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Six Conn. Colleges To Meet in Poetry Reading Contest

C. C. Is Host To Student Participants; Dr. Wells To Preside

The Connecticut Intercollegiate Poetry Reading will be held in Knowlton House on Tuesday evening, April 27, at 8:15 o'clock. Participants will be students from Connecticut State College, St. Joseph's College, Yale University, Wesleyan University, Mt. Holyoke in Hartford, and Connecticut College.

This is the first time that the reading has ever been held at Connecticut College. Five hundred invitations have been issued to those interested in poetry throughout the state. Mrs. Ray will direct the reading. Dr. Wells will preside. The Connecticut College Glee Club will render several vocal selections. Ushers are to be members of the Speaking Choir.

The program, as far as it has been completed, is as follows:

Wesleyan

Selections from Prospero's Speeches from *The Tempest* of Shakespeare . . . Arthur F. Weld
The Ballad of the King and the Bishop (Traditional) . . . H. J. Hughes

Yale

The Minute . . . Lawrence Lee
Simple Arboreal . . . C. A. McIntyre
Fancy and Imagination . . . C. A. McIntyre

What Sang the Sirens . . . C. A. McIntyre
Richard Crowder

When Love Comes to Stay . . . Coerne
Ashes of Roses . . . Woodman
Connecticut College Glee Club

Connecticut College
Way-Station . . . Archibald MacLeish
Chartres . . . Archibald MacLeish
Ruth Kellogg

Not Marble Nor the Gilded Monuments . . . Archibald MacLeish
Ruth Wilson

Mount Holyoke in Hartford
Eve . . . Ralph Hodgeon
Vivian P. Cohen

The High Song . . . Humbert Wolfe
Helen I. Rydquest

Morning . . . Speaks
The Evening Breeze . . . Speaks
Mexican Folk-Song
Connecticut College Glee Club

Announcement Made Of Commencement Week-end Speakers

Announcement has been made that President Marion Edwards Park of Bryn Mawr is to be the Commencement Speaker this year, June 15. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by Dr. Douglas Clyde Macintosh, Ph.D., D.D., L.L.D., of Yale Divinity School.

Since tomorrow is the day of the National Student Strike Against War in which Connecticut will participate, there will be a special supplement of the *News* printed by members of the Connecticut College chapter of the A. S. U.

Chapel hour tomorrow will be postponed until eleven o'clock in order that the traditional hour of the strike may be observed.

Second Class Honor Rating Given News In College Contest

According to a recent release of the Collegiate Press Review, *Connecticut College News* has been awarded the Second Class Honor Rating by the yearly critical service of the Associated Collegiate Press. Out of the 355 college newspapers of all types which were submitted this year for criticism, only seven were given the *summa cum laude* award, "Pacemaker"; forty-seven received the rating of "All-American", the highest regular award conferred; one hundred and twenty papers were in the class meriting First Honors; and our weekly was among the one hundred and forty-seven in the next highest division.

News was classified with other university and college weeklies. Sixty papers in this section were in the Second Honor rating. *News* lacked only 30 points of making First honors. Some of the other newspapers which were judged on a par with *News*, are the following: *Connecticut Campus*, Connecticut State College, Storrs, Conn.; *Middlebury Campus*, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont; *Northeastern News*, Northeastern University, Boston, Mass.; *Pembroke Record*, Pembroke College in Brown University, Providence, R. I.; *Wellesley College News*, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.; and *Wheaton News*, Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.

Competitive Plays Set High Pace for Future Opponents

Unless you were one of the thoughtful people who arrived in good season to witness the first of the Competitive plays, you were probably one of the many who vainly scanned the crowded rows only to turn around disappointedly to say "Life is so dismal." Long before the first curtain went up on the darkened Senior set, there was an eager crowd anticipating one of the outstanding dramatic moments of the year.

The Seniors chose Gertrude Jennings' play, *Five Birds in a Cage*, which showed what might happen in an English tram if the lift suddenly stuck. Four passengers and the *Liftman* were convincingly stranded; and when once the lift jerked, the floor of the gym actually seemed to tip, so actual were their lurchings. The *Duchess* was effectively aloof despite her occasional leanings toward "brotherhood". *Leonard* and *Bert* were well contrasted, but could

not stand as match against the reserved *Liftman* who dared do nothing "Agin' the regulations." And simple and sane *Nelly* earned her reward in the end.

Secondly, the Freshman Class offered *The Old Lady Shows Her Medals* by Sir James Barrie. When the curtain opened upon the scene of the four Irish charwomen boasting about their sons' accomplishments in the War, the audience was convinced that they were to witness something more than a little unusual. As each new character came on, the same high pace was maintained. The *Priest* and the young *Scotch Kiltie* were no less effective than the others. Especial laurels go to Jean Sincere who pleaded her way into the heart of the uppish lad whom she called her "son." Congratulations are also in order for the fine work of directing done by Rose Soukup. The makeup and costume (Continued to Page 5, Column 2)



This lovely photograph of the late Jane Addams, showing one of the Hull House children at her knee, was recently presented to the college by Miss Marenda Prentiss of the class of '19, an alumna trustee. The picture, which so beautifully represents the kindness and gentleness of Miss Addams, is to hang in the lounge of the house bearing her name.

This adds to an unusual collection already including an autographed picture of Jane Addams, and the bronze plaque presented by Dr. Alice Hamilton in the living room of the same house.

Connecticut Hears Reinhold Niebuhr At Vespers Service

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, assistant professor of the philosophy of religion at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, will be the speaker at the Vespers service this Sunday evening at seven o'clock. (Continued to Page 5, Column 3)

Botany Dept. Holds Flower Show Here Saturday and Sunday

In addition to the student contest to be featured in the annual flower show this year there will be an innovation in the presentation of exhibits shown at the Science Conference in Storrs, Conn. last weekend. The show, sponsored by the Botany department, will be held this year in New London Hall, Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25.

Other new features will be the showing of lantern slides in the dark room and an exhibit of forced blooming shrubs in the advanced laboratory. Margaret Wellington '37, who is general manager of the show, promises, in addition, miniatures, floral arrangements, and a model house landscaped by freshman botany students.

The committee chairmen are as follows: Publicity, Edith Frey '39; Ushers, Eunice Titcombe '39 and Marjorie Mortimer '39; Miniature arrangements and the Student Contest, Mary MacLenathen '39; Floral arrangements, Priscilla Pasco '39 and Augusta Straus '38; Lantern slides, Bethy Andersen '38; Printing, Elizabeth Taylor '39; and Programs, Margaret Irwin '38.

The hours on Saturday are from two until nine p. m., and on Sunday from eleven a. m. to one p. m. and from two until eight p. m. The admission charge is ten cents. Contrary to a statement in last week's *News*, the Science Open House will also be held in New London Hall on Saturday, April 24.

M. Andre Philip, French Socialist, To Speak Tonight

Well-Known Lecturer Expresses Ideas Of Modern French Thinkers

International Relations Club is presenting Dr. Andre Philip, professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Lyons, Wednesday at 7:15 in Knowlton. His subject will be "The Foreign Policy of France". He was elected to the Chamber of Deputies by the Socialist Party last spring and was made a member of the Finance Committee in charge of the Budget and Public Works. He is also a member of the special committee appointed June 10, 1936, to study the projects for social reform of the Blum government, and was appointed *rapporteur* of the 40-hour law, the outstanding social reform law passed by the Blum government so far.

Youth Leader

He has traveled widely. In 1932 he came for the third time to this country, lecturing to students in our colleges and universities under the auspices of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches. For the past ten years Professor Philip has been in active touch with the leaders of the important youth movements in many European countries in behalf of peace and democracy. He has an unusually clear understanding of world economic and political problems. He may be said to represent the liberal thought of the younger generation who will be the leaders in the France of tomorrow.

Alice Johns Gives Piano Recital Here On Thursday Night

Miss Alice Johns, well-known New York pianist, will give a recital under the sponsorship of the Music Club tomorrow night, April 22, at seven o'clock, in Knowlton Salon. Miss Johns, who, incidentally, is a cousin of Dr. Lawrence, has appeared in two-piano work with Percy Grainger. She received the highest rating awarded at the first Music Contest of Westchester County, N. Y. and critics have commended her for her dramatic interpretations, her singing tone, and for the fleetness and clarity of her performances.

The program will be as follows:

Ballet (*Orpheus*) . . . Gluck-Friedman
Scherzo, C-sharp minor, Op. 39 . . . Chopin
Fantaisie-Impromptu, Op. 66
Etude, C-minor, Op. 25, No. 1
Nocturne, in F, Op. 15, No. 1
Polonaise in A-flat, Op. 53
The Erl-King . . . Schubert-Liszt
Widmung (Dedication) . . . Schumann-Liszt
Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 12 . . . Liszt

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Maytime

In just a few days we will be celebrating the coming of spring with our traditional May Day ceremony. Flower baskets for the Seniors, Chapel outdoors on the steps of the library with the Choir singing "God of All Nature", strawberries for breakfast—these are only a part of the delightful celebration.

While we are enjoying this return of Spring, let us try to observe it in other ways too. Carelessness—or is it laziness?—is rapidly spoiling much of the grass around campus. It takes only a moment more to walk around on sidewalks or curbs, instead of taking cross-cuts. Ugly trampled paths spoil the appearance of the wide stretches of green. Let's preserve the beauties of our campus, so that visitors will realize that May Day symbolizes our appreciation of it.

Problem Facing Connecticut

Rumors of comprehensive examinations being installed at Connecticut College are heard around campus. Everyone has her own opinion of what this would entail, but few really know what is going on.

For over a year a committee, selected by the college, has been working on the question of changing our present system of graduation requirements. Connecticut College is thinking of having general examinations in all major subjects at the end of the students' senior year before the students can graduate.

But first a clear understanding of the difference between comprehensive examinations and general examinations must be obtained. Some colleges have what they call comprehensive examinations. By this they mean examinations which cover the entire field of the student's major subject. For example, if a student majored in history and had had courses in sixteenth century history she would be required to tutor in nineteenth and twentieth centuries history so that she would be able to take her comprehensive examination in the entire field of history. In other words, the student has to fill in the gaps, and tutor in the subjects covering the courses she has not taken.

Other colleges have general examinations. These cover three or four courses and emphasize the coordination of the courses. But when general examinations are given, the student doesn't have to fill in the gaps nor take any examinations in courses she hasn't had. Where general examinations are given not as much

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CAMPUS CAMERA



Books

"Away From It All" by Cedric Belfrage

Cedric Belfrage defines an escapist as a person who "looks at the facts of life in the back of the neck or by sheer force of the imagination conjures them out of existence or runs away from them". Belfrage, brought up in the best traditions of an escapist, tries his best, in a whirlwind trip around the world to fail to see the seamy side. He does not succeed. The result is a compound of adventure story, travelogue, personal history, and contemporary history, entitled "Away From It All". The author starts his unusual journey, equipped with rose colored glasses and a sense of humor, in London. His travels carry him from there to Southern Europe, Egypt, Palestine, Persia, India, Ceylon, Malay, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Tahiti, and finally to San Francisco, by which time he has decided that he will just have to accept facts, tragic as they may be.

The book is unusual. There is no question about that. Perhaps the most unusual aspect of it is that the author makes no attempt to hide his disappointment in the places he had hoped would bring him some relief from sordidness. Also, he admits to trying to escape, which is more than most of our best known escapologists are willing to do. He confesses rather sheepishly to a fascination that all of us have known at one time or another, the fascination contained in the word schooner. When he finds it will be possible to sail on a forty-five foot schooner out of New Zealand on a 1700 mile journey, he jumps at the chance. The result is almost disastrous for it is the roughest stretch of water in the world, and only one of the four that go knows the first essentials of sailing a boat. Negly Farsen writes, "I think this is one of the most gorgeous sea-escapades ever written. If you can read it and not shriek with delight, your soul is dead". This particular expedition, however, is only one in a whole volume of highlights.

The whole book is a curious mixture of journalism, philosophy, observation, history, and at times, al-

Professor Sanchez Slowly Recovering From Long Illness

Students and faculty alike have missed seeing the familiar figure of Dr. Sanchez around campus this past month. During this time, he has been a full-fledged invalid at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, but we understand that his sense of humor has captivated everyone near his bedside. In fact, Professor Sanchez is compiling a new glossary of puns and conundrums. He has been accomplishing a great deal of reading for which he could not find time in his busy teaching schedule. He reads all the magazines within reach, and his friends have kept his supply replenished with all the latest editions. Several groups of students and faculty members have sent flowers to brighten the hospital room which Mr. Sanchez hopes to leave this week.

Even those who do not know Professor Sanchez as an instructor, are familiar with him as an outstanding figure on campus. There has been much concern about his condition, and questions about his progress are continually being fired at Senorita Biaggi, who is taking his place in the Spanish department.

To his mind, this business of being a "captive" of a hospital is not the most attractive fate a man can have, and he gets angry at being so restrained and helpless. Since he cannot be with us again until September, we wish him a speedy recovery, and what is almost as important, an enjoyable one.

most a social treatise. Perhaps it might be called, unreservedly, a social treatise, if that may be applied to a thoroughly charming history of a journey that makes no attempt to find a solution to the unhappiness seen in spite of the rose-colored glasses. No matter how you may choose to define or classify the work, you will enjoy every moment of Cedric Belfrage's attempt to lose his own sharp eyesight and his own sharp mind in those romantic places that hold forth the chance of escape to all of us, as they did for him, in vain.



(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 Public:

As many opinions as we hear aired about campus, people seem to shrink from putting their words in print. We are sure much more could be accomplished if students would make use of the opportunity presented them for spreading ideas about campus—this column. Are you interested or is this to be just one more good thing gone wrong?

The Editors

Questionnaire And Air Barton and Maxwell, Inc. '38

1. Who was Lincoln's opponent in many debates before his election to the presidency?
2. Where did Washington assume command of the American Army on July 3, 1775?
3. Who succeeded James A. Garfield as president of the United States?
4. Name five of the nine vice-presidents of the United States who later became presidents.
5. Was Florida secured by the United States before or after the War of 1812?
6. What does Flag Day commemorate?
7. What analogous document preceded the Constitution of the United States?
8. Where was the treaty signed that ended the Revolutionary War?
9. What state first granted suffrage to women?
10. Has the American flag always had thirteen stripes?
11. To what does the expression "free soil" refer?
12. What section of the United States is said to have been the spot which the Norsemen called Vinland?
13. The nickname of what American general was "Light-Horse Harry"?
14. What celebrated American patriot was a distinguished silversmith?
15. What was the last state admitted to the Union?

Calendar Starting April 21

Wednesday, April 21

International Relations Club Chapel .. Gym, 9:55
International Relations Club, Prof. André Philip,
"The Foreign Policy of France" Knowlton, 7:30

Thursday, April 22

"Strike Chapel" Gym, 11:00
Freshman House Fellows Meeting 111 Fanning, 5:00
Musical, Miss Johns, pianist Windham, 7:00
Peace Meeting and Play, Speaker, Mrs. Howard
Gym, 7:30

Friday, April 23

Spanish Club Movie, "Flying the Lindberg Trail"
206 Fanning, 7:30

Saturday, April 24

Flower Show and Science Open House
Service League Dance
International Relations Dance Knowlton, 8:30-12:00

Sunday, April 25

Flower Show
Vespers Gym, 7:00

Monday, April 26

Student Forum, Open Meeting Knowlton, 7:30

Tuesday, April 27

Social Science Department, Dr. Edward Sopier,
Speaker Jane Addams, 4:00
Campaign Meeting, Student Government Officers
Gym, 7:00
Poetry Reading Group Knowlton, 8:15

Science Students Hold Conference At Storrs, Conn.

Connecticut State College at Storrs was the scene of great activity Saturday, April 17. The Seventh Annual Connecticut Valley Student Scientific Conference was in full swing from 9 a. m., when registration began, till the last strains of the orchestra ended the tea dance at 6:30 p. m.

The Conference was officially opened by Dr. A. N. Jorgensen, president of Connecticut State, who introduced Dr. Richard Lull of Yale University, the main speaker of the morning. From there the participants of the conference joined various groups to listen to papers and see demonstrations in the special fields in which they were interested.

Connecticut College was represented in 7 different fields of science. The fields and the respective chairmen were: Psychology, Mildred McGourty '38; Mathematics, Frances Wallis '37; Zoology, Betty Wagner '38; Physics, Catherine Warner '39; Botany, Betty Anderson '38; Home Economics, Dorothea Bartlett '38; and Chemistry, Elizabeth Cherry '38.

Students Give Papers

In the Astronomy and Mathematics group Margaret Prekop '37, and Margaret Sixx '38 read papers. Connecticut College was represented in the Chemistry division by the papers of Elizabeth Murray '37, Mila Rindge '37, and Lucille Levy '38. In the Home Economics section Connecticut College was the only exhibitor, with Belinda Beam '37, Betty Gilbert '37, and Betty Wallis '38 reading papers and Dorothea Sherlock '38, Dorothea Bartlett '38, Carmen Palmer '38, and Muriel Hall '39, and Virginia Taber '39, giving demonstrations. Gertrude Backes '38 and Catherine Warner '39 read a paper in the Physics division. In Psychology, Harriet Brown '37, Alice Lippincott '37, and Jane Flannery '37 upheld Connecticut with their reports. Dorothy Baldwin '37 and Polly Salom '39 contributed to the Zoology department by giving short addresses. Demonstrations in this field were given by Margaret Kootz '39, Betty Barton '38 and many other students from the Zoology department. This department had the greatest representation from Connecticut with Home Economics and Chemistry in second place.

Amherst, Connecticut College, Connecticut State, Dartmouth, Massachusetts State, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Springfield, Trinity, Wesleyan, and Williams were represented.

Mila Rindge '37 was the campus chairman from Connecticut. Connecticut is very proud of its science departments which gave very fine as well as decorative exhibits in the conference.

Sit-down strikes can be traced back to Jonah, the biblical character who was swallowed by the whale. At least that's what a writer in the *Michigan Daily* proves from the scriptures.

Jonah didn't belong to the CIO, nor was he troubled with labor difficulties. He was displeased because his prophecy that Nineveh would fall because of its iniquities didn't materialize.

"But it displeaseth Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry." (Jonah 4:1). "Then Jonah went to the city and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city."—(ACP)

I. R. C. Business Meeting Meeting Tonight

Nominations for president of International Relations Club will be made at a short meeting of the active members in Knowlton at seven o'clock Wednesday evening, immediately preceding M. Philip's lecture. Please be prompt.

Science Faculty Planning Novel Program for Club

There will be a meeting of the Science Club on Thursday, April 29 in Room 309, New London Hall, at eight o'clock. The program which has been planned includes *The Mystery of the Crooked Plant*, or *Hormones on a Bender*, with Dr. Avery, Miss Creighton, Dr. Burkholder, Miss Scheer, and Miss Sargent.

Miss Kelly and Miss MacLean will be in charge of a demonstration of Chemiluminescence. Some moving pictures of birds will be shown by Miss Botsford, while Miss Dederer will give an exhibition of Surrealist art in Biology.

This program promises to be one which will interest a wide number and it is hoped that many will take advantage of the welcome: "Everyone Invited."

Jessie Anne Foley Given Scholarship To Study Abroad

Jessie Anne Foley recently was awarded the Exchange Fellowship of the Institute of International Education in New York. She will study at the L'Ecole Normale Supérieure at Sevre, France, which is seven miles from Paris. "J. A." plans to leave the United States about the middle of September for the opening of the year's work on October 15th. Included in the courses she will take are several on Seventeenth Century literature, as well as some in preparation for teaching when she returns to the United States after July 31st.

Good luck to you, "J. A.", and we will look forward next year to hearing from our C. C. graduate abroad.

Dance of Nations Featured as Close Of Peace Week

Marjorie Beaudette '38, is making plans for the final Service League Dance of the year to be held in Knowlton Saturday, April 24, from 8:30 to 12. Entering into the spirit of Peace Week, this is to be a Dance of the Nations, one of the few costume dances Connecticut has participated in for several years.

Atmosphere will be created in Knowlton Salon with flags and travel posters. George Eastwood and his College Hill orchestra of Providence will swing it. As an



MARJORIE BEAUDETTE

added attraction, there will be a featured singer with the band. The waitresses, dressed in national costume, will be Jessie Anne Foley '37, Natalie Bailliere '38, Priscilla Pillsbury '40, Jean Metcalf '40, Betty Ide '39, and Emily Armstrong Lewis '38. The chaperones who will judge and award the prize for the best costume are Mr. and Mrs. Logan, Dr. and Mrs. Avery, Miss Creighton, and Dean Burdick.

Margaret Ball is also on the Service League Committee for seeing that plans go through. The admission of twenty-five cents a person will be added to the Student Friendship Fund. The dance is to be informal for those who do not care to attend in costume.

Riding Club

The Riding club will hold a meeting Thursday, April 22, at the stable club room. All old members and credit riders who are interested are invited to attend.

APPLICATIONS FOR MOSIER HOUSE NOW DUE

Students wishing to apply for Mosier House for next year should see Mrs. Pfeiffer immediately. The list of students who will be in the house next year is now being made up and will be completed within a few days. Girls are admitted to Mosier House on the basis of need for financial aid, a satisfactory academic standing, ability to cooperate in house duties and group activities, and high personal and group standards.

Dr. E. Boissevain Gives Lecture On Archaeology Friday

An illustrated lecture, "How We Study the Life of Stone Age Man" will be presented on Friday, April 23, at one o'clock in Room 308, New London Hall, by Dr. Ethel Boissevain. Dr. Boissevain has done archaeological work at important prehistoric sites in Europe and will illustrate with her own lantern slides of the field methods of research in prehistory. Dr. Boissevain received her Ph.D. degree at the University of Prague.

Students are welcome to attend this illustrated talk.

Class of '40 Leads Student Assembly Friday Morning

The Freshman Class will be in charge of the daily chapel service on Friday morning, April 23. They are planning a College Sing as part of their program, and this will give students a chance to become more familiar with the traditional songs. Polly Frank, Freshman Class President, is in charge of the sing.

It is seldom that the entire college has such an opportunity, and it is hoped that a great many students will support this student-led assembly.

And if you don't think Spring is here go over to the Bookstore and watch the insects go by.

Dr. James Page Speaks To Psychology Club On Mental Diseases

Dr. James Page addressed the Psychology Club Monday night in Windham on "Civilization and Mental Disease". Dr. Page is a research assistant at the New York State Psychiatric Institute and Hospital.

Dr. Page's speech was divided into four topics; criteria of psychopathic behavior, incidence of mental disease, social factors associated with mental disease, and effect of social pressure and contemporary civilization on mental disease.

About 1 per cent of the population is suffering from mental disease, which means that 450,000 people in the United States need mental care. About 150,000 people are admitted every year to state hospitals. One out of every twenty children is destined to enter such an institution.

The behavior of these people is in conflict with the prevalent mores. Their conduct is irrational, incomprehensible, and unmodified.

Fifty per cent of the mental cases are under forty years of age, but the older the individual is, the greater the chance is of his being admitted to an institution. Mental patients are physically weak.

The two most prevalent types of disease are dementia praecox and mania depressive. The former has its peak from adolescence to the twenties.

Males have a higher rate of admission to mental hospitals than women. This is due to the fact that women lead a more sheltered life. They are also better able biologically to withstand disease and drugs.

About twice as many mental cases occur in the city as in the country.

The mental cases as far as marital status is concerned is listed following with the least number of cases first: married, widowed, single, divorced.

Mental diseases are due to biological and constitutional factors rather than environmental and sociological factors.

Flower Show Plans Unusual Contest

Have you a cherished plant in a black dog? a yellow cat? an elephant? or is the botanical decoration of your room valued for the plant alone? Whatever it is, enter it in the contest to be held as a feature of the annual flower show in New London Hall Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25. Mary MacLennan, who is in charge of the contest has announced the rules as follows:

1—All entries must be taken to the Botany I laboratory in New London Hall on or before Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m.

2—The contest is limited to students of Connecticut College.

3—There will be two classes of plants, (a) those in animal holders, and (b) miscellaneous.

4—All plants must be clearly labeled with the owner's name and house.

5—Guests at the flower show will vote on the entries for novelty, health, etc.

6—The House with the most votes will win the prize, winner to be announced in the next issue of *News*.

A fine of \$5 will be demanded from any student of Pennsylvania State College who misses a class within 24 hours of a vacation. Entrance to classes will be barred until the money is paid.

Dr. Laubenstein Proves Himself An Able Composer-Conductor at Oratorio Concert

Dr. Paul F. Laubenstein, already known to people about the college and to New Londoners, as a flutist as well as a professor of religion, has recently identified himself as a composer of no-mean ability. About a year ago Dr. Laubenstein started writing the largest composition he has yet attempted, the *Te Deum* which was performed last Thursday night in Buell Hall by the New London Oratorio Society and Orchestra. "I got a great kick out of it, yes, quite a thrill," he said, and well he might, directing for the first time the chorus of one hundred voices with four well-known soloists and a fifty-piece orchestra in a composition of his own.

"It sounded just about as I had imagined it would," admitted the composer. "You see, that was the first time I'd heard the whole thing myself; some of the singers from Hartford had one rehearsal without the whole chorus, and some of the

men from Providence had never rehearsed with the rest—I sent them the music and went up there once. Then the soloists had rehearsed it for the first time that afternoon. Yes, I got quite a kick out of it!"

Dr. Laubenstein has always liked music and is an accomplished flutist. He has written Psalms, Anthems, made flute arrangements and some "small instrumental settings" but *Te Deum* is to date his greatest attempt as a composer. He has played in bands and orchestras and received "some very valuable experience" in a Marine Corps band during the World War.

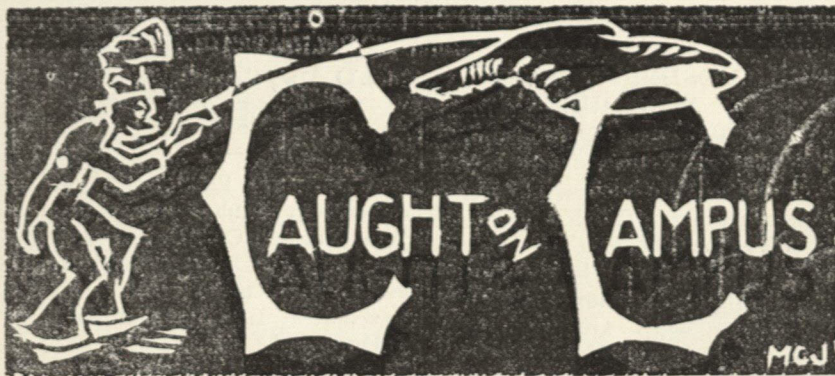
Although he has conducted choirs and bands separately, Dr. Laubenstein had never before directed both instrumental and vocal music. He has sung some of his own songs, and the choir of the First Congregational Church of New London has presented several of his anthems.

"I did the writing of the *Te Deum* just in odd moments," the composer

said modestly. "It was all written by last summer and I did a good deal of work on it then. First I had to write out the whole large orchestra score. From that I made the piano score which Mr. Daboll worked with during rehearsals, and then the score for the singers. After that I had to write out more separate orchestral parts. It was a lot of work, but I enjoyed every bit of it."

The chorus began rehearsing the number with Dr. Laubenstein at the same time they began Rossini's *Stabat Mater* under Mr. Lambdin toward the end of January; since then every Monday night has seen them busy at it. The orchestra, too, held rehearsals during that time so the composer-conductor was a doubly busy man, not to mention his work at college. The orchestration, particularly, has been regarded as a splendid one.

And Dr. Laubenstein continues his writing "at odd moments."



Joan Roberts is about to apply for position as Chief Herald for Carrie Bookman in Dr. Wells' one o'clock class.

The old saying, "He who chisels, shall be chiseled", came true when one of our Belles lost a date. (Blackstone Beware)

What Junior put herself in line for the prize *faux pas* of the year when she asked Ruth Hollingshead, the day before petitions were issued, if she didn't think Mary Mory would be an ideal Chief Justice. "I think it'll be unanimous, too, don't you?" was her final query.

It's a long, long story . . . but a good one. You see, sometime before vacation, Winnie Frank and Billie Foster discovered that their balloon, "Eugene the Geep" had sprung a leak, and would no longer stay blown up. So, these naive gals wrapped "Eugene" carefully in a box, addressed it to President Roosevelt with the following plea: "We must have inflation!"

The other day a box appeared addressed to Winnie, elegantly marked "President Roosevelt's Answer." Come on, 'fess up . . . what was it, Winnie?

And what, pray tell, was the Freshman Class President doing with a pair of pink pajamas under her arm at the Competitive Plays?

Betty Ide had the right idea when she said, "I must go to the library right now or I'll never get anything done." Don't we all feel that way?

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What ho! Our Dean Burdick is getting herself trained as a traffic officer in preparation for that summer job. Watch her do her stuff any one of these nice spring days outside Fanning.

What Senior made herself the object of some comment when she was discovered carrying a prettily colored lantern across campus? "It's for the Senior Play", was her hasty explanation!

Such popularity must be deserved when Betty Thorn received four invitations to Spring House Parties. Dartmouth, Bucknell, Norwich, and Cornell sent in the applications.

Warm days and sun tans are becoming so common these days that the Florida vacationers no longer have proof of where they spent their Spring leave.

Louise Newman and Marie Kaim went to Bolleswood with Chaucer last Friday afternoon. If the sun hadn't disappeared as soon as they reached the ideal spot, Chaucer might have received more attention.

What girl in the hospital with appendicitis has applied for membership twice in the L. F. N. C. P. P. G. (League for not calling pullman porters George) in order to send a Dartmouth man back safely to his Alma Mater.

Notice: To whom it may concern! When gray clouds rise from the greenhouse, it may be for the good of the plants. Judging from the number of girls who attended the false alarm, it might be an easy way to get students to classes.

Nine boys at Holmes Hall last Sunday night proved so disastrous to Dolly Jones and Lucina Pagel that the former spilled a glass of milk on their table and the other dropped a full salad plate at their feet.

In Memoriam—No more will the "chug-chug" of good ol' "Opportunity" grace the curves and straight-aways of our campus! The owner of Conn. license plates LL-13 has parted company with "Opportunity" and has substituted a natty roadster in its place—a "puddle-jumper", no less. However, the "lucky" plates have still been retained, so that's all that's necessary.

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Dean L. H. Hough of Drew University spoke at Vespers last Sunday evening. Dean Hough's central theme was the character of Paul from whose life he drew epigrams which are applicable today. The speaker bombarded his audience with truths such as: "People you hate are people like you whom you might have loved". Youth through the ages has been and will always be curious and vitally alive. "Bright men are usually brilliant conservatives." Tensions, though often disagreeable, are the pleasure of life, for they make you think things out more fully.

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Editorial

(Continued from Page 2, Column 1) time is required as when comprehensive examinations are given because the student doesn't have to tutor and doesn't have to fill in the gaps.

Connecticut College is considering the installation of general examinations in all major subjects. By this change it would benefit both the students and the faculty. The faculty would tend to teach the subjects keeping in mind the coordination of the courses. The student would keep the general examinations in mind, and would tend to study more and do conscientious work. Each department would designate a certain number of courses, or alternate groups of courses and would make out questions which would tend to show not only what the student remembers of the subject matter, but how well she knows how to handle that subject in a practical way.

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Although the faculty is still considering this proposition of general examinations at Connecticut College, a vital question has come up. The question is—when shall general examinations start? Shall the incoming freshman next fall be required to take general examinations before they graduate in order to get a diploma? Shall the present freshman class, who have not selected their majors yet, be the ones? Shall the present sophomore class be the first ones required to take general examinations before being graduated? It is a question.

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What do you think of general examinations?

B. S.

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1st—State Teachers College, Slippery Rock, Pa., 54½ points.

2nd—Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., 29 points.

3rd—Connecticut College, New London, Conn., 15½ points.

4th—New Jersey College for Women, 10 points.

In the various events the Connecticut girls placed as follows:

40 yd. free style—Mary Reinhart '40, 3rd place, 3 points; Peg Goldsmith '40, 4th place, 2 points.

40 yd. back crawl—Barbara Wynne '40, tied for 4th, 1½ points.

40 yd. breast stroke—Mary Reinhart '40, 1st place, 5 points.

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Saturday, May 1—Afternoon bicycling.

Sunday, May 9—Afternoon canoe trip.

Sunday, May 23—Boat-ride.

Sunday, May 30—Picnic at the beach.

The date for the Lantern Hill trip has not yet been decided upon. This coming Sunday, April 25, there will be a breakfast on the island, and the plan is to leave the gym at 9 o'clock.

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—Tower Times

We are twins and look alike.
When we were at school my sister
threw an eraser and hit the teacher.
She whipped me. She didn't know
the difference, but I did. I was to
be married but my sister arrived at
the church before me and married
my beau. He didn't know the dif-
ference, but I did. But I got even
for all that. I died last week and
they buried her.

—Tower Times

Going around with women keeps
me young. I started going with
them four years ago when I was a
freshman—and I'm still a freshman.

—The Blue and Grey

"I know," said the violet, "the
stalk brought me."

—Rensselaer Polytechnic

Little Audrey was visiting a news-
paper plant. While she was look-
ing at the press, a lunatic forced
his way in and seized Little Audrey
and threw her into the press. But
Little Audrey laughed and laughed
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—Rensselaer Polytechnic

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—Massachusetts Collegian

The *Pembroke Record* states that
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volunteers to take part in a major
drive for peace this summer has
been started by the Youth Section of
the Emergency Peace Campaign. The
enlistment is open to all young men

and women of college age and older,
without regard to race or creed.

The work of these "Peace Teams"
consisted of speaking before clubs,
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Alec Templeton to be In Benefit Recital

The Freshman and Sophomore
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bands. He is a young Englishman
who has almost completely overcome
the handicap of blindness.

Tickets will be on sale in the near
future, and all students and faculty
members are urged to watch the bul-
letin boards for further announce-
ments.

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Competitive Plays

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3)

ing merited more than mere mention.
The casts of the plays were as
follows:

Senior Class Play
Leonard Betty Hendrie
Bert Wilson Virginia Deuel
Liftman Dorothy McGhee
Susan, the Duchess
Jessie Anne Foley
Nelly Norma Bloom
Properties and Costumes
Harriet Brown Lucinda Kirkman
Scenery—Edith Burnham
Lighting and Directing
Emma Moore
Prompter—Leonore Gilson
Off-stage Noises—Barbara Haines

Freshman Class Play
Mrs. Dowey Jean Sincere
Mr. Dowey Edna Jean Headley
Mr. Williams Mary Testuide
Mrs. Mickelham Elizabeth Gould
Mrs. Tyneley Elizabeth Thompson
Mrs. Haggerty Mary Lamprecht
Scenery
Janet March Anne Minckler
Eleanor Timms
Makeup
Jane Holcombe Marillyn Maxted
Suzanne Spinney
Properties and Costuming
Mary Giese Virginia Koerner
Elizabeth Leach
Lighting—Frances Baratz
Prompter—Betsey Anne Doering
Direction—Rose Soukup

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cause of his contributions to litera-
ture through magazine articles and
books. He is also an editor of the
Christian Century magazine. His
best known books include *Does
Civilization Need Religion?*, *Leaves
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1. Martha Jane Yale '40: "Douglas? Is it? She didn't tell me! I was trying to think of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates."

Correct: Stephen Arnold Douglas (1813-1861).

2. Frances Rockwell '40: "Oh! Egad! Well, if a Senior doesn't know I don't know! Had it back in fourth grade someplace! Where was it—where, dear?"

Correct: In Cambridge under the so-called Washington Elm.

3. Ruth Burdsall '37: "Tsk! Tsk! (Laughter!) Tsk! How many men did McKinley come after Garfield? Oh? No! Don't write that down! You've got to answer me now!

That's who I think, but I'm not sure."

Correct: Chester Allan Arthur (1830-1886).

4. Frances Walsh '37: "Coolidge, maybe—oh Maxwell, it's too early! Oh, you'll have to write down the answers, I don't know them! This is terrible!"

Correct: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Chester A. Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge.

5. Judy Bergman '38: "I should think before. That arises a very interesting question. 'Arises' is wrong! Pal, huh!"

Correct: After. Ceded by Spain in 1819.

6. Madeline Shepard '37: "Whoa! Don't ask me! Ask somebody from Boston! I hate you!"

Correct: It commemorates June 14, 1777, when the flag became the national flag of the United States by proclamation of Congress.

7. Marge Bennett '37: "Preceded! Declaration of Independence! Is that right? Or won't you tell?"

Correct: The Articles of Confederation.

8. Elizabeth Stromberg '37: "Gosh, I wouldn't know! And I took a course in American History. Do you know? Are you trying to have me think of it?"

Correct: Paris, September 3, 1783.

9. Mary Berkman '37: "(Giggles!) I don't know! (Laughter in the background) I don't know! That's all there is—I don't know!"

Correct: Wyoming 1869.

10. Kathryn Coleman '37: "Yes, I think so! (Blank amazement) No, it had thirteen stripes! That's a guess!"

Correct: No, it had 15 stripes at one time (1795); a resolution of Congress of 1818 reduced the number to 13.

11. Bunny Parker '37: (Scratching her head) "Free soil? Oh, I cannot think! Kay says The Good Earth but I don't! Sounds like something to do with Economics but I don't know! What is it?"

Correct: To the movement to prohibit slavery in the territories not yet formed into states belonging to the United States.

12. Emily Allyn '38: "Thought it was up in Newfoundland. What's

the answer? Who can't be quoted? What is the answer?"

Correct: The New England Coast.

13. Jean Ayer '37: "Oh Gosh! Ugh! It ought to be Harry Lee or something like that! I think it's very mean, every week you have the same answers—I don't know—ugh!"

Correct: General Henry Lee (1756-1818), Governor of Virginia.

14. Mildred McGourty '38: "Well, I could hold up my reputation with blank silence—but what the h—, dear me—ah—it was Paul Revere. I resent that. I don't have any stooges—I knew it! I'll give you a bribe not to put this in."

Correct: Paul Revere (1735-1818).

15. Lucy Barnes '40: "I can't talk till I see my lawyer. I guess it was Nevada."

Correct: New Mexico. 1912.

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