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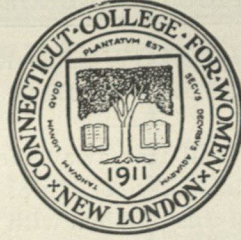
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT, DECEMBER 10, 1932

PRICE FIVE CENTS

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO BE REPRESENTATION OF PAINTING BY GIOTTO

The Christmas Pageant this year will be a representation of one of Giotto's paintings. The Madonna is one of Giotto's portraits, but the four saints have been replaced by four of Fra Angelico's Angels. In this way there will be two masters represented. Giotto was born in 1266 and died in 1366; Fra Angelico was born in 1387 and died 1455.

It was the custom in the Pre-Renaissance period when a new Florentine picture was to be unveiled for the townspeople and the court to celebrate the day as a holiday. All the people of the town would come to witness the beautiful painting. There would be a procession made up of the members of the Medici family, Bishops, the ladies of the court, the pages and other people of importance. With all this ceremony the unveiling of the painting took place.

On December 15 in the gymnasium there will be the unveiling of the Christmas Pageant and the townspeople of the Pre-Renaissance will be represented by the audience. The audience will therefore take part in the portrayal itself. The choir will march onto the stage and take its place on either side of the center. They will be followed by the procession of the Medici family and their followers.

Of course the role of the Madonna will be taken by a Senior whose identity will not be disclosed until the evening of the Pageant. The four Angels are to be portrayed by Lydia Riley, Jane Alexander, Betsy Palmer, and Paula Raymond. The members of the faculty taking part in it are Mr. Bauer, Dr. Kip, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Weld.

The Christmas Pageant has always been directed by Mr. Henry Bill Selden. Dr. Erb has charge of the musical program in the Christmas Pageant.

MISS SECHI MARRIED

Miss Leona Sechi, teacher of Italian, was married during the Thanksgiving holidays to Mr. Maurice S. Trotta of New York City.

The wedding took place on the evening of Friday, November 25th at the Hotel Pierre in New York.

Mr. Trotta will practice law in New Haven.

DR. HENRY LAWRENCE TALKS AT CONVOCATION

"One thing is certain," said Dr. Lawrence, at Convocation, November 22nd, in talking of the "Significance of the Election," "and that is that Franklin Delano Roosevelt has been elected President, and he has replaced in the presidential chair, a man who is neither a politician nor a partisan." What really is the significance of it all? Is it a popular mandate—a personal dismissal of President Hoover—a grudge against the depression—or a desire for a new political setup? Did the people vote merely for the return of prosperity—is their mandate to the successful candidate—"Be successful or die"?

If it is agreed that the latter is true, what are the criteria by which plans which will be suggested may be judged. First, they should be fair; that is all sections and interests must be served equally. Secondly, plans must be realistic not traditional. Thirdly, the plans must be courageous, not fool-hardy; they must brave honest criticism.

Whether or not Roosevelt succeeds in his plans depends on the situation. Is the time ripe for real change or only modifying changes? The situation is one of insecurity instead of inequality. There is always 1/10th of the pop-

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JR.-SR. DEBATE HELD

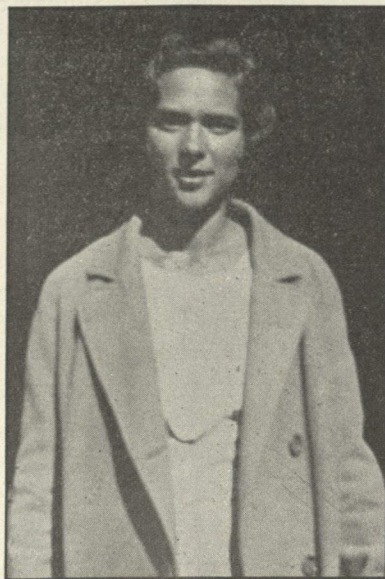
In preparation for the Oxford-Connecticut Debate which took place December 9th, the Junior and Senior debating teams held a debate last Wednesday, November 30th. Margaret Royall and Jane Griswold were the Seniors and Allison Rush and Camille Sams were the Juniors.

The Resolution was: Resolved that Socialism does not offer a remedy for the present day World crisis.

The Seniors took the negative side and the Juniors the affirmative. Dorothy Feltner acted as judge and the Seniors won the decision.

The negative side said that Socialized legislation in the capitalistic regime would offer all the benefits of Socialism and none of the evils. Socialism destroys independence, self-initiative, and decreases efficiency. It is idealistic but impractical for immediate procedure.

The affirmative side said that something was needed to cure the present evils of the world and that the present system did not work. The capitalistic system has been proved to have many faults in it. Socialism, therefore is the only reasonable means whereby the World can progress.



JOSEPHINE MERRICK

OFFICERS OF FRESHMAN CLASS CHOSEN

Jo Merrick Elected President

At the Freshman election held last week, Josephine Merrick was elected President of her class. This honor was but one more added to a record of high achievement attained before she came to Connecticut. While a member of Mt. Clair High School she was a member of an Honorary Council, and Vice-President of her Senior Class. Last year she won the state championship in the Women's Squash Racquets, and also held the Junior State Championship in tennis. She is intensely interested not only in sports but in all other activities as well.

The other officers of the Freshman class are Vice-President, Maude Rennie; Secretary, Grace Ranch; Historian, Margaret Thoman; Treasurer, Elizabeth Taylor; Auditor, Gertrude Weyhe; Sports Chairman, Dorothy Boden; Social Chairman, Patricia Burton; Decorative Chairman, Frances Haven.

PRES. BLUNT SUGGESTS CHANGE IN CURRICULUM

The reorganization of the curriculum was the topic of President Blunt's talk in Chapel on Tuesday of last week. There is a faculty committee working on proposals for reorganizing the curriculum, said President Blunt, and they are about ready to report. There is to be a Student's Curriculum committee with Betty Miller '33, as chairman, and this committee is to receive all suggestions of the student body and to report them to the faculty.

All this talk about reorganization, however, does not mean that our procedure here is entirely wrong. All over the college world this question is receiving serious thought at the present

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SIR NORMAN ANGELL SPEAKS ON EDUCATION

The cause of the present world-wide depression lies in the failure of education to equip students with a full understanding of the world in which they live. So said Sir Norman Angell, speaker on international affairs, in his address at convocation Tuesday. Enlarging upon his subject, "Education and the Social Class," Sir Norman expressed a belief that through education the worst economic diseases might be avoided.

People today have a more highly developed attitude toward the phenomena of science than of social conditions. They understand fully and accept the scientist's theories but they neither understand nor heed the proposals of the economic or financial experts toward the betterment of existing social conditions. This is not because those pertaining to the field of economics are more complicated or harder to understand for they are not. What then is the reason? It is a defect in the way the elementary schools prepare the minds of those who pass through them. As it stands, education is a charm which does not permit citizens to see self-evident facts. The common error of the public mind is to disregard what it already knows in making its decisions. European civilization has been wrecked by its failure to apply the knowledge it has acquired. Education should establish an introspective in the mind of a child and this should adequately prepare him for the problems he has to meet later.

Some difficulties could have been avoided and in the future can be avoided, but it is only our intelligence that can save us. A world of happiness and freedom is not beyond something men can gain. The obstacles preventing it are not in nature or in the ocean; they are in the minds of man, and the cure for them is hope and optimistic courage to face facts.

DRIVE RESULTS GIVEN

The results of the American Red Cross Drive, which was held on campus recently, have been announced. The total amount received from the student body was \$150.32, and the amount from the faculty was \$85.75, making a grand total of \$236.07. This included seventy-four student memberships and eighty-two faculty memberships. A total of three hundred and twenty-three students gave to the Drive. There were three houses in which 100% of the girls contributed. One house made no report.

ATTRACTIVE WAITRESSES GAY SOPHS AND SENIORS ATTEND ANNUAL HOP

The annual excitement of Sophomore Hop started off with the tea dance. The music was supplied by a Providence orchestra. The long-unused dining room in Knowlton was opened, and refreshments of coffee, tea, sandwiches, and cake were served.

And then came Sophomore Hop—that much prepared—for delight of Seniors and Sophomores. Couples glided about to the glorious music of Ted Black's famous Victor recording orchestra. A revolving spot light of various colors painted the hall in weird shades. Near the beginning of the dance there was a Grand March. The waitresses, gay in their piquant gowns of black and white, acted as hostesses. These girls were Roberta M. Becker, Patricia F. Burton, Frances Garvin, Rosemary Hunter, Margaret H. Thoman, Elizabeth M. Wallis, and Louise Wheeler.

In the receiving line were President Blunt, Dean Burdick, Dr. and Mrs. Leib, and Mary Bach and Virginia Swan with their escorts.

The committee of this most successful dance was headed by Mary W. Bach, with Hazel Depew, Doris Gilbert, Patricia MacManus, Frances Rush, Eleanor Weaver, and Hariette Webster as her aides.

M. SOUPAULT TO SPEAK AT COLLEGE AGAIN

Phillipe Soupault, French novelist, poet, and essayist, who was here last year under the auspices of the French Club, will be here again on January 12.

M. Soupault is now as well known in the United States as he is in Europe. Since last year he has been called to America four times. He has been lecturing in many universities in the East, in the South, in the Middle West, and in Canada. Before going back to Paris he is to be at Swarthmore for a month as exchange professor. In Europe M. Soupault has lectured before university audiences in Berlin, Leipzig, Prague, and Brussels, and at the Rabfac in Moscow. Last spring he won the \$1,000 prize awarded by the Strassburger Foundation for the best series of articles published in French newspapers tending to maintain and fortify cordial relations existing between France and the United States.

The subject of M. Soupault's lecture here, to be given in Knowlton Salon at 8 P. M. will be "D'Anatole France à Marcel Proust".

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EDITORIAL

TRADITIONS AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Once more the Christmas holidays are approaching, for some of us for the last time. Once more the *News* wishes to all its friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year—it is the last time some of us of the staff shall be able to do so; for that reason we express ourselves in an extra hearty wish hoping that it may reach all of our friends. As we look back upon the former years with their Christmas celebrations we regret that time must pass and we must all leave such good times, and memorable occasions behind us. Yet no matter how far we shall get away from our Alma Mater and our various connections here, we shall never forget, we hope, the Christmas spirit that pervades our campus prior to our vacation. Vacation would vitally lack something if we did not have our traditional pageant, our singing in the quadrangle, our class singing, and of course our various and sundry parties. At such a time we really feel within us the true Christmas spirit—the true religious sentiment that such an occasion should bring forth in us. We forget our petty grudges, our sorrows and disappointments, in the large, all-encompassing spirit of goodwill. We echo the wish of "Tiny Tim" that "God bless us every one!" Such should be the spirit of Christmas time; such is the spirit imbued by our traditional pre-vacation proceedings.

Traditional affairs do much to unify a student body, to maintain a proper school spirit. At Christmas time the student body is more united in feeling than at any other time. This is due a great deal to the tradition behind it. Why should this be the only time during the year that traditions unite us? Structures such as a college built without some foundation of tradition are not, cannot be as stable as those based on strong tradition. Every year we grow farther away from established customs and practices. Not that we would advocate clinging to the past in all things, but that we would advocate rather the retaining of some bonds between us and the past. What other traditions do we have beside that of Christmas time? None but Mascot Hunt, and Freshman Initiation, and those are fast being lost, year by year. As we grow farther and farther away from traditions, we shall become ever more standardized. We shall be less a college, and more an institution of learning. Our school spirit, what little there is of it, will ebb away completely and we shall have little to hold us together beyond mere intellectual interest. College should mean more than that. It has recently been suggested that we have a day similar to "Mountain Day" of Smith. The desire for this shows the awakening in us of the need for such customs here. The establishment of this annual day will be but the beginning of further traditional affairs which will tend to bind us together. But in this undertaking as in all of like nature there must be cooperation. If we can cooperate just before the holidays, why not the rest of the year? Why should not each class now establish some custom to remain for all time, to become a permanent and essential part of our college life.

PROF. HARLOW SPEAKS AT VESPERS ON DEC. 3

Who shall tear away the veils of the mystery of Life? Evidences of this problem with which men are still grappling are found on the ancient Egyptian Shrines, said Ralph Harlow of Smith College, at Vespers last Sunday evening.

Science reveals the mystery but is unable, even with all its powers, to explain it. There are three ways to attempt to answer the question. There are the "dogmatic materialists" who say, "We know the answer. There isn't anything but matter; we come from dust and return to it." This response, however, is too naive for the majority to accept. Another way to answer it is to admit that the mystery is there but it is too great even to ask for an answer. The last response is that one can find out about it in the Book.

Although Science does not offer an explanation, it does give as something on which to build—a method of searching for the truth; but as Huxley says, we must have open minds free from prejudice and ready to accept the truth when it is brought before us. Science is based on three great hypotheses; that the world of matter is a real and undisputable fact; that there is a Universal Law which they have to accept; and the rationality of Man's mind.

Religion is trying to follow the same path in searching for truth and in accepting the reality of a Spiritual Universe—the Universality of a Spiritual Law, and the Rationalization of the minds of Man in regard to religion. He that cometh of God truly believeth that He is.

DR. WELLS HAS ARTICLE IN "LONDON TIMES"

A current issue of the *London Times Literary Supplement* contains an article by Professor John Edwin Wells, chairman of the Department of English in Connecticut College, dealing with Thomas DeQuincey and the poet Wordsworth's political tract on the Convention of Cintra. Professor Wells protests against the maintenance by some recent writers of the unjust critical tradition that Wordsworth's pamphlet failed because of the Opium Eater's editorial incapacity and dilatoriness. He shows that the poet was the party at fault, DeQuincey having manifested astonishing personal patience and editorial efficiency, as Dr. Wells made clear some years ago in an elaborately detailed and documented study of the Wordsworth circle in 1809, that added an illuminating chapter to the biographies of the famous trio, Coleridge, Wordsworth, and DeQuincey.

Why do people drink intoxicating beverages? A student at the University of Wisconsin is sending out questionnaires to find out the answer. He will write a thesis on the results.—*Minnesota Daily*.

LIZZIE AND DIZZIE

Dear Dizzie:

Well, at last that business of Senior pictures is off my mind. The die is cast at last and I have fallen in the Rubicon or something like that—by which I meant metamorphically speaking that I finally made up my mind as to which of those pictures supposedly of me I could bear to have hanging in the family's best parlor. You know, I really do think though that we Seniors ought to open a rogues gallery of those cute pictures with the "come-hither" look in the eye. What say? And we could all charge admission too, for the relief of all poor starving felines in New London. Grand idea I call it, but there is no telling what some people would call it.

And speaking of pictures, were you in one of those nice group pictures? I swear I have a case of Kleig eyes now from those lights. I'm not used to being in the spotlight you know, and was it hot! Never before did I know what price a smile! No kidding, I felt sorry for the photographer, especially after the senior group picture (he was rather annoyed, eh what?) and now I see why they sent a new man for those pictures—the other one was worn out I guess.

Say the Sophomore Hop was a nice senior dance, wasn't it? I sure had a swell time, though I must say those dimmed lights were very effective in keeping the stags frustrated. All I ask of you is that you don't mention the name of waffles to me or ever offer me one or I don't know what to do, foam at the mouth probably—sometime I'll tell you that sad story, "Will you have waffles, waffles, or waffles? Anyhow it was a nice week-end, and very considerate of them not only to invite us seniors but to serve tea too, so we didn't have to get our men so much to eat that night. But oh, that reminds me of waffles again, so I'd better stop.

I'll be seeing you at the Christmas pageant—isn't that the next bright spot?—or will you be one of the angels in it? I was never much at that role, and my wings were clipped long ago—by the way, do the angels wear angel-robots? I've somehow forgotten. "Snuff for now, "Six more days 'til vacation . . ."

LIZZIE.

PRINTING EXHIBITED

In the Library this week, there is a very interesting exhibition of modern printing from the American Institute of Graphic Arts. The exhibition is made up mainly of commercial printing. Books, charts, posters, bookcovers, letterheads and Christmas cards are among the items being shown.

The exhibition is an example of the work of leading printers, designers, paper manufacturers, and advertisers throughout the country.

FREE SPEECH

(The Editors of the *News* do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions expressed in this column. In order to insure the validity of this column as an organ for the expression of honest opinion, the editor must know the names of contributors.)

Dear Editor:

We walk around campus wearing socks and we have finally attained the privilege of wearing tennis dresses and socks to tennis classes, so why must we wear black stockings for our winter sports?

Obviously there must be some sensible reasons for the socks or we would not choose to don them daily when we may dress as we choose nor would have obtained permission to dress as we do for tennis. It might be maintained that black stockings harmonize with the uniform, but after all, white socks would look equally well. These stockings do have an inconvenient habit of showing tiny holes which quickly become long runs. The discomfort caused by stockings sliding down (they always do during a basketball game) and gathering in wrinkles around the ankles, is well known. Therefore can't we be sensible in the winter too?

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Dear Editor:

The "C" bears many regulations that are not rules. Among them are those pertaining to Fire-Drills. At a recent drill in one of the larger dorms, and one that is a real fire-trap, scarcely half a dozen people did what they were supposed to do. By the time that they had gotten up the whole house could have burnt down.

This careless attitude is taken toward too many things to let it go on. There are some serious things in any community life which should be taken as seriously as they can. The saving of one's life is no light matter. In this fire-drill no one knew whether it was a fire or a drill and yet there was complete disorganization. There is no reason for any of the students not to know these rules and obey them when they are asked to.

We cannot take all things lightly and somehow there are those of us who must be made to cooperate. The few who are delegated the heads of the committees are not able to do all the work. There is no reason why a girl of college age and intelligence cannot discipline herself.

Too many awful disasters have happened and we do not want our college ever to acquire the reputation of being careless in safeguarding its students or ever to have the record of some such disaster.

Please, whenever a fire-drill or other safety measure drill takes place, cooperate and take it seriously.

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At Barnard a student may substitute attendance at an A. A. assembly for a gym class.

CLUB COLUMN

French Club

On Wednesday evening of last week the French Club held the first meeting of the season in Plant living room. An interesting informal discussion group was directed by Miss Ernst. Refreshments were served by the officers of the club.

Commuters' Club

On the evening of Wednesday, December 14, the commuters will hold their Christmas party. The commuters' rooms will gleam with vivid decorations of red and green. The merrymakers are planning to dance underneath the mistletoe, to sing gay songs, and to have a general good time.

Italian Club

Professor Riccio of Columbia University was the speaker at the last Italian Club meeting held on Tuesday, November 22nd. He spoke most interestingly on "Contemporary Italian Authors I Have Known".

Afterwards there were refreshments and a social hour.

SR. OFFICERS ELECTED

At a recent meeting of the Senior class the following elections were made:

Chairman of Commencement Week—Eleanor Jones.

Chairman of Class Gift—Elizabeth Carver.

Senior Representative on Curriculum Committee—Susan Crawford.

NEW BUREAU STARTED

Soon after the Christmas holidays you will find a colorful set-up somewhere on campus that will be our new travel bureau which has been organized to supply another student service project on our campus and to centralize and make more convenient all travel solicitation at C. C. This same service has just recently been inaugurated with much success at Mt. Holyoke, Wheaton, and Radcliffe while Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley, because of their large enrollment have for some time found this a necessary protection against the many travel representatives who besiege college campuses.

The student travel bureau will be an independent service aided by the Advisory Travel Bureau of New York City whose headquarters are in the Hotel Weston at Madison Avenue and 50th Street.



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YEATS TO BE SPEAKER AT SELDEN LECTURE

"The greatest living poet", according to Hugh Walpole, will be the sixth of the Joseph Henry Selden Memorial lecturers. He is William Butler Yeats, the Irish poet, dramatist, and political leader, who will speak here Tuesday, December 13. His subject will be The Irish Renaissance.

Mr. Yeats is the founder of the Abbey Theater, "the mother of the Little Theater movement of the world". The players from this theater are now spending thirty weeks in this country presenting Irish plays.

With George Bernard Shaw he is the founder of the Irish Academy of Letters. Among other men who are now members of this, due to their distinguished literary achievement are Eugene O'Neill, Padriac Colum, Lawrence of Arabia, and George Moore. All are Irish or of Irish descent.

Mr. Yeats was the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1923. He has also taken a prominent part in politics, as a Senator in the Irish Free State Parliament since 1922.

The Selden Memorial Lecture-ship which is bringing him here was founded in May, 1925, by Mrs. Florence Bill Selden, late of Norwich, Conn. She established the fund in memory of her husband, Mr. Joseph Henry Selden, a Congregational clergyman, who died in 1924. Professor Henry Bill Selden of Connecticut College since 1915, is their son.

Bookings on any line will be made and special attention given to individual choice of cabin location and other steamship accommodations. One or two selected tours will be advertised and backed by the organization. Bermuda trips will also be sponsored by this group although these will have independent organizers appointed by the Personnel Director.

The success of this venture depends entirely upon the support given to it by the whole college community. Students and faculty alike are requested to give it a trial and after that, we hope the service will speak for itself. Janet Townsend, the president of the Junior Class, has been chosen as

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DR. HENRY LAWRENCE TALKS AT CONVOCATION

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ulation unemployed, but from 1919-1929 technological unemployment has made the situation more terrible.

Roosevelt can choose one of two programs to remedy the situation—the first, the milder, is one for a system of social insurance, planned public works, shorter working day, raising the working age level and education for adults. The second is one of radical innovation of economic planning—coordinating production with purchasing, and control over saved capital.

Roosevelt will probably not take the latter step. He probably means to be a great moral leader. He may press his advisors to take

the executive of the Bureau. Janet will have definite office hours and all necessary information on hand. We sincerely hope by the end of January to have this project a reality.

C. C. DRESSING DOLLS

Every year just before Christmas many students purchase dolls and dress them for the Christodora Settlement House in New York City. What can be nicer than going back to the days of childhood and dressing up dolls in little caps and jackets?

This project is most worthy since it provides nearly a hundred poor little girls with a Merry Christmas. These dolls are probably all that Santa brings them and they mean a lot to them.

Not only do the students get joy out of giving but they have a lot of fun dressing them and then having the annual "doll show" a few days before vacation.

radical steps. In the field of international affairs, the hope that Roosevelt will do something lies in the fact that he must succeed or get out. An indignant bewildered electorate has rebuked Hoover for his failure.

NEW RULING MADE

In regard to a recent Free Speech concerning the congestion in the commuters' rooms it has been decided to limit the use of the rooms to commuters alone, excluding resident students. It has been difficult to maintain order, and to have sufficient ventilation in such crowded quarters, and this new rule will serve as a measure of improvement. A drive for the improvement of the commuters' room has started, and any suggestions will be gratefully received.

"Dime Dances", given weekly by a club at the University of Alabama are attracting crowds of men and girls who attend these affairs stag. The proceeds go to provide funds for a scholarship to be given to a girl student in her senior year. . . . Sort of a dancing degree, what?—Swarthmore Phoenix.



"You're telling ME they're Milder?"

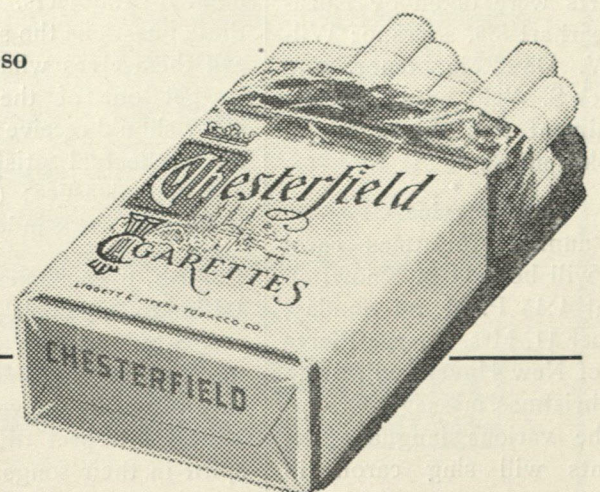
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Recital

A very enjoyable recital was presented by the Music Department on Thursday evening December 1st. The program, which consisted of piano, violin, and vocal solos, and two piano concertos, was as follows:

Mozart
Concerto, D-minor: Allegro
M. Alma Skilton '33

Hahn *Si mes vers avaient des ailes*
Vidal *Chant d'exile*
Elizabeth Burger '35

Palmgren *The Sea*
Dorothy I. Stokes '33

Mac Dowell
The Swan Bent Low to the Lily
LaForge *I Came with a Song*
Martha Johnson '33

Bizet-Rachmaninoff
Minuet (L'Arlesienne)
M. Alma Skilton '33

German
Who'll Buy My Lavender?

Woodman *Love's In My Heart*
Jean Marshall '33

Schubert
Impromptu, Op. 90, No. 2
Mary Ewing '36

Händel *Care Selve (Atalanta)*
Arditi *Waltz*
Elizabeth Gearhart '36

Troostwyk *Gavotte*
Ruth Warnelle '35

Schumann *Concerto, A-minor*
(First Movement)
Dorothy I. Stokes '33

Accompanist: M. Alma Skilton '33

Creation

The Haydn Commemoration Concert, which consisted of the oratorio *The Creation*, and took place Wednesday evening, December 7, was a very successful performance. It was interesting not only as a reminder that this year marks the one hundredth anniversary of Haydn's birth, but also because it is the beginning of an attempt to start a choral organization on campus which will give more concerts of this type in the future. The chorus, under the direction of Dr. J. Lawrence Erb, was composed of members of the choir, members of the faculty, and of visiting singers. The solo parts were taken by Elizabeth Gearhart '36, soprano; William W. De Roin, tenor, and Frederick S. Weld, bass. The accompaniment was played by M. Alma Skilton '33.

Carol Service

The annual Christmas carol service will be held in Knowlton Salon at 4:45 P. M. on Sunday, December 11. Mrs. George Pierce Baker, of New Haven, will bring a pre-Christmas message. Groups from the various language departments will sing carols in

FORMER C. C. STUDENTS

Emily Witts '34, is at the Grand Central School of Art.

Janet Ross '34, is at the Cincinnati University.

Elise "Willy" Williams, "Pat" Hoagland, and "Martie" Bray '34, are at Katherine Gibbs in New York.

Carolyn Haas '35, is at the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts.

Shirley Olmsted '34, is at the Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Eloise and Anna Hickock '35, are also at Western Reserve.

Felicia Olstyn '34, is at Cleveland College.

Frances Brown '35, is at the University of Hawaii.

Jeanette Freeman '35, is at Adelphi College on Long Island.

Helen Cooper '35, is at Penn State.

Ellen Katz '34, was married on Wednesday, November 23 in Chicago to James Loeb, Jr., a graduate of Dartmouth College in the class of 1930. After December 1 they will be at home at 535 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, Illinois.

SERVICE LEAGUE

Start of the dance, November 19
E sports piloting laughing girls
Rhythm of orchestral dance music
V varied types of whirling and gliding
I ntermissions of smoke and chatter
C haperons—Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey
E sports swamped with the stag line.
L iquid refreshments of temperance H2O
E ager girls searching partners
A loud din of music and chatter
G owns of silk or wool, velvet or satin
U ndertones of regret as music stops
E xits made a little after twelve.

PRES. BLUNT SUGGESTS CHANGE IN CURRICULUM

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time, and many changes in the curriculum are being made. Chicago and Columbia Universities are examples.

The question, however, is one for the students as well as the faculty, said President Blunt. It is up to the students to say whether they wish more or fewer requirements, more or fewer courses, to decide the apportionment of subjects. To answer these questions the students must ask themselves what they desire to get out of the curriculum. They should receive: (1) immediate intellectual satisfaction, interest, and pleasure; (2) power to think and work independently to

English, French, German, Italian, Latin, and Spanish. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this interesting service, and to hear the way in which the various nationalities interpret the Christmas spirit in their songs.

REPORTER INTERVIEWS SUZANNE STEELE

A number of weeks ago, on November 17th to be exact, I was very unexpectedly told late in the afternoon that as a representative of, and reporter from the *News* I was to attend Suzanne Steele's performance of Moliere's *School for Wives* and later interview the actress. Not at all averse to attending the recital at the invitation of those sponsoring it, nor averse to interviewing a celebrity, I gladly consented. In order to secure the greatest benefits from the performance we sat in the very first row—in that way we missed none of the fine speeches nor excellent acting.

Suzanne Steele gave an excellent interpretation of the great comedy of Moliere's. So quick were the transitions of character, so skillful the impersonations, that no one, whether or not acquainted with the play, could fail to follow the action throughout. I was especially delighted because the play has always been a favorite of mine, and I appreciated seeing it done so capably and artistically. It was my first experience at seeing one actress give an entire reading of a play, with all its characters. Yet despite the fact that Mrs. Steele was the only one present on the stage, one received the impression of an entire company of actors. The illusion was furthered by the costume of the actress: the white satin blouse with full sleeves, the long high-waisted black satin skirt were equally suitable for the role of Arnolphe, or of Agnes. She carried on conversations with imaginary people, interrupted herself, answered herself in another character—in fact carried on the whole play admirably.

Is it to be wondered that as I sat and watched this graceful, attractive actress, this finished artist that I began to feel qualms about the coming interview? I was sure that she would be very sophisticated, and blasé, and haughty. I had interviewed other celebrities, but never a temperamental actress, and I therefore began to wish I had not let myself in for it. However, I had to go through with it, so after the final curtain, I screwed up my courage, and with my friends to support me, went back stage. Imagine my surprise and delight when I discovered how wrong I had been! She greeted all of us very heartily, and warmly, and was extremely friendly. She wanted to know if we thought the train oneself to intellectual maturity; (3) preparation for activity in the world later in life, and for this a knowledge of the world today is a necessity; (4) a broad training for a job; (5) an appreciation of beauty, of natural art, of human beings, of human relations, of science.

President Blunt concluded by asking everyone to think clearly and independently about the curriculum with the above points in view.

INTER-CAMPUS CUTS

A school to teach girls how to become ideal wives has recently been opened in Tokyo. It is known as the brides school and is trying to counteract the widespread movement in Japan to bring women into the various professions.—*Miami Hurricane*.

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From *The Tomahawk*:—At Boston University's annual pole rush, the sophs were chagrined when they found they had forgotten the grease for the pole. But imagine their chagrin when they found they had also forgotten the pole on which to put the grease!

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Northeastern News relays some of the pet superstitions of the men at Stanford University: "Never wear a bow tie to an examination; never wear a clean track suit to an important meet; and take the same seat for every examination."

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The Torch of St. John's offers this choice bit: Among the things nearest and dearest to the hearts of the American populace, "We believe that the greatest water-power known to man is a woman's tears—that the greatest impediment in the speech of the American people is chewing gum—that it is on the night before examinations that the leaves begin to turn!"

CONFERENCE ATTENDED

The Women's Intercollegiate News Association will hold its annual conference December 10th, in New York. Alice Record '33, and Emily Smith '34, will represent respectively the editorial and business boards of the *News*. The headquarters of the conference will be at Barnard College. A program has been planned for the entertainment of the delegates, including formal dinners, a play, sightseeing and the like. The delegates from the various colleges will confer on current problems of the undergraduate newspaper, and discuss the various innovations carried out by different papers. There will also be outside speakers to address the conference.

performance had gone all right and was evidently much relieved when we assured her that it had. She was in an excited mood—who wouldn't be after such a wearing recital?—and hardly knew what to say or do. She was, of course, soon surrounded by friends and admirers, so that we had no real chance to interview her. We did chat for a brief while, though, and she spoke of her acting and her study abroad this past summer, and her future visits to college audiences. She was so attractive, so spontaneous, so very human, that we all immediately changed our opinions concerning the sophistication and blaséness of actresses, and left feeling as if she would no longer



Dancing Exhibition

An informal representation of the newer and freer type of dancing was given by Miss Pollock's natural dancing classes on Nov. 21, the Monday evening before Thanksgiving vacation. The exhibition was a review of all the work done this fall in the two classes. Friends of those who took part were invited to attend.

The students, wearing their colored dancing costumes, showed how the new type of dancing is self-expressive and how it shows emotion. Folding and unfolding for increased flexibility were given. Pendulum swinging forward and backward, and sideways was done to drum beats. To music, the students worked up to a climax interpreting the struggle of the slave to get free. Different groups showed the patterns they had worked out in pushing and pulling and in lifting and carrying.

Members of the classes announced each exercise and explained it.

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Informal Basketball

Informal Basketball was conducted Saturday afternoon for all students interested under the auspices of A. A. About twenty-five girls turned out and there was so much enthusiasm that informal basketball will probably scheduled as often as possible throughout the winter. Saturday afternoons will afford opportunity for all to play and freshmen are particularly urged to come out. There will be time set aside during exams as usual every day in order that students may participate in this form of recreation.

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C. C. O. C.

C. C. O. C.'s annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday afternoon, December 13 at four-thirty. It is the custom on this occasion to decorate the president's outdoor Christmas tree with cranberries and other forms of ornamentations which will also serve to feed the birds. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and it is hoped that a number of people will come out.

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A. A. Council

At A. A. council meeting, Tuesday night, December sixth the following people were put in charge of winter activities: Basketball Minna Barnet Tap Dancing

Charlotte Harberger Fundamentals Betty Lou Bozelle Natural Dancing Esther White Winter activities are to be organized very soon so that no time will be lost after the holidays.

be just a name, or an actress to any of us, but a new and reliable friend.

MACDONALD AT VESPERS

"Beauty is truth,
Truth is beauty;
All ye know,
All we need to know."

quoted Mr. Wilson MacDonald, Poet-laureate of Canada at Vespers on Sunday, November 20. Mr. MacDonald was brought up in a stern Baptist family to whom beauty was something terrible, something to be banished. He has evidently broken away from such ideas, and has woven beauty into all of his poems. MacDonald is essentially a "man of the wilderness," and turns to nature for inspiration. The majority of his poems are songs of the wilderness, of nature, expressing all his moods, from his love of sport to his conception of religion.

Wilson MacDonald read several of his poems at the Vesper service, explaining each before he read it. He began with a colorful description of Oregon, with its miles upon miles of roses, and read his lyric *Roses*. *Whist-a-Wee* was read next, a poem in two parts, one gay, the second pathetic. It is a poem that appeals most of all to "people who have lived." *The Blind Men of the Road* was a satire on the modern auto-crazy age. The next poem, *The Song of the Skii* was a vivid sketch on skii-jumping, a poem to catch at the heart of any lover of sport or nature. *The Grannies* was a quaint little sketch, in brogue, of two old Irish women whom MacDonald had observed on a street car. *The Hill Song* was a particularly lovely poem, with its musical metaphors and sweeping rhythm. Wilson MacDonald

finished his lecture with a charming poem, *Old Things*, a melodious, chanting poem of a true love of the past.

Mr. MacDonald read a few more of his poems, and related some interesting anecdotes after the Vesper service to an informal group in Knowlton. He remarked upon how difficult it is for a Canadian to win any recognition in the world of literature. He himself had his poems printed in England, and first won praise as an Englishman. He told of several amusing ruses to which he has had to resort to win recognition. He read *The Lace Makers*, a delicate lyric on the frost-lace he describes. In contrast to this

poem were two darky poems, one poignant, *Melissa's Broom*, and the other humorous, *The Song of the Dead Chicken*. Mr. MacDonald revealed his religion in a stately poem entitled *Imminence*. There were also several poems from a satire on politics, *Caw Caw Ballads*.

Mr. MacDonald showed the group some of his manuscripts, neat notebooks filled with a delicate fine handwriting, resembling engraving. Sincere, a passionate lover of nature, and of the out-of-doors, appearing slightly egoistical to those who do not know the frankness and simplicity of the Canadian, Wilson MacDonald was an extremely interesting character to have met.

PIANO RECITAL GIVEN

Prof. William Bauer attracted one of the largest and most enthusiastic audiences ever present in the college gymnasium when he gave a piano recital on November 17. Prof. Bauer has been heard many times in local concerts, but his remarkable technique and unusual range of interpretation have never been displayed to greater advantage than last Thursday.

The complete program was as follows:

Beethoven *Sonata*, Op. 57
Allegro Assai
Andante con moto
Allegro ma non troppo

Schubert-Godowski *Moment Musical*
Chopin *Two Etudes*
Op. 10, No. 7
Op. 25, No. 11
Debussy *Nocturne*, Op. 37, No. 2
Poisson d'or
Rubinstein *Etude*, Op. 23, No. 2
R. Strauss *Traumerei*
Paderewski *Crocozienne Fantastique*
Schulz-Evior *Etude pour les octaves*
Liszt *Au bord d'une source*
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It was heard said by a senior choosing her winter sport: "I would rather be floating in the water at the Y than standing on my head in the gym just before supper on a hard day."

Which reminds us that the college will probably now go into hibernation for the winter months, concentrating on such things as the most becoming way to wear gym clothes.

A certain senior just found out the other day what Reader's Guide is. All we can say is that she did nobly to struggle through freshmen source themes without its aid.

C. C. girls seem to have gone in for big head hunting during Thanksgiving. If one is to judge by the frat pins around campus. Perhaps a book could be compiled—"The Secret of our Successes".

Eggs and more eggs. Breakfast is fast becoming the event of the day. With the increased menu one has to get to breakfast early in order to get through in time for eight o'clock. Is it worth it? We'll say so!

One of the seniors in Branford had a tooth extracted and received

so much sympathy that her roommate promptly had one of hers pulled out too. Try it sometime—it never fails.

Speaking of dentistry, several seniors are cutting wisdom teeth at this point. A little late, we should think. It would be more advisable in most cases to start freshmen year.

Senior pictures were most depressing and quite a shock to one's vanity. When the agent pronounced your worst pose as "Perfectly exquisite, my dear" you were forced to come to the decision that mirrors do lie now and then.

Some girls just didn't bother to take home those sweet and simple poses which mother would be sure to love. There's no use risking having to have such atrocities made up and handed down to posterity.

Soph Hop was generally pronounced a success and judging by the orchids and other corsages floating around it must have been. The eternal triangle reared its ugly head, however. At least one man was adequately escorted by two females. And they say that no complications resulted from this unique type of team work.



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New Jersey College has some novel names for old subjects—no longer do you attend a "tea", you go to a "coffee". "Auditing" goes by the fancy name of "vagabonding". They say "vagabonding" is one of the more clever ways of acquiring some information without falling into the Scylla of necessary preparation for the Charybdis of quizzes!

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