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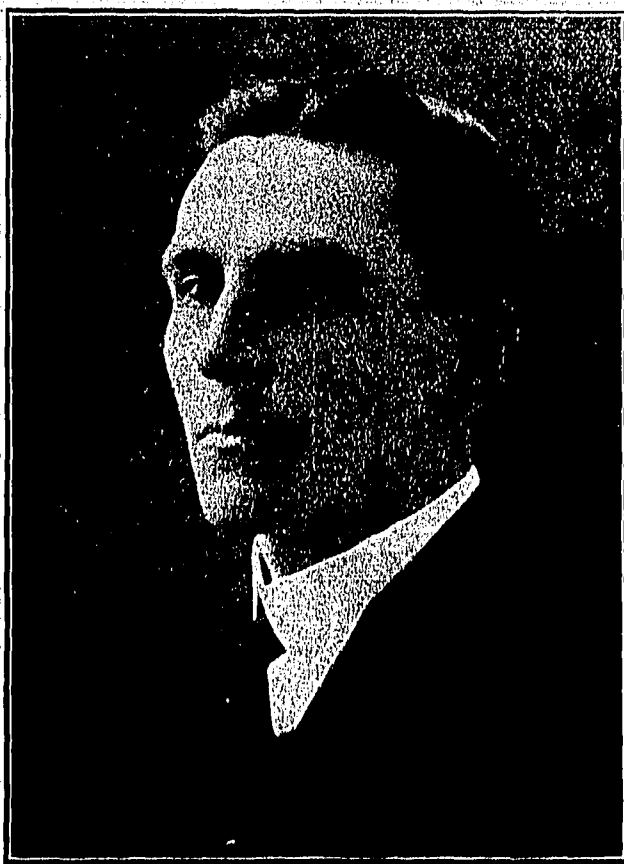
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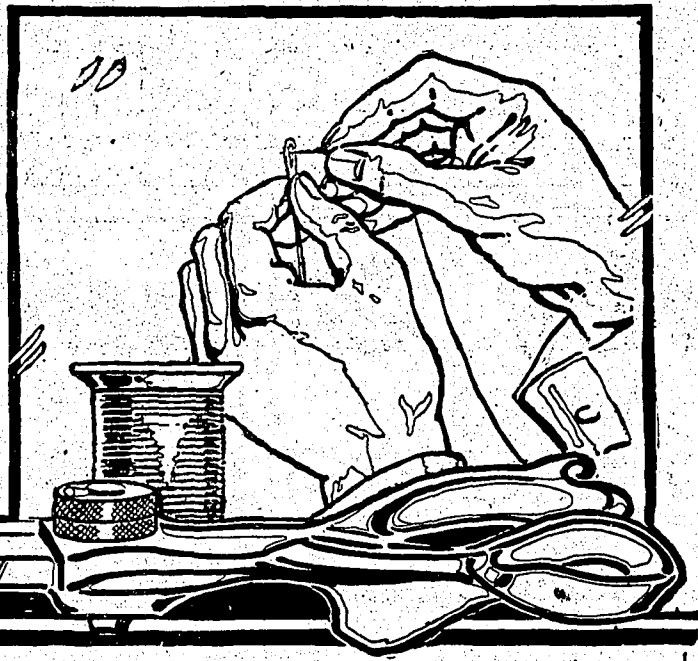
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## "TRAVELS AS A DONKEY"

Professor Cecil Rollins will deliver the third lecture of the Library-Benefit Fund series in the college chapel, next Monday night. The subject for the evening will be "Travels As a Donkey."

All votes for books, in connection with this series of lectures, must be in by Saturday, next.

## STUNT NIGHT BIG SUCCESS

Nearly three hundred people gathered in the chapel last Saturday evening to witness the program of the second stupendous inter-fraternity stunt night, held under the direction of the college Y. M. C. A. From start to finish, there was nothing but applause, cheers, and bursts of laughter.

"Chick" Gale, master of ceremonies, led the assemblage in singing "On to Victory," and in giving "Colby, the long way."

The first act was a "jazz band and chorus girl" stunt, staged by a group of men from Hedman Hall. Ziegfield might do well to look some of these "girls" over. Wallace, with his mar-vel-ous violin and harmonica trick scored the hit of this piece.

Next came the Dekes in a well-executed imitation of the far-famed Higgin's lecture—omitting, however, the fruit barrage. Clark Drummond took the part of Gelatine Farina; Evan Sherman acted as Prex, remonstrating with the students; and Donald Shaw gave the lecture, showing extensive views that had been skilfully drawn by Lowitz.

The Zetes, in "musical numbers," gave a moving entertainment. Daniels featured with clever work on the piano. His imitation of a movie-theatre piano player brot forth the demand for an encore.

Alpha Tau Omega came next with a colored jazz band, led by "The Weas," who did a clever patter dance, and read some interesting telegrams concerning members of the faculty. Frank Porter, in a whistling act, did some good work. Then came the "Molasses Twins:" "Moose" Cook, dressed up as a chorus girl, and "Kid" Bishop, in the role of a French dancing master. This pair, the heavy and zero weights of the college, proved the real sensation of the evening, and were obliged to respond to a demand for an encore.

The Lambda Chi Alpha troupe presented a sketch showing "Salt Peter" and "Gabriel" on duty at the "Pearly Gates," besides several faculty members

demanding entrance into Heaven. All these applicants were denied admission and were sent to the lower regions, with the exception of Prex, who was admitted on the alleged fact that he had supplied the beans which were bestowed upon Olney.

The Pi Delta Phi men put on a very humorous and well developed mock wedding. Much praise is due them for their clever costumes.

An "Applause vote" was taken among the women present, and the prize of a peck of peanuts was awarded to the A. T. O.'s. It was accepted by "Moose" Cook.

A hearty rendering of "Here's To The Blue and the Gray," concluded the entertainment.

## COLLEGE BOWLING

Last week, the Lambda Chis run up some new records, but at the end of the week, and at the first of this week, the Phi Delts have shown a little comeback, and made two new records, Friday, they took four from the D. D.'s, and tied with L. C. A. for second place. Then L. C. A. took four from Pi Delta Phi, and Phi Delta Theta followed suit, thus taking first place. The new records are 1,399 for team total and 492 for five man single string total. The comparative standing is as follows:

Phi Delta Theta	26	10	.722
Lambda Chi Alpha	23	9	.716
Delta Upsilon	22	10	.687
Alpha Tau Omega	19	13	.592
Zeta Psi	15	17	.467
Delta Kappa Epsilon	9	23	.256
Pi Delta Phi	2	34	.061

## INFORMAL RECEPTION IN LIBRARY

President and Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts were the hosts, on Monday evening, to all members of the student body, besides the faculty and their wives, at an informal reception held in the college library. The receiving line included President and Mrs. Roberts, and all members of the faculty and their wives. Libby Pulsifer, '21, Clark Drummond, '21, and Reginald H. Sturtevant, '21, acted as ushers. Nearly every student in college was present, and the library was filled. After the social hour was enjoyed, ice cream and fancy wafers were served, Prex acting as head waiter, ably assisted by members of the faculty and of the men's division.



**EVERYBODY OUT!**

On Thursday evening, February third, the men and women of Colby College will gather together in the gym at eight o'clock to witness an entertainment which will eclipse even that of the recent fraternity stunt night. The audience will not be limited to Colby students, either, for friends of the college and prospective students will be cordially invited.

The program is to be athletic in its nature, starting off with a basketball game between the Junior and Senior men, an event which should easily be worth the price of admission. Twenty-three and twenty-four will give expression of their affection for each other in a tug of war. The spectators will have an opportunity to see some of Colby's pugilists in action, when LeWinter and Grande, and Bickmore and Pollock don the gloves. A feature which should furnish much entertainment—a battle royal will be the contest in which Dudley, Tripp, Emery and Bishop will fight blindfolded.

Events open to all will be the shot put, the high jump, and the potato race.

The admission fee will be two bits, the price of one movie show. Let's all be there on time, to make the affair a huge success for old Colby.

**MURRAY DEBATORS CHOSEN**

The men who will participate in the annual Murray Prize Debate have been selected by Dr. Herbert C. Libby. Basil B. Ames, Arthur J. Brimstine, and Stanley G. Estes will compose one team, while Evan J. Shearman, Floyd T. McIntire and Anson C. Lowitz will compose the other. The alternates are Casper J. Azzara for the first team and Harold M. Sachs for the second. The question for debate and the date on which it will be held will be announced soon.

**LAMBDA CHI HOUSE PARTY**

On last Thursday evening, Lambda Chi Alpha entertained its friends at an informal house-party. The house was tastily decorated with an abundance of evergreen and carnations. Whist and dancing were enjoyed by the forty couples present. Music was furnished by a seven-pieced orchestra. The faculty was represented by Professors Briscoe and Rollins. The patarons and patronesses were: Dr. and Mrs. Perkins and Dean Runnals. Buffet lunch was served. Cobb and Green acted as caterers. The committee in charge of this delightful and successful affair was Bailey, Conary and Lovely.

**RELAY TEAM OFF**

The relay team leaves for the B. A. A. meet Friday morning at 8.50. Let's all be at the station to give them a real send-off! At 8.50, Friday.

**THE RELAY TEAM IN NEW YORK**

The Colby relay team which goes to New York for the Melrose games will be entertained while in that city by the New York Alumni Society. This will afford the alumni an opportunity other than that provided by the annual alumni banquet to get in touch with the college.

Besides drawing the attention of the alumni to the college, the team will be the means of widely advertising Colby. John G. Anderson, chairman of the Melrose Games Committee, who will act as Colby press agent during the meet, assures Coach Ryan that Colby's relay team will receive publicity in thirty-five newspapers in and around New York City. Publicity such as this is what the college most needs in order to attract the attention of other colleges, and prospective students and to show our alumni that old Colby is still on the map.

**RELAY TEAM LOSES—HAINES AND MERCER**

The prospects of a fast relay team were somewhat diminished this week when Haines and Mercer were declared ineligible for the Boston and New York meets. Haines can get away at the crack of the pistol faster than any other athlete in Colby, so as a lead-off man for the relay team he will be greatly missed.

Dolbeare, Williams and Mayo are still laid up and will probably be out of the races.

There are still some good men left on the squad, however, who will make up the team which will leave Friday morning for the B. A. A. meet at Boston. Let's wish them good luck and make them feel that Colby, to a man, is behind them.

**GIFT TO LIBRARY BY GRADUATE**

The college library has just received a package of books from Hon. Harrington Putnam, '70, of New York. Among the volumes are: Watter-son's "Marse Henry;" Seward's "Darwin and Modern Science;" Prothero's "English Farming;" Halliday's "Walking Stick Papers;" Jewell's "Great Adventure;" Littell's "Books and Things;" Yeat's "Reveries."

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS FRIDAY NIGHT**

At 7.30 Friday night, February 4, the annual speaking contest of the Advanced Public Speaking class will be held in the college chapel. Students and faculty of the college are cordially invited. The program is as follows:

1. The Track Situation at Colby,  
Thomas R. Cook, '22
2. In Defense of the Student,  
Clyde E. Russell, '22
3. Colby's Obligation to Her Athletes,  
Arthur R. Mills, '21
3. The Fraternities and Scholarship,  
Donald A. Shaw, '21
5. Advertising Our College,  
Leonard W. Mayo, '22
6. The Dying Spirit, William F. Cushman, '22
7. Colby's Religion, Clifford Peaslee, '22
8. Is Colby Progressive?  
Ashley L. Bickmore, '22
9. Colby's Part in Life's Preparation,  
William C. Dudley, '21
10. Colby's Pledging System,  
Thomas G. Grace, '22
11. The "Old Fight" Questioned,  
Clark Drummond, '21

**ZETE BANQUET**

Zeta Psi Fraternity held its Seventieth Annual Initiation Banquet at the Elmwood Hotel, Friday, January 28. The New England chapters were well represented. Dr. James F. Hill, '82, served as toastmaster and Raymond H. Daniels, '21, as choragus. The principal speaker was Dr. Roy H. Gilpatrick, Yale, '01. Toasts were given by Theodore E. Hardy, '95, Willard H. Rockwood, '02, Joel E. Taylor, '21, Casper J. Azzara, '23, and Frank W. Alden, '98. There were ten initiates including three sophomores and seven freshmen. The committee in charge was William Burgess, '21, Charles Crowell, '21, and George Wills, '22.

**SEVENTH DEBATE HELD**

The seventh public debate under the auspices of the Colby Debating Society was held in the chapel Monday afternoon, at 4.30 o'clock. The question for debate was: Resolved, "That the Constitution of the United States Should Be Amended to Provide for the Ratification of all Treaties by a Majority Vote of the Senate." The affirmative team was composed of H. Chesterfield Marden, Charles

A. Mitchell, and Donald A. Shaw; the negative team of Neil F. Leonard, Clyde E. Russell, and George B. Wolstenholme. Dr. Herbert C. Libby served as chairman.

The decision was given in favor of the affirmative side.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB**

The second meeting of the club since the Christmas holidays was held a week ago Tuesday, after the Y. M. C. A. meeting. The attendance was easily double that of the first meeting, but there is still room for all those to join, who are interested in the study of problems across the water, problems that are engaging the attention of the world today.

An excellent paper was read by President D. A. Shaw on the subject "Early Slavs." Another paper was presented by C. H. Gale on the "Mongol Invasion and Conquest." A lively discussion followed, in which Dr. J. W. Black contributed some very interesting comments.

At the next meeting before both divisions, Dr. Black will lecture on "Russian History." All are invited to enjoy this lecture.

**RHODES SCHOLARSHIP**

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Yours sincerely,

PAUL NIXON.

Secretary for State of Maine.

Editor, The Colby Echo.

**RESERVE**

Monday Evening, February 21st, for the annual Portland Colby Dinner at the Congress Square Hotel. This includes every man and woman of Colby, graduate and non-graduate. Special effort is being made to have this the largest and most interesting reunion. Please make every possible effort to be present. You will be amply repaid. A more detailed announcement will be sent later. Remember to set aside that evening for Colby.

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## A SINGING COLLEGE

Chorus singing has a great psychological value. Old Father Time from his babyhood up to the present century has been accustomed to seeing groups of individuals lifting up their voices in song, in praise of a hero, a state, an institution, or a deity. Song stimulates mutual love and enthusiasm for a great ideal; it is impelling and uplifting. For these reasons, America sent a singing army into the World War. Swinging along the road, a column of doughboys would almost instinctively burst into song.

Singing is characteristic of college life. College

Glee Clubs are always popular; college songs are the symbol of fellowship, youthful enthusiasm, and spirit. Colby has been the scene of many such sings; but the singing spirit is not so predominant at present as we believe it should be.

There is a big college sing every Tuesday morning, at chapel. There is an opportunity to get into the swing of enthusiastic, uproarious singing, which is so important a side of true Colby life. Let's get over to chapel on time every Tuesday morning, armed with a Colby Song Book, all ready for a hearty sing. Let's get around the piano in the dorms and fraternity houses and sing. Let's sing, sing, sing! We want Colby to be known as the "Singing College."

C. H. G.

## AN APPRECIATION OF JOURNALISM

It is not until one begins to know a thing more intimately that he really appreciates it. Just as a general knowledge of public speaking reveals to one the trials and difficulties of such an art, even so does a general survey of the field covered by the modern newspaper make one have a keener appreciation of that most powerful mold of public opinion—the press. The course in journalism, as taught at Colby, is intended primarily to give one this comprehensive, general survey of the growth of the newspaper from its inception, and to create a better understanding of the tremendous influence of the press today.

Few people realize that the first newspaper had its origin centuries before the coming of Christ. Yet such is the case. Even Cicero, broad-minded man though he was, wrote to the publisher of the "New York Sun" of his day and said: "Your paper is full of gossip—no politics, nothing about me. Stop my subscription!" Thus, even in the time of the great Roman orator, the editors had their trials—trials which have since increased to the extent that they represent a veritable Pandora's box of troubles. Undoubtedly most of you have heard, in some remote manner, of Elijah Parish Lovejoy. But how many know that he was the first martyr to the cause of the modern free press? The tremendous influence of the press, especially in politics, was evidenced by the recent Republican landslide.

These are but a few of the interesting aspects of the newspaper that the course in journalism reveals to us. A complete outline of the full scope of the course would require all the space in this week's ECHO—and there are stunt nights and other events which must be reported. No one, however, who wishes to be abreast of the times,



should leave Colby without a practical knowledge of the newspaper of today.

### HAS BEEN IN EVERY TOWN BUT ONE IN STATE OF MAINE

William L. Bonney of Bowdoinham, the new State Treasurer, started in the political field a comparatively few years ago, but has been very successful, and has reached every goal to which he aspired. He has helped to put Sagadahoc County on the map. He is the first State Treasurer from that county, was the first Speaker of the House of Representatives to come from Sagadahoc, and was the first business man in 40 years among the long line of lawyers who have wielded the gavel in the House.

Mr. Bonney has for 19 years represented a New York textbook concern. He says there is only one town in Maine that he has not been in, and that is Dixmont.

Mr. Bonney was born in the town of Turner and is 54 years of age. He attended the public schools and then went to Hebron Academy and was in the first class that graduated, in 1886, under Principal Sargent. From Hebron he went to Colby college, where to a large extent he paid his expenses through teaching and other outside positions. He was the crack first baseman of the varsity baseball team. He remained in Waterville for four years after graduating and was subsequently principal of the high schools in Patten, Fort Fairfield and Skowhegan.

Mr. Bonney is the son of the late Tristram Bonney and he was a cousin of the late Judge Bonney of the Superior Court of Cumberland county. His ancestors on both sides were original settlers in the town of Turner and he is the eighth generation removed from Gov. Bradford. Mr. Bonney moved to Bowdoinham in 1906. In 1897 he married Miss Mary A. Shaw. He is a 32d degree Mason.

### HOW SOME COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS TO DATE HAVE REPLIED TO MR. HOOVER'S APPEAL FOR EUROPE

January 5, 1921.

Teachers' College, Columbia University	\$8,000.00
University of Illinois, (includes China)	18,700.00
Lawrenceville Academy,	4,500.00
Ohio Wesleyan University,	3,200.00
Rutgers College,	3,000.00
Vassar College,	2,000.00
Penn State University,	8,000.00

Colorado Agricultural College,	1,000.00
College of the City of New York,	1,500.00
Wesleyan University,	1,500.00
Detroit Junior College,	1,100.00
Holland, Mich. High School,	1,460.00
Shortridge High School, Indianapolis,	1,900.00
Connecticut College for Women,	\$3.20 per capita
Princeton Theological Seminary,	almost \$5.00 per capita.

### PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

The Italy America Society offers a trip to Italy during the summer vacation of 1921 as a prize for the best essay submitted by an undergraduate student of an American college or university on the subject, "Italy's Contributions to Modern Culture." The judges of the contest will be Dr. John H. Finley, former President of the University of the State of New York, Dr. Stephen P. Duggan, Director of the Institute of International Education, and Professor Ernest H. Wilkins, head of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures at the University of Chicago.

The contest will be held subject to the following conditions:

1. The contest shall be open to any undergraduate student of any university or college in the United States.

2. The prize shall be awarded, subject to the conditions named, to the student who writes the best essay, of not less than 3,000 nor more than 10,000 words, on the subject, "Italy's Contributions to Modern Culture."

3. The winning student will be given a trip to Italy, with all expenses paid, as one of the college students who are going to Italy during the summer vacation of 1921, under the auspices of the Italy America Society.

4. The essays will be judged for mastery of their subject, arrangement, readability, and neatness. All essays must be typewritten, on one side of the paper only.

5. The contest will close on April 15th at 12 noon. No essay received after that date will be considered.

6. The decision of the judges shall be final. The judges reserve the right to make no award in case no essay is submitted which in their estimation merits the prize.

7. The Italy America Society reserves the right to publish the winning essay.

8. Essays should be mailed to Mr. Irwin Smith, Manager, the Italy America Society, 23 West 43rd Street, New York City.

## CAMPUS CHAT

R. Daniels, '23, gave piano selections at the Rotary Club meeting last Monday night at the Elmwood Hotel.

R. Fogg, Bowdoin, '22, was a visitor at the Zete house and stayed over for the banquet.

Rollin Pooler, '23, was called to Haverhill, Mass., last week on business for the United Shoe Stores.

Ethan Allen, '16, called at the D. U. house, Sunday.

Theodore Smith, '22, spent the week-end at Belfast, the guest of his uncle.

The D. U. quintet defeated Oakland High School 38-15 last Wednesday evening.

Delbert Carter and Harold Brown of Waterville were the guests of Merrill, '22, at the D. U. house, Saturday.

Brown, '24, and Emery, '24, spent the week-end at Bangor.

Guy Whitten, ex-'19, called at the D. U. house, last week.

Curtis Hatch, '20, is seriously ill at his home in Fairfield.

Harold Meader, ex-'24, is attending Villanova College, Villanova, Penn.

Curtis, '22 and Brown, '24, journeyed to Oakland with the A. T. O. basketball five last week, and were defeated by O. H. S. 21-20.

Inasmuch as they have defeated the fast Sanford professionals, for the first time in two or three years, on the Sanford floor, the Colby Comets are in a position where they may lay claim to the basketball championship of the state. Sanford has beaten Bangor, whom the Colby men will soon meet.

Lyond, Matzek, Lovely, Cobb, Wallace, and Perry from the Lambda Chi Alpha House spent Sunday out of town.

Professor Briscoe was recently initiated into Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, as an honorary member.

Robert McCobb, of U. of M., visited the A. T. O. house Saturday and Sunday.

"Jock" Leonard gave several readings in Oakland last Wednesday night.

The A. T. O. basketball team played the Oakland town team Friday night.

Neil Leonard, '21, spent the week-end in Portland.

Ray Whelden, '15, was a caller at the A. T. O. house last week.

There are 1,176 higher institutions of learning in the United States. This list includes all the universities, colleges, professional schools, colleges of agricultural, mechanical, technological and mining science, normal schools, theological seminaries, and junior colleges.

Child study from the standpoint of the mother is the subject of a course offered by the State College for Women of Texas. The course consists of lectures, library readings and psychological laboratory work, intended to fit the young woman to be mistress of a home and mother of a family.

Dr. Wesley Raymond Wells of the department of psychology and philosophy, has an article in the January, 1921, issue of "The Monist" entitled "Natural Checks on Human Progress." This magazine is on the reserve shelf in the library.

The annual Sophomore Hop will be held in Elks Hall, Monday night.

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### Y. W. C. A. NOTES

Tuesday, January 25, the Y. W. C. A. meeting was held in chapel with that of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Allyn K. Foster was the speaker.

The Y. W. C. A. was very fortunate last week in being addressed at Foss Hall, twice, by Dr. Foster. On Tuesday afternoon he gave an enlightening talk on "The Intellectual Problems of Religion;" on Wednesday evening, one on "What I Would Do If I Were a Girl of Your Age." These were splendid personal talks, and very helpful.

Forty-five dollars was cleared at the Senior-Sophomore Stunt party, January 22.

Last Saturday afternoon, Mrs. J. W. Black entertained at a tea, the Y. W. C. A. cabinet and Advisory Board. The advisors present were Mrs. Roberts, Miss Runnals, Mrs. White, Mrs. Libby, Mrs. Parmenter, Mrs. Carter and the hostess, Mrs. Marion White Smith and Miss Lilla Runnals were guests.

Word has been received from the National Y. W. C. A. Headquarters that the Colby Association will be fortunate in being visited on March 15, 16, and 17, by Miss Mary Weisel, and on April 23, 24, and 25, by Miss Oolooah Burnor. Miss Weisel needs no introduction to the Colby Y. W. C. A. Miss Burnor, nationally famous for her Y. W. work, has never visited at Colby before, and it is a great privilege to entertain her.

Last Sunday afternoon Miss Lilla Runnals, a sister of Dean Runnals, entertained informally with music, at Foss Hall.

Ruby Frost, '24, spent the week-end at her home in Bingham.



Alice Hanson, '20, of Sabattus, who was the guest of friends in town, called at the Hall, Saturday.

Robert McCobb, of the University of Maine, called on Doris Ogier, Saturday.

Alta Doe, '24, and Ruby Shuman, '23, passed Sunday at their homes in Weeks' Mills.

Julia Hoyt, '22, visited in Fairfield on Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Smith, '17, is visiting her parents, Professor and Mrs. C. H. White.

Marion Buzzel, ex-'18, spent the week-end with Bertha Terry.

Hazel Loan, '18, is visiting friends in the city.

Doris Gower, '21, spent the week-end at her home in Skowhegan.

Dorothy Crawford passed the week-end at her home in Pittsfield.

Mrs. Henry W. Brown informally entertained the members of Phi Mu fraternity, Saturday afternoon. The time was pleasantly spent in sewing and music. Marion Brown, Leonette Warburton and Ruth Pennock assisted Mrs. Brown in serving delicious refreshments.

Pearl Rice spent the week-end at the University of Maine, where she attended the annual initiation, banquet and dance of Pi chapter of Phi Mu.

The Junior class wishes to thank the Colby men who so kindly helped to move the piano and tables at Foss Hall, at the time of the Junior Dance, Foss Hall, January 8, 1921.

CLASS OF 1922.  
Ruby F. Dyer, Secretary.

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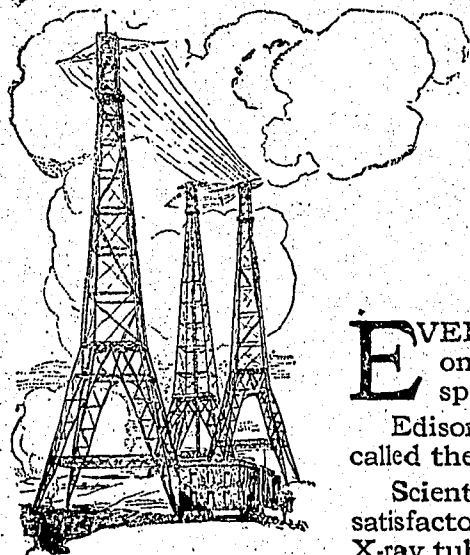
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## How is a Wireless Message Received?

**E**VERY incandescent lamp has a filament. Mount a metal plate on a wire in the lamp near the filament. A current leaps the space between the filament and the plate when the filament glows.

Edison first observed this phenomenon in 1883. Hence it was called the "Edison effect."

Scientists long studied the "effect" but they could not explain it satisfactorily. Now, after years of experimenting with Crookes tubes, X-ray tubes and radium, it is known that the current that leaps across is a stream of "electrons"—exceedingly minute particles negatively charged with electricity.

These electrons play an important part in wireless communication. When a wire grid is interposed between the filament and the plate and charged positively, the plate is aided in drawing electrons across; but when the grid is charged negatively it drives back the electrons. A very small charge applied to the grid, as small as that received from a feeble wireless wave, is enough to vary the electron stream.

So the grid in the tube enables a faint wireless impulse to control the very much greater amount of energy in the flow of electrons, and so radio signals too weak to be perceived by other means become perceptible by the effects that they produce. Just as the movement of a throttle controls a great locomotive in motion, so a wireless wave, by means of the grid, affects the powerful electron stream.

All this followed from studying the mysterious "Edison effect"—a purely scientific discovery.

No one can foresee what results will follow from research in pure science. Sooner or later the world must benefit practically from the discovery of new facts.

For this reason the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company are concerned as much with investigations in pure science as they are with the improvement of industrial processes and products. They, too, have studied the "Edison effect" scientifically. The result has been a new form of electron tube, known as the "pliotron", a type of X-ray tube free from the vagaries of the old tube; and the "kenetron", which is called by electrical engineers a "rectifier" because it has the property of changing an alternating into a direct current.

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