuve, associate professor of English, there are Dr. Edward Cranz, professor of History and Dr. Beatrice Reynolds, associate professor of History, who are working in the medieval field.

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