We’ll be at Colby Night... Will you?

COLBY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 26-27

COLBY VERSUS BOWDOIN

SAT. 1:30 P.M.
SEAVERNS FIELD · MAYFLOWER HILL
For its excellent and well-deserved name in the field of liberal education, we salute our beloved Colby today. Colby represents a venerable educational tradition of our Western World, built on the twin foundations of the clear and the far-ranging Greek mind and the moral and spiritual depths of the Hebraic-Christian revelation. This tradition is threatened by powerful forces today. A statement of President Dickey of Dartmouth last fall was startling, but it must have some truth in it: "The kind of education we offer is doomed within a few years if this Cold War continues to poison the whole atmosphere of our lives."

The champions of this tradition need to stand up and be counted. There are two moods or tendencies in our current American life which we must pointedly challenge. We shall call one complacency, and the other conformity. They are twin sisters and they look much alike. They are dressed in tailored black, and in our world now they seem eminently respectable. Yet really they drape our common life with a chilling pall.

Our complacency registers in our apathy to the needs of a starving humanity while we pamper ourselves in the name of an ever-higher standard of living. Aneurin Bevan predicted that we would soon be watching each other starve on television. We also prove our complacency in our progressive acceptance of brutal realism, as conscientious scruple continues to decline in this bloodiest of human centuries. Recall that once upon a time, and not so long ago, we called that nation a pack of barbarians who first unleashed the submarine. To be sure, we are frightened and anxious and gambling on survival, but the fact remains that in many decisive areas of our life we are shamefully complacent.

Our conformity is patent in our widespread anti-intellectualism. Though the American people profess a fervent belief in education, they commonly distrust their best-trained minds. Albert Schweitzer, whose life and thought are not unknown on Mayflower Hill, has recognized this mood as a universal one when he said, "With the spirit of the age I am in complete disagreement, because it is filled with disdain for thinking." And when we scorn thought we follow custom blindly. Winds now blowing encourage us to conform to tame mediocrity and a sleepy average. It almost seems as if the American dream had made us into a nation of sleep-walkers. Our prosperity blurs not only the awful needs in foreign lands but also crying gaps and spiritual poverty in the homeland. We are increasingly subjected to the mass propaganda machinery that makes up our minds for us. Our civil liberties are in constant jeopardy. We have revived features of the horrendous Inquisition by penalizing men for their thoughts and their associations. Yes, complacency and conformity set the mood, and it is dangerous.

Our colleges, along with our churches, must vindicate the work of the free and adventurous mind. Our prophets must use the freedom of the pulpit, lest that freedom vanish from disuse. Our sages and our men of learning must practice liberty of utterance in the class-room, or that liberty may silently ooze away. To colleges like Colby we look for what Hocking names "the loadlifting idea." It is encouraging to realize that under President Bixler and his colleagues great ideas can germinate and flourish here, and bold works of thought can be given expression. In the name of the churchmen-founders of this college, let us finally invoke the Spirit of the Living God to inspire and direct the thought and life of the significant adventure which is the Colby of 1956.

The Reverend John W. Brush, '20
Commencement Dinner, 1956
Our alumni will be pleased to know that beginning this fall we shall make a curriculum change which marks another important "Colby First." For some time we have been scrutinizing our Air Force ROTC program. Now the Air Force High Command has approved our suggestion that the courses for freshmen and sophomores, called respectively Air Science I and Air Science II, be combined as Air Science I so that the freshman course, with no increase in class hours, will offer the basic material of both. This includes "elements of aerial warfare," "global geography," and some "operational techniques." More important still — from now on Air Science II will be identical with our regular sophomore course in philosophy.

This means that our freshman men will have a richer course than previously. It means further that all our sophomore men (with a few exceptions such as veterans) will be required to take Logic, Ethics, and Political Theory — in other words, 1) How to think, 2) How to think about right and wrong, and 3) How to apply such thinking to national and international questions. The course will be given by three members of our staff in philosophy with some help from a fourth. Each week there will be one lecture and two discussion meetings in sections of not over twenty. It will also be open to women. As a matter of interest I should add that one of the new philosophers who will teach the course is a former Air Force navigator and pilot with a good war record and another is a former college football captain, so that we are prepared for the hazards of required attendance!

The significance of this step is two-fold. First, with all our sophomore men and some women in this new course we shall have more "philosophizing" on the campus than ever before and shall be that much nearer our goal of a liberal education with philosophy as its core and center. Second, we shall present our students and the outside world with this welcome evidence of the growing belief in the relevance of the liberal arts, and particularly of philosophy, to the needs of our age. Here at Colby we have persistently held that a college must train its students for new situations and the specific decisions they require by offering them experience in handling general ideas. On this belief the Air Force now places its stamp of approval. The lesson is bound to sink in. I am confident that we shall see on the part of our entire student community a new readiness to understand what a liberal arts education is for. It is hard to think of a more striking testimonial to the need for ideas and imagination as well as facts.

Our satisfaction in making this announcement is not lessened by word from Lt. Col. Henry H. Kirby, the progressive and forward-looking head of our Air Force unit, about the attitude of the High Command. He tells us that officers both at Maxwell Field and at the Pentagon have said that other colleges should be informed of our program in the hope that they will follow our lead. One further item in his letter deserves mention. "Colby," he writes, "leads the nation in the success of its graduates in pilot training. Not one graduate of the AFROTC program here has failed in his post-college work."
A n important collection of American primitive paintings has been given to Colby by Mr. and Mrs. Ellerton M. Jette of Waterville and Solon. Mr. Jette, president of the C. F. Hathaway Shirt Company, is a trustee and honorary graduate (LL.D., '55) of the college.

To be known as The American Heritage Collection, the paintings will be exhibited for the first time October 10 in Foss and Woodman Halls at a special showing to which distinguished figures of the art world are being invited.

Principal speaker at the dinner on that occasion will be Nina Fletcher Little, an authority on early American art. Author and historian, Mrs. Little has served on the faculty of the Seminars on American Culture at Cooperstown, New York and spoken at the Williamsburg Antiques Forum. She is a trustee of Old Sturbridge Village and a lecturer at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

In announcing the gift by the Jettes, Dr. Bixler described it as "the most important collection the college has received as an outright gift in the field of art."

"It was assembled by Mr. and Mrs. Jette especially for the college and its art instruction and is another example of the imaginative generosity that has characterized their many contributions to the college and community. As far as we can determine the only collection of American primitive art which is comparable is the famous Garbisch Collection in Washington, D. C."

The collection, spanning 1760-1840, contains approximately 85 paintings, the larger percentage being portraits in oils. They are primarily products of craftsmen and artists of the New England and Eastern seaboard.

Lovejoy Memorabilia

At the suggestion of James S. Pope, Colby's first Lovejoy Fellow and executive editor of the Louisville (Kentucky) Times and Courier Journal, Mrs. Adeline Metcalfe Bryant of Danville, Kentucky has sent to the Miller Library a newspaper clipping reporting the death of Abraham Breath, a defender of Elijah Parish Lovejoy (Colby 1826).

Headlined "A Brave Man Dead," and datelined Alton, Illinois, the clipping re-tells the organization of a company of sixty men, of which Abraham Breath was an officer, to protect Lovejoy — and of the fateful night of Lovejoy’s death.

"A new press and type . . . arrived at Alton November 6, 1837. That night the company . . . stood guard over it in the warehouse. They were not molested. On the night of the seventh, it being near midnight, and no sign of a disturbance visible, most of them went home, leaving Winthrop S. Gilman, Abraham Breath, and his brother, and a few other tried spirits in charge.

"Soon thereafter the mob attacked the building and attempted to fire it. The little garrison opened fire and killed one of the assailants. It was in a sortie to prevent the burning of the building that Lovejoy lost his life. Breath was the first to try to stanch the flow of blood from his five wounds."

The memory of the martyr Lovejoy is honored each fall at Colby with a convocation at which a distinguished American editor speaks. The date this year will be November 9.

The department of journalism at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, has also established a yearly award honoring Lovejoy. The recipient is a "weekly newspaper editor selected for outstanding editorial service involving courageous performance of duty in the face of economic, political, or social pressures brought against him by members of his own community."

Unusual Gift

Colby has been pledged the gift of an estate at fashionable Seal Harbor by Gilbert H. Montague, well-known lawyer of New York City. According to an agreement between the donor and the college the transfer is to take place "before March 15, 1957." Mr. Montague leased the property to the college rent free as of June 1, 1956.
Colby loses the services of a faithful alumnus with the resignation of Fred Foss Lawrence, 1900, from the board of trustees. Mr. Lawrence was first elected for a three year term in 1927. He was re-appointed in 1940 and has served ever since. At various times he has been a member of the nominating, executive, and visiting committees.

In a letter to Chairman Neil Leonard, 1921, last April, Mr. Lawrence stated he was stepping down at the age of 76 "to make way for one more younger and more vigorous participant in the program of development." His resignation was accepted with extreme regret and with full appreciation of his loyal work. Mr. Lawrence is vice president of the Maine Savings Bank, Portland.

The invitation from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to the Colby baseball team to participate in a playoff to determine the District One (New England) representative for the College World Series had unhappy repercussions. A conflict of playoff dates and final exams made it necessary to decline the bid. Student disappointment erupted into a demonstration that did no one any good.

The rule prohibiting any event from interfering with examinations is of long standing. It is all-inclusive, applying to concerts, lectures, extra curricular meetings, as well as sports.

College authorities assumed that students knew of the regulation. This was an error of judgment and revealed weaknesses in the communications between the administration and undergraduates.

An editorial June 2, in the Portland Press Herald evaluated the situation with clarity.

"There is no doubt whatever that Colby College authorities saw education in true perspective in making a rule against activities which conflict with final examinations and in standing fast on it in the face of strong sentimental reasons for giving way to permit sending a rare championship team to a regional tournament.

"Considered against the practice of far too many colleges, Colby is far ahead of its time in reasserting that what college is about is learning, first, last, and all the time, even at the sacrifice of more pleasant activities.

"Colby is not alone, of course, in holding this view. Indeed it is in distinguished, if numerically inferior, company. For anyone who pretends to rate institutions objectively, the steadfastness with which their gazes are held on the all-important mark of scholarship is a critical factor.

"But having said this an explanation is still needed for the evident failure of communication between faculty and students on the point of exams versus
tournament and the utterly disgraceful student rioting which followed the decision to keep the baseball team at home.

"The scholastic dog should wag the athletic tail and any action which would reverse this relationship is best nipped at the start. The trick is to convince all hands this view is right."

That is the trick — and in a report on the NCAA incident to Commencement to members of the Alumni Council, Dr. Bixler said, "The administration is constantly trying to find new channels of communications between faculty, trustees, alumni and students. I am confident it will be successful in preventing misunderstandings of this type."

In addition to internal self-appraisal at the college, the NCAA is planning to study the overall problem, for this is not strictly a Colby puzzle. President Clarence P. Houston of the NCAA has notified President Bixler that the NCAA Council this August will review its policy on meets and tournaments and give consideration to the examination conflicts and their solution.

Mr. Houston, on the faculty at Tufts University, closed his letter to Dr. Bixler in this manner, "I shall have to say that I am sympathetic with the members of your faculty in their attitude, as I am a teacher, and only last week a boy wanted to be excused from a final examination to enter the IC-4A Tournament in New York. This I refused to do upon the theory that athletic events ought not to interfere with final examinations and college work. So you see I am on your team so far as this attitude is concerned. Whenever I get more information about this problem I will forward it to you."

**Television Professor**

President Bixler has never lost his love for teaching. He will face his biggest and most diversified class this fall when he goes before the television cameras of WMTW to give a fifteen weeks' course, *Faiths of Other Lands*.

The potential audience is considerably larger than any Dr. Bixler has previously faced at Smith, Harvard, Colby, or Beirut! The Mount Washington TV station serves an area encompassing 25,000 square miles populated by approximately a million and one half.

The course, opening September 9 at 1:30 p.m., will be given for fifteen consecutive Sundays. The half-hour program is a successor to *Introduction to the Atom*, given last year under Colby's sponsorship by Professor Jonathan Karas. It was the nation's first college "telecourse" on the atom.

Assignments and examinations which will be handled by William A. Macomber, director of the college's Division of Adult Education and Extension.

**Faculty Briefs**

**Walter Zukowski**, assistant professor of business administration, has been awarded a fellowship to study this summer in the *Economics in Action* program sponsored by Case Institute of Technology and the Republic Steel Corporation. Professor Zukowski received his Ph.D. from Clark in June.

... Professor Ralph S. Williams, '35, represented Colby at a *Symposium for Educators* sponsored by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. in Wilmington, Delaware, June 18-26. . . . David G. Bridgman, instructor of history, received his Ph.D. from Harvard in June. . . . Professor Terris Moore is a consultant this summer to the Aeronautical Research Foundation, Harvard and M.I.T. faculty members, assigned research by the air force. Dr. Moore is also on the Maine Selective Service Advisory Committee for Scientific Engineering and Specialized Personnel.

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**AT THE ALUMNI LUNCHEON** — Clara Norton Paul, Cora Farwell Sherwood, Christia Donnell Young, Beula Purington, Susan Weston, all of 1906; and Beulah Withee, '11; Selma Koehler, '17; Rose Tilly, '11; Rose Pillsbury Leblanc, '11.
President Bixler promised Frost for Commencement morning and he came close to being correct on two counts. The famed and beloved dean of American poets, Robert Frost, did address the graduating class as scheduled, but he had to buck a cold, blustering, almost wintry wind, in doing so. The exercises were held outdoors on the terraces of Miller Library. A warm, inviting sun that had brazenly shown off earlier in the morning took cover as the program got underway. The chill in the air, however, was dispelled by the warmth of Mr. Frost's talk and by other events of the occasion.

Degrees were awarded to 213 members of Colby's 135th class. Five of nine honorary degrees conferred were upon residents of Maine. (For recipients and citations see pages 10-11.) A surprise guest was General Willard G. Wyman, commanding general, Continental Army Command, on hand to see his son, Willard, Jr., receive his degree. General Wyman participated in the commissioning of 12 members of the Air Force ROTC.

One of the most delightful events of the weekend was the annual dinner Friday evening for faculty, trustees, and members of the Alumni Council. Speakers represented each group. For the faculty, Mrs. Walter Zukowski (Lucille Pinette, '37) spoke:

"We are a class of people engaged in a kind of work that we thoroughly enjoy, otherwise we would never have chosen to teach — there is not the lure of money or fame or a soft berth. Further than that we are teaching in a liberal arts college where no subject is important for itself alone, but only as it contributes to that unified body of knowledge which is called truth or, perhaps better, the search for truth. . . If we as academic people can keep the proper perspective and transmit our enthusiasm for a particular subject to a student who is being bombarded by many enthusiasms . . . we will send out Colby alumni who will sell both themselves and the liberal arts to society."

For the trustees, Robert E. Wilkins, '20, said, "The operation of Colby College is truly a big business with all the
Kennison, ’06
Jubinsky, ’56
Brush, ’20
Leonard, ’21

problems of any business, the necessity for income, the control of expenditures, the balancing of budgets, the handling of constantly increasing personnel, and the maintenance and development of plant and equipment. Yet regardless of our stewardship we find it difficult to persuade sufficient numbers of people to invest in our business because the product which we are manufacturing and merchandising is so intangible and so difficult of definition that its true worth escapes even many of our own alumni . . . (Colby) is building men and women . . . with the capacity to cope with and rule the marvels of modern science and to lead calmly in the complexities of conflicting world philosophies.”

For the Alumni Council, Robert N. Anthony, ’38, commented: “It has always struck me as strange that colleges sell their product for about 60% of what it costs. I see no reason why the student who can afford to do so should not pay for the cost of his college education. Of course for those who cannot afford to pay, we must provide scholarships and loans for them.”

Rain on Saturday canceled the baseball game with Quonset Naval Air Station, but it did not interfere with class reunions and a successful alumni luncheon.

Results of alumni balloting were announced at the luncheon as follows: re-elected as trustees, Ninetta M. Runnels, ’08; Harry B. Thomas, ’26; Milroy Warren, ’14.

Selected by the Council for second terms were: Philip W. Hussey, ’13; Donald B. Tupper, ’29; Selma Koehler, ’17; and Henry W. Rollins, ’32. Elected by balloting were: James Cushing Brudno, ’27; David Russell Hilton, ’35; Leonard Warren Grant, ’15; Arnold Samuel Peabody, ’34; Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter, ’41; Edith Eileen Emery, ’37, and Helen Dresser McDonald, ’23.

The chairman of the alumni fund, Roderick E. Farnham, ’31, was chosen to head the Alumni Council succeeding D. Ray Holt, ’21, of Boston. Both men are tireless workers for Colby who have given generously of their time, their resources, and their judgment.

Guests at the alumni luncheon heard from Mr. Farnham as representative of the 25th reunioning class and from Karl Kennison who was back with the 50-year graduates.

“The reports we get are very gratifying and indicate that Colby is making the most of its opportunities as a small college with the emphasis on
NO MIKE FRIGHT — The Alumni Council, the faculty and the trustees were ably represented by these spokesmen, Robert Anthony, '38; Mrs. Walter Zulkowski (Lucille Pinette), '37; and Robert Wilkins, '20.

HONORED — Recipients of Colby Gavels were: seated, left to right, Milroy Warren, '14, chairman, Maine Sardine Council; Karen Decormier, who received the gavel for her grandfather, Robert R. Decormier, '15, president, New York State Retired Teachers Association; Robert B. Dow, '20, president, Maine State Bar Association. Standing, Vincent B. Toomey, '24, president, Maine Association of Football Officials; Ransom Pratt, '21, president, Steuben County Bar Association; and Charles W. Weaver, Jr., '30, president, Newspaper Personnel Relations Association.

academic cultural courses... We think Colby is on the right track and we're glad to be back," Mr. Kennison declared.

Retiring Alumni Council Chairman Holt, Vice President A. Galen Eustis, '23, Alumni Secretary Bill Millett, '25, and Mrs. Claude Tozier (Barbara Libby, '30) were recipients of Colby Bricks given by the Council in recognition of unusual service to the college.

The citation to Bill Millett said in part, "Your devotion to Colby College is the mainspring of your life and in every field of her endeavor she is richer because of you...No task is too humble, no effort too great...You are wise and good and kind and Colby men and women cherish these qualities in you."

Lorimer Chapel and the adjoining Rose Chapel were filled to capacity Sunday morning for President Bixler’s baccalaureate in which he offered the law of reason and integrity as an antidote for the insecurity which exists today.

"We live in the aspirin age. We have so often been told that we are insecure that we have more than half begun to believe it," Dr. Bixler said. "To save ourselves we must lose ourselves in the sense of losing our preoccupations with our own petty concerns."

Commencement marked the first graduation in several years at which the late Dr. Franklin W. Johnson had not been present. Dr. Bixler referred to Colby’s beloved president-emeritus as “the man who made the dream of Mayflower Hill come true and the vision of academic freedom come true on Mayflower Hill.”

President Bixler warned that “even today there is always the lively possibility that under the pressure of hysteria, and the demagogues it produces, men will begin to fear the truth because it seems to threaten their comfort and possessions.”

Colby Alumnus
A similar warning was echoed by the Reverend John W. Brush, '20, at the luncheon Sunday for parents, alumni, and seniors. (Excerpts are on page 1.) Dean Ernest C. Marriner, '13, presided also introducing trustee chairman Neil Leonard, '21; John Jubinsky, '56, winner of the Condon Medal; and President Bixler.

Other events that day were the Boardman Vespers conducted by the Reverend Marlin D. Farnum, '23, and a concert by the Colby Community Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra

so much about, is, as I look at it, more entertainment than anything else.

"Now when we talk about what's expected of you from now on, assuming that this is the end of school work, what's expected of you is to make some play with what you've got jumbled together in your education — out of this department and that department, this course and that course — to kick it around; to be sweeping with it; to be unscrupulous with it. . . By unscrupulous I mean not sticking a trifle in your talk and in your thoughts.

"For instance, suppose I start to be sweeping about women. I say 'No woman in the history of the world has ever made a name for herself in philosophy.' I don't give anybody a chance to remember any woman that did, but I go right on from there and say the reason for that is that philosophy isn't the same thing as wisdom — though you may have been told it was. . . "You've picked up a number of interests to go on making play with. Let's put it this way: you have not reached decisions about a good many things. I suppose you have about some. I have just a certain number of things that I am picking up every little while as unfinished business. A woman's name for that is 'knitting.' She ought to have eight or ten pieces of knitting to go on with. And that's what I mean. It's as if you acquired here eight or ten things to go on with that you'll pick up at intervals.

"For instance, the origin of species. It's an endless subject. . . Another piece of unfinished business I'll always be picking up now and then to go on with a little way is the immortality of the soul. Now that doesn't mean changing my opinion. That means picking up or hearing or listening to an idea on the subject. . . "Another one I pick up — I don't want to be too decisive about it — is

closed with *Hail, Colby, Hail*, an event which took on unusual significance with Karl Kennison, '06, author of the words, and classmates in the audience.

Robert Frost gave an appealing, thoughtful, often witty, Commencement address which he closed by reciting from his own works. *Birches* and *Mending Walls* were included.

"Up to your graduation, as between entertainment and improvement," he told the graduating class, "the emphasis has been on improvement. If you go on into the graduate schools, it will be just the same; the emphasis will be on improvement rather than on entertainment. But out in the world the emphasis will be on entertainment, rather what entertains improves you or not. Adult education, that we talk

what freedom and equality. It occurred to me rather recently that the more equality I have, the less freedom. Those two things balance each other. If one party leans a little more towards freedom — freedom of enterprise; freedom to assert yourself; freedom to achieve; freedom to win — the other comes in with the tone of mercy and says let's not let anyone get too far ahead. Let's have the Sherman Act or something to keep people from getting too rich. . . Someone will beat me and get ahead of me if we have freedom. I'm willing to let him get ahead of me if he can. . . "I admire you for having carried out a four year plan. It's more than I ever carried out. If I had carried out a four year plan I'd have written you an epic."
WILLIAM WARREN DUNN  
*Headmaster, Kents Hill School*

You have brought to teaching ... those qualities of heart and mind so greatly needed for the stimulation of youthful energies but so infrequently found in the measure in which happily you possess them. Former member of the faculties of Pomfret School and Vermont Academy, you came in 1942 to one of Maine's historic secondary institutions. ... Colby College, after watching with approval your work as a respected neighbor, now wishes a closer relation and takes this opportunity of making you an honorary graduate.

ARTHUR GALEN EUSTIS, 1923  
*Vice President, Colby College*

Respected teacher, far-sighted administrator, adventurous planner, and careful builder, yours has been an unique role. As watchdog of the College's treasury and guardian of its portals, you have made certain that what goes out is matched by what comes in and that what comes in is put to the most productive use possible. ... In its period of uncertainty and transition, you helped your college to build on secure foundations and all future generations of Colby men and women will profit by your judgment and aggressive loyalty.

MARLIN DOWNER FARNUM, 1923  
*Administrative Secretary, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society*

Colby husband and Colby father, since your graduation you have been actively at work maintaining the missionary tradition begun by Colby's first alumnus, George Dana Boardman. Inspiring teacher, dedicated organizer and pastor, consecrated and self-sacrificial apostle of the Lord of love, through example as well as precept, you have brought the Christian message of peace to the peoples of Asia and by your own fortitude and compassion have taught them what brotherhood means.
ROBERT FROST  
Poet

Dean of American poets, acclaimed throughout the world as the one who best exemplifies New England sensitivity as well as the New England conscience; farmer, teacher, writer, lecturer, poet in residence, fellow in letters, four times winner of the Pulitzer prize and recipient of honors too numerous to list here. . . Good neighbor, sound counselor, loyal friend, your words will remain enshrined in our hearts till delight turns to wisdom as emotion is recollected in tranquility.

Doctor of Humane Letters

HOWARD FOSTER HILL, 1918  
Ophthalmologist

You have brought both added lustre to your family and distinction to your college. . . A diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and member of the American Ophthalmological Society, you have served as representative of the latter on the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons. Frequently in demand for papers to be read before professional societies on this and other continents, you have added to our knowledge of eye surgery and to the techniques of cataract operation in such a way as to mark you as a person who has conferred special benefits on his fellow man.

Doctor of Laws

ALBERT EIDE PARR  
Director, American Museum of Natural History

A native of Norway who has worked for the last thirty years in this country, you have won world recognition by your research, teaching, and museum direction in the field of oceanography. . . At a time when the country reaches into the sea for food and when what happens on Maine’s coastline becomes of special importance to the rest of the world, this Maine college hails your achievement and watches with interest your future, assuring you that whatever winds may blow or however tides may rise and fall, your place of honor in the Colby community is secure.

Master of Arts

MARGARET PAYSON  
Leader in Child Welfare

Your acceptance of challenging and difficult responsibilities when you could easily have avoided them and your insistence on the importance of the child as a person . . . are a source of inspiration and encouragement to all who know you. Organizer and first president of the Children’s Service Bureau (Portland), you are now president of the Child and Family Services . . . (and) have helped to initiate legislation and to secure adequate appropriations and appointments for the proper care of the under-privileged and handicapped. Recognizing your great concern for the promotion of healthy family life, Colby proudly initiates you into its own family.

LAUREL WILLIAMS THOMPSON  
President, Washburn (Maine) Trust Company

Exemplar of the American tradition that steady progress upward is the certain reward of diligence, direction, and devotion, you have quickly climbed the ladder leading to the recognition and respect of those associated with you. Native of Houlton, Maine . . . you were first the youngest treasurer and then the youngest president of any Maine bank . . . Especially since you are thrice a Colby father, Colby College is happy to add your name to the others of its honorary graduates who come from the large and productive county on which the state so greatly depends.
No Amount of Quantity Can Buy Quality

Important as it is not to confuse quality with quantity, it is still more important, and far more difficult, not to confuse second-rate quality with first-rate. It is difficult because there are so many pressures in a democracy that make for this latter confusion, and important because it is the prime business of liberal education to resist it. Let us look at these two points.

Consider first how strong the forces are that make the good the enemy of the best and the commonplace the enemy of the good. The first, to use a phrase of W. C. Brownell, is “the immense extension in our time of what may be called the intellectual and aesthetic electorate.” More than 97% of Americans can now read and write. This is an unparalleled national achievement, and there have been reformers who would have thought of it as ushering in Utopia. But Arnold Toynbee has questioned whether the extension to everyone of the capacity to read has not lowered values generally by enlarging the demand for the vulgar. It is easy to see how this could happen. Economically, we are still a society in which production is determined by profit. The man who is producing books knows that his profits depend on circulation; the man who is producing movies knows that his profits depend on the length of the line at the box-office. Now if what is wanted in both cases is the largest number of buyers, the proper course is not to appeal to this or that group, with this or that taste, but to the largest possible group.

And how is that to be reached? The answer can be given in mathematical terms — by appealing to the lowest common denominator. And where is this common ground to be found? Hardly in thoughtfulness, or in moral or psychological acuteness, or an interest in delicate portraiture. It is found rather in what is primitive about us, in sex and fear and anger, in sensation in both meanings of the term, and in those infantile day dreams of ourselves as princesses or supermen that all of us have when young and some of us never lose. Hence publishers find it profitable to fill the racks in stations and drugstores with paperbacks celebrating violence. The consumption of comics, both in newspapers and in book form, is portentous. I have no recent statistics on book circulation, but in the last year for which I have them, the best seller was the Bible, and the runner up was Forever Amber.

If our fiction does not run to coarseness and violence more than it does, we probably owe it to American women, who form our chief audience for fiction. Unhappily the same selection by mass appeal is at work among them too. I trust you look occasionally, as I do, into some of our incomparably illustrated women’s magazines. What strikes one in the pictures is that nearly all American women are aged eighteen; what strikes one in the stories is that those who are not are expected to spend so much time brooding on the emotional involvements of those who are. Now of course it is a tragic thing to realize that we will never be eighteen again; I have been carrying that bitterness with me for forty-five dark years; but I can attest that even when the larks of spring are no longer singing and fresh romance has long abandoned its station round the next corner, life may with resolution be borne.

There are journals, indeed, that make no concession to either sentiment or sensation, but the joint circulation of the New York Times and the Herald Tribune is less than half that of the Daily News. But more typically American than any of these are such journals as Life and Look. Here you see in vivid form the effect of mass appeal in confusing values. Side by side with magnificent studies of religion, or art, or the cultural advance of man, there will appear some shapely nitwit or the sprawling corpse of some gunman.
A more effective witness still to the leveling effect of mass appeal is the movies, since they are made for the non-reading as well as the reading public. That Hollywood can produce good things is shown by the two pictures whose leading actor and actress received this year’s Academy awards, Marty and The Rose Tattoo, both fascinating glimpses of real life. But I was reminded when I recently saw one of these what the producers depend on for their income; for accompanying the “Oscar” film was one after Hollywood’s own heart. The photographic and other technique was of course perfection, but the hero and heroines (for there were three of these) were apparently based on the conclusion of the mental testers some years ago that the mental age of Americans was, on the average, fourteen. The hero was a young man who showed his immense virility by nonchalantly piloting airplanes over the Rockies, knocking through a window a notorious brawler with a foreign accent, and downing endless glasses of bourbon on the rocks. Many of our movie heroes are incarnations of what a critic has described as “ferocity modified by fatefulness.” The heroines were all dolls of faultless face, form, and costume, mammoth wealth, and total absence of ideas. Here were great sums of money and consummate technical expertise spent on embodying the day-dreams of the boy behind the soda fountain and the girl behind Woolworth’s counter. Those dreams, like those people, are all right in their place and for their years. But why, for their sake, must we all pretend to arrested development?

The profit motive is not the only leveler of values. Another is our impulse to conformity, which seems to be stronger in these days than ever before. We have heard much of American individualism and self-reliance, and we are proud of it. Schopenhauer once defined society as a collection of hedgehogs drawn together for the sake of warmth, and we rather like the idea of ourself as bristling and prickly with individuality. It was therefore something of a shock to me to hear Sir Ernest Barker addressing an American college in England on his experience of teaching in an American college and entitling his address The Tyranny of Conformity. He warmly liked American youth — as who that knows them does not? — but he felt a looming danger that our young people should graduate from high school, and even college, with minds as much alike as their diplomas.

Why is this impulse of conformity stronger here than in some other countries? Surely part of the reason is this, that we have no castes in this country whose members, merely by belonging, are given a feeling of security. Most Americans are immigrants, one or two generations removed, who have been thrown willy-nilly into the melting pot. The standards of their parents quickly go; where are they to get others? Some never get them at all; hence in part our inordinate crime rates. The majority get them from their schoolfellows and neighbors on whose liking they must depend for their acceptance into the new culture. Hence there has developed in this country an almost passionate desire not to forfeit this acceptance by being too different from other people. This is so deep-going that, as Van Wyck Brooks says, “the desire not to be of the herd is in itself a herd desire. It is a recognition of the herd of which the original man is incapable.” On this pressure toward conformity depends the vast assimilative power of America, and its results are often excellent. Some years ago there was admitted to Yale a Negro boy who not only made the football team, but went on in his senior year to be elected with the fine fairness of youth to the captaincy of the team and to various secret and honor societies. When he left the university, some proud members of his race told him they wanted to give a scholarship to Yale in his honor. He was delighted. The scholarship, they said, would be earmarked for a Negro. No, no, he would not have that. A scholarship in his honor must not discriminate against those fair and kindly white folk who had made him what he was. It is a fact that is never to be forgotten about American pressures for uniformity that they may level up as well as down.

Still, my point about them is Emerson’s point when he said that society is in conspiracy against every one of its members, and Goethe’s point when he complained of “was uns alle bändigt, das Gemeine,” of what shackles all of us, the commonplace. We sometimes think of primitive communities where there is no law or police or government as singularly free, whereas it is precisely in such communities that everyone is most tightly imprisoned, like so many raisins in the cake of custom. There are many groups and persons in this country that seek to make it, in this respect, a large-scale primitive community, or even like those herds of animals that turn upon a sick member and attack it because it is different and they do not want such a creature about. They dislike the exceptional man or woman, because such a person is a challenge to their own standards and ways of thought. We all feel the tug of this impulse; Bernard Shaw has remarked that “the best of us is nine hundred and ninety-nine per cent mob (Mr. Shaw was no mathematician) and one per cent quality.” But some groups are more passionate levelers than others. We have our American Legion clamoring against UNESCO; we have our Reece committee attacking those foundations whose business it is to seek out and encourage the unconventional mind, precisely because they have encouraged such minds; we have had such a rash of investigations of unrepentant and even repentant liberals that liberal thought has become stammering and hesitant.

Since this repressive attitude is directed against difference as such, it operates against good as well as bad; indeed
the non-conformist intellectual, described as an egg-head, is particularly suspected because he touches the springs of fear and envy. Charles Kingsley reported an interview with a newspaper editor in this country who said to him, “Mr. Kingsley, I hear you are a democrat. Well, so am I. My motto is, ‘Whenever you see a head above the crowd, hit it.’” Now whenever a man stands for the first-rate in quality, his head is bound to be above the crowd; “whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist,” to quote Emerson again; and he will therefore offer an inviting target for the Philistines around him.

There is another and related force that makes against the first-rate. It is the curious conviction, more often felt than clearly formulated, that the very notion that some persons and subjects are better than others is undemocratic. I gather that some schools have abolished grades in their reluctance to report that one of their students is brighter or duller than another. Some student bodies have tried to do away with prizes and honors, and some scholars have declined Phi Beta Kappa as likewise undemocratic. The elective system in our colleges went upon the assumption that it was dogmatism to say that some subjects in the curriculum were of more educative value than others. The result is that very odd characters have crashed the academic party, both downstairs and upstairs. In the last number of the Key Reporter, two high school courses are mentioned that particularly took my fancy — one in “Orientation to the School Building,” and another called “Progress in Democratic Smoke Abatement.” There are parents who refer to their children’s courses as “Concentrated Beanbag” and “Advanced Sandpile.” The universities have their own courses in beanbag and sandpile.

When I was teaching in a state university, I had as a house guest a distinguished Oxford don who came as a visiting professor of aesthetics. When he went to his first class, he found that there had been an unfortunate confusion and that he was confronting a large and eager group that had come for the psychology of advertising. I remember his incredulous astonishment that there could be such a course, and his speculations on the varieties of titillation and bamboozlement that were apparently canvassed in it. Recently, as if to give aid and comfort to educational levelers, along came Miss Mead and Miss Benedict and their anthropological colleagues with the seductive doctrine of democracy in ethical values, which holds that since each moral code must be authoritative for its own culture, there is no ground for saying that any code or culture is really better than any other; and some of my students who have worked in sociology seem to think it the last word in sophistication to say that since goodness is a matter of mores, the wary man will avoid judgments of better and worse. Democracy for practical purposes does count each man’s vote as of equal weight with every other, but this does not mean that your opinion or mine is of the same weight as Mr. Dulles’s or Mr. Warren’s; if it were, I should hope that both would be sacked for incompetence. As for orders of merit and distinction, we need far more of these rather than less.

The French Academy, the British Academy, and the Order of Merit, in which true quality is singled out and publicly honored, have a few pale parallels in this country, like the Pulitzer prizes, but there ought to be more, and of greater weight. Is it not a significant fact that so fine a spirit as Emily Greene Balch had to wait for the award of a Nobel prize before she was recognized by her own countrymen, and that a visit of hers even now to any city in the country would not awaken a tithe of the interest of a visit by Marilyn Monroe? Snobbishness, to be sure, is an unpleasant trait. But so is inverted snobbishness that resists as priggish the suggestion that some types of manners, mind, and moral ought to be accepted as true titles of nobility.
A $2,000 grant from the Colgate-Palmolive Company has been received by Colby. In a letter to President Bixler, Edward H. Little, chairman of the board, said, "Yours is one of 186 selected colleges and universities to which such grants will be made, in connection with the 150th anniversary of the Colgate-Palmolive Company. We regard our contributions as an acknowledgment of a responsibility which all good citizens, both private and corporate, owe to the future of our enlightened nation."

Through the generosity of Lou Volpe, 1943, Colby has received a piece of the original rail of the first railroad in America. Lou had it set in a duplicate piece of stone used in the construction of the Bunker Hill Monument for which the railroad was originally built.

Flora Norton Dexter, 1917, has resigned from the Alumni Council for reasons of ill health. Her resignation was accepted with regret. Mrs. Dexter has been an enthusiastic worker for Colby and during her five years on the Council served with extreme faithfulness and productivity.

Colby has received a bequest from the late Harvey D. Eaton, Waterville attorney, who died October 17, 1953. A graduate of the Class of 1887, Mr. Eaton has left the college all papers and correspondence relative to his duties as agent for the Colby Alumni Fund. In addition he has directed that the college receive $20,000. This payment will be made at the death of his last surviving child.

The admissions office is under the pressure of increasingly heavy applications. As of July 10, there were 1862 applications (1078 men, 784 women) as compared with 1360 (775 men, 585 women) a year ago. In an effort to aid in selectivity and to provide a more complete picture on each applicant, the college is requiring (beginning with the class entering in 1957) additional College Entrance Examination Board tests. The CEEB Scholastic Aptitude test, presently required, will be supplemented by three CEEB achievement tests, one of which must be in English composition. The others may be in subjects of the student’s choice.

A concert by twenty members of the Kneisel Hall String and Ensemble Summer Music School of Blue Hill will be a feature of the college’s annual summer Open House, August 9. Gerald Warburg, widely known cellist, will conduct. Mr. Warburg is founder of the Stradivarius Society, a member of the staff of the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, and also founder of the Brooklyn Symphony. The musicians are brilliant young performers from the U. S. and abroad.

The Texas Company has awarded Colby a $1500 unrestricted grant. Vice President James H. Pipkin wrote President Bixler, "The Texas Company is aware of the increasing need of privately-financed colleges and universities for additional financial assistance. It gives me great pleasure to advise that Colby College is one of the outstanding institutions to which we would like to make this award. Your institution has a splendid record of service to the young people of the country. We are hopeful that this award will be only one among an increasing number of tangible tributes by business and industry to the value of that service."
Colby had one of its finest years against state series opponents. The freshman-varsity box score recorded 16 wins over Bowdoin against three losses; eight victories over Maine against three setbacks and a six-five mark against Bates.

Championship crowns went to the White Mules in basketball, hockey, baseball, and tennis (Bates shared in the latter).

Coach Johnny Winkin’s nine turned in an impressive springtime showing, copping 14 games against five losses. Ace of the pitching staff was Pel Brown, six foot, 186 pound junior from Westfield, N. J. who reached his peak May 19 against Bates hurling a 1-0 no hitter to give Colby its first outright state series title since 1948. As far as can be determined it was the first no hitter to be tossed by a varsity player in the college’s history.

The shutout was a masterpiece. In moving through the Bates lineup, Brown never had any trouble as he mowed down 18 out of the first 20 he faced. The last four men were easy victims, three on strikes and one on a weak infield grounder which made his entry into the Hall of Fame a certainty.

Captain-elect Brown has had a remarkable 18-1 record since becoming a moundsman. At Blair Academy, prior to entering college, Pel’s mark was 5-0; as a Mule freshman he had 2-1; a 4-0 record as a sophomore; and 7-0 this past season. His lone defeat came in 1954 against Maine Central Institute when he was beaten by a home run in the ninth inning.

Brown’s victories this spring were over Catholic University (13-0), Williams (10-7), Springfield (8-6), Boston University (3-2), Bates (14-0, 1-0), Bowdoin (4-0) and Maine (4-3).

Pitching, heavy hitting and good fielding were the keys to the baseball wins. Outfielder Neil Stinnetford of Dixfield (he’s the Mercurian who ran 103 and 94 yards to score twice against Bowdoin in football last fall) was named left-fielder on the third All-American team chosen by the American Association of College Baseball coaches.

A junior, he had a brilliant year. He stole thirteen bases and with a .356 batting average was right behind Captain Don Rice (Greenfield, Massachusetts) who boosted his hitting from .226 a year ago to a lusty .443. By connecting safely in 35 times at bats, Rice eclipsed the former record made by Don Lake (Milton, Massachusetts) in 1955. Rice has accepted a coaching position at Bucksport High School.

In the state singles and doubles tennis championships, Colby completely dominated as Captain John Marshall (Waban, Massachusetts) won the Maine intercollegiate singles crown and teamed up with Johnny Shute (Pleasantville, New York) to take the doubles title. Previously the Mules had tied with Bates for the team championship.
ALUMNI CLUBS have met and elected the following officers:

WASHINGTON, D. C. — January 26 at the Dodge Hotel.
President: Betty Anne Royal Spiegel, '42
Vice-President: James Bunting, '40
Secretary: Esther Power, '20
Treasurer and Rep. to Council:
Ernest Roderick, '36

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — February 6 at the University Club.
President: Anthony J. DeMarinis, '37
Rep. to Council:
Augustus C. Buneman, '01

SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA — March 3 at the Hotel Detroit.
President: Ralph E. Nash, '11
Vice-President: Glenn W. Starkey, '05
Secretary: Mrs. James J. Walworth
Treasurer: Donald E. Putnam, '16
Publicity:
Effie Lowe Patch, '05

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT — March 22 at Webster Hill School.
President: Robert P. Brown, '30
Vice-Presidents:
Elizabeth Sweetser Baxter, '41
and William F. Powers, '25
Treasurer:
John R. Gow, '23
Secretary:
Shirley Martin Dudley, '46
Rep. to Council: Clayton W. Johnson, '25

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS — March 26 at Blake's Restaurant.
President and Rep. to Council:
Samuel R. Feldman, '26
Treasurer: Stuart A. Warshaw, '51

BOSTON — March 21 at Hotel Continental, Cambridge.
President: Ray B. Greene, Jr., '45
Vice-President:
William C. Gutteridge, '47
Secretary and Treasurer:
Nissie Grossman, '32

Worcester — March 27 at Svea Gille, Shrewsbury.
President:
Sidney B. McKeen, '49
Vice-President:
Benjamin B. Zecker, '44
Secretary and Treasurer:
Jean Desper Fryberg, '49
Rep. to Council: J. Lewis Lovett, '28

PROVIDENCE — March 28 at Holland House, Hoxie.
President: Donald F. Larkin, '35
Vice-President: Eileen A. Matteo, '44
Secretary: Barbara White Hadad, '44
Treasurer:
Norval E. Garnett, '51
Rep. to Council: Wayne W. McNally, '21

NEW YORK CITY — April 6 at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.
President: David Lynch, '49
Vice-President: Haroldene Whitcomb, '49
Secretary:
Elizabeth Jennings, '50

BARBARA LIBBY TOZIER, 1930, was recipient of a Colby Brick at Commencement with this citation:

"Loyal daughter of Colby College; active member and president of the Southwestern Maine Colby Alumnae Association; member and vice-chairman of the Alumni Council; in your home life and in your community activities you have shown yourself to be one who exemplifies the high traditions of Colby College, and as an alumna you have proved efficient, responsible, and devoted to the truest interests of your Alma Mater.

"In recognition of your loyal service to Colby College far beyond the call of duty the Alumni Council presents you with this Colby Brick. Keep it as a token of the gratitude of your Alma Mater to a loyal daughter, and of her reliance on your continuing labor in her behalf."

RECORD BREAKING!

Three thousand, two hundred and thirty-six alumni enabled the 1955-56 Alumni Fund to establish the finest record in its 23-year history. More than $50,000 (the official total had not been tabulated when this issue went to press) was raised, an increase of better than $7,000 over a year ago when there were 2,926 contributors. Chairman Roderick E. Farnham, 1931, headed a cracker-jack team, including the indispensable Bill Millett; a fine alumni office staff; 200 class agents; 1100 Mallettes; and 437 geographical solicitors. A complete report on the Fund will be given in next winter's Alumnus, but here is a preview:

The Class of 1931, celebrating its 25th reunion, turned in the best performance in its history with 109 contributors and $1,354. The Class of 1921, with ten, had the most members enrolled in the Touchdown Club. The greatest improvement was turned in by 1946 with thirty-eight giving $305 as against 22 contributing $201 a year ago.

President: Arthur W. Stetson, Jr., '34
Secretary and Treasurer:
Audrey A. Bostwick, '51

BANGOR — the Penobscot Valley Alumni Club, May 1, Bangor Y.M.C.A.
President: Philip E. Coleman, '38
Vice President: George H. Crosby, '36
Secretary and Treasurer:
Edna Cohen Rapaport, '28
Rep. to Council: Earl L. Merriman, '25

HOULTON — the Southern and Northern Aroostook Alumni Associations, May 2, Northland Hotel.

Southern Aroostook:
President: John R. Faulkner, '53
Vice President: Margaret H. Grant, '55
Secretary and Treasurer:
Robert W. Belyea, '51
Rep. to Council: John R. Faulkner, '53

Northern Aroostook:
President: Philip E. Keith, '26
Vice President: Omar E. Canders, '36
Secretary and Treasurer:
Miriam Sanders Marcho, '30
To the Editor:

In the last issue of the Alumnus there was a discussion of the fraternities and sororities at Colby, centered around a summary of the recent report on the subject from the Ford Self-Study Committee. In the abbreviated form in which the topic was handled, my name was used in a way which might create a misunderstanding; and I should like very much to correct this.

The Alumnus quotes directly from the Ford report, as follows: “Contributory to this study by the Self-Study Committee, a group of students in the course in Ethical Issues, under the direction of Professor John Clark, made a study of the influence of fraternities at Colby. They came to the basic conclusion that — ” The conclusions that follow are expressed in a form unfavorable to the fraternities.

But, while I favored and encouraged the fact finding and the investigations of the committee from the class, I disagreed in fundamental ways with their conclusions. This I made clear at the time of the investigation. Actually, too, the class itself stressed the fact that, within the limits of the time it had, its studies were incomplete, and its findings tentative, valuable chiefly as suggestions of lines along which further and fuller studies should be carried out.

As for the report of the Self-Study Committee itself, it concludes with an invitation to the reader to consider all the facts and “draw his own conclusions about Greek letter societies at Colby College.”

May I, then, state here some of my own conclusions, as follows:

None of us can speak on this subject — certainly I cannot speak about it — as one who is not involved. I am rooted in a four-generation family tradition and real personal experience of love, loyalty and personal obligation to the Deke fraternity (Amherst, 1929). In the matter of a “climate favorable for learning,” that which I experience in college, and in important ways the one I have known since, has been a Deke climate. I work from a fellowship of life-long friends who share intellectual interests, among others, in a way which started among my college fraternity brothers, spreading out freely from that base both in college days and since that time. I can report that all along the line I have found the spreading out of these interests backed and stimulated by fraternity ties.

But the things we have loved and valued highly we may wish to have examined most fully and objectively.

For example, there is surely a danger indicated by the following sentences (requoted here from the student committee report): “As the individual becomes concerned with what an intimate group thinks of him, his individuality decreases. The relationship between attitudes and values is so close that stereotyped attitudes have a direct effect upon one’s values, which too often are manifested in prejudice and discrimination.”

On these points, however, everything depends on the character and policy of the intimate group in question. And a survey of the relevant evidence should include the fact that, as a matter of deliberate house policy, some of our fraternities are encouraging broad friendships on the campus, and working carefully on the introduction and development of varied interests and activities within the fraternity group itself.

Another line of criticism is that the fraternities have failed to provide stimulus to intellectual interests. But I am not speaking carelessly when I say that it would be easy to underestimate the thought-provoking character of the literary parts of the weekly fraternity meeting, in some cases, at least. And recently at Colby there has been an increase in the care and thoughtfulness with which upper-class men have encouraged freshmen to keep their grades up, through a development of interests, as well as through the routine of set and supervised study hours.

Fraternity men must admit the leadership and further advancement of the sororities in the matter of the elimination of discriminatory clauses from national charters. But many of us hold that these things are un-American, and, along with segregation, must go. Discriminatory practice is the most important thing. It is a fact that definite steps away from this have been taken by Colby fraternities.

I believe it should not be, and has not been, the policy of fraternity men to avoid criticisms, but rather to welcome them, and seek them out, and then to attempt to meet them and their real challenge by an adequate response. From the evidence that I know, I think this can be done and is being done at some of the crucial points at Colby. Particularly, I note this statement written in the last issue of the Alumnus by Richard Maguire, ’57, speaking for the Interfraternity Council: “The important matter is not merely these things which are being done, but rather the emphasis which is being laid on existing situations. The fraternities are aware of student apathy and other problems which are not peculiar to Colby, but apparently present in students everywhere, and they are attempting to contribute to their solution.” I think this is an expression of wisdom. An eminent philosopher once said: “It is not a responsible attitude to try to stand outside the universe and shoot at it.” Perhaps it was one of the best points of the Ford report that it fixed upon fraternities and sororities as important among the many forces shaping Colby’s life, including her intellectual life. And, when the count is in, I think the evidence shows that it is through the Greek letter societies, rather than away from them, that we should look for the development of liberal operating ideals and value standards on our campus.

John Clark
Professor of Philosophy

Colby Alumnus
'90 Charles Spencer was unable to return to Commencement because of a previous commitment to attend the centennial celebration of the Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon in Hamilton, New York.

'93 Robert Millett was honored June 30 by the Springfield (Vt.) High School Alumni Association with the dedication of the school’s second annual alumni day “to our beloved ’Prof’ Millett.” He retired in 1944 after 34 years as principal. He and his family have recently moved from Springfield to Birmingham, Michigan. When Mr. Millett went to Springfield in 1910 there was only one school in the village and four teachers besides himself to instruct 110 students. When he retired there were 800 students in the school system. One of the pupils in his first class was Vermont’s present governor, Joseph B. Johnson.

'98 Word has been received of the death, last fall, at the age of 81, of Henry Raymond Dalrymple. He attended Colby from 1894 to 1896.

'02 Martin Long was honored March 5 in Jacksonville, Fla. as a recipient of the Delta Upsilon Meritorious Service Award. An attorney in Jacksonville for more than a half century, he is a charter member of the DU Alumni Club and has been very active over the years in directing promising young men in Delta Upsilon chapters.

'03 Harry E. Pratt has received the second annual Frederick J. Loeper Award given by the Albany (N.Y.) Senior Citizens Club “to an outstanding man or woman over 65.”

'08 Sympathy is extended to Myrta Little Davies in the death of her husband, the Rev. Arthur Robert Davies, April 26.

'10 A story in the June 20 issue of the Holyoke Transcript reports that Charles Lee Haskell has never been late or absent from his classes as physics teacher at Holyoke High in 34 years. Now retiring, he is described as “an example for Holyoke youth of the power of patience, steadfastness, and command of the field of science, anointed . . . by kindness and a grasp of the ways he could personally help somebody up the ladders of life.”

Dr. Frederick Hill was honored at a “This is your Life” program presented in Waterville, April 29 by the local chapter of Hadassah. Voices out of the past helped tell the life story of the medical director of the Thayer Hospital and Colby trustee. The program came as a complete surprise to him. Dr. Hill had been brought to the auditorium under the impression that the program, before an audience of about 900, was being devoted to another individual. There were anecdotes of his earlier life told by family members and friends. There were tributes from nationally famous health specialists, from other colleagues, and from business and civic leaders of the community. And there

They’re old-timers now — Obscureance of its 50th reunion (above) has qualified the Class of 1906 for membership in the Colby Old Timers Club.
was a word of thanks from the parents of a boy whose life was saved by an emergency tracheotomy. Carleton D. Brown, '33, who presided, said, "The honor we citizens of Waterville pay you tonight can never over-shadow nor equal the career and service for which you have already been honored in the past... May God bless you Ted Hill for what you are."

'12 Etta Creech, director of the Family Health Association in Cleveland, Ohio since 1938, has retired. Miss Creech followed her Colby career with nurse's training at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Boston. Western Reserve University beckoned her to Cleveland and from that institution she received her M.A. in education. While attending Reserve, Miss Creech taught health education at Cleveland Heights High School. In 1938, the Family Health Association was founded in Cleveland to serve the two-fold purpose of a training center for practical nurses and group teaching in health and family life education. Miss Creech was appointed its director. Under her talented direction, the program has become many-pronged in helping individuals to attain the understanding necessary for a satisfying family and community life.

'13 Ernest Marriner has been elected chairman of the Maine State Board of Education.

'14 Marjorie Meader Burns was honored April 28 as "dean of radio women" by the New England Chapter, American Women in Radio and Television, Incorporated.

'15 The Rev. Vernelle Dyer, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bar Harbor since 1949, is now minister of the First Baptist Church at Belfast. He received his B.S. degree from Newton Theological Seminary and was minister of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Rangoon, Burma from 1919-1925. He founded, with two others, the Northern Baptist Seminary in Burma to educate a college trained ministry for the Church of Burma.

E. Mildred Bedford was honored at a testimonial dinner June 8 on her retirement as head of the English department at Southington (Conn.) High School. Miss Bedford has had a number of extracurricular activities in the community. She is chaplain of the Hannah Woodruff Chapter, D.A.R., and active in the Plainville Woman's Club, the New England Association of English Teachers, and the Connecticut Antiquarian Society. She has spent her entire teaching career in Southington with the exception of one year when she taught in New Milford.

'17 Foster Eaton edits an extremely attractive monthly magazine for the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis. Dr. Thorsdal Madsen is acting president of Trinity Seminary and Bible College, Chicago, Ill. Leonard Shea has recently been appointed vice president in charge of family stores of the Melville Shoe Corporation.

'18 Marion Starbird Pottle received an honorary Litt.D. degree at Western College for Women, Oxford, Ohio, June 4. She is research assistant at the Yale University library and one of the editors of the long-term project of publishing the papers of James Boswell. Mrs. Pottle is the wife of Colby trustee Frederick A. Pottle, '17, who is Sterling Professor of English at Yale. Hazel Whitney Snow edits the paper Maine Church Women. She is American Home and Religion Division Chairman of the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

'19 Mira Dolley and Ethel Economi, '44, have been named the two outstanding teachers of French in the public schools of Maine by a vote of the members of the Maine Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French.

'20 The June issue of Down East magazine contained an article by Reginald Sturtevant, "Seven Sons," the remarkable story of the Washburn family of Livermore, Maine.

'21 Avis Barton Bixby is a teacher at Athol (Mass.) High School in the language department.

'22 Clifton Lord received an engraved silver tray from the Meriden Board of Education at the time of his retirement last spring. He has taught physical education in Meriden (Conn.) since 1934.

'23 Lellie Pottle Hankins is returning to the State of Maine. Her husband has been appointed chairman of the department of English at the University of Maine. Bernard Cratty of Portland has been elected commander of the Maine American Legion.

'24 Herb Jenkins has been promoted in the veteran's relief agency for which he works in Cleveland, Ohio. He is now a member of the governing board.

'25 Marian Daye O'Donnell will teach English at the Junior High School, Simsbury, Conn. next fall. The Rev. Gardner Cottle observed his 25th year in the ministry, Sunday, May 20. He has served as minister of the United Church, Bellows Falls, Vt. since 1947.

'26 Leslie George was the subject of a feature in the February issue of The Employer's Pioneer, house organ of the Employers Insurance Co. "Doc" is the owner of the City Insurance Co., Haverhill, Mass. which he purchased in 1951. The article declared "There's probably not a man or child within a radius of the Massachusetts city who hasn't felt the effervescence of 'Doc's' terrific personality."

Dr. Frank Tvedelle is recovering from a disc operation. Edwin Merritt is at Wesleyan University in the Department of School Services and Publications.
The Foreign Affairs Association of Japan has published an article by Virginia Dudley Eeland, *A Welfare Program For Children of Mixed Parentage.*

Earle McKeen, Colby's director of placement, gave the Commencement address at Fort Kent Junior High School, June 6.

30 Charles Weaver, Jr. is president of the Newspaper Personnel Relations Association — not the "Public Relations Association" as reported in the last *Alumnus.*

32 William Curtis, Jr. has been appointed assistant sales manager by the American Brass Co. He joined the firm in 1939 as a cost clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have a son, Stephen, a student at the Wooster School in Danbury, and a son, Richard, a student at McTiernan's School for Boys. Dick Cummings is executive secretary of the Detroit (Mich.) Baptist Missionary Society. It is a very challenging job, involving the direction of church extension in new housing areas, two missions, a large year-round camp and acting as pastor to the pastors of some 40 churches. He is married to the former Barbara Hamlin, '31. Their daughter, Carolyn, will be a sophomore at Colby next fall.

Gwen Mardin Trefethen, who has been teaching in Brussels under a Fulbright exchange fellowship, describes her experience as "a most wonderful year." She joined a Protestant Chorale which performed *Le Roi David* by Honegger with the National Symphony Orchestra in the presence of Queen Elizabeth and the Swiss Ambassador. In Luxemborg she met MaLou Storm who had attended Colby as a freshman in 1954. Thompson Grant has been appointed headmaster of the Morristown School, Morristown, New Jersey.

33 Lawrence Burns has resigned as production manager of the Pulp Division of Brown Company to become mill manager and assistant to the president of the newly formed Thurso Pulp and Paper Co., which is erecting a mill at Thurso, Quebec.

34 W. Winthrop Clement, public relations manager of American International Underwriters, has been

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'36 Ruth Millett Maker moved July 1 to Birmingham, Michigan where her husband has accepted a position with Bendix Research Laboratories in Detroit. Ruth left Springfield, Vt. where she has lived in the same house throughout her life with the exception of the first three years of her marriage. ... Nancy Libby teaches English at Fredonia (N. Y.) Teachers' College. Following her graduation from Colby, she earned her master's degree from Columbia and her Ph.D. from Duke University.

'37 Howard Brackett has been appointed to the Advisory Insurance Committee for the town of West Springfield, Mass. Mr. Brackett is a specialist in real estate and insurance.

'38 The Reverend Victor Vincent is the new pastor of the Grace Methodist Church, Plainfield, Vt. ... Dr. W. Kenneth Holbrook is the new president of the Reading (Mass.) Community Chest and Council.

Robert N. Anthony has been promoted to full professorship at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Dr. Anthony, whose field is financial management and controls, has been teaching at Harvard since 1941. During World War II he served as a lieutenant commander with the Naval Supply Corps. He received his M.B.A. in 1950 and his D.C.S. in 1952, both from Harvard. He has been chairman of the Business School's Scholarship Board.

'39 Richard Lovejoy is principal of the high school in Biddeford.

'41 Hiram Macintosh, a salesman for Goodall Rubber Co., Philadelphia, is a lieutenant commander with the naval reserve. He recently attended a two-week course in maritime techniques at the Military Sea Transportation Service, New Orleans, Louisiana. ... Robert Pullen is teaching economics at the Tufts University summer session.

'42 John Fifield is head of the Combat Information Centre and flight officer on the carrier Ticonderoga. The Ticonderoga has been on duty in the Mediterranean. His wife and two children are living in Norfolk, Virginia.

'43 Louis Volpe recently concluded a term as president of the Granite Manufacturer's Association. ... Major Robert Dennison, Jr. graduated June 15 from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

'44 Peter Igarashi is author of The Mystery of the Kingdom (Mark 4:10-12) in the April 1956 issue of the Journal of Bible and Religion. Peter is professor of New Testament in the School of Religion, Virginia Union University.

Dwight Sargent, 1939, was awarded an honorary master's degree May 16 at Colby's annual recognition assembly. As the principal speaker, he told students "There will never be a greater recognition day in your life than when your friends say 'there goes an individual of real integrity.'"

Editorial page director for the Guy Gannett papers of Portland, Dwight was cited by President Bixler as an alumnus who has been "generous in his aid and active in his suggestions for the progress of his alma mater." Dr. Bixler said, "More than anyone else you are responsible for the program of annual Lovejoy awards. In its turn your college has followed with interest your career as an editor." Dwight is a former Nieman Fellow and a past president of the National Conference of Editorial Writers.
Malcolm McQuillan is studying this summer at the Sorbonne in Paris.

The Rev. Gordon Crook will become minister of the Unitarian Church in Midland, Texas about Sept. 1. Sherwood Tarlow is president of the Casco Broadcasters, Corp. of Portland. It is expected the corporation will establish additional radio or TV services in that community.

Marilyn Sautter is operating a play school this summer in Fallmouth, Mass. Ed Waller has accepted a position with the Sealol Corp. in Providence, R. I. George Smith has been awarded a doctor of philosophy degree by California Institute of Technology. Patricia Sales has received her master of education degree from Tufts University. Claus Hinck, III, has opened a dental office in Bath.

Charles O'Reilly is the new headmaster of Coburn Classical Institute. He taught two years at Coburn before leaving a year ago to take a post in the English department at Ellsworth High School.

Betty Metcalf is director of a nursery school at the Hartford Jewish Community Center. Walter Alger, Jr. has been appointed principal of Charlestown (N. H.) Junior-Senior High School. Irma Fritschman has received a fellowship at Bryn Mawr College to study in social economy. Robert Joly has been appointed fabric buyer for C. F. Hathaway Company.

Lt. Dick Reny, discharged from the air force after four and a half years, is program director of WRKD in Rockland. He and his wife have purchased a home in Camden. Heating engineer Bob Lee is vice president of Hot Watt, Inc., Danvers, Mass. John Keough is associated in the practice of law with Colvin and Williams, Seattle, Washington.

Lt. Russell Dixon, Jr., dental corps, USAF, has received his D.S. from Howard University. Ben Sears is a salesman for the Minute Maid Corp. working out of New York. He and Nancy (Ricker, '50) are living in Westfield, N. J. Ben sells throughout central New Jersey. Paul Jabar, who has received his master's in history and government from the University of Maine, has been awarded an $1800 Falk Fellowship at Michigan State University where he will study for his doctor's degree.

Richard Chamberlin, David Farrington, Nelson Howlett, Jr., and David Morse, Jr., have received medical degrees from Tufts University. The Rev. Daniel Fenner, vice president of the Bangor Theological Seminary, has been awarded a doctor of humane letters degree by New England College where he delivered the baccalaureate address at Commencement.

Mary Scott is secretary with Dillon Reed and Co., New York City. Peter Salmon has received his L.L.B. from Rutgers. Mary Devan is joining the faculty at The Clarke School for the Deaf, Northampton, Mass. Joanne Terrill Petersen is living in Sweet Home, Oregon. Don White is study-
ing forestry engineering at Oregon State College.

Kenneth Robinson is employed by the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. in Springfield.

'54 Carol Bullock Adams' husband is a Methodist divinity student. They live in Mulberry, Tenn. . . Gerald Roy, who has received his master's degree in science from Brown University, is working with the Research and Development Center of the Armstrong Cork Co. of Lancaster, Penn. . . Marcia Curtis has received a semester's tuition scholarship at the Yale University School of Nursing where she is working for her master's degree. . . Paul Reece is a production and editorial assistant with American Engineer, the official publication of the engineering profession. He is working in Washington and attending night classes at American University.

Geneva Smith is studying at the Woods Hole biological lab this summer, and will start work at the University of Rochester in the fall. . . Lorraine Walker has received her master of education degree from Tufts University.

'55 Jean Haines Anderson has been appointed girls' physical education director for schools in Grafton, Mass. . . Pvt. Jim Smith is stationed with the 3rd Armored Division in Germany. . . Ross Bear is studying at the Boston University School of Law. . . Randi Miner has received her bachelor's degree from Hartford College and her nursing degree from Hartford Hospital. . . Dorothy Dunn will teach this fall in the public school system in Fairfield, Conn. She received her master's degree in education from the Eliot-Pearson School for Nursery and Kindergarten Teaching of Tufts University.

Navy Ens. Thomas Ford is at Corry Field, Pensacola, Fla, for instrument flight training. After completion of instrument training he will undergo advanced training in combat type aircraft at Corpus Christi, Texas or Hutchinson, Kansas, before receiving his navy "Wings of Gold." . . Ann Eilertson York is living in Kenmore, N. Y. She is working as a junior mathematician at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory in Buffalo. . . Marcia Iebb has received her diploma in French from the University of Lyon.

'56 Larry Pugh works with the General Electric Co., Pittsfield, Mass. . . Pvt. Aubrey Jones is in Korea.
Dr. Ruth Endicott, '49, to Miles Freeman, Ogunquit Methodist Church, Ogunquit, Maine, April 14.

Dr. Kevin Hill, '50, to Nancy Gilbridge, Immaculate Conception Church, Lowell, Massachusetts, in June.

Nelson Everts, '50, to Elinor Gaudin, Trinity Episcopal Church, Newton Centre, Massachusetts, May 19.

Aaron Kaye (Kanowitz), '50, to Shirley Cohen, Beth El Temple Center, Belmont, Massachusetts, May 20.

Eugene Pelletier, Jr., '51, to Stacia Zuk, Maple Street Congregational Church, Danvers, Massachusetts, May 6.

Robert Lee, '51, to Jean Sargent, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brockton, Massachusetts, April 28.

Deborah Smith, '51, to Peter Meigs, Congregational Church of West Medford, Massachusetts, June 16.


Phyllis Lewis, '53, to Jesse Cornelius, Jr., Evangelical Congregational Church, Needham, Massachusetts, June 9.

Kenneth Robinson, '53, to Janet Markowski, St. Patrick's Church, Northfield, Massachusetts, June 9.

Paul Dionne, '53, to Robin Johnson, Annunciation Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 12.

Nancy Ennis, '54, to Paul Huprich, bride's home, Mayflower Hill Drive, Waterville, June 16.

Dorothy Duda, '54, to Ensign Arthur Cecelski, United States Navy Chapel, Newport, Rhode Island, Dec. 28.

Diane Stowell, '54, to Benjamin Duce, '54, First Universalist Church, Orange, Massachusetts, May 5.

Fabia Bowman, '54, to Joseph Chandler, Jr., St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Old North Church, Boston, Massachusetts in June.

Shirley Blumenthal, '54, to Harvey Cronig, Chateau Carod, Brookline, Massachusetts, April 28.

Carol Bullock, '54, to David Adams, St. John's College, Chapel of the School of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, June 1.

Joyce Koons, '55, to Herman Abromowitz, Boston, Massachusetts, June 10.

Jean Van Curen, '55, to Laurence Pugh, '56, All Souls Chapel, Poland Spring, Maine, June 9.

Virginia Coggins, '55, to Ensign Donald Elderton, South Congregational Church, New Britain, Connecticut, March 31.

Susanne Whitcomb, '55, to William Hays, First Congregational Church, Walpole, Massachusetts, February 11.

Susanne Capen, '55, to Lt. Peter Stutts, '55, Community Church, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, May 19.

Jean Hauser, '55, to Regina Anderson, '55, Phillips Congregational Church, Watertown, Massachusetts, June 23.

Germaine Michaud, '55, to Dr. Paul Orloff, St. Francis de Sales Rectory, Waterville, June 23.

Carol Farr, '56, to Webster Anderson, '53, Fairmont Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, April 21.

Robert Hough, '56, to Margaret Brannen, St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn, Massachusetts, June 9.

Marilyn Godsey, '56, to Eric Sahilberg, Noroton Presbyterian Church, Connecticut, June 23.

Judith Bramhall, '56, to Lt. Mark Getchell, Christ Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 23.

Eleanor Edmunds, '56, to Lt. C. MacDonald Grout, '54, Sacred Heart Church, Bayside, Queens, New York, June 23.

Barbara Starr, '56, to Alven Somers, Temple Israel, Brookline, Massachusetts, June 23.

Joyce Fuller, '57, to Ensign Henry Brophy, First Baptist Church, Waterville in June.

Donna Butterworth, '57, to Herman Stewart, First Church of Christ, Congregational, West Hartford, Connecticut, May 12.

Marlene Lawson, '58, to John Whitney, Jr., bride's home, Whitefield, Maine, March 31.

**BIRTHS**

A son, Charles McCauley, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dignam, '39.

A son, Jesse Burchard, to Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Shaw, '43, April 4.

A daughter, Laurian, to Mr. and Mrs. David Adams, '44 (Doris Blanchard), '45, June 5.

A son, Alan David, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parker (Grace Keefer), '45, January 15.

A son, Nils Andrew, to Mr. and Mrs. Norval Garnett, '51 (Norma Bergquist), '52, June 5.

A son, David Walter, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose (Sarah Packard), '53, May 14.

A son, William, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parsons (Ethel Shirlaw), '55, March 18.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

1884 Dudley Watson Moor Holman, 92, died in Quincy, Massachusetts May 26. Born in Balston Spa, New York, he was a graduate of Boston Latin School and attended Colby from 1880 to 1882 where he was a member of Delta Upsilon. Mr. Holman was intensively interested in the college and a frequent visitor on the campus.

For 32 years, until 1912, he was a newspaper reporter and editor. He started as a staff correspondent for the Portland Evening Express. He then moved on to the Woonsocket (Rhode Island) Call, the Providence News, and the Taunton (Massachusetts) Evening News where he served from 1895-1912.

Founder of the Shipbuilders Co-operative Bank in Quincy, he had been, since 1918, a director. Mr. Holman was also named editor and publisher for several years. Following graduation, he joined the Boston Globe as a reporter. Over the years he worked as a correspondent for the Boston Herald, New York News, Philadelphia Inquirer and Bulletin. From 1890-1892, he was president of the wire service of the American Press Association and for three years editor of the Portland Evening Express.

He then moved on to the Woonsocket (Rhode Island) Call, the Providence News, and the Taunton (Massachusetts) Evening News where he served from 1895-1912.

Mr. Holman was one of the prime movers in establishing the Knox County (Maine) Memorial Association and served several years as president. During the summers he made his home in Owl's Head.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Harry Janes, Taunton; and Mrs. Harold Shedd, Newtonville; and two granddaughters, Miss Marguerite Shedd and Mrs. Robert H. MacDade II of Absecon, New Jersey.

1888 Henry Charles Prince, 90, former Maine editor and publisher, died in Marblehead, Massachusetts, April 18. Born in Rockfield, he attended Hebron Academy and graduated from Coburn Classical Institute in 1884. He spent the next year at Colby College, prior to entering the mercantile business in which he was employed until 1891.

In that year he and Elwood T. Wyman bought the Waterville Evening Mail. The paper was later sold to Herbert C. Libby, 1902, and in 1905 Mr. Prince bought the Madison Bulletin of which he was editor and publisher for several years. Mr. Prince served two years as president of the Waterville Common Council and was State Librarian from 1910-1915.

He married Mellie J. Keene. They had two children, Ellsworth and Helen. Mr. Prince was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

He leaves a sister, Mrs. Albert Drummond, 1888, Waterville.

1889 Edward Francis Stevens, 87, a distinguished librarian, died at his home in Port Jefferson, Long Island, February 25.

Born in Rangoon, Burma, the son of the Reverend Edward Oliver Stevens and Harriet Mason Stevens, American Baptist missionaries, he grew up in Waterville in the home of the Reverend and Mrs. Henry Spencer. He attended public schools and Coburn Classical Institute. At Colby, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and edited the Echo.

After an interval in business, Mr. Stevens took library training at the Pratt Institute Library School, Brooklyn. His first position was at Yale where he served as assistant librarian for three years, leaving in 1903 to become head of the applied science reference department of the Pratt Institute Free Library. He was promoted to librarian in 1910 and, in the following year, also became the director of the School of Library Science at Pratt Institute. He retired in 1938.

Mr. Stevens was an influential figure in American library circles, working for higher professional standards during the formative period of modern librarian-ship. His standing may be judged by the fact that he was elected president of the New York State Library Association, president of the New York City Library Association, and vice president of the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

He was author of An Outline of the History of Printing, and The Story of Pratt Institute, and contributed to various professional journals.

In retirement Mr. Stevens founded the library at Miller Place, Long Island, his home for the last years of his life.

"Ed" Stevens was an intensely devoted alumnus of Colby College throughout his life. He and George William Smith, 1883, (onetime president of Colgate University) founded the New York Alumni Association in 1896. He was an alumni trustee and served as class agent for 1889 from the beginning of the Colby Alumni Fund. Putting his impeccable taste in typography and the graphic arts at the service of his college, he was responsible for redesigning the cover title of The Colby Alumnus in 1942, utilizing what he regarded as the world's most beautiful type, Bruce Rogers' "Centaur." (The present issue carries that design.) He also advocated and helped to accomplish a redesign of the Colby Seal by the noted designer, W. A. Dwiggins. To spread the gospel of good taste in printing, he established Colby's "Book Arts Collection" of historic and choice specimens of printing and book design.

His alma mater conferred upon Mr. Stevens the honorary degree of Litt. D. in 1917, and he was made honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa in 1939. A "Colby Brick" was presented to him at Commencement of 1946, citing him as: "a loyal and devoted alumnus who has maintained a constant interest in finer things at Colby." In 1950, a room in the new Deke House was dedicated jointly to Mr. Stevens and his classmate and bosom friend, Charles Hovey Pepper. The sight of Stevens and Pepper enjoying things together was one of the standard Colby Commencement scenes for many years.

Among Mr. Stevens' Colby connections were: a brother, the late William O. Stevens, 1889; three cousins, Charles W. Spencer, 1889, Henry R. Spencer, 1899,
and the late Appleton W. Smith, 1887; and a brother-in-law, the late George Phenix, 1896.

Throughout his adult life, Mr. Stevens was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Brooklyn. The eulogy at his funeral was given by the Reverend Evan J. Shearman, 1922, pastor of the First Baptist Church-in-the-Garden, Garden City, New York.

The Reverend Shearman described Mr. Stevens as "one of the most careful men I ever knew as to good grooming, correct speech, the cultivation of the highest type of business and friendly associations and the detailed completion of a task... (He) maintained a world view and broad connection, the spine of which was a firm Christian faith. A more modest, loyal perfectionist, in the best sense of the word, can hardly be found."

Surviving Mr. Stevens are his wife, the former Sally Elizabeth Field; and two sisters, Mrs. George Phenix, Hampton, Virginia, and Mrs. Alonzo E. Murphy, Indianapolis, Indiana.

1897 Nina Vose Greeley, 84, died May 17 at a nursing home in Concord, New Hampshire. The widow of Dr. Philip H. Greeley, she was formerly superintendent of schools in Farmington, New Hampshire.

She also resided for many years in the New Hampshire communities of Portsmouth, Dover, and Concord. Her husband practiced medicine in all these cities.

Mrs. Greeley was a member of Sigma Kappa. She is survived by two sons: Dr. Arthur V. Greeley, New York City, and Henry P. Greeley, Concord; a brother, Arthur G. Vose, Houlton; two nieces, Mary Vose McGillicuddy, 1929, Houlton and Ruth Vose Janes, 1933, Ridgely Park, Pennsylvania; a nephew, Thomas Sebastian Vose, 1939, Bangor; and a grand-nephew, Alvin Vose, 1935, Burbank, California.

1898 Henry Howard Pratt, 81, died after a long illness May 19 at a nursing home in Laconia, New Hampshire.

A native of Essex, Connecticut, Mr. Pratt received his elementary education in the public schools of West Springfield, Massachusetts. He received his degree from Colby Phi Beta Kappa and was a member of Delta Upsilon. He followed his college training with a two year course at Newton Theological Seminary and post-graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Pratt served in several New Hampshire and Massachusetts schools and was superintendent of Enfield (New Hampshire) schools for 17 years until his retirement in 1938.

Surviving are his wife, the former Minnie Mills, and a son, Ralph, of Bristol, New Hampshire.

1900 Ernest Thomas Cushman, 79, died at his home in Needham, Massachusetts, March 28. Born in North Paris, he was a graduate of Hebron Academy. He entered in the teaching profession in 1900 and held posts at Rockland Military Academy (Nyack); Pennsylvania Military College (Chester); Portsmouth (New Hampshire) High School; and for 27 years was on the faculty at the Boston Technical High School. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Surviving are his wife, the former Heloise Boothby, and three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Satterlee, Winchester, Massachusetts; Mrs. Charlotte Clark, Santa Paula, California; and Mrs. Roberta Jones, Portland, Oregon.

1902 William Farwell, 79, died May 18 at his home in Thorndike. Mr. Farwell was associated with his father and later with his brother in the operation of a country store which received nation-wide attention. Farwell Brothers Company in Thorndike is a country store in every sense of the word and one of the few remaining such institutions in America.

A director of the First National Bank in Belfast, Mr. Farwell was also a member of the board of trustees of Kents Hill School from which he graduated. He attended Colby from 1898 to 1900 and was a members of Zeta Psi.

Surviving are his widow, Bertha Bryant Farwell, 1909, and a brother Oscar, both of Thorndike, Maine.

1908 Malcolm Dana Smith, 71, died at his home in Presque Isle May 25. A retired potato shipper, he attended Ricker Classical Institute prior to entering college.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lila Sylvester; three sons, Walker, Lewiston; Mortimer, Tucson, Arizona; and Malcolm, Jr., Presque Isle; five daughters, Mrs. Doris L. Craig, Mars Hill; Mrs. Sarah Abrams, Norwich, Connecticut; Mrs. Maxine Sunday, Mrs. Audrey Mason and Mrs. Mary Perreault, all of Presque Isle; and a sister, Mrs. Alta Smith, Bridgewater.

1912 Wilford Gore Chapman, Jr., 65, died suddenly at his home in Portland June 20. He was former judge and recorder of the Portland Municipal Court.

A graduate of Portland High School, he received his degree from Colby Phi Beta Kappa. From 1914-16 he studied at Harvard Law School, being admitted to the Maine Bar in 1915.

During World War I he was a captain and regimental supply officer with the army. For more than forty years he practiced law with his brother, Clark D. Chapman, 1909, in the firm of Chapman and Chapman, Portland.
Mr. Chapman was appointed recorder of the Portland Municipal Court in 1923 by Governor Percival P. Baxter. He served until 1927. In 1931, Governor William Tudor Gardiner named him Municipal Court judge, a post he held until 1935.

In 1951 Mr. Chapman was given the honorary 33rd degree, highest in Scottish Rite Masonry. He had close family ties with Colby. His grandfather was Josiah H. Drummond, 1846; his father, a former trustee, was Wilford G. Chapman, 1883; and Alfred K. Chapman, 1925, chairman of Colby’s English department, is his brother.

In addition to Clark, 1909, and Alfred, 1925, he is survived by a sister, Miss Gertrude Chapman, Portland, a nephew, Clark D. Chapman, Jr., 1934, and a niece, Mrs. Phyllis C. Gardner, 1940, both of Portland.

Mr. Chapman, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, served from 1931 to 1934 as alumni trustee of the college.

1913 Ethel Marion Freeman, 64, died February 21 at Kennebunk. She had been confined to a convalescent home for the past several years. Miss Freeman attended Colby from 1910 to 1911. She also studied at the Harvard Summer School, Boston University and at Wellesley. She taught in Maine schools for many years.

The late Helen Freeman, 1923, was her sister.

1914 Henry Gay Pratt, 64, died February 18 at the Litchfield County Hospital, Winsted, Connecticut, where he had been a patient since 1949.

Mr. Pratt was born in Winsted, and, following graduation from college, he completed a correspondence course in law with Lasalle Extension University in Chicago. He was a veteran of World War I. For several years he owned and operated a tobacco farm in Suffield. A major interest was painting, in which he concentrated on landscapes. He was a member of the Independent Art League in Boston.

Surviving are his wife and two daughters, Margaret of Winsted, and Charlotte of Geneva, New York.

Mr. Pratt was a member of Delta Upsilon.

1916 John Francis Lowney, 65, died March 25 in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Mr. Lowney, better known as “Smacker,” was a half-back on Colby’s great championship team of 1914. He attended Colby from 1912 to 1915, being elected to Phi Delta Theta. A retired policeman, he was a veteran of World War I.

His widow, the former Gertrude MacKenzie of Roxbury, survives.

1919 Horace Ober Coolidge, 58, died suddenly at his home in Peterham, Massachusetts, August 5, 1955.

Mr. Coolidge attended Colby from 1915 to 1917, leaving to enter the armed services. He was a dairy farmer throughout his life.

Besides his widow, Ruth Amssden Coolidge, he leaves two sons, Albert, Hebron, Connecticut; and Horace, Petersham; six grandchildren; two sisters, Elizabeth and Mary; and a brother, Arthur. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

1923 Lila Brock Wright, 53, died at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City, May 3 following a long illness. Born in Sanford, Mrs. Wright taught at Central High School, Newark, New Jersey over the past quarter century.

She prepared for college at Sanford High School and received a B.S.S. degree from Boston University in 1933 and a M.A. from Columbia in 1930. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta.

Mrs. Wright was recording secretary of the Essex County League of Newark and was a member of the State Teachers Union. She also gave the New Jersey State Civil Service examinations on stenography and business practices.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph V. Wright of East Orange, New Jersey.

1925 Arthur M. Hathaway, Jr., 52, died May 13 in Northern Westchester Hospital, Mt. Kisco, New York. An engineer with the Long Lines division of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company at White Plains, New York, on April 14 he completed 30 years service with the company. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and of Lambda Chi Alpha. Mr. Hathaway attended Colby in 1921-1922.

Surviving are his widow, Virginia, and a son, Robert, both of Ridgefield, Connecticut.

1926 Bradley Duayne Cutler, 54, died at a hospital in Rutland, Massachusetts, April 27. An author and well-known athlete, Mr. Cutler was born in Elmira, New York although he lived in Lynn most of his life.

He was captain of the English High School baseball team and later became prominent as a college and semi-professional player. Mr. Cutler was an author. Among his best-known books are: Bibliography of Sir James M. Barrie and Most Famous English Authors — Their First Editions.

He leaves a brother, Judson, Manchester, New Hampshire.

1928 John Alfred Trainor, 50, died at a Waterville hospital May 5 following a period of ill health. Born in Waterville, for the past ten years he has been personnel manager of the Timer Unit of the Diamond Match Company, Oakland. He was previously manager of the U. S. employment office in Waterville. Mr. Trainor was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Surviving are his widow, the former Dorothy McCann; two daughters, Carolyn and Mrs. Patricia Chase, both of Oakland; and two sons, John Jr., a student at the University of Maine, and James, in the army.

1943 William John MacDougall, 36, died February 20 at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts after an illness of three months.

A native of Saugus, Massachusetts, he prepared for college in the high school of his home town and at Kent’s Hill. During his year at Colby, 1939 to 1940, he played football, hockey, baseball and track.

He had an impressive World War II record participating in some of the heaviest fighting with General Patton’s famous Third Army.

Surviving are his wife, the former Thelma Nelson; two sons, a brother, James; and a sister, Mrs. Jean McBride of Saugus.

1924 (Hon.) Henry Foster Merrill, 92, the “father” of the Maine State Pier in Portland and known among shipping men the length of the Eastern seaboard, died April 12 in Portland.

To thousands, Mr. Merrill was beloved as teacher of Portland’s “13 Class,” a men’s bible study group whose Sunday morning services were broadcast for several years. In the early 1930’s its public meetings often attracted two thousand or more men.

Mr. Merrill was administrative head of Randall and McAllister, one of Maine’s largest wholesale and retail coal firms. Colby honored him with a master’s degree in 1924.

The Portland Evening Express editorialized, at the time of his death, “his whole life was one of almost boundless energy; his friends were legion. He died, respected for his good works and public services…”

His daughter, Mrs. George E. McGowan of Portland, survives.

1941 (Hon.) Joseph Hersey Pratt, 83, a well-known medical educator, died March 3 in the institution that bears his name, the Pratt Diagnostic Clinic and Hospital, a unit of the New England Medical Center.

Dr. Pratt graduated from Yale in 1894 and was a member of the second class of the John Hopkins Medical School in 1898. Dr. Pratt served on the faculties of medical schools at Harvard and Tufts. He received an honorary doctor of science degree from Colby.
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Until after the Revolution, social distinctions in Portland followed the pattern established in England. "The Quality" were ministers, judges, governors, and those persons of wealth who had large landholdings. Their houses were larger and finer, and they had slaves or indentured servants to perform household tasks and work in the fields. Their clothes were mostly imported from England, as were household furnishings. Willis says that the cocked hat, the bush wig and the red cloak were envied marks of distinction in early Portland.

Men's coats were made with long cuffs reaching to the elbows, and low collars. They were long and full-skirted, fastened with brass or silver buttons. Elaborately embroidered vests had long pocket flaps, also embroidered. Linen shirts had either linen or fine lace ruffles at throat and wrists. Buckskin breeches, or scarlet breeches, had brass or silver knee buckles. Low, square-toed shoes and silken ribbed hose completed the costume. Face masks were carried in winter for protection against wind and cold, by women and the younger dandies.

The trappings of social rank were always donned by "The Quality" for social occasions, with elaborately curled and powdered wigs to top off the display. At business, more serviceable clothes and plain queue wigs were worn.

The wigs were as expensive as the clothes and had to be replaced about as often. Portland's own Parson Smith wrote: "August, 1765, had a new wig and clothes." Again, in 1769: "... another rich wig, and hat." Mr. Deane's famous diary tells us that in 1766 a wig cost sixteen pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence.

Men's and even children's heads were shaved to accommodate the heavy wigs. For comfort's sake, at night, and when at home, the wigs were removed and turbans of silk or wool substituted, to protect shaven heads from drafts — which explains why contemporary portraits always show men with either a wig, turban or hat covering the head.

An interesting note is that in 1771 three silversmiths, Paul Little, John Butler and Joseph Ingraham, were busy in Portland making knee and shoe buckles and brass buttons.