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Oxford Pledge Is Voted Down at Convention

The following article was written by Miriam Kenigsberg, Secretary of the Connecticut Chapter of the A. S. U. who represented the College at the Vassar Convention.

Vacations do not exactly provide the proper impetus for convention attendance, but such a stimulating one as that held by the American Student Union December 27-31 was recompense for any lapse in social activity. The American Student Union convention, guest of Vassar College, was one of internationalism of colleges as well as countries. The presence of approximately seven hundred representatives from schools all over the country, plus those from Mexico and Cuba, testifies to the tremendous growth of the American Student Union. No longer a fledgling movement, it has become the most dominant campus force today.

Representative of its stand is one of the resolutions drafted at last year's conventions: "Because American students want peace: Because they, like their forefathers, are devoted to freedom and equality: Because they seek educational and economic security: And because present day society is increasingly denying them these elementary necessities, students in American high schools and colleges have formed a powerful alliance, an American Student Union . . . Together with teachers and professors everywhere, the American Student Union stands as a bulwark against these forces which would regiment American education and intellectual life and reduce them to the sterility of life under Fascism."

The convention opened officially with the reading of greetings from (Continued to Page 5, Column 1)

Industrial Group Meets To Discuss Labor Unions

The Industrial Committee of the American Student Union Chapter will meet this evening with the Industrial Girl's Group of the Y. W. C. A. in the Commuters' Room, Fanning, at 7:30 p. m. The topic for discussion will be "Political Action and Labor", with the emphasis mainly on the American Labor Party and other labor political units. Leonore Walser '38 will speak as part of the program.

A labor dictionary is being prepared by Leonore Walser and Anne Oppenheim for clarification of terminology and definitions in labor for the group.

Dr. Hale to Broadcast

Dr. William Jay Hale, visiting professor of chemurgy, will be in New London Sunday and Monday, and will broadcast on the subject of "Chemurgic Movement" on the regular college program Sunday afternoon at 2:30 over WNLC. At nine o'clock Monday morning Dr. Hale will talk to the organic chemistry class in 201 New London Hall. Anyone interested is invited. The main talk will be given on "Landmarks in Synthetic Chemistry" in Windham living room. Everyone is invited.

ATTENTION!

Only a few more hours left. Koiné closes its Kollege Kandid Kamera Kontest tonight.

Earle Spicer Will Give Music Recital

Singer Is Well-Known In Europe And United States In Oratorio, Concert And Radio

Earle Spicer, well-known in concert, oratorio, and radio, will be presented in a song recital in the college gymnasium tomorrow, Thursday evening, January 13th at 8:00 p. m.

It was in college that Mr. Spicer first attracted attention by his splen-



EARLE SPICER

did baritone voice and was persuaded to adopt music as a career. After serving overseas for four years with the British forces, he returned to his studies, giving his first London concert in 1923, with Sir Henry Wood conducting the orchestra.

Mr. Spicer has appeared with the (Continued to Page 6, Column 1)

Mrs. Grace Conkling Reads From Poems

Mrs. Grace Conkling, well-known poetess and professor of English and poetry at Smith College, read several of her own poems and her daughter's at Convocation Tuesday afternoon in the gymnasium. She presented poems from a few of the collections she has published, including *Ship's Log*, *Steamer Letter*, and *Flying Fish*.

Mrs. Conkling's poetry seems to sense a certain delicate beauty of nature and animal life. It is characterized by a flowing rhythm and a brilliant choice of words, particularly adjectives of color. Her delightful sense of humor and quick change of mood is evident throughout.

She read several poems created by her daughter at a very early age, including some from the collection called *Poems by a Little Girl*. As a child Miss Conkling had an exceptional eye for detail and many of the thoughts in her poems resembled those of her mother.

Hilda began reciting little verses with a natural sense of metre at the (Continued to Page 3, Column 4)

Leaders Should Be Servants As Well Says Pres. Blunt

Administration Here Serves Students Present And Future; Students Serve College

Following the theme used by Dr. Brown in his Vesper sermon Sunday, President Blunt based her Chapel speech on the verse from the Bible "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

"That is an ideal, of course," said Miss Blunt, "but whose servants are we? Not many of us remember much of the time to be servants, but we should serve, as well as exercise our authority." The members of the administration are servants to the college and its students as well as having responsibility and authority. "These servants," continued Miss Blunt, "are not necessarily obedient but should help you to grow to wiser, stronger women. We serve not only the present students but the group of girls to come."

It is the duty of the students as well as the faculty to see that the college improves. The administration does by securing excellent books and teachers. Everyone at Connecticut serves not only the college but should hold up this ideal throughout the country. It can be an influence in education in general, women's education, and the position of women.

"It is a big thing," President Blunt concluded, "but keep it in mind when you think of what we are trying to do here at college."

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Columbia Professor Lectures Friday

Dr. Friedrich Spiegelberg, formerly of the Technical University of Dresden, now visiting lecturer at Columbia University, will give a lecture on "The Religion of Non-Religion" on Friday, January 14, at 4:00 o'clock in Room 206 Fanning Hall. Among other specific topics, the lecturer will deal with the significance of the current Western interest in Zen-Buddhism. Since religion is one of the focal points of world dissension to-day, Dr. Spiegelberg's address will be of importance and interest to students of religion and philosophy, and indeed to any one for whom the cultural changes going on in the contemporary world are matters of concern.

Dr. Spiegelberg's academic career at Dresden and his special studies in comparative religion, carried on during a period of ten years, makes him a well qualified speaker on the indicated topic. All interested are cordially invited to attend his lecture.

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Junior Plans New Type Daily Chapel

Mary Hannah Slingerland '39 was chosen as the head of a new committee which is to plan bi-weekly student chapel services. In conjunction with members of the Religious Council, she will be in charge of arranging various types of interesting morning services for students.

Christopher Morley to Speak For Benefit of Sykes Fund

Vesper Service Has Dr. Hornell Hart

Large Attendance Anticipated To Welcome Student's Favorite On Sunday Evening

Vesper-goers will look forward with enthusiasm to the return of Dr. Hornell Hart to the evening service on Sunday, January 16. Students have voted him as one of the favorite speakers of the entire year, and last year even asked for a second day with him. At this time a Quaker service and a meeting held by the International Relations Club were added to the Sunday schedule.

Dr. Hart is at present professor of social ethics at Hartford Theological Seminary. He has been widely demanded by students as well as by adult groups as one of the most intelligent and informed men of this day concerning problems of social and ethical value. Students who are planning to attend the Mid-Winter Northfield Conference will find that he is to be one of the leaders asked to direct the various meetings there.

Formerly An Atheist

In his college years at Oberlin, Dr. Hart became an atheist, but later, through the study of psychological research was led to a discovery of the reality of the spiritual life, to a spiritual view of the universe, and to a belief in divine guidance through prayer and meditation. He thus embodies in his own life a blend of the mystical and the social. He is likewise an authority on international problems.

Author Of Books

He wrote the chapter on "Changing Social Attitudes and Interests" in the report of President Hoover's committee on social trends, and the chapter on "Religion and Psychological Research" in *Religion Today*. He is also the author of *The Science of Social Relations*, *The Technique of Social Progress*, and with his wife, of *Personality and the Family*. His latest book is *Living Religion*, a manual for putting religion into action in personal life and in social reconstruction. He has written scores of articles and reviews for newspapers and periodicals, and has lectured on social and religious topics in universities and colleges and public gatherings from coast to coast. Although coming from a line of Congregational clergymen, Dr. Hart himself is a Quaker.

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Students Read Poetry

Frances Walker, Evelyn McGill and Patsy Tillinghast, students of speech, will read from the poems of Robert Frost at the newly re-organized *New London Poetry Society*. The group meets for the first time since the death of its founder, Anna Hempstead Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers, life-long friends of the poet, will open their home to members of the association on Monday evening, January 17th.

Prominent Author's Lecture Will Be One Of Outstanding Events Of Season

"My little poems," said the Old Mandarin, "Are like those modern stockings you say you wear: They do not wrinkle on the mind. They fit every length of thought."

These lines should be applied not only to Christopher Morley's poetry but to all of his works. No matter what one prefers to read—whether it be poetry or prose, a novel or a play—he can find just what he wishes among the works of this versatile author.

Mr. Morley's lecture is to be held on January 18th and is under the sponsorship of the Senior class, for the benefit of the Sykes Fund.

Mr. Morley, born at Haverford, Pennsylvania, later returned to that town to attend Haverford College. After graduating in 1910 he was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford and spent his next three years in England.

Upon his return he went immediately to Mr. F. N. Doubleday of Doubleday, Page and Company, and thanks to his great enthusiasm he was given a job with this publishing house, where he remained for the next four years.

From 1917 onwards, with the publication of Mr. Morley's first novel, *Parnassus on Wheels*, "the story of his life is the story of his work"—the two are very closely bound up in each other. In 1920 he started an editorial page column in the *New York Evening Post*, which he entitled "The Bowling Green." This column is quite familiar to readers of the *Saturday Review of Literature*. Last month he published his latest novel, *The Trojan Horse*.

However, his activities are far too numerous and varied to list here. As most of us know, though, much of his writing is filled with a certain whimsical charm which adds greatly to the reader's enjoyment of it.

This novelist, critic, and essayist illuminates his penetrating judgments of men and affairs with a kindly humor which makes his lectures of absorbing interest, and Connecticut College should consider itself extremely fortunate in being able to hear him.

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New Prize Offered For Dorm Library

A prize of twenty-five dollars is being offered anonymously to the dormitory library that shows the most commendable growth during the current college year. It is the wish of the donors that the money be spent for the further improvement of the library which wins the prize. In order that the books and periodicals so purchased may be enjoyed by the real winners of the prize, the award is to be made at approximately the middle of each academic year.

The following considerations will guide the judges in their selection of the winning library:

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Reform Is In Order

Although the vacation has done much to erase some of the memories of the last week before Christmas, we have hardly been able to forget the startling revelation which the investigation of Chapel attendance and check lists brought forth in the last issue of the *News*. And rightly so. Our Honor System has been recognized as more advanced than that at most institutions. Yet here is one flaw which must be corrected before we can hold up that system for others to criticize.

The facts spoke for themselves. While 20 per cent of the Seniors actually attended all five services of the week of December 6, the lists showed that 56 per cent of the class had checked attendance. The Juniors were only slightly less guilty, having 17 per cent present and a total of 30 per cent signing the lists.

There are probably few students who do not regret that such a state exists. The majority of us realize that we must remedy this rather important breach of the Honor System. Problems of cheating, social conduct, and vesper attendance have been solved satisfactorily in accordance with student vote. Thus, at the next Amalgamation meeting, students will be asked to suggest ways of meeting this new problem.

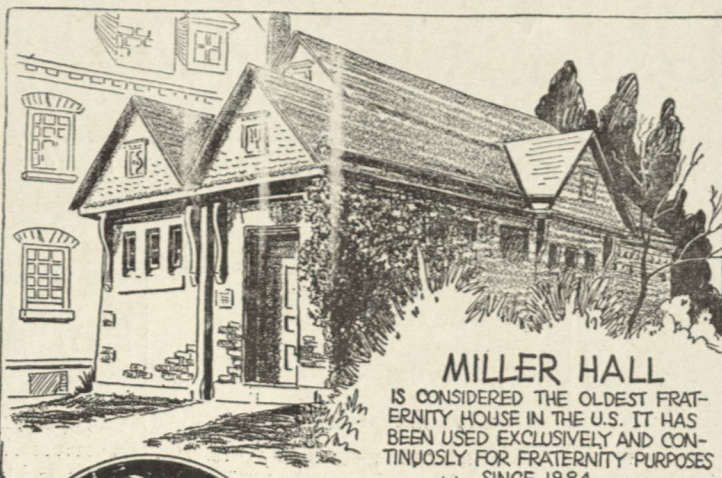
Several campus groups are working on various angles of the situation. The Cabinet and the Religious Council are active; house groups will soon have it brought to their attention. But beyond this we ask that each individual who has an interest in the progress of the college consider the problem intelligently for herself.

Treasures For Sale

There is a phrase that is current in the World just as it is on College Campuses. How many times have you heard the platitude, "There is nothing to do"? It seems that many people waste time sitting around wondering what they can do to amuse themselves. Many times the type of amusement they choose is the very thing that produces the feeling that there is nothing to do. For if the manner in which we use our leisure time is not satisfactory there will never be anything to do; for satisfaction comes only from worth while things.

When Charles Lounsberry died as an old man in (Continued on Page 3, Column 1)

CAMPUS CAMERA



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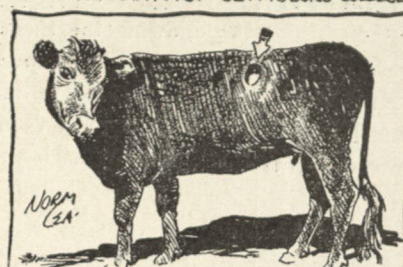
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DR. C. H. PETTEE

HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AS DEAN AND PROFESSOR SINCE 1876

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WINDOW COW

VETERINARY STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA WATCH "MEHITABEL" DIGEST HER FOOD BY LOOKING THROUGH A WINDOW IN HER SIDE.

Student Government History, House Of Rep. Activities Disclosed

The faculty granted to the students the first system of student government in 1916, one year after the college opened. The faculty committee on student organizations, headed by the Dean of students, was at the top. Under them worked a student council of thirteen, consisting of four officers of student government, the presidents of the classes and different associations, the editor of *News* and the chairman of the executive committee. The separate executive committee consisted of the vice-presidents of classes.

As the college grew, the responsibility was centered too much on this small group. To hold the interest of all the students and to make for a wider distribution of work, a larger council had to be formed. Some students were carrying double duties, while others never came in contact with student government to express their ideas, so this change was necessary.

In 1926, a newly planned organization and a modern constitution were adopted by the student body with the approval of the President of the college, the faculty committee on student organizations, and the administrative committee. This system, which has continued from March 15, 1926 to the present, retains the faculty committee of student organizations, headed by the Dean of Students.

However, the student part of the system has been divided into three branches. First, the executive body is the cabinet, consisting of the three officers of student government, the chief justice, the speaker of the house, and the presidents of classes and organizations. Second, the Legislative-Social body is the House of Representatives, with the Speaker of the House as chairman over the house presidents. Third, the Judicial body is the Honor Court, which takes two members from the three upper classes and the chairman from the senior class. The Assembly, which comes below this three-branch organization, consists of the entire student body, so that everyone has some share in the government.

Every other Tuesday afternoon

at five o'clock, the House of Representatives holds a regular meeting in the upstairs living-room of Branford House. Patricia Hubbard, the Speaker, opens the meeting and starts the discussion. Since "House of Rep." is really the melting pot of all the problems of college life, discussions have a wide range of subjects. The members, comprising the House Presidents and the several Members-at-Large, take their responsibilities as the representatives of the student body seriously.

In all important matters House of Rep. is very careful to feel the pulse of student opinion. For example, the houses have been asked to consider the drinking rule very carefully. This rule is under discussion at the present time. The question is whether the rule should go through just as it stands now, or to make some restrictions or limitations to it.

House of Rep. does its best to help uphold the college standards. When Vespers attendance falls off, when Chapel attendance records are not accurate, and when stag lines at dances become too enthusiastic, the House tries to get at the root of the trouble and then suggest remedies. House of Rep. works to get the things that students want. At present it is investigating the possibility of having the Library remain open on Sunday nights. Then too, rules that are being misunderstood are clarified and interpreted in the light of every day college life.

C.C.O.C. Plans Skating Party With Wesleyan

The C. C. O. C. is sponsoring an outing with Wesleyan Outing Club this Saturday, January 15th. It is to be an afternoon skating party in Bolleswood; if the weather is too warm for ice the outing will be postponed. In case of snow, arrangements will be made to meet Wesleyan at one of their ski trails. Tentative plans are also being made for a barn dance in the evening.

Students are urged to watch the A. A. bulletin board for further information, and to sign up at once, as the group will be limited.

Vacations Spent In Various Ways By Faculty Members

There are as many ways of spending vacations as there are people but a partial enumeration of the activities of the faculty during vacation shows that the faculty divided itself fairly well into three groups. First there was the convention-attending group, then the travel group, and lastly the group that just stayed home and "did nothing exciting".

The Botany department probably made the largest contribution to any one convention. Three thousand people from all over the United States were present at the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science which was held at Indianapolis, Indiana from December 27-30. Mr. George G. Avery, Jr., Miss Harriet B. Creighton, and Mr. Paul R. Burkholder read papers before the meetings of the Botanical Society of America at the A. A. S. Convention. Each gave a paper having to do with plant growth hormones, reporting work done in the hormone laboratory here at the college.

Readers will recall that to further the work of Mr. Avery and his colleagues the Rockefeller Foundation made a grant of ten thousand dollars two years ago. And this, with an equal expenditure on the part of the college, has made it possible for this institution to become one of the four or five plant hormone research centers in America.

Mrs. Ray led a round table on the subject "Teaching of Speech in Women's Colleges" at the meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Speech. The meetings were from December 28 to 31 at the Pennsylvania Hotel in New York.

Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Smyser, Miss Keene, and Miss Hier all attended the annual national meetings of the Modern Language Association in Chicago from December 28 to 31.

Mr. Hutcheson spent most of his vacation at his home in Richmond, Va., but from December 27 to 30 he attended meetings in Atlantic City of the American Economic Association and the American Statistical Association. Dr. Wessel and Dr. Chakerian were also in Atlantic City attending meetings of the American Sociological Society.

Miss Reynolds attended the meetings of the American Historical Association in Philadelphia from December 27 to 30. Miss Grier likewise attended the meetings of the American Historical Association and in addition attended the meetings of the American Archeological Association. Miss Dilly was also in Philadelphia attending political science meetings.

Miss Hartshorn studied dancing with Hanya Holm in New York; however she spent the holiday weekends at her home in Pennsylvania. Miss Ruth Wood turned student and took ski lessons at the Eastern Slope School in North Conway, New Hampshire.

Miss Florence Harrison, Mr. Cobbledick, and Mr. Erb attended educational meetings.

Dr. Scoville thought she would see if the "sunny south" really was sunny this vacation and so drove her family down to St. Petersburg where they rented a cottage on the sands for a week to enjoy summer out of season. They were, by the way, not disappointed. The weather was glorious. Miss Stanwood went south also and found it "wonderful". She was at Winter Haven, Florida.

Miss Roach and Miss Patterson spent most of their vacation in New Orleans but literature had led them to expect more than they found and so they were not as enthusiastic about the south as the Florida delegation was.

Dr. Bower who spent her vacation undergoing an operation for the removal of a wisdom tooth has not yet recovered from the effects of the operation which proved to be more serious than anticipated. Miss Bower will be unable to return before the end of the current week.

CALENDAR . . .

for Week of January 12 to 19

Wednesday, January 12

Bird Club Meeting, talk on Audubon Nature Camp, illustrated with movies. 309 New London
A. S. U. Industrial Committee Meeting Commuters' Room

Thursday, January 13

Concert, Earle Spicer Gym, 8:00

Friday, January 14

French Movie Coast Guard Academy
Italian Club Meeting, Dr. T. Carbonara of Barnard, speaking on Dante Jane Addams, 7:30

Sunday, January 16

Vespers, Hornell Hart Gym, 7:00

Monday, January 17

Lecture, Dr. William J. Hale Windham, 5:00

Tuesday, January 18

Social Science Group, speaker Mrs. James Morrison 206 Fanning, 4:00
Sykes Fund Speaker, Christopher Morley Gym, 8:15

Mid-Winter Play is Chosen; Tryouts Being Held

A *Bill of Divorcement*, a three act play by Clemence Dane has been chosen as the mid-winter play to be given on March 18th by the Dramatic Department with the aid of the members of the New London Community Theatre who so ably helped to make *Mrs. Moonlight* a success. It has been produced on both stage and screen and is known as a starring play. Katherine Hepburn reached the peak of her great triumph as Sydney, the light hearted, gay child of seventeen.

The story concerns the tragic predicament of a woman who is married to an insane husband. Mrs. Fairchild obtains her divorce and is about to remarry when her husband returns after recovering his sanity. What shall she do? Shall she take the happiness which is practically in her grasp, or make a great sacrifice for her husband? The fate of her life is suddenly shifted to Sydney's shoulders, whose decision makes it possible for her mother to do the correct thing.

The cast has not been completely chosen as yet, but a complete list of the characters will be given in the next issue of the *News*.

Nature Camp Lecture

There will be a meeting of the Ornithology Club this evening, January 12th, at 7:15 p. m., in Room 309, New London Hall. Miss Manning will talk on the Audubon Nature Camp in Muscongus Bay, Me., which she attended last summer. Her talk will be illustrated with motion pictures of life at the camp.

Physical education majors should be especially interested as well as all who do councillor work at camps.

Editorial

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a Chicago poor-house he left a will bequeathing the worthwhile things to man. "Item: I leave to children inclusively, but only for a period of their childhood, all and every flower of the fields and the blossoms of the woods, with the right to play among them freely according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thorns and thistles. And I devise to children the banks of the brooks and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof. And I leave to children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the train of the milky way to wonder at . . .

"Item: I leave to boys jointly, all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played, all pleasant waters where one may swim and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes one may skate, to hold the same for the period of their boyhood. And all the meadows, with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereof . . . And I give to said boys, each his own place by the fireside at night, with all the pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let, or hindrance or without any encumbrance or care.

"Item: And to all those who no longer are children or youths or lovers, I leave memory; and bequeath to them the volumes of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of other poets, to the end that they may live the old days over again freely and fully . . ."

Mr. Lounsbury had that quality that enables him to see the wealth that man may attain through the everyday things that we come in contact with. He was a millionaire because of the treasures in his heart.

Art Exhibit Shows Students' Originals

On Thursday, January 13, the commuter's room will be turned into an exhibition room. The first all student art exhibit will be at your pleasure to browse through. From all reports it will be an excellent showing. For it is not confined entirely to students taking art. The exhibition is for any girl who desires to show off her ideas, her designs, or her artistic creative powers.

It is originated for the purpose of developing interest in the efforts of the students. Also criticism is the most valuable asset for those talented ones who wish to make a career out of their work. Oils, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, etchings and tempera are the most forms of technique which will be exhibited. Of course, all the work is done outside of class, and entirely original.

Any type of picture is welcomed for it is of great interest to all of the students to see what is happening in the creative line. It is hoped that the faculty will show an interest in this show. Tea will be served from four to five-thirty.

Broadway Play Is Seen By Janet Peto

Father Malachy's Miracle, at the St. James theatre in New York, is the comedy which has made such a great hit on Broadway in its few weeks of running. It stars Al Shean who plays the part of the kindly old monk, Father Malachy. In a moment of rashness, he promises an Anglican clergyman that he will perform a miracle to prove that miracles still exist. Much to his surprise and to that of everyone else, he keeps his promise and causes a dance hall to be moved twenty miles through the air. Several complications follow his miracle, making him regret his act. Father Malachy, in the last scene of the play, adjusts all the complications in a breath-taking and astonishing climax.

Father Malachy's Miracle is very much alive, and the clever humor keeps it sparkling every second. The excellent cast, skilfully handled lines, and attractive stage settings make the play a "miracle" in itself.

Italian Club Sponsors Lecture on Dante

Dr. Terese Carbonara of Barnard College in New York City will address the Italian Club on Friday evening, January 14, at 7 o'clock. The meeting is to be held in Jane Addams. Coffee will be served immediately beforehand, at 6:45, and anyone wishing to go to the French film afterward may talk to the speaker then.

Dr. Carbonara will speak to us on a phase of Dantean culture. She is well qualified to do this, having given courses on Dante at Barnard for several years, and having given the graduate course at Columbia during Professor Bigongiara's absence. In order that her lecture may be attended by the largest possible audience, Miss Carbonara will speak in English.

Commencement Week Chairman Chosen

Mary Capps '38 was elected chairman of the Commencement weekend activities of the Senior Class at the meeting on Monday evening. Winifred Nies, Carmen Palmer, and Judith Waterhouse form the committee which will chose the advisory board to help Freshmen select their majors.

Council Lays Plans For Peace Day In April

The New England United Student Peace Council meeting was held on January 8 and 9 at Smith College. This Council was formed from the larger body of the New England United Student Peace Conference held earlier in the year. All peace organizations were represented, mainly the International Relations Clubs, American Student Union, and Student Christian Movement, with other independent peace organizations cooperating.

At this council meeting plans were laid for the February 13 Peace Conference of Connecticut Valley to be held at Yale University. When the matter of the April 22nd Student Anti-War Strike will be discussed and the main topic of the Conference will be "The Philosophy of the Strike."

Reports of the American Student Union and the Student Christian Movement National Conventions held during Christmas vacation were given. Although the former Convention rejected the Oxford Pledge and the latter voted to support it, the New England United Student Peace Council continued its stand in support of the Oxford Pledge, but redefined collective security stating that it supported such collective action of nations as trade and tariff agreements but opposed such collective actions as any pacts which would in any way involve the United States immediately or eventually in war.

The N. E. U. S. P. C. also supports the popular boycott of Japanese goods in the present Japanese move into China.

For students actively interested in peace the N. E. U. S. P. C. is affiliated with the Emergency Peace Campaign and encourages the sending of student summer volunteers on the Emergency Peace Campaign to do active peace work among rural and labor groups in the United States.

Anne Oppenheim '38 represented Connecticut College on the Council.

Numerous Gifts Sent Kentucky Youth

Before the recent vacation the Home Economics Club and other girls contributed very generously many articles which were sent to the "Save the Children Fund" for young school children in Harlan, Kentucky. The gaily wrapped packages containing everything from warm articles of wearing apparel such as mittens, shoes, skirts, and sweaters down to cheering articles such as dolls, crayons, books, and candy totaled over seventy. The girls who packed them into a large box had to repack the gifts in increasingly larger cartons as more and more packages piled up. Thanks should be given to the many girls who spent so much thought and time making Christmas a happier occasion for these less fortunate children.

Two Seniors Attend Meeting

Elizabeth Fielding '38, and Leanne Walser '38, accompanied Miss Harrison to Philadelphia during Christmas vacation for political science meetings. Miss Harrison believes them to be the only undergraduates who attended. Jean Vanderbilt '36, and Frances Wheeler '37, were also present. One of the interesting features was a roundtable on ways to get young college graduates started in public work.

Modern "Julius Caesar" Plays In Hartford

"Julius Caesar" in modern dress, smash hit of the Mercury Theatre of New York, will open at the Bushnell Auditorium, Hartford, on January 19 for a single evening's performance. This streamlined version of Shakespear's tragedy, presented in association with Alex Yokel, producer of "Three Men on a Horse," will then move to New Haven for three days beginning January 20.

Without scenic embellishments and flowing Roman togas—the actors wear street clothes and modern uniforms of indeterminate nationality—the Mercury Theatre's "Julius Caesar" dispels the belief that a classic is remote and obscure.

As Richard Watts of the New York *Herald-Tribune* wrote "so fresh and invigorating and alive is the presentation arranged by the valiant new Mercury Theatre, so completely is it lacking in any suggestion of academic pompousness, that "Julius Caesar" emerges as something you probably never expected it of being—an exciting, tense and very modern play and a great show."

Directed and conceived by 22 year-old Orson Welles, the Mercury production uses only a bare stage, a few platform levels and nothing more than the bricks of the back wall of the theatre, thus stripping the play to the essentials of an acting performance.

Paper By '35 Graduate

Margaret Creighton, A. B. Connecticut College, 1935, A. M. Brown University, 1937, presented a paper on insect development at a meeting of the Genetics Society of America held in Indianapolis in December.

Mrs. Grace Conkling Reads From Poems

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age of four and continued with her picturesque thoughts, adding rhyme gradually until she was about twelve. Miss Conkling is still writing poetry, but of a different sort. It was with one of her earliest works that her mother closed the Convocation.

Old Adage "Music Hath Charms" Is But Too True For Stooges

Gathering together a scholarly heap of notes and a heavy book on "The Romance of Bugs", I wend my weary way towards home. Ninthirty and all is quiet on the western campus. How warm and inviting those dorms look; of course they are filled with exuberant girls! They read the latest books, know all the answers, play excellent bridge, dance the "Big Apple", and appreciate the finer arts. As I pass silently 'neath the golden windows of Knowlton I hear, "strains of martial music". Can it be Chopin! What is this collegiate generation coming to!

With some misgivings, I enter the swing dorm of Connecticut. "Hi there kid. Say what have you been doing, not working again my dear?"

"Yes, but keep it a secret, I wouldn't want the faculty to know."

"Come on down to our end of the dorm, yours is like a morgue, there's only one vic." Never let it be said! I enter one room where soft lights and sweet music greet me. Can it be true the owner of this victrola uses soft needles. Peanut butter is food for thought and in this genial atmosphere, we relax. Then across

Many Trees Added To Campus Since College's Start

For the beautification of the campus, and the buildings on it, many trees have been planted since the start of Connecticut College when the hill was nothing but bare farm land.

A few were here, among them the beautiful great elm west of Knowlton, one of President Blunt's favorites, and the big tulip tree to the left of the path to the lake were here. Tulips were the prevailing trees over this part of the country before the ice age, though now there are very few. The great white pine to the side of the outdoor theatre is famous over this part of the country, being probably a hundred years old.

Most famous of all is the small, primeval grove of hemlocks, about one hundred in all, ranging from one to four hundred years old. Some were undoubtedly there before white men invaded this continent.

Several years ago there were 250 elms planted along Mohegan Avenue; the sycamores and maples on the main campus were added more recently. In 1932 students planted hundreds of little red pines in memory of George Washington on his bi-centennial anniversary, making a regular little forest of red pines. The two big elms in front of the library were the 1935 class mascot.

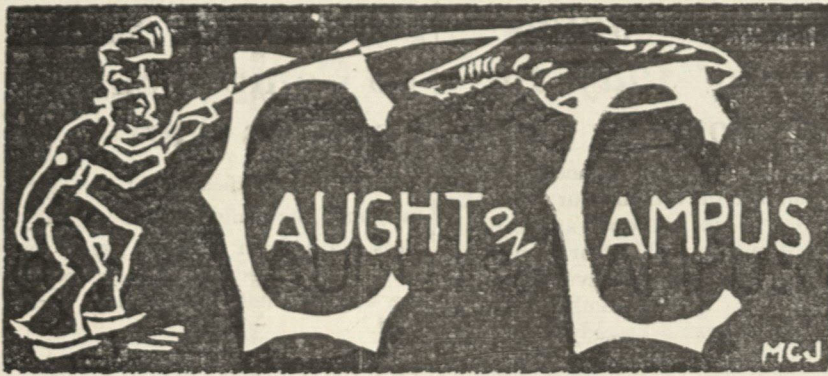
Now in front of Jane Addams and the 1937 Dormitory there have recently been planted several fairly large trees; the city of New London is cooperating in the purchasing and planting of them. Over Christmas vacation ten or eleven trees, larger than most, were scattered on the east side of Williams Street at the edge of the archery field in accordance with the general plans of the landscape architect. They will not interfere with the archery, but will improve the appearance of the campus, making an irregular fringe of trees along that barest part.

Some of these trees are elms, some sycamores, maples, oaks, and Mrs. Charles Sackett has donated a beech with low hanging branches and another tree from her own yard in New London.

the smoke laden room floats the sashrine strains of "You're a Sweetheart." A chorus of "A week ago tonight where was I, just ask me, where was I?" This sentimental mood is enhanced with "I Still Love to Kiss You Good Night." Now all we need is "Stardust". Our romantic reverie is rudely interrupted. Do I hear "Now you take the high road, and I'll take the low road, but I'll be in Scotland afore you." Here we go again. It's swing that makes our world go 'round. "The Dipsy Doodle" roars in retaliation of "Loch Lomond". "The Gypsy in My Soul" rivals "Bei Mir Bist Du Schon". What a racket, let me out of here!

Whoever wrote "In the Still of the Night" never went to college. I dash towards the nearest door, only to have someone howl in my ears "Have You Met Miss Jones?". "No", I gasp. Emerging stealthily into the hall, I am confronted with "How Many Rhymes Can You Get". I'll bite, how many?

After several attempts I reach my room and find "Solitude". Back to the old grind and "It's Nice Work If You Can Get It"—as who can't?



Hardly "Caught on Campus", but nevertheless decidedly caught are the lucky gals who returned from vacation with some lovely diamonds as recent additions to their most precious gems. Among these were two members of the Cabinet, Marge Beaudette and Dinny Sundt. Marge announced her engagement to Thomas H. Wilson II of Birmingham, Michigan, on December 26. He was graduated in 1937 from Dartmouth, and is at present employed at the Great Lakes Steel Corporation in Detroit. Plans are being made tentatively for a summer wedding.

Dinny Sundt made her announcement on December 24 of her engagement to Allen L. Brownlee of South Willington, Connecticut, who was a member of the class of '33 at Worcester Tech., and is now connected with the Hart Electrical Manufacturing Company in Hartford. They plan a wedding in August, and will live near Hartford.

Emily Allyn also wears a ring she received on Christmas Day from John Wiegand, salesman for the General Chemical Company in Charlotte, N. C. There are still some doubts as to the actual date for the wedding.

Several others on campus are waiting to announce their intentions publicly, although they already are wearing tokens which betray these hopes. With such a promising start, Spring should not have a difficult time in persuading many hearts to try similar paths.

If we can judge from the number who took advantage of the office hours at the Infirmary right after vacation, we'd draw some mighty good suspicions about what kinds of

times people had.

Commuters will long remember the event of their Christmas party, when Santa arrived in an airplane which landed, evidently, in the locker room . . . operated by Marge Dunn and Harriet Rice.

Caught on campus . . . Betty McNulty climbing in a window at Knowlton late at night . . . It's all right, McNuts; we know you were only playing Santa Claus for the kiddies in the house.

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Oxford Pledge Voted Down at Convention

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President Roosevelt and the personal welcome of President MacCracken of Vassar College, both executives being deeply interested in this progressive student movement. The report of Joseph Lash, present executive chairman of A. S. U. became the springboard for ensuing discussion. Commissions and round-tables centered around questions of war and peace, the racial problem, the student and organized labor, the formation of A. S. U. chapters and their relationship to present day trends. Prominent speakers spoke

on problems of social and political significance, among those being the Chinese and Japanese consuls, Norman Thomas, Mark Starr, and Professor Schumann of Williams.

Main controversial subject of the Convention was the Oxford Pledge vs. Collective Security. After much heated discussion, the final vote gave the victory to Collective Security, an act which the majority felt that precarious conditions today made necessary. The motion adopted now reads: "That we pledge the support of A. S. U. to anything which will make the U. S. an active force for peace."

So multifarious were the activities of the Convention, among them the much publicized Japanese-boycott

bonfire, that description of any length is inadequate. Notable among banner colleges are the Harvard, Vassar, Cornell, Swarthmore, Chicago U., and Smith chapters, which have been doing top-notch work in labor and peace.

This was not just an isolated gathering of serious-minded students who, in revolt against spurious, comfortable optimism wanted a genuine thrashing-out of present day conditions. Comparatively small as the group was, its interest bespeaks a decided decline in the notorious indifference of the American student, who, as a *Times* editorialist said so aptly in discussing the Convention, has "no right to be sociologically and economically illiterate."

New Prize Offered for Dorm Library

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academic year shall be counted. 2. The judges shall note the way in which the additions of the current year augment the books and periodicals already in the dormitory library.

3. The judges shall note the character, the variety, and the quality of the books and periodicals in the dormitory library, always keeping in mind the fact that the fundamental purpose of such a library is to provide material for intelligent leisure-time reading.

4. The judges shall consider the number of girls in the dormitory,

and the classes represented by these girls.

5. The award shall be spent for books and periodicals selected by the dormitory through its library committee of the current year.

The judges will be the three faculty members of the committee advisory to dormitory libraries, with possibly one other faculty member.

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Earle Spicer Recital

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