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THE COLBY ECHO

Death Of Professor
Perkins Is
Distinct Colby Loss

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Entire College Mourns The Loss Of Professor Edward H. Perkins

Coming Junior Prom Looms As One Of Best In Recent Years

Pop Concert, Baseball Game And Chasers Attractive

Plans for the gala Junior Week-End of 1936 have been completed, and Jack Sheehan and his committee expect it to be one of the most successful social events in years.

Truman Carew will be here to play at the Prom with his smart Boston dance band, and according to indications presaged by the advance ticket sale, the crowd will be one of the largest and gayest ever to attend the affair. Some of you fellows who want to give the little woman a big break should make your intentions known immediately as it is more than likely that all of the bids will be sold by the end of the week. Only one hundred couples are going to be admitted this year.

The Thursday night show should be great. It is the All-Fraternity night. Maddocks caterers will operate a bar; that is a refreshment stand in the form of a bar and a buffet lunch will be in order. Asa Roach will act as master of ceremonies for the variety program which will not be made known until the night of the event. The general form will be that of a Pop Concert with Mr. John White Thomas, director of musical activities, in charge. Dance music between the selections will be furnished by Bernie Stallard and his Colby White Mules.

The "Chasers" should be better than ever with the vics pouring out the latest recordings. Next week in these pages the Queen will be presented in print together with her picture. The complete social register of couples will also be released in the next issue.

Dr. Finch In Concluding Forum Lenten Talk

Drawing to a close his series of four discussions on the Recovery of Jesus, Dr. Sharon L. Finch on Sunday evening at Student Forum concluded the Lenten program sponsored by the Colby Council on Religion.

Distinguishing the Jesus of History from the Christ of faith, Dr. Finch explained the origin of the title of Christ or "Messiah." He showed the varying Hebrew concepts of this word and the manner in which they were harmonized after Jesus' death.

Jesus established no dogma, according to Dr. Finch, but after his death his followers thought it necessary to set up creeds. Often the Church requires the acceptance of some particular interpretation of Jesus which is not found in the historical sources at all. While admitting the values of the church as a social institution, Dr. Finch stressed the opinion that religion is chiefly a personal matter, and that the really interested student should attempt to discover the authentic teachings of the Jesus of History.

PHI BETE BANQUET

The ECHO wishes to correct a mistake which occurred in last week's issue regarding the Phi Beta Kappa initiation and banquet. The banquet will be held on Tuesday evening, April 21 at 5:30 in the Elmwood Hotel, rather than on April 10, as previously announced.

Bainbridge Colby In Last Lecture

Former Secretary Of State Will Discuss Politics

The last of the Colby Lecture Series for this year comes Friday evening at eight o'clock in the First Baptist church when Bainbridge Colby, trustee of Colby college and former Secretary of State in President Wilson's cabinet, addresses the series audience.

Mr. Colby will probably speak on certain of the political tendencies of the New Deal. He is an active antagonist of the Roosevelt policies, and during a recent speech attacking the Democratic administration the United States Marine Band left the hall during his talk.

Bainbridge Colby is one of the country's foremost lawyers and was Woodrow Wilson's law partner in New York for several years after Wilson's term in the presidency. He has been a counsel in some of the most important legal cases of the last few decades. Colby college conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on him in 1933.

The political career led by Mr. Colby has been an active one. In 1912 he supported Theodore Roosevelt in his campaign for delegates to the Republican national convention and was one of the founders of the Progressive National party. In 1914 and 1916 he was a candidate for United States Senator on that party's ticket. He has been a member of the New York state Assembly and during the World War was chairman of the United States Shipping Board. In the last year of Wilson's presidency he was called to the post of Secretary of State in a Democratic administration. Recently he has advocated a coalition of all anti-New Deal forces in the coming election.

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Co-Eds Welcome Return Of Their Dean Runnals

Not a little pleasure and joyous relief was felt by the members of the women's division when they returned from their vacations to be welcomed once again in her usual fashion by Miss Ninetta M. Runnals, much loved Dean. Since March fifth, Miss Runnals had been staying in the South for a greatly needed rest cure.

Taking up residence at the pleasant old Hogkirk Inn in Camden, South Carolina, Miss Runnals found there a welcome opportunity for both physical and mental rest. To make her visit even more enjoyable, part of the time she spent in the company of Miss Florence Dunn, former Colby professor.

Her eyes once more dancing with their gay lights, Miss Runnals laughingly told of the very little she did while she was there in that region of delight where "there were birds and bees and flowers,—and some sunshine!" Nothing more than a horse show and a flower show did Miss Runnals include as part of her program. As Miss Runnals said, Camden is located in the region of a sand belt and horseback riding seems to be the ever popular sport.

Pres. Johnson Attacks Teachers' Oath Bills

Says Better Education For Youth Is More Important

President Franklin W. Johnson delivered an address before the Bangor League for Peace and Freedom on Tuesday, in which he denounced recent demands for teachers' oaths. The text of his speech follows:

The survey of public education in Maine, made by a representative commission under the chairmanship of President Sills of Bowdoin college, clearly revealed the inadequacy of financial support and the resulting weakness of our public schools. Time was too short for the facts and their implications to be grasped by the people of the State, and in view of the financial difficulties which existed, it was not surprising that the legislature took no action to remedy the situation. The genuine friends of education, a term which should include all of us, should give their earnest attention to building up a body of intelligent opinion that will result in constructive legislation to provide better education, more equitably distributed among the youth of our State.

Teachers' Oath of Trivial Importance
It would be nothing short of a

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English Prizes To Rideout, Laughton

Professor Carl J. Weber, head of the Department of English, announced today that Catherine C. Laughton, '36, has this year been awarded the Carver Poetry Prize for her poem, "Younglings," and that the Gallert Essay Prize has been awarded this year to John G. Rideout, '36, for his essay, "Thomas Wolfe: Modern Genius."

These two seniors, both majors in English, have established outstanding records in scholarship, and were recently voted membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Both have excelled in English literature and composition. Rideout also won the Gallert Prize last year with his essay on Sinclair Lewis and his works, and earlier this year was selected as Rhodes Scholar.

These two English prizes are awarded annually to Colby students, under conditions cited in a recent issue of the Colby Mercury.

Milne's "Dover Road" Commencement Play

The Dover Road, fantastic comedy by A. A. Milne, has been chosen for the Commencement play. Friday and Saturday afternoons, June 12 and 13, are the times for production. Rehearsals will begin soon.

For this play, trials will be open to the whole college. Copies of The Dover Road will be placed on reserve as soon as they arrive. Those wishing to try for parts will please read the play and choose roles for which they will compete.

Trials will probably be held Thursday afternoon beginning at 3.40. Since the arrival of play-books is not sure, look for notices to be placed on the library, Foss Hall, campus, and Chemical Hall bulletin boards. Those notices will give full details of time and place for rehearsals.

Colby's Esteemed Geologist Had Won Affection And Admiration Of Students For Many Years

"OUR PERKIE"



"Perkie" As He Was Known By His Students

Regarded As Fine Teacher, Companion And Man

There will be a dullness, a morbidity, a lack of feeling, in those geology classes from now on. Those field trips will no longer prove so interesting to students who knew and loved him. Something has been taken away from his classes; something which will never be replaced as long as he lives in our memory. If memories are as sacred as was his heart, he will live forever in the minds of the fortunate ones who knew him.

"Perkie" is dead. Yes, God called him home shortly before noon Monday morning. Beloved "Perkie," Gee, it will seem hard to go on without him. He was such a "regular guy." He was human; he was understanding; he could see other people's ideas. He was too good to live in this world with most of us. To know him was to love him. We who have once met him will never forget him. Those of us who were wise enough to take geology in our freshman year wanted to major in the course before we were through with it.

There was something uncanny about him; something in his manner and speech. It spelled personality. He had that spark of human sympathy and kindness. He was just like one of us students; so youthful and energetic was he in his actions. "Perkie" was too much of a man for the pomp and falsity of everyday life. He loved the great outdoors. The outdoors loved him. He was part of nature, and who will deny that nature was part of him? He lived to run his hands through clay and gravel; and there was something of friendly warmth in his hands that seemed to beckon the soil to them.

"Perkie," "sure, why not? No, I never called him that to his face, but he wouldn't have minded if I had." He was one of those few men left in this world without the slightest semblance of egotism, self-exuberance, or self-satisfaction. He would have thought it queer had the students sputtered "Professor Perkins" all the time. Most of us called him Mr. Perkins. No name was too good for him.

Dear old "Perkie," Never in my time here have I heard a student say a word against him. We all thought that he was a square shooter. He was always ready to give a fellow a break.

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Widely Recognized As An Authority On Glaciation

Colby College lost one of the outstanding as well as one of the most popular men on her faculty Monday morning when Professor Edward H. Perkins, head of the department of geology since 1926, passed away after a series of heart attacks.

Professor Perkins has been in ill health for several months, but had improved sufficiently to resume part of his teaching duties until he was again taken ill Sunday afternoon. Death was due to thrombosis. He has been inactive since last fall when he developed near-pneumonia after a breakdown.

The esteemed geologist was born in Grasmere, N. H., on June 2, 1886, and was graduated from Wesleyan University in the class of 1912. After teaching at Rhode Island State College, he continued his graduate work at Yale University, receiving the Ph.D. degree in 1919. He spent a year at Western Ontario University and joined the Colby faculty in 1920. He was promoted to the full professor's chair in 1926. Since 1929, he has been Assistant State Geologist.

Dr. Perkins was an authority on the subject of glaciation and had done research on the history of the glacial periods in Maine. His work on "A Survey of Road Materials and Glacial Geology of Maine," was published recently by the University of Maine Press. He is author of many scientific papers which have been published in various journals, both on geology and on the subject of ornithology. He was a fellow of the Geological Society of America, a member of the Mineralogy Society, American Ornithologists' Union, American Society of Mammalogists, Geological Society of Maine, and of the Geological Committee of the National Research Council.

Dr. George Otis Smith, president of the Colby Board of Trustees and former director of the United States Geological Survey, ranked Professor Perkins as one of the foremost geologists in the United States.

The extreme authority of Professor Perkins was well attested by the fact that his classes have as large an enrollment as any courses in college with the exception of the required English courses. He was very popular, knew how to handle boys and girls of the college age, and was known for his wit.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mildred Perkins and five children. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon. All afternoon classes will be excused.

NOTICE.

Kagawa, noted Japanese Christian, founder of the cooperative movement in Japan, and said to be the most Christ-like man in the world today, will speak in Portland, Tuesday, April 21. Colby has been fortunate in securing a section of reserved seats to his two lectures. Admission is free. A special bus will leave Waterville Tuesday morning, the round trip fare being only \$1.50. Tickets may be secured from Willard Libby or Ruth Yeaton.

SPORTS OF THE ECHO

Normie Walker Is New Prospect In Weights

Coach Norm Perkins is working his trackmen daily in preparation for what he believes will be a successful season. Meets have been booked with Vermont, and Northeastern; and then there are the New England, the State Meet, the Eastern Intercollegiate, and the I. C. 4 A. Championships.

Cliff Veysey will be the boy that most of the scribes will be picking for startling performances this spring. Veysey is getting his legs in shape again and hopes to make his first start of the season in the annual Boys' Club marathon at Portland next Monday afternoon. Cliff holds the record in the ten mile jaunt and will be out to lower it appreciably this spring. Herby DeVeber, the pitcher-distance star, will compete in the five mile jaunt which he won last spring. Herb has been dividing his time between the cinders and the diamond, but it is in good shape.

Normie Walker has blossomed out in Coach Perkins' eyes as a future weight champion. The blond Dedham, Mass., junior has been dividing his time between baseball and track, but is showing so much promise in the latter sport that he may stick to it permanently. With Carl Hodges ineligible this spring Normie's points in the weight events would come in mighty handy. Last week he tossed the discus better than 120 feet with very little practice. He will also work with the hammer and javelin. Last winter as a freshman he put the shot around 44 feet.

Bill Andrews, a freshman hurdler, and Mac Stevens, probably the outstanding yearling middle distance runner in the state, have been getting plenty of attention. Bill has an ideal build for a hurdler, and will make a bid to fill the shoes of other illustrious hurdlers who have come out of the Portland schools. With a little more concentrated work, Bill should do 16 seconds for the high barriers. Stevens is the holder of just about every freshman distance record. He is a very conscientious worker and should improve steadily. He has already run the half in 2.07 and the mile in 4.40.

Bill Deans is giving track a fling for the first time since his freshman year. He is regarded as a great prospect as he has had plenty of experience and is a good competitor. In his freshman year he set several hurdle records indoors, but was injured before he had a chance to show what he could do outdoors.

Phi Delts Lead League In Volley Ball Play

Inter-fraternity volley ball leaves just one team undefeated after the first week's skirmishes. The Phi Delts are the only club which have managed to come out victorious in all their contests. This was largely due to the sterling work of the long arms of Tarbell and Kammandel who are well nigh invincible when they come up against the net.

The Zetas are in second place with four wins and one defeat. Their two competent spikers, N. and R. Dow are bound to keep them near the top.

The D. U.'s and K. D. R.'s are tied for third place. The strong K. D. R. club which held the championship last year, is giving all opponents a stiff rub for their money. The fine work of Dick Hopkins for the D. U.'s is making them a formidable club for any sextette to meet.

The next three places are held by the D. K. E.'s Theta Kaps, and A. T. O.'s. The Tau Delts are now lodging in that proverbial cold damp spot known as the cellar.

This series of games will end on Thursday the 16th of April.

The summary:

Team	Won	Lost
P. D. T.	5	0
Z. P.	4	1
D. U.	3	1
K. D. R.	3	1
L. C. A.	2	2
D. K. E.	2	3
T. K. N.	1	3
A. T. O.	1	4
T. D. P.	0	5

Divot Diggers Are Working Out Daily

Battle For Positions On Team Looms Ahead

The golf candidates have been taking advantage of the sunny afternoons to work out daily on the Waterville Country Club course. A goodly array of veterans are on hand, and the boys should have pretty good luck in the tough schedule that they are undertaking.

Coach Bill Millett has announced that four players will be taken on the trip to Providence, R. I., for the match with Brown university. The green fee this year is five dollars, and will have to be paid before any play is allowed. Any boys who wish to try out should hold two test rounds before the 25th of April. The scores are to be turned in to Bill and he will select the four lowest to make the trip.

Captain Ernie Roderick will play number one this spring. He will have to play a high grade of golf to make the Colby public forget about "Doc" Abbott, but the likeable local boy seems to have it in him. Last year he played number two and shot consistently under 75.

Noyes Ervin will give up the track manager's job this spring so that he can take a fling at golf. Last spring he played in a couple of the matches and did very well. Battling it out with him for the other positions on the team will be Bob William, Johnny Reynolds, and Tut Thompson. Bob Winslow, a regular last year, is ineligible at the present time. Joe O'Toole, Mike Spina, and Frank Melten appear to have a very good chance to land places on the team.

In addition to the Brown match, pairings are listed with Tufts, Boston College, M. I. T., Bowdoin, Maine, and possibly Williams. The team will also play in the New England and the State Championship.

SPLASHING IN SPORT

By RUSS BLANCHARD

One hundred and sixty-one years ago it was a ride that launched the beginning of the world-wide renown of a certain Paul Revere. This weekend a modern courageous New Englander, our own Cliff Veysey, will replace riding with running in an attempt to launch a beginning toward world-wide renown of his own. The occasion is the annual Patriot's Day road race sponsored by the Portland Boys' Club and a victory for the Mule ace distance star will definitely establish him as a most dangerous contender for a position on the Olympic track forces of the United States.

Following a period of several months of inactivity, Veysey will face his first competitive test since a painful leg injury forced him to temporarily retire last fall. Naturally the ability of the veteran Mule racer to stage a comeback has caused speculation but diligent training has brought Cliff back to his running peak and there is every likelihood that he will be in top shape for the Portland event. As great a runner as ever represented the Blue and Gray, Veysey's return to racing will be watched with eagerness and united, Colby stands behind her potential second Olympian.

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Defending champions and for the past three seasons the outstanding college baseball team in this state, Colby, presenting the 1936 edition of the Roundyemen, will swing into action next Monday afternoon on the sun shod Seaverns Field in a holiday exhibition clash with the University of Maine. Reports from the Orono quarters indicate that Coach "Bill" Konyon is highly optimistic concerning the approaching State Series campaign and Monday's tussle should indicate the comparative strength of the

contending nines.

As opening game time draws near, but little uncertainty exists as to the starting Colby lineup. Few new faces will appear in the Mule array, it seems, for at the majority of the positions veterans have retained their berths. To the infield trio of Sheehan, Geer and Lemieux will be added either "Don" Maxim, Frosh football star of last fall, or "Larry" Haynes, outstanding Junior Varsity performer of a year ago. Both boys are making strenuous bids for the third base post and the choice of either will present an able successor to last year's captain, "Scrubby" Sawyer. Peppery "Art" Brown will again be behind the plate. The outfield is as yet not completely settled. Ray Farnham will return to his left field post but the other two outfield positions are still wide open. Val Duff leads the centerfield candidates and is showing very well of late. Duff saw plenty of baseball last summer in Massachusetts and profited tremendously in experience. Other promising ball hawks include Maynard Irish, ex-Hebron leader and Doc Rancourt.

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Potentially as powerful a team as has represented the Colby Freshmen in recent years, the current Mule track yearlings face a schedule calling for competition with Coburn, Winslow, Deering, Skowhegan and Waterville, according to recent announcement. Arrayed with a wealth of track talent with which to offset a lack of weight men, Coach Perkins will depend on Judy Walker, Paul Kittredge, Mac Stevens, Bill Early, Johnny Powers, Jim Chase, Bill Andrews and company to carry the young Mules to the top. Such a promising array of first year men bids fair for future Colby varsity track forces and State Series competition in years to come.

Prospects For Tennis Look Fairly Good

Colby will be represented on the courts this spring by a very formidable tennis team headed by Captain Jim Ross who lead the boys through a highly successful season on the hard surfaces in the state last spring.

Joe Antan will not be here to play this year; and neither will Gene Williams. These boys were two of the best players Colby has boasted in several years and they will be sorely missed.

Jim is expected to do a good job in singles play this year, but his strongest forte is doubles in which he will team up with Dick Currier. Dick, incidentally, is being counted on heavily this spring. While in Caribou High he was easily one of the best players in the state and will be out to regain his "rep" this year.

Little Izzy Rothblatt is the best all around player on the team. Despite his lack of height, Rothblatt is very fast, and plays a hard game. He is the best stroke-maker on the team and has had the most experience. He will team up with Freddy Demers, big left-hander, in the doubles. Freddy is erratic, but when he is going good he is very hard to beat. He has a lightning serve, and likes to slam the ball when at the peak of his game.

The schedule will go along for a time like that of the golf team. The season will open on the 29th against Brown at Providence, R. I. After this there will be matches with Tufts, Rhode Island State, Maine, Bowdoin, Bates, and the State Championships at Orono.

SENIOR MEN.

There will be an important meeting of all senior men in the chapel at 10:00 o'clock, Saturday morning. Dr. Ted Hill, chairman of the Alumni Council will speak, and President DeVeber will make several important announcements in regard to commencement.

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Future Veterans Hold Membership Meeting

Interest In Organization Is Shown By Both Divisions

On last Saturday in the College Chapel there took place a meeting of the Colby unit of "The Veterans of Future Wars." The large turnout left no doubt in the minds of the founders of the Colby unit but that the unit is desired here at our institution. The students appear to be very favorable toward the organization. Post Commander Clancy gave a stirring address to the enthusiastic gathering, and at the same time answered any questions that were asked. Numerous were the cheers that arose when the organization's stand regarding certain vital questions of the day was explained.

Wholly as satisfactory was the turnout of the co-eds for the establishing of "The Home Fire Division of the Veterans of Future Wars." This division will be established immediately. It is important here at the outset that an important point be settled. It is to be constantly borne in mind that this women's division is not to be taken as a base ridicule of that wonderful group of sacrificing mothers known as "The Gold Star Mothers." They are to be sympathized with and certainly not ridiculed. Surely the sympathy of this new organization is with them.

The demands of the organization are not numerous. An immediate payment of the bonus we deserve as future veterans plus the accrued interest is demanded. Another demand has been added by the Colby unit. It is that all future veterans be given first place in all civil service placements. This is only right and just and we have many arguments in our favor that would certainly overbalance any argument in the negative. There is also an endeavor to obtain for the member sof "The Home Fire Division" a trip to Europe to view the battlefields where their present and future sons will be buried, and also immediate payment of a pension of fifty dollars per month to each member.

On last Saturday there were not enough membership cards to go around, but more have been sent for and they, together with membership pins, should arrive within a few days.

It is important that all those who left the chapel prematurely on last Saturday turn in immediately the top part of the card that they filled out to Joe O'Toole at the A. T. O. House. The bottom part of the card must be signed as well by Secretary O'Toole, this part of the card is retained by the student and signifies his membership. This must be done or the applicant is not a bone fide member of the organization. Always bear this statement in mind: "America for Americans."

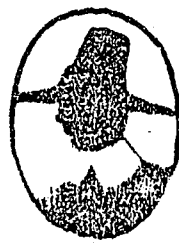
There will be a mass meeting and parade on Wednesday night following fraternity meetings. It is hoped that the co-eds will join the march on returning from their sorority meetings. There is a notice concerning the parade in a different part of the ECHO. Be there and make some noise!!!

At the moment there appears to be some discussion at the University of Minnesota as to whether or not officials ought to install a special course in marriage problems, such as they have at some schools. The columnist in The Minnesota Daily has made his own suggestion to help untie the problem. So far no official cognizance of this suggestion has been taken however.

His contribution is in the form of a question: "Would it be wise to make it a laboratory course?"

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The manager of the Glee Clubs wishes to acknowledge the work and co-operation of the following students who were not properly given credit on the program for the recent Pop Concert: Dorothy Gould, manager of the Women's Glee Club, Lucille Pinette, Fred Demers, Brinley Russell, Willard Smyth, and Helen Damon. Without the willing efforts of those students the Pop Concert could not have been such a success.



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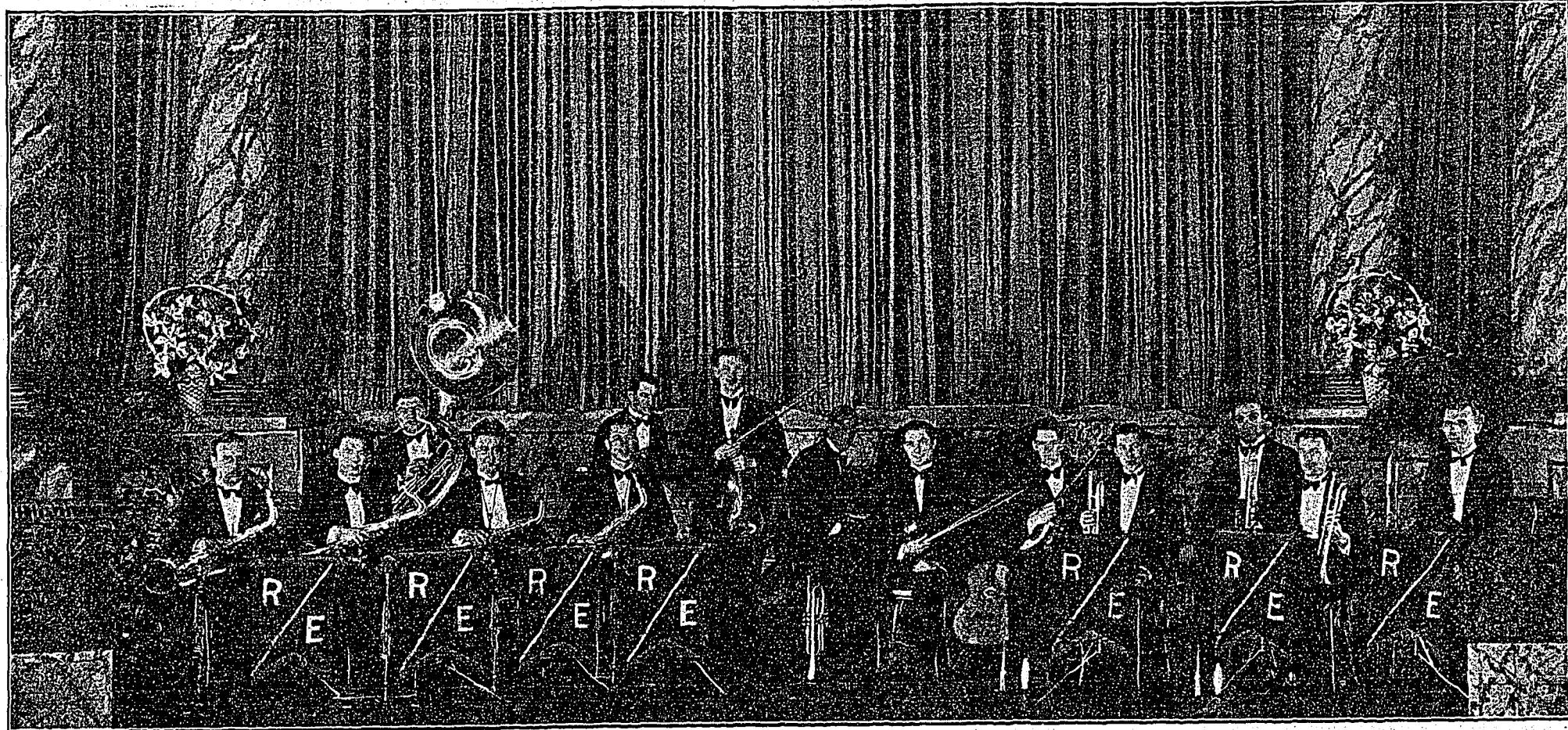
Fred Sterns, '29

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Truman Carew And His Outstanding Band For Prom



NOTICE

There will be an election of the Junior Queen Thursday morning during Chapel period. All those juniors in the class who intend to vote should be present. Thursday morning at Chapel period—remember.

All students who wish their names to appear on the social register should give their names together with those of their guest to the fraternity representative on the Junior Prom Committee or leave them at the A. T. O. House.

Junior Prom Bids are now in the hands of the fraternity representatives and can be secured for a five dollar subscription.

Following are the girls who will be voted on for the Junior Queen election Tuesday morning in the chapel: Kathryn Cobb, Mary Ewen, Janet Goodridge, Polly Walker, Betty Wilkinson, Nancy Libby, Lois Lund, Emma Small, Anita Thibault, Agnes Carlyle.

Only Junior boys will be present at the voting and each will be allowed to cast only one vote. Voting will be by paper. The above girls were selected by the Junior committee.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

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calamity if the attention of our next legislature were diverted from a consideration of the adequate support of our public schools, to such hectic discussion of teachers' oath legislation as has recently taken place in Massachusetts. Compared with the real issues that demand attention in our Maine schools, the teachers' oath is of trivial importance.

When Alfred E. Smith was governor of New York, a teachers' oath

bill was passed by the legislature. Governor Smith vetoed the bill and from his message I quote:

"The bill unjustly discriminates against teachers as a class. It deprives teachers of their right to freedom of thought. It limits the teaching staff to those only who lack the courage or the mind to exercise their legal right to just criticism of existing institutions. The bill confers a power of interference with freedom of opinion which strikes at the foundation of democratic education."

Is First Step Toward Fascism

As an officer in the army in the late War, I gladly took the oath of allegiance. As a citizen of the United States I would willingly do so at any time. But I should object to taking an oath as a teacher, because I should resent the implied suspicion of the members of a profession of which I am proud.

Many of the advocates of this oath are genuinely anxious to preserve the principles of democracy. Others may have motives that are less admirable. Whatever the motives may be, the inevitable results are subversive of true democracy.

Professor Kirtley Mather, in stating his opposition to the Massachusetts law said:

"The teachers' oath is the thin edge of the wedge which when driven home would transform this 'Land of the Free' into a concentration camp of goose-steppers. It opens the door to Fascism and the totalitarian state, unwelcome enemies to the spirit of democracy which breathes through our Constitution."

Teachers Are Loyal To Democracy

In periods of depression social unrest always tends to increase and

strange remedies are proposed, some fantastic like the Townsend plan, others of a more radical and dangerous character. It would be unfortunate at this time, when we seem to be emerging from the depression, to resort to the methods of those countries which have gone farthest in the direction which the advocates of the teachers' oath find most abhorrent. It is my firm conviction that there are only a very few people, almost a negligible number, who wish to substitute some other form of government for democracy, and among these few I am equally convinced that rarely, if at all, can a teacher be found. I do not believe that there is a single such person among the teachers of Maine.

Instead of following the example of the fascist and communistic states of Europe, we might better turn to England, which has through the long years secured, step by step, a democracy which has withstood the changing tides of these post-war years without encroachment. An American who visits Hyde Park on a Sunday afternoon is amazed as he listens to the speeches of soap box orators of every description of radicalism without restraint from the police who unarm stand about complacently indifferent to the ranting of men and women who in this country would be promptly landed in jail as public

enemies. The English think there is safety in expression rather than suppression. They rely rather upon the fundamental good sense of the people to arrive at sound conclusions. And the results seem to have justified this policy.

As far back as 1927 a proposal for a teacher's oath was brought before Parliament. It never came to a vote.

Why Discriminate Against Teachers?

The thoughtful reader may well ask, "Why then the oath?" it requires only what every law-abiding citizen must do anyway. Is its purpose to catch the communists? None have thus been caught in Massachusetts and if there are any among the teachers it has not prevented their taking the oath. The only sure result has been to place teachers under suspicion and thus to diminish their self-respect and efficiency.

I have no doubt that the widespread agitation for the teachers' oath has been reinforced by the prevalent attitude toward the so-called "brain trust," many of whose members have been recruited from the colleges and universities. While I have no desire to express approval of any of the individuals in this group, I can say that if this marks the beginning of the policy of securing for the public service men of broad education and expert training in place of those whose chief qualifications have been their experience in practical politics and their loyalty to party or-

ganizations, there is ground for hope that better government will finally result. Here again the experience of England may be cited for their public service has long offered a career for which men of the highest character have prepared and in which they have spent their lives in service to the state.

An Encroachment Upon Inalienable Rights

The argument is advanced that teachers should take the oath because they, more than any other group, mould the thoughts and attitudes of youth. This is plausible ground, but does not answer the objection to class legislation. We should note that in the states of Europe in which the last vestiges of democracy have disappeared, while restrictions were first placed upon teaching, the church and the press were next subject to control. Freedom of religion and of the press have also gone in these countries, and it is not impossible, nor indeed unlikely, that similar repression may be attempted in the United States. We must be on our guard against any encroachment of these rights which have been dearly earned by devoted effort and sacrifice through the centuries.

I am opposed to the teachers' oath, because it is unnecessary and can serve no useful purpose. If its purpose is to remove from the schools teachers of radical beliefs, it has not done so in states in which it is in operation. I believe there is no state in the Union in which it would be so difficult as in the state of Maine to find a teacher who believes that our present system of government should be supplanted. Have you any such in Bangor?

I am opposed to the teachers' oath, because it is class legislation aimed at a group whose contribution to the public good is unsurpassed by any other group and whose devotion to our youth and to the preservation of the best in our common life can not reasonably be called in question.

I am opposed to the teachers' oath, because it tends inevitably to the undermining of democratic government and leads the way to the substitution of the principles and practices of fascism or communism which subject the will of the individual to the autocratic control of those whose power is not derived from the people whom they rule.

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IT is difficult to put into words the great sorrow that has enveloped the campus with the passing of Dr. Edward H. Perkins. His friendly "hello," his happy smile, his genuine enthusiasm, his wholesome realness had come to be as much a part of Colby as the very name of Colby. His passing has left a vacancy that will never be filled in the hearts of us who knew and loved him. He was an outstanding figure in the field of geology, but more than that he was a man in the finest sense of the word. Students and faculty alike mourn the passing of a great professor and a great friend from the Colby family.

Victor Hugo in his "Immortality of the Soul" fittingly expresses our feelings: "His day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight. It opens on the dawn."

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Dramatic Production Was Smashing Success

"Hay Fever" Was Enjoyed By Large Audience

Colby Dramatic Arts answered the demand for a modern play with the very successful presentation of Noel Coward's three-act comedy, "Hay Fever," in the Alumnae building, Thursday, April 9. An unusually large audience, with a record percentage of students, were unanimous in their verdict that it was one of the most enjoyable and polished productions in years.

From the first entrance through to the last curtain, Judith Bliss, the retired actress played by Iola Chase, kept her audience in gales of laughter. "Where ignorance is Bliss, 'tis folly to be wise" exactly revealed her temperament. In her first appearance before a Colby audience, Miss Chase has distinguished herself as an actress of exceptional ability.

The delightfully mad Bliss family had each invited a guest down for the week-end and each had ordered the Japanese guest room to be prepared. Simon and Sorel Bliss, played by Willard Dunn and Pauline Walker, were most delightfully modern and extremely entertaining in their squabbles over their week-end guests. Fred Demers, as David Bliss, breadwinner of the family with his revealing novels about women, was most non-committal and droll in his devil-may-care attitude toward home and family.

Harold Kimball, as the diplomatist friend of Sorel, added another overwhelming success to his already long list. In nonchalant and truly diplomatic style he amused his audience with his amorous adventures with the Blisses, both mother and daughter. Myra Arundel, the sophisticated guest of David, who, according to the mother, strained freedom to the utmost limits, was played to perfection by Anita Thibault. Robert Moore, Gould, Demers, Moore, business.

Margaret Slattery To Speak To Colby Women

Is Famous Author, Lecturer And Social Teacher

Author, lecturer, and teacher, Miss Margaret Slattery must be included in any list of the nation's best known women. Thus it is with the greatest of anticipation that the Student League is looking forward to the visit of Miss Margaret Slattery of Boston. As almost the climax of the year's program, Miss Slattery comes to speak before the members of the women's division on Wednesday evening, April twenty-second, in the Alumnae building.

Since Miss Slattery is a person of such renown, the League is welcoming as its special guests along with the members of the Colby faculty, the girls and teaching staffs of the surrounding preparatory schools that are within driving distance. Miss Slattery's subject will be "Discovering You."

Prominent in educational, economic, and social affairs, Miss Slattery is

as the hiccoughing prize-fighter, and Thelma Beverage, who aided and abetted him in a plan to escape the clutches of the apparently mad family, were both exceptional in their parts. The finishing touch to an extremely well chosen cast was Catherine Laughton, the maid-of-all-work, who in cockney accent expressed her opinion freely to anyone and everyone.

Great credit is due Professor Cecil A. Rollins who coached the production so successfully, and gave the Colby audience two hours of such excellent entertainment.

The committee who attended to details of the production were: McKeon, Thompson, Gould, design; Tolman, Scribner, directing; Marcou, Pinette, lights; Fuller, Moore, stage; Tozier, Boequet, properties; Tolman, costumes; Pinette, Silverman, Jones, Gould, Demers, Moore, business.

extremely well versified. Upon her graduation from the Massachusetts State Normal School in Framingham, she began teaching in Fitchburg and quickly rose to a position of importance on the State Board of Education. During the War, her interests lay in a thorough study of world conditions affecting the social and economic affairs of youth. In connection with this study she has visited many countries of the world. She has also studied at the League of Nations and was a delegate to the Lausanne Conference on Faith and Order.

Her bibliography alone proves her to be a versatile as well as a popular writer, with "He Took It Upon Himself," "Two Words," "The American Girl and Community," and "The Second Line of Defense," are but a few of her many books.

Nothing but the highest tones of enthusiasm seem to follow in her wake while newspapers and critics laud her. Not only the startling quotation, "She is worth three men on the platform," but also the pleasing recommendation that she is "a prodigious worker, a fascinating lecturer, and a thoroughly delightful person" make her pending visit thoroughly desirable.

Runnals Cup Awarded To Ruth A. Millett

The highest tribute possible to be paid a Colby woman was bestowed upon Ruth A. Millett last night when she received the Runnals Cup, emblematic of Christian Citizenship, at the Y. W. C. A. banquet.

It is to the senior girl whose every deed and integration of personality most represents the ideals of citizenship in a Christian college that this cup is given each year at the annual banquet of the Y. W. C. A. In making the presentation, Dean Ninetta M. Runnals for whom the cup was most fittingly named, said before she announced the recipient that this Senior was one who as a recognized leader had participated in nearly every worthwhile college activity and was admired and loved by all her classmates. Ruth Millett not only has been prominent in the Y. W. C. A., in Student Government, but this year she has been the Editor of the Women's Handbook as well as being President of the senior honorary society of Cap and Gown.

To a girl thoroughly deserving in every way is this award and honor of the Runnals cup made once again.

BITS ABOUT BOOKS

For many years a need has been felt for a work which would index the vast quantity of valuable material contained in essays and works of general literature. In sources of this kind is frequently to be found the only printed material containing descriptive or critical matter about individuals and significant aspects of contemporary civilization not large enough to have justified a separate book or monograph. Yet, too often these important contributions to knowledge and critical opinion have remained unavailable to a majority who would have been eager to use them, simply because there has been no adequate way of getting at them.

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Those who have been inconvenienced as a result of the large number of periodical volumes which we have had at the bindery will be glad to know that a majority of these has now been returned.

J. P. D.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this life the esteemed Professor Edward H. Perkins, be it

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Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the records of our organization, and that a copy be sent to the Colby ECHO for publication.

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Delightful Program Is Sung By Mrs. Colgan

The guest artist at women's chapel Monday morning was Mrs. Louise Baxter Colgan, wife of Professor Colgan, who is a favorite with the Colby students.

Mrs. Colgan kindly consented to sing in spite of the short time she is to be in Waterville. She has been in New York City this past winter teaching and studying vocal work. In the 1933-34 Concert Series she made her debut before the Waterville audience in the first of these programs for that season. Her charming personality coupled with a rare gift for interpretation, range, and tone make this assembly one of the most outstanding of the college year.

Among the numbers which Mrs. Colgan sang Monday were: "One Fine Day" from "Madame Butterfly," "My Curly Headed Baby," and as a request number, the popular "Danny Boy."

She was accompanied at the piano by Professor Everett F. Strong. Because of her wide popularity invitations were extended to the men division, faculty members, and their wives.

Women's Division Has Officer Installation

The installation of officers for the governing and athletic groups in the women's division took place recently in the Alumnae building.

B. Arlene Hayes, '36, out-going president of the Women's Athletic Association, installed the officers for the coming year for the athletic body. They are: Barbara E. Hutcheon, '37, president; Janet E. Lowell, '38, vice president; and Ruth S. Hodgdon, '37, secretary-treasurer. Miss Hutcheon spoke briefly in acceptance of her office.

Preceding the installation of the new Student Government officers, Dean Ninetta M. Runnals addressed the women's division. Then Kathryn E. Caswell, '36, out-going president of Student Government, installed the newly elected officers. They are: president, Marjorie D. Gould, '37; vice president, Helen E. Wade, '38; secretary, Helen E. Foster, '38; treasurer, Cornelia Bigelow, '37; and editor of the hand-book, Lucille K. Pinette, '37. Miss Gould, on behalf of the appreciative women's division, then presented Miss Caswell with a bouquet of red carnations and a smart travelling bag.

In the Interest of Peace

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There's an old gag about the lad who saw "All Quiet on the Western Front," and walked out because there were no cowboys . . . Here's the best since: the earnest-faced Colbyite who read about Princeton's "Veterans of Future Wars" . . . and didn't see the satire . . . but thought it was a fine thing . . . We ought to enjoy our bonus while we're young . . . and so be sure of getting it . . .

The latest on Wellesley's Gold Star Mothers: A special bonus for those having more than six . . . to view in Europe and the Orient the future graves of their future hero sons . . . All the colleges are saying, "Why didn't we think of that?" . . . Such divine insanity is infrequent. . .

Article in March 16s word-coining Time on the latest Peace move: The Emergency Peace Campaign . . . combining America's numerous pacifist organizations . . . will include summer work camps, where recruits will be trained for moulding public opinion . . . Also Wellesley's ten-day Institute in June on International Relations . . . This year's faculty includes: T. Z. Koo, psychologist Harry Overstreet, scholarrealist Reinhold Niebuhr. Dr. Earle Winslow . . . much-publicized Tufts economist and teachers' oath "Martyr" . . . painted "Red" by Legionnaire's in recent Mass. oath hearing—because of Quaker scruples!

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Through the combined efforts of the entire committee, the admission for this dance has been set at one dollar per couple. Bids may be secured from the following members of the committee: Heinie Kammandel, Dot Trainor, Wendell Anderson and Carol Danforth.

Music will be furnished by P. T. Barnum's Colby White Mules, and incidentally, in connection with the Sophomore Dance, a popular song poll of the college is being taken. Do not fail to cast a ballot for your favorite nor to be on hand when the circus "lands" in town.

White Mules To Appear At Local Theatre

Colby's versatile White Mules will appear on the stage of the State Theatre twice daily from April 23 to 25. In addition to their regular program featuring Bernie Stallard, Jimmy Fox, and Bill Bartel, a special all-Colby amateur performance will be presented. The winner of this contest will be awarded ten dollars in cash and will appear with the White Mules on Saturday evening. All students interested in this contest should get in touch with Alden Belyea or Eddie Lemoine immediately.

Incidentally, the White Mules are planning a special feature program for the Sophomore Circus. Combined with the latest dance hits several numbers arranged especially for the

band will be played. It is rumored that the White Mules will introduce a new feminine vocalist. In addition to these features the results of the song poll conducted by Eddie Lemoine will be announced and the favorites will be played as Colby's "Hit Parade." The band will be attired in smart modernistic uniforms to lend more color to a gala evening.

Y. W. C. A. Holds Banquet

On Tuesday evening the Colby Y. W. C. A. held its annual formal banquet in Foss Hall. The cosmopolitan air of the decorations, from the gay costumes from many countries worn by the waitresses to tiny flags on the cakes, depicted truly the theme of the banquet: world fellowship.

Ruth Yeaton, '37, acted as toast-mistress, and Lucile Jones, '36, outgoing president, introduced the newly elected officers of the "Y." They are: President, Iola Chase, '37; vice president, Jean Cobb, '38; secretary, Donna deRochemont, '39; and treasurer, Hazel Wepper, '37. Miss Fernand Grondin, as guest soloist, added to the air of the banquet by singing a delightful French song, and Jeanne Peyrot, the next speaker, brought her country nearer to us. Iola Chase was the last student speaker.

Then Dean Ninetta M. Runnals addressed the women. It has been Dean Runnals' privilege, each year, to present to a senior girl of highest character a loving cup, named in her honor. The trophy this year was presented to Ruth A. Millett, '36.

Miss Yeaton then introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. Induk Pak, from Korea. This slight little woman seemed bubbling over with enthusiasm for youth, especially for that of America. She envied their privilege of laughing at will, of speaking freely. Mrs. Pak also told some of the interesting projects undertaken by the young people of her native land in upholding their idea

of Christianity. In closing Mrs. Pak sang two of her native songs.

Another successful "Y" banquet was concluded by the singing of "Follow the Gleam," as a greater conception of world fellowship was realized by the Colby women.

Chi Gamma Sigma Holds Meeting

A meeting of Chi Gamma Sigma, honorary physical society, was held last evening in the Physics Lecture building. A paper, "Opportunities in the Field of Physics," by Bernard Porter, was read. Another paper, "Artificial Radioactivity," by Robert Merrill, was read and explained by the author. Both papers met with the utmost approval and enjoyment of the members and guests present. Following the papers a brief formal meeting was held during which Samuel Manelis was elected to act as secretary for the remainder of the year due to the leaving of Robert Marshall at mid-years.

Next Tuesday the Chi Gamma Sigma society, together with the Chemical Society and Mathematics Club, will hear Dr. Arthur Haas, professor of physics in the University of Vienna, Austria, and visiting professor at Bowdoin college this year. Dr. Haas will speak in the afternoon in the Chemical Lecture hall. All members of these three societies and any others interested are invited to attend the talk of this famous personage.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this life the father of our pledge Frank H. Burchell, be it

Resolved, That we the members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, and be it further

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Anthony C. Stone,
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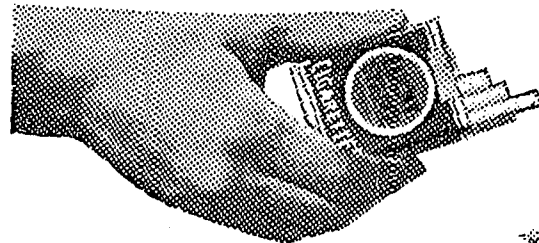
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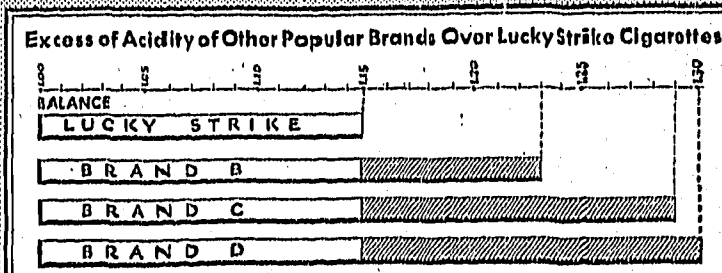
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Well do I remember the two very trying years that I gave him. His were, however, the two most enjoyable courses that I have ever taken. No matter whether you were interested in rocks or fossils, you listened when you were in one of "Perkie's" classes. You listened because you liked the philosophy and the sportsmanship of the man. If he was talking about a coral reef, and you neither knew nor cared what a coral reef was; you were still interested. That dry wit and those typically Perkins' stories were too good to pass unheard.

"Perkie" died at the peak of his career. His colleagues everywhere respected his position as the one authority among them. Those who ever went on that annual Bar Harbor trip realized the respect that he commanded among the leading geological instructors in the East. He could answer every question they fired at him. They always asked him, and no one but him. We were all proud of "Perkie" on those trips.

Imagining that I had a possible career ahead of me, I fashioned my courses to suit its requirements this

year, leaving out geology I have been sorry ever since. I dropped in to see the Professor once last fall and told him that I would like to sign up for the second semester, but I never saw him afterwards; that is I never saw him his old energetic self again. I did run into him once last week just long enough to inquire how he was feeling. He said: "I'll be all right as soon as the spring weather comes around," but for once "Perkie" was wrong.

"Perkie" was too ambitious and fond of life to lie down under a white sheet for any length of time. With all the higher education we are supposed to have in this college, how many professors are there here who would lay down their lives for their profession. That is exactly what "Perkie" did. He knew just as well as anyone else that he wasn't right, but he loved to be among his minerals. It would have been severe punishment for him to be deprived of his one last fling with the trilobites and cephalopods before he passed into a better world.

I think that he would have been happy had he been in a conscious state Monday morning before death quietly removed his blessed presence from our midst. He loved this world, and liked living better than any of us. Nature was his very soul. He should have been very happy at death in knowing that he had lived a full life in the true sense of the word. He didn't slack up on the reins that God had given him until he met his only master, Death, and when the Great Scorer called for those reins "Perkie" handed them back like the man he was.

After my classes were over Mon-

day afternoon I wandered up along the walk leading to Coburn Hall, "Perkie's" lifetime playground. The college walk looked gray and cold. Its reflection in the clouds above was of that same impregnable hue. The red bricks of the old college buildings had lost their ancient warmth; and gave out instead a cold stare of resentment. The north wind added to the bleak atonement for someone who has gone, never to return again. I walked into his classrooms in Coburn Hall, and into his relic-cluttered study. There was an acute silence in the old dusty walls which seemed to whisper: "He is gone."

Who knows what is in store for our "Perkie" beyond the "great divide?" We only know that he will be happy, for no one would want to hurt a perfect fellow like him. Perhaps some day he'll be looking down over the new Colby campus out on Mayflower Hill, smiling and chuckling away as he used to do in his classrooms. May God grant that as he looks around on the new campus that his eyes will fall upon some token of appreciation for his great service to Colby and her students. I know that he will not be looking around with the expectancy of seeing anything like that, for he wasn't the type of man to put himself on a pedestal as being deserving of anything out of the ordinary.

Some day, however, perhaps fate will be kind enough to leave us something material to remember old "Perkie" by. Memories are very concrete things, but some of us are wont to forget. Perhaps his name and figure will be carved in one of those pieces of granite that he used to love so well. Or then, perhaps some feeling and generous soul may erect the

"Edward H. Perkins Memorial Science Building" to his memory. At least let's all erect an imaginary building to "Perkie's" memory. We know just how he'd like it. It would have an atmosphere of friendship, and all of that equipment that he'd always wanted. Maybe someday one of us will be able to perpetuate his memory in some such manner. I hope so.

I knew "Perkie" better than nine-tenths or more of the undergraduates. He was one man on the faculty that a fellow could talk to on even footing. You could speak to him as though he were your big brother. He was that type. As such we of Colby College express the deepest of sym-

pathy to his family in regret of his passing. His passing has created a vacancy which can never be filled.

He loved his family. Remember those stories he used to tell about the twins in his own inimitable fashion. The collie, "Prince," was also the object of his great admiration. The humble canine became sort of an assistant professor on the field trips. Page upon page could be written about the merit of this great man, but what more could be said in conclusion than "He was one of the finest examples of a teacher, companion, and man that the Colby faculty ever had."

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rewards the stars who play it.*

Such popularity must be deserved...

At every game and wherever you go you will find people enjoying Chesterfields. Why... because Chesterfields are outstanding for the pleasure they give... outstanding for mildness... outstanding for better taste.

*More and more smokers, men and women
both, enjoy Chesterfield's pleasing taste and
aroma... such popularity must be deserved.*

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