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## Nominations Being Made for New Officers

Candidates Will Be Presented At Amalgamation Meeting On February 24

College-wide student elections will be held Thursday, February 27, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Faculty Men's Lounge in Fanning Hall.

Nominations for the following offices are made by petition: President of Student Government, Chief Justice of Honor Court, Speaker of the House, Vice-President of Student Government, President of A.A., and President of Service League.

Mary Anna Lemon '42 and Nancy Pribe '42 have been nominated for President of Student Government. Petitions have been filled out for Lois Brenner '42 and Caroline Wilde '42 as candidates for Chief Justice of Honor Court.

A copy of the following rules for nomination by petition will be posted on the main bulletin board in Fanning:

1. All nominees must be members of the Junior class except Speaker of the House who may be a member of the Sophomore or Junior class.
2. Petitions will be issued in the election room (Student Government Room) in Branford basement and completed petitions returned here.
3. Petitions will be issued on the following days between 9 a.m. and 12 noon:  
President of Student Government—Monday, February 17.  
Chief Justice—Tuesday, February 18.  
Speaker of the House—Wednesday, February 19.  
Vice President of Student Government—Thursday, February 20.  
President of A.A. and Service League—Friday, February 21.
4. Completed petitions are due at noon on the following days:  
President of Student Government—Tuesday, February 18.  
Chief Justice—Wednesday, February 19.  
Speaker of the House—Thursday, February 20.

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## Membership In Musical Co-operative Reaches Peak Of Seventy-Five

Dr. Charles Chakerian has announced that membership in the new Musical Co-operative has reached seventy-five, although all reports are not in. "For a new organization in such a specialized field," he said, "the results are very gratifying."

One shipment of records has already been received and distributed. Another is expected in a day or so. The slight delay in a few orders was due to the low stock of the producers after the Christmas rush.

Catalogues to be used by the students in ordering records will be on reserve in the library, in Dr. Chakerian's office, Fanning 403, and in Miss Goehring's office, Fanning 210.

## Rabbi Shankman Speaks At Vespers

The Rabbi Shankman of Temple Israel, New Rochelle, opened the Inter-faith Month Vespers series Sunday evening, February 16, in Harkness Chapel. Rabbi Shankman began his sermon by stating that his subject was "The Jews in a World at War."

"My subject itself," the speaker states, "indicates that there is a special aspect of this war which relates to the Jew particularly. Although Hitler, in 1933, charged the Jews for having stabbed Germany in the back, they were, in reality, only guilty for having given to mankind a religious civilization and for having given to the world the idea of justice. The Jew had already become the target of wars, before Hitler, because of these ideals. It was inevitable that the Jews should have been the first target in this war because Judaism insisted upon freedom, the fellowship of all men, the sanctity of man, the Sabbath day of rest, peace and life and the invulnerability of human personality. The preaching of dictators is opposed to all of the principles of Judaism."

Rabbi Shankman continued by describing how Germany was mutilated twenty-five years ago. He then asked, "What would you and I have done in similar circumstances? Would we too not have followed the Pied Piper? Let us not have too harsh a judgment. The Jew was the first target of this war and has suffered much." Then the speaker told how the Jew has reacted to this war. "The Jew has always suffered. He has learned to develop a philosophy of life which enables him to 'take it on the chin,' to be strong, to have a stubborn courage and an unconquerable hope. Running through Judaism is an uncrushable optimism, a hope of peace, of life. He has always said 'peace be with you' and 'thou shalt not kill'; now he is trapped in war. The Jew is sustained in this hour of man's despair by this unquenchable hope, courage, bold defiance, and the optimism that men will remember the kinship of their common brotherhood. The Jews know that some day mankind will be redeemed and the world will be at peace."

## Stokes To Address Speech Students

*Straight Thinking and Accurate Communication* will be the topic of Dr. Joseph Stokes, assistant professor of oral English at Wesleyan university, who will speak in Windham at 7:15 on Wednesday, February 26. He says, "I shall talk about the way in which language traps interfere with straight thinking and accurate communication, the analysis that Richards has made of the difficulties, where Korzybski thinks Richards falls short of solving the problem, and Korzybski's extension of Richards' approach."

Dr. Stokes is a Rhodes Scholar, who has spent three years at Oxford, with the resulting degrees of A. B., B. Litt., M. A., and who has received his M. A. and Ph. D. from Yale. In the summer of 1940 he held a seminar in *General Semantics* with Count Alfred Korzybski at the Institute of General Semantics in Chicago.

CONNIE ... By Bobbie Brengle



of course I'll have a corsage!

## Local Red Cross Prepares For Efficient Emergency Service

By Nancy Wolfe '42

Did you know that the national Red Cross supplies the wool, yarn, and other materials which are distributed by the workshop in the Chapel for British war relief? And did you know that in room 301 of the Palmer Auditorium the Red Cross is making and packing surgical dressings, under the direction of Mrs. William Morgan of New London?

Maybe you are interested enough to know already that the Red Cross is conducting these two campus works, but I'd be willing to wager that few students know about the Disaster and War Preparedness committee, originally organized by the New London chapter of the Red Cross, in which Dr. Gerard Jensen, professor of English, and Dr. Mary McKee, professor of chemistry, are playing important roles.

Dr. McKee told me, in a most enlightening interview the other day, that, following the disastrous hurricane in September of 1938, the local Red Cross chapter realized that it was not organized to meet adequately a severe disaster in this region. As a result, a Disaster committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Elmer H. Spaulding, was organized under the auspices of the local Red Cross, in order to meet adequately any future emergency. Shortly after this committee began to function, the national government decided to organize the medical personnel of the United States to prepare sufficiently to meet any war emergency. It was decided that the New England area should be organized among the first, Dr. McKee said, and Dr. Daniel Sullivan, a leading surgeon of this territory, was asked to take charge of Southeastern Connecticut.

In looking for groups to work

with him, Dr. Sullivan found the Red Cross Disaster committee already established, and took it over. Thus, this committee is now a part of both the local Red Cross, and the national preparedness program.

This organization is divided into key sub-committees, each of which sets up similar sub-committees under it, throughout the region. There are nine sub-committees under the main Disaster and War Preparedness committee, each with an important function of its own. For example, Dr. McKee explained that the Survey and Intelligence committee is organizing all radio and power plants in the region. In case certain power plants are disabled, the committee will know what other sources of power are available. It has also enlisted the services of all professional and licensed amateur sending and receiving sets, and has given instructions to the operators for use in emergencies.

The Rescue committee has a file of men in the region who can operate blow torches, so that rescue work can be commenced immediately in case of fallen buildings.

The Clothing committee's job is to contact all the stores in the area, and to take inventory of the number of all types of clothing, blankets, and so forth that it can procure in a given number of hours.

The Shelter committee, said Miss McKee, is one of the most important of all. Mr. Fred Burdick, its chairman, has enlisted the assistance of the Boy Scouts and others in investigating and organizing housing facilities for the homeless, sick, and injured in case of disaster. Mr. Burdick sent out a questionnaire to all churches, fraternal organizations, and schools, asking them to determine the num-

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## Bob Alpert To Play For Mid-Winter Formal

Patriotic Streamers Of Red, White, And Blue Will Decorate Ballroom

Waitresses in dashing reds and whites—flashing patriotic streamers—scintillating rhythm—all will be combined with the gaiety of the post-exam season in the traditional Mid-Winter Formal this Saturday evening, February 22.

Bob Alpert and his famed Yale Collegians will preside in Knowlton Salon for dancing from 8 to 12. They are well known in this part of the country, having played at Wesleyan winter house parties, the Smith Charity Ball featured in "Life Goes to a Party," the Piping Rock Club, on Long Island, and at one of the Waldorf Astoria's wedding receptions. During intermission entertainment will be supplied by the Spizzwinks, the Yale octet which was so well received at Soph Hop.

Virginia Little, general chairman of the dance, has announced the following committee chairmen: Tickets, Martha Boyle '43; Waitresses, Shirley Stewart '41; Publicity, Alice Watson '43; Decoration, Barbara Brengle '42; Chaperones, June Perry '42.

The chaperones will be: President Katharine Blunt, Dean E. Alverna Burdick, Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Daglian, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Logan.

The decorations, in keeping with Washington's birthday, will be built around a motif of red, white, and blue. The red and white of the waitresses' costumes will add to the color scheme. The girls who have been chosen from the three upper classes to act as waitresses are: Class of '41, Janet Bunyan, Jane Rogers, and Kitty Bard; Class of '42, Sally Turner, Betty Bowden, and Muriel Thompson; Class of '43, Marjorie Batsner and Katrina Mitchell.

Anyone desiring tickets can secure them from Martha Boyle, Plant 201. Whereas the proceeds from the other large dances go into the class treasuries, the money from this dance goes directly into Service League funds to be used for charitable institutions such as Mission House, Student Friendship Fund, etc.

## Philosophy Group From Several Colleges To Meet At Conn. College

The intercollegiate philosophy group, composed of students from Wesleyan university, the University of Connecticut, and Connecticut college, will meet on February 19 at 7:45 in the commuters' room in Fanning hall. A fifteen minute paper concerning the world situation will be presented by a student from each college on the assigned topic: "What Can Youth Do About It?" A discussion will follow these papers.

The fall meeting of this group was held at the university of Connecticut, and the spring meeting will be held at Wesleyan university.

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The Second Clause

"A student who is aware that a fellow-student has violated the Honor Code, is in honor bound to admonish that student to report herself." This is the second clause in our Honor Code—the clause that is the most often neglected, yet the clause that is vitally important in the successful functioning of our democratic system of government.

A letter published in the Free Speech column illustrates the importance of this phase of the Honor Code. The "members of the class of '43" have expressed admirably the value of this system, and the seriousness of its violation. But it was discovered upon inquiry that they themselves were failing to uphold the Honor Code. The objects of their letter had violated the first clause by not reporting themselves; the writers had violated the second clause by neglecting to admonish them.

The second part of the Honor Code may seem even more difficult to carry out than the first. But if admonishment is undertaken in the right spirit the difficulty vanishes. Anonymous notes or friendly advice are successful forms of social pressure. Personal ill-will does not enter the problem. Admonishment should be a sincere and sympathetic attempt to help someone else to realize her responsibility and to accept her part in a democratic system of government.

Because the failure of the second clause so often implies the failure of the first, the success of the Honor Code depends upon the cooperation of every student. Let's make both clauses an active part of our campus government!

The Free Speech Follows

Dear Editor:

We, as a group of very disappointed sophomores, would like to admonish publicly some of our fellow students. We have pondered for some weeks whether the "Free Speech" column in the College News was the place to voice this subject. We have not wanted to make a public issue of violation of the honor code, but we feel it is now necessary.

When we came to college we were proud of our new associations, our new environment, and most of all we were proud of being grown up. We made mistakes our first weeks of college, some out of ignorance, some out of carelessness, but none out of flagrant disregard for the rules. We did not for a

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War Poll

- 1. Does Germany have as much moral justification in her actions as England?
2. Should the U. S. give all aid short of war to the allies?
3. Do you believe in the basic policies set forth in the Lease Lend Bill?
4. Do you agree that social pressure should be applied to a man who refuses to fight for his country?
5. Do you believe that human nature makes war inevitable?
6. Should the U. S. enter the war if the allies were on the verge of defeat?
7. Should the U. S. concentrate her energies on home problems?
8. Would you like to see some form of federation such as Clarence Streit's 'Union Now' included in a post war settlement?
9. Do you feel we should support Hoover's plan for feeding the five democracies?

It is requested that you fill out this blank and put it in the box on the table by the water cooler in Fanning by Friday, February 21.

Peace Committee of Religious Council

The Voyage Shows Promise Of Fame

By Lee Eitington '42

Of all the books that have been published lately it seems to me that this novel has the best chance of being "great," of being read in years to come. It has all the attributes of a truly good novel; a well developed plot, compelling, dramatic characters, a colorful background, and a fluid and finished prose style. In addition, it contains the record of an approach toward life that gives man a freedom from conflict and yet a richness and completeness of living that may stand as a guide to all men.

The Voyage is the story of Barbet Hazard, a vine-grower from the province of Charente, and of Therese Despreux, a great Parisian diseuse. Barbet is quiet, gentle, and steadfast, a man who does not care what others think of him, who has reached the state of mind where he is one with everything in life. Barbet is at the same time one of the simplest and the most complex of men—simple in the unhesitating consistent quality of his humanity, his understanding, his acceptance of life; complex in that he is a "conscious" man, who is by no means free from conflict. He is the representative of the philosophy which says,

"It is not wisdom to be only wise And on the inward vision close the eyes, But it is wisdom to believe the heart."

Therese is an egotist, a brilliant, passionate, impulsive woman, who, although widely different from Barbet in character, has two fundamental qualities in common with him. Therese and Barbet are alike in that they have singleness of heart, and the ability to give themselves unstintingly. Their way of giving is different, it is true; life gushes from Therese so that "To be near her is like being spurted with blood," and most people are afraid of the fierceness of her giving and hate her because of their fear. With Barbet, however, men feel at ease; they act naturally as they were meant to act before society hurt and changed them, before they felt a need to erect defenses against themselves and against others.

To read The Voyage is a spiritual and emotional experience. It is a satisfying and beautiful book, universal in its implication because it deals with the relation of an individual to himself, to other men, and to the world about him.

Things and Stuff

Two new plays opened last week in New York, "Out of the Frying Pan" by Francis Swann, and "Claudia" by Rose Franken, with Dorothy McGuire, Donald Cook, and Frances Starr. "Out of the Frying Pan" is a comedy about struggling young actors. "Claudia" is a serious play concerning a naive young bride who grows to maturity in the face of impending tragedy.

Next Friday, February 21st, at midnight in Radio City, there will be a benefit performance to raise money for the American Theatre Wing of the British War Relief. The show will be broadcast, including a two-way hookup with London, and will feature such stars as Gertrude Laurence, Beatrice Lillie, Laurence Olivier, Alec Templeton, Zorina, Ed Wynn, and many others.

Carson McCullers, the twenty four year old girl who wrote "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter," has published another novel, "Reflections in a Golden Eye," which reveals, as did her first novel, a surprisingly fine prose style for so young an author. The book follows in the Gothic tradition of the southern school, is morbid and neurotic in mood, yet reveals insight and a skill on the part of the writer.

"Virginia," the newest technical or production in the Hollywood series honoring the states, was shown recently in New York. It is notable for the introduction of a new-comer to the screen—a young ex-sailor and master of a schooner, Stirling Haydn.

Buy A Triangle Pin For World Emergency Fund

Three blue triangles tied together with a white and gold ribbon form the attractive Y.W.C.A. World Emergency Fund pin which is on sale in the Red Cross Room in Harkness Chapel. This emblem is being sold to finance the Y. W. C. A's war work in China and Great Britain.

Symbol of the local, national and world associations which are united by world fellowship, the pin is brought to your attention on the eve of Brotherhood week, from February 22 to February 29, recently proclaimed by President Roosevelt.

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.)

long time believe it possible that some college girls would break rules knowingly, and then smile innocently when admonished.

When we enter college, we come presumably to learn something. We come to gain an education. Our teachers realize this. They rely on our pride and honesty; they believe we really have the will and the eagerness to find things out for ourselves. One of the ways in which they show us this trust is that most of our tests are given without proctors.

In the fourth grade, perhaps, we felt it an awful temptation to look on the other fellow's paper; but somehow we outgrew that stage. Our classmates did too; no longer did we guard our papers with our arms and write in a cramped position because we were afraid the person next to us would copy our answers.

At college cheating is unthinkable—yet it happens. During an un-proctored test, one of us sat behind two girls who didn't even bother to have a little

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Fellow Students:

Do you want to be loved?

Well, so do two poor little turtles. Fertile Myrtle and Rigor Mortis of Mary Harkness House fame are without friends. They are fine individuals with beautiful dispositions and are well-behaved. Freshmen—they create the maternal instinct. Seniors—they satisfy the sad and lonely heart. Whoever you may be, all that these forsaken creatures ask is only a little bit of love.

Just think! Two cute turtles, a big bowl (Kresge's best), carefully assorted stones, and an ample supply of turtle food. All gratis! merely for the taking and the pledge of a little affection.

If you are interested, please contact:

Lydia Phippen 317 Mary Harkness.

Calendar . . .

Wednesday, February 19

Miss Phoebe Morrison available to students
Senior Class Meeting . . . . . Fanning 206 6:45
Intercollegiate Philosophy Group . . . . . Commuters' Room 7:30
Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn, talking on birth control . . . . . Auditorium 8:00

Thursday, February 20

Interclub Council . . . . . Branford 4:00
French Movie, "Port of Shadows" . . . . . Auditorium 7:30

Friday, February 21

Student Industrial Group . . . . . Commuters' Room 7:00

Saturday, February 22

Mid-Winter Formal . . . . . Knowlton Salon 8:00-12:00

Sunday, February 23

Recital by Frances Blaisdel, Flutist, (sponsored by German Club) . . . . . Holmes Hall 4:00
Vespers—George N. Shuster, President of Hunter College, New York . . . . . Harkness Chapel 7:00

Monday, February 24

Arthur Murray Dancing Class . . . . . Knowlton 4:00-6:00
Amalgamation Meeting—Campaign Speeches . . . . . Auditorium 7:00
Faculty Science Club . . . Faculty Room 7:15
Oratorial Rehearsal . . . . Bill Hall 106 7:30
Senior Song Recording . . . . Auditorium 8:00

Tuesday, February 25

Convocation—Dorothy Stimson, Professor of History and Dean of Goucher College, speaking on "Amateurs of Science in the Seventeenth Century" . . . . . Auditorium 4:00
Basketball Tryouts . . . . . Gymnasium 7:00-9:00

Wednesday, February 26

Senior Tea and Discussion . . . . . Miss Blunt's Home 4:30-6:00
Rehearsal for Choir Concert . . . . . Auditorium 202 6:45
Basketball Tryouts . . . . . Gymnasium 7:00-9:00
Joseph Stokes, Professor of English and Speech, Wesleyan University, speaking on "General Semantics" . . . . . Windham 7:15

## Ground Broken for New Additions To Palmer Library

### Construction Begun On Three New Wings After Open-Air Ceremony

Ground was broken for the three new wings of the Palmer library during Chapel period on Tuesday, February 18, in spite of the snow and whipping wind.

President Katharine Blunt opened the ceremony with a short address to the students. "When you students look back on your college years," she commenced, "you will remember the hours you spent in the library as the time when you really grew up. The library is the center of our intellectual life, and this great addition to our already fine library marks one of the greatest occasions of our history."

"The library was first confined to two rooms, now chemistry laboratories, on the third floor of New London Hall," the President continued. "The present library building opened in 1923, and at that time, the students carried the books from New London Hall to the new building, in a beautifully organized co-operative effort."

Now, we are adding the three new wings with the gift Mr. and Mrs. George S. Palmer gave us at the time they presented the original building. Our donors realized that their splendid gift would outgrow them, so they provided for our present additions. This gift will be augmented by the \$40,000 grant the college recently received from the Carnegie Corporation.

President Blunt then broke ground, and was followed by Miss Lavina Stewart, college librarian, Miss Diane Johnson, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Palmer, and Mr. Valentine Chappell, who represented the trustees. The four class presidents, Sally Stewart '44, Betty Gossweiler '43, Lois Brenner '42, and Virginia Chope '41, represented the student body in breaking ground.

Virginia Chope, President of the Senior class, expressed the appreciation of the students for the new additions.

The Reverend Mr. Paul Laubenstein closed the ceremony with a benediction.

## Early Scientists To Be Discussed At Convocation

### Biology Developments To Be Topic Of Dean Of Goucher College

Miss Dorothy Stimson, Dean of Goucher College in Baltimore, will have as her topic at Convocation, February 25 at 4:00 in Palmer Auditorium, "Amateurs of Science in Seventeenth Century England." The lecture will treat the beginnings of botanical and zoological scientific inquiry in England by such scientists as Sir John Ray, a botanist and zoologist, Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, a surgeon and botanist, and William Harvey, the English physician who discovered the circulation of the blood. Science at that time was just beginning to be organized and separated into distinct types. More and more discoveries were being made, and a system of classification was being established.

Miss Stimson, a holder of a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1930-31, has written a book entitled *Gradual Acceptance of Copernican Theory*. Her field of study and research is the history of science especially in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

## Dr. Parks McCombs, College Athlete, Now Noted Doctor

By Thea Dutcher '41  
And Pat King '42

Last fall several *News* staff members suggested a new column about outstanding C. C. graduates. With the help of Kathryn Moss, the Alumnae secretary, *News* has chosen several, whom we will present to you at monthly intervals. An interview with Parks McCombs '25 of New York city inaugurates our series.

Dr. Parks McCombs, remembered by her classmates as "Parkie," is short, sprightly, with sparkling eyes and a delightful southern accent. Her success in the world of science is doubtless due not only to an active, ever-growing interest in her work, but also to her unbounded energy and perseverance.

Descended from a family tree which lists twenty-six doctors and nurses among its branches, Dr. McCombs is now treasurer of the Cornell Alumni Medical Association, general practitioner, and second vice-president of the Women's Medical Association of New York City. Outside her work as general practitioner, Dr. McCombs holds a clinic on diabetes and obesity, does research concerned with cardiac outlines . . . and has just published a report, the result of three years' study of what is popularly known as "hives," in the *American Journal of Medical Science*.

Back in the four years before her graduation from Connecticut College, Parkie McCombs was well known as a star hockey player, and also, along with the busy schedule of a zoology major, she shouldered the duties of student manager of the book shop. After graduation, she studied medicine at Cornell Medical Center in New York city, later serving her internship at Bellevue Hospital. Leaving Belle-

## Dr. Brown Explains Why Chaucer Has Survived For Six Hundred Years

"Why Chaucer has Survived Six Hundred Years" was explained by Dr. Carleton Brown, noted Chaucerian who was formerly a professor at New York university and at Bryn Mawr college, in a lecture which he gave in the faculty room in Fanning Hall at 7:30 p.m. on February 14. Calling Fourteenth Century Chaucer the halfway point between the heroic and the modern ages, Dr. Brown said that in spirit Chaucer was essentially modern, and that today we find him still unexhausted.

Illustrating with many examples from Chaucer's works, Dr. Brown pointed out the numerous reasons why Chaucer has continued to live through six centuries. He said that Chaucer's fame rests on the many modern phrases in his poems; his keen observations of everyday happenings, his power of vivid description, which is especially noticeable in his excellent character portrayals; his humor, for he is a master of parody and almost unequalled in playful comments and sardonic retorts; and his expert ironic touches.

Dr. Brown refuted the idea of many critics that Chaucer is lacking in seriousness, and said that his native catholicity of experience enabled him, like Thackeray, to "smile as he walked along the streets of Vanity Fair." Chaucer's everyday activities brought him in contact with so many sides of life that he had a great opportunity to view the procession of humanity.

In conclusion, the speaker said, "Chaucer's star is still high, and he still has much to teach us today."



Alumna of the Month

vue, she joined her aunt, Dr. Connie Guion, another of New York's noted doctors, and has been practising with Dr. Guion ever since.

When Dr. McCombs welcomed me in her office on Fifty-first street, she cheerfully proposed a ride to Columbia University, where she had to make a call. We clambered into her light blue coupe and were whizzing through Central Park almost before I had time to ask her about her hobby. For, outside her duties as a doctor, her three weekly clinics at the New York Hospital, and her one clinic and one afternoon of research each week at Bellevue Hospital, Dr. McCombs finds time to indulge in her hobby—photography. She is an expert camera woman; in fact, she took first prize at the alumna exhibit last fall with a snow scene taken in Central Park. In her informal southern manner, she explained the beauties of color photography, to which she is devoting her energies at the moment. Despite the temptation to try medical photography, she keeps strictly to the non-scientific phase of the art, chiefly because of the time involved.

"Do you ever have time for anything but work?" I asked Dr. McCombs when she returned from her call. "Until this year I've played some badminton during the winter," she replied, "but now about my only exercise when I'm on duty is my daily eight a.m. walk with my scotty dog." When she vacations, she likes to travel, but prefers not to drive, the doctor said. Her most unusual trips have been to Little Nonsuch Island, where she visits her classmate, Gloria Hollister, who is a member of Dr. William Beebe's staff. Occasionally she comes to New London to see Miss Brett and Miss Moss, and she shares the students' admiration for all the improvements on campus, particularly for the new zoology laboratories.

A doctor's life is probably busier than any bee's and Dr. McCombs' is no exception. She had a crowded schedule ahead of her for that day, and she returned to her office just in time for her next appointment. With a pleasant goodbye she left me, and her brown dress, cheery voice, and sparkling eyes gave me a last impression of a brownie, not a successful physician.

South Dakota State university recently dedicated a \$76,500 addition to its Carnegie library.

**Mrs. Thomas N. Hepburn will speak on birth control in the Palmer Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. tonight.**

## Students Represent College In Inter-Collegiate Ski Meet

Thyrza Magnus and Ann Shattuck were sent by The Connecticut College Outing Club to represent the college in a ski meet held at Middlebury, Vermont, Thursday through Sunday, February 13-16.

Thirty-three contestants started in the slalom, the women's downhill ski run in which Connecticut placed nineteenth. Saturday's competition was called off owing to rain that produced ice on the slopes. Of the nine women's colleges represented, McGill university of Canada proved the victor. Dartmouth won in the men's division.

The Mountain Club of Middlebury did not let rain dampen the success of their meet. A carnival ball which witnessed a king and queen crowned added social diversion. Sunday night a banquet was held to announce winners and to present awards.

Tryouts for basketball will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 25, 26, and 27. The new basketball managers have not yet been announced, but competition will commence during the first half of March.

## College Contests Offer Many Prizes

This is the call to arms for all aspiring college dramatists and photographers; for the spring galaxy of contests, with a bright array of prizes, is here!

The Dramatists' Alliance of Stanford university offers \$100 and the guarantee of recommendation to Samuel French, National Broadcasting Company, and Pasadena Playhouse, for verse drama and prose comedy. For short radio plays they offer \$50 and the same recommendations; for dramatic criticism, \$50 and presentation in the Alliance's publications. The contest closes April 15, requires no previous training, and will be judged by Mr. Paul Muni and Mr. Thomas Mitchell, among other noted dramatists and playwrights.

The *New Republic* announces its annual writing contest for manuscripts dealing with some current topic: political, economic, social or literary. The first prize is ten weeks employment in the New York office of the *New Republic*, at \$25 a week, the second prize \$50, and three other prizes of \$10 each. The contest closes March 14, and will be judged by the editors.

*Look Magazine* offers the unusual price of \$50 per photograph in its \$1000 contest. The first prize of \$500 can be won by a picture-story told in ten photographs, using any type of subject matter. Contestants may submit between ten and fifty photographs, accompanied by an explanatory story of 2000 words or less. The contest closes April 15.

The *Collegiate Digest* invites all students and faculty photographers to enter its salon competition, always an outstanding event in college camera circles. Pictures may be entered in one of the following divisions: still life, scenes, action and candid photographs, portraits, or college life. The best photograph will receive a special award of \$25. The prize for first place winners in each division is \$5, for second and third place winners, \$3 and \$2. Photographs must be submitted before April 1 to the *Collegiate Digest*.

The *News* office in Plant basement has full details about contests.

## Frances Blaisdell, Woman Flutist, To Appear In Concert

### Soloist Applauded For Performance With Philharmonic Society

Miss Frances Blaisdell, first woman flutist to appear in this country as soloist with a major symphony orchestra, will give a concert in Holmes Hall at Connecticut College on Sunday, February 23, at 4:00 p.m. Her accompanist will be Elsa Fiedler, the sister of the Boston conductor, Arthur Fiedler. The concert will be under the auspices of the German Club and the German Department of the college. Everybody is welcome.

An American by birth, Miss Blaisdell commenced her study of the flute under Ernest Wagner of the New York Philharmonic Society. She continued under Georges Barrere in New York and Marcel Moysse in Paris, and is an honor graduate of the Institute of Musical Art, with a fellowship award at the Juilliard School of Music. Having recently spent three seasons studying modern works in Europe, Miss Blaisdell is able to present contemporary music with understanding and feeling.

Miss Blaisdell, having appeared as soloist with the Philharmonic Symphony Society of New York, the British Broadcasting Company, the National Broadcasting Company, the Radio City Music Hall, and the Walter Damrosch 200 piece orchestra among others, has been lauded by New York citizens. In addition to her brilliant technique the critics praise her mellow tones combined with excellent taste in blending which make Miss Blaisdell an artist of uncommon achievements. With her charming personality and unusual talent she has been able to succeed in a field formerly dominated by men.

Miss Blaisdell's concert will be as follows:

- I
- Telemann—Sonata F. Major
- Vivace
- Largo
- Allegro
- Handel—Sonata G Major
- Andante
- Bourree
- Minuet
- Allegro
- II
- Mozart—Minuetto
- Mozart—Allegro Aperto
- III
- Gluck—Scene from Orpheus
- J. S. Bach—B Minor Suite
- Bouree I and II
- Polonaise
- Badinerie
- IV
- Quantz—Concerto
- Allegro
- Arioso
- Allegro Vivace
- V
- Gieseking—Sonatine
- Moderato
- Allegretto
- Vivace

## French Film To Be Shown

The French film, "Port of Shadows" (Le Quai des Brumes), which is to be presented Thursday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. by the French department in the Palmer Auditorium, tells the grim tale of a soldier absent without leave from the French army. Admission will be 20 cents.

Possibly the only existing accurate portrait of William Barrett Travis, commander of the ill-fated Alamo, is housed in the University of Texas library.

## Pet Hates Of C. C. Are Disclosed

How would you like to be awakened from a Sunday morning sleep, or arrested at that moment when your coffee is gliding from your tongue into your esophagus, or prevented from picking up that dropped stitch by someone who bursts in and courageously inquires, "And what is your pet peeve?"

While praising Allah that you weren't interrogated in such fashion, harken to the words of those who were asked and who revealed their pet peeves.

Ruby Zagoren '43: "Quiet hours—they seem to come when I have the most to say."

Pat Douglas '44: "Saturday classes."

Hildegard Meili '43: "Corn-beef and cabbage."

Putty Linder '42: "Cats (the four-legged kind)."

Jean Pilling '42: "I love everything and everybody."

Jean Staats '42: "People who do not buy Pilling and Staats Tweed (imported in 38 delicious colors)."

Davy Davison '43: "I think it's beer."

Sally Kiskadden '41: "Playing bridge."

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## ❖ TO DATE ❖

By Mary Farrell '41

### New War Phase

Recent events point toward a new phase of war, a phase, Winston Churchill told the British Empire in a broadcast last week, of greater violence. Britain fears a German U-boat offensive on convoys carrying supplies, and German drives through Spain against Gibraltar and through the Balkans against Greece. Factors which portend no good for the Allies are the situation in Yugoslavia wherein a conference between German officials and Yugoslavian representatives indicates pro-Nazi support and the shake-up in the Vichy cabinet which inconsistency might possibly pave the way for the return of pro-German Laval to the French cabinet.

Tension in the Far East seems temporarily alleviated because of President Roosevelt's press conference in which he minimized an impending conflict with Japan, and a like statement issued by the spokesman for the Japanese cabinet, Koh Ishii. Tension was partly due to an unfounded rumor that the Japanese government ordered residents home from its American and British Embassies. The real issue at hand is Japan's probable thrust at Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

However, Italy has officially asked the United States to close its consulates at Naples and Palermo because these cities are in the war zone and the Italian government wishes to keep all foreigners out of danger. Whether danger from enemy attack is the real reason or whether this measure is a means of cutting off sources of information is matter for speculation.

### "Lend-Lease" Bill

The "lend-lease" bill for all-out aid to Britain and other nations was introduced in Congress on January 10th and was passed by the House of Representatives on February 8th. The bill is now before the Senate for debate. Voting on the bill has generally followed party lines with Republicans voting against it but Wendell Willkie's support seems to indicate a split in party principles. The Senate Committee by a vote of 15 to 8 approved the bill with its seven amendments which preserve Congressional "power of the purse" and power to declare war. The original part of the bill giving the President power to "lease, lend, or otherwise dispose of" defense articles to "those nations whose defense is vital to ours," is still intact although somewhat restricted by amendments.

### Hopkins And Willkie Return

Last week saw the return of Harry Hopkins and Wendell Willkie from England where they had gone to study conditions and report back to the United States. Both men urge immediate aid to Britain and consequently a speedy passage of the "lend-lease" bill. Mr. Willkie is also considering a trip to China to survey the unoc-

cupied areas. Accurate information of conditions in the Far East will be of utmost importance in view of the suspense with which the world awaits Japanese movements in relation to its co-operation with the Axis partners.

### Hoover Presents Plan

Former President Hoover brought forth a plan to feed the Belgians as a test of whether or not supplies could be sent to the starving countries of Europe under Nazi domination. The German government has made no official statement about allowing the plan to go through but the British are opposed on the basis that the best way of winning the war is to prevent all food from going to Europe, thus preventing the probability of its falling into German hands.

### Increased Taxation

The National Economy League proposed a 10 per cent income tax on individuals as a measure to put defense on a cash basis and thus eliminate excess inflation. England also is increasing taxation for war expenditures in an effort to limit the degree of inflation which will be brought about by the heavy emergency spending.

### Free Speech . . .

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shame about their dishonesty. They discussed the whole test and exchanged answers back and forth. This is but one example of what happens in many classes.

Fortunately these girls are far in the minority. But they are present in our classes, and to all of us who respect the opinions that our teachers have of us, it is a shameful thing.

Therefore we wish to admonish in this manner those girls who cheat in classes, and we sincerely hope this letter will do more than just prick their consciences. To the great majority that are blameless, we would like you to aid us in making the few who are not, more deserving of living in our college community.

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## Nominations Made For New Officers

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Presidents of A.A. and Service League—Monday, February 24.

5. As soon as the petition is issued, a notice will appear on the Main Bulletin Board in Fanning. All petitions issued will be announced in all dining rooms at noon of the day they are issued.

6. No petition is to be signed until after the announcement at lunch of the day on which it is issued.

7. Any student may sign only one petition for each office.

8. Each petition must have a minimum of 150 signatures in order to become a nomination.

9. Other election dates are as follows:

Monday, February 24 at 7 p.m., Amalgamation meeting for the introduction of candidates and campaign speakers.

Thursday, February 27, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Elections in the Men's Faculty Room, first floor Fanning.

Tuesday, April 22, Chapel, Installation of officers.

Other officers elected in the college-wide elections are:

A.A.: Vice-president, secretary, treasurer; Chairman of C.C.O.C.; Service League: Chairman of entertainment; Dramatic Club, President; Student Faculty Forum, Chairman; Inter-club Council, President. These officers are nominated within their respective organizations.

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By Sally Kiskadden '41

The concert-goers of New London and Connecticut College were given the opportunity of hearing an unusual musical presentation on Wednesday evening, February 12, when Vitya Vronsky and Victor Babin, duo-pianists, gave a joint recital in the Palmer Auditorium. First-rate piano teams are few and far between on today's concert stage. The musical repertory for this combination of instruments is slender, and the technical demands are extremely stringent. Each artist must temper his individual mannerisms, not only to the composer's mood and purpose, but to those of his partner, if a unified and coherent result is to be achieved. There must be a perfect fusion of virtuosity and interpretive purpose, which Wednesday night's artists achieved with consummate skill. At no time did they allow their own personalities to overshadow the music, and if one felt occasionally that they erred on the side of impersonality, it was an understandable and even commendable fault.

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## Red Cross Makes Plans For Emergency Service

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ber of cots their buildings could hold, what their lavatory facilities are, what kind of cooking facilities they have, whether their stoves are gas or electric, whether or not they could burn wood or oil should power service be cut off. In case of failure of the water supply, this committee has arranged for the use of wells and springs.

Dr. McKee is the chairman of the Food committee, and Miss Elizabeth Harris, director of residence of the college, is also on the committee. This committee has contacted all the dairymen, grocers, and bakers in the region, and is preparing lists of the amount of food that can be procured in any given number of hours. Personnel for the preparation of food is also being organized, and President Blunt has given permission for the use of the college kitchens and equipment, if necessary.

The Medical Supplies committee is taking inventory of the supplies of all the drug stores and warehouses in the region, and, like the Food and Clothing committees, knows just how many supplies will be available to it in any number of hours.

The Transportation and Communication committee has established a volunteer motor corps, which at present brings the materials we use in the Chapel Workshop up from the local headquarters on State street. The motor corps will begin to function immediately in case of disaster. The committee has also organized the motor boats in the region into an efficient little fleet, which will go to work at once if damage is done to any of the bridges.

Dr. Gerard Jensen is in charge of the Finance and Fund-Raising committee, one of the most important and difficult jobs of all.

In addition, Mr. McKee explained, all the hospitals, doctors, and nurses are organized to meet any crisis. Most of the trucks in the vicinity have been examined, with regard to their possible usefulness as ambulances.

Just knowing the efficient and capable manner in which our local organizations are giving their voluntary services to complete preparedness for any trouble should make us all willing to contribute more of our time and services to the work of our own Red Cross activities here on campus. Certainly, all of us should be very proud of the splendid organizations that are functioning for our protection, and all of us should want to volunteer gladly if we are called upon to help in any way.

## Dr. Phoebe Morrison Presents Two Lectures On The Changing Legal Position Of Women In Society

Dr. Phoebe Morrison, research assistant with Montefiore Borchard of the Yale Law school, presented two lectures on the position of women in society on Tuesday, February 11 and Tuesday, February 18 in Palmer Auditorium. In her initial lecture, "Changing Concepts of the Position of Women in the Community," Dr. Morrison explained generally the changing legal status of women since Victorian days. She devoted her second lecture, "Woman's Responsibilities to the Family and to the Community," to pointing out the more specific ways in which women's responsibilities have increased due to her changed position before the law.

In the first lecture, Dr. Morrison pointed out with representative examples from the Connecticut statute books, that the progress of women is today an incontestable fact. She cited the definition of marriage by Sir William Blackstone, the celebrated English jurist of the 18th century. "In this definition," said Dr. Morrison, "the very being of legal existence of women is suspended during marriage."

Because, according to Dr. Morrison, the vital questions of family law have been so scantily treated by lawyers and social workers in recent years, the status of women in America must be dug out state by state.

Dr. Morrison emphatically stressed that women, in order to keep the status which they now enjoy, must be willing to pay the price for it, not only at the polls, but also by active participation in government and by honest conformity with law.

In her initial lecture, Dr. Morrison commenced by pointing out that woman still retains a shadow of her former sheltering because her spouse doesn't escape responsibilities of supporting her even in

case of death or divorce. In her second lecture she said that today women's assets are not frozen upon marriage; therefore, women are held responsible in some states for the family debts if the husband is incapable of meeting them.

Dr. Morrison continued to sketch the added responsibilities of women, especially through the giving of citizenship rights in 1922 to American women carrying foreigners, a statute which has complicated citizenship laws. In view of the changes in this and other laws, Dr. Morrison emphasized that the knowledge of status is no enough. Until wider harmony in the backgrounds of lawyers, administrators, judges, and social workers has been achieved, Dr. Morrison feels that there will be no successful administration of laws concerning woman's responsibilities to the family and community.

"If you want a certain kind of life you have to pay a price for it," concluded Dr. Morrison, in her final analysis of woman's legal recognition with its accompanying responsibilities. She made a plea for active, alert, understanding women voters that can aid in effecting a more sound and adequate administration of justice.

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 Like your best beau's goodnight mutter.  
 There are pro's that make you sad  
 Like the grades they mail to Dad.  
 Such pro's as are the latter  
 Are but a trifling matter  
 Until in June, we're coasting on our ear.\*\*\*\*\* Oh dear!  
 For those of you who've earned the A's,  
 Your future's one of happy days.  
 For those of you who've earned the B's,  
 Your life, too, is one of ease; (and we don't mean E's).  
 Now down with us where flow the C's,  
 Life seems to be no summer breeze.  
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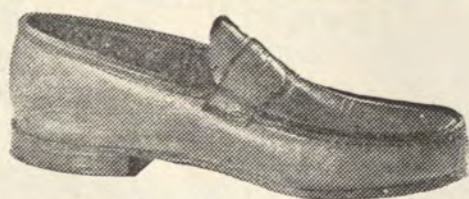
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Then there was the girl who sent her man a great big empty envelope for Valentine's day with an inscription that read, "The Valentine was too pretty to send to you."

The scene was the Business Law class, and the lecture was about "The Old People's Home." Suddenly Miss Snider looked at her watch and said, "I've never talked to a class so long on the 'Old People's Home,' but I guess that I can to this class." For shame, Miss Snider, we understand that one of the girls is about to announce her engagement this spring vacation.

Fliv Silvers '43 was the recipient of an interesting if zoological Valentine. From a Yale man she received a beautiful heart with all the frills, etc. However, being a college man, our Yale friend did not overlook any technicalities. He labeled said heart from the right ventricle down to the last semilunar valve, neatly and accurately.

We can't find out who it was, but someone pulled another boner in English Lit the other day. The assignment was to read a few chapters in the Bible for the next few weeks. Naturally, the possession of a Bible was deemed necessary by the professor. Our unknown sage wanted to know if it was all right to get one second hand.

Another Valentine post mortem: Happy Moore '41 sent a box containing sixteen make-your-own Valentines (all unmade) to a certain boy, who shall be nameless, with the enclosed note, "Choose one and please return."

Hoping her class had kept up with world events during exam period, Miss Dillely confronted her exhausted students with the question, "What has happened in the past two weeks of world wide importance?" Silence stole over the class. After a few minutes of deep thought a senior answered, "Martin Dies collapsed in the Senate yesterday."

A junior, having just quarrelled with her Princeton man, received a rather touching token on V.'s day. A shabby heart shaped box of stale

candy arrived with a jagged chalk line running through the middle of the heart.

The living room of Mary Harkness House was a scene of gaiety and excitement Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. J. R. Von Maur (nee Faith Maddock '42) visiting from her home in Middletown, was surprised by a mammoth shower of towels, glasses, dishes, groceries, luncheon sets, electric coffee pots, and kitchen ware, right on down to the traditional rolling pin. About fifty girls were on hand to see Faith register complete amazement when she first viewed the crowded room. The girls really did it up right, even to serving coffee and mints to the howling mob. The best of everything to you, Faith, and may you come down to visit us often!

A library oddity at Washington State college is the "smallest Bible in the world."

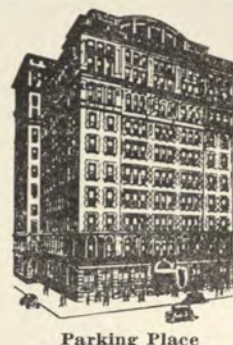
The tiny volume—only one and one-half inches long and a half-inch thick—contains the full text of both Old and New Testaments. So small is the print that the Bible is equipped with a miniature magni-

fying glass fitted into the back of the binding.

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