Well, perhaps, if you want to be strictly literal.

And yet, when she reaches college age will she be too late? Too late to get the kind of higher education so vital to her future and to the future of her country?

It all depends.

There is in the United States today a growing threat to the ability of our colleges to produce thinking, well-informed graduates. That threat is composed of several elements: an inadequate salary scale that is steadily reducing the number of qualified people who choose college teaching as a career; classrooms and laboratories already overcrowded; and a pressure for enrollment that will double by 1967.

The effects of these shortcomings can become extremely serious. Never in our history has the need for educated leadership been so acute. The problems of business, government and science grow relentlessly more complex, the body of knowledge more mountainous. The capacity of our colleges—all colleges—to meet these challenges is essential not only to the cultural development of our children but to the intellectual stature of our nation.

In a very real sense, our personal and national progress depends on our colleges. They must have more support in keeping pace with their increasing importance to society.

Help the colleges or universities of your choice. Help them plan for stronger faculties and expansion. The returns will be greater than you think.

If you want to know what the college crisis means to you, write for a free booklet to: HIGHER EDUCATION, Box 36, Times Square Station, New York 36, New York.

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The Class of 1957 has presented a new altar for Lorimer Chapel and additional funds to purchase other appointments. When college reopens the chapel will have a colonial altar in white with walnut trim and gilt lettering replacing an improvised plywood altar which has served since the building was opened. Class funds have also gone towards the purchase of a dossal curtain and scarf for the altar, as well as new scarfs for the pulpit and lectern. Presenting the check to Chaplain Clifford Osborne is Nancy Hansen, 1957, chairman of the gift committee.

I hold the view that a general education is sound preparation for a career in business, and I am unhappy when most of the voices that I hear about me in the business world are lifted in praise of specialized education only. There is no doubt but that the scientists are having their innings, and there is danger that education will get top-heavy with technology. . . All that I ask is that education be kept in trim between these two major aspects of our intellectual disciplines. . .

The quotation is from Clarence B. Randall, retired chairman of the Board of Inland Steel and one of the nation's leading industrial spokesmen on behalf of the liberal arts. Mr. Randall feels that the lack of liberal arts in Russia, "may prove to be the Achilles heel of the Communist dynasty. Their economy may become altogether lopsided through their worship at the shrine of technology, and our ultimate superiority may rest upon maintaining in our country the proper balance between these two approaches to the education of our youth." Mr. Randall's stimulating address at Colby's Convocation a year ago is reprinted on page eight.

Chi Omega sorority has presented to the college five wrought iron benches in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Beta Chapter in 1906. They have been placed on the lawns of the women's dormitories and in front of the library where Justine Brown, 1960, is relaxing.
When is a small college not a small college? When does its size prevent the informal give-and-take and the personal friendships that are so important in the educational process? Under today's pressure to expand many small colleges are asking themselves this question. The pressure is itself so great that we almost face the paradox of asking all small colleges to become large ones so that everyone may have the benefits of attending a small college!

Colby's situation can be summed up as follows. First, we will never knowingly expand to a point where we lose the obvious advantages of the kind of community life where teachers know their students and students know each other. Second, we will not expand if it means lowering our standards of admission. These have been raised through great effort and we intend to go on raising them until we reduce to a minimum the number of those who flunk out.

On the other hand, there are three strong reasons for thinking of a gradual increase in size. First, there is the undoubted fact that Colby must assume its share of responsibility for the large numbers who want and should have a college education. Second, a study of the figures makes it clear that if we should add two or three or possibly four hundred to our present number we could administer the college more economically. The faculty would have to be increased, of course, but the administrative overhead would remain about the same and the added tuition income would more than offset the expense. Third, it seems clear that such an expansion would strengthen our educational program in two ways: it would give us more diversified offerings in the curriculum and it would provide more student leaders for our various activities. At the present time many of our best students are serving too many masters and carrying too many different kinds of load. Our teams and clubs demand too much of them. A larger number would also mean wider geographical distribution.

Our enrollment is now about 1100 including 625 men and 475 women. If we should increase gradually to, say, 1500, with 900 men and 600 women, I do not think the size would be unmanageable. It appears to me that a co-educational college of 1500 can retain more of the advantages of a small college than can one that is not co-educational. The units into which the community is broken up give the total life a different character.

The arguments, therefore, are in favor of an increase, with the qualifications noted, and to a size which, in my judgement should at the outermost limit not exceed 1500. I must also strongly underline the fact that we cannot even begin to expand now. As it is, we are practically bursting at the seams. The three new buildings toward which our Fulfillment Program campaign is directed — for classrooms and faculty offices, for art and music, and for administration — are absolutely essential for our present program. When we have them, however, they should serve as a base for expansion and, with the addition of dormitory space, should make the addition of a few hundred students possible.

Expansion will therefore not begin for a few years and even then will be gradual and carefully controlled. We shall have plenty of time to get our bearings and plot our course.
Leonard W. Mayo, 1922, (1942, S.Sc.D.) is serving the college in two capacities. He has been elected a trustee and has been appointed National Chairman of the $2,500,000 Fulfillment Program campaign. Dr. Mayo is director of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children, New York City.

President Bixler announced Dr. Mayo’s acceptance of the chairmanship at a Commencement luncheon for campaign workers, describing him as exceptionally well-fitted for heading up the Fulfillment Program.

“Dr. Mayo has an outstanding record as a leader in philanthropic work, a thorough knowledge of educational problems and a wide acquaintance both in this country and abroad. In view of all that it will mean to the college, we feel that we are to be most heartily congratulated on his willingness to accept the challenge,” Dr. Bixler said.

Dr. Mayo is president of the International Union for Child Welfare; chairman of the Commission on Chronic Illness; past president of the Child Welfare League; and was chairman of the executive committee of 1950 Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth.

He prepared for Colby at Oxford (Massachusetts) High School and took graduate study at the New York School of Social Work from 1929-31, and at New York University in sociology from 1930-34.

Dr. Mayo has a lengthy Colby lineage. His wife, the former Lena Cooley, was in the Class of 1924. His father, the late William W. Mayo, graduated in 1879. His sister, Julia (Mrs. Stewart Wilson), graduated in the Class of 1927 and his cousin was the distinguished former board chairman, the late George Otis Smith, 1893.

The Fulfillment Program of which he is chairman is part one of a $5,000,000 long range development program aimed in President Bixler’s words at “moving Colby into the very front rank of institutions of its kind.” The initial $2,500,000 campaign will provide buildings for art and music, social sciences and administrative offices, and funds for faculty salaries and scholarships.

Since his appointment as general chairman, Dr. Mayo has been building the nucleus of the vast team that will carry out the campaign. Key to the organization is a Steering Committee made up of the chairmen of groups concerned with advanced gifts, foundations, alumni, parents, corporations, faculty, other friends, and publicity.

Two foundation grants have already been made. The first is $25,000 from the James Foundation of New York for the Art and Music Building. The second, a contingency grant of $25,000 from the Kresge Foundation for the same unit, is to be paid when the remaining funds necessary for construction of the building have been raised, provided they are in hand not later than December of 1958.

Meanwhile work is well underway on the architect’s plans for the three buildings which, when completed, will provide the campus for the first time with adequate classroom facilities and sufficient faculty and administrative offices.

To administer the Fulfillment Program, thirty-five geographical regions have been established in principal areas where alumni live. To date twenty-four alumni and alumnae have accepted the invitation to serve as regional chairmen. Many local planning meetings have been held.

Among appointments to date are the following: Joseph S. Fairchild, vice president, United States Envelope Com-
pany, chairman of Parents Committee; L. Russell Blanchard, 1938, the immensely successful chairman of the 1956-57 Alumni Fund, chairman of Alumni Committee; Reginald Sturtevant, 1921, president, Livermore Falls Trust Company, chairman of Maine Advance Gifts.


New Graduation Requirements

The Class of 1957 was the first to be faced with the new requirement of 32 instead of the long traditional 26 quality points for graduation. The new requirement is an indication of raised academic standards, and it is a compliment to the Class of 1957 that all members met it. "Quality Points" is a technical term which in layman's language means that a significant proportion of a student's marks during his four years at Colby must be above the lowest passing level of D. One quality point is awarded for each semester course mark of C, two points for B, and three points for A. If a student obtains no marks above C during his four college years, he must have at least 32 C's out of his total of 40 semester courses.

All-Star Lineup

Harry Arlanson of Tufts and Edgar Allen Diddle of Western Kentucky State College were the football-basketball headliners at the Colby College Coaching School, June 19-21. Before going to Tufts, Arlanson was at Weymouth (Mass.) High where he es-
Everyone in Hollywood reads The Echo and the paper hasn’t been bashful about admitting it. With the help of promotion manager Stan Moger, 1958, whose father is advertising-publicity director in the East for Warner Brothers, The Echo has been running a series of photographs showing stars engrossed in their favorite newspaper. Left to right, are Tab Hunter, Jimmy Stewart, Monica Lewis, and Buster Keaton.

tablished himself as one of the nation’s most successful high school coaches. He brought with him to Colby, to participate in lectures and demonstrations, his varsity line coach, Henry J. Plausse, former Boston College player.

In Diddle, the school presented the “winningest hoop mentor” in the country — and one of the most colorful.

“There are too many rules in basketball,” Diddle told newsmen while at Colby, “and the worst one is the one-and-one bonus shot. Did you ever hear of a big leaguer getting a bonus for hitting a home run? Does a player get another shot when he successfully kicks a point in football? There’s too much whistle blowing.”

Checks were received last month from the Ford Foundation totaling $269,000. This was the final payment of $504,000 awarded to Colby in December 1955. The grant was a portion of a $210,000,000 nationwide program by the Foundation aimed at assisting American higher education to increase faculty salaries.

Colby received its share in two parts: $311,000, to be placed in endowment, the income to be used to increase faculty salaries, and a $193,000 “accomplishment grant.” The latter was made by the Foundation to 26 institutions “in recognition of the leadership they have taken in their regions in improving the status and compensation of college teachers.” The Foundation stipulated that the accomplishment grant could be used in whole or in part for faculty salaries, “or for any other necessary needs of the institution.”

The entire amount of both grants has been placed in the college’s endowment and the income is being used to increase faculty salaries.

An article “Adult Education; The Next Challenge for the Church,” written by President Bixler, was published in the January-February issue of The Maine Universalist. . . Lectures given by President Bixler at Crozier Theological Seminary in January 1954 on “Four Approaches to Belief” are being published in The Iliff Review.

Stephen Johnson, son of Professor and Mrs. E. Parker Johnson, won the Maine State Spelling Bee championship at Colby, May 18. His father is chairman of the department of psychology. The 13 year old eighth grader participated in the finals of the national spelling bee in Washington, June 7, placing with the nation’s top 25 spellers and topping all other New England entrants. Stephen was tripped by the word “thaumaturgy” which Webster defines as, “one who deals in miracles.” Stephen’s comment: “It would have been a miracle if I had spelled it.”

Copies of President Bixler’s baccalaureate address are available in limited number and may be had, without charge, by contacting the Public Relations office at the college.

Crane Brinton’s, The Shaping of the Modern Mind (The New American Library, 1953), has been selected as Colby’s Book of the Year for 1957-58. The choice of the book, which traces the development of major ideas of Western Civilization since 1500, was made by balloting of students and faculty. Other nominations were: The Challenge of Man’s Future by Harrison Brown; A Collection of Essays by George Orwell; The Charterhouse of Parma by Mairé de Stendhal; and The Liberal Imagination by Lionel Trilling.

Eleanor Duckworth, 1957, of Halifax, Nova Scotia will study psychology at the University of Paris next year as recipient of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship. She was one of 132 outstanding students from 32 countries to receive awards. During the past four years she has held a scholarship at Colby and has served as Chief Justice of the Women’s Student League as well as in the Student Christian Cabinet and on the Women’s Judicial Board. She is a member of Cap and Gown honor society and Phi Beta Kappa.
Dr. Frederick T. Hill, 1910, left, Miriam Hardy, 1922, and Professor Allan Scott, chairman of the department of biology, were speakers at the dinner opening Commencement weekend. Dr. Hill likened the administration, trustees, faculty, alumni and students to the five fingers of the hand. "Working together in perfect articulation, like the hand, these must be devoted to a common constructive purpose, building and developing the best liberal arts college."

**DEAN TOMPKINS: LL.D.**

Miss Pauline Tompkins, who has been dean of women since 1952 and who leaves this September to accept a position with the U. S. Information Agency, was honored June 2 at Mount Holyoke College as recipient of an honorary doctor of laws degree. She graduated from Mount Holyoke in 1941. The citation said:

"Confronting with the courage of youth the difficult field of human relations, at home and abroad, you have already achieved notable success as a college administrator, as a teacher of history and as a writer on international relations. Mount Holyoke is proud of your achievements as a reflection not only of your own abilities but of the continuing vigor of her high tradition of scholarship and service."

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Colby Alumnus
The Central Maine Board of Approved Basketball Officials have presented a plaque honoring their founder and first president, the late Eddie Roundy. The memorial is a portrait in bronze with an inscription praising Eddie as a coach “who for 30 years taught players and officials not only the sport, but sportsmanship.”

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Alumni dropped a 6-3 decision in hockey to the varsity, March 16. The “Grads,” coached by Bill Millett, went ahead 1-0 in the first period on a goal by Irwin Winer, '52, assisted by Bob Millett, '50. The alumni, however, were held scoreless until the final stanza when Joe Wallace, '45, collected two in a minute and a half, one of which had an assist by Bud Johnson, '42. Others in the graduate line-up were: Archie Armstrong, '40; Bernie Laliberte, '53; George Wales, '51; Danny Hall, '51; Buddy Reed, '53; Bill Bryan, '47; Ray Fortin, '41; and Bob Kline, '52.

DEAN MARRINER: L.H.D.

The University of Maine awarded Dean Ernest C. Marriner, 1913, an honorary doctor of humane letters degree on June 9. The citation said in part:

“Native of Bridgton, Maine; graduate of Colby College; able and devoted teacher and administrator . . . serving as Dean of Men (at Colby) for seventeen years and Dean of the Faculty for ten years, winning the high esteem and affection of his students and colleagues; long an influential leader in educational affairs in Maine and New England, and presently serving the State of Maine as Chairman of the State Board of Education, in recognition of distinguished services to education as teacher and administrator, the University of your native state is happy to confer upon you this degree.”
WANTED: Intellectual Superiority

A brilliant American industrialist, Clarence Randall, 1956 (Hon.), speaks out on behalf of the Liberal Arts in an address at Colby’s recent Academic Convocation.

It's a great privilege to be back home among educators. How I have loved them and fought them in my day. I began as the president of an elementary school board when my children were young in the glorious and controversial days of progressive education. I advanced to a membership on the board of a preparatory school, and then, as my children went on, I followed them along as a trustee—always two laps behind—at the University of Chicago, Wellesley, and Harvard.

Out of my experience with these men, their lives dedicated to the welfare of youth and the nation, I have come to sense a deep and abiding partnership between business and the campus. We have at times been divided. We in business have felt at times that the efforts to control our freedoms have come principally from the professors. The professors have felt that efforts to control their freedoms have come from business. Enough of that nonsense. There is but one freedom—that noun is singular, and not plural. There is one freedom that runs like a bright and shining light through everything that we do, and whether it be academic freedom or freedom of enterprise, it is the same freedom and together we must stand to defend it. The businessman and the educator hold in trust the purposes and ideals of our civilization.

I have come today to raise my voice on behalf of liberal education in the Liberal Arts as a training for business and as a training for life. It may seem strange that I should be here as an advocate of liberal education when my life has been lived in the steel industry, a business above all others which rests upon science.

This concept of liberal education as applied to business has grown and grown in my mind as the years have passed. I suppose that's a function of my own life. I am a product of the Liberal Arts and I survived in the steel industry. I brought to the great technical requirements of my industry a Phi Beta Kappa key, achieved through a certain excellence in Greek, Latin, and English.

Preparation for Life

Those of you in the senior class who are apprehensive about whether you are getting out on the right career, may I say to you that I have spent my life doing nothing for which I was trained and have been supremely happy in so doing.

As the incoming freshman studies that syllabus of courses, trying eagerly and apprehensively to decide what career he will follow with his life, how can he possibly know the answer to that question? How can any young man see far enough into the future to determine what career he should choose? With the help that the social scientist brings us these days, he has some guide as to his aptitude. But how can a man really be sure of his best qualifications until he has experienced through trial and error the vicissitudes of life? And should he know what is his best qualification, how can he know that pursuing that is the thing that will bring him the deepest satisfactions in life? And should he have an affirmative answer to that, how can he know that circumstances of life will afford him the opportunity to exercise that greatest aptitude?

He will learn as the years go on that life shoves you in strange directions, and you must be ready to go in whatever direction life shoves you. I knew a man who began his business career as an apothecary, literally rolling pills and filling prescriptions in a hospital, and he became a chief officer of a very great mining company. I have known bankers who became authors. I have
known ministers who became investment bankers. I have known business men who gave up everything to enter the ministry, and those decisions are a function of experience. Therefore, is it not the part of wisdom for the young man and woman unable to see clearly the future to resist specialization to the latest possible moment in their life? Should they not rather be ready for any eventuality by taking the broadest possible early training?

This is the first opportunity I have had to express myself since acquiring that new and blessed fate known as retirement. I stand on the plateau of life. The time is mid-afternoon, and I'm looking back over the way that I have come. If you've ever sat on a high spot with the setting sun on your back and looked the other way, you know how kindly that rosy life is. The tough spots are all concealed down there in the shadows, and all that you see are the high spots and the pleasant places. I know now, as nearly as a man can know, what education a man should have for a business career, because I've been patching mine ever since 1912, trying to make a better job of it.

**Shotgun Approach**

I went to Harvard without the slightest or foggiest idea what to do with my life. At that time, the only thing that was required in the curriculum was English A out of the 17 courses. So I approached my target of life not with a rifle bullet but with a shotgun. I put a lot of pellets into a lot of targets before I got through. And I'm happy that it was so. My freshman year I took Greek. I took Latin. I entered into the mysteries of the Middle Ages with that great teacher Dean Haskins. I took English, and I took a beginning course in French—and then I followed with more Greek, more Latin, economics, government. I studied the American novel with Bliss Perry and poetry with Dean Briggs, philosophy under Dr. Palmer, remembering now the teachers more than the courses. I took one course in geology. Little did I think that eventually I would be managing iron, ore mines and coal mines and limestone quarries. As a consequence, I left Harvard with what may be called in every sense a "general education." I've been awfully happy about it.

Out of this experience of my own has come a philosophy about young men. It fell to my lot in my company to establish a training course for young men. "Randall's Co-eds" they called them in the steel mill. I always chose in each group half that were trained in the technical disciplines and half in the Liberal Arts, feeling that in business we need both those disciplines, and that in no man's life is there time for him to achieve, in the early years, both.

Now what did I ask for as I interviewed young men. I wanted, first of all, intellectual superiority—let there be no nonsense about that! I had no patience with the theory that a man who wastes time in college is apt to embrace his opportunities the minute he enters business. I leave that to the others to find out. I want those who have proven that they understand opportunity when they see it and know how to make the most of it. I wanted then evidence that a man could master a subject and lick it. I didn't care what the subject was. It didn't make any difference to me on a man coming into the steel industry what he had studied. We do not employ young men for what they know. That may be a shock to some of you, but that's a fact. We employ them for their capacity to learn.

I wanted first to know that he could lick a subject. I wanted secondly to know whether he had sufficient intellectual flexibility to be willing to tackle a job for which he was not trained. It is unthinkable that you will find in industry the task for which you are adequately prepared. Your capacity to prepare yourself thereafter is the test. I have always believed that the educated man must learn to walk with confidence upon unfamiliar grounds.

And then I wanted this young man to be able to communicate ideas. I wanted him to be able to speak and write the English language with persuasion and conviction. Therein lies the weakness of technical education.

When a young engineer comes to my desk to present a matter, he always reaches for a pad and a pencil to draw a sketch. And I never let him have it. I say, "Sit there now and tell me without the pencil." The greatest idea in the brain of the greatest scientist is just so much waste baggage to mankind unless it can be communicated, and be communicated in the idiom of the hearer. I may again be shocking some of my scientific friends here but every scientist talks his own jargon to the rest of us. If you are going to communicate ideas, you must select a language spoken by the hearer and pursue his idiom.

**Above all, Character**

And then, of course, I wanted the young man to have character. Above all, character. But I will only state that fact and pass on because I am still not certain where lies the final responsibility for character building. I believe it to be shared by the family, the community, the college, and the individual.

Now let's assume that the Liberal Arts man thus selected arrives in In-
dustry. What does he bring with him that will help him right off in his daily tasks? Well, he brings a great many more working tools than our technical colleague who sends a boy ready to look through a transit, or a microscope, or what not. He brings, first of all, I hope, an understanding of the laws of economics. If he does, he’ll be moving into a partial vacuum because there is wide ignorance of the laws of economics in the business community. He brings an old fashion working tool—a knowledge of geography. There is no business so small or so isolated as not somehow or other to be tied in with the world today. Whether it’s Venezuela, or Karachi, or Nepal, or Nigeria, the businessman must know where the place is. He must know the terrain with respect to transportation, he must know the climate with respect to the effect on working forces. He must know the world.

And with geography comes language. The well-equipped businessman today must have a second language. Not only for his own comfort in travel but to understand the world.

Then a young man coming into business will bring from the Liberal Arts an understanding of government and the political processes. And he will bring a capacity to communicate ideas, because at every level, as a beginner, he must read instructions and follow them; a little later on he will give instructions on the off-chance that they will be followed, if he has expressed himself adequately and clearly. He will learn to preside at conferences and meetings. At no point will he be free of the necessity of communicating his ideas.

**Human Behavior**

**Then** what are the problems that he will face when he comes to the senior level? Well, the generation ahead of mine in business dealt principally with blueprints. They built machines and they thought of business as machinery. Today we have discovered with considerable difficulty that business consists of machines, but, more importantly, of people. The great problems that plague industry today do not come from our ignorance of the nature of matter. We have pushed back the frontiers of knowledge and the physical sciences. No, the problems that plague industry today come from our ignorance of mankind. The problems of human behavior beset us at every point. It is the training in these problems of human behavior that must come to us through general education and the Liberal Arts discipline.

Well, enough of what the Liberal Arts may mean to a young man in the making of a living. What shall we say of the training in the Liberal Arts for living itself? There lies the deep values, the deep satisfactions in general education. First of all, each young person must have a philosophy of life. Life is utterly meaningless if you do not know whither you are bound. Each of us needs a scale of values that’s ours to which we hold true through every circumstance. You cannot get that in the laboratory. You acquire a philosophy of life by religion, by studying the products of the great minds of history, by exchanging viewpoints with your contemporaries and with the best minds available, and nothing can replace the function of the Liberal Arts in the life of an individual when expressed in terms of establishing a scale of values. The Liberal Arts will give the young man and young woman also the beginning of viewpoints on the great current questions.

And then the Liberal Arts brings to the young man and the young woman an understanding of their responsibility to the community of which they are to become a part.

You may gather from my feelings on this subject that I hold the deep conviction that the future of our country lies with colleges like Colby, with groups like this, and with the preservation and the implementation of the great traditions of the Liberal Arts.

*Human Behavior*

*Selection of courses: A lot of pellets go into a lot of targets.*
The weatherman made up for some past indiscretions by providing the finest possible ingredients for Commencement. Starting with the dinner for trustees, the Alumni Council, and faculty Friday evening and continuing through Erwin Canham’s timely address Monday morning, the entire weekend was a delight.
The energetic and capable Roderick E. Farnham, 1931, re-elected chairman of the Alumni Council, presided at the Alumni-Alumnae Dinner, June 8, at the fieldhouse. He announced results of Alumni Council elections and the re-election of three trustees: Carleton D. Brown, 1933; A. A. D'Amico, 1928; and Mrs. Wayne E. (Alice Linscott) Roberts, 1931, all of whom have given devotedly of themselves to the college.

Named to the Council by its membership were: Robert N. Anthony, 1938; Morton M. Goldfine, 1937, both re-elected; and for first terms, James E. Clover, 1937, and Miss Helen D. Cole, 1917.

Balloting of alumni elected the following to the Council: John P. Davan, 1933; Howard L. Ferguson, 1931; Robert C. Rowell, 1949; Roland G. Ware, 1921; Freda K. Abel, 1939; Mrs. William A. (Marguerite Chase) Macomber, 1927; and re-elected, Miss Nellie G. Macdougall, 1949.

The traditional Colby Bricks, given in recognition of outstanding service, were awarded to Dr. Warren E. Kershner, 1942 (Hon.); Miss Alice A. Clarkin, 1916; Gilbert "Mike" Loebs, 1921; Freda K. Abel, 1939; Mrs. William A. (Marguerite Chase) Macomber, 1927; and re-elected, Miss Nellie G. Macdougall, 1949.

In a citation read by David Hilton, 1935, chairman of the Bricks committee, Dr. Kershner, a Bath, Maine physician and generous friend, was told: "Many a boy and girl have been enabled to obtain an education because of your help. Your wise planning has been, and will be for years to come, of material assistance to our graduates seeking to follow your profession of medicine. Let us hope they will emulate you."

Miss Clarkin, a teacher in Waterville High School, was praised for her inspired teaching and for her emphasis on the highest ideals of American Democracy. "Teacher, understanding friend, wise counsellor... you exemplify those qualities which Colby College has always cherished," Hilton said.

Colby's personable director of health and physical education, "Mike" Loebs, was cited as "a man of wisdom, of integrity, and of a wide humanity."

Hilton told Greene, a former president of the Boston Colby Club, that the Brick award was being made to him in appreciation of "tireless work for the best interests of the college."

"You have spared neither time nor effort in her service...you have done much to interest promising boys in Colby. Whatever you have been asked to do...you have done with your whole heart and with your whole ability."

As Class Agent for 1907, Moore received a citation which said, in part, "As teacher, as principal, and as superintendent of schools (Southwick, Massachusetts), you have exhibited those qualities of forthrightness and leadership which were foreshadowed in your undergraduate days."

Eight alumni, shown in the photograph on page 19, received Colby gavels from Farnham as presidents of state, regional, or national organizations.

The 25th and 50th reunion classes were each represented by speakers. Bernard M. Johnstone, executive secretary of the Maine Publicity Bureau, spoke for the quarter century class and Roscoe Emery, Eastport real estate and insurance executive, for the Class of 1907.

Mr. Emery recalled that the Colby of 1907 was "an under-dog in the collegiate world of New England...despite its able faculty." He echoed the conviction of all alumni that Colby is rapidly forging to the forefront of the leading small colleges of the entire country. "We are proud and happy to be graduates of such an institution," he declared.

Speakers, top to bottom: Bernard Johnstone, 1932; Professor George E. Bates; Roscoe Emery, 1907; and Peter Merrill, 1957.
Professor George E. Bates of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration was the principal speaker at the Commencement Dinner, June 9. His son, Nathaniel, was a member of the graduating class and captain of the Colby ski team.

Speaking to an audience of seniors, their families, and alumni, Professor Bates said, “We realize that a college education is vastly more than a summation of subject matters of an arts and science curriculum. High among the other elements in that education stands the broad human understanding shown by a faculty, both inside the classroom and out.

“It is that understanding which provides the inspiration, promotes the spirit of inquiry, develops the liberal attitude, instills the tradition of service, cultivates the moral and spiritual values and lends the wisdom and intelligence to shape mere knowledge to useful ends for humanity. A chief ingredient of the Colby magic is the patient guidance which the faculty so ably gives.

“My acquaintance with Colby College has been of long standing, since I have known her sons over many years in my classes at Harvard and also among my colleagues on the Harvard faculty. Such direct evidences of her handiwork have reinforced for me, personally, the high repute in which Colby is held.”

Having heard a parent’s philosophy, the dinner gathering listened next to a senior, Peter Merrill, winner of theCondor Medal.

Reflecting on his career as a student, Merrill said, “It is the reciprocal relationship between the college and the student that has been the most inspiring factor during my stay at Colby and which has profoundly influenced all my activities. It is the responsibility of all of us to become involved in the direction and the growth of the college and to contribute, through our dedicated efforts, to Colby’s drive into the front ranks of American education.”

BRICK RECIPIENTS — Colby Bricks were awarded at Commencement to: front, Alice Clarkin, Dr. Warren E. Kershner, and Millard C. Moore. Back: Ray B. Greene and Gilbert F. (Mike) Loebs.

THE BACCALAUREATE

In his baccalaureate address, President Bixler urged the graduating class to protect their independence of judgment.

“It is easy for the young college graduate to feel that everything is so big today as to dwarf his own individuality,” Dr. Bixler said. “You will spend much of your lives, of course, doing what organizations tell you to do. You will be employed by them and you will get strength from your association with them. But there is a point at which you must resist. There is an inner privacy that must not be invaded. There is an independence of judgment which must be preserved, for the organization’s sake as well as for your own.

“It seems to me most hopeful that liberal education, which makes men reflective and not merely suggestible, which employs their critical powers and teaches them to question and doubt, is today more widespread, more popular, and more completely subject to rigorous analysis than ever before. Liberal colleges stand out more clearly than ever as the organs society must employ for the criticism of its own aims and methods.”

Dr. Bixler referred to the demand for more liberal education even in Russia and added that “the demand for freedom of thought is just as ancient as thought itself. It is impossible to believe that it can for long be denied in any part of the world.”

He told seniors that every experience offered by the college had as its final purpose, “the attempt to fortify you with ideas, the habits of mind, and the
power to make decisions which will make effective your own feeling of mastery.”

Dr. Bixler stressed that in revealing individual freedom the college had attempted to reveal it as of a special kind.

“Since it is your own, what you do with it in one sense is your own affair. But the college has failed unless you understand that your affair is God’s affair.

“You are more free today than the day you entered college because the range of possibilities you see ahead is so much greater than it was then. But the extraordinary fact is that it is also more limited because some possibilities stand out in so much sharper relief than others.

“The college graduate is one who knows, or should know, where excellence is found. But by the same token he should know what excellence demands. There is no liberty, said Milton, but strenuous liberty. There is no withdrawal in college to the inner citadel, one may add, which is not pointed at a certain type of return.”

Mr. Canham summarized his development of the world picture and the responsibilities of citizenship in this fashion:

“First, we live in a very remarkable and hope-filled period when every big power is afraid to fight a major war. This seems an irrational and indefensible thing to say, but I believe it is true — with the proviso, as I have said, that madness or miscalculation might, but probably will not, trigger catastrophe.

“Second, to maintain this balance of terror, this atomic stalemate, we must retain our retaliatory power in vigorous being as long as others have theirs.

“Third, we should use the breathing-spell to try and reduce the burden and danger of suicidal armaments by enforceable limitation agreements.

“Fourth, we need very much to put the United States back into leadership of the practical and ideological revolution by which mankind is trying to better its lot.

“Thus we must again go on to the forefront in the world struggle for freedom, in whatever forms it can be won and kept by the submerged majorities in the world. America must again mean practical and principled opportunity and example for the immense tides of humanity who are surging today toward new systems. We must displace the false promises of totalitarianism.

“Fourth, we need very much to put the United States back into leadership of the practical and ideological revolution by which mankind is trying to better its lot.

“All of this means that young men and women graduating from college today are moving into one of the great opportunity periods of world history. The chances for further technological and, yes, ultimate spiritual advancement which are in the hands of your generation are incalculable. They should move your poets to their finest lyrics and your singers to their most poignant song. You should stir the hearts and minds of mankind with the parable of the possible which is within the grasp of people today if they choose aright. They must choose from mankind’s inheritance of proved principles in free society. They must apply what they gain from us to their problems.

“We must help them understand the terms of the choice that faces them: police state or rule of law. We must find our voices to proclaim the meaning of freedom and the rights of man; we must listen still more than we talk — listen to the rising chant of peoples everywhere seeking to find and live the full meaning and potential of the twentieth century. We must help them, and ourselves, into the new day.”
HONORARY DEGREE
CITATIONS

Erwin Dain Canham
Doctor of Laws

A Bates graduate who labors mightily on Colby's behalf,—as you preside over Colby's Lovejoy Committee and help to select the most courageous journalist of the past twelve months, you have each year modestly refrained from suggesting the name of the editor of the Christian Science Monitor. Colby now seeks to make good this omission, saluting the courage you have displayed throughout your career and, in particular, the physical heroism you showed when at a time of serious rioting you became a mediator between the civil authorities and the inmates of Charlestown prison. A Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and holder of honorary degrees from many colleges, former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, and director of the policies of one of the most widely respected newspapers in the world, you have shown how Christian sensitiveness can interpret and relieve the lurid sensationalism of the cruder side of daily life and how an intelligent inner monitor can sift not only true opinion from false but the truly newsworthy from the base and unworthy.

Harold Frank Lemoine
Doctor of Divinity

The twenty-five years since your graduation from Colby College have been marked by steady progress in your chosen profession. After graduation from General Theological Seminary and ordination to the priesthood, you were for six years on the staff of the Little Church Around the Corner. Later as rector of St. Joseph's at Queens Village, you twice were made Deputy to the General Convention of your church and also became chairman of the Departments of Christian Education and of Youth Work. In the midst of your duties you found time to serve as class agent for the Colby Class of 1932. When, during the past year, you were made Dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation at Garden City, the Bishop observed in presenting your name: “His missionary vision and his wide Diocesan experience will bring to the Cathedral a pastoral leadership that will immeasurably strengthen this center of Diocesan life and worship.” Recognizing in its turn your many accomplishments, your alma mater welcomes your homecoming and celebrates it with this special honor.

Parker Heath
Doctor of Science

Graduate of the University of Michigan and of its Medical School, instructor and professor of ophthalmology, first at Michigan, then at Wayne State University, and then at Harvard, consultant to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and to the Eye and Ear Infirmary of Boston, former chairman of the Section on Ophthalmology of the American Medical Association, you have written approximately one hundred articles on the clinical, investigative, and teaching fields of ophthalmology and also an authoritative textbook on ocular pathology. Moving as have others from Harvard to Maine,

Honorary Degree Recipients

you have capped your career of teaching and research with an interest in Colby's summer courses and have done Colby the honor of including its faculty on the list of your memberships. In turn Colby places your name on the list of those it wishes particularly to honor and summons you to its Commencement platform for this special accolade.

WERNER ERIC JOSTEN
Doctor of Music
Composer, conductor, pianist, and professor, the recent extended showing in New York of your paintings indicates that you are a member of that rare group able to win prominence in more than one of the arts. Whether you work with colors or tones, your sense for rhythm and balance is as sure as your feeling for romantic impulse is vivid. Your compositions have included songs, oratorios, ballet-music, and symphonies. They have been played to enthusiastic audiences by such artists as Wallenstein, Brosa, and Mischa Elman, and such organizations as the Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago Symphony Orchestras. Most distinctive of all was your achievement, almost single-handed, in producing and directing the first stage performance in America of eight operas by Handel, Monteverdi, and Fux. Not unmindful of the fact that your public accomplishment is matched by an unassuming personal modesty, Colby College delights to do you honor and to invite you to accept its mark of special esteem.

WALDO PEIRCE
Doctor of Fine Arts
Observer of life and eager participant in the struggle to maintain a steady course in the midst of its seething tides, painter of nature whose work is said to deserve placement on the branches of trees rather than on the musty walls of museums, companion of John Reed and Ernest Hemingway, art student in Paris and France, ambulance driver with the French Army, awarded first prize, Artists for Victory in 1944, and the purchase prize, Paintings of the Year in 1948, represented in the most important national and international exhibitions, compared at various times with Goya, Renoir, and Matisse, you left Maine to discover yourself and have come home to find the world at your feet. Congratulating you both on your adventurous spirit and on your ability like Antaeus to find renewal of energy and insight in familiar surroundings, Colby College welcomes you as a neighbor and adopts you as a family member.

HENRY BRADFORD WASHBURN, JR.
Doctor of Science
A graduate of Harvard, with an honorary doctorate from the University of Alaska, you have made it your purpose constantly to reach new vantage points with expanding horizons and always to hold before you contemporaries the possibilities of higher levels of achievement. You have made many first ascents including Mt. Lucania and Mt. Marcus Baker, which were at the time the highest unclimbed peaks in North America. In 1935 King George V congratulated you on the first winter crossing of the St. Elias Range. In 1946 you were decorated by the Secretary of War for your work in testing high altitude equipment for the Army Air Forces. With Colby's Terris Moore you planned and participated in the highest ski-plane landings effected in Alaska. Now Director of the Museum of Science in Boston, you are transforming a well-established and honorable institution into a vital and popular teaching center where visitors of all ages may indulge the wonder that is the beginning of philosophy and may learn the facts that are the culmination of research. Explorer, pioneer, and educator, Colby hails you for your readiness to make the Venture of Faith and your skill in sharing the results achieved.
JOHN JAY HOPKINS

An honorary doctor of laws degree was voted to John Jay Hopkins, chairman of the board and president of the General Dynamics Corporation. Mr. Hopkins had accepted, but his death, May 3, prevented the college from presenting the honor to him.

Under Mr. Hopkins’ guidance the corporation’s Electric Boat Company built the Nautilus, the world’s first nuclear-powered submarine, and its Convair Division has produced guided missiles. During 1956 the annual sales of General Dynamics reached one billion dollars.

APPLETON HILLYER SEAVERS

Master of Arts

A graduate of Williams with a master’s degree from Trinity, you taught for five years in California and, after army service, became, in 1952, headmaster of Suffield Academy in Connecticut. Under your leadership this school has made great strides forward both in educational effectiveness and in public esteem. You are showing yourself a worthy grandson of the distinguished preacher and teacher, Horace Bushnell, and, what is of even greater significance to Colby people, a worthy son of Colby’s beloved Charles Seavers. Like him you are a successful teacher. Like him you have been active in civic affairs, following him as trustee of the Children’s Museum at Hartford and as president of the Horace Bushnell Memorial. Like him you have won the affection and respect of those associated with you. As it did in his case, Colby College confers upon you the honorary degree of Master of Arts, welcoming you as an adopted son.

GORDON MARINER TRIM

Doctor of Laws

Graduate of Colby College in the Class of 1929, you have demonstrated your faith in the ability of the American temperament to adjust itself to new scenes and occupations when given the proper opportunity. As a test specialist for the Bethlehem Steel Company during World War II, you made effective use of the well-known fact that men perform most efficiently in positions for which they have the greatest capacity. By designing a series of tests for aptitudes, you were able to save many valuable man-hours in the steel industry during the critical days of the war. You have made use of this same idea in the field of education. As a director of guidance for the town of Lexington, Massachusetts, and later as director of admissions for Babson Institute, you showed an interest in the increasingly complex problem of determining the best education for our young people of college age. Babson Institute recognized your special talents by making you its vice president in 1953 and in 1956 you were invited to become the fifth occupant of its president’s chair.


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UPWARD

T. S. ELIOT has characterized April as "the cruelest month," but he will get small support from at least ten faculty members whose promotions were announced by President Bixler late in that month this year.

Upgraded to associate professor were: Janet Marchant (Phys. Ed.) A.B. and M.A. from Teachers College at Columbia; Walter H. Zukowski (Bus. Adm.) A.B., M.A., Ph.D., Clark University; Henry Holland (Mod. Lang.) A.B. Maine, M.A. Harvard, Ph.D. University of Madrid; Richard Cary (English) A.B., M.A. New York University, Ph.D. Cornell; Paul E. Machemer (Chemistry) A.B. Princeton, M.A. and Ph.D. Pennsylvania.

Promoted to assistant professor: John J. Iorio (English) A.B., M.A. Columbia; John H. Kelley (Phys. Ed.) B.S. Boston University; Frederick A. Geib (Sociology) A.B. New Hampshire, M.A. Brown; William B. Miller (Art) A.B. Harvard, M.A. Columbia; Richard R. Mayers (Physics) A.B. Dartmouth.

INWARD

The list on Dean Marriner's desk stealthily approaches a hundred as he daily records the names of new faculty appointments. Follows a partial accounting of the personalities who will occupy Colby podiums for the first time come September.

To the Modern Foreign Languages Department come two instructors. Francisco A. Cauz, with B.S. in Education from Villanova and M.A. Middlebury, has studied at the University of Madrid (he spent his childhood and many summers in Spain) and has taught at Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire. Donald H. McKeen, A.B. Maine and M.A. Harvard, is a Phi Beta Kappa who has been in attendance at three European universities — Grenoble, Madrid, and Perugia.

Jonas O. Rosenthal, instructor in sociology, is a graduate of Swarthmore, has his M.A. from North Carolina. A specialist in family relations, he is currently completing his work toward the Ph.D. at Pennsylvania, where he has taught part-time.

OUTWARD

Back in the 18th Century, ursine Sam Johnson spoke of "changes that keep the mind in action." Some such migratory impulse strikes a certain number of Colby faculty every June and, with hearts high, they seek for goals beyond the apex of Mayflower Hill. Most often it is to pursue higher degrees. This is the case with Haroldene Whitcomb (Business Administration) and A. Eugene Jellison (English), classes of '49 and '51, and of Rahim Mojallali (Mathematics), all of whom return to graduate school to take up where they left off in their advanced studies. Professor James Humphry, III, whose astute direction has made Miller Library the most respected in the State of Maine, becomes Librarian of the Art Reference Library at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Philip Osberg (Geology) shifts to the University of Maine faculty. Two stalwarts of the AFROTC contingent zoom to new assignments: Major Francis S. Dole becomes intelligence officer at Sheppard AF Base at Wichita Falls, Texas, and Captain George G. Bennett, administrative officer at the Greenville AF Base in Mississippi. Back to alma mater goes David H. Grubbs (Government), to a combined research and teaching position at the University of Tennessee. Vale, lady and gentlemen, and good fortune!

SUMMER STINTS

Artist: Two dozen watercolors by Professor James M. Carpenter (Chairman, Art) are on exhibit this summer at Bowdoin College. All of recent vintage, they depict landscapes of Maine and Cape Cod, with occasional glimpses of beaches and sea. Coastal rock structures predominate, and it comes upon one quickly that Professor Carpenter's primary interest is in spatial impact of natural forms and in subtle intercourses of light and atmosphere. Although the scenes are specific, the titles are generalized, for even
in this respect does the artist insist upon objectivity. Unlike so many of his flamboyant contemporaries, Professor Carpenter refuses to thrust his personality, screaming, upon the consciousness of the viewer.

Musician: Forsaking *Le Coq D'Or* for fried chicken, Assistant Professor Peter J. Re (Music) assumed the role of featured speaker at the annual banquet of the Maine Federation of Music Clubs at Colby, June 26. Well qualified as a former student of Hindemith, Professor Re delivered a lively discourse on modern music. At no time during the speech was he tempted to use the fowl's drumstick as a baton. Or so he claims.

Economist: Associate Professor Walter H. Zukowski (Business Administration) is no man to dally long on his bed of laurels. Immediately after attaining the Ph.D. in economics from Clark University last year, he attended a six-weeks *Economics in Action* seminar at Case Institute of Technology, then braved the mid-summer Manhattan doldrums for a three-weeks *Forum on Finance* sponsored by New York University, the Investment Bankers Association, and the several stock exchanges. As a change of pace, at Christmas recess he trekked to Cleveland for the annual meeting of the American Economics Association during the bluest, snowiest storm of 1956. This year, nothing daunted, he applied for and was awarded a fellowship for summer study by the Foundation for Economic Education. This program permits college professors to make a personal, comprehensive survey of the operation of a large corporation. For six weeks in June and July, Professor Zukowski's preoccupations were two: (1) Interviewing supervisors and executives of the W. T. Grant Company; (2) battling the blistering heat of New York's concrete canyons.

Scientist: The Marine Biological Laboratories at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, may not appeal to many as the most piquant spot for summer retreat. But to Professor Allan C. Scott (Chairman, Biology) it represents *ne plus ultra*. This year marks the twenty-sixth which he has spent there, devotedly delving into problems of cell division. Professor Scott is one of the cooperative of four hundred college and university professors who own and operate the laboratories. Unperturbed by the oddities of cellular behavior, Mrs. Scott paints apt landscapes of Cape Cod.

DEAN SEAMAN

As of September 1, Mrs. Frances F. Seaman takes on the duties of dean of women, replacing Miss Pauline F. Tompkins who has resigned after five years to join the staff of the U. S. Information Agency. The new dean, a native of Cleveland, was graduated from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in 1926, and has done graduate work at the Counselling Center of the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Seaman brings to Colby a long familiarity with college co-ed situations: her late husband was director of admissions at Oberlin College, and she has served as assistant dean of women there since 1951. She is an active member of the Ohio and national associations of women deans, and of the American Personnel and Guidance Association.

Mrs. Seaman's son is stationed at the Loring Air Force Base in Limestone, Maine, a consummate — and mutually pleasing arrangement.

Music is Mrs. Seaman's eminent indulgence. An adroit pianist, she plays stirring duets with her mother. Unauthenticated, but enticing, is the report that the piano population of Waterville will be enriched by two upon her arrival.

IN THE WIND

In at least one respect Colby's spired oasis bears no resemblance to Shangri La — time simply will not stand still on Mayflower Hill. The changes wrought by choice and by necessity in the last lustrum alone would compare favorably in number with those of any quarter-century in the school's history. And the end is not yet. Some of the urgencies currently facing the faculty are:

The feasibility of substituting a three-semester per year study program in place of the traditional two-semester plan.

The problem of how to encourage and develop the superior student without upsetting the normal academic balance.

The possibility of instituting an honor system for written examinations, at first limited to the senior class, then gradually extending the privilege if successful.

The replacement of the present numerical grading system \( (A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, \text{ etc.}) \) with a point count system \( (A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0) \).
“This is the place. Stand still, my steed,
Let me review the scene,
And summon from the shadowy past
The forms that once have been.”
—Longfellow (1807-1882)

When I start to recollect things that happened and people who figured in the hinterland of my life, I am both old and young, Senex and Juventas. Through alchemy it was once claimed that base metals could be turned to gold—sunbeams could be extracted from cucumbers. Memory enables me to live twice. My “yesterdays look backwards with a smile.”

When I hark back, my schooling takes top place. From the Belgrade country school year of 78 days, with un-graded pupils of all ages and sizes, I entered Cony High School of Augusta in 1881, completed the 4-year course, including four years of Latin, three of Greek, with a lot of Greek outside translations under the able tutelage of George B. Files, principal. I was graduated in my first tailor-made, cut-a-way suit, and when I declared to the crowded hall that “The World Is What We Make It,” I reached the pinnacle of my earthly wisdom!

I had a hunger for more, contacted Colby, and learned that I must take entrance examinations that occupied three days, including “sight” translations from 3000 lines of Ovid. I passed all tests and entered in September, 1885. The tuition was $45 a year. Board in clubs was about $2.00 a week. I had a corner room on the top floor of North College. Waterville had no modern plumbing, electricity, telephones, or free mail delivery. Kerosene lights were the rule. It was Colby University then and “Colby University” is on my master of arts degree, 1892. I believe Colby offered a doctor of medicine degree from 1830 to 1833.

In my time Colby had a faculty of 11, all but one be-whiskered and past middle life. George Dana Boardman Pepper was president, tall, gaunt, slow of speech and weighed down by what he knew of philosophy, psychology, and freedom of the will. He was ably assisted by Professors William Elder, chemistry; Albion Small, history and economics; Julian Taylor, Latin, “the Old Romans”; Laban Warren, mathematics and art; William Rogers, physics and astronomy (a perfect image of Santa Claus!); Samuel Smith, English; John Foster, Greek; Edward Hall, modern languages and librarian; William Bailey, mineralogy and geology; and a young tenderfoot named Shailer Mathews, assistant in English, who with Professor Small was destined to win fame at Chicago University. We had required classes in gymnastics under a competent director, Charles Adams, using the “Sargent System of Anthropometry.” No student will ever forget Samuel Osborne, the Negro janitor who taught us all many priceless things not found in books. There were several Negro students at Colby, but no segregation problem.

In my time few went to high school and still fewer to college. The Class of ’89 had about 30 members,—only two are still living. One experience clings to memory. Professor Small held a debate on “Protection vs. Free...
Trade” and named me to give the Free Trade argument. I rebelled, said I did not believe in it, being a protectionist “dyed in the wool” of the Kennebec Journal and James G. Blaine. Professor Small was adamant. I buckled down to the sour task, won the argument, and have been a Free Trader ever since!

In our junior year, we invited General Ben Butler, an alumnus in the Class of 1838, to give the campus address. The burning topic of the day was “The Annexation of Canada.” Two events took place in my senior year that I will never forget: the Johnstown Flood and the opening of Oklahoma for settlement — high tragedy and perhaps the wildest scramble for homes in history.

Following my graduation, Professor Small became president of Colby, later to be succeeded by Roberts and then Johnson of the Class of ‘91. Roberts wore my cap and gown at graduation, and Johnson, once minus a room, shared mine for a brief space.

While in college I worked my way. On Sundays I reported two sermons for the Sentinel, Judge O. G. Hall, editor. I attended the Congregational Church in the morning and the Baptist in the afternoon. I was college correspondent for the Lewiston Journal and the New York Mail and Express.

I received an urgent appeal from H. F. D. Wyman, superintendent of schools in my home town, to teach a winter term of school at North Belgrade, where adult students had thrown out three teachers.

“If you can handle it,” he wrote, “it will be a feather in your cap.”

I weighed only 130 pounds, but accepted the challenge. I expelled the chief bully, completed the term, and then walked 15 miles to Colby to be examined on the work I had missed.

I was mystified and a bit flattered when I went to Colby by the attentions paid me by some members of the Class of ‘86. Presently I found out there were Greek letter fraternities out to secure pledges. In October I yielded to Phi Delta Theta, a fraternity from which I have recently received special honors.

I’ve always been glad I went to Colby. The professors were men of large caliber, friendly and inspiring.

I am eternally thankful that President Eliot of Harvard had not yet launched his mischievous drive for electives, playing havoc with Greek and Latin courses. From my farm home in Belgrade, three others in later years went to Colby, Frank, Lydia, and Lucile Farnham, my nephew and nieces, all graduating with honors.
An All-Time Great

John Wesley Coombs

1882 - 1957

Born in Le Grand, Iowa, the son of Frank and Ellen (Snow) Coombs, he was the oldest of five children. Coombs moved to Freeport (Maine) when he was five and attended Freeport High School from 1898-1901 and Coburn Classical 1901-02.

He pitched for the Philadelphia Athletics from 1906-14; the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1914-19; and for the Detroit Tigers in 1919. He entered the college field in 1920, coaching at Williams from 1920-21; at Princeton from 1924-28; and at Duke from 1929 until his retirement in 1952. Colby's present baseball coach, John Winkin, is a Duke graduate and a baseball product of "Colby Jack."

As an undergraduate in college, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon, Coombs participated in track, tennis, football and basketball. He was captain of basketball in 1904 and captain of baseball in 1905.

Colby honored him in 1946 with a master's degree on the occasion of his 40th reunion. He was praised as "an idol of the nation's youth and exemplar of the highest ideals of sportsmanship."

The baseball field on the new Mayflower Hill campus was dedicated in his name in 1951.

Coombs was author of a text on baseball: *Baseball: Individual Play and Team Strategy* (Prentice-Hall, 1938), widely used in colleges and schools. The late Grantland Rice described the volume as, "By all odds the most complete book on baseball I have ever seen. Every kid, every college player, and every professional interested in baseball should have it."

During his coaching career, he sent more than 100 players to the majors, including Ron Northey of the Chicago White Sox; Dick Groat of the Pittsburgh Pirates; and Billy Werber and Hal Wagner, formerly of the Red Sox. In recent years, Coombs has been conducting baseball clinics for high schools under the auspices of Philadelphia and later Kansas City.

He spent his summers at his home in West Kennebunk, close to the play of his semi-professional days with the Kennebunk Collegians.

In 24 seasons at Duke, Jack Coombs' teams won 362 and lost 168 games and annually ranked with the best college niners in the nation.

"Colby Jack" was elected to the college Baseball Hall of Fame at Helms Hall in Los Angeles in 1954. Although he was nominated for the professional baseball Hall of Fame, he never was elected.

He and Mrs. Coombs frequently visited Colby for Commencement and in a recent visit he recalled that Connie Mack's offer of $2400 a year changed his mind about becoming a chemistry teacher.

"I don't regret it," he added, "baseball has been good to me and I owe everything I have to it."

His widow, the former Mary Russ, survives him as do two nephews, Donald E. Wentworth, '50, and Bob Coombs, baseball coach at Williams College; a sister, Mrs. Guy Smith, and three brothers, Curtis, Harry, and Ernest, all of Kennebunk.
Dr. Elmer E. Parmenter, who at the age of 95, is Portland's oldest educator, has received a bronze plaque in recognition of his 41 years of "faithful and untiring service as principal of North School." The plaque will be hung in the school from which Dr. Parmenter retired in 1935. He went to this school in 1894 and recalls that one time 1400 pupils of 14 nationalities were enrolled. The award was presented to Dr. Parmenter in a Woodfords nursing home by the Portland Teachers Association.

Herbert C. Libby was a judge of the National American Legion Oratorical Contest finals when they were held in Waterville in April. Four thousand dollars went to the first prize winner, a 17 year old high school senior from California.

Word has been received of the death, on December 25, of Edgar Frederick Callahan. He entered Colby in 1905 and studied at the college only briefly prior to transferring to the University of Maine from which he graduated in 1909. Mr. Callahan devoted his life to teaching, and in recent years had been on the faculty of Penobscot High School. He was a member of Delta Upsilon.

Clair F. Benson should be added to the list of alumni who are employed in the patent profession. A recent Alumnus listed four others, Theodore L. Brown, 1955; Carl W. Robinson, 1920; Gunnar A. Gustafson, 1951, and Albert F. Robinson, 1919. Mr. Benson has been with Division 13 of the Patent Office in Washington for more than 15 years.

Word has been received of the death of Frank Pierce Murphy, November 23, 1952. He attended Colby from 1911-12 and was a member of Phi Delta Theta. Howard Ramsdell has joined the Insurance Claims Service of Providence, Rhode Island.

The Class of 1897 was represented at Commencement on the occasion of its 60th anniversary by Dr. Albert R. Keith. Dr. Keith has been a surgeon in Hartford, Connecticut for the past 50 years and was born in Waterville 82 years ago. He is a graduate of Harvard Medical School. The vitality of Dr. Keith and Robie Frye, 1882, was an inspiration to everyone during Commencement weekend.

The Reverend Earle R. Steeves, minister of the Unitarian Church in Leominster, Mass., has retired after 17 years. He was a guest of honor at a farewell breakfast sponsored by the Leominster Ministers' Association. Mr. Steeves has been a minister for 41 years and is retiring to his home in Pownal. He served for 15 years as executive secretary of the Unitarian Worcester Conference and later as Conference president.

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Roy Hayes has resigned as principal of Stearns High School in Millinocket to accept a position as Latin teacher at Deerfield (Mass.) Academy.

The Reverend Everett Rockwell is minister of the Addison (Vt.) Community Baptist Church.

Galen Eustis has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Thayer Hospital, Waterville. . . John Tilton, vice president and provost of Tufts University, has been engaged as educational consultant by the Cohasset (Mass.) High School Facilities Committee, which has been established to plan additional facilities to take care of rapidly increasing high school enrollment in that area.

Dr. Arthur O. Rosenthal is recipient of the 1957 annual civic award “for distinguished service to the community” from the North Adams (Mass.) aerie of Eagles. As a former aerie president, Dr. Rosenthal was cited for his many outstanding accomplishments in his profession, his service, as the aerie’s doctor and his willingness, at all times, to be of help to the community and its citizens.

An honorary doctor of humane letters was awarded to Donald W. Miller, June 21 at commencement exercises of Portia Law School and Calvin Coolidge College of Liberal Arts in Boston. Dr. Miller was cited for his sixteen years of progressive leadership at Curry College in Milton. Among others receiving honorary doctorates was Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Colby ’43 (Hon.).

Clem Taylor teaches high school mathematics in Needles, Cal. He received his master’s degree in education from University of California in 1953. . . Gwyeth Smith is superintendent of schools in Union 46, Topsham. The Smiths have three children. One daughter has graduated from Boston University; the other is studying at the University of Pennsylvania; and a son is in the sixth grade.

George Hawes is advertising manager of the Nevada State News. He was assistant sergeant-at-arms at the Republican Convention in San Francisco and also sergeant-at-arms for the Nevada Senate.

Edwin Merry will teach English next year at Glastonbury (Conn.) High School. . . Ernest Miller is chairman of the newly established New Milford (Conn.) Planning Commission.

Capt. Charles W. Weaver, Jr., USNR, is chairman of the training and facilities section of the National Naval Reserve Policy Board.

Stanley Clement has resigned as principal of Braintree (Mass.) High School to become professor of education at Bridgewater (Mass.) State Teachers College. . . Myron Hilton has been elected second vice president in the mortgage department of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., Portland.

Vernon Bolster has resigned as principal of Buxton High School to teach mathematics at Lewiston High School. . . Averill Gellerson has received
Foster Eaton Honored

Foster Eaton, 1917, has been elected president of the American Association of Commerce Publications. Membership is comprised of editors and business executives of Chamber of Commerce publications in all parts of the country. Mr. Eaton is editor of St. Louis Commerce, monthly magazine of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis. He became editor in 1951 following fifteen years as a reporter, feature writer and an assistant city editor of the St. Louis Star Times and earlier as staff member and bureau manager for the United Press Association in a number of cities.

Henry V. Wilcox has been awarded a scholarship by the National Science Foundation to attend a summer institute for teachers of science at University of California. He is a science and mathematics instructor at the Big Pine Unified Schools, Big Pine, California.

Charles Dolan is guidance director for the New Hampshire State Department of Education. Cecil Daggett has been named assistant chief accountant at the Worcester Works of American Steel and Wire division of U. S. Steel Corporation.

George Stump has been elected president of the Connecticut Swimming Coaches Assoc. He has coached the swimming team at Bristol High School for the past six years. Mort Lenk has been appointed vice president and sales manager of the Lenk Manufacturing Co., Boston, Mass., manufacturers of soldering irons and blow torches.

Capt. John E. Hawes serves as sports officer of the First U. S. Army Special Services at Governors Island, N. Y. Laurie Harris has been appointed principal of Walpole (N. H.) High School.

Howard Johnson teaches at Kanto Gakuen University, Yokohama, Japan.

Arthur Eaton has closed his law office in Waterville to become administrative assistant to the purchasing agent at the Raytheon Manufacturing Co., Bristol, Tenn. John Turner is manager of the insurance department of the Matthew M. Cox Co., Melrose, Mass. Philip Nutting has been elected president of the Advertising Club of Boston. He is New England manager of Holiday magazine. Malcolm McQuillan will be attending the University of Michigan for eight weeks this summer.

The Reverend Donald Hinckley, pastor of the Universalist Church, West Paris, has been elected president of the Maine Universalist Ministers.

her master's degree from Boston University School of Education. She teaches second grade in Swampscott, Massachusetts.

The Reverend Arthur Coulthard has been appointed pastor of the United Church, New Bedford, Mass. He will assume his duties Sept. 1. Hamilton Grant has resigned as superintendent of School Union 14. The Union includes Freeport, Yarmouth and Pownal.

J. Warren Bishop has been elected controller of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., Portland. He has been with the company since 1955.

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‘48 Daniel C. Scioletti has been promoted to assistant professor of accounting at Northeastern University... Dr. Paul Solomon has been appointed school psychologist for the school of Fall River, Mass. He has been psychologist at the Myles Standish State School since 1952.

Mildred Schneebke has been elected secretary of Burdell Oil Co. of New York City, Dallas and Snyder, Texas. Milly is also assistant office manager and head of the accounting department. She is extremely active in the affairs of Delta Delta Delta and currently serving her second term as president of the New York City Alumnae Chapter. She is also chairman of the New York City Roll Call of Delta Delta Delta.

‘49 Cyril Joly, Jr. is director of public affairs (Eastern Div.) for the National Association of Manufacturers... Mary Lou Clare is teaching in an American Dependent School (U.S.A.F.) in Cambridge, England. Next year she will move on to Germany doing the same work. In 1955-56 she taught in Nagoya, Japan.

‘50 Richard Borah has been promoted by Mutual of New York to be assistant director of employee benefit sales. He will be assigned to the home office in New York City... The Reverend Charles L. Smith, Jr. is pastor of the Third Congregational Church, Waterbury, Conn. The church had a significant celebration in April observing its 65th anniversary.

William Wilson is employed by the U. S. Post Office, Boston... Robert Rowell has been elected to the board of trustees at Thayer Hospital, Waterville. He is in the Waterville City Government and president of the Waterville Area Chamber of Commerce.

‘51 Richard Raymond, student at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, has received the Douglas Wilson Memorial Scholarship at that institution. This scholarship is made possible by the local chapter of Kappa Psi fraternity... Paul Kilmister will be principal of the Community School in New Hampton, N. H. next year.

‘52 William A. Hill, Jr. is placement officer at Loring Air Force Base, civilian personnel office, Limestone... William Hays is the new principal of the...
arship...Chester Ham has graduated from Andover Newton Theological School. Since November 1955, he has been serving as student minister at the churches in Gilson, Sullivan and Stoddard, N. H. He plans to continue this work for the present.

1954

James Rapaport has graduated from the Army’s Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. William Ames has received his master’s degree in science from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, May 25.

1955

Lt. Henry Tatarinis has received advanced training in B-25 aircraft. Hewitt Wetherell works in the finance department, Nuclear Products Division of the Metals and Controls Corp., Attleboro, Mass. Bruce McComb is employed by the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Nathan Miller has been instructing at the Army’s Anti-aircraft Artillery and Guided Missile School, Fort Bliss, Texas.

1956

Forest Barnes has commissioned an ensign in the navy. Ann Stiegler has been promoted at Filene’s Department Store (Boston) to assistant department manager (jr. grade). Two members of the class have received their master of arts degree in teaching from Radcliffe. They are Nancy Carroll and Joan Hobson.

Hugh Anderson, Jr. is a second lieutenant in the marines. Pvt. James Rhode has completed eight weeks of basic training at Fort Meade, Maryland. Nancy Gilligan has started work this summer on her master’s degree in education at the University of Connecticut. She has been appointed to the faculty of Newfield (New York) Central School as a high school mathematics teacher. Nancy is engaged to a senior at Cornell, J. Gerhardt Torborg.

MARRIAGES

George Heppner, ’45, to Joan Muldoon, Hartford, Conn., April 27.


Richard Johnson, ’51, to Roberta Bailey, New York City, June 22.


Joan Wentworth, ’56, to Barkey Boole, ’56, Trenton, N. J.

Stuart Ross, ’56, to Constance Emerly, Kennebunk, April 6.

Warren Kinsman, ’57, to Barbara Faltlings, Lorimer Chapel, Colby, June 8.


Julie Pullen, ’57, to David Rand, Augusta, June 15.

BIRTHS

A son, Gregory, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lillie, ’38, in May.

A son, George, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barletta, ’43, May 26.

A daughter, Beth Lynn, to Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Madson, ’47, May 15.

A daughter, Terry Lynne, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright, ’47, April 27.

A daughter, Susan Hunter, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Greene, Jr., ’47, May 15.

A son, Bruce Douglas, to Mr. and Mrs. George Brown (Shirley Carrier, ’48), Feb. 28.

A daughter, Sarah Carolyn, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lord, ’50, May 21.

A son, Dana A., to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coburn (Caroline McLean, ’50), Feb. 10.

A son, John, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. Briggs, ’53, April 16.

A daughter, Tracy Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. George Sullivan, Jr. (Sylvia Caron, ’53), April 16.

A son, Chris Albert, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose (Sarah Packard, ’53), June 2.

A daughter, Emily Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Cornell MacDonald Grout, ’54, (Eleanor Edmunds, ’56), April 21.

A son, Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hudson, ’54, (Elizabeth Chilton, ’53), April 19.

A son, Parker Willard, to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Goss (Sylvia Jennison, ’55), April 26.

A daughter, Brenda Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Somers, ’56, April 9.

A son, Jeffrey William, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Greig, ’56, June 16.

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Hattie May Parmenter, 1889

Hattie May Parmenter, 90, died April 13 in Waterville, following a long illness. Miss Parmenter was born in Boston. Following the death of her father she came to Waterville in 1880 with her mother and brother to make her home with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. George Bassett Howard, 1875, where she lived until three years ago.

She was graduated from Waterville High School and Coburn Classical Institute and did summer work in Latin at Cornell. She taught at Norway High School from 1889-90, at Waterville High School from 1890-92; and at Northfield (Mass.) Seminary from 1892-1900. She was later an assistant to Professor Julian D. Taylor in the Latin department at Colby.

Miss Parmenter was a member of Sigma Kappa. Many members of that sorority will recall, with love and gratitude, her intense interest and generosity in Sigma's affairs. In all aspects of Colby, she was extremely active and loyal. For many years she was agent for the women of the Class of 1889 and for twenty-six years she administered a special alumnae scholarship fund. At Commencement, in 1946, she was honored with the presentation of a Colby Brick in recognition of her service to the college.

Miss Parmenter had no near survivors. Her brother was the late Horace W. Parmenter, 1895.

Henry Warren Foss, 1896

Henry Warren Foss, 87, died at the Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington on May 18. Mr. Foss was a native of Mt. Vernon and was a former principal of Bar Harbor High School and Higgins Classical Institute. He had also taught at the Kelley School and the Agassiz School, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts. He retired in 1940. Mr. Foss prepared for college at Kents Hill Seminary; was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon; and did graduate work at Harvard.

His late wife was the former Gertrude Butler. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Ryan, Hubbardston, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Barbara Springer, Waban, Massachusetts; a sister, Mrs. Myrtie Bradley, and a brother, Fred, both of Mt. Vernon; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Two grandsons attended Colby, Richard Lyon, 1950, and Melvin Lyon, 1952.

For many years he was agent for the Class of 1896. He also served on the editorial board for the Alumnus. Mr. Foss collaborated in the authorship of several high school textbooks.

Edward Henry Nash, 1898

Edward Henry Nash, 81, died in Portland, October 30 after a year of failing health. Born in Portland, where he attended local schools and graduated from Portland High School, he was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church and a past chairman of trustees of the Free Street Church.

Besides his widow, the former Katharine Bradford of South Portland, he is survived by a nephew, Philip Wheeler, Cumberland, and a niece, Ruth Wheeler, Waltham, Massachusetts. Two daughters died in infancy.

Albert Guy Averill, 1898

Albert Guy Averill, 82, died April 12 at his home in Old Town after a long illness. He was born in Calais and educated in schools of that community. Mr. Averill taught in several Maine schools prior to his appointment as principal of Old Town High School for 1906-07. In 1907 he opened a law office in Old Town and over the years he held positions as city attorney and judge of the Old Town Municipal Court and county attorney. In addition to his law practice, he owned an insurance agency.

Surviving are his widow, the former Louise Pierce, of Old Town; two daughters, Mrs. John Rogers of Patten and Mrs. Thoralf Svendsen of New York City; a son, Roswell, of Old Town; and three grandchildren.

Florence Wilkins Bragdon, 1902

Florence Wilkins Bragdon, 82, died March 11 in Orlando, Florida following a long illness. Mrs. Bragdon, born in Wilton, was former superintendent of schools in Wellesley, Massachusetts. She was married to Clifford B. Bragdon who died in 1958.

Surviving are two daughters, Dr. Helen D. Bragdon, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Lester Harwood, Los Altos, Cal.

Donald Stone Walker, 1904

Donald Stone Walker, 75, died February 2 at his home in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Colby from 1900-01 and graduated from Bowdoin in 1904. He was a real estate and lumberman in New York and a generous benefactor of the Liberty-Montville area where he spent his summers. Mr. Walker built the high school in Liberty. The school was named in his honor and he set up a fund for its endowment. Mr. Walker also made several generous gifts to Colby. He left no immediate survivors.

Glenn Wendell Starkey, 1905

Glenn Wendell Starkey, 72, died June 13 at his home in Portland. Former acting commissioner of education for Maine, Mr. Starkey was born in Mapleton, North Dakota. He retired in 1950 after many years as a representative of educational material companies. In 1907 he was appointed superintendent of schools in Vassalboro and China. In 1911 he became general agent of the State Department of Education in charge of schools of the unorganized territories. He was deputy commissioner of education from 1915 to 1921 and acting commissioner from 1916-17. He was also formerly secretary of the Maine Teachers Association. Mr. Starkey was author of Maine, Its History, Resources and Government, published in 1920, and of numerous encyclopedia articles about the state.

Surviving are his widow, the former Carrie Morrison, whom he married in 1950; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Starkey Frank, Old Greenwich, Connecticut; and two grandchildren. His first wife, whom he married in 1909, was the late Annie E. Cook, 1907. Mr. Starkey was a member of Delta Upsilon.
Ethel Higgins Beck, 1905

Ethel Higgins Beck, 76, died March 13 at her home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was the widow of William Porter Beck who taught physics and astronomy at Colby from 1901-1906.

Born in Charleston, Mrs. Beck attended Higgins Classical Institute which was founded by her father. She was a trustee of the school.

Following two years at Colby, 1901-1903, Mrs. Beck transferred to Mt. Holyoke College for her A.B. degree. She was a member of Sigma Kappa.

Surviving are her son, John, of Pittsburgh; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson, of White Plains, New York, and ten grandchildren.

Dora Simmons Watts, 1907

Dora Simmons Watts, 78, died at her home in Tenant's Harbor, November 26. The widow of Charles E. Watts, for many years she was a teacher in the St. George schools and an assistant postmistress at Tenant's Harbor.

She was a graduate of Hebron Academy and attended Colby from 1903-1905. Surviving are a son, Everett; a sister, Mrs. Alice Murphy; and a brother, Joseph T. Simmons, all of St. George.

William Fred Sherburne, 1908

William Fred Sherburne, 71, died in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, January 28. Born in Monson, where he prepared for college at the academy, Mr. Sherburne captained the Colby football team in 1907.

He taught at Monson, Lawrence Academy (Groton, Massachusetts); and Gilman Country School (Baltimore, Maryland) prior to his appointment as salesman with the A. C. Lawrence Leather Company in Boston. He retired in 1950. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Mr. Sherburne leaves his wife, the former Josephine Goode; a daughter, Billie Sherburne Emanuelson; and two grandchildren.

Walter Pratt Ennis, 1913

Walter Pratt Ennis, 65, died June 3 at his residence in Farmington. Mr. Ennis, born in Farmington, was owner of the F. L. Butler Company; president of the Franklin County Savings Bank; president of the Farmington Home for Aged People; trustee of the First National Bank; and vice president of the Farmington Public Library. He is survived by his widow, the former Evelyn Butler, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Pratt, both of Farmington.

Mr. Ennis attended Colby from 1909-1910. He was a graduate of Skowhegan High and in Phi Delta Theta.

Helen Nelson Hanson, 1915

Helen Nelson Hanson, 63, died April 15 in the Augusta General Hospital after a long illness. She was director of statistics and research for Maine Civil Defense and Public Safety.

A Calais native and a member of the Maine Bar Association, following her graduation from college she taught a year in Eastport then studied law at the University of Maine and Boston University School of Law, graduating from the latter in 1922.

Active in political circles, she was a member of the Industrial Accident Commission during the administration of the late Governor Louis J. Bramm. Subsequently she was National Democratic Committee-woman from the State of Maine. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Emily H. Obear, 1914, New York City.

Miss Hanson was a member of Sigma Kappa and Phi Beta Kappa. Her father, George M. Hanson, was a Justice of the Maine Supreme Court and received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Colby in 1914.

Clara Norton Johnson, 1917

Clara Norton Johnson, 64, died at her home in Rangeley, April 26. Born in Gorham, where she was educated, she attended Colby from 1914-1916 and taught in the schools of Paris, Cornish, and Portland. In 1918 she married Chester Johnson. They resided in Rangeley since that year where they operated grocery stores.

Surviving are her husband; three sons, Arnold, Dixfield; Herbert, Winthrop; and Stanley, Exeter, New Hampshire; two daughters, Mrs. Mabel McKusic, Rockland; and Mrs. Eleanor Dumas, Auburn; a brother, Willard Norton, Gorham; and 10 grandchildren.

William Thomas Belger, 1918

William Thomas Belger, 61, died in Annapolis, Maryland, December 11, 1954. Born in Bangor, he attended Bangor High School and Coburn Classical Institute. In high school he was a member of a famous football team and for some years played professional basketball and baseball for the Bangor Athletic Association.

His interest in sports carried him into the field of coaching and, at one time, he was assistant football coach under Fred Brice at Manchester (N. H.) High.

In 1929 he became associated with the R. G. Sullivan cigar manufacturers of Manchester and represented that firm in New York City for 25 years.

Surviving are his widow, the former Dorothy King; a son, William, 1947, who is a doctor in Bedford, New Hampshire; and a daughter, Mrs. Beverly G. Perpall, New York City.

Mary Anne Titcomb, 1919

Mary Anne Titcomb, 60, died May 30 at her home in Forest Hills, New York. She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Colby and taught French at Northfield (Mass.) Seminary prior to taking graduate work, 1921-22, at the Sorbonne.

A native of North Yarmouth, where she graduated from high school, Miss Titcomb joined the faculty of Erasmus Hall High School (Brooklyn) in 1930 and instructed there until shortly before her death. She was a member of Chi Omega.

Miss Titcomb leaves two sisters, Mrs. Matilda E. Pavey, 1919, Forest Hills, and Mrs. Eugene B. Edwards, Orlando, Florida.

Harold Eugene Brakewood, 1920

Harold Eugene Brakewood, 58, died suddenly at his home April 26 in Elkhart, Indiana. Born in Whitefield, New Hampshire, Mr. Brakewood had lived in Elkhart since 1956 when he was appointed director of Product Control of the Robert Gair Division, Continental Can Company. Previously he had been associated for 24 years with the National Folding Box Company, New Haven, Connecticut. His first position, following graduation from college, was research chemist with the Brown Company, Berlin, New Hampshire.

Surviving are his widow, the former Julia Hoyt, 1922; two sons, Richard, Milwaukee, and Robert, a student at Purdue; and a grandson. Mr. Brakewood was in Lambda Chi Alpha.

Perrin Newell Freeman, 1925

Perrin Newell Freeman, 54, died at a Boston Hospital, May 2. Dr. Freeman was a leading physician in Greenfield, Massachusetts and chief of obstetrics at the Franklin County Public Hospital in that community.
A Matter of Willpower

Colby is the stronger today for the support it has received from alumni and other friends. Many who have wanted to commit their resources to the establishment of influences which are everlasting have named Colby College their beneficiary.

A Request from the late Miss Geraldine Brewster of Owls Head, Maine and Dowington, Pennsylvania, has provided $5,000 for the college. This gift by Miss Brewster, who died November 9, 1956, climaxed her many years of generosity. Since the Mayflower Hill building campaign was launched in 1939 she made seventeen gifts to Colby for a total of $65,945.

Coburn Hovey Ayer, 1925

Coburn Hovey Ayer, 54, head of the English department at Scarsdale (New York) High School, died in New York City April 1 after a long illness.

Born in Parkman, he was graduated from Guilford High School and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa at Colby. He earned his master's degree at Columbia.

Mr. Ayer taught in high schools at Guilford, Houlton, and at Gould Academy (Bethel) before going to Scarsdale in 1934.

He is survived by his widow, the former Carolyn McFarland, and a daughter, Elizabeth, both of White Plains. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Clarence Emery, Jr., 1927

Clarence Emery, Jr., 56, died June 4 while on a fishing trip in Northern Maine. The prominent Bangor physician was the object of a four day search before his body was found. Dr. Emery was reported missing June 1 after he failed to meet his brother and a friend at a pre-arranged spot. He had been on a fishing trip with the two men. He was found on the banks of a brook where he had been cleaning his fish. It is assumed that he suffered a heart attack.

Dr. Emery was born in Manset and educated at Higgins Classical Institute, Colby, Jefferson Medical School, and Harvard College. He was a veteran of World War II, having served with an army medical division for four years, two in Germany in an evacuation hospital. At the time of his discharge he held the rank of lieutenant colonel and had received two Bronze Stars and three citations for bravery.

For the past twenty years Dr. Emery had been on the staff of the Eastern Maine General Hospital in Bangor.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Clarence Emery, Sr., of Lamoine; two sons, Clarence 3rd and Hiram, both of Bangor; two daughters, Mrs. Charlotte Edes and Martha Emery, both of Bangor; a sister, Mrs. Isabel Tiffin; three brothers, Gordon, Windber, Pennsylvania; Frederick, 1938, Bangor and Theodore, 1927, Bethel; and a grandson, Kenneth Edes, Bangor.

He was a member of Delta Upsilon.

Alden Bassett Belyea, 1936

Alden Bassett Belyea, 42, died May 28 in a Miami hospital. Mr. Belyea had been living in Miami since 1953 when he was appointed resident claims manager by the Royal Liverpool Insurance Group. During World War II, he served with the army air force.

A native of Waterville, and a graduate of Waterville High School, he was a member of Kappa Delta Rho. Following his graduation from college, he worked with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. He is survived by his widow, the former Alice Atherton, and a sister, Mrs. Joseph H. Boston, Fort Worth, Texas.

Helen Carter Damon, 1939

Helen Carter Damon, 38, died in Lynn, Massachusetts, August 14. Miss Damon was a graduate of Lynn High School and a member of Phi Mu. She took training for two years, as a medical technician at the Boston Dispensary and entered the employ of the Lynn Hospital Laboratory in 1941, working there until her death.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Damon of Lynn.

Marian Elizabeth Hague, 1940

Marian Elizabeth Hague, 37, died May 12 in a Portland hospital. Born in Buxton, the daughter of the former Marian Ingalls, 1913, and the late William B. Hague, Jr., she graduated from Buxton High and took a post graduate course at Plainfield (N. J.) High. Miss Hague entered Colby in the fall of 1938 from Union Junior College, Roselle, New Jersey. At Christmas time of her freshman year in Colby, she was stricken with a severe illness and was unable to return. Later she took a course at Gray's Business School, Portland and entered the employment of the C. M. Rice Paper Company in that city.

She was a member of the North Congregational Church of Buxton, the Buxton Grange, the Eastern Star and the Saco Valley Civic Association.

Her mother is a housemother at Tau Delta Phi.

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The first Court proceedings concerning Portland of which record still exists was a General Assembly ordered by Sir Ferdinando Gorges at Saco in June, 1640. The record is preserved as part of the York County Records.

The first General Assembly at York in 1680 appointed Anthony Brackett as Lieutenant of Casco (now Portland) and Thaddeus Clark as Ensign. Apparently there was much over-lapping of authority in early court appointments. We find that Thomas Gorges, cousin to Sir Ferdinando, was appointed Steward General and held court at Saco in September, 1640; George Cleeves, Portland’s first mainland settler, was commissioned Deputy President of the Province of ligonia and held court first at Saco, then, in December of 1648, at Casco. In 1678 Thomas Danforth, Deputy Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Province, was appointed President of Maine and also “held court.”

The first “Superior Court” was held on the Neck in 1760 and the records of the Registry of Deeds and of the Courts were started that year. Also two counties were added that year—Cumberland and Lincoln.

Land disputes were seemingly never-ending then, mainly due to the practice of the English King’s appointed governors in handing out land grants indiscriminately. Indian affairs; the proper defense of the settlements against Indian depredations; who should pay for arms and ammunition for the common defense and how much; suits for slander; settlement of petty quarrels between neighbors; all kept the courts of the day busy. Parson Smith in his diary has preserved for us many an on-the-scene description of these court proceedings, from the lengthy prayer at opening of court to the gentlemen wining and dining sumptuously on the best the town could afford when court adjourned.

By 1760 some semblance of civil rule was established in Portland. Records state that the first sheriff of Cumberland County was Moses Pearson. William Tyng was appointed his successor in June, 1767. This same Tyng was elected representative to the General Court in 1771 and 1772. Interesting mementos of the Tyng family, among others, are preserved by the Maine Historical Society.

In 1772 the first murder trial was held in Portland. There being no other building large enough that was available, court convened in the First Parish Meeting House, and in this incongruous setting one Goodwin was tried and sentenced to execution.