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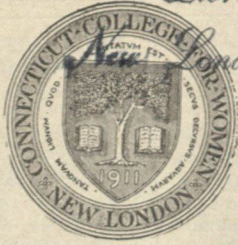
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## ANNUAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD

### Minuet and Clog Dance Features

The Washington's Birthday party, given by the College on Saturday, February 23, was the one occasion of Alumnae week-end when the students could see and meet all the Alumnae who came back. Since this was the annual real "college" party, everyone made the most of her opportunity to dance with friends on campus, and to talk over old times and new with Alumnae.

A special entertainment was received enthusiastically—a Minuet, danced in old-fashioned costume by Gertrude Smith, Jeanette Le Marche, Elizabeth Riley, Mary K. Bell, Margaret Cook, and Edna Whitehead, and a clog dance, executed in real professional style by Adelaide Asadorian and Ann Collins, dressed in white blouses and green velvet trousers. The refreshments, Washington's Birthday ice cream with cherries, and cakes, were appropriate for the occasion. While they were being served, the class of '28 gathered on the staircase and sang, bringing back memories of a year ago at C. C. with songs to their sister class, and their own Mascot song. The whole party was a fitting close for the week-end.

## POPULAR PIANIST TO GIVE RECITAL

### Josef Lhevinne Here March 6th

No scenes of enthusiasm aroused by a pianist within many years have equalled those of Josef Lhevinne's recent New York appearances. Vast audiences have prolonged his programs by encores, and then demanded him again and again in extra pieces until a second concert of thirty minutes or more had succeeded the first one.

Rare enthusiasm has been evinced in the New York reviews regarding Lhevinne's performances. The *Sun* declared him, "One of the chosen circle of foremost pianists of his time," paying tribute to "a performance lovely in its chiselled perfection"; in the *New York Herald-Tribune* there was mention of "his apparently effortless technique," and the statement that he was "applauded with fervor," and, "had been recalled many times," adding of interpretations, "his most telling effect gave the impression of wonderful silverpoint etchings."

Mr. Lhevinne appears at Bulkeley Auditorium on Wednesday evening, March 6, in the final concert of the current season College Series. This opportunity to hear him will be of interest to all lovers of the best in the art of music and the space in the auditorium will be taxed to its utmost capacity.

## Portrait of Professor Holmes Unveiled By Former Pupil

At the luncheon held for returning alumnae and friends of the college in Holmes Hall Saturday noon the portrait of Dr. Mary Elisabeth Holmes was unveiled and presented by Esther Lord Batchelder '19, in the place of Miss Evelyn Holmes who was too ill to be present. Miss Esther Batchelder who majored in chemis-

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## Telegrams Friendly Rather Than Sentimental Statistics Reveal

"No" says the manager of a local telegraph office, "You'll find this generation isn't as sentimental in telegraphing as the ones before. There's more of the friendly element in the present-day dispatches from men's and women's colleges than before.

What part the telegram plays in the college student's education can easily be seen by a comparison of statistics. In every community, the telegraph office expects an annual expenditure of one dollar per person. According to that, the students of Connecticut should send one hundred wires a month. Contrary to all expectations, and in the face of a much higher rate of dispatches from Smith, Wellesley and Vassar, Connecticut girls send very few wires. Although the telegraph business from the college during

the week preceding a dance increases 80%, there's no marked difference in the number after mid-year reports come out, in spite of all the worried faces on the campus.

Even such sentimentally marked days as Valentine's, Mother's and Thanksgiving, call for no particular use of the specially headed telegraph blanks in New London. Yet at Smith, Wellesley and particularly at Yale and Harvard, 75% of the student body sends messages.

At Connecticut, most wires are concerned with invitations to football games and messages to home and mother. In the beginning of the year, few messages are sent from here, but after Xmas the number increases about 40%.

## "Seeing Jesus"

### Topic of Vesper Service

The speaker at Vespers on Sunday was the Rev. Hugh A. Moran, the Presbyterian student pastor at the University of Cornell. Taking his text from the scripture lesson, John 12:19-50, Mr. Moran spoke first of the Greeks who expressed the wish to see Jesus, and then of the significance of the desire to see Jesus in our own day. After sketching the sights that we would probably have seen had we gone with those Greeks to the Passover gathering in Jerusalem, the speaker turned to the question of what we mean now when we speak of "seeing Jesus."

Spiritual matters, Mr. Moran said, are to be spiritually discerned. So we may turn to Jesus' own words for a spiritual interpretation of the meaning of this phrase. "He who has seen me," Jesus said, "has seen God." Therefore, asking to see Jesus is asking for man's divine prerogative. But what does Jesus say further? That suffering, self-denial, and death are necessary for renewed and larger life; that men must lose themselves for the common good; that they must follow him in the way of sacrificial service.

During the past few years, Mr. Moran has been making an intensive study of the lives of the sixty-three Americans in the Hall of Fame, and his findings are of peculiar interest. Less than twenty per cent. of American homes, he said, are distinctly religious. Up to 1,800 less than ten per cent. of the American people were members of any church. But of those in the Hall of Fame, sixty per cent. were church members. Of the sixty-three men and women considered, the fathers of thirty-two were of the Puritan faith. Forty-two of these men and women themselves were believers in and practitioners of prayer, and only three definitely professed themselves not to believe in it. In the eyes of Mr. Moran, then, Jesus of Nazareth is the golden thread binding all these lives together.

In conclusion, Mr. Moran declared that it is only as we see a world to be made over according to the mind of Jesus, that we can really see him.

## Glee Club Concert Opens Alumnae Week-end

### Dr. Erb's Composition Well Received

Alumnae week-end was formally opened Friday evening in the gymnasium, when the Glee Club gave its annual concert. Although it began only fairly well, as the program progressed it seemed more finished and reached a point of excellence in Elgar's "Fly, Singing Bird", which it maintained throughout the following selections.

The composition of Dr. Lawrence Erb, "Serenade", was one of the most enthusiastically received numbers of the evening and received much sincere applause. It was beautifully written and well sung, bringing laurels to both Dr. Erb and the Glee Club under Mr. Welde.

Among the special features of the program was an alto solo, "Joy of the Morning", that Beth Houston '29 of New London, sang with superb ease and grace. A quartet consisting of Edna Whitehead '30, of Hartford, first soprano; Katherine Warren '32, of Swarthmore, Pa., second soprano; Beth Houston '29, of New London, first alto, and Madeline Bartlett '29, of Waterbury, second alto, sang "The Skippers of St. Ives", by Roeckel-Smith, "Timothy", by Moffat, and "Ole Uncle Moon" by Scott, exceedingly well. It was the latter piece that roused most interest in that group and seemed the particular favorite of the three.

## MANY STATES REPRESENTED IN APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

### New York Leads

Applications for admission to the class which will enter Connecticut College in the fall of 1929 are coming in just now from all over the country. An analysis of the list of those who have already applied discloses that 27 states are represented, and the further surprising fact that the largest number of applicants live in New York State. For the first time another state outdistances Connecticut in the number of applicants. This may be due to the fact that

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## STRANGE SIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES REVEALED BY WILLIAM L. FINLEY

### C. C. Embarks for Cruise In Alaskan Waters

All who attended convocation, February 26, 1929, embarked on the good ship *Westward* for a cruise in the Alaskan Waters under the guidance of William L. Finley, naturalist, writer, and lecturer. The expedition, which is known as the Bering Sea Expedition, takes us to a land which is abundant with the wonders of nature. As we proceed on our way, we meet gulls who flock the streams, and contest with each other for the top of the flag-pole as a desirable resting place.

Sometimes we desire to go up rivers and in that case our small boats or dories are very handy. There are also rubber boats which, when not filled with air and ready for use, are carried about on our shoulders. We stop along the way and watch the men catching salmon. At this particular time, fifteen thousand salmon are being caught. The salmon are caught in traps, usually, and at the close of one year two million, six hundred thousand were caught. The salmon are so abundant in these waters that there is a continual stream of fish day and night, which almost stop the passage of a ship.

On our way we pass great rocks which look like castles. It was here that we obtained "Buffy," a baby gull, who adjusted himself with great ease to our way of living.

### Kenai and Kodak

At Kenai, where we set up our light tents, we find an abundant supply of blueberries which are very agreeable to the bears in this vicinity. We make friends with a porcupine, but we are not so successful with the black and brown bears, who run quickly away when they see us. We now "shoot mountain sheep from ambush," and meet with as cold a reception as that accorded by the bears.

Along the shore line which contains many bays, the natives, known as the Alents, fish. It is here that we meet the grey duck and we explore the aery of an American eagle. Down below the wary barking squirrel sits in mortal fear of being snatched up by the eagles. Two impulsive bear cubs join our party as mascots. They are inquisitive, mischief-loving, and indulge in many pranks. But, as is the misfortune of landlubbers, they succumb to seasickness.

### Unimak and Bogoslof

On the trail of Santa Claus and his memorable reindeer, we find the *caribou*, which are the ancestors of the reindeer. It is difficult to obtain a picture of these animals because there is no grass on the volcanic island. We now come across swarms of birds, and far below along the beach, are the sea lions. The sea lions are mammals who aggregate twelve hundred pounds. They come here in the spring and rear their young until late summer.

### Pribilof Islands

The Pribilof Islands, two hundred miles north of Bogoslof, were part of the land we bought from Russia. They are very valuable and have amply repaid the price paid for them. Here the blue foxes live. They resemble dogs, both in appearance and habits. There is also the lemming, an animal of the north. The fur seals, who

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### EDITORIAL

President Coolidge has said that two great tests in mental discipline are accuracy and honesty. In college we are given the opportunity to acquire both to a degree of perfection that would prove invaluable in the world as well as in college. The world is not interested in people who have a bit of information that *may* be right about this and that, it requires a mastery of your subject.

While in college there is evidence of the tendency everywhere to "get by." "What matters one's ability"—thus the college student reasons—"so long as one makes a passing grade?" Nor does he stop to realize, at least so it would seem to the casual observer, that once he has left his Alma Mater, he must put his whole heart and soul in his work if his life is to be a success. How is he to know how to go about this, if he has neglected that part of his training while in college? The world looks down upon a man in business who doesn't make the most of his abilities, but he cannot, unless he knows how to do it. The first requirement of the world is accuracy, and this does not develop over night. It must be fostered if it is to bear fruits.

Nor is the "great old game of bluff" acceptable in the world at large. At least the standards of honesty are high. Here in college we are amused and applaud if one of our number "gets by" through "bluff," and yet we consider it with contempt if we find it being used among ourselves. To quote President Coolidge once more, "When the world holds its examinations it will require the same standards of accuracy and honesty which student bodies impose upon themselves. Unless the mind is brought under such training and discipline as will enable it to acquire these standards at an early period, the grave danger increases that they may never be acquired."

## 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:

They used to call C. C. the "Singing College"—but how many times this year have we heard that name? Spring will soon be here; in fact already we have had tiny glimpses of its expected arrival. In our hearts each one of us is singing for joy. But we do not sing only in our hearts. We burst into song upon any occasion—going to a class—from a class—rushing to an eight o'clock in the morning or while taking that "last minute shower" at two minutes to eleven at night! But do we stop here—No! Two or three of us sing together—groups of us burst forth with "I'm a Poor Old Senior" or "Oh Where, Oh Where Can That Mascot Be." But do we sing as a college "en masse?" At basketball games the various classes sing an occasional class song but how often have we this year, other than at that one glorious moonlight sing, gathered together as a college body and sung our college songs?

We see that in spirit we are a "singing college," so why not get together these few remaining months? Perhaps the lack of more college sings is the fault of each one of us. It is easy enough to write about not having them—but what about suggestions as to possible places, and times when we can gather and sing together? Is there any better place to express one's opinion and make suggestions than in our own college paper. How about it?

## Alumnae Defeated In Annual Game

### Juniors Bow To Sophomores

C. C. defeated its Alumnae in a basketball game on Saturday, February 23. The Juniors also succumbed in a close waged game with the Sophomores.

The contingent of "old grads" fought nobly for their cause, but the combined efforts of the Seniors and two Freshmen, who alternated at one of the forward positions, proved too strong. The score at half time stood 31-12, against the "Alums". They valiantly sent in a complete change of players, but the final score was announced as 61-20, with C. C. still in the lead. The teams were:

Alumnae	Seniors
Crofoot	Bent f.
Petersen	Salter ('32) f.
Cornelius	Gillig ('32) f.
Hameblet	Riley c.
Alderman	Spiers c.
Warner	Petrofsky g.
Woodworth	Ewing g.
Owens	
Hopper	
Jerman	
Gallup	
Booth	
Coe	

The Sophomores won their contest by a score of 22-19. Skill was also accorded them, making a double victory. The quick pass work of both teams held the score undecided for a long time. The half time whistle gave the Juniors a lead of eleven points against their opponent's nine. It was in the final minutes that the winning points were scored. The teams faced each other:

Juniors	Sophomores
Brooks c.	Whitcomb c.
Hartshorn g.	Smith g.
Johnson g.	Brown g.
Green f.	Ganoe f.
Vincent f.	Metzger f.

## What Has College Meant To You?

American Mercury Will Pay You For Your Answer

The *American Mercury* offers two prizes, each of \$500, for articles by college graduates of this year, discussing their experiences in college. One will go to the best article received from a male student, and the other to the best from a woman student. The conditions:

1. No article should be less than 3,000 words long, or more than 8,000.
2. Each must be the original work of a student graduating from an American college with the class of 1929, and taking the A. B. or its equivalent.

3. Each must bear the full name and address of the author, the name of the college attended, and a statement of the course followed and the degree to be taken.

4. Each must be accompanied by a stamped and addressed envelope for its return in case it is not accepted.

5. The Editor of *The American Mercury* will be the sole judge of the competition.

All MSS. entered for the prizes should reach this office not later than July 1 next. The two prize-winners will be printed in the issue for September. In case others are received that seem to be worth printing, offers will be made for them. But no contestant will be obliged to accept such an offer. There are no other conditions.

The aim of the competition is not to bring forth learned treatises on the higher education, but to obtain records of personal experiences. How do the four years in college strike an intelligent young man or woman—and only the highly intelligent will be able to formulate significant verdicts—immediately after they are over? Does the time seem to have been well spent? How much was learned? What was gained in other directions—by social contacts, and so on? How many of the instructors encountered seemed to have anything genuinely valuable to impart? Was life, in general, pleasant or not? Is there any feeling at the end that equipment has been improved? Does college arouse a desire for further learning, or do the four years seem enough?

The contestants will be expected to name their colleges, and to give the names of any teachers they may discuss, especially those who have struck them as competent. The final day for sending in MSS. has been put beyond commencement time, so that frankness need not imperil diplomas. The MSS. submitted will be judged by their honesty, their intelligence, their freshness of viewpoint, and their interest as human documents. The competition is open to the students of all American colleges of good repute. Contestants will be free to discuss all of the matters suggested, or any one of them, or anything outside them. It is desired to give them the utmost practicable freedom. MSS. may be sent in at any time before July 1. The names of all contestants save the prize-winners will be held strictly confidential.

### FORMAL GYM SQUAD

1929—Arlene Brown, Eleanor Fahey, Beth Houston, Eunice Mason, Erin Morris, Gertrude Sizkin, Marcia Stanton, Mary Walsh.

1930—Elizabeth Avery, Margaret Cook, Clarice Friend, Norma George, Isabel Gilbert, Frieda Grant, Virginia Joseph, Ruth Litch, Marian Ransom, Marjorie Ritchie, Florence Robinson, Edna Whitehead, Fanny Young.

1931—Grace Atwood, Isabel Bishop, Margaret Fitzmaurice, Catherine Lynch, Elinor Wells, Elizabeth Pyper.

1932—Dorothy Thompson, Alice Winston.



### Sonnets

By Edwin Arlington Robinson  
(Macmillan)

In this latest collection of his sonnet, Edwin Arlington Robinson shows himself to us more than ever before as a master of one of the oldest forms of poetry.

The volume contains about a hundred sonnets, written between 1889 and 1927, each perfect in form and thought. Each moves along in fine unity; there is a masterly compactness about them that is truly marvelous, and one wonders in amazement how he makes the words roll off his pen in such absolute perfectness of rhyme and rhythm.

The truth is, of course, that they do not "roll off." They are worked at, labored over, with great industry and ingenuity. These exquisite symmetrical sonnets are the fruit of long years of mental effort, effort that persisted until the brain was so ordered that it could turn a phrase or express a thought exactly and nicely without any hesitation. For almost ten years after Robinson began his career as a poet, he practiced writing verse almost every day,—and not one of these escaped the waste basket. He destroyed the whole mass without a qualm—everyone. To him they were merely experience, and he tore them up as we would tear up our grammar school themes. To us, if we had been able to write such verses as some of those first ones were, they would be masterpieces. To him they were crude. Such is comparison. You see, we are not great poets.

Robinson is a man who has plumbed the wells of thought. The subtlety of philosophy expressed in some of these sonnets is so great that they are almost incomprehensible to the average person. Most of them, however, are fairly simple to grasp, and all of them have one unified, central theme. In spite of their profundity, they all are music to the ear, and the poet's exquisite vocabulary makes the reading of them a delight. They seem tremendously worthwhile to study, as well as to enjoy.

### CLOGGING SQUAD

1929—Margaret Bristol, Frances Hall, Rosamond Holmes, Helen Kahle, Dorothy Myers, Lillian Ottenheimer, Pauline Seavey, Marian Simonds, Winifred Link, Barbara Hunt, Gertrude Reaske.

1930—Edith Allen, Mary Clauss, Katherine Fuller, Marita Gunther, Norman Leibling, Janet Morris, Helen Oakley, Ruth Jackson.

1931—Marguerite Fishburne, Jeanette Greenough, Elfreda Hawthorne, Harriet Hickok, Virginia Hinman, Jeanette LaMarche, Josephine Lincoln, Alice Mayo, Elizabeth Schaibley, Edith Schneider.

1932—Ruth Dickenson, Katherine Mendels.

### CLUBS

## Professor Hollingworth Addresses Psychology Club

On Thursday evening, February 28, Professor H. L. Hollingworth spoke to the Psychology Club on the topic, "The Psychology of the Audience." An unusually large number of people attended the meeting, which was held

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(Please Note: Students are reminded that rules which appear in the *News* are not final until posted on Student Government Bulletin Board. They merely indicate what is being discussed by your representatives.)

The House of Representatives and cabinet have passed the following rules which will now go to the Student-Faculty committee.

Commuters: (a) Day students will be required to attend the first amalgamation meeting and the first Student Government meeting of the year.

(b) The Commuters Club will have a member at large elected by the Student Body as well as the president of the club to represent it in the House of Representatives.

Smoking: A smoking rule was framed to become effective next year. It reads: "Smoking shall be permitted at Connecticut College except on the grounds of the college or in the buildings under college jurisdiction." Grounds shall be interpreted to mean property owned by the college. N. B. If provision may be made for a smoking room on campus, smoking shall be permitted there.

In the House Meetings which have been held during the last week to discuss Student Government a number of very good suggestions were made. A few of these are given below:

That chapel should be held between the second and third period rather than between the first and second period. This, it was thought, would bring the college together.

That at the beginning of each college year the student body should witness model meetings of each branch of the government, i. e., Cabinet, Honor Court and the House. These could be held at a Student Government meeting.

That the students eating at Thames exchange places with the students eating at Holmes.

That there be more social gatherings of the college body. One suggestion made was that the on campus houses have sister off campus

houses. Teas might be held at which the two houses could meet and talk. That Freshman week be shortened. That the importance of House Juniors be greatly emphasized. That the college take every opportunity offered to sing together. That Student Government should have more articles, etc., in the *News* and that there be more informal discussion groups held often and earlier in the year.

#### PORTRAIT OF PROFESSOR HOLMES UNVEILED BY FORMER PUPIL

(Concluded from page 1, column 1) try while here, is now research assistant at Columbia University.

Because of lack of space and of the large number of alumnae who were to be present, only a limited number of the faculty were invited to attend. Those invited included the Presidential Committee and such members of the department as served under Dr. Holmes. At a table reserved for lifelong outside friends of Dr. Holmes were Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Danforth, Mrs. Frederick Bill of Groton, and Miss Marion Storrs of Thompsonville.

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## CLUBS

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in Knowlton House, and everyone was very enthusiastic about Professor Hollingworth.

This speaker was brought here through the efforts of Dr. Legon. Before the meeting a dinner was given at the Colonial Shop in honor of Professor Hollingworth by officers of the Psychology Club and the majors in the department.

Dr. Hollingworth is ex-president of the American Psychological Association. He has been a professor in the University of Nebraska, and is now professor of Psychology at Columbia University. He has written several

#### STRANGE SIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES REVEALED BY WILLIAM L. FINLEY

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weigh from six to seven hundred pounds, have their homes here. Where the whale birds flock, there one usually finds whales and it is to whale hunting that we now turn our attention. The harpoon is hurled at the whale at a distance of about thirty-five yards. When the whale is drawn upon land, we avail ourselves of the opportunity to view its dissection. The procedure is an extremely interesting one.

With a start we are brought back to the plain, unadorned walls of the gymnasium. It seems impossible that we have traveled so many miles into a land of wonder revealed by the motion pictures of our guide. In a debt of gratitude to William L. Finley, we repeat Bryant's words:

"To him who in the love of Nature holds  
Communion with her visible forms,  
she speaks  
A shies language."

And to you we repeat—  
"Go forth under the green sky, and list  
To Nature's teachings."

#### MANY STATES REPRESENTED IN APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

(Concluded from page 1, column 3)  
Connecticut students are slower in registering, and may not be taken as evidence that the class will ultimately contain more New York than Connecticut girls.

Massachusetts and New Jersey offer the third and fourth largest groups, after which come Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Michigan, from each of which the number of applicants must be counted by two digits. Six southern states are represented, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Arkansas, Maryland and Virginia. Students from such western states as Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri ask to come also, but the list as a whole points to the fact that the majority of this class as of those which have preceded it will be drawn from the New England and the Atlantic Coast states.

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### History Club Has Interesting Speakers

History Club was most fortunate in securing two very interesting speakers for its meeting on Monday last, February 25. They were Miss Beatrice Marsh, Executive Secretary of the Connecticut League of Women Voters, and Mrs. Howell, Advisor of the Young Voter Groups of Connecticut League of Women Voters. Students and faculty were given an opportunity to meet Miss Marsh and Mrs. Howell personally at a tea held in Knowlton, on Monday afternoon from 4-5.

In the evening Miss Marsh discussed the pathway of a bill in the process of becoming a law, aided in her talk by a very cleverly constructed and convincing chart. It was of interest to learn that there are at present twenty women in the Connecticut State Legislature, of whom one is in the Senate, and nineteen are in the House. Miss Marsh also gave a brief summary of the types of bills in progress in the Connecticut Legislature. These included bills to provide for some form of absentee voting, for shorter hours for working women, for reforms in the form of organization of the government, for welfare purposes, and for jury service for women. The Connecticut League of Women Voters is particularly interested in the bill for jury service for women.

Mrs. Howell applied Miss Marsh's general information concerning the

pathway of a bill in becoming a law by enlarging upon a particular bill for the codification of school laws and the redistribution of state aid in that direction.

The meeting was unusually long, lasting from 7:30-9:30, due to the interesting material presented. Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served at the close of the meeting.

### German Club Holds Meeting

A meeting of the German Club was held Wednesday evening, February 20, in Branford Basement. Edna Whitehead '30 read a paper on Bremen, an important commercial and industrial city of Germany—but one also which has the mystery of the walls that have ears and mouths. Marion Nichols '32 sang several selections in German.

Then Irmgarde Schultze, president of the club, taught the members several German folk dances to the tune of original folk songs. Refreshments were served and the meeting ended with the singing of the "Heidenroslein".

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