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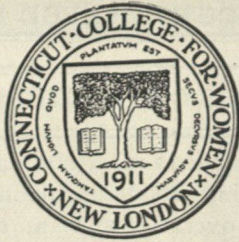
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M. PHILLIPPE SOUPAULT AGAIN COMES TO C. C.

Phillippe Soupault, French novelist, poet, and essayist, who spoke at college last spring, again addressed a large audience, in Knowlton, Thursday evening, January 12th, on the subject "From Anatole France to Marcel Proust".

M. Soupault showed the way in which Anatole France and other writers of his time have lost their popularity and have been replaced by the three great modern writers, Andre Gide, Marcel Proust, and Paul Valéry. The change, he said, is due to the change in the French people whose attitudes and tastes are different from what they were a generation ago. The war and the economic difficulties following it have caused these changes. In his discussion of the three contemporary writers, M. Soupault said that it is necessary to know something of their lives to appreciate their work. He showed the way in which Proust's life has influenced his clear pictures of humanity in his work, how Gide's work illustrates this author's belief in sincerity in one's art as well as in life, and how Valéry's criticism is a cruel one. M. Soupault knows these writers personally and he used some illustrations from his experience.

M. Soupault came under the auspices of the French Club and was introduced by Barbara Mundy, President of the club. Preceding the lecture, about 20 students and faculty members met him at coffee in Knowlton Hall.

HILARITY REIGNS AT "YE SINGING SCHOOLE"

Ye Olde Singing Schoole was described as being "one laugh from start to finish," and certainly there weren't any sober faces among the audience. Aside from providing an evening of hilarious entertainment, Music Club succeeded in bringing together a large number of people who thoroughly enjoyed singing, and who appreciated the efforts of the "guest artists". The amazing costumes, and the singing of old songs contributed to the "Gay Nineties" spirit, and did away with any college dignity. Even the seniors forgot that this was 1933 and discarded their caps and gowns for garments of an earlier day. The artists interpreted their favorite songs with enthusiasm, winning lusty applause, and clamors for autographs, from the audience. A successful innovation of this sort should receive encouragement as well as approbation from the entire college.

CAST SELECTED FOR GLEE CLUB PRODUCTION

On February twenty-fifth, during Alumni week-end, the Glee Club will present *The Pirates of Penzance*, under the direction of Mr. Frederick S. Weld. Although some minor changes may be made, the cast has been announced as follows:

Richard, a pirate king
Dorothy Boomer
Samuel, his lieutenant
Elsie De Flong
Frederic, his apprentice
Priscilla Sawtelle
Major General Stanley
Helen Wood
Edward, Sergeant of Police
Ruth Ferree
Mabel, Gen. Stanley's youngest daughterAllison Rush
Daughters of Gen. Stanley
EdithElizabeth Burger
KateWinifred Burroughs
IsabelSerena Blodgett
Ruth, a piratical maid of all work
Martha Johnson
Policemen: Epstein, Garver, Mundy, Stevenson, Stokes, Lambert, Prendergast, Riley, Stockman, Waghorn, Gearhart, A. Jones, Kenna, Winter.
Pirates: Buchstane, Husted, Peasley, White, Bogart, Townsend, Dutch, H. Jones, Pond, F. Rush, Dorman, Ganett, Harris, McGuire, Pretzfeld, Sanford, Skaling, Stark, M. Waterman.
Daughters: Keating, Langhammer, Marshall, Schlosberg, Bard, Casset, Nichols, Sams, Beam, Cheney, Hadsell, Amos, Churchman, Deming, Randall, Richardson, Thompson.

ANNOUNCE DELEGATES FOR MODEL LEAGUE

The official delegates for the Model League of Nations Assembly, which will take place March 9, 10, and 11 at Smith College, have been announced as follows:

Iraq: Margaret Mills '33, chairman on Economic Committee; and Edith Richman '34. Natalie Ide '33, chairman on Political Committee; Elsie Randall '36. Betty Overton '33, chairman on Disarmament Committee; Betsy Turner '34.

Turkey: Alice Kelly '33, chairman on Disarmament Committee; Mary Seabury '34. Barbara Meaker '34, chairman on Political Committee; Amy McNutt '36. Jean Pennock '33, chairman on Economic Committee; Ruth Fordyce '35.

Margaret Mills and Alice Kelly are head of their respective delegations. A great many capable people showed their interest in going to the Assembly, and it is hoped that all those who express-

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CONN. TO COMMENCE DISARMAMENT DRIVE

Alumna Urges College
To Cooperate

Just before Christmas a letter was received from Mary Louise Berg, a Connecticut graduate of the class of 1929 who is now with the Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organizations at Geneva. This letter was a plea from the women who are giving their time and talents to the work of disarmament for funds to continue with their job.

The biggest expense and the most important is that of disseminating information to the world at large. If outside help does not appear soon their office will have to be closed. So a call has been sent out to all of those interested in international peace to come to their aid. Miss Woolley began the drive at Mt. Holyoke, Vassar, and Wellesley, and now Connecticut is starting her drive and she wants to be the first to put in a report as well as the first college to have a hundred per cent quota.

Those who were in chapel last Thursday heard a brief outline of the plan: A postal card, showing a picture of the room containing the twelve million petitions presented last year, is to be sold for five cents apiece. If each student will buy at least one card there will be a 100% return. One girl in each house will be appointed to see that everyone buys

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STUDENTS JOIN L. I. D.

More than thirty students from Connecticut College have joined the League for Industrial Democracy, which is a national organization for economic measures. A committee, composed of Alice Taylor, student representative, Jane Griswold, Barbara Meaker, Jane Trace, and Ruth Brooks, has been chosen to elect the officers of the organization of campus. Those interested in socialism, or in measures of economic importance, are urged to join this organization.

DR. WELLS PUBLISHES A NEW BOOK

The Fifth Supplement to a Manual of the Writings in Middle English, by Dr. John Edwin Wells, has just been published under the auspices of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences by the Yale University Press, for America, and the Oxford University Press, for other countries.

Welcomed on its first publication in 1916 as "an indispensable work of reference," "executed with amazing industry, conscient-

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ILLUSTRATED LECTURE OF CRUISE GIVEN

To the students at all travel-minded, Mr. MacDonald's illustrated lecture of the Odyssey Cruise, Tuesday afternoon, was most stimulating. The moving pictures gave a very graphic idea of the beauty of the Dalmatian coast, and of the interesting experiences of the group who went on this trip. There were lovely views of the ancient Acropolis, and of Greek sculpture; there were picturesque glimpses of the side trips; and there were amusing pictures of daily life on board the ship.

Mr. MacDonald related several amusing episodes that occurred during the cruise. He was very anxious to take moving pictures of the monasteries at Mount Athos, that mysterious spot where no women are allowed to go. There is a strict rule, however, that no pictures are to be taken of the place. Mr. MacDonald bribed the Abbot somehow, and was allowed to make movies there. The Abbot explained to the monks that these men were great students of Byzantine art, and that a few pictures were to be made for use in a theological seminary. Another interesting bit in connection with this trip was that some of the passengers swam the Hellespont. Before the adventurers were allowed to attempt the feat they were required to take a test of swimming five times around the ship. To swim the Hellespont successfully one should not take more than an hour and a half, as the strong tides will carry the swimmer back. Richard Haliburton wrote that it took him five hours to do it, but MacDonald said this could not have been true. One of the passengers, a college girl, made the swim in forty-seven minutes.

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MR. BLANSHARD SPEAKS ON RACKETEERING

"Racketeering—Both High and Low" was the subject of the talk given by Mr. Paul Blanshard of the League for Industrial Democracy on Tuesday afternoon in Fanning Hall. Mr. Blanshard, who is director of the City Affairs Committee of New York City, on Monday evening opened the series of lectures in New London which is being sponsored by the New London League for Industrial Democracy Committee.

Lower racketeering, he explained, meant that which used violence or force. Higher racketeering is that which was carried on within the law. By racketeering he meant any scheme whereby human parasites live on other people by means of terrorism, manipulation, and violence.

Men who go into racketeering in the lower sense are sometimes morons, but are more often sub-normal business men—operating below the law, in outlawed businesses, in communities where they are wanted, said Mr. Blanshard. The basis of racketeering is economic, and not psychiatric. A young boy finds that he hasn't a job. He looks around and finds that those men who are working every day have been plugging all their lives, and have not got very far. On the other hand, he sees the gangster ride by in a beautiful car, with all the evidence of wealth, right beneath the policeman's nose. Is it any wonder he turns to crime?

Such racketeering cannot go on without dovetailing with political power. Consequently, the racketeers simply buy out the city government—as in the case of Chicago. In the case of New York, the gangs work only at election time.

This lower strata of racketeering
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PRESIDENT BLUNT SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

President Blunt stressed three points in her talk at Chapel Tuesday. Recently there have been three fires in off-campus houses. At least one of these was caused by carelessness. Although none of the fires was very serious, danger threatened for a while. The need of fire drills every month is plainly seen.

The influenza situation is being taken care of, Doctor Blunt said. The cases are light and are not increasing in number. In the absence of Doctor Scoville, who has been a victim of the epidemic, Doctor Benedict will be at the Infirmary for a while every day. President Blunt stated the case of one student who remained in her room with the flu instead of going to the Infirmary, thereby

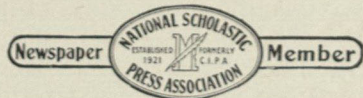
spreading germs throughout her dormitory. As the disease is so contagious, everyone is asked to take the necessary precautions against it.

The last point mentioned was about the Convocation speaker for next Tuesday. Mrs. Lillian Gilbreth is well known in two lines of activity. She is an engineer by profession and an efficiency expert in industrial management. Her other occupation is a home manager. She has eleven children and has written an interesting book, entitled *Living With Your Children*. Mrs. Gilbreth has recently been on President Hoover's commission on unemployment. Her talk on "Techniques of Success" will undoubtedly be presented vividly.

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EDITORIAL

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION - - -

We needed a jolt to make us think more seriously about smoking regulations and fire drills, and we have had three of them within a week. Two out of the three fires were the result of carelessness and violation of the rules. Although none of them were serious, they have given us an inkling as to what might happen. We need to take to heart the preventive measures, to think of rules and drills as safeguards rather than as caprices of a hardhearted government. We stand on the outskirts of an episode, thinking lightly that we would never be so careless, or so foolish, yet how do we know when the same thing may happen to us? Do we know what we would do if there was a serious fire? The majority of us would probably go mob-crazy and behave like idiots, with never a thought for safety and orderliness. We cannot seem to realize that each and every one of us should profit by the experience of others, and should make himself responsible for the safety of his fellows.

Connecticut College has a reputation for liberal rules, particularly in regard to smoking. Are we going to abuse this privilege and give our college a bad name? Or are we going to show the outsiders that liberal smoking rules can be made effective without stirring up antagonistic public opinion? It is totally in our power to make or lose our chances for lenient rules. If we can be trusted, liberality will succeed; if not, we must expect and accept severity. With the living rooms open for smoking, it seems hardly fair to smoke surreptitiously in forbidden rooms, endangering the safety of all concerned. One warning should suffice.

Closely connected with the smoking regulations are the fire drills. Most of us take these midnight outpourings very disagreeably, or else too humorously. Because we consider it merely a fire drill we think nothing of cavorting down the fire escape in thin slippers and silk kimono, gaily clutching as our most valuable possession the first thing we happened to see. Nor would we be troubled at leaving our windows open and the light off. Should it be a real fire, it would not be so funny to have forgotten the thick shoes and heavy coat. Everything would be much more complicated than is necessary.

We owe it to the college to keep its name and reputation fine, and unspotted by ugly stories of dangerous leniency. We also owe it to each other to safeguard the dormitories, and to take the fire drills in the proper spirit. We have had our jolt, so let's not sink back into our general apathetic attitude toward regulations.

CAMPUS CHARACTERS

Perhaps she is most familiar to us as going about in paint-be-smeared overalls and a tipsy beret, lugging a great paint box under one arm, and a sheaf of canvas-boards under the other. Or maybe you know her back stage, surrounded with great buckets of gold dust and banana oil, slapping a drop vigorously and skillfully. She is small, with a shock of cropped dark hair, a twinkling face, and a cheery "Hi" for everyone who passes. Those who have ever discussed her favorite topic, her ambition, in fact, her very life, with her, realize what a wealth of interest is there. Art, to this small person, is never spelt with anything but a capital "A".

SERVICE LEAGUE HELD

Although exams are just around the corner and two additions have been made to the infirmary, Service League Dance Saturday brought out the largest crowd that has yet attended one.

A few years ago Informal dances caused little excitement. Times have certainly changed when one finds Knowlton crowded, plenty of "smooth" men who can really dance, and a peppy orchestra. Was it Guy Lombardo or actually the Wesleyan Sere-naders who played?

"Night and Day" seemed to be the favorite piece and blended well with the costumes, which ran all the way from sport's dresses to very formal tea-dance frocks.

If Mid-Winter Formal grows as rapidly as Service Leagues, Connecticut will need a new "ball-room".

ART COLUMN

There were artful doings in the Art Room on Wednesday night. Members came equipped with several bars of soap and useful bits of sticks. And little bright hunks of clay looked as though they could be moulded into almost anything.

A few tried their skill at reproducing attractive facial features in the snowy cakes of Ivory. Was it a little Scotch Terrier that you wanted to put on your desk? Or do you prefer little Teddy Bears? With the wide variety of animals that were modeled, I'm sure that you would have seen your choicest pet.

The Art Club made a jolly evening for everyone who came. Most people were surprised at the things they modeled, thinking that it was a good deal more difficult than it really was. However, modeling in soap or in clay does involve a technique of its own. The next time the Art Club holds a Modeler's meeting, and we all hope that it will be soon, perhaps some of that technique will be acquired.

The *Beanpot* says: "Girls are like final examinations—they keep a fellow up all night worrying about them, and then ask the most foolish questions!"

LIZZIE AND DIZZIE

Dear Dizzie:

Did you ever try writing your personal correspondence to the tune of "Coming Through the Rye"? Well, take my advice, and don't, for you'll find yourself making just bushels of mistakes, and getting into pecks of troubles, for you simply won't be able to concentrate and what you finally grind out won't have a grain of sense in it. Static on the radio is bad, but I think the old-fashioned variety beats it by a long shot, or should I say by a good measure or two? On consideration, I might come out flat, and say, without being too sharp, that despite its discords it was rather worth noting. Oh for the good old days when men were men and women bustled around and everyone sang off key and nobody cared!

I am still bemoaning the fact that I lost my big chance the other day—riding on a fire truck I mean. Golly, the one big ambition in my life and I had to miss it! When again will the good ole fire brigade be here to brighten our lives and dampen our ardour? To think that Opportunity knocked and I was too preoccupied to give a rap. Such is life, or so they say. Honest, though I am all for starting a fire company of our own—not one to start fires but to put them out in case anyone else gets all heated up about studying. Doncha think it would be cute to wear red hats, and white hose? And maybe just for protection those nice black rayon bathing suits would do to wear under the ski suits. Suit me anyhow.

I understand that a germ of some sort flu into the college infirmary the other day. Wouldn't that gripe you though? Just gives me cold chills and a fever to think of it.

Hoping you are the same,
LIZZIE.

HOW IT HAPPENED

Reading Period

The privilege of having a reading period was begun in 1930 when Caroline Bradley, as President of Student Government, submitted a petition to the faculty who consented on the condition that it would not be regarded as a vacation. This possibility was eliminated by the ruling that neither of the nights during the reading period might be taken away from school. Since then, a similar petition has been submitted just before mid-years and finals each year and been agreed to with that same condition. The students have found the period so satisfactory that this year a petition providing for its permanent institution was submitted and agreed to. Thus as long as the faculty deem it wise, the college will have the two-day interval before examinations.

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:

So many people around me have expressed this opinion, I felt the urge to put it into print. The opinion is this: that too many townspeople come to our lectures, concerts, and plays, and occupy all the seats while we, the college students for whom the performance is primarily given, must stand up, or seat on the floor. This is unjust; townspeople should not be invited, for we are the ones to be considered.

I, too, have sat on the floor at a lecture. I have stood at a play, and felt the injustice of the arrangement. I felt that something should be done. But, on second thought about the matter, what can be done?

We cannot say that townspeople are unwelcome at our affairs. This would be ingratitude. We have gone to them with our problems and, always, with the interest of the college at heart, they have willingly responded. They are interested in the affairs of the college, they enjoy the same things we enjoy. We must invite them to our functions. The gymnasium is small, but perhaps some day we shall have an auditorium which will accommodate all comfortably. In the meantime we must cheerfully suffer the growing pains of the college. '33.

VESPERS

"There are many interpretations of that well known story of the Good Samaritan," said Dean Shailer Mathews, of Chicago University, at Vespers. Many people have allegorized this parable, but to the thoughtful person its true meaning is not hidden. It deals with the exhibition of absolute details.

Religion, continued Dean Mathews, is only a technique of being nearer to God. Jesus' teachings imply that Love is the way man actually approaches God. The word "Love" does not include the idea of affection, but rather of brotherliness. It is, in a high moral sense, the treating of other people as persons. Those people who attempt to treat human life on a higher plane find it unceasingly difficult and discouraging, yet in the light of Jesus' teachings, anyone who lives thus, lives in the eyes of God. Few of us realize what we are saying when we repeat the Lord's Prayer. It is a tremendously moral thing to ask God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us." In saying this, we are laying ourselves open to the severest criticism and to withstand this we cannot be other than neighborly.

The entrance requirements at El Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt, includes the memorizing of the Koran, the Mohammedan Bible. The recitation takes three days! What a waste of effort!

ANNOUNCE DELEGATES FOR MODEL LEAGUE

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ed a desire to attend officially, and were not chosen, will attend in an unofficial capacity. Work will begin immediately after exams.

CONNECTICUT TO COMMENCE DISARMAMENT DRIVE

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a card. The News will publish the list of the houses to first turn in a 100% report.

A free moving-picture entitled "Must War Go On", sponsored by Service League, is to be shown here on Wednesday, February 8th. After the picture cards will be sold and the sale will continue until the following Tuesday.

It is poignantly up to every single member of this college to

show that she is an enlightened, educated, and responsible person by responding to this call and doing her tiny bit to further international peace.

DR. WELLS PUBLISHES A NEW BOOK

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tiousness, impartiality, learning and intelligence", the Manuel immediately took rank as the standard encyclopedia and bibliography for all writings in English from single lines to the longest work, between 1050 and 1400. It is the recognized basis for any consideration of the literature of the period covered and for all graduate work in Middle English in universities throughout the world.

Through its various printings

and its five supplements, published triennially, it has been steadily kept abreast of new investigations, its 1450 large octavo pages presenting an exhaustive summary of the features in history of each writing of the period and of the problems and judgments concerned with it, and offering the complete bibliography of all texts, additions, notes and criticisms of any sort that have ever been published. The present volume brings the material down to July, 1932.

In his preface Dr. Wells indicates the progress made on his companion work, *The Fifteenth Century Writings in English*, for which scholars have been waiting anxiously and toward the completion of which adequate fi-

nancial aid is hoped for in the near future.

MR. BLANSHARD SPEAKS ON RACKETEERING

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ing however, is only a rough counterpart of what goes on above the level of the law. One need only to think of the Teapot Dome scandal and its results, the operations of the stock market and the large corporations and of the advertising to know this is true.

There are symptoms of sickness in our society, concluded Mr. Blanshard, because the country is living on a philosophy of an outworn civilization. In government a new civic consciousness needs to be developed—an interest in local government

needs to be fostered. In the business field, there needs to be such a readjustment as to insure that the person who earns the money shall receive it, and those who receive it shall earn it.

Confronted with the facts which Mr. Blanshard presented, everyone should be impressed by the evils of the present day politics and business, and should be stimulated to do something to change the present system.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE OF CRUISE GIVEN

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the record for this cruise.

Those students interested in this cruise should go for information to Janet Townsend, who is in charge of the college trip.

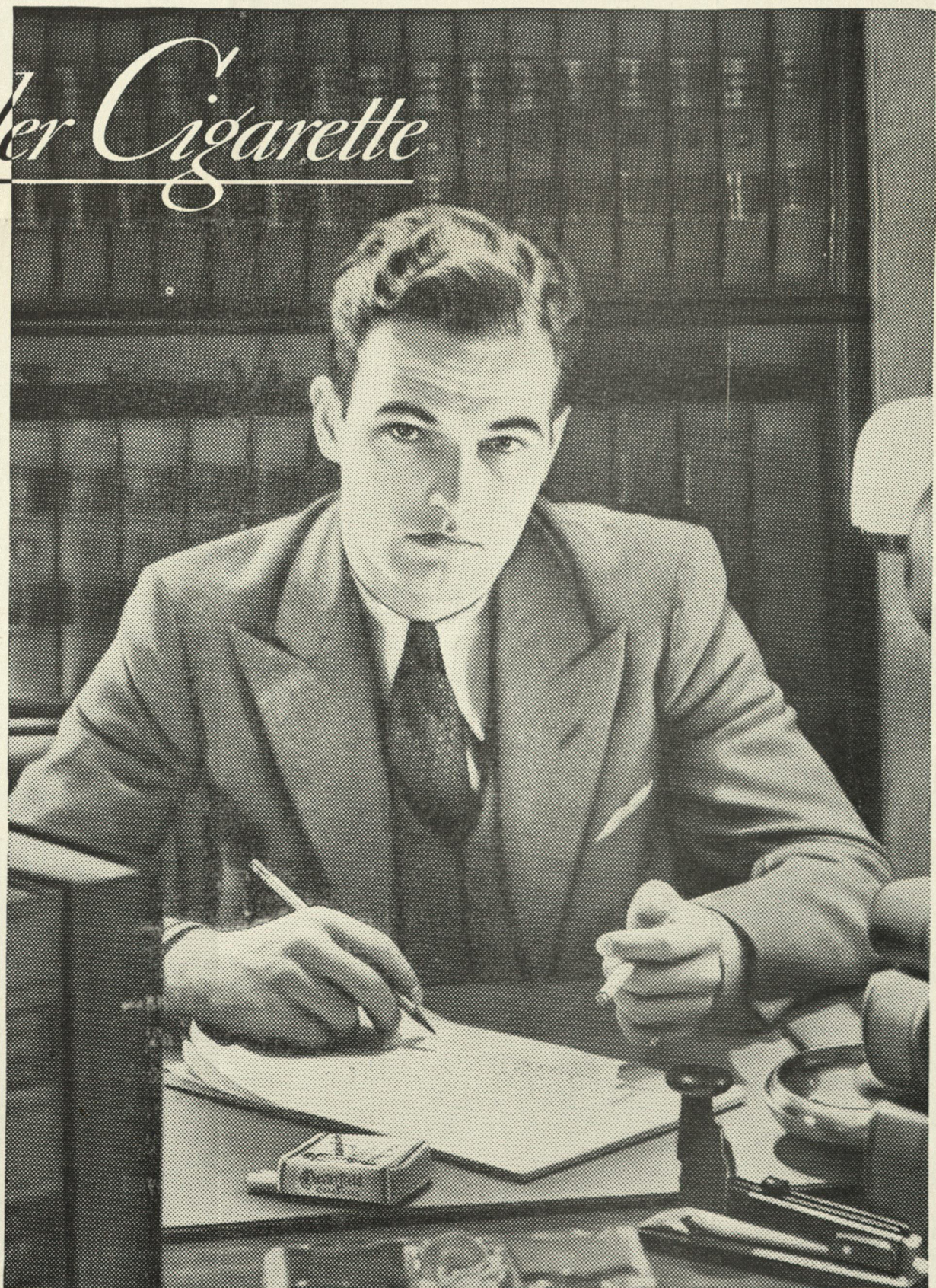
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Typical of a certain faculty member: "Let's not take a dozen. Let's take twelve."

The Applied Psych class seems to be running up and down its family tree. It's alright as long as you don't discover any insanity or anything. But then, one might even find an explanation for such things as that E received last semester.

They do strange things in that class. For instance, you have an opportunity to show what good pals you are with Emily Post. And can you ever give a demonstration of your knowledge of American slang?

A C. C. volunteer Fire Dept. might well be instigated or at least a course in fire fighting offered. It's hard to tell what will go up in flames next.

The cause of the Mosier fire was given as "instantaneous combustion". Smart guy, this instantaneous combustion.

We are amazed at Mr. Barry's versatility. It seems that operating fire extinguishers is just another of his parlor tricks. And in passing around the bouquets we mustn't forget the bucket brigade from Dartmouth—the most efficient wardrobe rescuers seen in years.

It was hard to choose between dinner and the joy of seeing

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North reduced to ashes, but in a great many cases the decision was in favor of North. At any rate pandemonium reigned in Thames much to the distraction of the waitresses.

One of the seniors in her haste to get to breakfast on time the other morning dashed out of the dorm half asleep and before she knew it found herself at New London Hall. The absent minded profs haven't anything on some of their pupils.

We might add that the next morning this senior was called for and escorted to breakfast by a committee of eight interested in her welfare.

The student body seems to be in favor of not waiting for snow to burst forth in ski suits. They are being worn this season regardless of weather conditions.

The Elegant Eighties and the Naughty Nineties figured largely in Ye Olde Singing School. All the old tear jerkers were featured

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A certain member of the faculty seems to have rather a murky knowledge of piscatorial matters. She fails to differentiate between the rays of the star fish and the rays of the sun fish, and uses the two terms indiscriminately. Rather hard on the fish to lose their individuality.

CORRECTION

The News wishes to correct errors made in last week's issue in the article, "Connecticut Does Its Bit". \$785 has been contributed to aid the unemployed, not \$340 as was stated. Even more has been promised. But eleven men and not eighteen (as was said) have been given temporary work. \$462 has been spent already.

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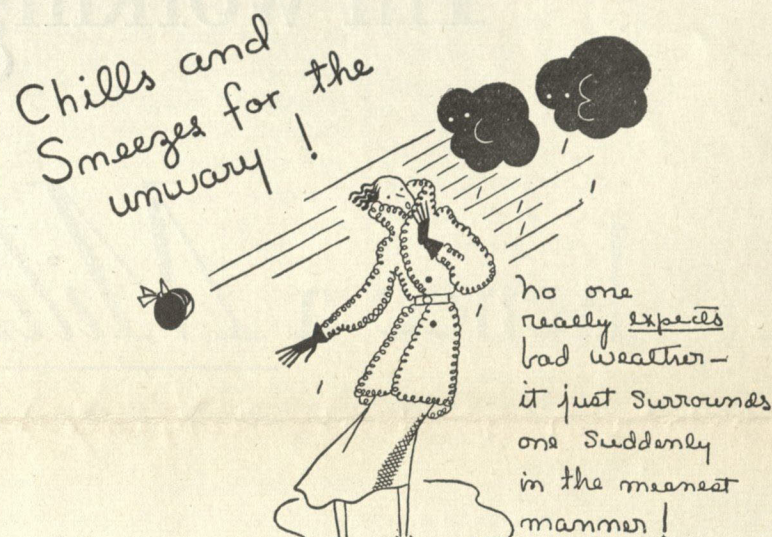
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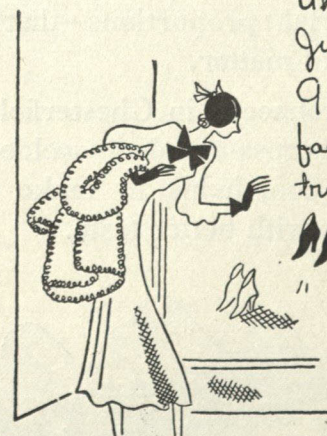


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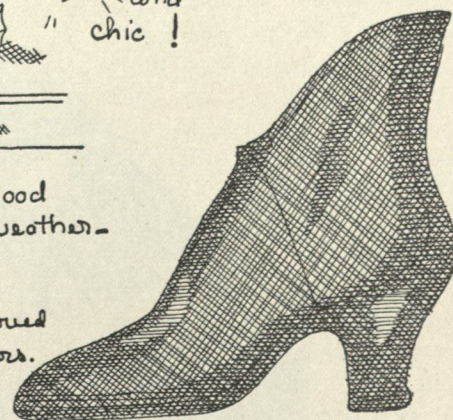


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