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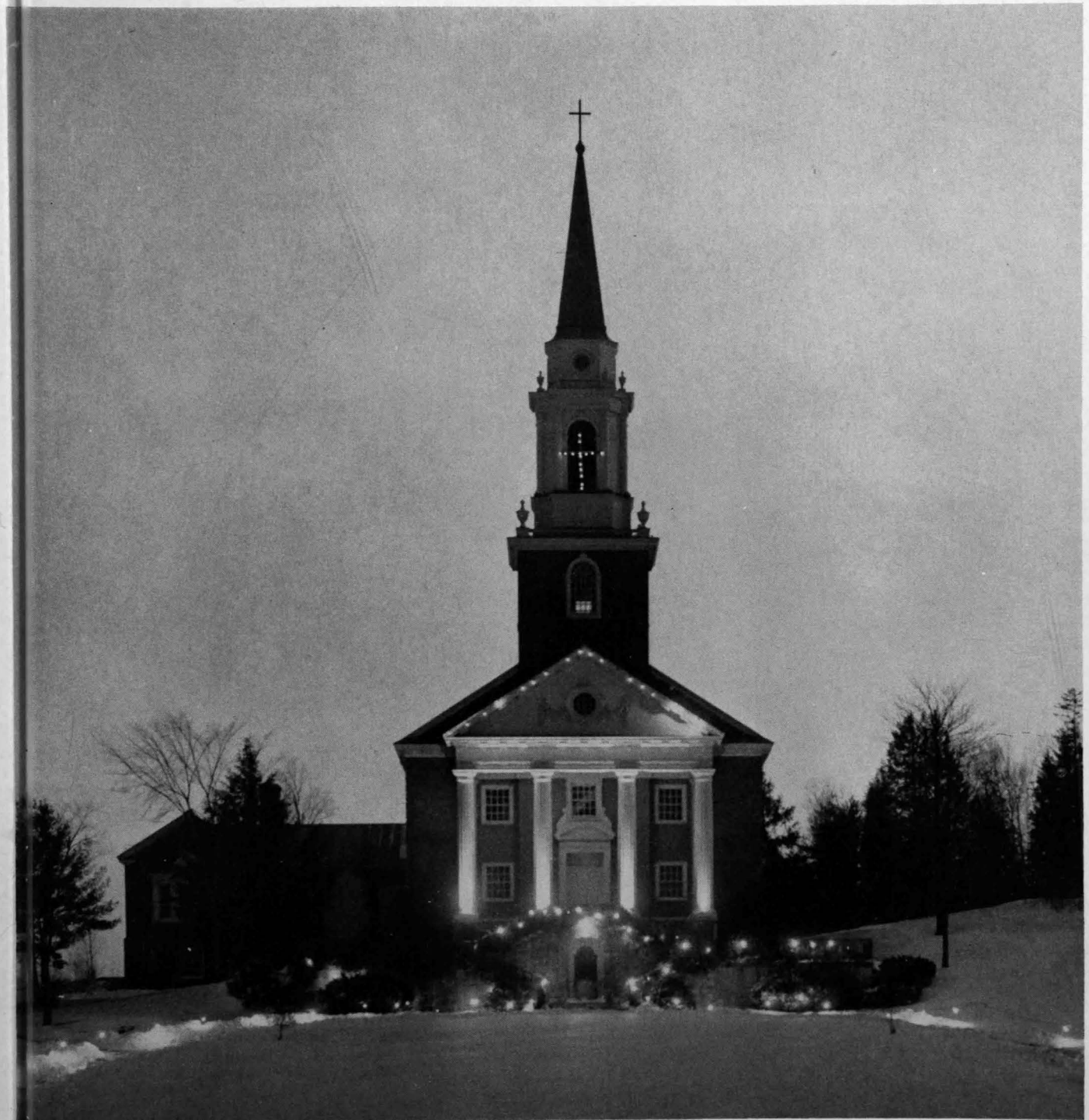
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ON THE COVER



Mayflower Hill is a youngster, but already traditions are sprouting on the new campus, for ex-

ample the warmth and friendliness that is Colby. Perhaps it is most evident at Christmas when students have so many projects. The D.U.'s decorate Lorimer Chapel. The Lambda Chis light Miller Library. Everyone plays some part. Take this year: the clothing and toys from Chi Omegas for a little boy at Thayer Hospital (he had no shoes) or the family with eight children and a father too ill to work who is receiving thirty quarts of milk each week from the Interfraternity Council.

Christmas does bring out the best in people, but the unification of purpose, which living together on a new campus has provided, means that Colby's new morale, and its new spiritual strength, is not just "here for the holidays," but with the college all year around.

The distance from my home in Montgomery, Alabama, to the Miller Library is approximately 1,400 miles, but every so often when things seem to be going from bad to worse, I like to look at my Colby College calendar with the picture of the Miller Library as its illustration, think about the story of the building of Mayflower Hill, and get a new outlook on my problems.

For of all the things I carried away from four pleasant years at Colby, I think the inspiration of the construction of the new campus in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles will remain with me longest and strongest. The epic of the moving of Colby College will always be one of the top stories of our times to my thinking.

I well recall my freshman week in the fall of 1940, when we were taken on a guided tour of the four shells that made up the new campus on the hill, a dream of the future then real only in the little model that was housed in a wooden building near the side of the Miller Library. That was my introduction to Mayflower Hill, that and Joe Smith's breathtaking films of the ten years already spent on the project.

Ten years! Ten years of planning, struggling through a depression, and finally starting. And, what, I thought, lay ahead? The world was half on fire, but still the plans went ahead. Somehow, the women's union and one women's dormitory were completed and then the wartime freeze on steel stopped everything for over four years.

With the thaw in 1946 came skyrocketing prices that made the carefully stored funds, so painstakingly gathered, shrink to half—then one-third of the need. But somehow again the challenge was met and at last, as second semester of the 1946-47 year began, all the classes except the science labs were moved to the hill.

Since then more buildings, landscaping, athletic fields, and other general improvements have been manifold until now the beautiful campus, once a scale model, rises in reality to form a living monument to those who have planned, dreamed and worked.

I'm glad I was a part of the picture for a few years because it instilled in me the spirit to go forward and build for the future that those to come might have something a little better.

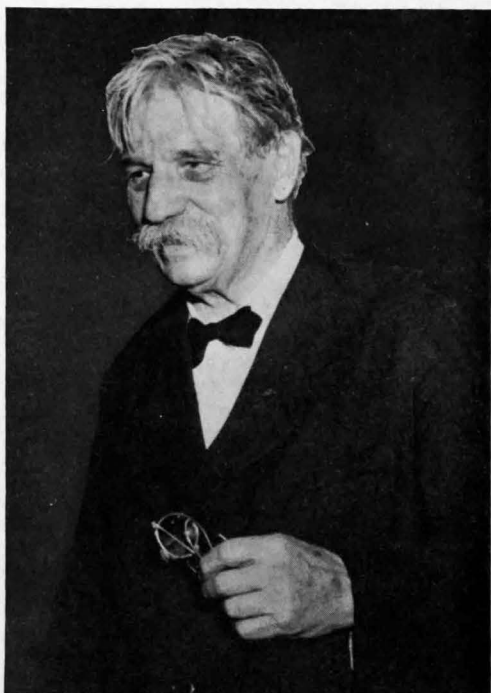
The move to Mayflower Hill is complete now. Oh, there will always be new buildings to be built, new courses to be added, revisions, changes and improvements. The spirit that moved Champlin, Chaplin, Colby, Roberts, Johnson, Bixler, will always take Colby forward, but to its sons goes the inspiration to go forth to every section of our great country and help build where it is needed.

To me that's what makes Colby distinctive among small colleges. Each one has its good teachers, its good courses, its fine people, and its spirit, but on Mayflower Hill is the living example of that enterprise that makes America great. Somewhere along the four year journey, the winds that blow among the new spires are bound to breathe a little of that inspiration into every Colby man and woman. Could that have been the idea behind it all?



Last bus to the Hill

RICHARD S. REID, '47
Member, Alumnus Advisory Board



Albert Schweitzer

The President's Page

Can you think of anyone you would rather chat with than Albert Schweitzer? Mrs. Bixler and I had that wonderful experience this last August. We had visited Dr. and Mrs. Schweitzer twenty-five years ago in their highland home at Königsfeld in the Black Forest. This time we saw them at Gunsbach in Alsace. The first remark Dr. Schweitzer made as we came in was: "You've just come from working with the philosophers at Freiburg." I replied that we had been not at Freiburg but at Heidelberg. Then I realized that I had failed to catch the tense of the verb he had used in German and that he was actually referring to our visit of twenty-five years ago and was ready to take up the conversation from where we had left off! "Are you still a philosopher?" he asked. I replied that I had become a business man instead and he laughed and said that was all he had time to be also.

I told him about our Walcker organ at Colby suggesting that perhaps he would some day use it for a Bach recital and went on to say that his autobiography had been chosen as our *Book of the Year*. He laughed a little at the idea and said "You're lucky if you can get through one book a year," but I think our choice really pleased him. Then he said: "Do you remember that when you went to Colby you sent me some pictures of the new campus? I was distressed by the blue jeans worn by the girls in the laboratory and told you I thought prexy ought to find money to buy them some better clothes!" I replied that I recalled his saying he wished he were a girl and could come to Colby and I wasn't sure whether he realized that Colby has over five hundred men. "Oh, do you?" he exclaimed. "That's a mistake. If I had a college it would be for girls only!"

When we sat down for lunch I told him I had often quoted his remark to me that he thought the most important quality in a religious person was absolute devotion to the truth. This started him on a fairly lengthy discussion of the hazards of any other loyalty and the difficulties people have run into when they have failed to put the truth first. "To neglect it is like going off the gold standard," he said.

Over coffee in the living room we reminisced with Mrs. Schweitzer about her visit with us in Cambridge some years ago and her lecture there and we asked her if she and her husband would not come to us again. She replied that at their age it was hard to predict the future. Dr. Schweitzer would be eighty in January, she said, and their only definite plans were for a trip to Oslo to receive the Nobel prize and the return to Africa in December. She told us that Dr. Schweitzer is working on a new study of certain technicalities in Bach's work and is also trying to complete the edition of Bach's music that he started in Paris many years ago with his teacher and colleague Professor Widor. He is also much occupied with the enlargement of the leper colony he has established near his hospital.

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The Talk of the College



Colleges exist because of what they can do for the entire community. The intellectual interests they try to encourage are continuous with life itself. An institution of liberal arts, such as Colby, must not withdraw from life around it, but must be concerned with what its neighbors find important. Our goal is not only to teach our own students imaginatively, but to encourage those in our neighborhood and wider constituency to see the creative possibilities in their work.

With this statement President Bixler announced the offering by Colby of six evening courses for adults. (The *Kennebec Journal* spoke of them editorially as "a substantial contribution to the cultural life of Central Maine.") The program, launched February 1 and headed by William A. Macomber, '27, director of adult education and extension, presented the following courses taught by members of the faculty:

History of the World's Great Religions (lecturer: President Bixler); The Great Collections at Colby (lecturer: Dr. Carl Weber); Public Affairs Forum (lecturers: members of the economics, history, business, and sociology departments); Principles of Personal Finance and Investments (lecturer: Ralph S. Williams, '35); Freedom and Authority in the Modern World (lecturers: fourteen members of several departments); Choral Workshop (lecturer: Peter Re).

Registration has been primarily from the Waterville, Skowhegan, and Augusta areas, although some folks have come from more distant communities.

Parents for Colby

IN THE INTEREST of developing a "closer relationship between the college and themselves," Colby parents have formed an association headed by Frank H. Burns of Bronxville, New York, vice president of *Forbes Business* magazine and president of the Maine Society of New York. His daughter, Betsy, is a senior.

Objectives of the Colby College Parents Association, as drawn up by an executive committee, are: to keep parents informed of the college's activities, policies, and plans; to assist in bringing facts about Colby to a wider audience of prospective students and friends; and to establish and develop a fund program.

Meetings at which representatives of the college will speak are being sponsored by the association. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Fairchild of the executive committee opened their home in Longmeadow, Massachusetts January 17 to the first such gathering. Dr. Bixler was the speaker. It was highly successful. Similar get-togethers are being planned in Hartford, Providence, Portland, New Haven, Boston, New York, and other communities.

Freshmen Eligibility

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by Bates College that freshmen would be eligible to play on all its varsity teams evoked considerable speculation as to whether others in the Maine State Series would follow suit.

Colby made its position clear early in the fall with this declaration by President Bixler at a luncheon for radio, television, and newspaper sportscasters:

"We are united in the belief that Colby College should not use freshmen on varsity teams. We shall continue to arrange for both freshman and varsity schedules. This should not be interpreted in any way to be a criticism of those colleges who are making use of first-year men in varsity games. This is their privilege and it is their way of solving particular situations with which they are faced.

"It is our belief, however, that a boy's freshman year should be free of the pressures which varsity encounters might bring and that he should have complete freedom to become adjusted to his new life and to the college which he has chosen."

Bowdoin and the University of Maine have also indicated they contemplate no change in their policy of banning freshmen from varsity play.

Cooperation with Industry

COLBY WAS HOST January 20 to the initial meeting of the Maine College-Community Research Program (MCCRP) which is bringing together for a cooperative project representatives of the four Maine college and industrial leaders of the state.

The MCCRP was established a few months ago by a \$25,000 grant from the Committee for Economic Development of the Ford Foundation. Its overall objectives are "to study eco-

conomic problems which are of interest and importance to citizens of Maine; to encourage business men to take an interest in, and devote time to, the study of Maine economic affairs; to promote cooperative and mutually beneficial relations between the faculties of Bates, Bowdoin, Colby and the University of Maine and members of the Maine business and financial community; and to reveal through a cooperative research process, information which can serve as a guide to intelligent decisions in the field of public policy."

The MCCRP Advisory Council is headed by Chester G. Abbott, president of the First Portland National Bank, and includes the presidents of the four colleges and Maine business leaders. Working under the Council's direction will be an active research group consisting of faculty members from the Maine colleges and an equal number of junior business executives. Professor Joseph W. Bishop, '35, and Professor Robert W. Pullen, '41, are Colby's representatives.

As a result of the January meeting, the MCCRP elected as its initial project the compilation of a business index to reflect the state's business trends.

Colby's Best Ambassador

PRESIDENT BIXLER's speaking schedule has been at its fullest. The tre-



A Colby chair was presented at Homecoming to Miss Florence Elizabeth Dunn, '96, by Neil Leonard, '21, chairman of the board. Miss Dunn has been a trustee since 1936 and a constant friend and benefactor.

mendous scope of these activities continue to indicate his versatility and his popularity.

He has been speaker at services in the chapels of Yale, Mt. Holyoke, Bates, and Phillips Academy and at the Unitarian church in Germantown, Pennsylvania. He addressed the State of

Maine dinner at the New England Council meeting in Boston as well as Unitarian and Universalist ministers of New England at Phillips Exeter Academy, and a supper for faculty and friends at the Harvard Divinity School.

He has spoken before a parents-teachers association in Hawthorne, New York; the Jewish Community Center in Lewiston; the Waterville High Band Association; and the State Street Congregational Church Couples Club in Portland.

His future engagements include an address before a conference of business leaders at the University of Pennsylvania (February 15), a talk at an evening service of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City (March 2), speeches at the Portland Club (February 28) and the Portland College Club (March 3), and the Phi Beta Kappa address at Trinity College (March 17).

Bowdoin's Beloved "Casey"

THE DEATH on November 15 of Kenneth C. M. Sills, president-emeritus of Bowdoin College, took from education a brilliant leader and a valued friend of liberal arts.

Dr. Sills had qualities of warmth and kindness that were unique. Colby awarded him a doctor of laws in 1920 and honored him and Mrs. Sills January 15, 1952 on the occasion of his

The terraces of Miller Library provided a landing platform for this Navy plane which swooped down to pick up students for demonstration flights. At right, the ATO's firmly secure a 93 pound deer brought down by brother John Dutton, Colby football co-captain.





Mrs. Jarvis Thayer has retired. She came in 1929 as the first secretary of the newly established dean of men's office and served in that capacity until last fall.

retirement. At the latter, Dean Marri-
ner cited some of the attributes which
brought Bowdoin's president such ad-
miration and respect.

"It was Dr. Sills," Dean Marriner
said, "who taught me that a college
president was not to be approached
with knee-shaking terror. Here was a
man I could honor and revere and talk
with in the same manner as I would
with any other thoroughly human
person.

"Dr. Sills has been a strong leader
for the liberal arts tradition through
the years, never giving ground to the
opposition. He has shown again and
again that he knows people must earn
their living, but they must know first
how to live."

President Sills gave himself gener-
ously to many causes, among them
Mayflower Hill. When Colby launched
its national campaign at a Portland
dinner May 9, 1939, he was a featured
speaker. He commented then, as he
was to comment again at Colby thir-
teen years later, "The college of lib-
eral arts is the most distinctive Amer-
ican institution that exists. It will be a
sad day for the nation if it should pass
out of the picture or if it should have
to be subsidized by the state."

Dr. Sills, with his philosophy and his
actions, contributed substantially to pre-
venting such a disaster.

He will be deeply missed.

In Brief....

AIR FORCE ROTC cadets are manning, what is believed to be, the only
Ground Observation Post on a college campus in the United States. Operations
are directed from the tower room in Lorimer Chapel each night from midnight
to 8 a.m. One hundred and twelve cadets have volunteered for duty on two
hour shifts. A pair of cadets is assigned to each shift. The post has a direct
telephone tie-in with the Bangor Filter Center at Dow Air Force Base. . . A
detachment of fifteen Colby cadets took off from Dow early in January for a
training flight to Stallings Air Force Base, Kinston, North Carolina. Their
C-47 was piloted by officers of the ROTC staff and the trip was made "to permit
students to learn about pilot training and to talk with officers and personnel
assigned to this work."

A RARELY performed work by Johannes Brahms, *Triumphlied*, Opus 55,
was sung by the glee club in its annual Christmas concert. The Colby Com-
munity Symphony Orchestra shared the spotlight in a Lorimer Chapel recital
given before a capacity audience.

MORE THAN eighty-five percent of Colby's employees donated to the Water-
ville Area Community Chest. Their contribution of \$2,263 was in addition to
the gift by the college of its facilities and of the labor of the buildings and
grounds department in putting on the Chest Kick-off Dinner in the Colby field-
house. Chaplain Clifford Osborne was the keynote speaker; President Bixler
the toastmaster.

DR. ORDWAY TEAD, former chairman of the Board of Higher Education for
the City of New York and currently editor of books on economics for Harper
and Brothers, spent a week on Mayflower Hill in November as a consultant to
the Self Study Committee. The committee is making a study of "the factors
which promote, and those which hinder, a climate favorable for learning in a
college of liberal arts, such as Colby."

THE MEMORY of the late Francis F. Bartlett, '26, a member of the board of
trustees at the time of his death last August 16, has been perpetuated by his
friends and associates through a scholarship at the college. Approximately
\$4,000 has been contributed towards a \$14,000 goal, the realization of which
will make it possible to award either a full tuition or two half-tuition scholar-
ships each year.

THE ART DEPARTMENTS of Colby and Bowdoin combined last fall as sponsors
of a significant exhibition on Winslow Homer. The paintings were shown
during November at Brunswick and throughout December on Mayflower Hill.
Nucleus of the exhibit were fifteen Homer works which are possessed by the
two colleges. (Colby's group, the Harold Trowbridge Pulsifer Collection, is
permanently on view during the year in Roberts Union.) In addition several
museums and private collectors, among them Homer's nephew and wife, Mr.
and Mrs. Charles Homer of Prouts Neck, lent material which illustrated every
period of Homer's career.

THE EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY of Albert Schweitzer on January 14 received atten-
tion from many sources. Dr. Bixler contributed to the observance with an edi-
torial for the *Saturday Review* (January 10); an article on Schweitzer for the
Washington Post (January 14); and a chapter for a special volume, *To Albert
Schweitzer on His Eightieth Birthday*, edited by Homer A. Jack. The latter is
an unusual book containing articles on the famed doctor by twenty-three "of
his friends." In addition to Dr. Bixler, other contributors include Adlai Steven-
son, Albert Einstein, G. Bromley Oxnam, Norman Cousins, and Gerald Heard.



He Loved Young People

IN THE DEATH of Dr. George G. Averill on September 19, 1954, the City of Waterville and the State of Maine lost one of their outstanding citizens. Not only was Dr. Averill known for his great generosity to many institutions and causes, but his sound counsel and guidance had been a determining factor in the success of an untold number of undertakings.

Really to know this man who, during his lifetime, gave away millions to worthy causes; to help countless young men and women to better health; to better educational opportunities; and who gave so generously of himself, one must study his life history.

George Averill was born in 1870 in Lincoln, Maine, the son of Dave and

Leah Averill. The Averill farm home was an extremely modest one. His father's death, resulting from a Civil War disability, when George Averill was only eight, left his mother to bring up the family of five small children. The only source of family income was a Civil War pension of seven dollars per month, plus such meager earnings as could be obtained from the farm.

To obtain a better education for her children, Mrs. Averill soon moved to the little village of Lee, Maine, the location of Lee Academy. Here George Averill worked his way through the academy. In addition to serving as janitor at the school, he helped cook in lumber camps, taught school, and sold insurance. Having

saved a small sum of money, and being constantly encouraged by a wonderful mother and imbued by an intense desire to be a doctor, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons (later Tufts) in Boston. Dr. Averill received his medical degree from this college in 1892. While at Tufts, as at Lee, he was forced to earn his way, accepting any job which he could obtain. Dr. Averill never forgot his school-teacher mother's confidence or the worth of an education and his own experience of working his way through school and college.

For the next four years, the young doctor practiced medicine in Enfield, Maine. In his later years, Dr. Averill loved to tell of the difficulties of prac-

ticing medicine in those days; of poor roads; of horses; of crossing the Penobscot on the ice or by canoe; of operations performed on kitchen tables by lamplight; of the lack of hospital facilities, consultants, and nurses.

Realizing the need for more study, Dr. Averill returned to Tufts in 1896 for advanced courses, and then practiced medicine in Cambridge, Massachusetts for fifteen years.

In 1908 Dr. Averill married Mabel E. Keyes, daughter of the founder of the Keyes Fibre Company in Fairfield, Maine. Faced by failing health, Dr. Averill gave up his Cambridge practice and, after a period of rest, went into business with his father-in-law. This marked a turning point in his career, for although retaining throughout his life his interest in medicine, he never returned to active practice. In the ensuing years, as general manager and treasurer of Keyes Fibre Company, Dr. Averill's shrewd judgment and aggressiveness was instrumental in building this company into the country's leading concern in its line.

MRS. MABEL AVERILL died in 1918. In 1921 Dr. Averill married Frances B. Mosher of Bangor, Maine. Having sold his interest in the Keyes Company in 1927, Dr. Averill became actively engaged in business in California, where he spent many winters. His California operations were extremely varied, including real estate developments, ownership of oil properties, the construction of several hundred homes, and the operation of several large farm ranches.

Dr. Averill possessed many interests, but without doubt people, both the young and the old, were his greatest interest. Without much question, his interest in young people was due to his own boyhood and his struggles to obtain an education. Because of his difficulties as a boy, possibly he was at times too trusting and too helpful. Probably Dr. Averill's interest in older people resulted from his respect and deep love for his own mother and for her struggles in bringing up the Averill family. All older persons commanded his interest and in countless cases he extended help to make the way a little "easier."

His interest in young people is shown by his great gifts to youth organizations and to various educational institutions. Very substantial gifts



Dr. and Mrs. Averill

were made by Dr. and Mrs. Averill to the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Waterville Boys' Club. Dr. Averill was the co-founder of the Waterville Boys' Club and one of the founders of the local Y.M.C.A. Both the Boys' Club building and the Y.M.C.A. building were provided by Dr. and Mrs. Averill, who also gave several play areas and athletic fields in the City of Waterville. Dr. Averill received the Golden Keystone Award for outstanding lay work in Boys' Club activities and the Silver Arrow, the outstanding award given by the Boys' Club of America. He was the recipient of a special citation for distinguished service to youth, given by the Y.M.C.A.

Various educational institutions were not only the recipients of great gifts from Dr. Averill but also received the benefit of his keen counsel and guidance through his services on their boards of trustees. Of special interest to Dr. Averill were Tufts Medical School, Lee Academy, Goodwill and Colby College.

Dr. Averill never forgot the kindness of Dr. Charles P. Thayer, professor of anatomy at Tufts, who took him under his wing as a student and supplied counsel, understanding and help. Dr. Averill's many gifts to Tufts were given in memory of Dr. Thayer.

Lee Academy, where he obtained his early education, was close to the Doctor's heart. Over the years he was substantially responsible for making it the

fine educational institution it is today. He appreciated the service it performed in a rural area and the educational opportunities it provided for boys and girls who might otherwise be unable to obtain an education.

Goodwill, a school for boys and girls, founded by Dr. George Hinckley, held a unique appeal for Dr. Averill. He admired and respected the founder; and the boys and girls, many from poor and broken homes, provided a tremendous attraction for him.

Colby College was one of Dr. Averill's major interests for many years. In a speech Dr. Averill stated, "For the past twenty-five years I have lived in Waterville and have been a close observer of Colby College in actual operation all that time . . . I have been in a position to know, and I think I do know, that Colby College can and will give more of the kind of education we want our boys and girls to have . . . for the dollar invested than any college in the country." While Dr. Averill was the largest single benefactor of the college, it is not too much to say that his greatest gift to Colby was in terms of service. He was a member of the board of trustees from 1929 to the time of his death; chairman of the board from 1945 to 1947; chairman of the building committee during the years of the Mayflower Hill development. It was Dr. Averill's genius that largely guided the college through the difficult years of building the new campus.



Dr. Averill presides as chairman of the board (Galen Eustis, at right). On page 6 Dr. Averill is shown receiving "the key to Mayflower Hill," given to him by students on his birthday in 1946 as a gesture of affection.

After people, probably Dr. Averill's greatest interest was the medical profession. In spite of the many years spent in business, Dr. Averill never lost his love for, and interest in, the medical profession. This interest was demonstrated by Dr. and Mrs. Averill's great gifts to Tufts Medical School, to the Dr. Joselyn Diabetic Clinic, the Sisters Hospital, the Mansfield Memorial Clinic, and the Thayer Hospital.

Although not actively practicing medicine, it is interesting to recall that during the war years when doctors were almost unavailable in the summer colony of Sorrento, Maine where Dr. Averill spent several months each year, he freely gave his services and even furnished the prescribed medicines.

Following people, and the medical profession, Dr. Averill's chief interest was business. Dr. Averill was an unusual professional man in that he was an extremely competent business man. In business he particularly liked to see things built. He loved to organize, to plan, and to direct.

The outstanding success and development of Keyes Fibre Company, of his California ventures, and of institutions in which he interested himself, give ample evidence of his extremely keen and analytical business mind.

The last great interest of Dr. Averill might well be called love of the out-

doors. Although he greatly enjoyed horseback riding and boating, far above any other kind of recreation, Dr. Averill liked to hunt and to fish. During his lifetime, he owned several different recreational camps, and in the later years of his life spent all the summer months at Sorrento. Dr. Averill liked to talk about his "poaching days," "cornering ducks," "short salmon in his rubber boots," and the conduct and intelligence of his dog, "Rab." He was never happier than when he could spend a fine summer day trolling the waters of Tunk Pond and looking forward to an outdoor dinner cooked on the shore at Sand Cove.

What sort of person was Dr. Averill? What did he look like? And how did he act? Dr. Averill was a tall, slender, immaculately dressed man whose white hair, keen eyes, and ruddy cheeks gave him an air of distinction. Basically, he was a shy man. This shyness was sometimes concealed by a gruff manner. Actually, although he sometimes tried hard to conceal it, he was one of the most approachable persons in the world. He was certainly one of the kindest.

FOR EXAMPLE, on his cruise around the world, the boat was scheduled to stop for a day to tour the Island of Mauritius, off the coast of Africa. As the large boat had no docking privileges here, it anchored outside and tugs ferried passengers to the dock. When he landed, Dr. Averill's attention was at once centered on a group of colored children, dressed up in white, and apparently under the care of a gentlemanly looking white man. On inquiring, he learned that the man had started a small missions school to help children abandoned by their parents. For good behavior the man had promised to bring them to see the big cruise ship from his country. Living in the interior, they had never seen a ship. Dr. Averill at once took over. He took them on a personally conducted tour of the big cruise boat, furnished ice cream, and took their pictures which he sent to them later, and for many years sent a monthly donation to this little school.

He loved to talk with people, whether it was a fisherman met at the edge of a lake, a hunter in the woods, or a group of colored youngsters on the dock at Mauritius. He was a homespun philosopher with a wonderful memory. A situation seldom arose

which he could not illustrate or clarify with a few lines of poetry or a story drawn from his reading, possibly of years before, or from some experience in his own life. In referring to a wealthy friend one day, Dr. Averill said, "He never learned the pleasure of giving away money." It can truthfully be said that the acts of generosity and kindness which gave Dr. and Mrs. Averill the most pleasure were the untold ones, those which made it possible for literally hundreds of people to enjoy a new start in life, an unexpected vacation, an education, or renewed health. Dr. Averill enjoyed seeing his gifts produce the expected results. In referring to the high school at Goodwill, he said, "For fifteen years I have been able to watch this building accomplish the purposes for which it was planned."

Possibly one of Dr. Averill's greatest assets was his ability, by word and example, to inspire the best in people.

It should be noted that Mrs. Averill, a former schoolteacher, shared completely Dr. Averill's interest in people, in education, and in love of the outdoors. Their gifts were joint gifts. His interests were her interests.

The esteem with which Dr. and Mrs. Averill were held was demonstrated at a testimonial dinner tendered them in 1951. It was necessary to limit the attendance at the dinner to representatives of those institutions in which he had been particularly interested, and to a representative group of his friends and associates. At the dinner, Dr. Averill stated, "It is due to the mercy of God that we have been able to make these donations. They have largely been to educational institutions because through education, crime and poverty are reduced, and the greatest good results to the greatest number." The citation accompanying the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws which Colby conferred on Dr. Averill in 1942 stated, "Physician, business man, philanthropist, who regards wealth not as a means of personal enjoyment, but as a trust to be administered for the benefit of others."

Dr. Averill's life was devoted to helping others. Because of him, thousands of young and old have had, and will have, better opportunities for health, for education, and for recreation. He was a friend to all. He was my friend.

A. G. E.

COLBY ALUMNUS

Is Maine Too Strong?

Is the University of Maine getting too strong for the State Conference in football?

This is a question that has been bothering followers of the autumn sport for several years but more people are talking about it this year than ever before.

With a much greater enrollment than any of the other three Maine colleges the advantage the University of Maine has in numbers is obvious.

Colby, Bates and Bowdoin are all liberal arts colleges with limited curricula while Maine is a university with many fields of study to attract young men who may not desire or be qualified for a liberal arts course. A coach seeking to attract potential football players to Colby, Bates or Bowdoin will tell you what an advantage this is to the University.

In five of the eight years since World War Two the University of Maine has either won outright or tied for the conference title in football. Lately the scores Maine has been running up on the other Maine colleges have been impressive. In her last five state series games Maine has scored 185 points to but 33 for her opponents!

There is a great tradition in the State Series and its break-up would be a bitter pill for the old grads. But in late years the University of Maine has been orienting itself toward the Yankee Conference, made up of other state universities of comparable size. Will Colby, Bates and Bowdoin be able to hold their own in the years to come against this kind of opposition?

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November 2, 1954

*At the editor's request alumni
have commented on the
above editorial. It concerns
a subject frequently under discussion.
The sole intention of this
page is to evoke further discussion.*

I DO NOT THINK Colby should eliminate Maine from its schedule. However, times change, of course, and if those students in college now and a majority of the alumni of the last ten or fifteen years desire it then there is no alternative.

Edward Cawley, '17

IT IS EVIDENT that the University of Maine has grown very rapidly in the last decade. While we are very proud of our state university and its prosperity, it has made a serious problem for the athletic directors of the other three Maine colleges.

One way it might be solved would be for Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby to play for their championship and, if they wished, still keep Maine on their schedules, but not as a member of the official "State Series."

Charles C. Dwyer, '08

IN MY PLAYING DAYS at Colby, we defeated the University of Maine three years in a row, University of New Hampshire three years in a row and the University of Vermont twice, with one tie. Has this so-called "Yankee Conference" changed the football situation so much?

James A. Daly, '41

UNLESS MAINE makes an actual attempt to go after football players in an unusual way Colby should continue to play them.

I am most anxious to see small college football preserved and believe that Bowdoin, Bates, and Colby, along with other small New England colleges, could do this, with or without the help of the University of Maine.

A great deal of confidence in one's self can be attained through the good, tough, honest competition as supplied in small college football. I would hate to see any actions taken which would tend to interfere with these very important benefits of a small college education.

John W. Daggett, '41

WE SHOULD continue for a while longer playing Maine in State Series competition. The cycles in football are changeable and I do not believe that enough time has elapsed since the war to definitely establish a trend.

George C. Putnam, '34

I HAVE recently had a discussion with a University of Maine graduate on this subject. I strongly argue that Maine is out of our class and if it isn't it surely will be by 1956 when the president of the University has estimated an enrollment of 4,000 students.

Ralph O. Peabody, '35

AS A FORMER captain of football at Colby, I assure you that I am very interested in the fortunes of our Colby teams, and especially so in their standing in the state series. What I would like is the answer to the following questions: Does the college administration do its part by providing enough coaching to produce good teams? Do the coaches do the best job possible with the material available? Are the players willing to pay the price (hard work, etc.) necessary to be a winner?

Robert Scott, '29

Chinese Ceramics at Colby

THE BERNAT COLLECTION



A REMARKABLE COLLECTION of Oriental ceramics representative of the culture of China from the second millenium B.C., to modern times, and containing more than two hundred objects, has been given to the college by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bernat of Milton, Massachusetts. Part of the collection is shown on these pages. President Bixler has described the gift as "a truly remarkable acquisition." The collection is being shown in a series of rotating exhibitions.

Above: Early Chinese vases of characteristically simple shapes with little decoration. From left to right, a Tang period (618-906 A.D.) piece with a cream colored glaze; from the period of the Six Dynasties (220-589 A.D.), a brown pottery jar. The center jar and the Amphora next to it have partial glazes of amber and green. They are also from the Tang Dynasty. On the far right is an unglazed jar dating from the second millenium B.C., an example of the earliest known historical ware.





Figurines from the Tang period which were found in the tombs of those who had been accustomed to servants and attendants during their lives. The Bernat collection includes a number of small clay animals, like the bull on the opposite page, also found in tombs.



The large white porcelain jar decorated with a reddish-brown dragon dates from the eighteenth century. With it are two pottery finials in the form of fish which were once used to decorate the terminating tiles of a roof.

This case, arranged for the exhibit in the Miller Library, contains some of the finest pieces. They are all from the Sung dynasty (960-1279 A.D.), a period in the history of Chinese ceramics which is known for its delicate ware. The favorite colors are a clear white (Ting ware) and a subtle blue-green (Celadon). Many are decorated with patterns incised in the clay which appear slightly darker than the rest of the vase after the glaze has been applied.





Hurrah for Old Phi Chi

by Katharine (Hatch) Burrison, '19

AN ARTICLE in the Commencement *Alumnus* spoke of the song, *Old Phi Chi*, and how less and less of the reunioning classes were joining in the singing of it. The author hoped it wouldn't die out altogether. So do I, for the mention of it brought back memories of my childhood.

In those days, when Colby would win a football game, the whole student body would do a snake dance through the streets of Waterville and call at all the professors' houses and demand a speech. There would be the lighted torches, the stirring music, the lively dancing. It was all pretty exciting.

There was, however, one drawback to our enjoyment of it; our parents were stern believers that early to bed and early to rise really did make a man healthy, wealthy and wise. So sometimes, if the parade was late getting started, we, as children, had to view the whole thing from the bedroom window.

One weekend, my father (Hugh Ross Hatch, Class of 1890, professor of mathematics, 1903-1909) was called out of town to preach — he was a Baptist minister as well as math professor. It happened Colby had won the game and, as it wasn't generally known he was away, we expected the parade to call at the house just the same.

Phi Chi was a hazing fraternity originating at Bowdoin. Colby students launched their own chapter for the purpose, according to Dr. Johnson, "of raising hell." The sketch in the title above, showing students singing before a professor's home, is taken from the Oracle of 1902. Accompanying it was the notation: "Colby vs. Bowdoin, 12-0. Poor old Bowdoin for the first time in history loses to all three of the Maine colleges."

Supper was a meal to rush through and so were the dishes. We were all singing *Hurrah for Old Phi Chi* at the top of our lungs and sort of getting ourselves into the spirit of the thing.

But alas! When seven o'clock came, we were hustled off to bed as usual. Rules had to be rules, especially when father was away and there were five children who could get pretty much out of hand. So off to bed we went, but certainly not to sleep. We were waiting breathlessly to catch the first faint strains of *Old Phi Chi*, and pretty soon, there it was! "Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah for old Phi Chi!" We were so excited we didn't know hardly what to do, and when they turned down Nudd Street, our excitement knew no bounds!

There were the lighted torches held high over the heads and prettier than sparklers or Roman candles on the Fourth of July. It was better than the Memorial Day parade or even the circus parade! And almost before we could get a good look at it, there they were, spilling over our lawn and shouting: "We want Professor Hatch! We want Professor Hatch!"

Mother went to the door and explained that father was out of town, but the crowd wouldn't be turned away. "We want the boys! We want the boys!" they kept shouting.

So Donald and Curtis, still in their pajamas, stepped out on the porch and gave what was probably the biggest speech of their lives.



COLBY

Alumni Fund

January 20, 1955

FELLOW ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF COLBY:

This issue is dedicated to those who contributed so generously to last year's fund. The "Club" to which they belong is open to membership and it is our hope that the report next year will contain at least 500 more individuals.

It always amazes me to see the vast number whose names appear in italics, indicating ten or more consecutive years of giving to this great cause. What a demonstration of faith and loyalty! As I note the high percentage in the older classes I am inclined to believe that being a contributor adds to one's span of life. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Last year we raised \$70,028.42 from 2,345 contributors. Many undergraduates have already benefited from this Franklin W. Johnson Financial Aid Fund and many more will in the years to come. The 1955 goal of \$50,000 is considerably less but, remember, it will not attract non-alumni givers as readily as did the Johnson Fund. None of us can rest on our laurels and feel that our help is not as sorely needed. Our goal is the highest ever set for a regular alumni fund.

I am sure that when the non-contributors read in the following pages of their friends and classmates who have given they will wish to follow suit and to stand shoulder to shoulder with them.

Let us be reminded that we will be remembered more for what we have given than for what we have held onto. I urge each and every one of you to contribute to the 1955 Alumni Fund.

Roderick E. Farnham

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I don't remember Donald's, but it must have pleased the crowd judging by the cheers. Curtis' speech was short and right to the point.

"I knew you would win," he said simply.

Cheers, cheers and more cheers and a long drawn out roll of the drum.

But Curtis hadn't finished. "Because I prayed you would win," he told them.

There was silence for the briefest possible moment and then the cheers really rang out. "Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray!" and, "Spell it the long way, fellows!"

"H A T C H . . . H A T C H . . . H A T C H . . . HATCH! HATCH! HATCH!"

It was just the way they cheered Jack Coombs and, oh, how proud we were of Curtis! our father! the football team! and the whole college!

All too soon it was over. It had been such a wonderful moment! But

so fleeting. Just as swiftly as the students had run up on the lawn, just so swiftly did they run off it and down

the street —

A babe was born at Bowdoin, boys,
Way back in sixty-four.
She thundered for admission
On every freshman door.
But thanks to luck and
1907-08-09- and up (How
each class would try to
shout the other classes
down!)

She'll thunder there no more.
Phi Chi is in her ancient
glory.

She most certainly was!
If only we could have held
onto her!

Time marches on, of
course, and today, I assume
there would be too many
professors for the students to
call on, and if they did a
snake dance through the
streets of Waterville, it
might tie up traffic for a
longer time than the authorities
would be pleased about.

Such a shame! But as for
me, I shall always be so glad I lived
in the days when old Phi Chi was in
her ancient glory.

PHI CHI

*A babe was born at Bowdoin, boys, way back in '64.
She thundered for admission at many a freshman's
door;*

*But, thanks to God and (class numerals inserted here),
she lives forever more,
For Phi Chi is in her ancient glory.*

*Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah for old Phi Chi;
Hurrah! Hurrah! And may she never die.
While luck is pluck and Prexy's stuck
And the profs are high and dry,
We will follow her to glory.*

*There are windows in the college, boys, there's water
in the well,
The freshman will discover if he tries to cut a swell.
Cold water for his diet till existence is a hell;
For Phi Chi is in her ancient glory. (Chorus)*

*Bring out the grinning skeleton and ope the coffin lid,
And put the freshman in it till his infant form is hid,
For he must learn that he must do precisely as he's bid,
For Phi Chi is in her ancient glory. (Chorus)*

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE . . . (Continued)

Meanwhile Dr. Schweitzer had gone out to talk with a visitor. When he returned he invited us to come with him to the simple little parish church where his father was for so many years pastor and where he has now installed the remarkable organ he uses for most of his practice and on which he has made his recordings. We picked up a few added guests as we went along including an organist, a physician, and a photographer, all from America, and a father and son who from their dialect must have been Swiss or Alsatian — the son an eighteen year old musician and blind. When in reply to the father's question Dr. Schweitzer invited them to come and listen the son's face lighted up as if his whole life had been lived for this moment.

We followed the Doctor up the narrow steep stairs to the organ loft which

is at the back of the church and looked down on the pews, imagining how they would appear filled with the men on one side and the women on the other according to the old Alsatian custom. It was pleasant also to reflect on the fact that the church serves for both Protestants and Catholics in this small village. With its stove and stove-pipe crossing the ceiling, the Bible verses on the walls, and the narrow windows it had a cosy and intimate feeling. Dr. Schweitzer sat down on the organ bench and beckoned me to a place beside him. "Bach, aus seiner Jugendheit," he said, and started with one of the early Bach preludes. Then he played several variations of that wonderful chorale "O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden" which we sing to the hymn "O Sacred Head now Wounded." Then came two more Bach pieces, and one by Mendelssohn. Finally one by Widor brought the recital to a close.

We followed him down the stairs and at the door of the church I must confess I could not resist taking a movie of him with a camera some of my good Colby friends had thoughtfully sent for use on the trip. So we have not only our memories but a few feet of movie film which will be gladly exhibited to any Colby people who are interested. Last June at the baccalaureate service I remarked to our graduating seniors that I thought the world is now in the mood to listen to a person with such an outstanding reputation for spiritual accomplishment as Dr. Schweitzer's. I am glad that our Colby community can read his book this year and I hope that our alumni and friends will share this experience and read the book for themselves. It is hard to think of a better focal point for our thought. As Professor Whitehead once observed, the chief aim of education is to win the habitual vision of greatness.

J. S. Bixler

a college is big business

SEVERAL ALUMNI contributed questions for this article, the first of two on Colby's financial and development program. Answers have been provided by college officers A. Galen Eustis, '23, vice president, Edward Turner, director of development, and Arthur Seep, treasurer.

Considering its present endowment and other current sources of income, can Colby reasonably expect to make both ends meet over the long run?

IT WOULD be fair to say that with its present endowment and other sources of income at the current level, Colby could not expect to do the kind of educational job it desires to do and operate in the black over an extended period. For a considerable number of years, the college has been faced by a continually rising cost of operation. This has been caused by: the inflationary period we have been in, which, in turn, has caused expenditures for salaries and other expenses heavily to increase; added facilities which must be staffed and maintained; and the greatly expanded and improved educational offerings of the college.

It seems clear that costs will continue to rise. This is one of the primary reasons why the college has its alumni fund and is engaged in a development program. The objective is to provide not only the additional physical facilities needed, but sufficient endowment to meet the costs of the future.

What size alumni fund would place Colby on a stable financial basis?

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to give a categorical answer since one cannot forecast future costs with any assured degree of accuracy. It is reasonable to assume that if the college continues to expand its physical plant; if its faculty continues to grow, both in numbers and quality; and if the inflationary trend continues, college costs will rise. At the present time, even though great strides have been made in faculty and staff salaries, the college must do much more. It is hoped that before too long the alumni fund can be counted on for approximately \$100,000 a year.

What is the extent of the growth of alumni giving over the last ten years?

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to give accurate figures of total alumni giving since gifts, other than those for the alumni fund, are not recorded separately from gifts of friends of the college. Alumni giving, however, has been generous and has greatly increased over the last decade. For example: alumni contributions for fraternity house construction now total in excess of \$500,000. The alumni fund in 1944 was \$29,368 and in 1954 was \$70,028.

Are there any "chairs" at Colby? Is the Roberts Professorship of English a "chair"? How much is needed to endow such a "chair"?

ALTHOUGH THE COLLEGE would very much like to have several more endowed professorships, at the present time it has only one, the Herbert Wadsworth Professorship in Business Administration. The department of business administration has an endowment of \$166,000. The Roberts Professorship is not endowed. The endowment needed for a "chair" would range from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

How much money must be provided to complete the seriously needed facilities outlined in the Mayflower Hill plan?

ALTHOUGH there might be honest differences of opinion as to the priority of needed additional facilities, and as to the relative seriousness of the need, the Development Committee has arrived at the following:

Facility	Estimated Cost
Social Science Building (provides classrooms, faculty offices, Little Theatre)	\$800,000
Music and Art Building	500,000
Administration Building	350,000
Cooperative Girls' Dormitory	200,000
Recreational Facilities	135,000
Landscaping (including campus lighting)	90,000
For investment in buildings already constructed	625,000

In considering the above figures one must keep in mind the tremendous growth in construction costs. A study prepared by a well-known construction firm illustrates what this rise means in dollars. A college building costing \$615,000 in 1929-30, if built in 1950, would have cost \$1,585,000; if built in 1954, \$1,870,000.



ARTHUR SEEPE, GALEN EUSTIS, EDWARD TURNER

How does Colby's endowment compare with that of other New England colleges?

Market Value 6/30/54

Dartmouth	\$38,105,632
Amherst	27,853,270
Williams	21,437,416
Brown	17,129,678
Smith	15,868,665
Bowdoin	15,146,315
Tufts	13,239,185
Radcliffe	10,451,304
Mount Holyoke	9,711,474
Middlebury	8,028,081
Colby	5,429,845

THE INVESTMENT of the endowment funds of the college is entrusted to a committee of the board of trustees which is responsible to the board. At the present time the Investment Committee is composed of Ellerton M. Jette, president of C. F. Hathaway Company, E. Richard Drummond, '28, of the firm of Pierce, White and Drummond in Bangor, and Reginald H. Sturtevant, '21, president of the Livermore Falls Trust Company. The college employs as investment counsellor, A. B. Cornell of Boston. The committee meets regularly each month. In addition to the aforementioned, the meetings are attended by the president, vice-president, assistant to the president, and treasurer.

As custodians of what amounts to trust funds, the committee follows the so-called "prudent man rule" in determining its investment policy. Basically, the primary objective is the preservation of principal, both in dollars and purchasing power. The second objective has to be certainty of rate of income. On July 1, 1944 the book

value of the endowment fund totaled \$3,067,763, whereas on July 1, 1954 this had been increased through gifts and realized gains to \$5,091,528 (market value \$5,429,845).

The average rate of return earned for the past fifteen years has been 4.96 percent, with 5.11 percent being earned during the last fiscal year. The fund now shows a net realized gain of \$1,090,000 and unrealized gains in excess of \$500,000. With the inflationary situation existing in recent years bringing about a constantly decreasing value of the dollar, and with high grade bonds selling on a very low yield basis, the college has substantially increased its commitments in common stocks. On November 1, 1954, 50.7 percent of the portfolio was in common stocks and 8.6 percent in preferred stock. In the common stock section of the portfolio, 38.7 percent was in utilities, 18.6 percent in communications, 14.7 percent in oils, 6.3 percent in paper and paper products.

Is the problem of higher salaries a pressing one? How does Colby's faculty scale compare with that of other New England colleges?

THE PROBLEM of faculty salaries, as well as that of all other salaries, is very pressing for most privately endowed colleges. Colby has made substantial progress in increasing its faculty salaries in recent years. The decreased value of the dollar, coupled with the growing discrepancy with industrial salaries, makes it essential that every effort be made further to increase salaries. There are certain compensating advantages possessed by faculty members, but there should not be as wide a differential as exists at the present time.

The current Colby faculty salary scale, and the scale to be effective with the year 1955-56, are shown below:

	<i>Current</i>	<i>1955-56</i>
Professors	\$5,500-\$10,000	\$6,000-\$10,000
Associate Professors	4,000- 6,000	4,500- 6,000
Assistant Professors	3,500- 5,000	4,000- 5,000
Instructors	3,000- 4,500	— 4,500

Salary changes are made on an individual basis rather than on the basis of annual increases of stated amounts. The scale is followed in all cases, other than those of certain administrative officials who have academic rank, and from time to time in cases of members of the athletic staff. Colby's faculty salaries compare satisfactorily with small liberal arts colleges from a country-wide viewpoint, but are lower than those of certain New England colleges with which we wish to be compared.

What are the provisions for faculty retirement?

SINCE 1950 colleges have been eligible to participate under the Social Security Law. Under the present law, most academic staff members will qualify for maximum benefits.

For many years Colby has participated in the TIAA (Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association) retirement program. Under this plan each faculty member must contribute five percent of his salary and the college an equal amount. For the early years of this plan, the college supplemented the amount received on retirement. It is hoped that this plan, plus Social Security, will enable the average faculty member to retire at an income of one-half of his average salary during the last five years of employment.



Joseph Coburn Smith



Doris Hardy Haweeli



Robert E. Wilkins

Robert E. Wilkins '20 and Mrs. Doris Hardy Haweeli '25 were nominated as alumni trustees and Joseph Coburn Smith '24 nominated as a new alumni trustee at the fall meeting of the Alumni Council October 25.

JOSEPH COBURN SMITH was graduated from Colby Phi Beta Kappa. He obtained his master's degree in economics at Harvard University in 1926.

Since 1948 he has been connected with Marts & Lundy of New York City as a director of publicity. During that time he has participated in fund-raising campaigns for about 75 colleges, churches, hospitals and other institutions. He is a member of the board of directors of Marts & Lundy.

From 1930 to 1948 he was director of publicity at Colby College, and from 1934 to 1948 was editor of the *Alumnus*. He has been director of the State YMCA of Maine, the Waterville YMCA, the Maine Sea Coast Mission, and the Christian Civic League of Maine. He has been a trustee of Coburn Classical Institute, now the Coburn School, since 1930, and from 1932 to 1948 served as its treasurer. He is a member of the American College Public Relations Association, and was chairman of the New England District in 1934 and again in 1948.

In 1925 he married Ervena Goodale, '24. Their son, George, graduated from Colby in 1949.

Mr. Smith is the son of George Otis Smith, 1893, and Grace Coburn Smith,

1894, and the nephew of Louise Coburn, 1877. His grandfather, Stephen Coburn, graduated in 1839.

DORIS HARDY HAWEELI was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Colby. From that time until 1952 she was a teacher of foreign languages at Coburn Classical Institute. She has served as secretary and president of the Waterville Alumnae Association and as a member of the Alumni Council. She was a member-at-large of the Alumni Council from 1945 to 1951, and vice-chairman from 1948-1950. She was elected alumni trustee in 1952.

In 1952 she was married to Edward M. Haweeli. They live in Worcester, where Professor Haweeli teaches in Worcester Junior College. She is the daughter of the late Theodore E. Hardy, 1895.

ROBERT E. WILKINS, the son of George E. Wilkins, 1887, entered the insurance field immediately on graduation from Colby, first with the group insurance department of the Travelers Insurance Company. In 1929 he went with the Prudential Insurance Company of America as man-

ager of the group insurance department. Since 1946 he has been manager of The Robert E. Wilkins Agency for the State of Connecticut.

In 1942 he entered the Naval Service as Air Combat Intelligence Officer, participating in the Solomon Islands campaign, in carrier raids on Tokyo, and in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns. Lt. Commander Wilkins was awarded the Naval Commendation Ribbon from Admiral Nimitz for distinguished performance in the Solomons, and the Bronze star for outstanding service aboard the USS Randolph. He was awarded the Chartered Life Underwriters designation by the American College of Life Underwriters in 1934, has been vice-president and president of the Hartford Chapter of Chartered Life Underwriters, president of the Hartford Association of General Agents and Managers, president of the Connecticut Association of Life Underwriters, regional director and vice-president of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters and is currently president of the Hartford Sales Executives Club. He has served the college as agent for 1920, as alumnus representative on admissions from northern New Jersey, and as a member of the Alumni Council. From 1946 to 1948 he was chairman of the Alumni Fund, and chairman of the Council from 1948-1950. Since July 1, 1952 he has been on the board of trustees. His son, Robert Jr., graduated from Colby in 1951.

According to the revised constitution of the Alumni Association other alumni may be nominated for trustee by submitting a petition signed by 25 alumni and filed with the Executive Secretary within three months after publication of this issue of the *Alumnus*.

If there are no nominations by petition, the candidates nominated by the Council will be elected by the Council at its Commencement meeting.

SPORTS

THE FIFTH consecutive state series basketball title was wrapped up by Colby January 15 with a 79-53 conquest of Bates. Coach Lee Williams crew has a 6-0 record against State of Maine opposition. Even conceding the unlikely disaster of losing all three remaining games with Bates, Bowdoin, and Maine, the Mules would still tie for the crown.

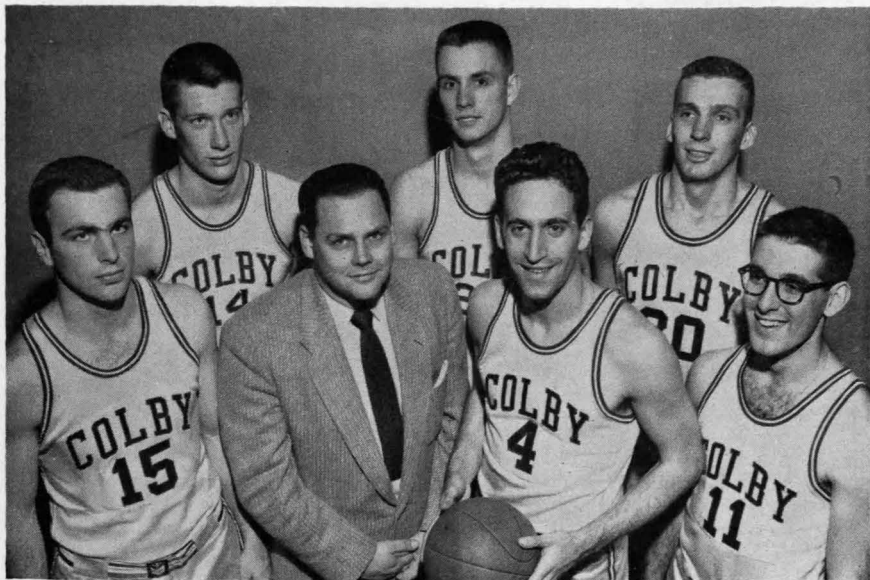
This year's basketball edition is a strange mixture of wildness and dependability. On the Mayflower Hill court the Mules have been unbeatable. Away from home they have given many rabid supporters sufficient cause for heart failure. At Bowdoin, Captain Lou Zambello and his cohorts squeaked by 64-63. A return match in Waterville saw Colby on top 91-66. It was the highest score Colby has ever run up against Bowdoin on the court.

Bates was a similar story. At Lewiston Colby was forced to overcome a 21-30 half-time deficit before winning 64-57. A month later at the Mule field-house the Bobcats were completely smothered 79-53.

A 76-59 lashing of Maine in Waterville December 10 gave Colby a pre-game favorite tag when Williams took the team to Orono January 10. The evening ended in an overtime 74-73 win, earned only by sensationalism.

Colby has had too many "close" ones, but to the team's great credit it has won them all. Here's a run-down of such matches: 68-67 over St. Michaels; 78-75 over Brandeis; 81-79 over Massachusetts. The only loss in regular season play has been an 83-63 bout with Seton Hall. Vermont and Springfield were both victims of the Colby machine.

Only the New England Intercollegiate tournament during Christmas vacation has given cause for discouragement. For some reason, still to be determined by historians, the Mules fell apart in this one. Brown (64-57) and Harvard (70-61) both ruled before Zambello led the club to another eyelash triumph over Massachusetts, 65-64.



STILL CHAMPS — Coach Lee Williams and his crew have notched their fifth consecutive Maine title. Left to right: Bob Bruns, Dave Van Allen, Williams, Justin Cross, Lou Zambello, Bob Raymond and Dino Sirakides.

Williams has a veteran bunch of juniors in Bob Raymond, 6'5, Dave Van Allen, 6'5, Don Rice, 5'11, Justin Cross, 6'6, Bob Bruns, 6'2, and Don Dunbar, 5'11. Among the more often used sophomores are Charlie Twigg, 6'1, and Bob Lombard, 6'2. Captain Zambello, a senior, is the only member of the squad who will be graduating this June.

The freshmen, coached by John Winkin, are providing an equally bright picture. Undeclared as this issue goes to press, the young Mules have found it comparatively easy going against South Portland, Maine Maritime, Edward Little, Nason College, Westbrook, Higgins Classical, and the Portland YMCA. The biggest test, in fact, came from the "Y" who had two ex-Colby aces in the line-up: Frank Piacentini, '53, who tucked in 29 points against the frosh and Russ Washburn, '50, who collected 18.

The starting quintet for the freshmen is filled with talent: Larry Cudmore, 6'3, former All New England scholastic shooter from Brockton, Mass.; Johnny Edes, 6'3, a pillar for the '54 Maine champions and New England runner-ups, Ellsworth High; Joseph "Chick" Marchetti, 6'1, ex-Morse High (Bath) co-captain; Dick Campbell, 6'5, former member of Deerfield Academy's quintet; and George Denneen, 6'3, masterful playmaker from North Quincy, Massachusetts.

INDIVIDUAL performances by Don Lake, Johnny Jacobs, and Neil Stinneford and the team performance against Bowdoin were the highlights of a football season that had elements of excitement and disappointment.

After the sparkling 20-13 win over the Polar Bears, Colby was jolted by Maine (33-6) and Bates (28-13). The turning point of the Bates contest came early in the second period when Lake was put out of action with a broken hand. Sophomore Dick Merriman, Bangor, took over and did some fine work both as a field general and passer, but the loss of Lake, one of the cleverest and most dependable aerial artists in Colby's gridiron history, was a heavy blow. A hard-charging, well-knit Bates club rolled up a 28-0 advantage before permitting its goal line to be dented.

Looking ahead to next year, several key men will be absent: Jacobs (end); Ralph Cuccuro and Arthur Marchand (tackles); Co-Captain John Dutton and George Dinnerman (guards); Co-Captain Lake and Dick Bartlett (backs).

Merriman (son of Earl Merriman, '25, and Laurice Edes Merriman, '28) should prove a capable replacement for Lake. He is heavy, fast, and full of savvy. Stinneford will return after a great sophomore year in which he was chosen on both the *Bangor Daily News* and the *Portland Sunday Telegram* All-Maine teams. Lake and Jacobs also

received these honors and, in addition, were given mention on various Little All American and All New England selections.

Stinneford carried 87 times for 356 yards and scored six touchdowns. Jacobs had a phenomenal record, receiving 37 passes for 552 yards and seven T.D.'s. Lake connected on 53 passes for 856 yards, a 552% and six touchdowns. His total offense, including 220 yards rushing, went over the thousand mark, 1076.

Coach Frank Maze feels the freshman squad will provide him with good depth. Many individuals on the '58 outfit have varsity potentialities such as quarterback Don Crowley, Dorchester, Mass. (a slick punter), halfback Bob Bates, Riverside, R. I. (he covers the 440 in less than fifty seconds), Felix Suchecki, Willimansett, Mass., and Kent Scruton, St. Johnsbury, Vt. New names to watch in the line will be Dale Patchell, Portland, Bill Orne, Marblehead, Mass., and Bob Cron, Westbury, N. Y., at guards; and Bob Macdonald, Maplewood, N. J., a 200 pound tackle.

Among the varsity holdovers will be Captain Barkey Boole, Jim Higgins, and George Pierce at guards; Fritz Knight at center; Jerry D'Amico (son of A. A. D'Amico, '28) at tackle, and a batch of ends, all sophomores now, Tom Collins, Bill Saladino, Doug Gates, and Randy Peyton.

Colby will play the same opponents next fall. The State series picture ended in '54 with Maine on top, 3-0, Bates 2-1, Colby 1-2, and Bowdoin, 0-3.

"WAIT 'TILL NEXT YEAR" could be the slogan of the Colby hockey team which has been having its usual rough time finding suitable ice. The South End arena makes a good surface when the weather's fit and freezing, but it's hardly dependable. The artificial rink on Mayflower Hill, to be built this summer, will be the solution to many woes.

Led by Captain Dick McKeage, the Mules have had a pair of scorchers with Bowdoin after a 9-1 disastrous opener with New Hampshire. The Polar Bears stopped Colby twice, 7-6 and 10-7. Charlie Morrissey, junior from Newton, Mass., turned in the hat trick in both contests. Bernie Laliberte, '52, has been handling the coaching assignment.

Keeping in Touch

'92 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foster Osgood observed their 50th wedding anniversary, Sept. 28. More than 30 friends in their home community of Berlin, N. H. paid tribute. Mr. Osgood went to Berlin in 1893 and over the years has earned the reputation of being an outstanding photographer.

'96 Congratulations to Herbert E. Foster and his wife who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary, October 4.

'05 A golden anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cook of South Dartmouth, Mass., Nov. 30. Mr. Cook, who is 85, is a retired builder, carpenter, plumber, dairyman, and poultryman. The Cooks have three children and five grandchildren.

'06 Jack Coombs received an award from the Helm's Athletic Foundation in impressive half-time ceremonies at the Duke-Army football game. He has been named to the Helm's Hall of Fame. A photograph of the ceremony was the cover shot for the November, 1954 issue of the Duke University *Alumni Register*. . . It is unhappy news, however, to report that Jack's wife has had a serious eye operation.

'11 The Reverend Isaac Higginbotham has been named acting pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church, Lawrence, Massachusetts.

'14 Philip Campbell represented Colby at the inauguration of Dr. Miller Upton as sixth president of Beloit (Wis.) College last October.

'21 An error in the October issue reported that Bert Seekins had an appliance shop in Norwood, Mass. This should have read Farmington, N. H., where Bert is now living the year around.

'22 Dr. Philip Woodworth has been appointed professor of economics and business administration at Curry College, Milton, Massachusetts.

'23 Dr. and Mrs. L. Armand Guite celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26. Dr. Guite is a



Herman Goffin, '16, as sketched for the sports page of the *Portland Evening Express* by Bill Clark, '53.

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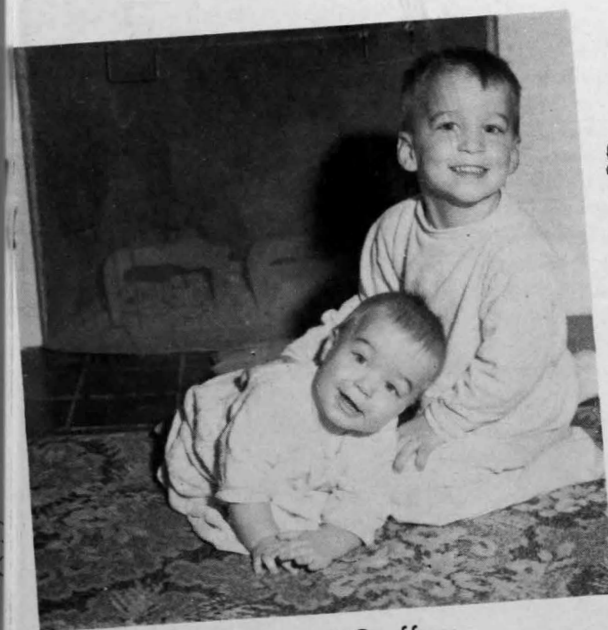
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Kent, Nancy, Craig
(The Clayton Smiths, '31)



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senior staff member at Thayer Hospital and a member of the surgical staff of Sisters Hospital, both in Waterville. The Guites have three sons: Armand, Jr., a second year student at Tufts medical school; Paul, at Notre Dame; and John, in junior high.

'25 Marshall Gurney, retired from the U. S. Navy after 28 years' service, largely in the naval air force, has been named to head the new Aero division of the General Bronze Corporation, fabricator of light metals, radio and electronic products. Gurney, as a naval captain, commanded the aircraft carrier Boxer during the Korean hostilities.

'26 Dr. Samuel R. Feldman has been inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. President of the Springfield Colby Alumni Association, he was graduated from the School of Medicine at Boston University and is a diplomate of the National Board of Examiners.

'29 Gordon Trim has been appointed vice-president of Babson Institute. . . Dr. Allan Stinchfield has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. . . Chester Merrow has been chosen for his seventh straight congressional term as U. S. representative from New Hampshire. . . Murray Coker has been promoted vice president of American International Underwriters Corporation and is in charge of its casualty department.

'30 William Stinneford is manager of the W. T. Grant store in Niagara Falls. He has a daughter, Catherine, in the freshman class at Colby.

'32 G. Donald Smith has been given a two year assignment in Lahore, Pakistan as a member of a team of instructors and researchers being sent to the University of Punjab under a contract between the State College of Washington and the Foreign Operations Administration. He has been granted a leave of absence from Washington as director of

libraries to be a technical consultant in the library of the University of Punjab. . . Bernard Porter writes that he has retired as a publisher so that he can "devote himself to evolving theories on physics as it relates to architecture, theatre, poetry, music and literature."

'33 Dana Jordan manages the New England Telephone Co. in Portland. He joined the firm twenty-one years ago and has previously served as company manager at Houlton, Rockland, Waterville, and Lewiston. . . Raymond Knauff has been promoted to treasurer of the Federal Trust Company, Waterville.

'38 John McNamara has been appointed a business manager in the American technical cooperation program, supervised by the Foreign Operations Administration. He has been assigned to Ecuador where he will join other FOA personnel stationed in that country "in helping people solve pressing development problems."

'41 Ronald Wallace has been promoted to budget officer at the Togus Hospital, Augusta.

'43 Paiazi Querim is an instructor in Spanish at New Hampton School. . . The Reverend Hubert Beckwith has been named to organize and establish a Congregational Church in Fairfax, Va. Perley "Bill" Leighton is executive director of Junior Achievement of Western Connecticut, Inc. His address is 238 Texas Avenue, Bridgeport.



Lucille Pinette, '37, who is on leave from the Colby faculty, is completing her requirements for a Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Michigan.

'44 Mrs. Lloyd Merrifield (*Priscilla Higgins*) is a French teacher at Fryeburg Academy. . . A. Warren McDougal has been appointed recorder of the Sanford Municipal Court. . . The Reverend Joseph Bubar has been named national general secretary of the Christian Service Brigade with headquarters in Chicago.

'45 Maurice Whitten was the recipient of the Elizabeth Thompson Science Teaching Award from the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Five teachers in New England are chosen annually for the honor which is given in recognition of "outstanding teaching in science and mathematics in the secondary schools of New England."

'46 John White has been accepted as a candidate for a doctorate degree in education at Harvard University. . . Pasquale Rufo manages Rufo's Greenhouse in Concord, New Hampshire.

'48 Kenneth Wentworth has been appointed to the music faculty of Sarah Lawrence College.

Ruth E. Marriner, an employee of the Department of State, has been assigned to a two-year tour of duty at the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran. She made the journey to her new post by air, with stops at Glasgow, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Geneva, Rome and Damascus. For the information of her friends her address is American Embassy, Tehran, APO 205, Care of Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

'49 George Smith is a graduate student at California Institute of Technology. . . June Stairs Cook is placement manager for the Peters Employment Service, Boston. She credits her psychology training at Colby as being very helpful. June went to Peters with the intention of finding work with a Boston company. After talking with her, however, the Peters agency were so favorably impressed with her poise and sympathetic manner they offered her the position she now holds.

Jeanne Hall, with the Red Cross, is a senior aide in psychiatric social work at the U. S. General Hospital, Landstuhl, Germany. . . Bob and Phyllis (McKiel, '48) Bedig have bought a home in Arlington, Mass. They have two daughters, Laurel Anne, 2½, and Cynthia Lucy, 8 months.

'50 Donald Wentworth is teaching English and social studies at Dolan School, Stamford, Conn. . . Char-mian Herd is director of music in the Belgrade schools. . . The Bud Linquists (Doris Koshina, '48) are living in Riverside, Cal. where Bud is teaching physical education in the public schools. . . John Harriman has been appointed home office representative in the Los Angeles group office of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company.

'51 George Giffin is working for his master's degree at the University of Vermont.

'52 Raymond Grant, Jr. will be assistant administrative secretary of the conference to be held in Paris next August in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the World's Alliance of YMCA. He is a student at Yale Divinity School and is serving as assistant in the First Methodist Church, New Haven, Connecticut. . . Edmund Pecukonis teaches math at Worcester High School. . . Suzanne Webster is Young People's Librarian at the New York Public Library.

'53 Mary Pike is completing a year's course at Katharine Gibbs School, New York. . . Barbara Forrest is now Mrs. David V. Young. She is living in Chestnut Hill, Mass. . . Walter Powers is a corporal in the artillery. . . Jeanne Strickland and Phyllis Lewis have graduated from the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing.

Carolyn English is secretary for a firm of acoustical consultants in Harvard Square. . . Betty Chilson works for the Shawmut Bank of Boston. . . Ginny Falkenbury is living in Stockton, Cal. . . Gretchen Heinritz is enrolled at the New York School of Social Work, Columbia University.

Mary Corrigan has received her bachelor of science in nursing from Cornell University as well as a diploma in nursing from New York Hospital.

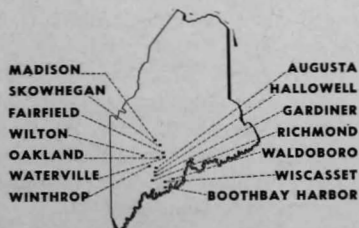
'54 Janice Stevenson is with the public relations department of the Department of Public Works, Boston. . . Diane Stowell has a position in New



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York City in an investment broker's office. . . *Nancy Moyer* is enrolled in the special course at the Katharine Gibbs School, New York City.

Janice Holland works at the Belgian-American Banking Corp., N.Y.C. in the Credit Information Department. . . *Marcia Begun* teaches English at Reading (Mass.) High School. . . *Barbara Fisher* is a stewardess with American Airlines. . . *Alan Lindsay*, in the navy band, is stationed at Bainbridge, Md. . . *Judy Jenkins* Totman teaches fourth grade in Norfolk, Va.

MARRIAGES

Bessie Tobey, '13, to *Franklin Marsh*, '15, Waterville, October 12.

Hilda Bradbury, '19, to *John Moran*, Lynn, Massachusetts, November 5.

Priscilla Higgins, '44, to *Lloyd Merrifield*, First Universalist Church, Portland, Maine, August 14.

Pasquale Rufo, '46, to *Katherine Laniagan*, at St. John's Church, Concord, New Hampshire, September 25.

Olaf Kays, '49, to *Lois Little*, in the Lion Lutheran Church, North Canton, Ohio, November 27.

Edward Sullivan, '50, to *Patricia Whitehill*, in the Pratt Memorial Methodist Church, Rockland, Maine, September 12.

J. Willett Montgomery, '50, to *Diana Davison*, in the Union Church, Waban, Massachusetts, November 13.

Barbara Starr, '50, to *Jerome Lipson*, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Walter Russell, '51, to *Cynthia Johnson*, at the First Baptist Church, Meriden, Connecticut, September.

Harold Baldwin, '51, to *Blanche Bourdon*, in St. Christopher's Church, Nashua, New Hampshire, August 21.

Marie Pomerleau, '51, to *Conrad Huard*, at the St. Francis de Sales Church, Waterville, October 23.

Marie Donovan, '51, to *Philip Kent*, in St. Patrick's Church, Lawrence, Massachusetts, October 2.

Jane Hancock, '51, to *John Shaw*, at the Union Congregational Church, York Beach, Maine, September 25.

Robert Spaulding, '52, to *Lorraine Raymond*, at the Advent Christian Church, Mechanic Falls, Maine, October 22.

Patricia Omark, '52, to *Thornton Woodwell*, at the Bolton Congregational Church, Manchester, Connecticut, October 2.

Gerald Ramin, '52, to *Elsa Kahn*, Temple Israel, Boston, Massachusetts, September 12.

David Robinson, Jr., '52, to *Ann Browning*, in St. George's Church, Newburgh, New York, September 18.

Nancy Nelson, '52, to *Louis Cedrone*, Scarsdale, New York, September 11.

Robert Hartford, '53, to *Barbara Scully*, in St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield, Massachusetts, September 18.

Claire Macy, '53, to *Robert Dubis*, in the Martha-Mary Chapel, South Sudbury, Massachusetts, October.

Joan Leader, '53, to *Richard Creedon*, '52, in the Trinity Episcopal Church, Nichols, Connecticut, September 11.

Gerald Cowperthwaite, '54, to *Jacqueline Cadarette*, in the East Rochester Free Baptist Church, East Rochester, New Hampshire, September 29.

Eleanor Turner, '54, to *Ronald Swanson*, '55, at the First Congregational-Unitarian Church, West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, October 10.

Christine Henderson, '54, to *Ralph Harper*, in the First Baptist Church, Medford, Massachusetts, in October.

Diane Dunn, '54, to *Anthony Cavalario*, in the West Parish Congregational Church, Andover, Massachusetts, September 12.

BIRTHS

A son, *Richard Erwin*, to Mr. and Mrs. *William H. Stinneford*, '30.

A daughter, *Pamela Marston*, to Mr. and Mrs. *Patterson Small*, '44 (*Amy Lewis*, '42), November 17.

A son, *Alan Susumu*, to Mr. and Mrs. *Wesley Doe*, '44, August 11.

A son, *William Parks*, to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. *Curtice* (*Eleanor Carter*, '45), December 1.

A son, *Richard Andrew*, to Mr. and Mrs. *Burton Epstein* (*Carol Robin*, '46), August 23.

A daughter, *Jennifer*, to Mr. and Mrs. *Robert Lucy*, '47 (*Barbara Lindsay*, '48).

A daughter, *Andrea Lorn*, to Mr. and Mrs. *Spencer Davis* (*Charlotte Weinberg*, '48), October 25.

A son, *Michael*, to Mr. and Mrs. *Robert L. Joly*, '50, October 5.

A daughter, *Alison Gail*, to Mr. and Mrs. *Charles McIntyre*, '51 (*Joan Cammann*, '51), November 16.

A daughter, *Catherine Ann*, to Mr. and Mrs. *David Love*, '51, September 4.

A son, *David William*, to Mr. and Mrs. *William Hooper* (*Barbara Cheeseman*, '52), September 24.

A son, *Paul David*, to Mr. and Mrs. *Robert Jensen* (*Elaine Lehtonen*, '52), April 30.



1894 *Linville Wadsworth Robbins*, 82, retired superintendent of schools, died at his home in Randolph, Maine, June 2 after a long illness.

He was born at Gardiner where he later taught at the high school. He was superintendent of schools in various Maine and Massachusetts communities and for seventeen years prior to his retirement in 1942, he held that position in Northfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Robbins earned both A.B. and A.M. (1897) degrees from Colby.

He is survived by his wife, the former Annie Brown, of Randolph; two daughters, Mrs. Edna I. Robinson and Mrs. Winona Staples, both of New York; a grandchild, Mrs. Winona Besaw of Mineral Wells, Texas; two great grandchildren and several nieces. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

1896 *Hannah Jewett Powell*, 88, died November 16 in Waterville after an illness of several months.

Born in Clinton where she attended school prior to graduating from Coburn in 1887, Miss Powell spent only a year at Colby (1892-1893). For a brief period she was principal of Clinton High School, later teaching in the public schools of Waterville and New Boston (New Hampshire) High School where she was also principal.

Miss Powell received a degree from Tufts College Divinity School in 1899, entering the Universalist ministry in that year. She had the distinction of becoming the first woman to join the staff of the Maine Seacoast Mission, 1910-1915. She served as pastor of the Universalist Church in Machias four years, before being commissioned as a missionary to the mountain region of North Carolina by the Association of Universalist Women.

Miss Powell retired from the active ministry in 1936. She was extremely interested in the affairs of Sigma Kappa sorority.

Surviving are several cousins, nieces, and nephews, among them Mrs. Edgar J. Brown and Mrs. Seward Carlisle of Waterville.

1897 *Elmira Nelson Jones*, 78, died October 29 in Pacific Palisades, California at the home of her daughter, Dr. Margaret H. Jones.

Born in Portland, where she lived most of her life, Mrs. Jones had moved to California only a few months before her death. She was a school teacher and served on the Portland School Board for several years.

Besides her oldest daughter, Margaret, who is professor of pediatrics at UCLA, she is survived by her husband, Arthur; another daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Small; a son, Frederick, of Northport, New York; eight grandchildren, and several nieces.

1900 *John Franklin Moody, Jr.*, 76, former attorney in Auburn, died October 26 at the Veterans Hospital in Togus.

Mr. Moody attended Dartmouth through his junior year, but transferred to Colby for his final year and his degree. He was awarded an LL.B. from the University of Maine in 1907.

In the 1920's Mr. Moody was associated with an admiralty law firm in New York City and later was in the hotel business in Washington, D. C.

He is survived by his widow.

1900 *Mary Sewall Small*, 77, died in Westbrook, March 31.

Born in Woodfords, Miss Small graduated from Westbrook High School. She taught in the high schools of Baldwinville, Winchendon and Woburn, Massachusetts from 1900-1906 and from 1906-1927 in the schools of Westbrook.

For the next twelve years, until 1939, she was financial secretary of the Hillsdale Private School for Girls, Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Small was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Kappa.

She is survived by a brother, Winthrop, of Westbrook, with whom she made her home; a brother, Reginald, of Edgewood, Rhode Island; and a sister, Bessie F. Campbell of Portland.

1911 *Edward Everett Roderick*, 65, died March 20 at his home in Augusta after a long illness. He retired as senior deputy commissioner of education in Maine six years ago.

A native of Waterville, he attended Coburn Classical Institute, Colby (1907-1908), and Oskaloosa (Iowa) College, from which he received an A.B. in 1912 and an M.A. in 1913.

As director of Maine's program for teachers, Dr. Roderick supervised conversion of institutions in Gorham and Farmington from two year normal schools to four year teaching colleges.

Roderick is survived by his wife, the former Eurydice B. Houston, who resides in Augusta; a daughter, Mrs. Norbert Noyes, of Pittsfield; a sister, Mrs. Stella Gurney, of Boston; and three brothers, Clarence, Somerville, Massachusetts, Ernest, St. Petersburg, Florida, and Harold, Columbus, Ohio.

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1912 *Clarke Blance*, 68, died at Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D. C., October 9. Mr. Blance was a colonel in the army medical corps and had a long and honored career dating back to World War I during which he served in various army posts in the U. S., Panama, and Manila. He was formerly commanding officer of the 36th General Hospital in Africa and Italy.

Born in Prospect Harbor, Colonel Blance prepared for Colby at Coburn Classical Institute. He received an M.D. from the University of Vermont and practiced in Norridgewock prior to entering the army in 1914.

Colonel Blance made his home in Washington. He leaves his widow, the former Ida May Egli; three daughters, Dorothy Margaret, wife of Lieutenant Commander Youman, U.S.N., Frances Clarke, wife of Captain F. J. Harfinger, U.S.N., Miss Heidi Blance; and several grandchildren.

He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Delta Mu.

1913 *John Wells*, 63, died at his home in Baltimore, Maryland, September 26. He was assistant superintendent in the Manufacturing Engineering Department of the Western Electric Company plant at Point Breeze, Maryland.

A native of Sheffield, England, Mr. Wells prepared for Colby at Suffield Academy, Suffield, Connecticut. He was a first lieutenant in World War I and joined Western Electric in 1919.

From 1921 to 1925 he assisted in the establishment of cable plants in Switzerland and France with special assignments in England for International Western Electric Company.

He is survived by his wife, the former Jeanne Cashman of Baltimore, and a son, John, Jr., now practicing medicine in Newnan, Georgia.

He was a member of Delta Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa.

1913 *Leo Gardner Shesong*, 69, Portland attorney and former state representative, died at his home in Portland, November 13.

Born in Greenville, he received his law education at the University of Maine. Mr. Shesong was director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston and the Casco Bank & Trust Company. He was also secretary-treasurer of the Me. League of Loan & Building Associations and the Me. Savings and Loan Association.

He was a former Lions district governor and had served as president of the Maine Colby Alumni Association.

Mr. Shesong was very interested in the affairs of his fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, and actively involved in the campaign efforts for the new house. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a deacon of State Street Congregational Church.

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

A REQUEST of \$700 has been received from the estate of Ada Edgcomb Andrews, '96, of Hallowell, Maine who died May 6, 1952.

Mrs. Andrews stipulated "The amount is to be used as the College wishes. This gift is given to reimburse the College for a scholarship which I received while at Colby."

Surviving are his widow, the former Marian A. Mouton, Portland; three daughters, Mrs. Donald P. Ross, Orono, Mrs. Ralph R. White, Long Island City, New York, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Shesong, Portland; five sisters, Mrs. George Swasey and Mrs. Earl Thompson, both of Hanson, Massachusetts, Mrs. David Ward, and Mrs. Robert Chapman, both of Greenville Junction, and Mrs. Landon W. McCormack, Whitman, Massachusetts; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1921 *Luther Everett Stiles*, 68, died at the home of his niece at Bridge-town, Nova Scotia, October 24.

The Reverend Mr. Stiles was born in Dorchester, New Brunswick. He served several pastorates in Maine, Massachusetts, and Nova Scotia. Recently he had made his home in Hallowell. He attended Colby only briefly in 1917 before spending two years at the Gordon Bible School in Boston.

Surviving are his widow, the former Helen Maude Marney; two sons, Roger, of Hallowell, and Cortland, of Garfield Heights, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. John Ewsevchik of Coral Gables, Florida; and Mrs. Malcolm I. Johnson of Hallowell.

1926 *Charles Oscar Hubbard*, 56, died at his home in Lardship, Connecticut, November 1. For twenty-nine years he had been a sales representative for the Southern New England Telephone Company. Mr. Hubbard had been under treatment for a heart ailment since last summer.

He is survived by his wife, Dorrinne Ruth Hubbard, and a son, Lt. Ivan R. Hubbard, of Fort Devens, Mass.

1928 *Marguerite Elise Ames*, 47, died at a Bangor hospital July 14, after a long illness.

Born in Charleston, she graduated from Higgins Classical Institute in 1924. Miss Ames taught high school in several Maine communities. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority and of the Bangor Advent church.

Surviving are her father, William Ames, of Garland; a sister; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

1947 *Prince Harding Thomas, Jr.*, 28, died October 16 in a Portland hospital.

Born in Masardis, where he attended public schools, Mr. Thomas was at Colby only briefly, as a special student for five months, prior to studying at the University of Rochester, and Ricker College from which he graduated in 1950.

He spent several months as a sergeant in the armed forces, serving as a rifleman in the Rhineland Central European campaign. After separation from the army he was engaged in lumbering and farming in Masardis.

Surviving are his father and a brother, Burt, both of Masardis; and a sister, Barbara, of Hollywood, California.

1953 *James Edwin Hollis*, 24, was killed when his single-engine training plane crashed last September on a night mission at Abernathy, Texas.

Lieutenant Hollis, a graduate of Melrose High School, was a native of Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Hebron Academy prior to entering Colby. He left college in April 1952 to enter the air force and was commissioned in 1953.

He is survived by his father, Harold W. Hollis, of Melrose and a brother, Kenneth, a student at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio.

1954 *Edwin Lester Gammon*, 23, was killed in an automobile accident near Interlaken, New York, October 26. He was an airman third class stationed at Sampson Air Force Base, Geneva, New York.

Mr. Gammon graduated from the South Paris High School in 1950. He held the Wilner Memorial Scholarship while a student at Colby and was a member of Kappa Delta Rho.

He is survived by his parents, S/Sgt. and Mrs. Francis M. Gammon, and a brother, Robert, who is in the armed forces.

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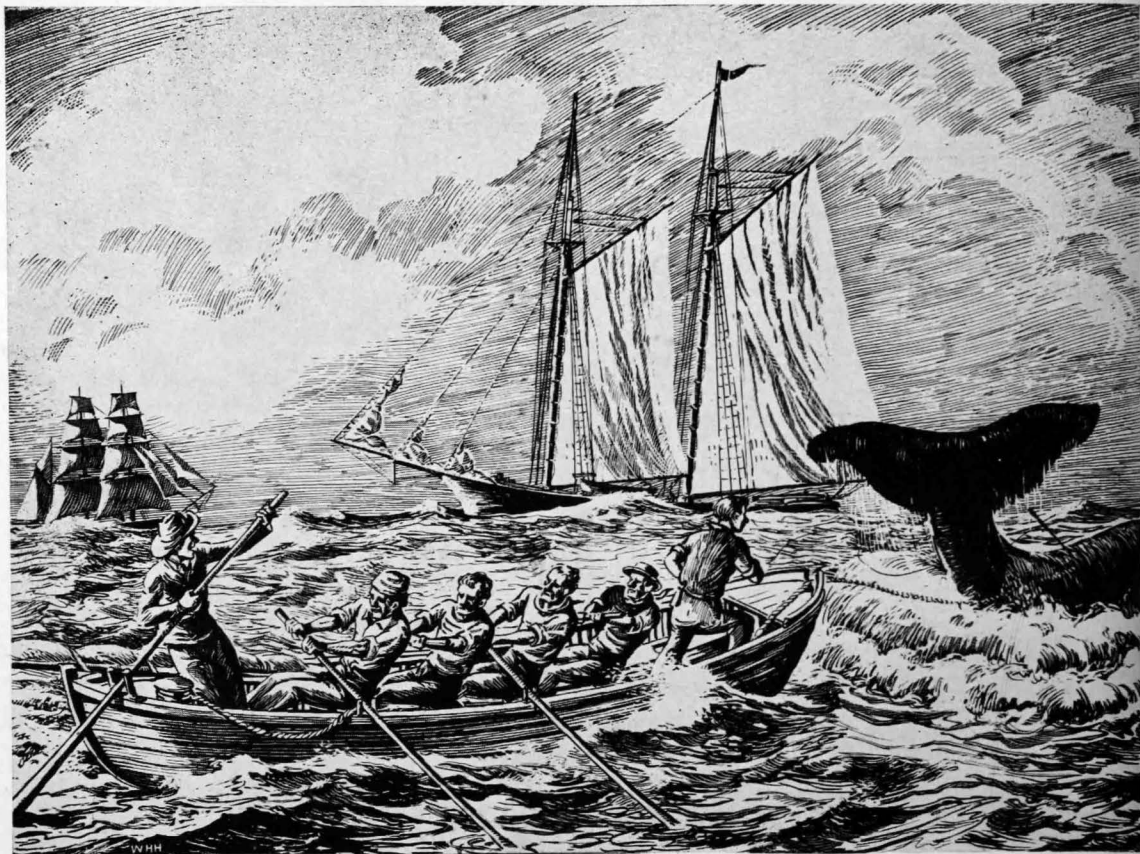
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Whaling

New Bedford is the New England town usually associated with early whaling days. The great, graceful "whalers" were known over the entire world as the sturdiest, finest ships afloat, and the term "New Bedford Whaler" was applied to all of them. Their fame will last in song and story and their beauty never fade from great paintings. They were about the last of the great sailing ships, and a far cry indeed from the ugly, inefficient "factory" ships of today.

What is not too well known is that some of those same whalers were built in Portland. Neal Dow in his "Reminiscences" tells of sailing, when a young man, "in a new and clean ship just built in Portland for New Bedford parties engaged in the whaling business, and to be fitted as a first class whaler."

Whales were not unknown from early days around Portland waters — in fact, blackfish and true whales were numerous out of Portland Harbor up to the latter part of the nineteenth century. They yielded quantities of fine quality oil, but the Massachusetts town to the south had already established itself as a whaling capital and home port for the whaling industry.

The great ships were frequently seen in Portland Harbor, where they would seek shelter from storms, and the sight of one making port must have been thrilling to even the most sea-hardened of Portlanders.

Captain Benjamin Willard in his "Life History and Adventures" tells of one amusing incident in 1866, when all the shipping in the Harbor was alerted by the presence of a 30-foot whale. The unwelcome visitor eluded all efforts to capture him, but back and forth all day long, churned between Vaughan's and Portland Bridge. Crowds collected on the banks and bridges, cheering when the whale surfaced to "blow" and peering anxiously when he submerged. Finally, on flood tide, he escaped to the open water beyond Portland Bridge and was seen no more. Shortly after this a seven-ton blackfish was captured by Captain Willard. It measured twenty-four feet in length and twelve feet in circumference. Another whale Captain Willard tells of sighting "was between fifty and sixty feet long." When harpooned, he towed Willard's little ship, the "Nettle," many miles before he tired and was brought to side.



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