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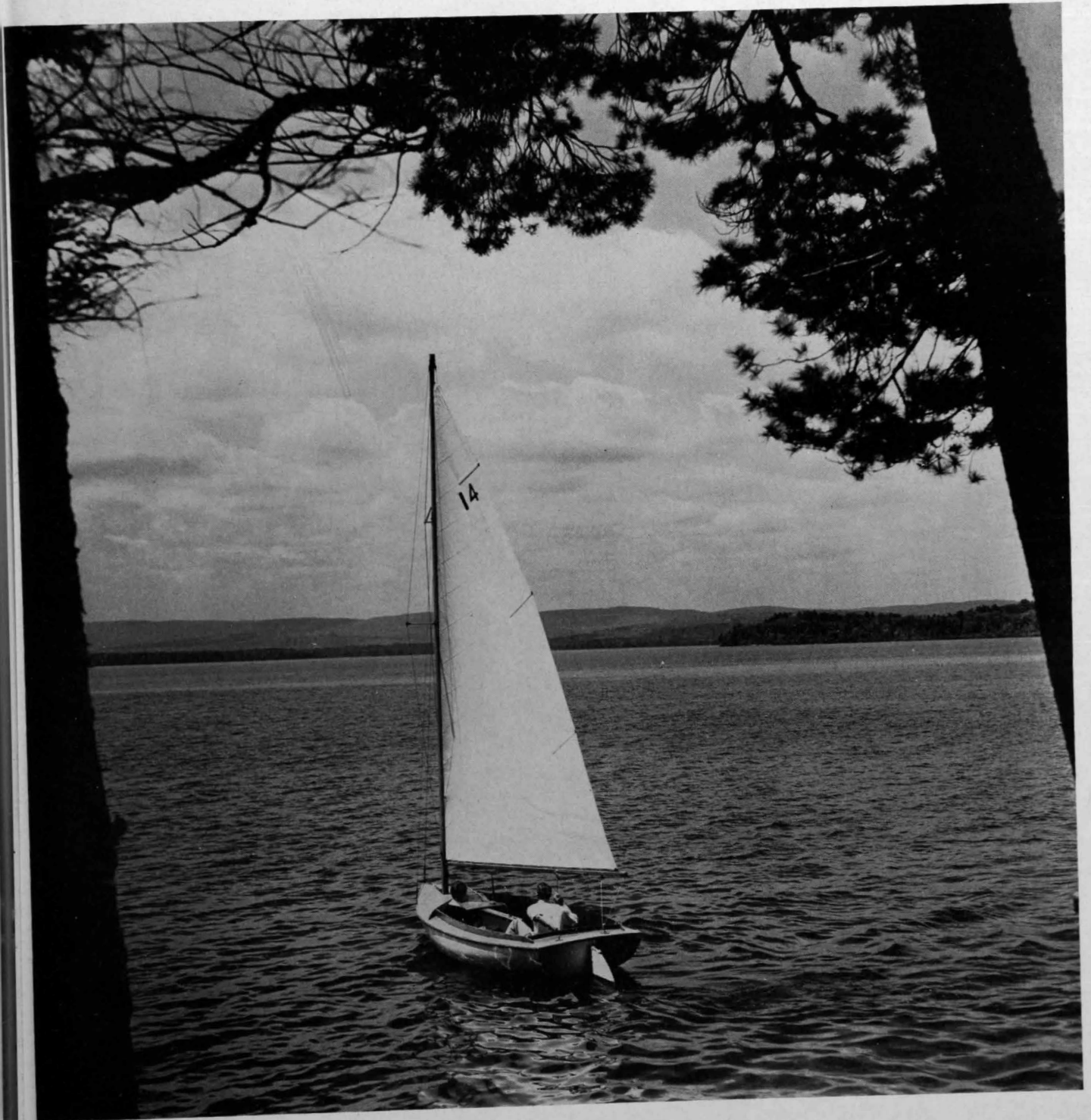
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# THE COLBY ALUMNUS



JULY 1954



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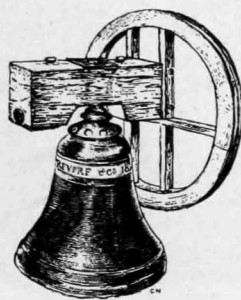
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## Ring the Victory Bell ... but not at any cost

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### ON THE COVER

*Student sailing is now a reality. Three boats of the Wood Pussey Class (14-foot centerboards) were acquired by the Colby Yacht Club this spring. The dinghies are kept at the outing club boat house on Great Pond.*

*Ned Shenton, '54, West Chester, Pennsylvania, at the tiller, has been largely responsible for the club's expansion in membership and in equipment. The sailors have had their best year, copping the informal Maine collegiate championships and placing third in the Friis Trophy Races at Tufts.*

*Members hope to add a fourth boat to the fleet next fall and to inaugurate intercollegiate sailing on the Belgrades.*

AMERICANS are conditioned to victory. The "will to win" is the American way. With patriotic pride our young people for generation after generation have heard how their country has never lost a war. Captains of battle trumpet—and trumpet again—that in combat there is "no substitute for victory."

This infectious, sometimes insatiable, determination to win has spread to almost every field of competitive endeavor. In college athletics, victory is the spur and, too often, the end to justify all means.

Forgotten by many schools in their hunger for athletic acclaim is the true purpose of intercollegiate athletics; not the creation of an all-powerful dynasty, but the building of moral and physical courage that is the backbone of leadership in life.

The headlines that shout of "sucker shifts" and "fake injuries" spell out the philosophy of "no substitute for victory" to the discredit of the college.

In this era of overemphasis on victory and underemphasis on good sportsmanship, it would seem wise and reasonable for each college to examine the gains and goals of its athletic program. Let these questions be answered:

1. *Do teams put fair play before victory in athletic competition?* Sports triumphs taste sweet, but never when washed down with the bitter sacrifice of good sportsmanship. The games won and lost in college grow dim in memory's hazy glow. But the lessons learned in clean, hard competition are carried forward years later into the bigger game of life.

2. *Do the teams, coaches and student body create a wholesome spirit*

*of welcome that invites opponents to come back?* The history of intercollegiate competition proves that rivalry, rather than sowing the seeds of enmity between schools, can seal bonds of friendship working for the mutual and lasting benefit of both.

3. *Do students have an intra-mural athletic program geared to the needs of the college?* When it is remembered that the majority of undergraduates are not members of any varsity team, it becomes clear that only through a varied and comprehensive intra-mural program can they reap the dividends of athletic competition.

4. *Do sports supplement—rather than undermine—the educational ambitions of the college?* If the cost of top teams is the disregard of fair play, then the price is too high!

The answers to these questions, we must all agree, should be "yes." Yet, we would agree, too, that a "yes" answer to all would make any college unique on the American sports scene.

Thus, it would seem advisable for all who love Colby and want to see her representative of the finest in all phases of her program to take a long, hard look at the road ahead in sports.

Let us have the most comprehensive athletic program the college can afford. Let us have as many students participating as possible. Let us win our share of games (and lose our share, too) and most of all, let us always remember that victory is "no substitute for fair play."

The words are ageless—their meaning timeless: "For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks—not that you won or lost—but how you played the game."



## The President's Page

*Dr. Bixler's comments are taken from the Baccalaureate address which he gave at Commencement.*

I URGE those of you going into military service to turn such duty to creative ends. If you recognize it as what in one way or another countless other generations have undergone, then unquestionably you can use it as a way of increasing your own sense for what life in society means today. If, that is, you take it with good grace, as offering a chance to find out more about yourself, your fellows, and the democratic processes that must be worked out by you in common with them, you may well discover that the postponement of your own hopes which it entails is not an unmixed evil.

Particularly may I urge you here in public, as I have so often in private, that you do not allow your intellectual interests to flag. Never before have men in the armed services had so many opportunities to read, to learn, and to reflect. If you make up your minds now that you will take advantage of them I am sure you will find that you will grow in strength and particularly in your ability to make some of those decisions, either about a job or about the larger ideas of politics and religion, that now seem so baffling.

To those entering graduate school I would make one comment. You will have a thrilling experience because you will be working at your special field of interest. But the thrills will not come automatically. They will be yours only if you really take advantage of the chance for concentration that professional school brings.

For those going immediately to jobs the outlook is certainly bright. You may have to make a modest beginning

but there is more room at the top than ever before. There are more chances also not only for personal gain and preferment but for the satisfactions of creative work well done.

To the girls I should like to add a special word. Remember that in these times marriage is a different and in some respects a richer partnership than ever before. You may have to postpone it, but during this period of postponement, while the man who is to be your life partner is going through the maturing process I have mentioned, you will be doing some maturing of your own. Make as much of a conscious contribution to this process as you can. Prepare yourself for intelligent cooperation.

Think of yourself as a working partner in a new sense and get ready for the kind of comradeship—both practical and intellectual—that the times call for. Don't neglect your reading habits, I beg of you, but resolve that you will explore further the various interests that college has opened up to you so that you and your husband together can think and vote and act in such a way as to make your education count in the stirring days that lie ahead. Never underestimate the power of an educated woman or of the influence that through her family she can exert.

After all, William James once remarked to a group of senior girls at Radcliffe, the aim of a college education is to help you to know a good man when you see him. If the great Harvard philosopher were with us today I think he would go on to say to both men and women that college should teach us to know a good job, a good idea, a good cause, a good answer to a problem, and a good process of creative growth when these are unfolded before us.

J. S. Bixler

# The Talk of the College

**THE BIXLERS** are in Europe this summer.

They are settling in Heidelberg where, at the request of the Beacon Press, Boston, Dr. Bixler will work on the translation of a book by the German philosopher Max Scheler.

Three years ago Colby's president was on the faculty of the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies and he will return this summer as a guest lecturer. Dr. Bixler is a trustee of the Seminar.

The Bixlers plan to see many old friends and have accepted an invitation from the High Commissioner for Germany and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. James B. Conant. In London they will visit with Julian Huxley, English author and biologist who will lecture at Colby next fall. During the latter part of August they intend to call on Dr. Albert Schweitzer near Strasbourg.

A "reunion" is planned for September 1 in London with a few members of this year's graduating class before sailing September 3.

## SUMMER PROGRAM

It is another busy summer at Colby. Ralph Williams, '35, director of adult education, is overseeing a program which started immediately after Commencement and which will continue through Labor Day.

The line-up includes Dirigo Girls State (June 18-24); Lancaster Courses in Ophthalmology (June 26-September 11); Audiology for Industry (August 8-15); Audiometric Testing Procedures Course (August 16-21);

Tax Institute (August 19-20); Institute for Hospital Administrators (September 1-3); Institute for Medical Record Librarians (September 1-3); and State of Maine Public Health Nurses Conference (September 1-2).

In addition there is the Summer School of Languages directed by Professor McCoy with more than 100 enrolled.

## The Greatest!

The Alumni Fund has hit a new high, \$70,026. This is a magnificent showing by Chairman D. Ray Holt, '21, Alumni Secretary Bill Millett, '25, and their team. It is \$33,133 ahead of last year and an achievement of no mean proportions. Hundreds of students, now and in the future, will benefit from this generosity, and as the years roll by the Franklin W. Johnson Scholarship Fund should grow to the million dollars towards which Colby men and women aim.

## TUITION PLAN

The college is cooperating in a program sponsored nationally by the Ford Foundation which permits faculty children from other colleges to enter tuition free in exchange for the same privilege for Colby youngsters at other institutions.

Each college agrees to accept a certain number of "credits" and is eligible to receive in return an equal number of "debits." Colby is obligated to forty semester credits during the four years which began last September.

In 1953-54 the college had only one undergraduate under this arrangement. Next year there will be five. There will be no Colby faculty children old enough to take advantage of it until 1957.

Dean Marriner points out that "almost certainly parents will concentrate on a comparatively few colleges. The result will be that many families wishing to take advantage of this plan will have to send their child to a college of third or fourth choice because the quota of free tuition students will be filled at the others. The existence of free tuition exchange, therefore, by no means guarantees that a child will attend a college of his choice."

## FACULTY LEAVES

The largest number of faculty members ever to take advantage of the college's policy of encouraging sabbatical leave will be away during all or part of 1954-55 pursuing study and research pertinent to their fields of teaching.

Professor Ermanno Comparetti of the music department has been awarded a fellowship from the Ford Foundation to study Italian folk music. Mrs. Comparetti, associate professor of English, and their nine year old son, will accompany him to Italy.

Philosophy Professor John Clark has been given a year's leave, a part of which he hopes to spend in Scotland. Harvard will be the home of Professor Walter Breckenridge for the second semester of next year while he does independent research in economics. He will carry out his regular teaching assignment during the first semester.

Lucille Pinette, associate professor of mathematics, will be doing graduate work at the University of Michigan while Professor Paul Fullam, now in the thick of a political campaign, has been given a leave for the first semester.

## THE COLBY FILM

Alumni fortunate enough to have been on hand for the Commencement preview of the NBC-TV film, "The Small College," (made at Colby) know what a fine job has been done by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the producers.

The film has received several advance showings. The American College Public Relations Association scheduled it at the national convention in New York City and the important and newly-formed Council on Financial Aid to Higher Education has made use of it.

The half-hour production will have a television baptismal on the "American Inventory" program in October.



THE END OF AN ERA came June 13 as the last steam locomotive to haul a train over the Maine Central tracks chugged its way from Portland to Bangor and return. The "Old 470" is now on display permanently in front of the Waterville station, across from the Old Campus.

Alumni will be notified of the date, the time, and the stations.

During the coming year the college and the Sloan Foundation hope the film will be shown widely. Copies are being made available to business and professional groups, service clubs, teachers and educational organizations. Alumni wishing to schedule it for their area are invited to write, suggesting dates, to the Department of Public Relations at Colby.

There is no rental charge. Be assured it will provide an entertaining and informative program for any audience, with a particular tinge of pleasure in store for those who attended Colby.

**FULLAM SEEKS SENATE** There'll be no vacation this summer for Paul Fullam. The popular chairman of the department of history and government is the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate opposing Margaret Chase Smith.

His sincerity, wit, and profound knowledge of governmental affairs have attracted wide comment. Neither the popularity of his opponent nor the Republican traditions of the state have faded him. This is a mission for Paul Fullam and one in which he sincerely believes.

As he stated publicly in announcing his candidacy, "For the past 20 years I have been teaching that active participation in politics is the lifeblood of the democratic system. I cannot refuse the call without repudiating everything I have taught over those years."

**FROM TOKYO** Associated Press men in Tokyo will be responsible for a special student being at Colby in the fall. She is Joy Sachiko Saigo, secretary and staff librarian at the AP bureau in that city since 1951.

Anxious to give her the benefit of an education in the United States and an introduction to America the AP men are providing funds for a year's study in this country.

Miss Saigo is an unusual and talented young woman. Twenty-four years old she is a graduate of both Peer's School and Tsuda College in Japan and a member of the Japan Association of University Women. Her father is advisor to the European Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the Japanese government. She is the grand-niece of the noted Saigo who restored the monarchy in Japan about 150 years ago.

If she maintains the academic record of Kyoichi Haruta, also of Tokyo, she'll more than hold her own. He's at the head of the Class of 1957 with a year's average of 94.

## In Brief...

✓ Chester E. Merrow, '29, Representative to Congress from New Hampshire, spoke at an All-College dinner during the spring at which new officers of campus organizations were announced. On that occasion he was awarded an honorary membership in Blue Key society.

✓ Maine lost a distinguished citizen and Colby, as well as other institutions, a generous friend with the death April 24 of Guy P. Gannett.

The 72-year old publisher built a significant newspaper empire which is serving the state, through papers in Portland, Augusta and Waterville, with thought and thoroughness. It was Mr. Gannett's father who, during the thirties, offered his estate in Augusta as a location for Colby.

✓ The new president of student government is Charles Macomber of Augusta, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Macomber (Marguerite Chase), '27. In addition, young Macomber has been named president of the senior class and is the undergraduate head of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

✓ The creator of Li'l Abner, famed cartoonist Al Capp, (A.M. '49) lectured at the college May 14 and used the platform to take a few verbal potshots at the McCarthy-Army hearings. "Nothing I have ever done in Abner is as wild as this!"

✓ Susan Johnson, '54, has received a \$1600 award for graduate work in religion from the Danforth Foundation. She is the third senior in the past four years to be selected. Similar grants were awarded to Barbara Jefferson, '51, and Deborah Brush, '52 (daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Brush, '20).

✓ Announcement was made at Commencement of the election by alumni of A. A. D'Amico, '28, Mrs. Wayne Roberts, '31 (Alice Linscott), and Francis Bartlett, '26, to the board of trustees. The board announced its election of E. Richard Drummond, '28. All have sons at Colby.

# The Ever-Present R's

## Retirements & Resignations

THE CLOSING of the academic year brought the retirement of Professor Lester Weeks, chairman of the department of chemistry, and of Miss Sally Sherburne, director of women's residences, as well as the resignations of Miss Miriam Beede, secretary to the president, Benton Hatch of the library staff, and Miss Frances Perkins, Recorder. In addition there are five faculty leaving as reported on page 7.

The following paragraphs comment only on those individuals, listed above, who have been members of the Colby faculty or staff for a considerable period. Space limitations do not permit covering all changes in detail.

### Lester Weeks

SITUATED on the Sheepscot River, between the Kennebec Valley and the ocean, is the little agricultural town of Alna. From that small, rural area came two men who have greatly influenced Colby College. One was America's great poet, Edwin Arlington Robinson, for whom the library treasure room is named; the other is Lester Frank Weeks, chemist and member of the faculty for 36 years. Although still young in appearance and vigorous in activity, Professor Weeks has reached the age of retirement and now becomes professor-emeritus of chemistry.

Lester Weeks was born in Alna on October 17, 1888. He attended Lincoln Academy in Newcastle, completing his preparation for college at Coburn Institute in Waterville. He is now a trustee of both institutions. He took his B.S. in chemistry under Dr. George Herbert Parmenter at Colby in 1915; served as an instructor at the University of Maine; earned his master's degree at Harvard in 1917;

and in the fall of the following year joined the department of chemistry at Colby as assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1928 and to full professor in 1947. After the retirement of Dr. Parmenter, Weeks was appointed head of the department.

In 1916 Professor Weeks married Ethel Merriam, '14, daughter of the Reverend George Merriam, '79, one of Maine's leading Baptist ministers. They have three children, all of whom are Colby graduates. Louise, '38, the oldest, is the wife of a naval aviator, Commander Whitney Wright, '37. Mary Weeks Sawyer, '44, is married to a naval officer living in the West; and Frank, '47, is a technician with General Electric.

Besides his departmental duties, in themselves a full time job, Professor Weeks has for many years been an influential member of the college athletic committee and of the athletic council. For several years he was chairman of the Commencement committee, and he has been frequently in demand for service on special groups to investigate various phases of life at Colby. He will be greatly missed by colleagues and students, and the good wishes of all Colby people go with him as he now enters his well-merited retirement.

President Bixler has termed Lester Weeks's record as a teacher "outstanding."

"In recent years we have been especially appreciative of his readiness to prepare and offer a new course in chemistry designed particularly to meet the needs of students not majoring in science," Dr. Bixler has noted. "It is not always that a scientist is willing to recognize that a person not going into a scientific career has any special needs so far as instruction is



*Thirty-six years at Colby*

concerned. It is a tribute to Professor Weeks's breadth of vision that he has been aware of this problem. In all his comments on questions of curriculum Professor Weeks has shown the same breadth.

"He is a thorough-going scientist but he is also definitely a liberal arts man who understands the importance of relating college scientific teaching to the interests that students have in the fields of literature and the social studies.

"Professor Weeks's career has been noteworthy in one other respect. He has conspicuously been a scholar in action. His political interests have taken him to the state legislature and have found expression in work on important municipal projects. As teacher, scholar, and man of affairs Professor Weeks has made a unique place for himself in the Colby community. We hope that he will continue to take an active part in its life."

### Sally Sherburne

NO ONE, I hope, will think it too strange if I confess that when I start thinking about Miss Sherburne's association with Colby there just naturally comes to my mind words from a popular song, *Oh, What a Beautiful Morning*. And "beautiful," as I think of it in this connection, does not refer to the weather.

It was on a February morning in 1939 that I first heard of Sally Irving

Sherburne. I was attending a national convention of deans of women in Cleveland and was having breakfast with Mrs. Lucy Jenkins Franklin, then dean of women at Boston University. I described to her Colby's need of a super-person for the position of director of residence. She listened carefully, asked many questions, and then recommended Miss Sherburne. So began the happy story of Colby's first full-time director of residence. I am proud to have been one of the characters in the first chapter.

MISS SHERBURNE came to Colby in the fall of 1939 from her work as assistant director of a large dormitory at Boston University. A graduate of Wellesley College she had had much experience in volunteer service with Girl Scouts and other young peoples' groups before she took any professional training. She came to Colby's original Foss Hall, and has grown with the college as she has carried out the stupendous task of supervising the furnishing and operation of the Women's Union and the Mayflower Hill dormitories for women. Evidences of her good taste and magic touch are everywhere in the women's buildings. Colby folks, however, will always think of Miss Sherburne and the Women's Union together. Here she has so lived and served during these last twelve years that, in my judgment, this building has come to mean more to more Colby students than any other building on Mayflower Hill. A Union should be a building of rare meaning to students, and we can be forever grateful that Miss Sherburne was on hand to establish and cultivate a spirit that will continue to enrich the daily living of Colby students present and to be.

It is hard to say how she has accomplished such intangible but real results. Certain qualities of her character are, of course, responsible for her success.

Colby's beloved "Rob" would have rejoiced in her. Many Colby graduates remember that in chapel President Roberts was wont to speak and pray about relative values. One prayer in *Footprints* contains these words, "We pray, our Father, for a keener and a truer sense of relative values. Help us to distinguish between the transitory and the permanent, between the things that are like the grass that



*First director of residences*

withers and the things that are like the rock that endures."

Miss Sherburne seems always able to make such a distinction. She sees big things big, and small things small. She has never wasted energy in trying to take account of, and immediately set straight the multitude of daily annoyances which are present in a much used building. She has thus been able to be firm and sure in dealing with students in matters that really count. Her dignity and poise come, no doubt, from her true sense of values. Whatever their source, their pres-

ence soothes and cheers. These qualities have supplied the oil that has kept the machinery of the Women's Union running smoothly; and no one has ever been aware that the oiling was taking place.

Miss Sherburne will not be remembered for her "much speaking." Her Colby friends will, rather, like to recall that no least word of gossip ever flourished with her help. Small talk and unkind comments are so far from her nature that their absence is hardly noticed until we take time to appraise her. In all her relationships with household staff, students and faculty she has been a true teacher in the sense spoken by Emerson that "character teaches over your head."

A Bostonian by early training, Miss Sherburne plans to return to the locale of her former interests and her long-time friends. While it is no wilderness in which she will pitch her tent, I think of her moving and fitting into new surroundings in words of Willa Cather which I am paraphrasing, "All countries are beautiful to Miss Sherburne. She carries a country of her own in her mind, and is able to unfold it like a tent in any wilderness." All her Colby friends expect for her long years of health and happiness, and many visits to the Colby campus where she "shall see of the travail of (her) soul, and shall be satisfied."

Ninetta M. Runnals, '08,  
Dean of Women, Emeritus

## *Miriam Beede*

WHEN Dr. Bixler came to Colby in 1942, he brought with him as his secretary, Miss Miriam Beede, a graduate of Smith College. On the occasion of her resignation in June, Dr. Bixler expressed the sentiments of her many friends,

"Not the president's office alone, but Colby College as a whole has greatly benefited by Miss Beede's presence. She has not only corrected the president's English and censored his ideas, but she has used her imagination in a truly creative way to suggest new things that might be done and new ways of doing them. She has been equally skillful in her contacts with faculty, parents and friends. The best wishes of the college go with her as she moves to Boston along with hopes for many return visits."



*Leaves president's office*



*Retires as Recorder*

### *Frances Perkins*

WHEN COLLEGE REOPENS in September, faculty and students will miss the lady who for 22 years has been their chief source of information about the records and standing of students. Miss Frances Perkins, '33, retires from the office of Recorder to become the wife of Professor Richard Cary of the department of English.

When Professor Elmer C. Warren, now personnel director of the National Life Insurance Company, was Registrar of Colby in 1931, he brought Miss Perkins into his office as an assistant. After graduating from Waterville High School, she had attended Colby and had completed training in secretarial school. The daughter of the late Carroll N. Perkins, '04, prominent Maine attorney, she already had a wide acquaintance among Colby faculty and alumni.

During Professor Warren's absence as major in the air force, Miss Perkins served as Acting Registrar. She was appointed Recorder in 1947, when Professor Warren left Colby. The office of records was then set up as a sub-division of the office of Dean of the Faculty.

Colby owes much to the efficiency, loyalty and extreme conscientiousness of Frances Perkins. Few persons, even those in academic circles, know the harassing details of a college recorder's work. It must be painstakingly accurate; it must be prepared for peak loads set against a time limit; it must be ready to answer hundreds of questions every day. A competent recorder cannot confine the work to the usual office day. For instance, as recently as June 17, Miss Perkins worked at her office until after one o'clock in the morning in order to have records ready for the important June meeting of the Committee on Standing on the 18th.

Miss Perkins has herself been a valuable member of that Committee on Standing, the college committee which decides the fate of students with academic deficiencies. Without the long, tedious hours which Miss Perkins takes to prepare complete records for committee action, the committee could not act with equity and justice.

No one person during the past twenty years has known all Colby students quite so well as has Miss Perkins. Nor is her information concerned solely with the academically weak; she knows the Phi Beta Kappas, the honor scholars, and those forgotten men and women who are never distinguished but never fail. They will all miss her, for she has been their constant informant and friend.

*Ernest C. Marriner, '13,  
Dean of the Faculty*

### *Benton Hatch*

BENTON L. HATCH has resigned as cataloguer of the library to accept appointment as assistant librarian for acquisitions at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Mr. Hatch came to Colby in 1948 as assistant cataloguer.

His services to the library, as well as to the college, have been of great value. His knowledge of languages in particular, made him an invaluable staff member, not only in the field of cataloguing but in reference. His technical training and experience enabled the library to make strides in its processing of books, periodicals, manuscripts, and other materials.

In addition to his regular duties, Mr. Hatch was active as an advisor to the Colby Outing Club and as scorer and statistician in the intercollegiate ski meets held at the college.

His many friends extend all good wishes as he pursues further his career in a new setting.

*F. Elizabeth Libbey, '29*



*To be at University of Mass.*

## *Faculty Briefs...*

RESIGNATIONS in June included Miss Doris Martin, instructor of physical education, who will be director of physical education at the YMCA, Honolulu, Hawaii; Hiroshi Yamauchi, instructor in physics who is joining Nuclear Development Associates, Inc., White Plains, N. Y.; Clarence Jeffrey, instructor in sociology, returning to his home in Bloomington, Indiana; and George H. Stanley, Jr., assistant professor in mathematics, who will have a similar title at the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

From July 5 to August 15, Peter Re, assistant professor of music, is conducting choral music at the Berkshire Music Center, (Tanglewood) under a grant from RCA-Victor. . . Dr. Clarence H. Faust, chairman of the Fund for the Advancement of Education, was a guest of the college during the spring and spoke to the faculty at a special dinner. . . Professor Carl Weber is one of the contributors to the *Century Cyclopedia of Names*.

Eugene Jellison, '51, has resigned as director of dramatics to work for his M.A. at UCLA where he has been assigned an assistantship. . . Joseph Warren Bishop, '35, professor of business administration, is studying this summer under a fellowship at Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland.

# Graduation Weekend

June 11-14, 1954



AN EXHIBITION of paintings by faculty and staff received the attention of Thomas Seaton, '09.



CIVIL Defense authorities chose Commencement morning for a nationwide air raid alert. Seniors, Susan Johnson, Bethel, Conn., and J. Robert Alpert, Brewer, took cover along with classmates and guests.



COMMENCEMENT speaker Cyrus Ching

THE rains came. For the first time since 1938 graduation exercises were held indoors, but with the exception of that drenching Monday morning the weekend weather was acceptable.

Saturday was unusually pleasant. A large luncheon audience saw Carleton D. Brown, '33, confer Colby Brick honors on five alumni and present Colby gavels to eight others. Hilda M. Fife, '26, assistant professor of English at the University of Maine; William A. Macomber, '27, principal of Cony High in Augusta; Everett Richard Drummond, '28, Bangor investment broker and trustee; Caleb A. Lewis, '03, editor-emeritus of the *Waterville Morning Sentinel*; and Ethel M. Russell, '00, former register of the Kennebec County Probate Court, received the bricks "for loyal and meritorious service to the college beyond the call of duty."

The gavels, awarded to alumni who are president of a state, national, or regional organization, went to: John W. Stinson, '19, president of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Surgeons; C. Lloyd Hooker, '33, State Commander, Maine Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Bertrand W. Hayward, '33, president of the National Council of Textile Education; Alonzo H. Garcelon, '38, president of the Maine Dental Society;



BACK FROM Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, David Kronquist, '29, shows his family the Paul Revere bell which summoned him to classes on the Old Campus. Left to right, Mrs. Kronquist, son Lars, and daughter Linda.



D. RAY HOLT, '21, new chairman of the Alumni Council, received congratulations and the gavel of his office from retiring chairman Carleton D. Brown, '33.



ELEVEN seniors were commissioned in the Air Force. Here's Dick Beatty in two roles he played at Commencement.



IT WAS WONDERFUL to have these Old Timers on hand as usual. With President Bixler are (l-r) Robie Fry, '82, President-Emeritus Johnson, '91, and Dudley Holman, '84.

George B. Barnes, '26, president of the Maine State Bar Association; Carleton D. Brown, '33, president of the Maine Broadcasters Association; Alexander A. LaFleur, '20, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, Knights Templar; and Vina Parent Adams, '22, president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Maine Medical Association.

Alumni at the luncheon heard Carl R. Bryant speak for the 50 year class, Mark R. Shibles, for the 25 year group, and Dorothy Forster, '54, for the seniors. The prayer was offered by the Reverend Martin T. Storms, '34.

Following a 6-1 ball game in which the Quonset Naval Air Station socked a make-shift Colby team, the crowd adjourned for reunions. Saturday evening, outdoors in front of the Miller Library, Powder and Wig presented *Oedipus Rex*.

Lorimer Chapel was jammed Sunday to hear President Bixler deliver Baccalaureate. The traditional Boardman Vespers were conducted by the Reverend Margaret K. Henrichsen, pastor of seven Maine parishes and author of *The Seven Steeples*.

A concert by the Colby-Community symphony orchestra and the premiere of the NBC-TV documentary *The Small College* (filmed at Colby) and a showing of the movie *Mount Washington TV*, for which the Colby orchestra provided the musical score, entertained a capacity audience until late in the evening.

It was the buildings and grounds crew who walked away with the honors Monday morning when, with a minimum of fuss and confusion, they transferred the Commencement exercises from in front of the rain-soaked Miller Library to the fieldhouse. The college marshals, Professors Gordon Smith and Ralph Williams, '35, handled the numerous and complicated changes connected with the graduation ceremonies with equal smoothness.

Four alumni were among twelve recipients of honorary degrees. Ralph A. Bramhall, '15, founder and president of the Maine Bonding and Casualty Co. in Portland, received an LL. D.; Mark R. Shibles, '29, dean of the School of Education at the University of Maine, an L. H. D.; Thomas Savage, '40, author and professor of English at Brandeis University, an M. A.; and Dr. Charles E. G. Shannon, '99, prominent ophthalmologist

## Many were honored —



AWARDED honorary degrees were: seated left to right: the Reverend Margaret K. Henrichsen, the Reverend Harry Emerson Fosdick (Hon. '49) who gave the invocation, Rear Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, E. B. White, Dean Mark R. Shibles, Dorothy Fosdick. Standing: Louis Oakes, Thomas Savage, Andrew Wyeth, Dr. Charles E. G. Shannon, Cyrus S. Ching, President Bixler, Ralph A. Bramhall, Dr. Hallowell Davis.



OUTSTANDING service to Colby was recognized by awarding Colby Bricks to these alumni: left to right, E. Richard Drummond, Hilda M. Fife, Caleb A. Lewis, Ethel M. Russell, and William A. Macomber.

and former professor at the Jefferson Medical School, an Sc. D.

Other distinguished recipients were: Rear Admiral Hyman George Rickover, leader in the design and development of the atomic submarine, awarded an Sc. D.; E. B. White, noted writer and *New Yorker* editor, an L. H. D.; Cyrus S. Ching, labor relations expert and Commencement speaker, an LL. D.; Andrew Wyeth, landscape painter, a D. F. A.; Louis Oakes, outstanding Maine citizen, for-ester, and philanthropist, an LL. D.

The Reverend Margaret K. Henrichsen received a D. D.; Dr. Hallowell Davis, director of research at the Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis, an Sc. D.; and Dorothy Fosdick, former member of the policy planning staff of the Department of State, an L. H. D. Her father, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor-emeritus of the Riverside Church, New York City gave the invocation.

President Bixler conferred A. B. degrees on 197 seniors — 107 men and 90 women.

# A Climate Favorable for Learning

## The Colby Self-Study Project under the Ford Foundation

By ERNEST C. MARRINER, '13  
*Director of the Project*

A COLLEGE is a place supremely devoted to learning. A liberal arts college is especially concerned, not with skills and vocations, but with ideas. Yet every college campus feels constantly the impingement of many factors which make the pursuit of learning in the realm of ideas increasingly difficult. Many liberal arts colleges are concerned about this situation, but none has made a specific, detailed study of it.

The Self-Study Committee at Colby, created as a result of a grant to the college by the Fund for the Advancement of Education, decided in March, 1954, to take as the general topic of its study "A Climate Favorable for Learning at Colby." The committee seeks to ascertain which factors in the present life at Colby are favorable and which are unfavorable to an atmosphere of learning. The study must be completed in June, 1955 and a final report made to the Ford Foundation in September of that year.

A number of detailed studies which contribute to the problem are already under way. One concerns attrition, the loss of students from college between admission and graduation of a class. A careful study of more than 300 students dropped for academic failure between 1946 and 1953 will be studied with a view to ascertaining whether or not those students were predictable admission risks. A study of voluntary withdrawals will look for any pattern of dissatisfaction with the Colby program. Statistical correlations will be made between college marks and the scores on admission tests.

Two students, one in the recently graduated Class of 1954, and the other still in college in the Class of 1955, are now compiling and correlating the results of an exhaustive questionnaire filled out by members of the latest senior class concerning curriculum and methods of teaching. Each of the col-

lege departments is also submitting its own self-evaluation of its offerings, its major program, and its methods.

Other studies conducted by authorized groups of students under faculty guidance concern the influence of fraternities on the climate of learning, the problem of honesty in examinations and other college work, a study of the religious program in respect to its connection with the central topic, and a study of the influence of R.O.T.C.

The graduating classes of 1948 through 1952 have been surveyed to ascertain their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with their Colby program as it relates not only to their present vocation, but especially to their total well-being as citizen and person. These graduates have been asked specifically to express a considered opinion about the present foreign language requirement.

ONE of the most interesting phases of the study concerns the ability of Colby students to read with speed and comprehension. A standard reading test of high reliability has been given to all freshmen and sophomores. The results are now being studied under the direction of Mrs. Harold Raymond, wife of a member of the Colby history department. Mrs. Raymond is a trained worker in remedial reading, and the committee is confident that her final report will result in a program of remedial reading at Colby.

A more difficult, because less tangible, feature of the whole study will involve student extra-curricular interests. Is student interest turning more and more to purely social pursuits, rather than to those that are clearly connected with learning in the realm of ideas? There is much heated expression of opinion, but what are the facts? The Colby Ford Committee will seek to find out.

Colby has a beautiful new campus with entirely new buildings. This physical environment should be pecu-

liarily advantageous for learning and teaching. But is it? Do dormitories and fraternity houses provide opportunities for undisturbed reading and study? Are library facilities attractive and conducive to the desire to learn? Do students have convenient opportunity to consult with faculty members? In short, the committee will study the physical environment in relation to the general topic of a climate favorable for learning.

Perhaps the most controversial of all phases of this study concerns the place of vocational interests and vocational preparation at Colby. The liberal arts college is definitely not a vocational institution, but it does not follow that the need of a rewarding vocation and its satisfying place in life must be ignored. Such an attitude indeed places the college in an ivory tower, isolated from the work of the world. Just how should the college recognize this problem? Where does training end and education begin? Do both have a place in a liberal arts curriculum? When we consider Colby's long history in preparing teachers for the secondary schools, the quarter of a century of a major in business administration that has sent hundreds of graduates into business and on to advanced work in the great graduate schools of commerce, the careful preparation of many Colby men and women for medical schools, questions about liberal education and general education are not easy to answer. The committee tackles this problem with humility and no assurance of any easy solution.

What is the object of such an extensive study? First, to provide the faculty, administration, and governing board with information on which to base decisions for changes in curriculum, facilities, regulations, and methods. Remedial reading, for instance, is likely to be only one of several new steps to emerge from the study.

Secondly, the final report of the Colby committee to the sponsoring Ford Foundation should provide that important organization with material which may prove of value in attempts all over the United States to improve the climate of learning in the colleges of liberal arts.



*"The Mayflower Hill campus is the most beautiful college campus in the East — possibly in the nation,"* columnist Haydn Pearson wrote in the *Boston Herald* last spring. The camera lens has substantiated it many times. Fred Davis, vice-president of the Rumford Press, Concord, New Hampshire, recorded this panorama across Johnson Pond. His loan of the color plates makes it possible to carry the beauty of Colby to readers throughout the world.

Spring House

SPORTS



The photograph captures a serene scene of a lakeside town. The calm water in the foreground acts as a perfect mirror, reflecting the sky and the architectural details of the buildings and churches. On the left, a large, leafy tree partially obscures the view, adding a sense of depth and framing to the image. In the middle ground, two large, multi-story buildings with multiple chimneys stand on a grassy bank. To the left of these buildings is a tall, slender church steeple. To the right is another church with a steeple. The background is filled with more trees and a sky with scattered clouds.

# SPORTS

## Spring Results

**C**ONSECUTIVE WINS over Bowdoin and Maine in the opening round of state series baseball gave Colby an opportunity to rejoice. The Mules had a veteran team led by Captain Stan Doughty, West Paris, at third and appeared to have real potentiality.

The rejoicing, however, was short-lived. With the exception of two victories over Bates the last eight games of the season were all on the losing side.

Acting Coach Lee Williams worked desperately to put together a winning combination. Bats that normally whacked .300 or better were frighteningly silent. Fielding was adequate and pitching well above average but no team leaves men stranded on bases innning after innning and wins.

Bill Wing, Richmond, and Art Eddy, Gardner, Mass., handled the bulk of the mound assignments. Many feel Wing, winner of the Edward C. Roundy "most valuable player" trophy, was the finest hurler in the state. He racked up three series wins and lost two, stopping all Maine opponents once. In his first 36 innings he struck out 35, an average of almost one a frame. In Eddy, Colby had a top relief hurler.

One of the brighter aspects was the performance of sophomores. Don Rice, Greenfield, Mass., at first, and outfielders, Jimmie Jamieson, Hartland and Barkey Boole, Newton, Mass., are powerful. They'll be important during the next two years.

From the first team, Colby will lose only Doughty, at third, plus Wing and Eddy. Others from the squad who have graduated are Dick Beatty, Scituate, Mass., who alternated at catching, and Aubrey Keef, Vanceboro, fine utility infielder.

In other sports Coach Andy Tryens brought his trackmen along at a remarkable clip. They ran up the highest score in some time in the state meet and boasted an undefeated freshman outfit. The golfers likewise had a good year despite an unexplained defeat by Bowdoin after having trimmed the Polar Bears a few weeks earlier. Coach Mike Loeb's tennis champions

### BASEBALL: Varsity

Date	Opponent	Score	
		Colby	Opp.
Mar. 29	Navy (practice)	3	5
Mar. 30	Maryland State	17	2
April 2	American Univ.	4	5
April 5	Upsala College	1	8
April 19	Bowdoin College	15	3
April 24	Boston University	1	2
April 26	Yale University	1	2
April 27	Trinity College	3	2
May 1	Univ. of Maine	6	3
May 8	Bates College	1	2
May 13	Bates College	7	3
May 14	Univ. of Maine	2	4
May 15	Bowdoin College	5	7
May 17	Bates College	8	3
May 19	Dartmouth Coll.	4	5
May 20	Bowdoin College	3	4
May 26	Univ. of Maine	1	6

#### Freshman:

April 27	Husson College	16	2
May 1	Higgins Cl. Inst.	23	6
May 8	Me. Maritime Ac.	0	1
May 13	Me. Central Inst.	3	7
May 15	Hebron Academy	10	2
May 18	Me. Central Inst.	1	2
May 19	Bates College	12	8

#### TENNIS: Varsity

April 22	Tufts College	7	2
April 24	Boston University	3	6
April 27	Univ. of Maine	6	3
May 1	Bowdoin College	3	6
May 17	Bates College	8	1
May 18	Univ. of Maine	6	3
May 20	Bates College	6	3
May 24	State Tournament		
	Bowdoin 1st	Colby	2nd

#### Freshman:

May 13	Deering H. S.	8	1
May 15	Kents Hill	6	3

### GOLF: Varsity

Date	Opponent	Score	
		Colby	Opp.
April 22	Tufts College	5½	21½
April 23	M. I. T.	12	15
April 24	Babson Inst.	20	7
April 27	Univ. of Me.	13	14
April 30	U. of R. I.	14½	12½
May 1	Bowdoin Coll.	19	8
May 8	Boston Univ.	10½	16½
May 12	Bates College	25	2
May 18	Univ. of Me.	20	7
May 20	Bates College	22	5
May 26	Bowdoin Coll.	6½	20½

#### Freshman:

May 20	Waterville High	4½	1½
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#### TRACK: Varsity

April 17	Bates College	47	85
April 24	Bates	22	58½
	Middlebury		33
	Vermont		51½
May 1	Norwich U.	54 1/3	80 2/3
May 8	State Intercollegiate Meet		
	Maine		48
	Bates		42
	Bowdoin		28
	Colby		17
May 15	Eastern Intercollegiates		8th place

#### TRACK: Freshman

April 28	Hebron Acad.	61	56
May 6	Bangor H. S.	65	51
May 13	M. C. I.		22½
	Deering H. S.		52
	Colby		78½
May 20	South Portland		31
	Cony High		31½
	Colby		80½

successfully defended their title, although they were forced to share the crown with Maine.

### FOOTBALL

Coach Frank Maze will start football sessions September 2. He's invited 55 candidates to return, about 20 more than a year ago. The team opens September 25 against Amherst, perhaps the best small college eleven in New England, and follows with trips to Middlebury, October 2, and to Springfield College, October 9. Tufts and Bowdoin are at Waterville on consecutive weekends, before Colby goes to Maine and Bates.

A good freshman squad which lost only to Maine Maritime Academy will be up to give Co-Captains Don Lake (quarterback), Milton, Mass., and John Dutton (guard), West Newton, Mass., a lift.

Some of the newcomers to watch will be Dick Merriman, Bangor and Neil Stinneford, Dixfield, in the backfield, and in the line, Dave Fowler, former Choate School captain, Wallingford, Conn., Gus D'Amico's boy Jerry, who played at Deerfield, and Les George's son, Don, from Governor Dummer. These boys and the increased size of the squad make prospects somewhat brighter than a year ago.

*Death Takes Carroll Perkins,  
William Newell, Eddie Roundy*

## These Are Heavy Losses

THE FLAG on the War Memorial in front of Miller Library has been lowered to half-mast three times in recent months in tribute to loyal friends and supporters of the college. Death has taken Carroll N. Perkins, '04, (June 29) and William S. Newell (Hon. '41), both trustees, as well as veteran coach Eddie Roundy.

THE PASSING of Carroll Perkins closed out 32 years on the board during which time, as chairman of the investment committee, he was in large part responsible for the outstanding investment record achieved by the college endowment fund. Mr. Perkins was a partner in the law firm Perkins, Weeks, and Hutchins, counsel for the college.

Born in South Penobscot in 1880, he received his secondary school education at Coburn Classical Institute and graduated from Colby Phi Beta Kappa in 1904. He earned his LL.B. at Harvard in 1907. An honorary doctor of laws degree was awarded him by Colby in 1950.

In addition to his trustee duties at the college, he had been president of the Waterville Public Library since 1937; a director and vice president of the New England Public Service Company since 1925; a vice president and director of the Central Maine Power since 1922; and a trustee of the Good Will Homes and Thayer Hospital since 1942. A 32nd degree Mason, he was a member of Zeta Psi fraternity, the Waterville Rotary Club, and the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Perkins' contributions to his college and community were countless. Neil Leonard, '21, chairman of the board of trustees, spoke of his services to Colby in this manner:

"His monument is to be found in the fruits of the countless difficult decisions he made with courage and wisdom. No man has served his college with more faithfulness or more modesty."

Mr. Perkins was married in 1907 to Miss Emily Farrington Fales, now deceased. Their children survive: Mrs. Priscilla F. Schumacher, '33, Miss Frances N. Perkins, '33, Carroll N. Perkins, Jr., Horace D. Perkins, and Roger W. Perkins, '42, all of Waterville.

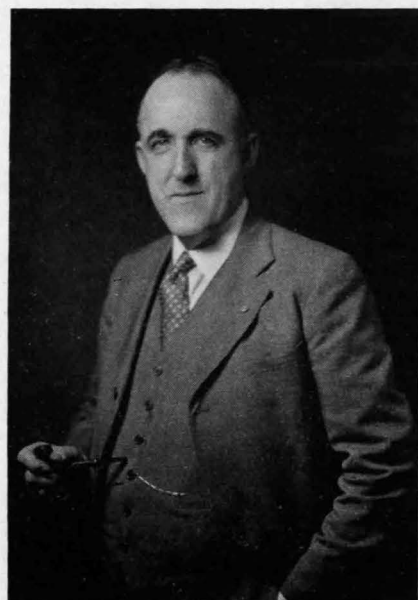
WILLIAM S. NEWELL was 76 years old at the time of his death April 18. Chairman of the board of the Bath Iron Works, Mr. Newell had been a trustee of Colby since 1942.

His firm, one of the most successful small yards in the nation, turned out 74 destroyers during World War II.

Mr. Newell made many contributions to the ship building industry including the introduction of the "sunken bathtub" method of commercial ship construction. That was in one of two wartime yards he created at South Portland where during the war 274 freighters for the British and American governments were produced. His work won him a government commendation in 1941. The same year he was elected president of the Society of



*William S. Newell*



*Carroll N. Perkins*

Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

In 1946 Mr. Newell was honored by President Truman. As a member of the President's Atomic Energy Committee, he was an official witness of the Navy's A-bomb experiment in Bikini Atoll.

A graduate of M. I. T., he began his career as a \$1.50 a day riveter during college vacations. He also went to sea, both in steam and sailing vessels, to acquire basic knowledge of his profession. In 1902 he joined the old Bath Iron Works as a riveter. Two years later he was superintending engineer and by 1910 works manager. After 23 years with the firm he had the unhappy experience of seeing it go bankrupt. In 1927 he leased the empty plant, called together some of his "old hands," and organized a corporation with himself as president and general manager.

The Associated Press, at the time of his death, wrote:

"Newell toiled long, hard hours. He was no swivel-chair executive and spent most of his time in the yard. . . When World War II came, he was ready. Within 16 months he jumped his labor force from 3,200 at Bath to 25,000 there and at the two South Portland yards, which cost some \$13,000,000 to build. . . Because of growing responsibility at Bath, Newell gave up the presidency of the South Portland yards in 1943 but remained as a director."

A life member of the corporation of M. I. T., he was also a trustee of the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture, and of the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation.

Mr. Newell held honorary degrees from M. I. T., Bowdoin, the University of Maine, Stevens Institute of Technology and Colby (an LL.D.). The French government awarded him the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur.

His wife, the former Caroline E. Moulton, died in 1950. Three children survive: Mrs. Paul Tiemer of Boston; Mrs. Eastham Guild, Bath; and John, president of the Bath Iron Works.

**T**HE DEATH of Eddie Roundy, beloved coach and friend of hundreds of Colby students and alumni, occurred suddenly July 14. A heart attack last spring during the "southern" swing of the baseball team had temporarily placed Eddie on the sidelines, but he seemed well on the way to recovery. He had, in fact, just completed packing to leave as State Racing Steward at Scarborough Downs when he was taken ill.

One of the most loved and respected figures in coaching circles, Eddie completed in June his 30th year on the athletic staff. He came in 1924 as head coach of football, baseball, and hockey and during his lengthy and successful career handled every major coaching assignment with the exception of track.

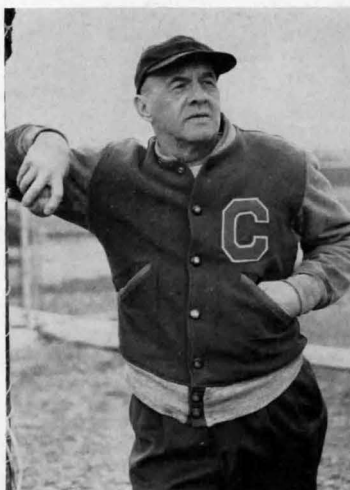
His keen understanding of human nature, his coaching knowledge, and his brilliant sense of sportsmanship and ethics placed him in a class by himself.

His greatest success came in baseball where over a period of 30 years his teams won 197, lost 174, and tied three. Five times Roundy-coached clubs won the state diamond championship outright. They tied on six occasions.

The executive committee of the board of trustees was meeting on the campus the day "Coach" passed away. A statement from Neil Leonard on that occasion expresses what was in the hearts of many.

"Eddie was a great sportsman and a talented coach," Mr. Leonard said. "His thirty years as a member of Colby's athletic department were highlighted by some fine teams, but more important were the contributions Eddie Roundy made to the men he coached.

"Eddie taught courage, skill, and fair play. His own standards were the



"Coach"

highest and he insisted that every man on his squad follow suit. Loved and respected, he established a record of service to youth and to this college which has seldom been equalled."

Edward Cilley Roundy was born in Fairfield December 19, 1891. He attended Portland High School before entering St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York, where he had a fabulous athletic career. He was the fifth man in the history of the institution to win four major letters, football, baseball, basketball, and track.

He came to Colby in 1924 from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia

## FOOTBALL APPLICATIONS

Colby will play three home games this fall:

September 25	Amherst
October 16	Tufts
October 23	Bowdoin (Homecoming)

There will be no general mailing of football ticket applications. Alumni wishing to purchase tickets in advance are requested to write to the Department of Athletics, Box 214, Waterville, Maine, for necessary forms. The earlier the applications are received, the better the choice of seats!

where he had been director of athletics and head coach. In addition to his baseball duties, he coached the hockey team from 1925-29 and football from 1924-36.

He was head basketball mentor from 1938-42, a period in which his quintets won the state crown every year but one. Since 1946 he has been directing the freshmen hoopsters, setting up an astounding record of 85 wins and 28 losses.

His wife, the former Christine McGann, a daughter, Mary, '46, (Mrs. G. Philip Cheatham) of Hopewell, Virginia, and a grandson, Randolph, are his survivors.

## Hebron Academy Celebrates

**H**EBRON ACADEMY celebrated its 150th anniversary May 22. More than 1500 people participated in the day-long program, among them, as an honored guest, Dean Ernest C. Marriener, '13, former acting principal.

Dr. Bixler, as a luncheon speaker, represented the Maine colleges. Colby alumni on the speaker's rostrum included S. Peter Mills, '34, for Hebron alumni, Charles Dwyer, '08, veteran coach and director-emeritus of athletics, and Arthur Field, '05, dean-emeritus and instructor from 1908-1943.

Colby's affiliation with the school goes back to early days. Ephraim Tripp, 1822, was the first of fourteen Colby alumni to be preceptor or prin-

cipal. The greatest, perhaps, was John F. Moody, '67, who is recognized as having been one of the outstanding leaders in Maine secondary school education.

In addition the college has provided a long list of teachers for the academy (Harold E. Hall, '19, is currently there) while Hebron has sent many students to Waterville, particularly during those years when the academy was one of four Maine schools preparing especially for Colby.

Always a good school, under the present leadership of Headmaster Claude Allen, Jr., (Hon. '53) Hebron Academy has become a distinguished independent school with a national reputation.

# Reunions

'09 '04 '49 '44 '39 '34 '29 '24 '19 '13

Secretaries reporting class reunions have attempted to include the names of all those who attended. If there are omissions this is unintentional. Many alumni, however, were unable to be present for the entire Commencement and in some cases, a few of these may have been overlooked in the reports which are here included.

## OLD TIMERS

The 12th meeting of the Old Timers Club was held in Mary Low Hall with 57 members and guests present on Saturday evening, June 12, Dr. Johnson presiding. President Bixler asked the blessing.

Linwood Workman, '02, led the singing of Phi Chi. If one watches the 50-year classes each year he will notice that fewer and fewer join in this historic song. Are we going to see the day when this classic will be unknown to any one in this distinguished group?

Dr. Bixler, before leaving to attend numerous other class reunions, greeted the class of 1904—the 50-year class—who with their guests numbered 17.

Dr. Johnson then introduced Professor Lester F. Weeks, '15, Merrill Professor of Chemistry, who is retiring this year.

At Dr. Johnson's invitation Edward Winslow of the Class of 1904 spoke for his classmates in recognition and appreciation of their admittance into the ranks of Old Timers. The class then retired to another hall for their 50th reunion.

The secretary read several messages from Old Timers who were unable to attend, and this was followed by the reading of the necrology for the past year. Twenty-one names were read of members who have died since the last report a year ago.

Dudley M. Holman, '84, gave a clear and accurate account of many interesting incidents in his life at Colby during his years as a student.

Robie Frye, '82, first secretary of the club and recorder of the charter membership of the organization, supplemented a few reminiscent remarks with the statement that not only is the Old Timers Club of very great importance to Colby today, but it is a perpetual organization.

Edwin C. Teague, '91, submitted the following:

Once a college by a river,  
Now a college on a hill,  
Fulfillment of a vision,  
Monument to faith and will.

Following is a list of the Old Timers who were present: Robie G. Frye, '82; Dudley M. Holman, '84; William M.

Cole, '88; Albert F. Drummond, '88; William L. Soule, '90; Edwin C. Teague, '91; Franklin W. Johnson, '91; Frank B. Nichols, '92; Rose Adelle Gilpatrick, '92; Ernest F. Osgood, '92; Lucia H. Morrill, '93; Melville C. Freeman, '94; Frances H. Morrill, '94; Clara P. Morrill, '94; Henry W. Dunn, '96; Florence E. Dunn, '96; H. Warren Foss, '96; Herbert E. Foster, '96; Charles E. G. Shannon, '99; Mrs. Ernest Parsons (Etta Purington, '99); Hubert J. Merrick, '99; Ambrose B. Warren, '99; Nella M. Merrick, '00; Linwood L. Workman, '02; Allen Knowles, '03; Mrs. William H. Hahn (Florence Perry, '03).

Ambrose B. Warren

## 1899 REUNION

Seated around a reserved table at the Old Timers dinner on Saturday evening, June 12, four members of the Class of '99 accompanied by their guests renewed friendships and recalled experi-

ences of 55 years ago. Although the group was small, plans had been made to meet after the meeting of the Old Timers and hear messages from absent members, but this meeting lasted until near the time for the commencement play which several of the class wished to attend, so the usual "famous last words" were said and all present agreed to be around for the 60th reunion in '59.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hubert J. Merrick, Mrs. Helen Merrick Chandler, '28, Miss Nella Merrick, '00; Mrs. Ernest Parsons (Etta Purington); Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. G. Shannon; Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose B. Warren.

Ambrose B. Warren

## 1904 REUNION

Ten of the Class of 1904, together with their wives and husbands, met with the "Old Timers." After a fine dinner we were duly introduced into the fellowship of the "Old Timers."

We then retired to the sitting room of Mary Low Hall for our 50th reunion. The following were present: Mr.



OLD TIMERS from the Class of 1904. Left to right: Harriet Cleveland Nason, Jennie Cochrane, Frank E. Wood, Carrie Allen Wood ('05), Winnie M. Hammond, Louis A. Hammond, Carl R. Bryant, Edith Watkins Chester, Gertrude K. Winslow, Edward B. Winslow, Allen Clark, Allen M. Knowles ('03), Lillian Knowles, Eva Clement Ames, Vernon S. Ames, Mary Caswell Carter.



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and Mrs. Vernon Ames (Eva Clement); Allen Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hammond; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winslow; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood (Carrie Allen, '05); Mrs. Benjamin Carter (Mary Caswell); Prof. and Mrs. Webster Chester (Edith Watkins); Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morton; and Carl Bryant.

The first order of business was giving, by the two class agents, of detailed information about every member of the class who entered Colby and who was not present.

Mrs. Ames read some very interesting letters from the women. The members present stood in silent memory of classmates who had died.

Carl Bryant gave a summary of what the class had accomplished for the alumni fund. It was found that there were 23 giving to the fund with the class quota exceeded.

To bring those members present up-to-date on what we had been doing the 50 years since graduation each of us gave in much detail a history of our activities. The story of our individual lives over the fifty years was extremely interesting. The recital showed how varied our activities have been and what we have given to community service.

In lieu of a class gift, a sum of money beyond our contributions to the alumni fund, was collected to be turned over to the Franklin W. Johnson Scholarship Fund.

The reunion meeting broke up at a late hour with each member agreeing that it was by far our best.

*Carl R. Bryant*

### 1909 REUNION

In retrospect your reporter recalls our 45th Reunion as a series of small reunions, one after the other, culminating in a dinner at the Jefferson, followed by a very pleasant and happy evening at Harold Kimball's camp on Snow Pond.

Gene Allen had a little difficulty finding the camp, but with the advice of our colonel from Florida they bracketed their shots and with military precision reached the target. All remaining ammunition was used to fend off the hostile chills of our rigorous New England climate.

If one word were used to describe it all your reporter would choose "congeniality."

The beautiful new campus was a revelation to those few who had not before had the opportunity to see it. The Rose Chapel, named in memory of a martyred classmate and his wife, was a Mecca for many.

At the dinner we received messages of good wishes and regrets from numerous classmates who could not be present. We, in turn, sent our greetings to Pearl Davis Steffenson, now confined to a wheelchair in her home near Norwich, Connecticut and to former Professor Clarence White, whose home is in Waterville.

The following were present: Eugene Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Chapman;

Mrs. Harrison Crowell (Jeanette Sturtevant); Mrs. Leroy Folsom (Blanche Emory); Dr. and Mrs. Leon Gilpatrick; Col. Wallace Hackett; Mrs. Frank Kelley (Martha Bryant); Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kimball; Mrs. Winfred Pullen (Agrandice Record); Dr. and Mrs. Austin Shaw (Helen Campbell, '08); Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wadleigh (Maude Nina Eaton); Mr. and Mrs. John Whittier and daughter; Sarah Young; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seaton.

*Thomas Seaton*

### 1914 REUNION

The Class of 1914 gathered at the Elmwood Hotel for its 40th reunion and dinner. Chester Wood said the blessing. "In the middle of the onion soup" we were asked to go to the veranda for picture taking. Later President and Mrs. Bixler dropped in for a friendly greeting.

The program follows: The gathering was not called to order; no old business; no new business; no officers elected and none were removed from office; no addresses, discussions or recommendations. We just talked. The meeting was not adjourned, and we expect even now as these lines are read, that at least a few of the members are still talking.

A few sidelights: Bob and Eva Pratt Owen made the arrangements. The flowers came with Eva from her own garden at Oak Grove Seminary. Chester Wood showed us the 1914 Senior Hop dance folder which has been with him all these years as a pocket piece. It reminded us that there were days when a dollar was a dollar and leather was leather. One member brought along a 1914 Oracle. A glance at the 1914 graduates reminded the men that in spite of the four billion dollar beauty aid industry, the present generation would do well to go back a couple of generations to learn some of the tricks of the trade.



1914



## 1919

The count off (and we hope that no names have been omitted) of those at the dinner or on Mayflower Hill during commencement included: Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Owen (Eva Pratt); Frank S. Carpenter; Mrs. William Holt (Marjorie Scribner); Mrs. Harold R. Haley (Alice Beckett); Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin Pineo; Mrs. Lester F. Weeks (Ethel Merriam); Idella K. Farnum; Mr. and Mrs. Aubra S. McDougal; Wilmer A. Mooers; Lena Cushing; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Gillingham; Chester F. Wood; Abbie G. Sanderson; Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Burke; Ernest L. Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Small (Laura Bragdon); Frank H. Jones; Mr. and Mrs. George G. Newton; George W. Perry; Mr. and Mrs. Milroy Warren (Lois Peacock); Mr. and Mrs. William A. Tracy.

Back to the talking. The members who for one reason or another could not be with us were talked about and missed. Emily Hanson who always was

handy with a poem sent these lines by Western Union:

I hear my classmates singing.  
Remember voices I hear.  
My thoughts to old Colby go winging  
Heartfelt wishes our 40th year.

George W. Perry

## 1919 REUNION

The Class of 1919 held its 35th reunion on Saturday evening, June 12, at the Waterville Country Club. Arrangements had been made very successfully by Harriet Eaton Rogers. Twenty-four members and guests sat down to a very delicious meal in a beautiful setting with the best of companions.

Those Colby men and women present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Raymond Rogers, '17 (Harriet Eaton); Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Robinson, also his brother and wife; General and Mrs. J. F. Choate, '20; Mr. and Mrs. Burton E. Small; Mrs. Roy B. Harmon (Miriam Adams); Mr. and

Mrs. Willard B. Arnold (Bertha Terry, '18); Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Creelman; Dr. John W. Stinson and his sister; Mrs. Howard O. Burgess (Mildred Cook); Mira L. Dolley; Mrs. Herman P. Sweetser (Phyllis Sturdivant); and our honored guests, Dr. and Mrs. Hallowell Davis (Florence Eaton, '18) and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Ashcraft.

The time was all too short as we wanted to attend the commencement play. (By the way, Harriet Rogers has stopped talking about her children, and now is taking bows for being the first member of the class to have two granddaughters in the Colby play.)

We heard briefly about the Gordon Gateses. Gordon is doing research at Harvard. Helen is with her folks in Bangor. Lincoln Heyes is in California. Ernest Perry is still coaching at Lawrence High School. Julius Sussman still operates the Augusta News Service. William West is dean of men at Howard University. Charles Andersen teaches in

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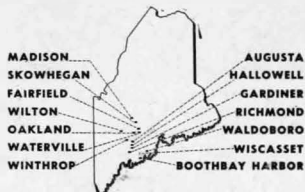


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New Jersey. John Ashworth, Vernon Tooker, Guy Whitten were also mentioned.

Phineas Barnes, '20, had a son graduate from Colby this year. Wentworth Driscoll is a lawyer in New York. Smith Dunnack, '21, an assistant attorney general, lives in Augusta. William Gallier is a colonel in the air force in Texas. Galen Sweet is with the Depositor's Trust in Waterville. Sidney Wyman is in insurance in Chicago. The Titcomb twins still teach in New York State. Mrs. Watson Otis (Alice Barbour) lives in Fitchburg, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Leonard, '21 (Hildegard Drummond) had expected to attend but were unable to do so, the first commencement they have missed. Newton Nourse was ill and unable to be present. Mrs. Ralph Ogden (Mary Ann Foss), our class agent, was too much involved in a number of things at home to come. We surely missed these regulars.

The Bixlers were kind enough to join us for a few minutes. It is always a privilege to see them and be greeted by them as we return to the college.

We wish all the rest of the class might have been with us, but we will hope for you in 1959.

*Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser*

### 1924 REUNION

Just five years ago the writer gave the *Alumnus* a brief account of the 25th reunion of the Class of 1924.

Really, Saturday evening, June 12, when we gathered, first at the Elmnwood for cocktails, then at the Templeton for an excellent steak dinner, no one seemed alarmingly more aged.

It was our 30th reunion.

There were several high spots. One of them was the return of Lee Su Jan who left China just ahead of the Communists.

Another was the election of Dean-Emeritus Ninetta Runnals, '08, to hon-

orary membership in our class. Dean Runnals recalled to our memories the fact that she had started at Colby with us though it should be noted in a somewhat more important classification at the time.

Gren Vale provided another high spot when he paid a warm tribute to Miss Runnals.

After each member of the class had accounted for himself or herself briefly since 1924, officers were re-elected as follows: president, Robert L. Jacobs; vice president, Ruth Allen Peabody; and secretary, George T. Nickerson.

Members of the class at the reunion were: George T. Nickerson, Joseph W. McGarry, Frank R. Porter, John A. Barnes, Gren E. Vale, Martha Marden Briggs, Grace M. Martin, Dorothy M. Gordon, Ruth Allen Peabody, Joe Smith, Ervena Goodale Smith, Marian Drisko Tucker, Lee Su Jan, Emilie Vigue Dillenbeck, Robert L. Jacobs, Percy G. Beatty, Donnie Getchell McCully.



1924



1929

### 1929 REUNION

Guests included Ruth M. Nickerson (Michigan, '32), Inez M. Jacobs, Carl R. MacPherson, '26, Barbara F. Barnes (Mt. Holyoke, '29), Frances Tweedie Giroux, '27, Leon P. Briggs, Barbara Whitney Beatty, '27, Phineas P. Barnes, '20, George Barnes, '26, and Ninetta Runnals, '08.

Letters or telegrams were received from Anne Brownstone Prilutsky, Albert H. Scott, Ralph Talberth, Arthur H. Snow, and Ralph D. McLeary. Ralph has moved to the school superintendency in Jackson, Mich. and Anne and her Canadian husband have bought a house at 14 Campbell Road, Stoneham, Mass.

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The class held its 25th reunion at the Elmwood Hotel, June 12 with 72 present. President and Mrs. Bixler informed us that our class had the record number back for Commencement festivities. There were 44 members present at the banquet.

Earle McKeen, our very able chairman of the reunion committee, and toastmaster, read several communications from absent class members. Dave Kronquist, retiring class agent, spoke about the alumni fund urging all to participate. Dave also received an award for "travelling the greatest distance to be present" (Fort Myers Beach, Florida).

Other awards went to Richard Hodsdon as "the first grandparent," and to John Nasse for "having the first son or daughter in Colby" (John, Jr., '56).

As a very happy climax to the evening Dean Marriner was introduced. He told us of two of our classmates who had done much for the college, Cecil Goddard and Mark Shibles. (We were pleased to see Mark receive an honorary degree.) The dean also spoke of the advances in curriculum at Colby, among which were the larger ratio of teachers to students, the advantages of the R.O.T.C., fine scholarships, the many new courses offered, particularly in arts and music, and finally the rich program of extra-curricula activities.

It was a very satisfying reunion. We are now looking forward to our next meeting.

Among the members attending were: Mrs. Harold Allen (Grace Stone); Mr. and Mrs. Drisko Allen (Alice Paul); Richard Benson; Webster Brown; Henry Curtis; Mrs. Lawrence Ferguson (Ethel Henderson); Francis Foley; Harvey Fotter; Mrs. Antonio Frederick (Beatrice Palmer); Mrs. James Fuller (Ruth Daggett); Jack Click; Cecil Goddard; Mrs. Walter Hamilton (Annella Bucknam); Mrs. Gilbert Henry (Lillian Morse); Mrs. Karl Hines (Martha Holt);

Richard Hodsdon; Everett Holmes; Gilman Hooper; Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Irvine (Dorothy Wilson); Charles Jordan; David Kronquist; Robert Lavigne; Elizabeth Libbey; Rev. and Mrs. Lemuel Lord (Doris Wyman); Earle McKeen; Mrs. William MacLean (Bernice Collins); Herbert Messenger; John Nasse; Edward Newhall; Robert Peterson; Mrs. Wayne Philbrook (Flora Rideout); Mrs. Verne Reynolds (Rosalie Mosher); Mrs. Fred Rogers (Ruth Bartlett); Mark Shibles; Fred Sterns; Dr. Allan Stinchfield; John Swartz; Arthur Strongin; Martin Tierney; Bertil Uppvall; Jean Watson; Mrs. Kenneth Austin (Helen Leighton).

*Helen Leighton Austin*



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### 1934 REUNION

Twenty years after the illustrious Class of 1934 was capped and gowned to be sent forth into the cold, depressed world, its members reunited at the Alden Farm Camps in Oakland. There in festive mood, graduates stuffed on roast beef and good humor. Members and guests totaled 58, of which about one-half were graduates of '34, and the rest wives, husbands or kibitzers. Of the latter category, the Class of 1933 distinguished itself, although the pres-

ence of three charming daughters of Jim Maher and the two daughters of Clark Chapman, Jr. took the spotlight.

Rowena "Pat" Loane Cooper won distinction as having travelled the greatest distance (Tucson, Arizona). She should also have been awarded a medal for arriving alive, since she demolished one beautiful car enroute in an accident in Ohio, escaping unscathed. These honors for distance would not have been hers had the reunion been held a few months earlier, for present were Ann Duoba Lawrence and her husband, now living in Brockton, but formerly of California.

Henry "Hank" Davidson was the sparkplug of the evening, and it developed as the party moved along that '34 has many distinctions among them Edwin Getchell who has had nine children — a set of triplets and a pair of twins included! George Hunt and George Putnam were tied with five youngsters each, with Hunt having the oldest child (18). Paul Stiegler, whose letter was read, also has five children. Longest married were the Elliot Diggles, who are now in their 20th year.

Peter Mills, U. S. attorney for the State of Maine, read about twenty letters from those unable to attend. Arthur Stetson, Esq. was elected president for the next five years, and Ruth White was chosen secretary. All in all, the reunion turned out to be one of the best we have ever had, and we are all looking forward to our 25th with much anticipation.

Following are those who gathered at the Alden Farm Camps: Frank Norvish; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stetson; Alan French; Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Diggle; Mr. and Mrs. George Hunt; Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Maher and three daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell (Annie Tuck); Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Patrick (Harriet Pease); Mrs. Frank C. Rideout (Portia Pendleton); Mrs. Jerrold Cooper (Rowena Loane); Mr. and Mrs. George Pugsley; John Holden; Mr. and Mrs. George Putnam (Vesta Alden,

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*Louise Williams Brown*

#### 1939 REUNION

The Class of 1939 held its reunion June 12 at the Jefferson Hotel over an excellent dinner of roast beef.

Those present were Stanley and Judith (Quint) Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton H. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Beaton, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Rancourt, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Jones (Virginia Kingsley), Ray and Marjorie (Towle) Stinchfield, Charles L. Dig-

nam, Shirley Brown Chupas, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Dore, Lester Jolovitz, David C. Libbey, Wilson C. Piper, Dwight Sargent and Katherine Coffin Mills (husband, Peter, was attending his 20th reunion). Robert E. Bruce, '40, and Norris E. Dibble, '41, broke bread with the '39ers and the age difference was hardly noticeable.

The James Beatons came the greatest distance — Long Island, New York. The Carl Hodges have the largest family — six boys. The Clarence Dore have the next largest family — four girls and one boy.

After dinner, the group accepted the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Dore and a very pleasant evening was had by everyone.

It was a gratifying experience to come back to Colby and find the dream we heard so much about in our undergraduate days a beautiful reality.

The years have been kind to the Class of 1939, and your correspondent was unable to find any traces of old age or senility amongst his classmates. Here's hoping the next fifteen years will be as generous.

*Lester Jolovitz*

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1944

### 1944 REUNION

There were 13 members of the Class of 1944 who attended the 10th anniversary reunion. Burton G. Shiro, now an attorney in Waterville, acted as the class agent for the reunion. A dinner was held at the Jefferson Hotel which has completed a vast renovation program. Those attending — and some of their news — were:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Warren McDougal, Jr. Warren is an attorney in Sanford. . . Stanley H. Short came all the way from Falmouth, Mass. where he is a dentist.

Mrs. Selden E. Heatley (Nancy Grahn) had a very enjoyable time even though she left her husband home in Long Island. . . Mrs. Louis Boldi (Helen Watson) was back with Mrs. John W. Hagstrom (Elaine Anderson).

Mrs. Wetherell Primiano (Barbara Baylis) attended from Barrington, R. I. . . Frances Shannon came from Philadelphia where she is a member of the Woman's International League.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Reed, '43 (Betty Wood), live in Rumford, where Ronald is with the Oxford Paper Co. . . Dr. and Mrs. John Poirier make their home in Waterville. John is a dentist. The Poiriers have six children. John was always a very fine student. . . Mr. and Mrs. James Howe (Jean Ferrell) are also from Waterville. Her husband was a former air cadet at Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCallum. John, now living in Portland, is connected with the Employers Liability Assurance Corp. . . Alexander Dembkowski managed to arrive late in the evening from Japan. Alex is in the Navy.

Burton Shiro

### 1949 REUNION

The first reunion of the Class of 1949 was held Saturday evening at the Hotel Crescent. As far as one can determine it was one of the largest first reunions for any class. Those attending were:

### IN MEMORIAM

Obituaries for deaths reported below will be included in the October *Alumnus*.

1884	Frank Bailey Hubbard
1888	Mary Farr Bradbury
1890	Melvin Monroe Smith
1896	Ethel Mae Pratt Peakes
1900	Orrin Albert Learned
1900	Marion Osborne Matheson
1913	George Lewis Beach
1915	Chester Rudolph Mills
1915	Bernard Gilbert Priestley
1918	Elmer Madison Tower
1928	LeRoy Miller Johnston
1929	Warren Fowler Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Appleton, Mr. and Mrs. Roland H. Austin (Muriel Briggs), Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Nicoll (Hilda Farnham), Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Golden (Joan Seekins, '50), Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Eustis (Anne Hagan), Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Latham (Patricia Lydon), Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Leach (Joan Gridley, '52), Mr. and Mrs. Earle M. Hammond (Jeanne Littlefield), Mr. and Mrs. John V. Mahoney (Roberta Longley), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marden, '50 (Shirley Marshall), Mr. and Mrs. Orman F. Cummings (Lois Smith), Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Tonge, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Warshaver, Mr. and Mrs. Walter V. Borucki, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wright, '47.

Ann M. Beveridge, Alice T. Kable, Nellie C. Macdougall, Marilyn A. Souter, Virginia Young Ellis, Elaine Erskine, Allen I. Dublin, Richard Fisch, Lionel A. Goulet, Robert W. McNaught, and Carleton P. Stinchfield.

### BIRTHS

A daughter, Rachel Ruth, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marsh (*Grace Wheeler*, '35), December 12, 1953.

A son, David Stockbridge, to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander F. Smith (*Jean Burr*, '39), January 30.

A son, Bruce Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howard (*Elizabeth Solie*, '39), March 4.

A son, Charles Ernest, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bruzga (*Mary Wheeler*, '40), April 14.

A daughter, Julia Katherine, to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Sullivan (*Julia Colby Wheeler*, '40), April 1953.

A daughter, Peggy Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Toolis, '41, March 2.

A daughter, Ann, to Dr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Feddeman (*Alta Gray*, '41), September 2, 1953.

A son, Benjamin Ayres, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baxter, '41 (*Elizabeth Sweetser*, '41), April 1.

A daughter, Robin Fiske Clark, to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Clark (*Mary King*, '41), April.

A son, Michael Jeffery, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feldman (*Pearl Russakoff*, '45), April 20.

A daughter, Cynthia, to Mr. and Mrs. William Hutcheson, '44 (*Doris Blanchard*, '45), May 6.

A daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Bondy, Jr. (*Anne Lawrence*, '46), April 5.

A daughter, Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Ferguson (*Nancy Parsons*, '46), May 11.

A son, David Bates, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Witherill, '47, June 9.

A daughter, Wendy Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Joselowitz, '48, May 5.

A daughter, Joanna Fairbanks, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lieck (*Cynthia Crook*, '49), March 11.

A son, Meredith Austin, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Leach, '49 (*Joan Gridley*, '52), June 2.

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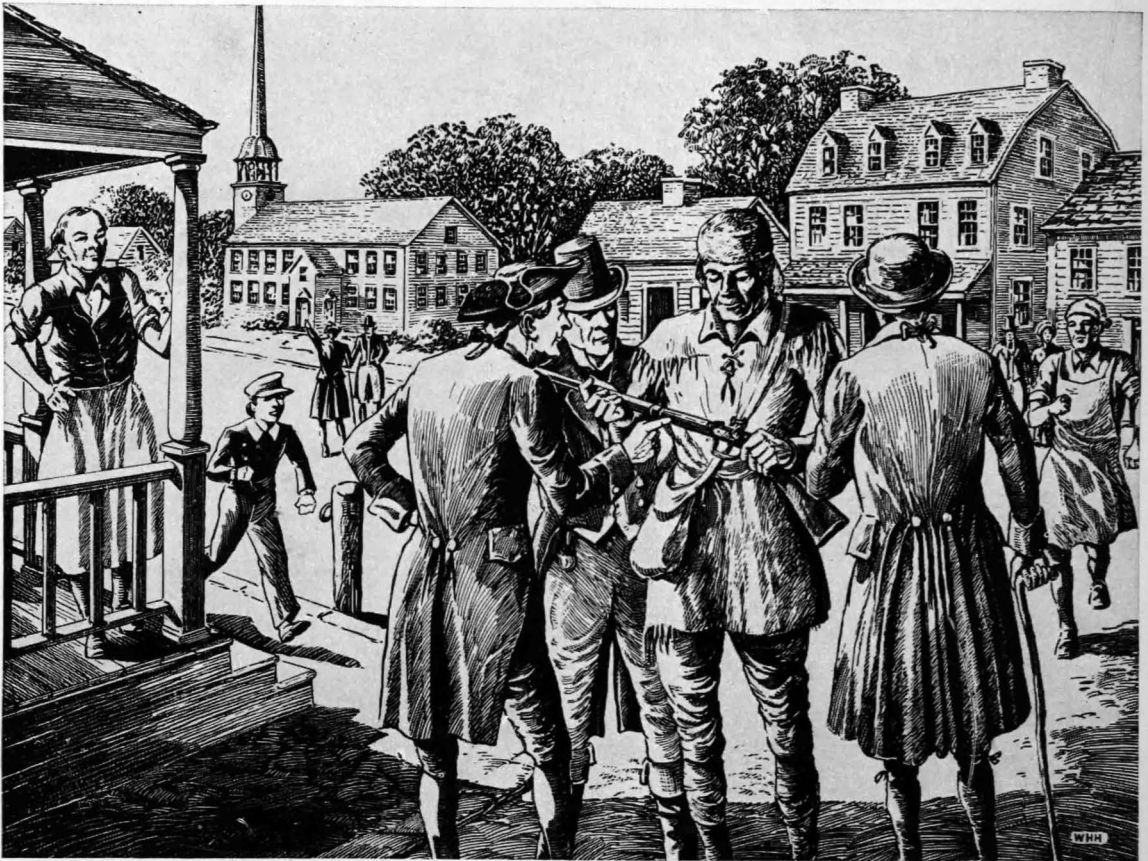
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## Passing of a Landmark

ONCE started on its way commercially, Portland grew apace. By 1830 there were 8 manufacturers of tin plate in the town, 3 of brass and iron, 3 furnaces for casting iron, 6 tanneries, 5 ropewalks. Besides these, there were clock and watch makers, carriage and coach builders, and many other industries, including numerous ship and boat builders.

All these activities meant prosperity for the people of Portland. Her younger citizens then wanted the outward marks of a prosperous city — modern buildings, paved streets, new hotels for travelers. Among the old buildings marked by them for replacement by a modern structure was the old First Parish Church.

Rumors were spread that decay had so weakened the spire that it was unsafe to ring the bell. For months thereafter, the beautifully-toned bell stood mute and after much discussion it was decided to raze the spire, move the old church back on the lot, and build the present stone edifice.

When men tried to saw through the immense oak beams it was learned

that fears of decay had been unfounded. After sawing and chopping as much as they could, and attaching a rope to the spire, pulling the rope with a strong team of horses served only to break the rope — the spire stood unmoved. Fearless men had to climb into the spire and saw it almost completely away from the church roof before it could be downed.

One John Hall, a Portland boat-builder, was a keenly interested observer of the proceedings. About 1812 he had designed and made a breech-loading rifle. This was a revolutionary idea to most Portlanders and they scoffed at Hall's claims for its accuracy. To prove his success in designing, he hark, on a wager, stood at the foot of Temple Street and aimed at the weather vane of the old church on Congress Street. Hall claimed that he put a bullet through the vane, but this was doubted by many. When the spire toppled, however, there, as proof of his claim, was the bullet hole. In the war of 1812 Hall's patent was purchased by the United States Government, and he was employed to superintend the manufacture of his rifle at Harpers Ferry.



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