The reunion luncheon at which Dr. and Mrs. Bixler were special guests-of-honor was attended by an alumni audience of record size and enthusiasm. There was also one hungry intruder who turned to trustee Bob Anthony, 1938, for solace and a meal.

In his final message to alumni, Dr. Bixler gave his answer to the oft-asked question, what makes a good alumnus?

Briefly, he made these points:

First of all, a good alumnus is one who works whole-heartedly for his college. The work must spring from deeply felt loyalty. No truly good alumnus has to have his enthusiasm for his college whipped up for him by someone else nor should his activity spring merely from a sense of duty.

A working alumnus can do two most important things. He can and must support his college financially. As one looks at American colleges it becomes clear that those, such as Colby, which have really gone forward have been pushed into their advance by alumni who have been determined that their college shall be second to none. Alumni can also help in recruiting students. This is technically the responsibility of the admissions office, to be sure, but the undertaking is a vast one. Colleges supremely need undergraduates who will respond to the best teaching. It is not always easy to find them.

Just as important as wholehearted work for the college is wholeheartedness in carrying on in one's own life the college's ideals.

Dr. Bixler concluded, "Let us think of our membership in the Colby family as one which continues to bind us with close ties to our alma mater and imposes on us obligations that we cannot neglect without disloyalty to our college, our country, and ourselves. The college motto is 'Scientia Lux Mentis.' May the quest for knowledge and the effort to apply it continue to illumine our lives long after we have left Colby."

On the Cover

As Dr. and Mrs. Bixler stood in academic gowns following the ceremony of Commencement Weekend at which each received an honorary doctorate, thoughts which had been expressed at a dinner this past spring by President Strider went through many minds.

"Dr. and Mrs. Bixler," he said, "have set a tone for the campus just by the way they live — by their friendliness, their warmth and interest in the students, in everything that goes on, and in their abiding vitality. The best way I can think of to show the respect and affection all of us at Colby feel for the Bixlers is to do our utmost to preserve just that kind of tone along with those other qualities that they have given to the college. I promise we will try as hard as we can to do just that."
The Arthur Galen Eustis Administration Building

Galen Eustis' son, Jon

Honoring a great alumna
MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1960 are alumni. So are Dr. and Mrs. Bixler. Commencement was a moving, brilliantly planned occasion that provided a fitting send-off for the president and his wife who have given so unselfishly of themselves over eighteen adventurous years. There were gifts and speeches, speeches and gifts, standing tributes and detonating ovations as Colby said an official goodbye to many people.

Perhaps the greatest tribute to the president and his wife — and to Colby — was the acceptance by Dr. James Bryant Conant of the college’s invitation to give the graduation address.

“When I retired from Harvard some years ago, I vowed I would never again attend a Commencement exercise, let alone be a Commencement speaker,” he said in opening his remarks. “Only the great respect and admiration which I have for your retiring president has led me to cancel this vow, at least for this morning. In short, I am here to join with all of you in saluting the Bixlers for what they’ve done here these many years and to grieve with you at President Bixler’s retirement and his departure from the Colby scene. I’ve watched with admiration what he’s achieved here during the time that he’s been president, but I really never came to know him as I should until last summer when we were both members of a teaching team at the Salzburg Seminar on American Studies. Then I came to appreciate fully those qualities of heart and mind which have made him so successful, so beloved, and so esteemed.”

One of the most stirring events of the weekend followed Dr. Conant’s address. At the conclusion of the awarding of degrees to seniors, Donald Williamson, president of the class, asked Dr. Bixler to step forward. He told him, “Your warmth, understanding, humor, and humility have shown us that Colby is not an ivory tower, but is a familiar place of preparation for a life of intelligent thought and considered wisdom. . . With the heartfelt appreciation of the Class of 1960, I confer upon you this diploma signifying your status as an honorary member of this, the 139th graduating class.”
Leonard Mayo makes the cornerstone ceremony address for the Eustis building.

Frank Nichols is recognized for long and faithful service to Zeta Psi by John Deering and Robert Pullen.

A Colby Brick for Leonard Mayo.

Helen Nichols, Selma Koehler, Frances Thayer, and Mary Thayer receive Colby Bricks.
There was solid applause and Dr. Bixler returned to his seat on the platform. The applause mounted and as he moved forward to acknowledge it the seniors arose as one. Parents and other friends joined in the standing testimonial; simultaneously Dr. Conant stood and, in a fraction, every person in the huge Wadsworth Memorial Fieldhouse had become a partner in thunder that must still echo in the Bixlers' hearts.

The dinners Saturday and Sunday likewise provided settings for ovations. Saturday noon honorary doctorates were conferred on President and Mrs. Bixler (see pages 22-23) and the dinner concluded with the entire audience clapping and cheering as the guests-of-honor were escorted into the sunlight to a stunning new Oldsmobile, the gift of a group of alumni and friends.

It was a day of gifts. Alumni Secretary Bill Millett presented the Bixlers a volume of letters from former students and friends; the Alumni Council gave them a replica of the weathervane atop the president's house; class agents presented a table imprinted with the seals of Colby, Amherst, and Smith.

The next day it was the parents who said "thank you" through a magnificent gift of $23,000 establishing the Julius Seelye Bixler Scholarship Endowment Fund.

New York advertising executive Clifford H. Wolfe, chairman of the Parents' Association, handed Dr. Bixler a book containing the signatures of the more than 600 contributors, parents of students past and present.

"We could think of no finer tribute than to associate your name with those who have meant so much to you, the students," he told the president. "It is our hope that income from this fund will be given to scholars who, in your own words, 'are playing over their heads.' Toward this end we have requested that the scholarships be granted as a distinguished honor to those scholars in recognition of academic leadership."

Another presentation was the 1960 class gift, a fifteen volume encyclopedia of world art, which has been placed in the library of the Bixler Art and Music Center.

The Reverend Seymour St. John, headmaster of The Choate School, whose son Gordon was in Colby's graduating class, was the principal dinner speaker.

Baccalaureate earlier in the day was followed by impressive ceremonies laying the cornerstone of an administration building which has been named for one of the ablest college administrative officers ever, the late Vice President Arthur Galen Eustis, 1923.
Leonard W. Mayo, 1922, national chairman of the successfully completed $2,500,000 Fulfillment Program, gave the address.

"Galen Eustis not only worked for Colby, he lived for it," said Mr. Mayo. "The new Colby we see about us today is due in no small measure to his wisdom, his energy and his vision... He devoted his heart and his mind and all of his talents to the single objective that Colby might find and hold its rightful place among all colleges and universities. We are dedicating this building in his memory and in his honor with the hope and the prayer that the will to build and rebuild which he exemplified may be emulated not only by the students, the faculty and the alumni of this institution but by the family of nations."

Another builder of Colby was honored at Commencement when the Women's Student Union was dedicated to the much respected and loved Ninetta M. Runnals, 1908, dean of women and professor of mathematics for 27 years, until her retirement in 1949. She was a trustee of the college from 1953 to 1959.

Ervena Goodale Smith, 1924, who directed the campaign in the '30's and '40's which raised the then astronomical amount of $100,000 for construction of the Union, spoke. So did Evelyn Kellett, 1926, a member of the alumni development committee, President Bixler, and Ellen McCue, 1961, holder of the Runnals scholarship. In Mrs. Smith's words, "No more appropriate name could be written on the Union." She paid tribute to the dean's "rare quality of humility" and "to her courage, devotion to truth and right, her sense of humor and her love for her fellow beings."

In responding, Dean Runnals declared the occasion made her very humble and very happy. She stated, "I take great pride in knowing that my name will be continued at Colby... I am very happy that the plan of naming this
building for me originated with alumni. . . I have a warm glow in my heart because my beloved college wants to recognize so fully love and service as well as financial assistance. When big gifts of money are so needed it would be so easy to overlook other kinds of contributions. Of silver and gold I have had too little to give; of such talents as I have I have gladly given to Colby and I am too grateful for words to be remembered for that kind of giving.”

A second Colby dean, who has distinguished himself with 37 years of service to his college, Ernest C. Marriner, was also in the spotlight Commencement weekend. Dean Marriner and President Bixler were special guests at the traditional dinner for trustees, faculty, and the alumni council. The dean spoke in his distinctive, warm, personal way.

“One third of Colby’s entire history to date has been presided over by just three men: Arthur Roberts, Franklin Johnson and Seelye Bixler. I have served with each of those men, and to them I express my profound gratitude,” he said.

“To Arthur Roberts for giving a green country boy a chance for an education and later to Franklin Johnson for teaching me that hope can ever rise above despair, and that faith can move colleges as well as mountains; and to Seelye Bixler for convincing me that the most important symbol of worth is not a Phi Beta Kappa key, nor one’s name on the title page of a book, nor even the acclaim of the multitude, but rather the handclasp of an understanding, unwavering friend.”
History has nothing quite like our sense of catastrophe combined with our extraordinary ferment in art and science. In his final Baccalaureate address, President Bixler spoke on

This Creative Age of Ours

There is an old story of a somewhat garrulous elderly lady who came from her husband’s deathbed only to be plied with questions from relatives and friends as to what his last words were. “Last words?” she answered. “He didn’t have any last words. I was with him right to the end!”

If my last baccalaureate words are like my first words in the sense that I have chosen the same text used at my first Colby Commencement the reason, I trust, is not that these eighteen years have taught me nothing. The point is simply that the words are really Ezekiel’s and that the example of Ezekiel refusing to be cowed by what seemed like certain destruction, but standing up and looking the facts straight in the face, has always seemed to me a most apt illustration of the Commencement spirit. As a priest of the sixth century B.C., Ezekiel had the equivalent of a college diploma of 2500 years ago. When threatened by serious trouble he fell flat on his face as anybody might. But then it dawned on him that his education ought to mean something. By lying flat on the ground all he did was to identify himself with the mechanistic and instinctive forces at work in physical nature and in his own body. But in responding to the summons to get up it was as if he had suddenly realized that the resources of reason could be drawn on. Mind, Santayana tells us, is a value that accrues to a growing body at a certain stage in its development. When it begins to act it helps us not to grovel in panic but to stand up, take stock of ourselves and outward events, and get control. At times we feel as though we were born into a world of complete chaos where chance reigns. But when we look at the matter calmly we see that our own love and our own desire for reason, as a product of this world and at home in it, are present and can actually be put to work.

In 1960 Ezekiel and his vision stand out in even sharper relief than ever because we ourselves have watched a mushroom cloud with a flash like nothing known before on sea or land, and we have felt like falling on our faces and calling it the end. But haven’t we forgotten something? We have ourselves been so comfortable and secure that we fail to remember how many millions in other times and places could look forward to nothing but death by starvation or violence. We forget also how many in other centuries took it as a matter of course that the end of the world would come in their time. Despair, after all, is not new. What is new is the feeling that it is new. As college graduates we surely should have learned from history that it can be faced down. We should have learned also that the mind provides us with certain practical tools for dealing with it. In spite of much popular opinion, the academic life is not either idle or irresponsible and it
is a mistake to think of it in this way. Reason does not operate in a vacuum. It was the great philosopher, Alfred North Whitehead, who said: "Great readers, who exclude other activities, are not distinguished by subtlety of brain." And, as a witness to the fact that there are both right and wrong methods of study, it is well to recall Thomas Hobbes's famous remark that if he had read as many books as other men he was inclined to think that he would be as ignorant as they.

EZEKIEL himself certainly had some grounds for believing that the cloud in the heavens meant the end of everything he held dear. Many crowns have fallen and thrones tottered in the course of history, but the collapse of a state can hardly have been felt more keenly than it was by the Jews in 586 B.C. They had sweated out so many difficulties in achieving nationhood and had won so many rich insights in the field of religion that when Jerusalem was destroyed, and the temple, symbol of God's presence, razed to the ground, it must have seemed as if the bottom had dropped out of life itself. Along with many others of the faithful, Ezekiel had been carried off to Babylon. When the cloud and fire followed him there they must have seemed like the finishing stroke. At first, giving way to fantasy, Ezekiel thought he saw lights and wheels, faces and wings. His imaginative style makes good reading even today. But, as is characteristic of many of these Old Testament stories, the romantic imagery was quickly followed by the sober challenge of reason. Just as Elijah found God not in the earthquake or fire but in the still small voice, so Ezekiel listened to a command that bade him stand up and give ear. In religion as in science the first requirement seems to be: "Look and listen for the evidence." The creative forces in both physical and human nature will be discovered only by the one who can recognize them when they appear.

Ezekiel had no news service. "How lucky for him!" we are tempted to exclaim. But, lacking one, he could hardly have known that actually he lived in what is now regarded as one of the most productive periods of all times. During this remarkable sixth century B.C. Confucius in China when quizzed about the next life asked in effect how anyone could expect to know about another world until he had done more to improve the present one. At the same time in India Buddha was urging his disciples to be wary of priests, penances, and propitiatory offerings and to work out their own salvation with diligence. And in the Greek city of Miletus in Asia Minor, three of the first men to be called philosophers were at this same time asking about the substance of the universe. One said it was water, another air, and a third called it "the boundless." Today we are interested less in their answers than in the fact that they raised the question at all. It was thus confidence in the power of the mind that started the Greeks on their triumphant career.

We today do have news from China, India, and the Middle East, to say nothing of the Arctic and Africa, but at first it seems merely to increase the ominousness of the mushroom cloud. Yet what does it really say? Simply that those who have been slaves are demanding freedom, the hungry are demanding food, and, perhaps most important of all, persons and nations that have been snubbed are demanding that they be recognized. What is wrong about this? Of course we should be more comfortable if the voices were a little less clamorous; yet who are we to cry "Shame" if they have a raucous sound? Are these not, after all, the tones of youth? How often have you yourselves said to me: "We are young and want to make our own mistakes."

THE truth seems to be that all over the world youthful minds are asserting themselves and are meeting the resistance that the body politic, with its hardening arteries, so frequently offers to creative change. The new nationalisms frighten us because we have seen so much harm done by the old nationalisms already. Yet as you and I listened to our remarkable Gabrielson series of lectures on Africa this spring I think we could not help feeling that whereas the hands raised in defiance in Africa today are the nationalistic hands of Esau, the old tribal patriarch, the voice is really that of Jacob, father of nations and symbol of what is universal. What we hear is less a set of local and provincial outcries than a demand for fundamental and basic human rights. And again Ezekiel shows that his century was remarkably like ours. As many Biblical scholars have pointed out, his vision of God
moving in the chariot from Jerusalem to Babylon showed above all else that God was not tied down to any one place but could be found anywhere. The mobility was a sign that he was universal.

Today we see another kind of mobility which, if we understand it, can take us out of our own parochialism. The Atlantic Community is not now the focus of all political attention. As Walter Lippmann says: "We are no longer members of a world order accepted by mankind. There are other world-orders which challenge ours and compete with it." This is new and at first it is unpleasant to think that our axioms don't seem axiomatic to others. Yet what is our distress but part of the travail that must accompany the birth of a new order? How, after all, can we be complacent about any provincialism—even our own? Are not ideas always subject to challenge? Must not democracy itself welcome criticism? If true to its own genius how can it do anything else?

I believe it to be a fact that society today is caught up in a movement toward what we can only call universalism that is breath-taking in its speed. In the field of social ethics we have seen it right on our own campus. Many of you have protested against certain racial restrictions that traditionally have been taken for granted and because you are against them I feel confident that they are on the way out. You feel this issue keenly now in your youth. May you retain your convictions more successfully than some who have gone before!

We are moving forward in our thinking about politics and religion. Is there not a comparable shift in economics from the narrow circle of private concerns to the larger area of public interest? How significant was Secretary Herter's remark: "We are too absorbed in the mere enjoyment of a prosperous life. We should use our economy for the things that matter." Of course for prophets and moralists this is old stuff. They have been saying things like this for a long time. But under the impact of threatening events these ancient truths are being revealed with new force to some of our national leaders. And did you read of the speech in which Mr. Thomas J. Watson, Jr. of I.B.M. warned the National Association of Manufacturers that world leadership would not come from fizzling rockets and lowered taxes? When a corporate president asks to have taxes raised something new has been added to our industrial life. The truth is, I think, that more and more people are becoming dissatisfied with the teaching of the 1950's that what is good for one segment is good for all. To allow any one group—whether allied with labor or with capital—to push its claims to the uttermost is not in the national interest. "Every man holds his property subject to the general right of the community to regulate its use," it has been said. As we move from the 50's to the 60's this truth is winning acceptance with a speed which some years ago would have seemed impossible.

"My dear," said Adam to Eve as they left the garden, "you and I live in a time of transition." We are tired, I know, of being told that the revolution is around the corner. Yet it is as bad to fall on our faces through inertia as through fear. What I think we must stress to ourselves is the falseness of the security that comes from shutting our eyes and stopping our ears whether the reason be that we are afraid of Khrushchev and the insane things he may do, or because we are simply worn out by the rush of new ideas that assail us from every side.

As college graduates we are in a peculiar position. The unpleasant facts in the morning newspaper are more unpleasant to us than to anyone else because we are more alert to what they mean. Yet if ever there was a time when distinctions needed to be drawn and the creative forces singled out from those that are merely destructive it is now. I do not know who is better equipped to do this than one who has immersed himself in the liberal arts. Sometimes you and I have debated the old question whether education promotes happiness, or whether, as the Hebrew proverb says, increase in learning brings increase in sorrow. When I was in graduate school the famous psychologist Professor William McDougall used to tell us that if he had wanted a happy life he would never have gone into research and teaching. What he meant, of course, is that there is a kind of superficial security in not knowing, and a pleasant type of protective covering available to the ignorant and untrained. Education brings adjustment only in a very special sense. Much of the time it simply makes us maladjusted, discontented, insecure. But the maladjustment is the foe of smugness and the discontent can be divine. If we really faced John Stuart Mill's choice between the life of a satisfied pig or a dissatisfied human being, a contented fool or discontented Socrates, we should not find it hard to decide. When the dispute over terms is over it remains true that what we most deeply want is to see what is really there.
Yet how true it is that much in modern literature contradicts this and portrays us as obsessed with our own limitations.

How often for example do the characters in our modern plays fall on their faces, focussing our gaze along with theirs, on the nervous bodily twitchings they seem unable to control! As Time magazine has said, instead of a concern with courage or hope or even honest despair the theater shows merely a bored preoccupation with familiar vices. When you are dealing with puppets, observes Jacques Barzun, you know after the first five minutes what the outcome will be, and that it will not matter. How different is the great literature of the past! Unlike our modern characters who do not rise and therefore cannot fall, when Shakespeare’s heroes die they do not die in vain. Man for Shakespeare was often miserable but he was not small. Tragedy, we are told, is that quality of life or art which gives nobility or sublimity to catastrophe. But too often we feel that our modern plays offer humiliation instead of humility, that the conflicts have been psychiatric rather than truly of the psyche, and that the end has come not with a bang but a whimper. The characters have wrestled not so much with a problem as with a disease.

I know of no more fatuous remark than that the great themes have disappeared from human life and that we no longer feel deeply about the profounder issues of love, death, the nature of the good, and human destiny. Any author who believes this has failed completely to sense the temper of the times. I do think that we are confused by our new ideas but I know that the great ideas are still there and that people feel deeply about them. We find them perhaps most often in the writings of the physical scientists. Apparently they have now reached a point where the objects studied are so completely different from anything heretofore known, and so radically modified by the very process of perceiving them, that the significance of the break between the past and our own time is itself understood only by a few. But to read the work of an expert like Robert Oppenheimer is to feel the thrill he feels as he looks out on these dazzling new data, and to realize that whereas the old certainties are disappearing, new certainties, only dimly comprehended as yet, are taking their place. One realizes also how important is the union of head and heart for the new kind of sensitivity demanded, and how invaluable is the discipline of the liberal arts as a preparation for the staggering task of bringing the facts together and putting them to work. Was there ever a greater or more exciting cause? Was the college graduate ever in a more fascinating spot? The idea that death may come with convulsions is old. But many truths of human achievement are brand new and with them come opportunities that are unparalleled. One is forced to say also that if man today is doomed for tomorrow he shows a very strange upsurge of energy and bounce. History has nothing quite like our sense of catastrophe combined with our extraordinary ferment in art and science. If ever there was a creative age it is ours. If ever the educated man had instruments ready to do his bidding it is today. Ulysses, Professor Whitehead reminds us, shared his reason with the foxes; Plato shared his with the gods. There has always been a fox-like education which trains men to manipulate machines for exploitation. But there is also a God-like education revealing creative forces of reason and love with which our own purposes can be aligned. Some of the more strident voices calling upon the name of God today tell us of a Deity of the whirl-
mastered the medical arts and aligned philanthropist, lover of truth and of times practiced, alas, in the callings — have you yielded to the cheap political pressures of 150 years ago and the revolution that came through steam? You will know the answer and it will be based on the use that in the intervening period you and others like you have made of reflective ideas.

W HEN you return you will not have to take any more examinations, but certain very pertinent questions will be put to you by the fact of your presence here. Speaking to the inner ear a voice will ask: Have you as a business man been merely a puppet, driven hither and yon by the mechanistic drives of competition, or is your soul still your own? Are you just a harried, ulcerated executive or can you look beyond the sales chart to the things in life that give the chart itself meaning? And you in the professions — have you yielded to the cheap politics and jockeying for position sometimes practiced, alas, in the callings with the noblest ideals, or have you kept in mind the goals that today you most deeply want? If a teacher have you really been philosopher and manipulator of experimental apparatus, or worker for tangible social good. But Commencement calls for a moment’s reflection on the role of man the listener, especially man the hearer of the Word that prompts him to look beyond his narrow circle of desires and reach for the larger truth. There is a Power not ourselves that makes for righteousness and it speaks to us today though in different forms and symbols — with the same authority as in the sixth century B.C. To align ourselves with its purposes should be our highest ambition. May nothing interfere with our response. As we leave Colby together may all of us count no task more important than that of finding courage to listen to the voice which commands, through cloud and fire, “Son of Man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee!”

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AT HARVARD’S COMMENCEMENT, President Bixler was awarded a doctor of humane letters degree and cited as “a philosopher in whom reverence lives, a beloved leader, rebuilder of a fine old college.”

Colby Alumnus
For many motorists, the first glimpse of Colby will come from the state’s new four lane highway. A photograph on pages 16-17 shows the sweep the super road is making behind the college. Much of Colby is hidden by trees, but one part is wide open. Until this summer this area adjoining the highway has been a marsh. A transformation is now taking place, above, to turn it into an all-purpose intra-mural field, 300 by 360 feet. Forty-three thousand cubic yards of fill have been used. With the extensive landscaping that is planned, it promises to become one of the most strikingly beautiful sections of an already strikingly beautiful Mayflower Hill.

THE INAUGURATION of Robert E. L. Strider, II as the 17th president of Colby will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11. Alumni are cordially invited to share this historic occasion with the college community.

Addresses will be given by President Strider and by Courtney Craig Smith, president of Swarthmore College. The two men were undergraduates together at Harvard University.

President Smith of Swarthmore

Formal invitations to the inauguration are being extended to several groups including Learned Societies and colleges and universities throughout the country. In the case of the latter, invitations are going only to the presidents of those institutions with which Colby has a common bond, in organization, in history or in academic pursuit. The inauguration committee, headed by Earle McKeen, 1929, is requesting that each institution be represented either by the president or by a member of its faculty or staff. To date 132 colleges have accepted.

TO STEP UP the intellectual voltage of Freshman Week, and to put across the idea that from the very beginning college life is concerned with the world of ideas, Colby, a year ago, introduced a summer reading program for freshmen.

All incoming students were asked to read Archibald MacLeish’s J. B. and The Book of Job. One of the events of orientation week was a panel discussion conducted by four faculty members on the issues raised by the suffering of Job and by his modern counterpart.
This year freshmen are being asked to read in two areas: (1) several dialogues of Plato, including the Protagoras, the Symposium, the Apology, the Crito, the Euthyphro, and the last two or three pages in the Phaedo. (They are available in the Modern Library volume, The Philosophy of Plato) and (2) several of the letters of St. Paul from the New Testament, including I and II Corinthians, Colossians, and I and II Thessalonians.

In a letter to the Class of 1964, President Strider told its members, "I think you will find the juxtaposition of the Greek and the Judaean-Christian ideas on immortality and other aspects of the human condition stimulating and suggestive. Perhaps other members of your family will enjoy reading and discussing these works along with you."


Alumni trustees who have completed their terms are Carleton D. Brown, 1933; A. A. D'Amico, 1928; and Mrs. Alice Linscott Roberts, 1931.

When Mrs. Williams received her honorary doctor of humane letters degree a year ago she was cited as "a publisher whose enlightened policies and spirited independence have won the respect of your colleagues through-out the nation and the warm-hearted approval of your friends nearer at home."

Headmaster Saltonstall is a 1928 graduate of Harvard, now serving his second six year term on the board of overseers at that university. He is past president of the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and former member of the executive committee of the American Council on Education. He is beginning his fifteenth year as head of Exeter.

Another Harvard graduate to join the Colby board is Robert Gardiner. He is a trustee and assistant treasurer of the Groton School, a director of the United Community Services of Greater Boston, and president of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He received his LL.B. in 1940 from Harvard Law School.

Albert Palmer is a native of Fairfield who is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Tau Omega. He entered the telephone service soon after leaving college and has had a wide and varied experience in operations and administration in New England and at the headquarters of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in New York. He has been in his present position since March 1959 and is a director of the Blue Cross in Massachusetts.

Among the new alumni trustees, Dean Shibles has honorary doctorates from the University of Maine and Colby. He received his master's degree from Boston University.

Miss Emery, prior to accepting her present post in 1959, spent 13 years on the staff of Pine Manor Junior College where she was chairman of the social science department, registrar, and director of admissions.

Russ Blanchard has served Colby in many capacities, most recently as the national alumni chairman for the Program of Fulfillment campaign. He has just been promoted to director of advertising, sales promotion and agency research with the Paul Revere Life Insurance Company and the Massachusetts Protective Association, Incorporated, of Worcester, Massachusetts.

NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES are Mrs. Williams, Saltonstall, Shibles, Gardiner, Blanchard, Palmer and Dean Emery.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES elected at its Commencement meeting seven new members.

Chosen by the board were Mrs. Jean Gannett Williams, 1959 Hon., president and publisher of the Guy Gannett Publishing Company and president of the Guy Gannett Broadcasting Services; William G. Saltonstall, 1954 Hon., headmaster of Phillips Exeter Academy; Robert H. Gardiner, president of the Fiduciary Trust Company of Boston; and Albert C. Palmer, 1930, vice president in charge of operations of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Retiring from the board are Nathan Russell Patterson, 1911; Frederic Edgar Camp, 1949, Hon.; Sumner Sewall, 1941, Hon.; and Harry E. Umphrey, 1914.
In Memory of
Arthur Galen Eustis

A TEACHER whose straight­thinking precepts prepared many students for the realities of life;
A BUILDER whose dedication to Colby's progress and whose skill and determination are built so lastingly into the Mayflower Hill campus;
AN ADMINISTRATOR whose knowledge, ability, and foresight have done much to keep Colby's feet on solid ground and a sure path in its climb to new academic heights;
A FRIEND whose wise and respected counsel, unstintingly given, has helped many of us in our days as students and alumni.

Resolution adopted by the Alumni Council, October 31, 1959.

COLBY BRICKS, emblematic of outstanding service to the college, were awarded at Commencement to five individuals, (Photographs on page four). The Bricks, miniatures of those used in the construction of the Mayflower Hill Campus, are given annually by vote of the Alumni Council.

With the exception of Miss Helen Nichols, the remarkable and tastefully efficient director of the college's food service since 1942, all recipients were Colby graduates. Others were Leonard Mayo, 1922, trustee and national chairman of the Program of Fulfillment; Miss Frances E. Thayer, 1930, assistant to the dean of women; Miss Selma Koehler, highly successful agent for the Class of 1917, and Miss Mary Thayer, 1918, who served in the alumni office as secretary for many years.

"Your unceasing devotion to the betterment of mankind as one of this country's leading social workers has

GAVEL RECIPIENTS as presidents of state or regional organizations were: seated, left to right, Robert Millett, 1950, New England Association of Baseball Umpires; Mrs. Muriel Robinson Ragsdale, 1927, Maine Art Educators Association; and Rufus Brackley, 1940, Rhode Island Secondary School Principals Association. Standing, left to right, Theodore Russell, 1947, Maine Dairyman's Association; Robert Bedig, 1949, New England Chapter, National Industrial Service Association; Lawrence Peakes, 1928, New England Association of School Superintendents, and Reginald Sturtevant, 1921, United Baptist Convention of Maine. Receiving a gavel in absentia was Alonzo Garcelon, 1938, The Pine Tree Rifle and Pistol Association.

PRESDENT STRIDER assumed his new responsibilities on July 1 when officers of the Waterville Alumni Association greeted him and presented a handsome desk set. Participating in the informal ceremonies were, left to right, Ruth Moore Brown, 1940; George L. Beach, Jr., 1941, and Norman Beals, 1937.
radiated to include the same selfless gift of service to your college," said Mayo's citation. "Thousands of children throughout the world have been restored to health because of your work as executive director of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children."

The citation accompanying Miss Nichols' Brick commended her outstanding management under wartime restrictions during her first years at Colby as well as "the justly famous banquets for which you are now known far and wide."

"With an eye always for a balanced budget," it continued, "you can still provide lobster for students and strawberries out of season."

Miss Frances Thayer, who has been associated with the dean of women's office since 1943, was praised for her "accuracy, efficiency, sensitivity, responsibility, and loyalty."

"In an office where all sorts of problems go across the desk," she was told, "the ability to respect and keep inviolate the information and confidences involved in daily routine and affecting the lives of many individuals is of great significance. You have this ability to a preeminent degree."

Miss Mary Thayer was described as "an effective force in laying the foundation of the Alumni Association."

"As the Association grows stronger over the years, we look back with gratitude at its earliest beginnings when you served as secretary with loving attention far beyond the call of duty. Your remarkable memory of names, dates, and records of achievement helped the alumni office over so many rough spots in the first years of organization."

The citation accompanying Miss Koehler's award said, "No task has been too great for you when you have been called to serve your college in so many ways. Some years, as a class agent, you have personally written over one hundred letters in the interest of the college."

The old-time baseball photograph in the spring Alumnus has brought several letters and comments. The exact identity of the occasion would still be a mystery were it not for the kindness of Herbert J. Clukey, 1913. In a letter to the editor, he wrote:

I make reference to the old-time ball game picture produced...
by the Waterville Sentinel and appearing on page 13 of the spring issue of The Colby Alumnus.

The picture shows the Maine State College Champions of 1906 and sure brought back many happy remembrances of that period. The occasion was the celebrating of Coombs Day on Monday June 20, 1910, with a baseball game between the Colby College Maine State Champions of 1906 and the Colby varsity of 1910. I was varsity shortstop on the 1910 team.

The 1906 team won the game 3-1. Pitcher Jack Coombs was stingy with his hits but he did not exert himself very much. Only four hits were obtained off his delivery—Sturtevant 1, Ralph Good 2, and Clukey 1. It sure was a feather in our caps to get a hit off Jack, and especially so since later that fall he pitched and won three games in the World Series for Connie Mack’s Philadelphia Athletics against the Chicago Cubs.

That day’s scorecard was retained by me through all these fifty years. I had listed thereon only the hits made by the 1910 team as that was my greatest interest in the game at that time. Although I know you undoubtedly have the full record of that game, nevertheless, as a point of interest I list below the members of both teams as taken from my scorecard:

1906 1910

Tribou LF Roy Good CF
Dwyer C Sturtevant LF
Pugsley 3B Ralph Good P
Coombs P Cary C
Willey 1B Reed 1B
Tilton 2B Frohock 2B
Shaw CF Bowker 3B
Reynolds SS Vail RF
Palmer RF Clukey SS
Sanders P

It has been a pleasure reminiscing about old times, and I wish to commend the Colby Alumnus for this interesting feature.

AT THE DIRECTION of the Secretary of the Air Force, Dudley C. Sharp, Dr. Bixler on June 20 was presented the Air Force Scroll in recognition of “rendering meritorious service to the air force” during the past nine years while an AF ROTC unit has been maintained on the campus.

The presentation was made by Lt. Colonel Harry E. Peterson, professor of air science.

The Scroll read, “Dr. Bixler’s personal interest, outstanding ability and whole-hearted cooperation have materially enhanced the stature of the Air
THROUGH BALLOTING alumni and alumnae have elected as new members of the Alumni Council the above: left to right, top, David Harvey, 1953; Ann Burnham Deering, 1955; Walter Dignam, 1933; bottom, Perry Wortman, 1933; Ruth Williams, 1928; and Peter Mills, 1934.

Re-elected were: Howard Ferguson, 1931; Marguerite Chase Macomber, 1927; and Freda Kathleen Abel, 1939.

The Alumni Council itself selected: John Davan, 1933; Alexander Gillmor, 1931; George Roach, 1926; and Helen Cole, 1917. Elected as representative to the Athletic Council was Carl Wright, 1947.

Colby’s attempt to schedule eight football games in one season—it would have been the first time in history—has been knocked out by Brandeis University. The Judges, scheduled to play in Waterville, September 24, have given up the sport. The season will open at home a week earlier than usual, September 19, against Norwich, marking a resumption of a rivalry dating back to 1915. The U. S. Merchant Marine Academy is a newcomer, October 1 at Kings Point.

Defense of the Maine title begins on Seaverns Field against Bowdoin, October 22. The University of Maine and Bates will be hosts on the following Saturdays.

Other opponents—both repeaters—will be Springfield (away), October 8; and Trinity, October 15.

The Colby Alumni has won a first place award in a nation-wide competition sponsored by the American Alumni Council. It was the President’s Column—a contribution that has distinguished the magazine since 1936—that caught the judges’ attention this year in the contest, open to colleges and universities throughout the country.

Professor Richard Cary, curator of rare books and manuscripts, is writing a critical biography of Maine-born authoress, Sarah Orne Jewett for the U. S. Authors Series (Twayne Publishers, Inc., New York City).

The memory of James King, 1889, wealthy Chicago industrialist of the early 20th century, is perpetuated by a plaque recently hung in Miller Library in appreciation of his generosity. King, a native of Waterville, died in 1927 leaving a large bequest to his alma mater. The funds were eventually used toward the cost of constructing the library.
The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has cited Colby for its annual Gabrielson Lecture Series. The Distinguished National and School Awards Jury selected the lectures as “an outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American Way of Life.” The 1959 series, which won the award, was based on the menace of international communism. This year’s lectures dealt with the explosive political, economic, and social situation in an awakening Africa.

A copy of a sealed message, written by Dr. Bixler to students of the twenty-first century, is among several items which have been placed in the cornerstone of the Eustis Administration Building. The original manuscript is deposited in the library to be opened at the turn of the century, the year 2000. Edward Boulos, Jr., 1940, represented alumni at the cornerstone ceremony.

A leaflet recording the names of the close to 500 lecturers and musical artists who appeared at Colby during the administration of President Bixler has been published. Titled Intellectual Trail Blazers, it may be obtained without charge through the Department of Public Relations at the college.

The college has received on microfilm more than 400 items relating to Elijah Parish Lovejoy, 1826. The collection is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Wickett of Fort Worth, Texas. He is Lovejoy’s great-grandnephew. The original papers were presented to Texas Technological College in Lubbock. Included are correspondence, sermons, lectures, newspapers, and family memorabilia. Three items relate to Lovejoy’s days at Colby—a poem translated from Virgil in 1822 and the manuscripts of his Commencement poem and Commencement address.

Boardman Vespers at Commencement were conducted by Dr. Leslie Dunstan, 1923, professor of missions and comparative religion at Andover-Newton Theological School.

Dr. Harold Marston Morse, 1914, professor of mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study, and one of the world’s great mathematicians, lectured at the Summer Institute for Science, July 18-19. He illustrated his talk on “Mathematics, the Arts and Freedom” playing preludes by Bach and Chopin at the piano.

Professor Evans B. Reid, chairman of the chemistry department, has received a U. S. Government Grant to teach next year at the University of Baghdad in Iraq. He has been given a sabbatical leave to accept the assignment made under the International Educational Program.
Honorary Degree Citations

Louise Gillingham Bennett

Social Worker

Master of Arts

Following your father, uncle and sister to Colby you graduated in 1948 with an enviable list of achievements including membership in Phi Beta Kappa and the award of the Condon Medal. But your brilliant college record is itself eclipsed by the accomplishment of your subsequent life. Handicapped by illness and the loss of sight you have successfully conquered every obstacle to adjustment and in your firsthand and intimate understanding of the problems of the handicapped persons you teach you have been, as others have testified, of inestimable value in helping them to an adjustment of their own. At the University of Pennsylvania in competition with both sighted and sightless students you won high scholastic grades and earned the equivalent of a master’s degree and a certificate as home teacher of the blind. Today as social worker and teacher on the staff of the State Department of Health and Welfare your humor, determination, and insight, coupled with the pluck that prompts you to describe your experience as a “gay adventure” are an inspiration to all who know you and a demonstration of the spiritual triumph that dedicated mind, heart, and will can win. In conferring the degree of master of arts your college recognizes your own mastery of the art of courageous, devoted and effective living.

Louise Bogan

Poet

Doctor of Letters

Native of Livermore Falls and descendant of Maine forebears who have known the rigors of life on the Maine soil and the Maine sea you have brought to your writing the courage, the candor, the independence, and the spirit of searching metaphysical inquiry that characterized your ancestors. Noted for your fiction and literary

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criticism as well as your poetry you have been compared with such giants as George Herbert, John Donne, John Dryden, Thomas Hardy, and Maine's own Edwin Arlington Robinson. Twice Guggenheim Fellow, occupant of the chair of poetry of the Library of Congress, winner of the John Reed Memorial Prize, the Helen Haire Levinson Memorial Prize, the Harriet Monroe Poetry Award, and the Bollingen Prize in poetry, you have earned the many plaudits you have won. Colby College concurs with Allen Tate in hailing you as "the most accomplished poet of our time" and adds its accolade to the many honors you have received.

Herbert Brucker
Editor, The Hartford Courant
doctor of humane letters

Recipient of the degree of bachelor of arts from Williams in 1921, you won early recognition when you were made a Pulitzer Traveling Scholar in 1924. Associated with the New York World in its time of greatness, you served at the Columbia School of Journalism both as assistant to the dean and as professor. During the war you held important positions in the Office of War Information. Chairman of the Freedom Information Committee of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and president of the American Council on Education for Journalism you still have found time in your busy life to write two scholarly books. Particular recognition has come with the John Peter Zenger Freedom of the Press Award, the Distinguished Service Scroll of the alumni of the Columbia School of Journalism, and a special award received this year from the Washington alumni of the School. Since 1947 you have been the respected editor of the Hartford Courant, known for your conscience, your courage, your broad educational background, and your persuasive literary style. The Salzburg Seminar holds you in high regard and this college is deeply in your debt for the integrity and judgment which have characterized your work as a member of its Committee of Selection for the Lovejoy Fellowships. Resolute defender of the freedom of the press and dedicated champion of the public's right to know, Colby is proud to add your name to the list of leaders in the newspaper field whom it has delighted to honor.

James Bryant Conant
Former President, Harvard University
doctor of laws

Few men win eminence in one field; still fewer have, like you, attained world-wide distinction in three. As a research chemist your study of the complicated molecular structures of chlorophyll and haemoglobin, the green mantle of nature and the red blood of human life, established your reputation in science at a comparatively early age. As High Commissioner and later Ambassador to the German Federal Republic, your distinction as a scholar aided immeasurably in bringing respect for this country and understanding of its aims while your celebrated Godkin Lectures and other public utterances helped to interpret to Americans the spirit of the new Germany and its capacity for growth along democratic lines. In the third field, that of education, your achievements have
been two-fold. As president of Harvard you made outstanding faculty appointments and in other ways intensified the concern for scholarship of our oldest and most famous seat of learning. More recently as sympathetic investigator of American High Schools and Junior High Schools you have made our people aware of the measures to be taken as our country girds for the long struggle ahead. Scientist and teacher, author and editor, administrator and statesman, Colby College and the Class of 1960 express their gratitude for your willingness to be their Commencement speaker and to make this an outstanding occasion in Colby annals.

Willard Warren Cummings

Artist
doctor of fine arts

Native of Maine and graduate of the Yale School of Fine Arts, you have studied in Europe and painted and exhibited in New York, but have always maintained as a primary interest your concern for the development of the arts in the state of your birth. A founder and now for many years the director of the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, you have had a leading part in establishing its enviable reputation as a center where talented young people from all parts of the country may study with the best American artists, and where twenty-five of your students have already won Fulbright grants. Noted both for the vitality of your approach to questions of form and design, and the empathy of your response to the questions raised by your subjects, you have quickly commanded recognition as one of the outstanding portrait painters of our time. Your part in the contribution to Colby by your family of The Helen Warren and Willard Howe Cummings Collection of American Art, named for your parents, has already created bonds of affection and respect between you and Colby personnel.

Your formal adoption as a member of the Colby family expresses the high regard in which the college holds this association and the esteem it has for you both as a painter and as a man.

Norman Dello Joio

Composer
doctor of music

Influences from Gregorian plain song, from Italian opera, from modern German cacophony and American jazz have combined with your own creative genius to make you a composer in whose work the harmonies of the contemporary American scene stand out as heirs of a rich heritage. Descendant of a long line of Italian musicians and pupil of the gifted Paul Hindemith, you have found your own way of giving voice to the vigor and dynamism of a new continent. A lyricist who finds melody the natural vehicle for feeling, a careful craftsman with an ear for fineness of texture, your vivid sense for the dramatic and your sensitive skill in portraying emotion have led to widespread recognition. Composer of operas, ballets, songs, works for orchestra, for solo instruments and for chamber groups, winner of two Guggenheim fellowships, a Pulitzer prize, and the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge, Town Hall, and New York Critics Circle awards, the news that you would attend Colby's Commencement was music to our ears and your presence here today brings a song to our hearts.

Neil Leonard

Chairman, Board of Trustees,
Colby College
doctor of laws

A graduate of Colby and of Yale Law School, early in your career you showed your abilities as a trial lawyer and you also became known for your readiness to respond to calls for leadership in many civic causes.

Julius Seeley Bixler: for eighteen years the destiny of Colby College has rested in your hands. What more can be said of your devotion to this trust than that the college has prospered, and prospered mightily, in every year of your administration? Born into a family of great educators, you speedily reflected your heritage by embarking upon a career of teaching and scholarship in this country and abroad. You revealed at an early stage the breadth of vision and the questing spirit that have extended Colby's horizons and have built for her an international reputation. After an already brilliant career at Smith and Harvard you came to Colby in a time of crisis and the most literal kind of transition. Amphion played his lyre and the walls of Thebes leapt into place; Seeley Bixler played his cello and the walls of Colby grew. New buildings emerged from Maine's rugged soil; the departments of art and music were established; leading authorities in the realms of the intellect, the creative imagination, and public affairs were brought before Colby audiences; and thousands of students were stirred by your example to share in the
excitement of learning. Your position in Colby history is secure, and your preeminence as a great college president is evident, not only from your stature in the academic world, but also from the affection in which you are held by all the Colby community. It is with immeasurable pride that Colby now makes you, her most distinguished member, one of her own alumni.

Mary Thayer Bixler: daughter of the Middle West who, befitting a young lady of independent mind, reversed the proverbial advice to young men and moved East, and eventually Down East; graduate of Smith College, Phi Beta Kappa, who earned a master's degree in philosophy at Columbia, both achievements prophetic of your marriage to a philosopher with Smith antecedents and an important share in that institution's future; gifted musician and co-founder of a fine orchestra in which you have continued all these years to play; effortless and gracious hostess to countless numbers; in whom, it was once said of you by one who knows, "are combined the two qualities which William James found essential for religious belief — insight and vigor;" Colby salutes you with affection as principal adviser and helper to her distinguished president, and friend to generations of Colby men and women. In recognition of your inestimable service to the college, both in your own right and in partnership with your husband, Colby is proud to make you officially what you have been in reality all along, one of her own.

Hospitals, churches, and community campaigns have reaped the benefit of your social conscience and concern for your fellow man. But your associates have long known that your heart belongs to education, and it is in this field, though indirectly and as a layman, that you have made your most important contribution. Fortunately for Colby College you have been for twenty-eight years a member of the board including thirteen notable years as chairman. Always liberal, with a mind unencumbered by prejudice, ever on the lookout for ways of improving the processes of teaching and learning, courageous in periods of depression, decisive in moments of stress, you have done more than any other person now living to bring Colby to its present status on Mayflower Hill and its standing in the eyes of the public. To you a grateful college acknowledges the kind of debt than can be owed only to an invaluable counselor and devoted son.

Robert James McCracken Pastor, Riverside Church Doctor of Divinity

Born in Scotland, graduate of the University of Glasgow, with honorary degrees from many American institutions including Columbia and Princeton, you have taught in Scotland, in Canada, and at Union Theological Seminary in this country, beside lecturing on various foundations and over radio networks, writing books on practical theology, and serving as delegate to sessions of the World Conference on Faith and Order held both in Scotland and Sweden. Since 1946 you have occupied the pulpit of New York's famous Riverside Church. Your sermons are noted for their ability to speak with equal directness to the individual's need for the assurance that brings peace of mind and society's need for the venturesomeness required in the struggle for justice. Wise counselor, eloquent preacher, valiant crusader, man of faith and ceaseless good works, Colby College welcomes you with particular pleasure to its Commencement platform at the time of your son's graduation and invites you to participate in a new relationship where paternal and fraternal bonds merge in a common loyalty.

Gerard Piel
Publisher, Scientific American Doctor of Science

Graduate of Harvard magna cum laude, with a doctor's degree in science from Lawrence College, you have been Science Editor of Life Magazine and have held prominent positions in the industrial world. As trustee of the American Museum of Natural History and director of the American Civil Liberties Union you have combined in a notably successful way the two interests for which these institutions stand. Committed to the idea that science can flourish only in a society that protects freedom of conscience and that public opinion in a free society must shape the course of science itself, you have made the Scientific American a journal through which scientists can speak to their fellow citizens and laymen in turn can ask for scientific judgment on the problems on which they seek light. Your conviction that the work of the laboratory makes a significant impact on society, and society one no less significant on the laboratory has enabled this important magazine under your inspired guidance to interpret the need of one to the other. The result has been a brilliant contribution to the common understanding so essential to the democratic process of our time. A student of history who writes eloquently of man's conquest of physical forces in the past, Colby would honor you particularly for your realistic vision of what mind's control over nature may mean for the future and for your exposition of the role which science itself may play in the practice of the liberal arts.
FRANCIS T. P. PLIMPTON
Attorney and Educator
DOCTOR OF LAWS

GRADUATE of Amherst magna cum laude and of Harvard Law School, your law firm is placed at the top of the list by able young law graduates seeking apprenticeships and you have established your own reputation as one of this country's leading experts in the legal aspects of investment finance. A trustee of Amherst College, Union Theological Seminary, Athens College in Greece, Lignan University in China, vice chairman of the board of Barnard College, president of the board of Phillips Exeter Academy, former director of the Foreign Policy Association, member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the Institute of Pacific Relations, your advice is eagerly sought in the shaping of educational policy both here and abroad. As a director of the New York Philharmonic Society, you accompanied America's musicians on their good will mission to Russia and as trustee of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association you have done much to promote the well-being of college faculties here at home. Famed for the sensitive perceptiveness of your written style and your witty effectiveness with the spoken word, you are also recognized by those who know what goes on behind the scenes as a hidden persuader whose personal integrity, wise counsel, and imaginative idealism exert a continuously constructive influence on American educational life.

PAUL FARR RUSSELL
Public Health Expert
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

GUARDIAN of the public health, your missions of healing have taken you to many distant regions over the course of many years. Born in Massachusetts, you spent the summers of childhood and youth in Maine and had the good judgment to marry a Maine girl. A graduate of Boston University with medical degrees from Cornell and Harvard, you have been a member of the World Health Organization of the Rockefeller Foundation since 1923. In the Straits Settlements, Ceylon, India, Indonesia, the Philippines, the Middle East, Africa, and South America, you have devoted your energies to fighting the pestilence that wasteth at noonday. As a member of the United States delegation, you attended the first World Health Assembly. World War II found you participating as chief of the Tropical Disease Section in the Office of the Surgeon General, chief malariologist for the North African Theater, and vice chairman of the board of Barnard College, president of the board of Phillips Exeter Academy, former director of the Foreign Policy Association, member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the Institute of Pacific Relations, your advice is eagerly sought in the shaping of educational policy both here and abroad. As a director of the New York Philharmonic Society, you accompanied America's musicians on their good will mission to Russia and as trustee of the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association you have done much to promote the well-being of college faculties here at home. Famed for the sensitive perceptiveness of your written style and your witty effectiveness with the spoken word, you are also recognized by those who know what goes on behind the scenes as a hidden persuader whose personal integrity, wise counsel, and imaginative idealism exert a continuously constructive influence on American educational life.

1913

Elmer Hussey is on the corporation of the Stephens Memorial Hospital of Norway, Maine.

1914

Justice Frederick Harold Dubord has been awarded an honorary doctor of laws by Boston University with this citation: "Alumnus of Boston University's School of Law, native and outstanding citizen of Maine, member of the Maine State and American Bar Associations, former Justice of the State's Superior Court, Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. You have contributed much to good government, to respect for law, and to the prestige of the judiciary. Boston University is proud to recognize you as a worthy son."

1916

Frank Foster, after a lifetime of service to education, has retired to his home in Friendship. Frank has been a professor in the department of education at the University of Maine since 1946. Fred English, superintendent of the Amesbury (Mass.) public schools for the past 26 years, has retired. Fred held the office longer than any of his predecessors and greatly broadened and strengthened the curriculum during his tenure. . . .

1917

Elsie Lane has retired from teaching in the English department at Fryeburg Academy after 22 years. She has spent 35 years teaching in Maine and Rhode Island.

T. Berner Madsen, professor-emeritus and vice president of Trinity Seminary and Bible College (Chicago, Ill.), has retired at the age of 72 after a career in education which has extended over 40 years. Dr. Madsen was honored earlier this year by faculty and staff at Trinity, the educational institution of the Evangelical Free Church of America. In addition to teaching and administration, he served for nearly fourteen years as pastor of a Congregational church in St. Louis Park, Minnesota.
1918

Paul Alden, president of the Daytona Beach Philatelic Society, recently had an article published in Scott's Monthly Journal. Helene Baker retired in March and is living with a friend in Florida. Howard Hill has been elected to the Instituto Barraquer of Barcelona, Spain. This is a scientific eye group that has done a great deal to advance cataract surgery. Dr. Hill is planning to travel to Tokyo, Japan in September to deliver an address to the Tokyo Ophthalmological Society.

George "Red" Ferrell is constructing a new office and warehouse building to house his business, the Elm City Tobacco and Confectionery Co., Inc., of Waterville.

1919

Arthur Scott, professor of chemistry at Reed College, was recently awarded the ACS Award in Chemical Education, sponsored by the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association.

1920

Eleanor Burdick is the new president of the Heads of English Departments in Connecticut.

1921

Reginald Sturtevant was recently elected president of the United Baptist Convention of Maine.

1922

Asa Adams, M.D., who has practiced medicine and surgery in Orono since 1927, has been elected a member of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

1923

George Odom is president of the Maine Association of Engineers.

1924

George Davis won renomination to the office of Judge of Probate in Maine's June primaries.

1925

Eleatha Beane Littlefield has been named acting postmistress in Moody, Maine. She has also been working for her master's degree in English at the universities of Maine and New Hampshire. Edward Merrill is teaching this summer at Vassar College in an Advanced Placement program. Ed Moynahan is combining business with pleasure as he and his family travel overseas. Ed plans to visit the London office of his firm, the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corp., Ltd., and at the same time enjoy the opportunity to sight-see around Great Britain. Russell Squire has been elected president of the Waterville Savings Bank.

1926

Jim Halpin is chairman of the executive committee of the Bar Association of New York City.

1927

Bill Macomber was the baccalaureate speaker at Maine Central Institute this spring. Helen Mitchell has the honor of being the first woman from Aroostook County to be selected as Republican National Committeewoman from Maine. Helen's father, the late Dr. Frederick Mitchell, served in the Maine House and on the Executive Council.
1928

Miles Carpenter has won a Republican nomination to the Maine Senate. ... The Rev. Cecil Rose, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Opa-locka, Florida, has been named director of Christian Education and pastor of the North Turner (Maine) Union Church.

1929

Mark Shibles, dean of the College of Education at the University of Maine, was the principal speaker at graduation exercises of Belmont (Mass.) High.

1930

Bob Harlow has been appointed chairman of the science department and will teach chemistry and physics at Westbrook High School this fall. ... Frances Thayer has been elected to honorary membership in Cap and Gown.

1931

Tom Langley has received considerable praise and attention in the world of education — and from grateful parents — for the work he and his associates are doing at Herricks Senior High School, New Hyde Park, Long Island, N. Y. Tom is principal of the school, which ranks with the most modern and beautiful in the nation. Its success in providing "quality" education is attested to by the number of graduates, 70%, who go on into higher education.

1932

Nissie Grossman has been elected to the board of directors of the Mt. Vernon Co-operative Bank of Boston.

1933

Victor Pagra has been promoted to associate professor in the College of Technology at the University of Vermont.

1935

Donald Bither has been elected auditor of the Canal National Bank of Portland.

1936

Herbert DeVeber has been appointed principal of Abington (Mass.) High. Eleanor Tolan Hooker is teaching commercial subjects at Rockland (Mass.) High School. ... John Reynolds, chief of surgery at Thayer Hospital in Waterville, has been elected president of the Maine Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. John is also president of the Kennebec County Medical Association.

1937

An article by Roland Gammon was published this spring in Pageant magazine. Roland also wrote "How to Start a Church" in the May issue of Good Housekeeping. ... Gordon Young has been elected vice president of the Maine Dental Society. He has his office in Bar Harbor.

1938

Paul Tilden has been appointed editor of the National Parks Magazine (Washington, D.C.). For several years he was assistant editor of Nature Magazine and when it merged with Natural History Magazine, published by the American Museum of Natural History, he became the associate editor. He continues on the staff as a contributing editor.

1939

Maynard Irish has been named a trustee of the Brunswick Savings Institution. ... Earl Wade was elected president of the Maine Dental Society at the organization's 95th convention held in Rockland, June 18.

Elliott Drisko has been awarded a doctor's degree from Columbia. He is executive director of the Family Service Society of Yonkers, N. Y.

1940

John Foster has been appointed administrator of Johnson Memorial Hospital, Stafford Springs, Connecticut. ... Bill Small was chief of umpires for the Annual State Little League Championship Tournament of Connecticut at Norwich, August 13. ... Conrad Swift has been promoted to vice president of the National of Hartford Companies. He continues as administrative assistant and head of the companies' research and product development section.

1942

David Marshall is president of the Somerset County Teachers' Association. ... George Parker was promoted to sales manager of the Horace T. Potts Co., Flourtown, (Penn.) this last winter.

1943

Marc J. Temmer, assistant professor of French at the University of California at Santa Barbara, has been named for a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship. He will culminate his studies of 20th century French fables as for which he is now in France on sabbatical leave. Prof. Temmer is the author of "Time in Rousseau and Kant," a book-length essay on French pre-romanticism, which was published in 1958.

1944

Burt Shiro (Democrat) was nominated for the Maine Senate in the Maine primaries. ... Ray Tuller is the newly elected chairman of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican City Committee. ... Peter Igarashi was ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church in Newton, March 26, 1960.
1947

Birth
A daughter, Meredith Tambs, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Eddy (Helen B. Jacobs), April 21, 1960.

1948

Marriage
Bertha Ferrin Graves to William Millard Bagby, April 30, 1960, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Birth
A son, Bruce Carl, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger K. Robinson (Marguerite E. Jack), April 12, 1960.

Robert Bedig has been elected president of the New England Chapter, National Industrial Service Association.

Ray Deltz has been promoted to salary administrator in the personnel department of I.B.M.’s Endicott (N.Y.) plant. Charles Pearce of the Ware (Mass.) Savings Bank was selected to attend a two weeks bankers’ course at Boston University this summer.

Jeanne Morrison Hall has received her master of social work degree from Ohio State University.

George Douc has been recently promoted to advertising manager for New Hampshire Ball Bearings.

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Robert Bedig has been elected president of the New England Chapter, National Industrial Service Association.

Ray Deltz has been promoted to salary administrator in the personnel department of I.B.M.’s Endicott (N.Y.) plant. Charles Pearce of the Ware (Mass.) Savings Bank was selected to attend a two weeks bankers’ course at Boston University this summer.

Jeanne Morrison Hall has received her master of social work degree from Ohio State University.

George Douc has been recently promoted to advertising manager for New Hampshire Ball Bearings.

Birth
A daughter, Janet Ellen, to Mr. and Mrs. George Fishstein (Claire L. Rosenston), January 19, 1960.

1950

Bob Barlow, who has been on the Colby faculty for the past seven years, received his Ph.D. degree from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy on June 12. Bernard Cratty was the unopposed Democratic nominee for Kennebec County Attorney in the Maine June primaries. Neil Leonard, Jr. has received his Ph.D. degree from Harvard.

Bob Marden won a State Senate nomination from Republicans in Maine’s primary balloting.

Marriage
Eleanor Lloyd Runkle to Jack Raymond Stevens, December 12, 1959, Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Birth
A son, John Matson, to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Alex, May 20, 1960.

1951

Dan Hall will lecture on Africa, South of the Sahara in the Concord-Carlisle (Mass.) Adult Education Program. Last year he taught and traveled in Africa for 18 months. Dan has been studying at the Boston University Center for African Affairs.

Jacqueline Toulouse has been appointed junior primary teacher at the Myrtle Street School in Waterville.

Marriage
Frank Joseph Gavel to Diane Treva Diebold, June 25, 1960, New York City.

1952

Howard Gaskill, Jr. has been transferred to the Traffic Division of the Framingham (Mass.) office of New England Tel. & Tel. Don Keay has been promoted to assistant vice president of the Workingmen’s Cooperative Bank of Boston.

George Lebherz has opened a law office in Falmouth, Mass. George has been associated with the firm of Tolamo and Tolamo in Worcester doing trial work, probate and real estate.

Walter Hayes received his master of business administration degree from Lehigh University on June 13.

David S. Crocket, III, received his Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire this past June. Last year he was instructor in chemistry at Lafayette College where he has been promoted to assistant professor.

John Jabar was toastmaster for the 1960 Jefferson-Jackson Fund-Raising Dinner for the Maine Democratic party, June 25. The speaker was U.S. Senator Frank M. Church (D-Idaho) who gave the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention.
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MARriages
Joseph Unobskey to Mary Lou Murphy, June 5, 1960, Boston, Massachusetts.
Harold Wesley Kent to Joyce Gay Giles, April 22, 1960, Waterville.

Births
A son, Daniel David, to Dr. and Mrs. David Morse, Jr. (Deborah Brush), May 28, 1960.
A daughter, Paula Burroughs, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Eustis, Jr. (Georgia Roy '54), June 16, 1960.

1953
John Lee, with the Bowe-Davis Insurance Agency in Bristol, Conn., has been awarded a direct commission as a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserve. Parviz Chabahai has been promoted to associate professor of psychology at Western Michigan University.

Birth
A son, Timothy J. Anderson, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Anderson (Janice C. Pearson '52), January 17, 1960.

1954
Bill Ames has been appointed teacher of social studies and English at Amherst (Mass.) Junior High School. Lyndon Christie received his master of education degree from the University of Maine, June 5.

Marriage

Births
Twin sons, George and James, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Kauffman (Anne Isom), March 6, 1960.
A daughter, Joanne Carol, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Conover (Nancy J. Moyer), May 2, 1960.
A daughter, April, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Swanson '55 (Eleanor Turner), April 29, 1960.
A daughter, Sara Bryan, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Eddy, Jr. (Barbara J. Guernsey'), May 19, 1960.
A son, Lawrence, to Mr. and Mrs. Karl E. Decker (Merrillyn Healy), June 17, 1960.
Grateful acknowledgment is made of the text and cover stock given for this issue by the Oxford Paper Company, Rumford, Maine. Approximately 3,000 pounds of paper have been used.

1955
Leon Fernandez is a Boston area salesman for IRE Directory, published by The Institute of Radio Engineers. Betty Illsley recently returned from Herault, France where she taught English in a secondary school.

Marriages
Beverly Amelia Mosettig to Paul Raymond Levesque, May 7, 1960, New Bedford, Massachusetts.
Mary Agnes Connelly to William Ross Luney, June 5, 1960, Camden.

Births
A son, Peter Dunlap, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Achor (Louise D. Fall), May 4, 1960.
A daughter, Susan Mary, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Johnson (Roberta Lee Culver), June 15, 1960.

1956
Justin Cross received his doctor of medicine degree from McGill University, Faculty of Medicine, on May 30. Jut and Kay (Litchfield '58) are at Flint, Mich. where he is interning at St. Joseph's Hospital.
Ted Margolis, who has received his medical degree from Tufts Medical College, is interning in pediatrics at the Medical Center of the University of California in Westwood.

Marriages
Louis Edward Dionne to Colleen Anne Flagg, June 3, 1960, Fairfield.
Douglas E. Murray, Jr. to Elizabeth A. Goethner, June 4, 1960, Glastonbury, Connecticut.
Nancy M. Henshaw to Paul Francis Ferrari, May 21, 1960, Salem, Massachusetts.

1957
Dick Phillips is now associated with Laidlaw & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, as an account executive in their Boston office.
Elizabeth Elwell is to teach science in the American School of New Delhi, India. She will be instructing American Embassy children and the youngsters of other Americans employed in the area.

Marriages
Janice Louise Thomson to Howard Greene Christensen, June 25, 1960, Brighton, Massachusetts.
Darlene Terri Hibbard to Langill A. Stanley, April 7, 1960, Palm Beach, Florida.
Gordon Dunbar Daugharty, Jr. to Sharon Lynne McCarvey, April 16, 1960, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Births
A son, Christopher Nordgren, to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony M. D'Amico (Janet L. Nordgren '56), April 28, 1960.
A son, Geoffrey Tate, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith (Linda Corcoran '58), May 3, 1960.
A son, Richard Howe Mailey, III, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Mailey, Jr. (Barbara A. Easterbrooks '53), May 9.

1958
Jane Gibbons has been appointed director of Christian education at the Second Congregational Church of New London, Conn. She is completing work on her master's degree in religious education at Yale Divinity School. Tom LaVigne has been appointed sales manager of LaVigue Press Inc., of Worcester, Mass. Marcia Phillips Helme is a nuclear analyst with General Electric Co. in Schenectady, New York.
Dorothy Buzzell has received a scholarship to attend graduate school at Syracuse University. Caroline Hall received her master's degree in education at Harvard June 16 and plans to teach in the Darien (Conn.) school system this fall.

Marriages
Cynthia Tournelot to Howard John Charles, Jr., June 25, 1960, Providence, Rhode Island.
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Elizabeth F. Vogel to Homer Curtis Leighton, June 19, 1960, Lawrence, Massachusetts.
Janet Louise Pratt to David Theodore Brown, June 19, 1960, Bangor.
Richard Estes, Jr., to Cynthia Helen Love, July 9, 1960, Saco.
Leo H. Famolare to Anne Patricia Firth, May 1, 1960, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

BIRTH
A daughter, Cynthia Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ludwig (Marian Woodsome), May 13, 1960.

1959
Althea Dolloff instructs science at Kents Hill School. . . Steve Hayes is taking a one year training course at the Army Language School in Monterey, Calif. to become a qualified interpreter or translator. . . Russell Longley, recently commissioned a navy ensign, is undergoing primary flight training.
Dick Hunt will join the coaching staff of Mexico High School this fall as head coach of basketball and baseball and assistant coach of football.

MARRIAGES
Gregory W. MacArthur to Laura Wynne Snow, February 6, 1960, Winchester, Massachusetts.
Paul Elon Reichert to Dorothy Healey '62, March 4, Hartford, Connecticut.
Mary M.Tuiss to Robert W. Kopchains, February 13, 1960, Union City, New Jersey.
Bruce Lindsay MacDonald to Anita Louise Barton, June 18, 1960, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
Frances Murray Buxton to David Thomas Scheele, July 2, 1960, Washington, D. C.
Cynthia Lord Crockett to Lee Aaron Mendelson, June 11, 1960, Ipswich, Massachusetts.
Christine Belle Rand to Johnston de Forest Whitman, June 4, 1960, Bangor.

Second Lieutenant John Ludwig, 1958, has received the Soldier's Medal Award with a Presidential Citation for distinguished heroism involving voluntary risk of life. The incident, for which the award was made, took place July 7, 1959 at Bainbridge Air Base in Georgia where John was a student pilot in a T-37 aircraft which crashed and burst into flames. The citation reported:
"After extracting himself from the wreckage, Lieutenant Ludwig observed that the instructor pilot was trapped in the aircraft. With complete disregard for his own safety, and with full knowledge of the danger of an explosion, he unhesitatingly re-entered the burning aircraft and persevered in his efforts until he succeeded in removing the injured pilot to a place of safety. By his exemplary courage, quick thinking and humanitarian regard for his fellow man, Lieutenant Ludwig has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."


BIRTH
A daughter, Kathleen Patricia, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Farren, June 3, 1960.

1960
Joan Crowell Tolette received a B.A. degree in psychology from the University of Delaware in June. . . Caroline

Colby Alumnus
Walker will teach this fall in the Northborough (Mass.) Junior High School.

**MARRIAGES**

Elizabeth Ann Lassen to F. Fritz Knight '59, June 25, 1960, Needham, Massachusetts.

Helen Martin to Richard Grosvenor Lucier, June 25, 1960, Rockport, Massachusetts.


Rebecca Elizabeth Crane to John Roger Rafferty, June, 1960, Norway.

Judith Lee Dignan to Donald Raymond Cote '59, April 23, 1960, West Barrington, Rhode Island.

Gail Elizabeth Carter to LeBaron Ferguson, June 10, 1960, South Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

Peter Lee Henderson to Jane Lee Evans, June 18, 1960, Grafton, West Virginia.


In Memoriam

- '83

Samuel Benjamin Shepard, the college's oldest alumnus, died May 24 in Biddeford at the age of 102. He had been a patient in a hospital there for several weeks.

"Uncle Sam" was alert and active in business and political life almost to the day he was hospitalized.

He was the founder, and one of the original directors, of the Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Company and was president at the time of his death. He was also founder and director of the York Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Maine.

His only political office was as State Representative in 1897 but he was active in the Republican Party all his life.

Mr. Shepard always retained a strong interest in the affairs of his alma mater.

He was the recipient of a Colby Chair several years ago, and of a new Colby sports jacket during the celebration of his 102nd birthday last August.

In addition to his role as a utility executive, Mr. Shepard had been engaged in numerous other business activities. He founded the Maine Furniture Company, which manufactured furniture for many years in Buxton before relocating in Chelsea, Massachusetts, and also at various times operated a lumber mill and worked in the real estate and insurance businesses.

One explanation of his longevity may be indicated in a recent letter to Alumni Secretary Bill Millett. Recalling the Address to Undergraduates which he delivered as a member of the senior class in 1883, Uncle Sam wrote: "My advice then was 'watch your step, do not form any habits that will injure your future life; follow the teaching of this splendid faculty and you will be an honor to the college and to any position that you may occupy.'"

Mr. Shepard was born in The Forks, Maine, and his wife, the former Nellie Webster of Bar Mills, where he lived, died several years ago. He left no immediate survivors.

- '13

Clara Winslow Moldenke, 68, died May 27 at her home in Ocean Park.

Mrs. Moldenke was born in Saco where she was educated in the local schools and graduated from Thornton Academy. She received her bachelor of theology from Gordon Theological Seminary, Boston.

For several years she was a missionary in India with her late husband, Theodore V. Moldenke who later became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Jersey City. He died last February in Beirut, Lebanon, while enroute to Jordan and Israel.

Mrs. Moldenke was a member of Sigma Kappa. Surviving are two daughters, one of whom is Priscilla Moldenke Drake, Class of 1943; two brothers, Edward Winslow, 1904; and Winthrop Winslow, 1911; a sister, Nellie Perry Winslow, 1907; and five grandchildren.

- '15

Kent Taylor Royal, 68, died in Ware, Massachusetts, June 1 after a long illness. He was chief of staff at the Mary Lane Hospital there.

Born in Harvard, he attended Worcester Academy and received his medical degree from Harvard in 1918.

Dr. Royal was an outstanding athlete at Colby. He was left end on the famed 1914 championship team captained by Ginger Fraser, and was captain of the track team, winning for himself the New England high hurdle title in 1914.

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served in World War I while still in medical school. He leaves his wife, the former Lila Benjamin; two daughters, Betty Anne Royal Spiegel, 1942; and Janet Royal Varone, 1949; a brother and six grandchildren.

He was a member of Delta Upsilon.

Ralph Kolseth, 67, died December 16, 1959 in Brookline, Massachusetts. For several years, until he retired in 1958, he was associated with the General Plate Division of Metals and Controls Corporation at Attleboro, Massachusetts.

He was extremely interested in Colby affairs and kept close touch with activities at the college. He is survived by his widow, Blanche.

Surviving are his wife, the former Katherine Finnegan, a son, and two daughters.

Florence Bouwen Wixon, 55, died June 2 at her home in Benton Falls. She had been a teacher for 26 years and had taught in the schools of Benton, Winslow, and Waterville.

Mrs. Wixon was born in Westboro, Massachusetts and graduated from Winslow High School. She attended Colby from 1921 to 1922, and Farmington State Normal School.

She is survived by her husband, Wesley, a son, and a daughter.

Eleanor Lunn Donald, 52, died June 18 in Houlton. She prepared for college at Waterville High School and Coburn Classical Institute. Her elementary schooling was done in Province of New Brunswick, her birthplace. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta.

Mrs. Donald taught English and history at Newburyport (Massachusetts) High School for several years. Since her marriage in 1939 to J. Frederick Donald she had resided in Houlton. Her husband, a son and daughter survive.

Surviving are his widow, the former Irene Mudge, two sons and two daughters.

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FORMER FACULTY

Professor Richard J. Lougee, chairman of the department of geology at Colby from 1937 to 1947, died May 16 in Worcester, Massachusetts after a long illness. He was 55 years old and a professor of geomorphology at Clark University.

An authority on glaciers and glacial problems, Professor Lougee was a native of Malden, Mass., who prepared for college at Malden High School. He received his A.B. degree in 1927 from Dartmouth, his master's degree from the Univ. of Mich. in 1929, and a 1938 doctorate from Columbia.

Basing his concept on 30 years of research, Professor Lougee received national notice a year ago when he challenged the classic Ice Age theory, established by Louis Agassiz in the 1800's, by contending that one glacier and not four covered the North American continent during the Glacial Age.

Prior to his appointment at Colby he taught at Dartmouth, Columbia, and the University of Vermont. In 1953-54 he was lecturer at the University of Oslo in Norway.

Surviving are his widow, the former Clara Rom and a son, Gerard. Professor Lougee was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

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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 overlapping 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 Cleaves, Portland's first mainland settler, was commissioned Deputy President of the Province of Liguia 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 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 moments 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.

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