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Lawrence Lecturer For This Year Will Be A. Schlesinger

The Henry Wells Lawrence committee has announced that the Lawrence lecturer this year will be Mr. Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., author of *The Age of Jackson*. The Lawrence lecture, one of the foremost events of the year at Connecticut, is scheduled this season for the evening of February 26.

Mr. Schlesinger, whose book is being acclaimed by critics throughout the country as a landmark in American historical literature, is a graduate of Harvard, class of 1938. Mr. Schlesinger's father, who is also a noted historian, is Francis Lee Higginson, professor of American history at Harvard.

Striking Parallels Noticed

When Mr. Schlesinger's book was first published, striking parallels between the Roosevelt era and the author's interpretation of Jacksonian democracy were noticed. Mr. Schlesinger intends to make this comparison the basis of his lecture which will be a development of important aspects of his book and include specific comparison of certain general principles of the eras of Jackson and Roosevelt. The lecture will be entitled *The Pattern of Democratic Change in the United States: Jackson and Franklin D. Roosevelt*.

Special Occasion

Dr. Diley, chairman of the Henry Wells Lawrence committee, stated that the committee hopes to make this lecture a special occasion for junior and senior history and government majors and alumnae, but no detailed plans have as yet been made. Further announcements will be made after the Christmas holidays, but everyone is urged now to reserve the evening of February 26, 1946, for this year's Lawrence lecture.

Mr. Walter Porges Given Fellowship

Walter Porges, former instructor in history at Connecticut college, was among twelve students throughout the nation awarded Encyclopedia Britannica fellowships to the University of Chicago for 1945-46, President Ernest C. Colwell of the university announced.

The editorial fellowships, granted the twelve graduate students, carry stipends of \$1000 and \$200.

Mr. Porges, like the other fellows, will assist members of the university faculties as advisers to the editor of the encyclopedia. In addition he will work toward a doctor of philosophy degree from the university of Chicago.

Mr. Porges, who taught ancient and medieval history at Connecticut college last year, holds two degrees from the University of Chicago. He received his bachelor of arts degree in 1940 and his master of arts in 1942.

He is the author of *The Subsistence Research Laboratory*. His encyclopedia work will be in the field of history.

To Give Concert Here January 8



BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Concert By Boston Symphony Will Be Given Here Jan. 8

Koussevitsky Has Led Orchestra Since 1924 Adding to Their Fame

The renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Serge Koussevitsky, returns for its sixth concert at Connecticut college on Tuesday, January 8, at 8:30, in the Palmer auditorium.

The orchestra, now in its 65th year, owes its beginnings to a young Bostonian student of music, Henry Lee Higginson, who wanted America to have a symphony orchestra of the high standard which one could hear in the old world. Mr. Higginson held tenaciously to his dream for more than twenty years until at last, in 1881, he had acquired sufficient means to make it a fact. His main ambition was to create "an orchestra which should play the best music in the best way, and give concerts to all who could pay a small price."

Georg Henschel, the first conductor, was an energetic, ambitious musician who contributed greatly to the orchestra's auspicious beginnings. In 1884 he left a promising if not yet a perfect orchestra in the hands of his successor, Wilhelm Gericke. Under the direction of Gericke, the Boston Symphony made its New York debut which may be considered its first prominence in the world of music. The conductors Nikisch, Paur, Muck, Fiedler, and Monteux also helped to improve the orchestra.

Serge Koussevitsky

The engagement of Serge Koussevitsky, in 1924, as leader of the orchestra brought it even further on its already well-celebrated path. An expatriate who had lived in Germany, France, and visited England, he had closely identified himself with the musical cultures of each country—and others as well. In the years to follow, America's composers and America's point of view became equally familiar to him. His sympathies know no border, nor does he ne-

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USSA Will Invade Co-ops and Labor Unions on Field Trip

U.S.S.A. is going to town. Meeting on December 13 at about 2:25 in Pennsylvania station in New York, a group of twenty-five members, led by their special guide, Dr. Hartley Cross, will begin a two day tour of the city, which for even the most cosmopolitan, will be something very new.

The general purpose of the trip is to acquaint students with various groups who are not satisfied with the economic and social status quo, and with their efforts, through such means as education and cooperation, to bring about desired changes.

Milk Co-op

The first stop will be on Broadway at the office of Meyer Parodneck, president of the Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative. The group will learn what is being done, in opposition to the two great corporations which control most of the city's milk supply, to bring the milk directly from the farmer to the consumer.

At Rockefeller Center, students will meet the officials of the American Arbitration association, an organization which is designed to foster the voluntary arbitration of industrial disputes. The association makes available to labor and management groups, who have decided to settle disagreements by arbitration, a list of men who will act as arbitrators if called upon by both parties. Included on this list are Dr. Colston Warne and Dr. Cross.

Garment Workers Union

A glimpse into New York's industrial world will be offered by the next stop when the group will meet Mark Starr and Broadus Mitchell, leaders of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Mark Starr, who is educational director of the union, is one of the foremost men in workers' education in America, and directs courses in a wide variety of subjects. He holds many other positions of importance including that of president of the League for Industrial Democracy. Broadus Mitchell, who is research director of the union, is a former professor at Johns Hopkins university, and

the author of many nationally known books.

Orlie Pell, of the American Education Service, will speak to the group next. The organization he represents sponsors a broad program of adult education which is particularly directed to the worker.

The Gripsholm restaurant will be the next stop, and the object will be dinner.

The last event on Thursday's agenda will be attending the broadcast of America's Town Meeting of the Air. The debate will be on wages and price control and the speakers will be Chester Bowles, O.P.A. head, and Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse, congresswoman and faculty member of C.C.

At 9:00 on Friday morning, the group will meet at the Consumers' Union headquarters to discuss the work of the union with Arthur Kallet, director. Mr. Kallet is the author of *A Hundred Million Guinea Pigs*, which according to many authorities is the leading book in this field.

A visit to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' headquarters and the New York Stock Exchange will follow.

Roger Baldwin

Roger Baldwin, founder and head of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak to the students later in the morning. Mr. Baldwin is also the author of *Prince Kropotkin*, a book about the famous Russian philosopher.

The group will have lunch at the Cooperative cafeteria with the cooperative leaders including Mr. Wallace Campbell, assistant director. See "USSA"—Page 5

Dr. V. Ivella of Italian Embassy to Talk Jan. 16

Dr. Victor Ivella, of the Italian Embassy in Washington, will speak at a meeting of the Italian club on Wednesday, January 16, at 7:45 in Bill hall 106.

Present day conditions in Italy will be the subject of Dr. Ivella's lecture. The Italian club invites all those who are interested to attend the meeting.

C.C. To Hear Dr. Lynd Speak on 'The Structure of Power'

"The Structure of Power in the United States" will be the subject of Dr. Robert Lynd at the next Convocation to be held in Palmer auditorium, January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Lynd, with his wife, Helen Merrell Lynd, is co-author of the well-known book, *Middletown—A Study in Contemporary Culture*. This book is a statistical study of the institutions and customs of Muncie, a small city in Indiana. This first study, published in 1929 was followed in 1937 by *Middletown in Transition*. He is also the author of *Knowledge for What?*

Dr. Lynd received his A.B. degree at Princeton, his B.D. at Union Theological seminary, and his Ph.D. at Columbia university.

Since 1931 he has been professor of sociology at Columbia university. He is also a trustee of the Twentieth Century fund. At one time, Dr. Lynd was editor of *Publisher's Weekly*, and was also associated with Charles Scribner's and other publishing houses. For a number of years, he was assistant to the chairman and later permanent secretary of the Social Science Research council, and a director of the Small City study of the Institute of Social and Religious Research.

Radio Club to Hold Important Meeting

The Radio club is planning a very entertaining as well as important meeting on Friday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. in room 202 of Palmer auditorium. After the usual business of the meeting there will be a program presented by the regular members which, from all reports, will be well worth seeing. Following this, refreshments will be served.

Invitations have been sent to all members of the club, members of the Faculty Executive board, and others who have expressed interest in the Radio club.

The girls responsible for this meeting are Mary Bassett '46, in charge of publicity; Margery Reichgott '48, in charge of refreshments; and Jean Black '48, in charge of the program.

The True Glory To Be Featured Jan. 5

The film "The True Glory" and an unannounced short subject will be shown in Palmer auditorium on January 5 at 7:30 p.m. The admission will be fifteen cents.

The film, which is a pictorial account of World War II, commences with scenes from the preparation in England for D-Day and reviews in chronological order the major events of the war in France and Germany, ending with the fall of Berlin. The accompanying narration and commentary are begun by General Dwight Eisenhower and are taken up by various unidentified soldiers, whose voices show British, French, cockney, American and other backgrounds.

Highly commended by military experts and movie-reviewers alike, the documentary movie is of prime importance in establishing a clear understanding of the planning and fighting of the war, and in arousing an awareness of the great task which lies before us, for the true glory lies in the successful completion of the task now well-begun.

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Christmas!

We face Christmas this year with hearts more at ease than ever before. No longer need we watch the glowing holiday fires and the sparkling tree lights, listen to the voices of carolling children, or smell the delicious odor of popping corn with the feeling that this celebration is out of keeping with a world in which our fathers, friends and sweethearts are losing their lives. For we of America are at peace, and for the first time in four years, many of our long absent loved-ones will be able to take their places at the family Christmas feast. It will be a joyous holiday this year. Large size argyles will once again be hung next to ours. As we rejoice, let us hope that this year will bring peace to all nations.

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 opinions, the editor must know the names of contributors.

Dear Editor:

Just a line to thank you for publishing in the last issue of the News the announcement of the Tri-College Christmas dance to be given by the Hartford alumnae chapters of Connecticut, Wellesley and Colby Junior.

I wonder, however, if it would be possible for you to print a slight correction in Free Speech or a separate article in this next issue on Wednesday, December 12. The announcement read to the effect that because of the limited number of tickets, alumnae were urged to make their reservations as soon as possible. As we are very anxious to have undergraduates attend, it would be appreciated if it could be made known to them that the dance is not exclusively for alumnae but for the girls now at college and their friends as well.

Very truly yours,

Mary L. Deane
 Publicity
 Hartford Alumnae Chapter

Dear Editor:

This is not the proverbial stitch in time, but with an eye to the future, I'd like to say a word about the practice of giving assignments over vacations. It seems to me that the prevailing attitude is that a vacation is a good time to accomplish all the work that there is no time for during the rest of the year. For most of us vacations are confusing and busy enough without being complicated by mountains of work. Some of us see our families and friends only once during the year and that alone can neatly fill up the three short weeks. Others unable to get home at all are visiting friends during the period and studies are completely out of the question. Add to the problem of time the problem of packing and carrying a number of books as far as or farther than 1500 miles and the idea of using Christmas vacation as an extra study period becomes downright repulsive. Most of us are tired enough by Christmas and Easter to be ready for a rest, so how about making these vacations rest and relaxation periods? I'm sure we would appreciate it.

Sincerely,
 '46

Dear Editor:

Tonight we attended the annual Christmas pageant presented by the senior majors of the art department. It was a lovely spectacle indeed, and was over all too soon.

The pageant even more than Christmas vespers is THE moment of first semester. Few of the college community miss it, and many, many townspeople attend it year after year.

How many of us took time to consider the work those eight majors put into the pageant? The girls who made the pageant possible and a few of their friends are the only ones who know the story of the sleepless nights and constant drive connected with the pageant's presentation. Nobody expects any praise or thanks for it, but that is certainly due.

The senior art majors, and the back stage crew deserve a vote of thanks that will ring right through Christmas vacation. So to those students and faculty responsible for the pageant comes a vigorous "Thank you," and a cheery "Merry Christmas" from an appreciative audience.

Sincerely,
 '46

CALENDAR

- Thursday, December 13**
 Christmas Vacation Begins 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, January 3**
 Christmas Vacation Ends 10:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 4**
 Radio Club Meeting 7:00, Auditorium 202
- Saturday, January 5**
 Movie, The True Glory 7:30, Auditorium
- Tuesday, January 8**
 Boston Symphony Orchestra 8:30, Auditorium
- Wednesday, January 9**
 Convocation: Dr. Robert Lynd, "The Structure of Power in the United States" 7:30, Auditorium
- Sunday, January 13**
 Coast Guard Services 9:00, 10:00, Chapel
- Wednesday, January 16**
 Italian Club Meeting 7:45, Bill 106

CONNECTICUT-UPS



And I had a dream of a white Christmas!

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

by Susan Hanoch '47

For a World Government

Have you heard a lot about world government? Well, listen again and again—and again—and then some more. When college students refuse to sign a petition on the most crucial problems of a century, not because they disagree, but because they "don't know enough about it" something is basically wrong, and must be corrected now. The twelfth hour approaches rapidly. Wake up! Informed opinion and action have never before been so urgent.

Few Survivors

Supporters of world government exaggerate when they insist that the next atomic war will destroy the earth. The deserts of Egypt, the Arctic region, the bushland of Africa, and a few small communities have a fair chance of surviving. Perhaps a handful will live to see the devastation. If Luxembourg pushes the button first she may stand alone. If it is America, a few senators may, at last, relax and sleep happily, knowing that their eternal dream of an isolated ruling nation, standing strong and alone, has become a reality.

We have lived through a great war. Are we willing to risk another? Shall we exchange a concept, "sovereignty" for lives?

One World

Science has erased all meaningful boundaries. Socially and economically we are one world, suspicion alone dividing us. The concepts of the past have brought exploitation, discrimination, misery, and war. We have had only 300 years of peace in all recorded history. It is imperative that we have an ideological revolution. We must turn to the destruction of poverty, disease, and hatred, not nations, cities and children.

Our limited knowledge makes us incapable of suggesting the mechanisms of a world federation. Our responsibility is, first, to educate ourselves, and then our families, friends, and community to the urgency of the problem.

The logical procedure appears to be the elimination of all references to national sovereignty in the United Nations charter as this validates outdated philosophies. The General Assembly must grow into a world parliament with direct elections and weighed representation.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

by Janet McDonough '46 and Betty Reiffel '46

What do you think about Christmas traditions?

Lil Tiepel '46: Do, I'b dot quide id de Christmas spirid because ob a slighd code. Iv we had a liddle less work, we could reedy hab tibe to edjoy de holiday bood—add I didid deave de work tid de dast midit!

Anne Higley '49: I haven't seen all of them, of course, but I think vespers was wonderful; I particularly like the candles. It would be nice though if we could have some outside decorations. Some of the houses would lend themselves very well to outside lighting. How about putting lights on the two trees in front of the library? That way we would be radiating our Christmas cheer to the whole area.

Mrs. Donald Ullery '46: If my husband were at home, it would be much nicer, but I'm definitely in the Christmas spirit, partly due to the wonderful traditions.

Andy Coyne '49: I think they are all swell. It seems to me that Connecticut does as much or more than any school I've ever seen.

Ginny Dwyer '46: We've got lots of swell traditions, only they don't give us enough time to enjoy them. Yes, meaning work!

Marjorie Stutz '49: Everything has been very nice. I'd like to hear more of the familiar Christmas carols sung at vespers though. The selections the choir sang were lovely, but they weren't well enough known to impart a true Christmas spirit. There are also some little known but lovely and really Christmassy foreign carols that they could sing.

Joan Johnson '49: Why couldn't we make the dorm parties real old-fashioned Southern Christmas parties? I mean invite the help in the houses to attend and see that they had little presents too. There are a lot of people who work in the houses whom we rarely ever see, and never get to meet. That would be a good time to get everybody together, and such parties are a lot of fun.

Dr. Beebe Gives Opinion On President's Labor Message

by Dr. Leslie P. Beebe

Our national economy is in the transition period from that of a war-time state to that of one of peace. At best, considering the magnitude of World War II, this is bound to be a difficult problem. Controls during this wartime period kept the relationship between management and labor in a kind of a status quo condition, and we weren't conscious of the so-called labor problems. These wartime controls are now being lifted; the problems of the relationship between these two groups have come into the open, and the public is conscious of the friction.

Millions Unemployed

We have had a series of strikes and lock-outs to the extent that millions of men have been on the unemployed list, costing industry untold millions, and the reconversion program has not only been slowed down but severely crippled. The public is waiting for the

Tonight's Pageant Product of Varied Yuletide Customs

by Janet McDonough '46

How does a tradition begin? That's the question we asked about one of Connecticut's most beautiful traditions, the Christmas pageant. To be perfectly frank, we didn't find out just how it started; as far as we know it, has been in existence as long as the college has graced the hill, but we did learn a lot of interesting facts about its history and development.

Former Pageants

To those of us who know the pageant only as the highly professional and finished product as staged in the modern auditorium, it is hard to visualize a pageant of any proportion put on in the gym, but that is where many of the early performances were held. Under the able direction of Professor Henry Bill Selden, former head of the Art department, the gym became not only a presentable but an excellent setting for a pageant. The pageant itself, much less elaborate than the present version, was centered around the Italian Madonna customs. In Italy, when a painting of the Madonna is completed, the entire town celebrates by carrying the picture through the streets in a procession to the church where it is to be installed.

Addition of Dialogue

Early Connecticut college performances were not actually pageants, but representations of a famous painting of the Madonna. Hymns were sung, the Scripture was read, and the program ended with the unveiling of the picture. The gymnasium was transfigured by covering the radiators to make them appear to be tapestries, and by banking evergreen boughs in the windows.

In 1927 Professor Selden conceived the idea of including dialogue in the pageant form. Taking his ideas, two members of the English department wrote a dialogue in blank verse form. This prologue, lasting approximately three minutes, showed two Venetian gondoliers discussing the fact that the Madonna for the altar-piece of the church would be finished before Christmas. After this the first of the traditional processions moved to the stage and the picture of the Madonna was unveiled.

After this program there was considerable criticism of the spoken part since many people felt that nothing could really be added to the message of the Scripture. Since that time there have been no spoken parts in the pageant.

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goods and services that they have gone without during the last four years, and there has developed a public demand that something be done about the situation. Rather than have the government interfere directly, the President called a Labor-Management conference, hoping by this process that some way out could be found, or some machinery could be organized that would alleviate the friction. This failed, due in large part to the fact that neither side seemed to want to get together.

On Monday, the third of December, the President sent a message to Congress on this labor problem which included the following suggestions—That in industrial disputes, where collective machinery has broken down, a Fact-Finding commission be appointed, within five days after the failure of such bargaining machinery, either by the President or his duly appointed representatives. This is similar to that provided by the Railway Labor Act. It provided also that during this five-day period, it would be unlawful to call a strike or lockout or in any way to make any changes in rates of pay, hours, or working conditions.

Investigating Board

That this Board of Investigation should be comprised of three or more outstanding citizens and should be directed to make a thorough investigation of all the facts that seem relevant to the controversy. It will have power to subpoena any individual or any records that it would need. This board was to be given twenty days in which to make such an investigation, and during this period and for five days thereafter, it would be unlawful to call a strike or lockout or in any way to change the hours of work, rates of pay or the usual working conditions.

The parties to this dispute would not be legally bound to accept the findings of the commission or the recommendations thereof, but the public would have the facts before them.

Two Actions Recommended

The message then recommends two concrete courses of action—

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1945 Madonna



BETSEY HEALY '46

Betsey Healy Acts As Madonna in '45 Christmas Pageant

As the clouds opened and Betsey Healy '46 appeared as the Madonna, the 1945 Christmas pageant which was presented in Palmer auditorium tonight, reached its climax.

The pageant this year was an integrated spectacle of music and readings based on a motion and light theme in a timeless setting. It was divided into two parts; the first, the Expectation; and the second, the Realization.

During the first part the Palestrina choir presented the Great O's in keeping with the Messianic idea, the hope for a savior. Sara Best '46 read in English the work presented by the Palestrina choir in Latin. Dressed in long robes, the dance group presented an interpretation of wisdom.

The antiphonal choir in the balcony responded to the regular choir near the stage in the presentation of O Come, O Come, Emanuel.

The choral speaking group opened the second portion of the pageant with the presentation of the Christmas story.

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Infirmary Plans Revealed as President Asks Contributions

President Katharine Blunt presented the plans for the new infirmary in an all-student chapel on Monday and asked each student to assume her responsibility in discussing the need and the collection of funds while at home. She said the administration hoped each student and her family would give something, whether a large or small amount, to the new building. This first post war building will be started in the spring if building materials and sufficient funds are obtained and should be ready for use next September.

Site, Accommodations

The infirmary will be a means to protect student health, Miss Blunt stated. It will be a T-shaped building in a central, quiet, and attractive location north of Windham house. The infirmary differs from a hospital in that its out-patient department will be numerically most important. This section will house doctors' and nurses' rooms, rooms for light and diathermy treatment, and waiting rooms. For students who must remain in the infirmary, there will be single and double rooms, containing a total of 20 beds. An isolation ward with its own diet kitchen can be set up when contagious cases are admitted. A lounge and solarium will be provided for convalescents. Plans call for beauty and color. Surgical cases will go, as now, to the Lawrence Me-

morial hospital in the city, Miss Blunt said in explaining the building.

Costs for the building are tentative, Miss Blunt declared, but are estimated at \$250,000. The hoped-for endowment for the infirmary is \$50,000. About one fourth, \$64,000, is in or promised. The fund was begun early by a father and daughter and has received contributions from the classes of '43, '44, and '45, and from the trustees, the alumnae, parents, and a fund in New London. The cost has been divided, and donations can be made for units of the building and will be named for the donor if desired.

Miss Blunt announced that folders describing the proposed infirmary and announcing the drive for funds had been sent out to all parents.

Alumnae Dads Will Hear President in Cleveland

Early in January President Blunt will be in Cleveland, where she will hold a luncheon with the fathers of alumnae and undergraduates, similar to those held for Fathers' Day at the college. Mary Eaton LeFevre '33 is in charge of the arrangements which are being made by the Cleveland Alumnae chapter. Miss Blunt will also address the alumnae chapter.

Of Cabbages and Things

by Bettsey McKey '47

'Tis the week 'fore vacation,
And in all the dorms
There's wild preparation
By gay, harried forms.
Suitcases are opened
And lie on each bed,
And last-minute studying
Chokes each one's head.
Some foresighted shoppers
Have presents to wrap—
Thus tinsel and holly
Bestrew these ones' lap.
Some still to their typewriters
Chained, give loud groans,
And the singing of carols
Is mixed with the moans.
But above all the clamor
There's a current of cheer—
Who cares for the books
When vacation's 'most here?

And so it is—vacation—and Christmas; last-minute packing of suitcases—last-minute wracking of brains. There are Christmas trees and tinsel in all the living rooms—there are train tickets home and the strains of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" in all the rooms. There are Christmas parties in the dorms—with candles and the spruce smell of the decorating greenery. Sophistication bows to the thoughts of stockings

Clementine Carrel Combines Comfort And Concentration

by Mary Batt '47

Clementine Carrel, of the Connecticut College Carrels, Palmer Library, climbed the steps of her ancestral mansion as gracefully as she could, considering the burden of books she was carrying, managed to open the door with one foot, and entered the high-ceilinged marble halls for a day of contemplation on the higher things of life.

Clem's Nook

Clem had some work to do on the digestive system of the earthworm. She trudged to the palatial study reserved especially for her, and there relieved herself of her books, neatly balanced on her stomach and held in position by her chin. Her little nook was decorated tastefully with softly draped black curtains, dramatically relieved by the royal blue tone of her desk top and the bright plaid cushion on its chair seat. Clementine lit the tapers, noting with curiosity the strange buzzing noise produced by this act, as others before her have wondered, reaching the conclusion that this strange, annoying phenomenon was undoubtedly due to metaphysical causes far beyond the reach of her mental ken.

Working Utensils

Clementine emptied her pockets of the little items so necessary to successful pursuance of the contemplative life, and arranged them artistically around her: pen, ink, blotter, pencils, alarm clock, kleenex, aspirin, worrybird, nail file, mirror, comb, Carousel candy bar, chewing gum, and an acceptably large stack of mail. Plugging in her new General Electric portable sunlamp, and adjusting it at the proper angle to receive the maximum benefit from the infrared rays, she swallowed her concentrated vitamin pill for quick energy, and bent her curly head to contemplate the earthworm.

A brief glimpse, this, of a day with Clementine Carrel. Her family is a large one, filling each and every room of the ancestral mansion. They are a hardy lot with a low mortality rate; curiously, however, their common characteristic is a certain undefinable glassy-eyed quality, cause as yet undetermined by modern science.

and Santa Claus—and so—
The clarion call
'Fore the rush to the station—
Merry Christmas to all!
And a gay, grand vacation!

Shopping List Suggested For All Perplexed

by Betty Reiffel '46

Store windows are dressed up for the holiday season with boughs of shiny green holly and bright, smooth red ribbons to give new life and fresh spirit to their wares. "White Christmas" and all the beautiful Christmas carols head the Hit Parade list and share festive honors with colorful, bauble-bedecked trees. Christmas parties and the coming vacation—all these, glowing reminders of the wonderful day a-coming soon.

However, before you can feel really free to enjoy the holiday spirit, there's that Christmas present problem to be solved. And so, in highest hopes of alleviating this quandary and leaving everyone with that comfortable feeling of having selected gifts that will really be appreciated, your reporter has searched through all the alluring ads for ideas to help make shopping this year simple and speedy.

Hints For Gal Next Door

First of all, if you want to have the gal next door completely pleased with her surprise package, here are a few suggestions to put under your thinking cap.

The latest and strictly modish accessory to a sport wardrobe is a belt, wide and studded with "jewels" to set off a basic ensemble with new sparkle. If she's a "one cigarette after another" pal, how about an ample supply of matches with their packages born to have the colored covers shown off. They're to be had in a wide variety of hues, and yours is the choice of name or initial to make it really hers. Or a manicure set hidden beneath the shelter of the green boughs is always a welcome sight.

Now, a thought to decorating her bed. If she's the type who learns her three "r's" at a reclining angle, she'll love a triangular pillow, with arm rests to stave off backaches and stiff necks and arms. And, for animal lovers, the appeal of furry dogs or cats or pandas work like a charm in decorating the head of the bed.

If you want to go fancy on her, a jar of monogrammed powder puffs, sachet sets, and hoisery bags or boxes are guaranteed to lend to a special and ultra-feminine atmosphere.

And now, the man in your life. Well, if he's at his best in sport clothes, a pipe and tobacco pouch would look awfully pretty in the

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Christmas Songs, Music, Dance, Gifts, Featured At Spanish Club Party

The Spanish club meeting was held December 7 at 8:00 in the Commuters' room. Mr. Sanchez read a Christmas story by Jacinto Benavente. This was followed by the performance of a pair of traditional dances by several girls wearing colorful peasant skirts. Accompanied by Carol Paradise '48 with her guitar, the entire group sang Christmas songs and carols. The party reached a climax with the breaking of the colorfully decorated "pintata" filled with Christmas gifts which was suspended on a pulley from the gym ceiling.

Bright Christmas Decorations Lend Festivity to CC Dorms

by Clare Willard '49

"Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way!" And do those bells jingle with the good old Christmas spirit! Every member of C.C. lent a hand toward decorating her dorm, and by Saturday the festive holiday air ran rampant. Upholding the age-old tradition with holly, mistletoe and glittering Christmas trees, the dorms actually radiate the holiday gaiety. Haven't you seen each house wink its upper left window at you and say, "It isn't long now, kids. Merry Christmas!"?

Mistletoe Decoration

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to admire their Christmas finery.

Thames lounge is cheery with a fat, jolly Christmas tree, and the Thames freshmen have proudly displayed their art in little wax figures of Santa Claus, Christmas trees, and the like adorning the fire-place mantle. (Inside information: On Wednesday eve, twenty-one "lil' stockin's" will be suspended from said mantle, one stocking for each Thames dweller, in hopes that Santa will reward them for their diligent source theme labor.)

The Soph quad is resplendent in mistletoe which was, we notice, hung in time for Saturday night. Plant, Branford, and Blackstone each have spicy green Christmas trees adorned with tinsel, ornaments, and gayly colored lights. Sprays of fir boughs greet you at the dorms, and green sprays emerge from every free vase. Branford's second floor lounge is the pride of the quad, with bright green streamers tied from the center ceiling light to the side walls, red wreaths and Christmas bells on the door, and a huge "Merry Christmas" sign across the mantle.

Smith and East Festive

The dining-room of Grace Smith and East house is festive with green sprays at each of its many windows. The living-room of each house displays a brightly ornamented Christmas tree, and, in both Smith and East, a tiny white tree buried in green boughs sits merrily on the hall table.

Windham went all out for Santa's arrival, with door sprays, mistletoe, vase greeneries, red candle-wreaths, not to mention the tinsel Christmas tree and red crepe paper streamers on every available bannister.

Regardless of the Modern Dance activities going on in their spacious salon, the Knowlton freshmen have made Christmas a reality with a brightly decorated tree before the salon's huge fireplace, and the girls of Mary Harkness, in addition to their tree, have bordered the great mirror of the living-room with deep green fir branches.

Xmas Green In JA

The playroom of Jane Addams rests in a soft blue haze created by the tall, blue-lighted Christmas tree in the far right corner. Sprays of holly and green fir boughs emerge from every corner of the wide main hallway, and you can smell that Christmas tree all the way up on the fourth floor!

The Freeman gals have erected a crispy-green tree in their living-room, and have adorned the piano with a huge bowl of fresh Christmas greenery.

Christmas is really here at last! Just take a look around you. Every girl in every dorm has done something to heighten that wonderful holiday spirit. And the next time you walk by a dorm and it winks that upper left window at you, listen, and you'll hear it whisper gaily, "Merry Christmas, everybody! Merry Christmas!"

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a Fact Finding board with the power to get the necessary facts and a thirty day waiting or cooling off period in which time no changes could be made in the conditions under which men work nor could Labor call a strike in this period.

On December fifth, a bill was introduced into the House known as the Labor Fact-Finding Board Act, which incorporated in its wording the suggestions of the President.

Now what of the bill? Labor and capital both believe in free enterprise—in the freedom of both to bargain and fight for their share of the returns of industry. Any limitations of this right they will reject. This bill was not sponsored by either party, it being imposed by law. Labor objects to the limitation on its right to strike in the cooling off period. The strongest weapon in their technique of getting higher wages or better working conditions is the strike. Management doesn't want the facts of its business made public. Thus the bill has both forces fighting against it. This system has worked among railway employees, but in the first place in the Railway Act it was agreed upon by both parties before the bill was written and in the second place, you have a group of relatively highly paid, skilled workers with not too great an inclination toward the strike as a weapon.

Industry's Objection

The fact finding part of the bill is sound enough, if it is carried through in an unbiased and a thorough manner. But industry will object to this, for, as C. E. Wilson of General Motors said only the other day—"We not only will not let labor see our books, we do not allow our stockholders to see them."

Industrial peace must come as a consequence of a real desire on the part of both parties to want to get together and a real feeling that both parties are playing the game fairly and squarely. This bill doesn't hit either labor or management as filling these requirements.

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stocking—and you might drop a gentle hint as to your preference in tobacco by filling the pouch with a sample of your choice. If you want to get the practical and the handsome all wrapped up in one gift, an alligator wallet just can't miss going straight to his heart.

For the traveling man, a toilet kit and shaving accessories will make it a really merry Christmas. On the other hand, if he fits into the settled businessman type, you are bound to be on his mind all day if you present him with a pen or pen-and-pencil set. If it's jewelry you're after, cuff links and tie clip add up to a gleaming, most appealing eyeful.

Then again, a welcome home to civilian life can't be expressed in a nicer way than argyle socks or a soft, "at ease" cashmere sweater.

Gifts For Parents

Now we come to Mother and Dad. Heading the list of suggestions to erase this stumper is a Ronson table lighter, bound to enhance the living room with its silver brilliance. This shares top gift rating with a silent butler that is guaranteed to add grace to the table top. A candy dish is another idea along this line.

Mother is sure to appreciate a new set of coasters or perhaps cork mats for Sunday snack time. And while we're near the kitchen, have you seen the latest dress-up apron that really deserves being worn into the living room?

A bright new silk scarf is very likely to bring the happy gleam to

Childhood Joy And Christmas Spirit Needed

by Mary Batt '47

Christmas—the memory of it goes farthest back of all childhood reminiscences, memory that means the most, that means home and security. Christmas is all the realest things, the things that have the most profound meaning. It is a time to remember and get in touch again with all the old, half-forgotten childish joys at giving and receiving, of Christmas morning anticipation, of the excitement reaching down to your toes at first sight of the Christmas tree, of singing and snow, and cold outside with a fire indoors, of the story of Christ's birth and its deepening connotation as the years go by.

Universal Day

Christmas is a day more universal than any other in the year, no matter what the faith. It is a time for friendliness and cheer, when even Scrooges are touched by the warmth of it and say "Merry Christmas!" to the bus driver, to the little lady selling flowers in a railroad station, to the salesgirl, the milkman, and the newspaper boy, for it is the only time of year when friendliness is accepted for what it is and reaches round the world.

Gone Are the Days?

How far away most of us have traveled from the Christmas of childhood; how little we remember of the wonderful world of enchantment where Santa was king, and the tall chimney was the stairway to the stars, where Bethlehem shepherds seemed well-known friends whose happiness we shared. We've replaced those long-ago joys with sophistication that holds no brief for jolly, fat gentlemen with long, white beards, stockings at the fireplace, and a deep thankfulness for the birth we commemorate. We've lost sight of the Christmas message of hope on our gay round of parties; we catch only small snatches of it as we rush by. Let's pause this year and find it again.

Dad's eye. And another, just-a-little-different gift would be a tie and handkerchief set to bring on the holiday spirit. But if he's strictly conservative, white initialed handkerchiefs will be very well appreciated.

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Profiles ST. NICK

by June Williams '47

The subject of our profile this week is so busy and modest a man that it has been almost impossible to obtain an interview with him. In fact, he is so modest that most of us have never seen him. In spite of the infrequency of his public appearances, however, he is the friend of both faculty and students, for he works unceasingly throughout the year for our benefit. Since he contributes so much to our happiness it seems worthwhile to know him better.

He was born in a northern climate many years ago—he refuses to tell us just how many. He tells us he was an only child—a fact which might account for his great love of children now.

His hobbies are varied. Unusually deft at making things with his hands, he spends much of his leisure time through the year making toys from wood and metals and even has taken to sewing dolls' dresses. He has found this hobby so rewarding that he has acquired a staff of several helpers to put on the finishing touches and has established a workshop in the far north where the work can go on uninterrupted.

He has a large stable with modern sanitation and heating facilities. His reindeer are of the most fleet-footed strains in the world. His favorite team of seven have become famous for their record-breaking 'round-the-world dash!

Our friend is a great traveller and makes an annual trip around

the world, always during the latter part of December. He makes the trip an opportunity to drop in unexpectedly on his friends. Unfortunately he is given to late calls and often finds his hosts asleep. An idiosyncrasy of his is that he likes to travel incognito, going under several aliases such as Saint Nick, Santa Claus, and Pere Noel. His love of a practical joke is shown in the novel way he enters houses through the chimney.

"Nick," as he is affectionately called, is a jolly sort of person. When he was rejected by the draft board for being overweight he mentioned, with a twinkle in his eye, "It's certainly a relief that I don't have to exchange my favorite red suit for that drab khaki!" To give all due credit to "Nick," however, we must add that the real reason for his rejection was that his work was listed as essential. Yes, "Nick" is a merry sort of person, and his friends never think of him without a holiday spirit warming their hearts.

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Then came the candle light procession of the choir down the aisles of the auditorium. They mounted the stage and wove about among the "hills" as they sang Ave Maria. The clouds parted, and the Connecticut college Madonnà of '45 appeared in the "sky."

The choir then led the audience in the singing of O Little Town of Bethlehem. It was on this note that the pageant ended.

The annual candle light ceremony was held immediately following the pageant. The candles of Service League, International Relations club and Religious council were lighted by President Katharine Blunt.

The conclusion of the evening's activities followed on the south porch of the auditorium where students, faculty, and friends gathered with lighted candles to sing Christmas carols.

USSA

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tor of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A., and author of many books on consumers cooperatives.

The last event planned is a visit to the National Maritime union, and a talk with its head, Joe Curran, who was formerly a seaman, and is now one of the outstanding labor leaders in the country.

Sally Gold '45 is chairman of the trip, and preliminary plans have been made by Dr. Cross and Dr. Warne.

This trip is part of the program of the United States Student Assembly, an organization at American colleges and universities, which endeavors to strengthen democracy by developing among the students a social consciousness, a political awareness, and an intelligent understanding of the problems confronting the world today.

Xmas Vacation Plans Sprout Wings While Books Are Closed

by Mary Batt '47

With CC counting hours instead of days and weeks until those trains north, south, east, and west head out for home, talk of Christmas vacation plans spin as giddily as fishermen's tales when the trout are running, but in a much more glamorous vein.

Juanita Guruceta '46 is going to take to the air and chase Santa right down to Mexico for Christmas; Janet Rupert '49 and Barbara Augenblick '49 are going to hang their stockings in front of a California fireplace; and Winnie Green '49, Adele Dultz '46, and Joan Whalen '47 are hoping Donner and Blitzen will be able to navigate over Florida's grassy slopes. Sally Gold '46 is spending a week or so in Chicago, and both Ruth Katz '49 and Joan Hickey '47 are going over the border up Canada-way in search of deeper, damper snow banks to slide down.

Skating in Vermont

Joy Landon '49 plans to sprout wings one of these days before Christmas over Fair Haven, Vermont for her first solo flight, and would like to know if anyone's got a pair of oversized skis to make her sky ship snow-worthy.

The international spirit is not absent from Christmas doings: a group of twenty from USSA plans a two-day field trip to New York with Professor Hartley Cross to visit both a conservative and a liberal union, a rightist and a leftist political party, and groups interested in civil liberties and education. Jean Witman '47 has a tentative plan to go to a USSA houseparty on a farm in Newton, New Jersey after Christmas. Representatives from many colleges are attending to discuss methods of strengthening USSA chapters by arousing more campus interest.

Freshman Debuts

Three freshmen are discarding bluejeans for butterfly wings during Christmas and coming out into the bright, white light of society. Sue Starr and Jean Hurlbut

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The veto power must be eradicated. Great nations rise on the crest for an historical section, then break upon the shores of oblivion. We must establish a government that will stand above the momentary prestige and power of a nation and rest directly upon the people. The universal brotherhood of man must be established in active principles—our customs, beliefs, and outdated philosophies will follow quickly. We must build a common framework of nationality, race, and religion that will enable human beings to live together in mutual trust and respect.

Numerous dissertations have been written on the United States of Europe, but the plan itself has become antiquated before it has come into existence. The realities of an atomic age insist upon a world, not a continental unit. The implications of an atomic age must resist and overcome all obstacles.

The dreams of July became the "mists" of August. The law of evidence has shown beyond any doubt that national sovereignty brings war and disaster. The law of necessity states that a world federation is the only solution—and the time is now!

are taking their bows at the Westchester Cotillion, and Jane Smith plans to take hers in Baltimore.

Saddest Christmas of all will be Jane Cope's '47; Santa's going to have to deliver her presents at the foot of her bed, since Cope's still got a big bandage around her head from a now week-old bump, and won't be able to stick her nose out of the covers for many a day more. Note to S. Claus: A double portion down this chimney, please.

Learning to Cook

Larry Lawrence '46, eyes altarward, is looking a little beyond it into the post-honeymoon kitchen these days, and plans to dedicate Christmas to culinary art, and the mystic, mysterious realms of biscuit-making. Oh ye whose hearts are heavy laden with the chains of intellectual activity, read of this plan and take new delight in your present state. The grindstone doesn't get half as hot as a stove.

It's only twelve hours now, so close your suitcases and close your books and let your Christmas dreams have their day!

Symphony

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glect contemporary currents in his preoccupation with the great music of the past.

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There is an old story about what one does when one stands under mistletoe. From dorm appearances, it is perfectly obvious that nobody around here needs educating in the ways of this tradition. All the dorms sport surpluses of the stuff especially Freeman and Windham which have a surplus of doors and arches over which to hang the greenery.

You certainly couldn't guess that these dorms belong to those "Poor Old Seniors etc. etc. etc."

There is one copy of the Night Before Christmas available on the third floor of Freeman to any one who would like to carry on a hallowed tradition.

One senior group had their fourth and final Christmas picnic Sunday afternoon in Buck lodge with lots of food and lots of fun. The annual reading of the Night Before Christmas took place, and since the copy is obviously of no further use to members of the

class of '46, it mounts the auction block for any underclassman who could like it.

Come on, kids; something for nothing!

One heavy eyed senior groping her way down a dormitory hall met another heavy eyed senior similarly engaged in the opposite direction. True to custom they both fell to discussing how tired they were. One of them illustrated her point by murmuring, "You know, if a germ came up to me right now and smiled I'd be flat on my back for weeks!" It's a tough life.

Wedding bells will ring this Saturday for Tulah Dance ex-'47 and Major Peter Crow. Tulah's wedding is to be in beautiful West Point chapel, and will be complete with crossed swords. The Major and his Mrs. plan to give their wanderlust free rein and honeymoon in Canada, Alabama (Pete's home), and Texas ("the" state from which Tuuah sprang). After the first of the year the Crows will be at home in Arlington, Virginia in a lovely apartment tastefully decorated with panther rugs, trophies of a long forty month stretch in India.

There was a little snowman. Near Blackstone he did bide; With coal black eyes and cheery smile, To welcome Christmastide.

One sunny day he disappeared, And now we miss him so; Wont someone bring him back real soon, As soon as there's 'nuff snow.

And we breather a deep sigh When this News came out right. Merry Christmas to all; And to all a good night!

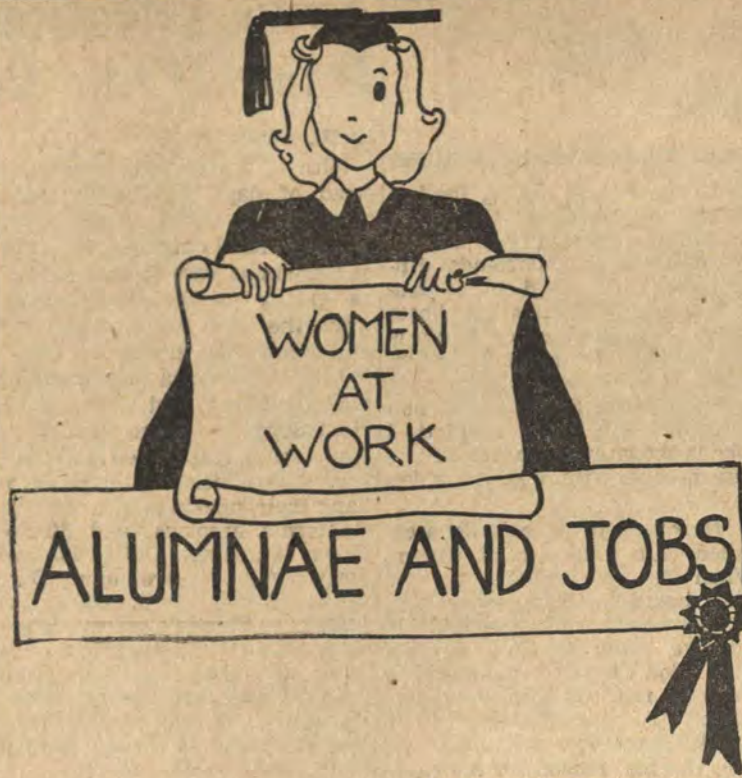
Arias of 'Messiah' Heard at Vespers' Christmas Program

The annual Christmas vespers service, held on December 9 at 7 p.m., began as the choir walked solemnly down the aisle, lighted candles in hand, and closed as they left the chapel, singing, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Two of the selections on the musical program were arias from the "Messiah," by Handel. The first was sung by Sarah Nichols '46, and the second by the Reverend Elden Mills, minister of the First Church of Christ (Congregational) of West Hartford, Connecticut, who also preached the Christmas sermon.

In his sermon, Mr. Mills pointed out that Christmas is more than a matter of Santa Claus, Christmas trees, and other superficial trappings of the season.

He said, in addition, that the true spirit of Christmas can be manifested in the humblest of men today, if they are willing to receive it. He used the following quotation from the Christmas carol, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," to illustrate his point: "Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in."



by Bobby Brengle Wristen '42

Graduates Trained In Classics Teach As Chief Vocation

Teaching has attracted more Connecticut college classics majors than any other occupation. Of the thirty-six majors who have graduated since 1919, twenty-five, or seven of every ten, have taught for longer or shorter periods in high school or college. Six have earned higher degrees.

Greek and Latin are sometimes considered the "cultural type" of major, with little direct vocational bearing; but the surprising fact is that all classics majors but one have done some kind of remunerative work after leaving college. Not all were "career women," however. Twenty-one eventually married, and many stopped working at that time.

Aside from teaching, classically-trained graduates have been successful in a good many different types of work, including business and secretarial positions,

nursery school supervision, social case work and college library cataloguing. Five are reported as having been engaged in some sort of war work, including passenger management for Pratt and Whitney and cryptanalysis for the Army Signal corps.

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but the procession has remained as a permanent addition.

The guiding spirits behind these early pageants were Professor Selden and his wife, and Miss Marguerite Hanson. With the growth of the faculty new ideas and new skills were added. In 1929 Dr. Laubenstein became a part of the faculty and brought in his interest and knowledge of music to enrich the pageant. Later Mr. Quimby introduced active choir participation, Mrs. Ray contributed choral speaking, and Miss Hartshorn added the interest of modern dance.

Recent pageants have departed from the old idea of presenting a masterpiece of art to present more modern interpretations of the Madonna theme. We have had a Mexican Madonna, a Russian Madonna, a Madonna of the Lights, and the ingenuity of the Art department seems to be capable of producing unlimited ideas and interpretations.

Students with escorts or in groups of six or more may skate in Bolleswood in the evening. "Campussed" girls may go skating during the day.

Dr. Cary Honored At Faculty Party

Dr. Esther Cary, a member of the college faculty since its opening in 1915, was honored at the faculty party in Knowlton on Saturday evening. She came to the college 30 years ago at the request of President Sykes and is the only member of the faculty to serve since the opening of the college. Dr. Gerard Jensen recalled some incidents since the early years and Miss Cary's experiences here in a short speech.

Dr. Cary attended the Sorbonne, the University of Berlin, and University of Marburg where she received her Ph.D. in 1912. She obtained a diploma from the Association Phonétique Internationale in 1910. She was an instructor in French at Wheaton and Smith college before coming to Connecticut.

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