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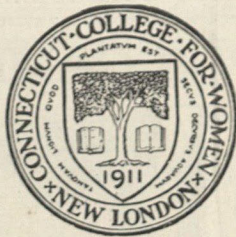
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Nazism Discussed by Dr. Alice Hamilton

Speaker Impressed by German Translation Of American History

"Nothing in the world is as terrible as war," said Dr. Hamilton at Convocation on Tuesday, January 17. Dr. Hamilton, the commencement speaker last June, was in Germany during the war scare representing our government at an international conference on industrial hygiene. Because she was only in Germany for one week she feels that her impressions are somewhat superficial.

The Friday before the week of the conference she arrived in Stuttgart, the center of the movement to weld all Germans into a common group. Here she bought some literature which presented an entirely new angle of history. These books presented the ideas that the Fatherland still claims the loyalty of the Germans in America, that it was the Germans who won the Revolution and the Civil War, "that Germans are fighting for others, never for themselves." The President, his cabinet, and all the important and influential men in America were represented as Jews; Lincoln was represented as a German. The book which won the Goebbel's Prize last year was "Hymns to Hit-

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Vespers Speaker to Be International Student Worker

Anne Wiggins, active for a number of years in the international work of the National Y.W.C.A., and more recently a secretary of the independent International Student Committee, will be the speaker at the 7 p.m. vesper service on Sunday. In the above connections, she has been for fifteen years engaged in religious work with students from all over the world who have been studying in American colleges and universities, assisting them to know American life in its various phases at first hand.

For the past few years, Miss Wiggins has quite independently continued her work of opening up new opportunities for understanding and friendship between American and foreign students. Her activities have led her to encircle the globe, and to visit Europe eleven times, on seven of which she has led American students on friendship tours.

Opportunity will be given students to meet Miss Wiggins both before and after the vesper service. Those so interested may consult Miss Van Eps Burdick in Windham.

Miss Wiggins' topic on Sunday will be "From Youth of the World to the Youth of America."

Discussion Groups Begin

Student Faculty Forum has initiated a series of discussion groups which will take place after the Convocation Lectures. A member of the faculty leads the discussion group. Dr. Lawrence aided in the discussion after Dr. Hamilton's lecture.

Important Invention Of C. C. Botany Professors

An invention of Drs. George S. Avery, Jr., Harriet B. Creighton, and C. W. Hock of the department of botany at Connecticut College, which was described by Dr. Avery at the recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Richmond, Va., will make possible a widespread study of plant growth hormones, a study which may possibly be of far-reaching economic as well as scientific importance. Quantitative research in this field has until now been possible in only a few institutions because of the great expense of facilities for carrying on the work.

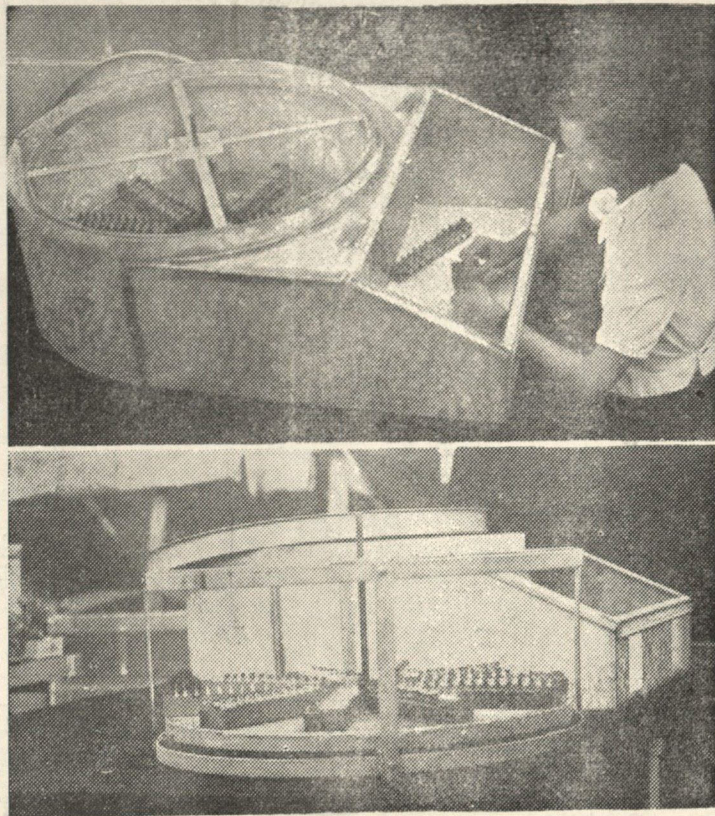
The invention of the Connecticut College botanists consists of a circular tightly enclosed sheet metal chamber about three feet in diameter which is so constructed that the temperature and humidity within it can be perfectly controlled, a condition essential to the quantitative study of plant growth hormones. It contains a "Lazy Susan" upon which the trays of test plants may be placed, and thus be easily reached through a small opening in the front of the chamber. Surrounding this opening is a glass covered vestibule with protected armholes by means of which the person engaged in the study may readily handle and observe his research material.

This miniature control chamber, creating the necessary conditions for work provided on a larger scale by the constant humidity and temperature laboratories in which growth hormone research has been carried on exclusively up to this time, may be constructed for about \$50. Because it will enable persons with proper training to carry on quantitative hormone work without the extensive equipment heretofore necessary, the new apparatus is bound to hasten progress in this highly significant field of study.

At the present time only five institutions are equipped for work in a major way in the study of plant growth hormones. They are the California Institute of Technology, the Boyce Thompson Institute at Yonkers, N. Y., Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and Connecticut College.

The work at Connecticut College has been carried on by Dr. Avery and his colleagues in a special subterranean laboratory which the Rockefeller Foundation made possible several years ago. In connection with the study Dr. Avery was granted a leave of absence last winter for several months of work on a Rockefeller Research Fellowship to become acquainted with virtually all the workers in the field and their laboratories. During this time he visited laboratories in England, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, and Denmark where growth hormone investigations are being carried on. He worked with Professor P. Bysen-Jensen at the University of Copenhagen, doing much to tie in the work which is being done in this country with that which is being done abroad.

Botany Department Invention



Pres. Blunt Tells Of New Plan for Honors Work

President Blunt emphasized departmental honors in her chapel talk on Tuesday, January 17. The senior questionnaire indicating the importance of intellectual curiosity and the formation of definite interests during college years; the Free Speech article bringing out the fact that intellectual curiosity is not very productive unless an attempt is made to satisfy it; and the numerous discussion groups on campus are all related to honors work, for honors work is one of intellectual curiosity.

In outlining the two plans for departmental honors, President Blunt suggested that all students read over the requirements in the college catalogue, for not enough people realize the opportunities involved. A three point average after freshman year is necessary, although a girl with a slightly lower average who is particularly eager for such work might be allowed to undertake it.

Under the old plan for honors work, President Blunt said that the student writes an extra paper, but under the new plan the senior year course of study is slightly modified. The student takes three courses, honors work counting for the remainder. She does one long paper, concentrating on it. She also takes a broader comprehensive examination that is covered in a general examination.

The latter plan, as President Blunt expressed it "gives more opportunity

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Registration

Students must register for the second semester by Saturday, January 21. Failure to do this involves a five dollar fine.

Dr. Dexter Stresses Czech's Need of Outside Help

"There is no peace in Czechoslovakia!" said Dr. Robert C. Dexter, speaking in 1937 living room Sunday afternoon, January 15.

Dr. Dexter is a Unitarian minister who has spent a great deal of time in Czechoslovakia and was there both before and after the Munich crisis. He has walked among the peasants and all classes in both Czechoslovakia and Germany and is well qualified to give a comprehensive picture of the situation abroad since September.

"It is the opinion of a great many of the Czechs and the Germans that it would have been better to have the unavoidable war in September," said Dr. Dexter, "for a war there will be, and with every victory Hitler and his government are strengthened."

The Czechoslovakians have "lost their soul," said Dexter, not only possessions and freedom of speech and press, and land, but their very soul. In his opinion the inevitable war, if brought about last September would have been a short one, and disastrous to the Germans.

Now, with the return, shortly, of the University to Prague, with its Nazi students and faculty, Nazi doctrines will soon be spread widely within this little democracy which is based on intellectual interest. Dr. Dexter thinks of Czechoslovakia as more of a democracy than France or Britain, or even the United States, and he noted that the two Presidents of the country have both been socialists, all the officials bearing Ph.D.'s or other degrees.

"It is still possible," said Dr. Dexter, "to save Czechoslovakia for allies of the democracies if the United States will only show with money for refugees and assurance from the Federal government that it cares enough. Great Britain has done remarkably

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Newt Perry Plays at Mid-Winter Formal

Supper to be Served In Windham Between Ten and Twelve

Newt Perry and his orchestra will make their debut at Connecticut College when they play for Mid-Winter Formal, Saturday, February 18, from 8:30 to 12 p.m. in Knowlton Salon. This year Knowlton dining room will be used for dancing for the first time and the over-crowded condition of former years will also be remedied by having groups of about 65 couples served supper in the game room and the dining room of Windham from ten to twelve. The tickets will specify which of the four groups their holders belong to, and couples will only be able to have supper during the half hour period to which they are assigned. Patsy Tillinghast '40, chairman of the entertainment committee of Service League, suggests that tickets be purchased early so that everyone can be with the group of their own choice for supper.

Connecticut is particularly fortunate in obtaining Newt Perry's orchestra. The leader is a member of the class of '41 at Yale, has played for many of the coming out parties in Chicago during Christmas vacation, and is popular at Smith and other eastern colleges. He played at the DKE house during Yale-Harvard week-end last fall.

Members of the various committees for Mid-Winter Formal are as follows:

Decorations: Virginia Mullen '39, chairman, Jeanne Ormrod '40, Patricia Pope '39, Ruth Kellogg '39, Betty Burford '41, Nancy Marvin '41.

Waitresses costumes: Sue Marchant '39, chairman, Edith Frey '39, Barbara Evans '40.

Tickets: Barbara Berman '41.

Invitations: Polly Frank '40.

Publicity: Jane Clark '40.

Tickets for the tea dance from 3 to 5 in the afternoon cost \$2.00 a couple and \$1.00 stag. For the evening stag tickets are \$1.75 and \$3.50 a couple.

Informal Prose and Poetry Writing

There will be an informal meeting of a group of students interested in reading prose and poetry, Thursday evening at 7:30 in Jane Addams living room. A short play, some prose, and several poems will be read. The group is open to all who are interested and they are invited to attend this meeting. For further information see Patsy Tillinghast '40, Doris Bonner '40, or Thea Dutcher '41.

Wells Writes Manual

Dr. John Edwin Wells, chairman of the English Department, has recently had published the seventh supplement to "Manual of Writings of Middle English." It was printed by the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences at the Yale University Press.

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General Examinations

On this same page of News you will find a Free Speech concerning General Examinations for the Seniors. It is but one of several which have recently been handed in to News office, and it is written in the same almost panic-stricken style.

We have inquired about General Examinations and found to our embarrassment that a great deal of what we wished to know is printed in the catalogue. We have further been assured that there is posted on the bulletin board in Fanning a notice, a part of which is reprinted in the Free Speech column.

We must remember that this is a new thing for the faculty as well as for the students, and that although it is new, it cannot be tragic. We are told fairly conclusively the courses for which we are to be responsible, and must know that with a comprehensive knowledge of these we cannot go far wrong.

A fair amount of work and a continuous effort at preparing for the examinations should assure us of the outcome. Mob psychology has never helped any group of young people, for a certain panic is sure to be its result; so by keeping our heads on our shoulders and thinking clearly, let us hope that general examinations in May will be taken in the usual stride and pass uneventfully.

Student Organized Chapels

The eight weeks' experiment of having a student sponsored chapel is almost at an end. During this eight weeks, the Religious Council has tried new experiments. There have been numerous student chapels, with various topics—the role of Honor Court on campus, the religious experiences of the students who did work abroad last year; a talk on the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut.

One of the more pleasant innovations has been the use of records in Chapel. Although the beginning of this type of chapel was not particularly auspicious, the last time records were played they were highly successful.

Whenever one calls a new mode of procedure an experiment, it implies a certain doubt as to whether it will be good enough to be continued. We believe that

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CAMPUS CAMERA



Thomas Wolfe Work Termed Symphony Of Human Emotion

In writing on such a subject as "Of Time and the River," at such a late date, I have the feeling that must be familiar to a novice tight-rope walker, for Mr. Wolfe survives as one about whom people fight with murder in their eye. What will happen when his posthumous novel is published is a matter for speculation, which remark gives me a chance to explain my attempting words on "Of Time and the River" three years after its publication. A few months ago, at the time of his death, there was an announcement of a completed work to be published, if I recall it correctly, the end of this year. As many others must have done, I wondered what this new piece could say that had not already been said in his previous works. It was an idle question, because I did not know what he had said, not having read "Of time and the River," which lack I have just remedied. I pass my conclusions to you for what they are worth, which is little in the face of this epic of youth in search of reason and meaning, the reason for and meaning in this world. I cannot and will not venture an estimate of the greatness of the book, for others, far more capable, have been unable to crystalize any such estimate.

Mr. Wolfe is one of those rare persons who make no concessions to anyone in regard to what he writes. The result is that his welter of words, ideas, incidents is often confusing and even, at times, incomprehensible. I can hear the snort of contempt that will greet such an admission of defeat as that, but it cannot be helped. The incredible thing is that the book is starkly compelling and moving, despite its frequent lack of clarity. There is about it an oppressive, tragic atmosphere quite beyond analysis and beyond human ability to forget. Like the many, yet one river it describes, it goes on forever ceaseless, changeless and changing, at times reaching the heights and, in the next

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THINGS AND STUFF

What we just cannot get over is this plan of Orson Welles, now moving rapidly to its fulfillment, of presenting "Five Kings," an epic composed of five of the Shakespearean chronicle plays in case you do not remember. Latest bombshell is his announced determination to keep up his regular weekly broadcast of which he is the moving spirit, while touring with the colossal drama.

It is always good news to hear of a talent suddenly blossoming into work that is really fine. The case in mind is that of Herbert Meyer, known by some for his work in flower pieces. His present exhibition of water-colors and pastels reveals that he previously neglected his real métier, landscape painting, for his new pieces are masterpieces of color and form.

Theatrical listings are beginning to look like announcements of "those present" at old home week and Broadway looks like Broadway once more, for look who's there, Jane Cowl, Laurette Taylor, Lillian Gish, William Gaxton, Victor Moore, Sophie Tucker, Alexander Kirkland, Beatrice Lillie, Sam Jaffe, Clifton Webb, Estelle Winwood, Hope Williams, and many others present after a "long time no see."

Brawl of the week: Is "Trade Winds" fish, flesh, or good red herring, or none of the three. Our brawl of the week has not happened yet, but will, in no time at all, if Howard Barnes, Herald Tribune Moving Picture critic, does not stop defending the annual awards. The gentleman protests too much, we think.

The most exciting news of the week in the world of music is the announcement of the forthcoming production of Moussorgsky's impressive and haunting masterpiece, "Boris Gudonoff." This work has not been done in its entirety for years, and will be more than welcome to all lovers of German and Russian music. It is to be regretted deeply that this

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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.)

To whom it concerns—

As a member of the class of 1939, I am very much disturbed in failing to obtain information of an important matter. I feel free to say that I am speaking (in spirit) for the majority of the class of 1939 when I ask for information concerning our General Exams. I would like to know when the "General" of my major will be held; what the program of study is, i. e., will we be given any free time to review our four years' work?

All pertaining to the General Exam has been kept in the dark too long for comfort. If this information can't be given to us now, may we at least know why?

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(Editor's note: The following quotation is taken from a notice now posted on the Fanning bulletin board.)

"A final general examination for each student in the major subject, to be set by the department as a whole. Each department may designate certain courses or alternative courses, or certain phases of the subject to be covered by the examination. It is assumed that the subject matter covered will include not fewer than 18 points. . . .

"Further that the student be excused from the regular June examinations in those of the courses which are to be covered by this general examination and which are taken in the senior year; that her grade in these courses be based on class work; that she be offered also the option of absenting herself from class meetings in these courses during the last week before the general examination.

"As a minimum the general examination should be three hours written, or two hours written plus one hour oral, according to the decision of the department, but the departments of music and fine arts are to be allowed to make such special arrangements as are necessary with regard to the nature of the examination.

"Further that each department prepare and read the examinations of its candidates; that the report on the examination by the department as a whole, be passed or not passed, with no grade; and that these examinations be set for the first week of May each year.

"In case of failure, a final re-examination may be taken either in September or the following May. . . ."

Calendar . . .

Wednesday, January 18

6:45 Senior Class Meeting F 206
7:30 Italian Club and I. R. C., Prof. G.
Salvemini Knowlton
8: Home Economics Club . Commuters' Room

Thursday, January 19

5: Talk and Movies on Hosting Gym
7:30 Informal Poetry Reading
Jane Addams Living Room
7:30 Oratorio Buell Hall, New London

Friday, January 20

7: Student Faculty Forum
Mary Harkness Living Room
7:30 Student Industrial Group Commuters' Room

Saturday, January 21

1-5 Badminton Gym
8: Amherst Glee Club
9-12 Service League Dance Knowlton

Sunday, January 22

7: Vespers, Anne Wiggin, International
Student Worker, New York

Monday, January 23

Review Period

Editorial

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these series of Chapel services have been excellent, and that it would be a good thing to continue them. The head of the Religious Council has done a noble job of not only acceding to student demands as much as possible but giving a good diversity in the choice of Chapel topics. She should be commended.

We hope that the Administration will see fit to allow these student organized chapels to function in the future.

Miss Peters Pleases Audience with Fine Recital

The presentation of Verdi's "Pace, Pace" from La Forza del Destino was the high spot of the song recital by Miss Julia Peters in the College Gymnasium, Thursday evening, January 12. In this composition Miss Peters showed real artistry and extensive study and feeling in the shading and tone. It was a beautiful and skillful rendition of a difficult aria, and it made this reviewer wonder if perhaps Miss Peters is not more at home on the Opera Stage than in concert work.

As is so often true of opening numbers, there was nothing to particularly distinguish the "Oh! Spietato" of Handel, and Bach's "My Spirit Was in Heaviness." The second Bach number, "My Heart Ever Faithful," was characterized by skillfully handled intervals and excellent enunciation.

Miss Peters' voice is definitely a soprano and her high notes are beautifully clear. She sings well in a controlled half-voice and handles piassimos to perfection, but it could be hoped that she does not often sing in the lower register, for the head voice is so far superior.

The chief adverse criticisms of Miss Peters' otherwise excellent singing would be an excess of jaw movement, and the obviousness of her breathing.

d'Albert's "Mittelalterlich Venu-shymne" ran a close second to the Verdi composition, showing the pow-

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Returning Hour

All students must be in their dormitories by ten o'clock Sunday, February 5.

Student Union Changes Attitude in Past Year

Another move to the right, started at its convention a year ago, characterized the fourth national convention of representatives of the 20,000 members of the American Student Union, fusian group of liberal student organizations.

Still maintaining its support of peace, the Union adopted a peace resolution calling for a study of the defense needs of the U. S. and modified its attitude toward the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. The convention voted approval of the recent plan of President Roosevelt to train students as civilian air pilots.

The peace resolution declared that the people and government of the United States should make a positive contribution to peace by not giving material or moral aid to "those aggressor nations which seem determined to engulf the entire world in war." It commended the Administration policy toward Germany and China.

The defense plank declared that at present unilateral disarmament was not possible, and called for a joint study of defense needs with the National Intercollegiate Christian Council and the National Student Federation of America, the results to be submitted to a referendum of the chapters of the American Student Union.

REPORTER'S LAMENT

DEAR LOUISE—

I approached the faculty with determined eye,
To find out what they did, and why,
And how they spent Christmas vacation,
Whether in conference or relaxation.
And they looked at me with hostile stare,
Just as determined to not tell where
Or when they went away—
Or things of interest they did one day.
I knocked on all the labeled doors
And traversed Fanning one to fourth floors.
I managed to catch just one or two
Before they could figure out something else to do.
It seems Dr. Lawrence stayed home by the fire
And read and wrote to his heart's desire.
I asked Miss Chaney about the conference
But I guess what I asked didn't make much sense.
So I stood dumbly, pad in hand,
But no one seemed to understand.
Nor do they know why my hair's turning grey,
But it's because that report was due at three to-day!

Former Instructor Writes of Recent French "Hurricane"

Miss Louise Chevalier returned to Paris in June, 1935, having taught three years in the French department at C. C., during which time she lived with Miss Katherine Hunter. She was well liked both by students and faculty. She is now secretary to Mr. MacJannet of the MacJannet School in St. Cloud—just out of Paris, and writes the following letter to Miss Hunter, of her experiences there during the Munich crisis:

"... Both your letter and the papers I enjoyed a lot, but when they came we were just catching our breath after the other kind of hurricane which hit France during the last two weeks of September. I must confess that the New England hurricane distressed me only in a retrospective way, if you know what I mean, for when it occurred all the headlines in our papers were occupied by something even more important to me. I have not lived through such a nightmare since I was a child. My sister Charlotte's husband and one of my big nephews were called to the Maginot line the very first day of mobilization, and it was awful to bid them good-bye, not knowing what would happen. Charlotte, her baby and mother went down to the Atlantic coast near Bordeaux, where Charlotte's husband's family have a house, as there was no point in their staying in Paris where there might be danger. I put them on the night train, and the station was almost dark, lighted only with dim blue lights—as were entire sections of the city—and filled with Red Cross nurses helping off crowds of women with babies, and old people. Some Boy Scouts were carrying invalids on stretchers. It brought back memories which I thought I had forgotten. My other sisters were all scattered through France, still being on their vacations. My brother and brothers-in-law were here, expecting every day to receive their orders to join their regiment, and every night I had dinner with one or the other, who would tell me exactly what to do in case he were killed. It was rather difficult to keep up one's spirit—however I am mighty proud because in the opinion of all the foreigners I saw during those trying days, and especially Americans, French people were marvelously cool, courageous, calm, and kept their heads on their shoulders.

"I had my vacation during the first two weeks of September, but seeing how things were going, I didn't go anywhere, nor take much rest. When I returned to St. Cloud on the 16th we started work for the opening of school on October 3rd, but the following week orders came from the American Embassy for all residents to leave Paris. Mr. MacJannet didn't know what to do with the few children he had under his care. He warned me that he would have to go, he knew not where, and that he would have no use for me if he couldn't reopen the school, but at that time being without a job wasn't my chief concern. When finished packing the most important things, the blessed news of the Munich Conference came—and you can bet we were happy to unpack.

"School opened as usual on October 3rd, with a small registration—about 52 pupils—but enough to keep things going. We have a whole group of refugees from Austria, Germany

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Egyptian Pyramids Soon to Exhibit Electric Advertisements

Back again with more facts from the world of ODDITIES.

They have a public library in Borneo for retired HEAD HUNTERS... Experiments indicate that material memorized during the drowsy period preceding sleep is likely to be better retained in the mind than when memorized several hours before bedtime... Chop suey was first concocted by an IRISHMAN... The following HEADLINE appeared in the New York Journal News:

JURY TO TRY WOMAN FOR MURDER NOT YET COMPLETED

(She is a little behind schedule!)... HAIL COLUMBIA was written originally to be used in a vaudeville act... An old negro of Knoxville, Tennessee, walks about the street and sniffs the air to detect leaking gas—the gas company pays him for each leak he discovers... A STOMACH-ACHE saved for France its republican form of government! After the fall of the Second French Empire in the Franco-Prussian war, France was having a political uprising over whether it would be a republic or a monarchy. The issue came to vote in 1875, and the Deputies were so evenly divided that it was a toss-up whether the result would be a president or a king for the French people. During the roll call the outcome became even more doubtful, as the republicans and the royalists were running neck and neck. Then came the LUCKY BREAK by which the French republic made good. A moment before his name was called, Deputy Leurant, a dyed-in-the-wool royalist, was seized with a violent case of the cramps. He left the assembly and was gone for some time. His name was called, but

he was not present to answer. When the roll call was completed, it was found that the assembly was tied, 352 to 352. In such case the constitution provided that the President cast the deciding vote, which he did—for a republic that has lasted down to the present day... This sign appeared in a laundry window:

WE DO NOT TEAR YOUR CLOTHES BY MACHINERY, WE DO IT CAREFULLY BY HAND

... Jacksonville, Florida is further WEST than Cleveland, Ohio... It is an established fact that people eat approximately one-third less today than 15 years ago... A giant Sequoia near Porterville, California was sawed completely in half, but the woodsmen were unable to make it fall. The tree has remained standing for the last 38 years... To prove that BOSTON's boasted culture is no greater than Chattanooga's or Kankakee's, an eminent concert violinist donned shabby clothes and dark glasses and played exquisitely for half a day on a Back Bay street corner. During the experiment not MORE than three or four persons listened to him at one time—and the half day's receipts in the tin cup were exactly EIGHTY-THREE cents... The Egyptian Ministry of the Interior has announced that electric advertising space is to be let on the PYRAMIDS... Thomas Carlyle, British essayist and historian, rewrote from memory the 45,000 words comprising the first volume of his FRENCH REVOLUTION, after a servant had carelessly DESTROYED the original manuscript... That is all for now, but just THINK THIS OVER: HE who laughs—lasts.

Interesting Revelations Made by P. A. C. Survey

That large numbers of college students have less academic ability than the youth of their generation who have become machinists and unskilled workers is disclosed in a pamphlet, *How Good Are Our Colleges?*, just released by the Public Affairs Committee.

The pamphlet summarizes the results of the ten-year study of higher education in Pennsylvania made by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Only about half of the youth of outstanding ability are getting into college, the pamphlet declares, while at least one-fourth of the college students are below the average out-of-school youth in ability.

Colleges are shown to differ widely in the capacity of their students. In one extreme case all of the students in the sophomore class of one college ranked lower in an intelligence test than the dullest student in the sophomore class of a superior institution.

Nor does these differences appear to be due entirely to selection. Thirty-four students out of 106 high school graduates whose test scores were close to average went to colleges which ranked in the upper half of Pennsylvania colleges. The remaining 72 went to colleges in the lower half. When tested again after four years, the students who attended the top-ranked colleges made scores which were superior to those in the low-ranking institutions by a margin equal to the normal differences between Sophomore and Senior years. Thus, the pamphlet comments, "if the kind of knowledge measured by these tests is the object of a college education, then it is about twice as expensive in time (and probably in money) to go to the less efficient institutions."

Recent Information Concerning C. C. Alumnae

Raymond Baldwin, husband of Edith Lindholm Baldwin '20, is Republican governor of Connecticut.

Anna Buell '23 is doing social settlement work at Olean, N. Y.

From the class of '31 we learn that Evelyn B. Watt, executive secretary to the librarian at the Yonkers Public Library, has announced her engagement to Walter M. Daniels, a member of the staff of the New York Times.

Sophie Litsky '32 is in her second year at the Graduate School of Jewish Social Work and the New York School of Social Work.

Ethel Russ Gans '34 has been studying elementary schools with an A. A. U. W. group in an attempt to improve the Norwalk-Westport schools.

Dorothy Krinsky '35 has been working with the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Association in New York City.

The class of '36 reports the marriage of three of its members, Marion Pendleton to the Rev. Victor Obenhaus, Mary Griffin to Henry Conklin, master at Choate School, and Ruth Norton ex '36 to Robert Kuhl.

Four members of the class of '38 are striving for their Masters. Mildred McGourty is working at Wesleyan, Winnie Nies at Columbia, Elizabeth Fielding at the American University in Washington, and Hazel Davenport at the University of Michigan.

Evelyn Falter '38 is assistant dietitian at Russell Sage College.

Beatrice Enequist '38 is teaching art to crippled children at St. Giles, Garden City, and Margaret Myers is acting as research secretary for her father who is a Professor at Princeton.

Barbara Griffin '38 is taking a graduate course in Food at the Boston Dispensary, and Dorothea Bartlett is a student dietitian at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

From the same class we learn that Harriet Cherry is at Tuft's College studying medicine.

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Dr. Sanchez has a brilliant (???) new method for remembering those troublesome Spanish verbs. Paint each finger-nail a different color to stand for a verb, and then, when you forget, you'll remember. It may be a good old Spanish custom, but we're sceptical.

Unfortunately we have not a good memory for names, so tell us, Rachel Homer, who is the fair-haired boy? Is it a Whatsit, a Whosit, or a Whitsit?

The lordly Seniors of 1937 House are not a little indignant and ruffled upon the lack of that elusive quality, known as "intellectual curiosity." They react somewhat violently to these accusations, and tell us in no uncertain terms, that all one can hear in the dorm is the opera on Saturday afternoon, and Brahms' Second at any hour.

The current epidemic of crutches and canes on the campus is headed to surpass the plague of appendectomies any day now. Now that exam time is drawing too uncomfortably near, a flock of broken arms might not be such a bad idea.

The popularity of the Great God Bridge is seriously threatened, we are told, by the growing interest in Crossword Lexicon, Chinese Checkers, cribbage, and chess. We utter the last in reverend tones and stand in mute awe of any one who even attempts the game.

"Buck" over in Plant has the most delightful soirees. Radio advertised coffee is displayed being poured into a Christmas coffee pot, and causes ten or twenty coffee addicts to sigh longingly over the fumes. Coffee at night

would be such a nice idea, Buck, especially during exams.

If you have noticed a weary, tired-of-the-world look in "Marty" Beam's eyes, it isn't love that's worrying her. We hear that it has been her job of late to beat unbelievable numbers of eggs with an eggbeater in the Home Ec. Lab.

The latest reports are that she may be muscle bound.

We hear that four college girls invaded the Officers' Club at the Submarine Base, and had a very nice time. And now they are no longer "poor lone Seniors."

So farewell until next semester. And good luck to all of you in you know what.

May we say in closing, best wishes to Jean Lynch, Gwen Jones, and Nancy Pribe, who are now convalescing from old faithful—appendicitis, of course.

Quotable Quotes

By Associated Collegiate Press

"The university must make deliberate, conscious attempts to tie itself into the pattern of American community life in some meaningful way if it is to justify its place in the community as an instrument for the protection and advancement of democracy." New York University's Dean Ned H. Dearborn urges higher education to pay more attention to adult education.

"Only relatively late in human history have people been able to think before they speak and speak before they act. Most of us still do it rather infrequently and with rather indifferent success." Miami University's Dr. Read Bain believes we are suffering from "acute but highly contagious blattitis."

"In the process of Americanizing our education we have really, without knowing it, drifted away from our older American tradition. National-

★ FASHION PREVIEW ★



Louise Dahl-Wolfe

As wasp-waisted and severely fitted as a grenadier's is this evening coat from the November Harper's Bazaar, of rose-colored Forstmann wool which flows out to enormous width at the hem of the long skirt.

ism, even if it is Americanism, is not liberalism. It very easily becomes the opposite." Dean Christian Gauss of Princeton University deplores the decline of the study of the humanities.

"The general understanding that scholars are necessarily free men would be promoted if there radiated from our colleges and universities news reflecting the wide range of opinion on controversial issues which prevails on almost any campus." Reed College's Pres. Dexter M. Keezer has a new plan to discredit

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Announcements

The chairman of the Announcing Committee is Lois Vanderbilt. A box will be put up shortly for all those items which are to be announced.

those who claim colleges are ism breeding grounds.

"The university must be the custodian of scholarship, jealously guarding the truths which have been ascertained and ceaselessly seeking out unseen truths by study and experiment. The University is further pledged to the cultivation of the mental, the esthetic and the spiritual capacities of its students, mindful always that they will be the active citizens of our democracy during the next generation." Pres. Charles Seymour, Yale University, points the way for greater service by higher education.

"Intercollegiate athletics involves substituting a spectator psychosis for student participation. It meshes the college in with a semi-professional system in which scores are more important than pleasure and skill." Pres. Stringfellow Barr tells why he has abolished intercollegiate athletics at St. John's College.

A recent survey revealed 37 per cent of Northwestern University's coeds go bare-legged to classes.

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Former Instructor Writes Of French Hurricane

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and Czechoslovakia, who are getting a little Americanization before getting their visas to enter America. They are fine students and create quite a spirit of "emulation" among the others."

Miss Peters Pleases with Fine Recital

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er and beauty of the singer's voice and her skill in handling it, as well as knowledge of both the music and the voice itself.

Mr. Paul Mayer deserves a great deal of admiration for his very excellent accompanying. This was particularly noticeable in the second Bach, the Brahms numbers, "Dein blaues Auge," and "Auf dem Kirchhofe," and in the d'Albert Venu-shymne.

The Colgate University senior class presidential election was won by a single-vote margin.

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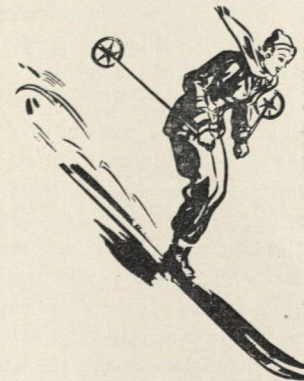
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Nazism Discussed by Dr. Alice Hamilton

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ler," written by young Nazis. "If you substituted the name of Christ for the name of Hitler, the hymns could be used in any church," said the speaker. This book is an example of the genuine worship which the Nazis have for Hitler.

Dr. Hamilton explained the status of the Jews by citing the changes which had taken place since her last visit to Germany. She told how one of her friends, very influential in the scientific field, in founding a university, and in bettering conditions at the end of the World War was being hidden by her gentile colleagues because they needed her scientific work. Jews have learned "never to expect any protection from the police or any justice from the courts." All men from 18-60 years of age, who owned any property at all, were placed in concentration camps on November 10.

There is little hope for the Jews in the advent of a war, for the speaker said that they will probably be blamed for any German misfortunes, and will probably be massacred at the Germans' first reverse.

Espionage and fear are much worse than they were in 1933. People suspect each other, they can't trust even their friends, they are afraid that dictaphones have been planted in their own homes; no one knows who the secret police are.

After the meeting on Monday, the members of the Congress, mostly Italians and Germans, adjourned to Palm Garden for entertainment and refreshment. Instead of dining and dancing they listened for an hour and a half to Hitler's speech over the radio. He impressed Dr. Hamilton as having a high, shrieking voice which never changed from one note of fierce hysteria. No one commented on the speech; in fact, no non-German can understand Hitler's dialect. Dr. Ham-

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ilton feels that such a speech, which was not really very fierce, could not have held an American audience just because it was delivered in a high, fierce voice.

During that week or crisis, Dr. Hamilton stated that no one knew what was going on in England and France, or even in Germany itself. The newspapers gave the impression that Chamberlain and Hitler were working together as two great peacemakers, trying to save Europe from war, and depicted Benes as a cruel monster, torturing women and children, dealing death and destruction for the sake of advancing the personal interests of Czechoslovakia.

By Wednesday most of the members of the conference had been recalled to their countries, and the Americans left Thursday night. When Dr. Hamilton reached France she saw calls to mobilization posted everywhere, and women and children were being sent into Brittany for safety. This was a war which was to be waged not against armed men, but against helpless citizens. The very short time which it would take German and Italian planes to reach French borders was pointed out by the speaker.

Many persons think that it was shameful for France and England to go back on Czechoslovakia, but Dr. Hamilton feels that, although the fate of the Czechs is terrible, the results of a war would have been far worse. Chamberlain's speech to the Commons seemed to indicate that Hitler was anxious to march into Czechoslovakia. The speaker did not feel that Chamberlain plotted the whole thing out with Hitler first. On the question of further wars, one Czech to whom she spoke thought that Hitler would get everything that he wanted without fighting for it. Dr. Hamilton argued against war by saying that "war means dictatorship" and, in the case of war, "right might not

triumph."

The strenuous life in Germany today was described by the speaker. The tempo of Germany is now greatly keyed up. It is under the complete control of one man, greatly heartened by his successes. In the very best grocery stores only two kinds of fruit and five vegetables can be bought. One buys whatever kind of meat he can get—if he can get any at all. Butter and bread are apportioned, so much per head per week. There is a great deal of conscript labor, but many feel that that is better than concentration camps. Dr. Hamilton concluded by saying that almost wartime conditions prevailed in Germany today, and that she came away from there with a great horror of war.

An informal discussion, with this lecture as its main topic, was conducted at 7 o'clock by Dr. Lawrence in Mary Harkness living room.

This Collegiate World

by Associated Collegiate Press

Believe it or not, the day when "ponies" for foreign language classes will be formally okeh'd by the faculty is fast approaching. You who slave over those difficult translations will be interested in knowing that Instructor Nathan Susskind of College of the City of New York has proven with tests that students who use approved ponies learn a foreign language faster than those who don't.

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Thomas Wolfe Work Termed Symphony Of Human Emotion

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line, descending to the murkiest possible depths. One could go on forever drawing parallels with the great Russians, with Wasserman, with Joyce, and many others, but still little further light would be cast. That remained for Mr. Wolfe to do, for though this is one of the longest modern novels, and certainly the most loquacious, it leaves one with a feeling that the author was still unable to put into words his idea that was the central driving force. Like his characters, he seems to grope his way, at times faltering and losing himself in almost mystic song, at others, pulling himself together and marching on to the grandeur of the exquisite music of language he knew so well how to handle.

In short, the work is a devastating symphony of human emotion, his people unforgettable in the tragedy and happiness of their longing. "Of Time and the River" is more than a book, it is an experience, not always pleasant, but one that makes life richer for having shared it.

Dahlgren Speaks Here

Dr. Ulric Dahlgren of Princeton University will speak to the Science Club on February 10, at 7:30 p. m. in Knowlton salon. His subject is the "Animal Life of Mt. Desert Island and Surrounding Seas." This will be illustrated by lantern slides

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2. It makes girls look too tall.
3. It looks too much like the housewife.
4. Girls fuss too much with the up-style.

5. It is unbecoming to most faces.
6. The up-do probably will go back down after movie stars get tired of it.

7. The up-keep cost probably will force it down quicker.

Which should make all those who build mountains on their heads take down their hair and weep!

* * *

University of Chicago word-technicians have been working for a long time now on a new American-English dictionary, and they've come across a couple of facts that may be of interest to you. For instance:

They've found that use of the word "co-ed" was first made in 1893,

and first got recognition in the old "Independent" in 1907 in this sentence: "The fellows in a body may laugh at the co-eds yet they rarely fail to open or close a door for them." Maybe that is meant as a bit of a left-handed etiquette lesson for us, too.

And the "college widow" is given recognition with this definition: "A 'college widow' is the unfortunate young woman who, having been the pet of several college generations without making a single permanent capture, at last finds herself deserted of admirers, and with faded charms, falls out of sight and memory."

Pres. Blunt Tells of New Plan for Honors Work

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for concentration with only three courses." The long paper gives a chance for more independent work, and the student gets an insight on research and true scholarly interest in her subject. It was pointed out in closing that there is an advantage in this semi-independence which some consider, for both plans are methods of intellectual growth.

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President Blunt also mentioned that there is a statement concerning the general examinations, posted on Fanning Bulletin Board which will be of interest to all students. A reprint of part of this statement will be found elsewhere in this issue of *News*.

Dr. Dexter Stresses Czech's Need for Outside Help

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well with help both monetary and spiritual. They have raised two million pounds to the United States' \$25,000. In the face of the greatest loss of all, the morale of the Czechs, a change over to the Nazi doctrines is imminent without our help."

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