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## Our Cover

This design was made by Robert Donahue, '50, of South Portland for Chaplain Walter Wagoner who wished a unique bookplate for gift hymnals in Lorimer Memorial Chapel.

As a study of the cover will reveal, Bob seeks to combine the natural symbols of Mayflower Hill—the mayflowers in the lower left and the pine cones in the upper left—with the symbols of Colby's faith—the sloop "Hero" from Colby's past and Lorimer Chapel.

Significantly, the sloop, symbolic of the faith, courage and work of Colby's founders and past leaders, seems to be sailing out of darkness into an area of partial enlightenment where it meets the new symbol of Colby's faith, the chapel.

The meeting of these symbols suggests transfer of the burden of leading men into the light from the sloop to the church and its sacred music, both of which are shown as capable of raising man above the darkness of ignorance surrounding the chapel into the light of truth denoted by the pure white area pierced by the chapel steeple and the musical staff.

Not being an artist, perhaps your editor should not discourse thusly, but these were some of the impressions left on his mind by Donahue's work and, since it was very much enjoyed here, it is felt that alumni would like to view it and seek in their own considerations of it the worth of the artist's efforts.

Already the work has succeeded in calling attention to the chaplain's project in getting new hymnals for the chapel, many of which have been inscribed to the memory of Colby's great "friend of man," the late Pop Newman.

Chaplain Wagoner has stated that the alumni may also participate in this project by subscribing a dollar and twenty-five cents for each volume.



## The President's Page

### A New Educational Device



LAST FALL in planning the year's work we came up with a new idea which has proved so worthwhile that I feel sure we shall want to try it again. It represents an attempt to meet the criticism so often made that the curriculum in a college of our type uses the buckshot technique and allows its energies to be scattered. A student works at French, Chemistry, History, or Religion as the case may be and sees each course as a separate bit of subject-matter with little or no relation to the others.

As we were considering this problem it occurred to some of us that we might bring unity to these diverse interests and provide a universal idiom for our college work by asking all the members of the faculty to talk at some time during the year on a common subject or set of subjects selected in advance. Then we decided that a still better plan would be to have everyone concentrate on a single book. A faculty-student committee to choose such a book was appointed and it came up with the suggestion of *Human Destiny* by Lecomte du Nouy.

Announcement was then made in assembly and through the *Echo* that this would be Colby's "Common Book of the Year." The students were asked to take it on in addition to their regular work and the members of the faculty were requested to refer to it in their courses if and when it should be convenient to do so.

I had a few misgivings about the choice, for this particular book is not always easy reading and it is true also that parts of it are somewhat controversial. These fears proved groundless, however, for the fact that the argument had its rigors only served to whet student curiosity and the criticism by some of our scientists of its factual data increased the book's interest by making it a matter for debate. Groups to study it were spontaneously formed. From personal experience I can testify that the discussion in at least two — one made up of faculty members and the other of students — was lively. To date the college book store has sold 264 copies. This seems to me to be an excellent record when one considers (a) that the book was not read for "credit" but merely as an "outside" interest, (b) that the book itself is not easy and requires real concentration, and (c) that presumably many of the books sold were read by more than one student to say nothing of the extensive use of the copies in the college library.

After we have tried this plan out for a few years we may want to expand it by selecting not merely books but special ideas for consideration by our college community as a whole. In our "Ethical Issues" course, for example, we recently discussed "Freedom and Security" and found that as a problem it led us out of politics into psychology, sociology and economics. It took us even into the philosophical controversy over the rival claims of the "many" and the "one." Philosophers of the "many," that is to say, are believers in freedom since they provide for variety, change, and individuality. On the other hand, those who resort to the "one" stress the values of security, stability, and over-all control. One finds this issue appearing as sharply in the ancient metaphysical and religious debates over the nature of Being as in the political controversies of our own time.

An inquiry into a problem of this type might well be used to bring out the essential unity of the life of learning underneath the apparently scattered quality of its aims. If our students can be helped to see that the world of competing intellectual interests is after all one, they may realize that back of our competing nationalisms there is also a commonness of aim which can and must be brought out.

J. S. Bixler.

## THE TALK OF THE COLLEGE

**YEAR OF SADNESS** — To date this has been a sad year for Colby people. Starting in January with the death of Dr. Herbert L. Newman ("Pop") there followed the death of Fred P. Weymouth ("Chef") in February and that of Dr. William J. Wilkinson ("Wilkie") in April.

Though not as well known and loved by Colby alumni as these three, a fourth Colby family member died on April 22nd. This was the outstanding statesman, Bainbridge Colby, former trustee and a distant relative of Gardiner Colby or whom our college is named.

"Wilkie" died on April 7th of a heart attack at his home in Johnson City, Tennessee. A review of his great work at Colby will be carried in the May issue of the *Alumnus*.

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**OLD GRADUATE HONORED** — The portrait of Dr. Albert Colby Getchell, '78, Worcester, Mass., has been hung in the art museum there.

The picture, shown below, is from Worcester *Telegram-Gazette* photo of the painting which was made in 1904 by the famous artist, Thomas Sackins.



GETCHELL

Dr. Getchell, at 92, is one of the oldest living graduates of the college and represents the earliest class (1878)

for which there is a living member.

Alumni office records cite Elisha A. McCollister at 98, who attended Colby for a period with the class of 1879, as the oldest alumnus, and William W. Mayo, McCollister's classmate, as the oldest graduate at the age of 95 years.

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**BUILDING DEDICATIONS** — The new men's dormitories named for Dr. Franklin W. Johnson and Dr. George G. Averill (see page 11) will be dedicated on Sunday, June 11, after the Baccalaureate Service.

The Keyes Chemistry building will be dedicated at special exercises to be held October 13 and 14.

The dormitories will be occupied in the fall and the chemistry building, a few rooms of which were occupied by the geology department at the start of the second semester in February, will be fully occupied by its present residents and chemistry and physics departments.

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**STUDENT CAMPAIGN** — Freshman and Transfer students who were not on the campus for the student division of the Mayflower Hill Development Fund campaign last year will be asked to participate in a ten day solicitation this month.

Goal of the campaign will be \$4,500. Students went more than \$3,000 over their \$15,000 goal last year. Chairman of the student campaign this year is Walter Alger, '50, vice chairman of the drive in 1949.

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**SCHOLARS** — Fourteen members of the class of 1950 were elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa for their outstanding work during four years at Colby.

The men outnumbered the women, eight to six, and Waterville, with four of its sons on the list, led all other communities.

Winners of the scholarship keys were Richard Armknecht, Robert Barlow, Robert Barteaux, George Bowers, Chester Brigham, Kevin Hill, Sybil Green, Lillian Meyer, Allen Pease, Grace Rutherford, Karekin Sahagian, Charlotte Shoul, Charlotte Stern and Priscilla Tracey.



JAGEL

**MUSICAL EXPERIENCE** — Colby was treated to a fine musical experience early this month when the outstanding Metropolitan Opera Association tenor, Frederick Jagel, appeared in Lorimer Chapel in a recital under the sponsorship of the Waterville chapter, American Association of University Women, and the Colby Glee Clubs.

Tenor Jagel, who sent a near-capacity audience away singing his praises, is the father of Student Paul Jagel and sang here in the interest of the Mayflower Hill Fund.

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**VARSITY SHOW** — The 1950 Varsity Show, "Bottoms Up," in its third performance given before a standing-room-only audience of 1,200 in Boston's John Hancock Hall, brought plaudits from practically all who saw and heard it, the press, the students (many of whom had already seen it Waterville and Farmington), parents and alumni.

A fourth performance of the musical comedy by Song Writer Kenneth Jacobson and Book Writers Bob Rosenthal and Roy Tibbetts was held in Waterville six days after the Boston showing, and still, one of the large segments of the sell-out was composed of Colby students.

# Colby In The 80's

## Remembrances of Earlier Days

By T. J. Ramsdell, D. D., '86

**MY FIRST CONNECTION** with Colby was a call on President Robins which I made in a fit of audacity when I was a sub freshman.

I knew there were students with limited means who worked their way through college, but no one of those students was among my personal acquaintances. Dr. Robins received me very graciously and gave me some very valuable information.

I found that it was the settled policy of the college to give every possible encouragement to students of limited means who were anxious to secure an education. There was a winter term of eight weeks followed by a vacation of four weeks. Every winter a large number of Colby undergraduates were scattered over Maine engaged in teaching. Of course the lost college work had to be made up and the special examinations called for hard study.

The Colby faculty of those days, or at least a large proportion of it, believed that a considerable degree of maturity was a positive asset to a young man who had graduated from college and was beginning the study of law or medicine or divinity, or whatever he had chosen for his life work.

In this connection the President mentioned that a short time before he had had an interview with the Chief Justice of the supreme court of Maine. He quoted him as saying, "I do not want any man to act as my pastor or my family physician unless he has reached the age of at least thirty years."

When a man has passed his ninetieth birthday his memory is apt to be rather hazy. I think the reason why I have remembered the exact words quoted above, is because so many of them were words of one syllable. I was somewhat surprised to know that when such a dignitary as a Chief Justice spoke to a college president he did it in terms that a sub freshman could understand.

When a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was established at Colby, all previous



HENRY E. ROBINS

graduates whose rank was sufficiently high were elected to membership. Among the number were quite a sprinkling of men from the eighties who had lost four weeks out of each college year, and who had made up the work in special examinations.

Shortly after my call on Dr. Robins which resulted in my determination to enter Colby in the fall, I read of his resignation in the daily papers. I trust there was no connection between the two events.



His successor was Dr. G. D. B. Pepper who was on hand at the opening of the fall term. The new president had a good supply of what our fathers in the faith used to call "sanctified common sense." He was also well versed in human nature.

He had a quiet sense of humor — a quality which most students enjoy in their instructors. I recall one morning at chapel when after conducting devotions he gave a brief notice as follows: "Hereafter when any students give as an excuse for absence from church on Sunday, the word indisposition, let them state explicitly whether the indisposition is that of body or of mind."

**DR. PEPPER** was a prince of preachers and was in great demand as a pulpit supply in many of the larger churches. His hearers had the privilege of listening to an unfolding of some great truth of the Christian faith spoken in the choicest English yet readily understandable by any person of ordinary intelligence. Many parents who had children at Colby listened to his sermons and enjoyed his friendly greetings after the services and went home saying, "Surely our boys and girls are safe under the guidance of a man like him."

Mr. Foss in his admirable article on Colby in the nineties mentions the holy hush of Prof. Elder's class room. Let me assure him that the holy hush was just as much in evidence in the eighties as it was in the nineties. Back in the eighties that hush was sometimes broken by remarks that were not especially enjoyed by the individual to whom they were directed.

If a student was dull but was accustomed to put hard study on his lessons he was sure to be treated with consideration. But if his affliction was plain laziness, it was just too bad for that student's peace of mind in Prof. Elder's recitation room. He would enjoy the situation just about as well as he

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# President Pepper At Home

A view of a college leader's life as his wife  
and children saw it. by Anne Pepper Varney, '98

*Excerpt from book "Annie of Grassie Lea," by Anne Pepper Varney, '98. This is a fictional biography of Mrs. George Dana Boardman Pepper, the author's mother. One chapter deals with her life when she was a President's wife — Dr. Pepper had been called from Upland, Pennsylvania, where he had been a professor at Crozer Theological Seminary, to take over the presidency of the Maine college.*

COLBY UNIVERSITY was not in a very flourishing condition. It was to be a real task to bring it from its uncertain state to a stable one. It needed a man of great ability in its crisis. "Am I competent?" asked George of himself. "Has my experience in the teaching field given me a right to take over an executive position?"

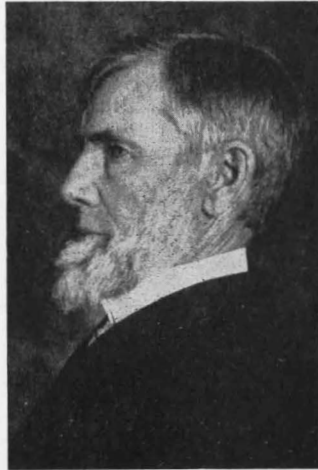
He was to prove that in this sphere, as in his previous appointments, he could successfully accomplish whatever he undertook.

Annie found the President's house large and ample. She was aware of an austerity and coldness about the look of these northern homes. It was not long before she had done something about it. Every house had a fence about the lawn. She at once had theirs taken down. Charlie (Charles Hovey Pepper, '89) kept the lawn scrupulously cared for. There were two granite steps at the front door. These she had removed and then had a large square verandah built the full length of the house. Murmurings and criticism could be heard from the townspeople about these new fandangoes.

Time was to show that the newcomers really had something, for in ten years many had followed the attractive custom of fenceless lawns and outdoor verandahs.

The sudden breeze that blew in with the coming of the Peppers created a stir.

George found his task even more difficult than it had been represented



GEORGE D. B. PEPPER

*The early life of Mrs. G. D. B. Pepper was spent in Scotland where her father was Laird of Kildrummy Mains.*

*She came with her parents to Bolton, Mass., in 1843 and met Dr. Pepper through her brother, Thomas, a classmate of Pepper's at Amherst.*

*Mrs. Varney's book records the uneasy days of their courtship and the romance of their life together as they met the problems of the times and his profession.*

by the trustees. There was serious need for money, to be used for buildings and more for scholarships. Because he inspired confidence in some of the influential men of the State, this help was assured. Abner Coburn was generous and many others also, so that the college became firmly established.

George was in demand throughout the State at public affairs. This made a heavy toll on his strength, together with his teaching and his many administrative duties. He never spared himself in following out each duty, great or small.

When one considers the variety of interests to be suited, you find a college president is often in a hornet's nest. Freshmen have ideas to be met. Sophomores know just how a college should be run. Juniors sympathize with the freshmen, right or wrong, and seniors take a paternal interest in a new president. Of course, the alumni come forward with advice at all times.

To keep an imperturbable attitude, to be lenient at all times, making friends, not enemies, but firmly deciding for the best interests of the college, Pepper went forward. The college prospered and new friends constantly came to help. The pressure became overpowering. No one man could carry the load laid upon him, if it were done with the conscientiousness which he showed.

During the summers the family went to remote seacoast towns, Owl's Head or Swan's Island. Oh! the blessed long summer days — No telephone, mail only twice a week, an island of bliss, where the turmoil and drive of college administration was for a short while laid aside.

It was restful to walk by the cliffs, there to sit on the shore and hear the rhythmic crash of the waves, as they rolled in, blue and white-tipped, the great gulls wheeling by crying raucously. The smell of the good salt sea, the odor of sweet fern and pine

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## Annie of Grassie Lea

By

Anne Pepper Varney

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# Report on Colombia

## Alumnus Advises on Cartagena Water System

*Editor's Note: The following letter was written by Karl R. Kennison, '06, for the entertainment of his classmates but contains an interesting yarn which we feel has appeal for the general Alumnus.*

Dear Classmates:

Arthur Robinson, class agent, has persuaded me that you would all be interested to hear about a two weeks' vacation trip I took to Cartagena, Colombia, at the invitation of the Colombian government's Department of Public Works. It was quite a big hop to take as my initial flight by air.

Even the preliminaries were interesting: Vaccination against small-pox, inoculations against tetanus, yellow fever, three against typhoid, two against typhus; considerable bilingual correspondence in the course of which I discovered that my seven years of Latin, under Judy Taylor and others, enabled me to read almost any Spanish letter with very little help from a lexicon; and ultimate success in proving to the satisfaction of the hard-boiled passport division of our State Department that my father was born in the United States.

I myself was born in New Brunswick during the temporary residence there of my parents. Back in 1903, John Nelson concocted for me a form of birth certificate which satisfied the exacting Oxford Board for the Rhodes Scholarship as to my U. S. citizenship and I have been getting by with it ever since. But would the passport office take it? No. What finally did the trick was my sworn statement that the midwife who signed my own Nelson form birth certificate which incidentally identified my father's birthplace as Norridgewock, was in fact his older sister, and as such had personal knowledge of his birthplace.

**I** MADE one short hop from Boston to New York in the late evening and was simply fascinated by the fairyland of electric lights outlining first all the familiar features of Boston, then all the cities and towns and their con-

necting highways in southern New York on a four-motored plane of Avianca, which I soon learned was a Colombian company and the oldest aviation company on this hemisphere, having been taken over from the Germans. The plane seated about 60, two seats on one side of the aisle and three on the other. You simply tipped the cushions to the desired angle and went to sleep. Under a scant passenger load you could, if you wished, remove the side arms from the three-seat group and lie down.

A little after midnight I left New York on a four-motored plane of Avianca, which I soon learned was a Colombian company and the oldest aviation company on this hemisphere, having been taken over from the Germans. The plane seated about 60, two seats on one side of the aisle and three on the other. You simply tipped the cushions to the desired angle and went to sleep. Under a scant passenger load you could, if you wished, remove the side arms from the three-seat group and lie down.

I watched the sun rise and our game of hide and seek with the fluffy cotton masses of clouds. Except for a slight bump on entering each cloud, the plane was much steadier than a railroad car, and after getting accustomed to the noisy hum, much quieter.

Crossing the Caribbean I looked down about one mile on the clouds and occasionally through gaps another mile to the water, catching glimpses of Cuba and Jamaica. We landed at Barranquilla (Baron Keen), a large seaport city at the mouth of the Magdalena River. Long before we reached the shore we passed over the distinct line of demarcation between the brown muddy water from this great river and the deep blue of the Caribbean.

I was supposed to change to a two-motored plane to Cartagena (Cartagena) but was too late and missed it. However, I was met by Mr. Kranaskas, an English speaking agent of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, and we spent the rest of the day visiting the excellent local water supply plant. I spent the night, at Avianca's expense on account of their lateness, at the El Prada, a hotel beautifully situated about eight miles from the airport. I also obtained with Mr. Kranaskas' assistance a suitable supply of cash (pesos) for my dollars.

The next forenoon we made the short hop southwest along the coast to Cartagena. Mr. Kranaskas explained that I was a V. I. P. and I was allowed in the cockpit to get a fine picture of the historic city.

**C**ARTAGENA has a population of about 85,000 and is an attractive, photogenic place catering to tourists, most of whom come from other parts of Colombia. It has a splendid harbor and was the principal point of shipment of gold by the Spaniards from the New World to the Old. Almost every hill and point of land has an old Spanish fort, excellently preserved after 300 to 350 years.

A 350-year old monastery with its original masonry overlooks the city from a high hill. The original walled city is now the business section. Its old narrow streets present quite a problem in sanitation.

The Spaniards closed permanently the main nearby harbor entrance by a rock fill to within about five feet of the water surface and at the more remote entrance built a large fort close alongside the channel. I enjoyed one weekend trip down the harbor to this beautiful spot.

The city has a fine modern water supply, but no sewerage. Hence my visit, in connection with some of the problems encountered in their plans to modernize their facilities. I stopped at a new beautiful hotel, del Caribe (Kahreebe). Although it was supposed to be the rainy season, it rained only once, about 10 minutes.

The temperature is constant, about 86 degrees, but there is always a strong breeze right off the ocean. Every hotel room is open on both sides to allow the breeze to blow through, and you lower a screen only to reduce its velocity.

I believe that actually the temperature varies but nobody has a thermometer. They simply say it is always 30 degrees (Centigrade).

I was about nine or 10 degrees north of the equator and the sun was then about 12 degrees to my north at noon which was very upsetting to my sense of proper orientation.

I never had anyone to talk to at the hotel except once when I ran across a doctor who came from England and

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## A Word About —

## Colby Administration And Finances

by Vice President A. G. Eustis, '23

*Editor's Note: The following are excerpts from an address given last month by A. G. Eustis, '23, vice-president of Colby, before a student assembly. In his own inimitable way he discussed his early days at Colby, his political philosophy, taxes, class cut systems, student gripes, other matters, and then college administration and finances as follows:*

**H**AVING at some length established myself as an economic royalist as distinguished from those "with both feet firmly planted in the air," I want to explain the administrative organization of the college.

The administration is a term rather frequently used by students — sometimes I might say in not entirely complimentary terms. I recall a recent *Colby Echo* where the administration was accused of having reached its second childhood. I believe this was in connection with the cut system.

Having over the years, listened to the discussions regarding five different systems, each somewhat more complex and confusing than its predecessor, I have some sympathy with the opinion expressed, incorrectly aimed though it may have been.

Administratively, the college is organized as follows: At the top is a board of trustees headed by a chairman, Neil Leonard, '21, outstanding Boston lawyer.

Immediately below the board is an executive committee which has very wide authority. Members of this group are Winthrop Smith, managing partner of Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner and Beane, New York City; Richard D. Hall, III, '32, local business man; H. B. Collamore, president, National Fire Insurance Companies, Hartford; William S. Newell, chairman of the board, Bath Iron Works Corporation; Mr. Leonard, President Bixler and myself.

Under the executive committee comes the president who has overall

responsibility and general charge of the academic affairs of the college. Then the vice president who has general charge of the non-academic affairs and non-academic personnel of the college.

(The establishment of this latter office is in line with the generally recognized fact that a college is a substantial business.

(In our case, we have expended approximately four and one-half million dollars in new construction in recent years — we have 250 employees — feed approximately 800 people — carry on in excess of 200 special events a year — care for a campus of 650 acres — maintain and operate over 30 buildings and have in excess of ten million dollars in assets.)

Directly responsible to the president are the dean of men, the dean of women and the dean of the faculty. Responsible to the dean of the faculty are all heads of departments and the recorder's office.

It is my belief that the administration of the college has a definite responsibility to the following groups: 1. The alumni body — which far outnumbers the current student body, 2.

The current student body, 3. The parents of students, 4. The community at large.

A recent survey of American colleges and universities sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation and announced by Dr. Wriston, president of Brown, in November, 1949, declared that our institutions of higher education faced the greatest financial crisis they have faced in the last 30 years.

Dr. Wriston said a great majority of privately endowed liberal arts colleges were operating at a deficit.

This is not true here, for since 1938 Colby has operated in the black.

(Vice President Eustis then reviewed aspects of college finances which are contained in the table shown here.)

**I**N construction of our Mayflower Hill campus, you must realize that we have been faced by a depression, a war and now by double building costs. For example: the cost of the Keyes building, without equipment, will be approximately \$600,000. The low bid for equipment was \$204,000.

## Just a few figures on Colby —

	April 30, 1929	6/30/39	6/30/49
Endowment Funds	\$1,230,400	\$2,765,700	\$ 4,116,000
Total Assets	1,959,600	5,434,500	10,298,000
Oper. Cash		11,594	99,236
<b>Income</b>	276,668	395,074	1,232,979
Expenditures before capital expenditures or Reserve	277,972	373,866	1,171,256
<b>Some Expense Items</b>			
Edu. Salaries	105,700	137,400	258,500
Lights	2,500	3,400	15,000
Service	10,250	25,300	133,850
Library	3,450	14,000	40,000

**Endowment Funds**

207 separate funds varying from \$702,000 to \$101. — Follow principle of pooled investments — earned last year 5%, year before 4.9%.

The total expenditures in connection with the Mayflower Hill development to date have been approximately \$4,500,000. Of this amount, \$500,000 has been expended for the general development of the new campus, including water, electric and telephone systems, sewers, grading and landscaping.

You may well ask where we get the money. Possibly, it is not sufficiently well known that we haven't got it all. Although the development has been financed in the main by gifts from alumni and friends, cash gifts have not been sufficient to cover the expenditures to date.

Consequently, the college has invested \$486,000 of its endowment funds in dormitory construction, has advanced \$350,000 of its endowment funds for general construction and has borrowed \$500,000 from banks.

Some might ask the question as to

whether we have been unwise in spending so substantially in excess of available. I do not think so. Our building program once underway has had to go forward and show continuous progress.

It is believed that assets in hand, consisting of the unsold portion of the old campus property, uncollected pledges and securities on hand, but not yet saleable, have a value nearly equivalent to our commitments, other than our investment in dormitories.

All these, however, do not provide the money needed to complete our minimum requirements. For this, we are basically dependent upon our alumni and our friends who believe in the privately endowed college and what Colby is attempting to do. It will interest you to know that over 4,000 different individuals have given

to our current drive which is approximately at the million dollar figure.

To complete our move to Mayflower Hill, we must have one more science building and one new girls' dormitory. It is essential that both of our needed additional buildings be provided as soon as possible. Operation on two campuses is educationally unsatisfactory and also very expensive. It may interest you to know that we provide 18,000 bus trips a year at a cost of nearly \$17,000.

Despite the problems we still face, I have deep and sincere faith in our students, in our faculty and staff, and look with confidence to the future.

This is your college as it is mine. We may argue and we may disagree, but we have only one objective, a better Colby.

## — Eureka! —

NOT every alumnus can find such an easy solution as did the writer of this letter, but for every alumnus there is the moral "where there's a will, there's a way."

Mr. Harry Thomas, Chairman  
Alumni Fund  
Colby College  
Waterville, Maine

Dear Sir:

Received your notice of the 1950 Alumni Fund.

In reply I wish to state that I am entangled in the web of an economic squeeze. I have too much stock, too few customers and not enough dollars.

Nevertheless, I wish to inform you that after I have discharged the following obligations, which are in chronological order, I shall take up with dispatch payment to the Alumni Fund.

### OBLIGATIONS:

Federal Income Taxes  
Social Security Taxes  
City Taxes  
Water Tax  
Cigarette Tax  
Auto Tax

Store Tax  
Registered Pharmacist Tax  
Narcotic Tax  
Store Expenses  
House Mortgage  
Household Expenses  
Insurances  
Three children in College and Prep. School  
Three children out of College, plus grandchildren (who will not be ignored)  
State Pharmacy Dues  
County Pharmacy Dues  
Church Pledge  
American Legion Dues  
Blue Lodge Dues  
Chapter Dues  
Commandery Dues  
Board of Trade Dues  
Boost Maine Club Dues  
Public Library Fund  
High School Advertising  
Parent Teachers Assoc.  
Advertising for Schools, Granges, etc., of surrounding towns  
The Mrs.' Order Affiliations  
Cancer Drive  
March of Dimes  
Tuberculosis Drive  
Heart Drive

Crippled Children Drive  
Boy Scouts  
Girl Scouts  
Y. M. C. A.  
Salvation Army  
Fish and Game Assoc.  
Zeta Psi Fund  
Mayflower Hill Fund  
Hospital Fund  
Red Cross  
Double Cross  
New Shirt  
Colby College Alumni Fund  
I hope that this will clarify my position at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Harry Thomas, Chairman  
Alumni Fund  
Colby College  
Waterville, Maine  
Dear Harry,

After writing to you yesterday, I gave considerable thought to our mutual problem and before long found myself shouting "Eureka!" The solution was simple, "How stupid of me." I have reversed the list!  
Check enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

## Commencement Topics

THE 129th Commencement activities of Colby College will open Thursday, June 8th, with the fifth annual alumni college.

The alumni college this year will feature a panel discussion on the topic "The Liberal Arts College of Tomorrow," with Colby's leading educators as panel members. Dean Mark Shibles, '29, of the University of Maine School of Education will be chairman of the session.

Serving on the panel will be President Bixler; Dean Ernest C. Marriner, '13, Dean George T. Nickerson, '24, Dean Barbara A. Sherman, '32, Professor Lester Weeks, '14, Professor Walter N. Breckenridge, Professor Edward J. Colgan, Professor Gordon E. Gates, '19, Clyde Russell, '22, executive secretary of the Maine Teachers Association, and Hugh Smith, '20, principal of Coburn Classical Institute.

The board of trustees will hold its annual meeting on Friday, June 9, at 2:30 p. m. and trustees, alumni council members and faculty will get together for dinner at Roberts that evening at 6:30 p. m.

THE President's reception followed by the Commencement Dance, will be held at 8:30 both at Women's Union. Alumni are cordially invited to attend.

Events Saturday, June 10th, will open at 8:00 a. m. with the annual Class Agents' Breakfast at Louise Coburn Hall and the Phi Beta Kappa Breakfast at the Methodist Church vestry.

At 9:30 the annual meeting of the Colby Alumni Council will be held under the chairmanship of Robert E. Wilkins, '20, in the Ilsley Room, Women's Union; at 10:15 Class Day Exercises have been scheduled for the Women's Athletic Field and at 11:00 the annual meeting of the Colby Library Associates will be held in the Treasure Room of Miller Library.

The afternoon will be devoted to the Commencement Dinner, scheduled to open at 12:30 p. m. at Women's Gymnasium, and a baseball game at 2:30 p. m.

Class Reunions are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p. m. at various places determined by those in charge. Classes scheduled to hold reunions are the Old



DR. HOCKING

Timers, and the five year classes beginning with the Class '00.

Alumni who wish further information about reunions should contact the commencement committee chairman, Prof. J. W. Bishop, '35, Colby College, Waterville.

George Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and The Lion" is scheduled as the commencement play at 8:30 Saturday evening in the women's gym.

Events of Sunday, June 11th, will open at 10:00 a. m. with the Baccalaureate Service, sermon by President Bixler. The dedication of Averill and Johnson Halls will follow at 11:15.

Luncheons for alumni and alumnae will be held at Roberts Union at 12:15; fraternity and sorority reunions are scheduled at 1:15, a faculty reception for seniors and guests will be held at Roberts at 4:00 p. m. and a picnic supper will be held on the lawn of Women's Union at 5:30 p. m.

The annual Boardman Service, dedicated this year to the memory of the late Dr. Herbert L. Newman, '18, will be held at the chapel at 7:00 p. m.

The 129th Commencement Exercises will open at 9:30 a. m. Monday, June 12th, on the lawn of Women's Union with an address by William Ernest Hocking, Ph.D., L.H.D., D.D., Alford Professor of Natural Religion, Moral Philosophy and Civil Polity, Emeritus, Harvard. The award of degrees and honorary degrees will follow.



*When Spring comes, can commencement be far behind?  
(Spring sun warms Miller Library steps)*

## Colby Sports

## Roundy In 25th Year As Mule Mentor

By Jim Dick, '50

## Spring Sports Schedules

## VARSITY TRACK

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
*April 22	Norwich University	Waterville	2:00 P.M.
April 29	Bates, Middlebury, Univ. of Vermont	Burlington, Vt.	1:00 P.M.
May 6	State Meet	Brunswick	A.M. & P.M.
*May 13	Bates	Waterville	2:00 P.M.
May 20	Bryant College	Providence, R. I.	2:00 P.M.

## VARSITY GOLF

Date	Opponent	Place
April 27	Boston University	Boston, Mass.
April 28	Boston College	Boston, Mass.
April 29	M. I. T.	Cambridge, Mass.
*May 3	Maine	Waterville
*May 5	Bates	Waterville
*May 10	Bowdoin	Waterville
*May 13	Tufts	Waterville
May 15	Bates	Lewiston
May 19	Maine	Orono
May 22	State Championships	Augusta

## VARSITY TENNIS

Date	Opponent	Place
April 27	Boston University	Boston, Mass.
April 28	Tufts College	Medford, Mass.
April 29	M. I. T.	Cambridge, Mass.
*May 3	Maine	Waterville
*May 5	Bates	Waterville
*May 6	Boston College	Waterville
*May 10	Bowdoin	Waterville
*May 13	Tufts	Waterville
May 15	Bates	Lewiston
May 19	Maine	Orono
May 22	State Championships	Brunswick

## FRESHMAN BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
*April 25	Husson College	Waterville	3:30 P.M.
*April 26	Higgins Classical Inst.	Waterville	3:30 P.M.
April 29	Hebron Academy	Hebron	3:00 P.M.
*May 2	Coburn Classical Inst.	Waterville	3:30 P.M.
May 6	Higgins Classical Inst.	Charleston	3:00 P.M.
*May 12	Northeastern Bus. Col.	Waterville	3:30 P.M.
May 13	Portland Junior Col.	Waterville	2:30 P.M.
May 16	M. C. I.	Pittsfield	3:00 P.M.
*May 20	Coburn Classical Inst.	Waterville	2:30 P.M.
*May 23	M. C. I.	Waterville	3:30 P.M.

## FRESHMAN TRACK

Date	Opponent	Place
*April 27	Bangor High School	Waterville
*May 4	Deering High School	Waterville
*May 11	M.C.I. and Higgins Classical Institute	Waterville
*May 18	Lewiston High School	Waterville
*May 23	South Portland High School	Waterville

\*Home Meets

THE 1950 baseball season marks the 25th year that Edward Cilley Roundy has been active in the Colby Athletic department.

During that long term of service, the very personable Roundy has coached every sport but track, but it is as baseball coach that he has made his greatest mark in intercollegiate circles.

He received his B.S. from St. Lawrence College in 1914. He coached at Canton High School, Canton, New York, for a year and then he returned to his alma mater for a two year coaching term.

After serving in the U. S. Army during the first World War, he became head coach at Kents Hill Prep in Kents Hill, Maine, from 1919-20. In 1920, he went south, to Hampden-Sidney College in Hampden-Sidney, Virginia. He remained there for three years and then he decided to go into business. It was not for him, however, and in 1925 he applied for and obtained a coaching position at Colby.

For the first few years, he coached every sport but track. Then in 1927, he was relieved of coaching hockey with the arrival of Ellsworth "Bill" Millett, '25. When Freshman basketball was introduced in 1934, he was given the job of handling the new sport, and he served as varsity basketball coach from 1937 to the war years. During that period, his teams won 54 games and lost 31 while garnering two state championships outright and tying for the honor three times.

Since 1925, Roundy's baseball teams have compiled the exceptional won and lost record of 161 to 144 with two tied games also.

In State Series competition, the record is even better, 112 wins against 76 losses and one tie for a .678 average. Under his guidance, Colby has finished as Maine baseball champs five times and tied for the crown five times.

Roundy is now 58, but the passage of years has added little weight to his still slim figure. Only thinning gray hair and kindly wrinkles around his

eyes belie his active and vigorous nature.

He and his wife, Christine, like to call Portland their home town and he is extremely fond of the state he was born and brought up in. In his years at Colby, he has paid scant attention to offers from other schools out of state for, as he says, "there is nothing more pleasant than to be in work you enjoy and to be at home too."

Concerning competition within the state, something so often knocked by "observers", Roundy maintains that "the competition is as keen here among the four colleges as anyplace in the country."

As far as Colby is concerned, he has thoroughly enjoyed the 25 years spent at the Mule institution. "I have always had great boys to work with, even though the material things might often have been lacking. But now that we have the new campus, it combines a wonderful environment with boys of good caliber."

**E**DDIE has always had the enthusiastic support of his own players

who, however skillful as individuals they might be, learned it was the team and their work as team members which really counted.

Their coach has never deviated from the principle that in all sports there is a great opportunity for character building and any of Eddie's team members will tell you that they learned lessons in sportsmanship, cooperation and helpfulness to others which they will never forget.

This is the message he has tried to instill in countless audiences of youth he has addressed at sports banquets and other occasions. In these days when the accent too often seems to be on winning the game no matter what the method, it is entirely refreshing to know that Colby has an enthusiastic and effective exponent to the contrary.

Last year, in honor of the work Eddie has done for his team members, those boys who served on the '46 and '47 teams established the Edward C. Roundy Trophy for the most valuable Colby player.

First recipient of the award was John Spinner, '49, brilliant catcher and three-year "All-Maine" selection. And Johnny's words at accepting the award were those with which countless Colby baseball men will agree.

He explained that he came from Massachusetts where they have a lot of "hot" coaches and "hot" teams and that before he met Eddie he was convinced of his own prowess at the game, a prowess which would place him among the hottest of the hot.

He started really learning baseball, he said, when he began working with Eddie Roundy.

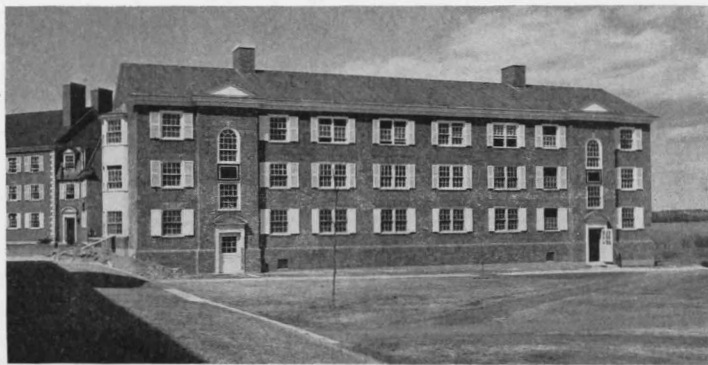
And then, with a deep feeling of sincere appreciation which made his eyes moist, he said to the banquet meeting of Colby players at which the award was made: "And, fellers, I just want to say that wherever you might go, in New England or the rest of the country, in college ball, the minors or the majors, you won't find a better coach than Eddie Roundy."

## College Honors Elder Statesmen

**T**HE TWO new men's dormitories have been named Johnson and Averill Halls in honor of the college's two elder statesmen, President-Emeritus Franklin W. Johnson, '91, and Trustee George G. Averill, M. D.

Announcement of the decision, which was at the mid-winter meeting of the board of trustees, was made by Board Chairman Neil Leonard, '21, who said, "Fitting it is that we honor together these two men who are a team of dauntless planners for the completion of Colby's 'Venture of Faith.' The names of Averill and Johnson will be linked together during their life time and for posterity as permanent testimonial to their faith in American youth and their love for Colby College."

The two buildings were authorized by the trustees in 1948 and foundations for them were laid in the fall of that year. Construction began last summer and continued through the good fall and early winter weather which saw them closed in and roofed shortly after the turn of the new year.



JOHNSON HALL

Since that time construction on the interiors has been continued except for extremely bad weather and the structures are expected to be completed before commencement.

Both buildings are identical in size and interior arrangement and during their first years of service will house 90 men each, although with the completion of fraternity houses in the future, the number of students to be housed in them will be considerably reduced.

Their completion will allow all male

students to be housed on the hill next fall with the possible exception of the members of Phi Delta Theta who may occupy their present College Avenue quarters another year.

The two buildings flank the western side of Miller Library's north and south lawns, Averill Hall being on the Lorimer Chapel side and Johnson Hall being on the Roberts Union side.

The two new dormitories will be dedicated after the Baccalaureate service on Sunday, June 11.



## Colby Club Notes

### BOSTON CLUB LADIES' NIGHT

Because the Varsity Show this year took the place of the annual Boston Colby Alumni Association banquet, a Ladies' Night was sponsored by the Boston Colby Club at its regular March meeting. It was a very successful gathering at the Union Oyster House with over 110 graduates and friends of Colby present to enjoy a lobster dinner and hear a fine program of speakers.

In the absence of Harry Hollis, '38, the club president, Ellis Mott, '39, served admirably as chairman. Miss Arlene Bamber, '39, introduced Dean Barbara Sherman, '32, who gave a fine talk which dealt mostly with problems of admissions, the spirit of the old college, and plans for the Women's Dormitory.

Vice-President Eustis, '23, the next speaker, presented some interesting comparative statistics regarding the growth of the college, using particularly the years 1929, 1939, and 1949. Neil Leonard, '21, chairman of the board of trustees, introduced Dr. Bixler for the main address.

Prexy Bixler reviewed briefly some of the activities at the college including the distinguished visitors in the lecture series, plans for the Bach festival, the reorganization in the administration, and the student participation in the ski slope development.

In his main theme Dr. Bixler stated that by going ahead with our plans in these uncertain times Colby was a living example of the faith that we all have in the future.

Raymond Spinney, '21, announced Robert E. Cannell as the winner of the annual Boston Colby Club Scholarship Award.

Wilson Piper, '39, announced that the Boston area had gone well over its quota in the Mayflower Development campaign.

Leonard Grant, '15, chairman of the nominating committee of the Boston Colby Alumni Association, presented the following slate of officers for next year: Morton M. Goldfine, '37, president; C. Evan Johnson, '27, vice president; Gordon B. Jones, '40, secretary-treasurer; executive committee: Florian G. Arey, '15, Hiram F. Moody, '23, and Albert C. Palmer, '30, and for representative to the Alumni Council, D. Ray Holt, '21.

Among other speakers were Florian Arey, retiring president of the Boston Colby Alumni Association, Bill Millett, '25, Dean George T. Nickerson, '24, G. Cecil Goddard, '29, Dr. Cecil Clark, '05, and E. Allen Lightner, assistant to the president.

— Frank Norvish, '34, Secretary.

### COLBY WORCESTER COUNTY ALUMNI MEETING

A record number of forty-nine Worcester County Colby alumni and friends met at Franklin Manor March 23 for the annual dinner meeting. Vice President Leota Schoff was in charge.

Ellsworth Millett, alumni secretary and first guest speaker from the college, stressed the need for all alumni to make some financial contribution to the building fund. Coach Lee Williams then gave a sports review for the past year. President J. Seelye Bixler spoke of the progress the college is making in its twofold plan to improve the quality of education it offers and at the same time better the physical facilities through the building program on Mayflower Hill.

At a brief business meeting the following new officers were elected:

President — Leota Schoff  
Vice-President — Rupert Ervine  
Secretary-Treasurer — Marguerite Broderson  
Alumni Council Representative — J. Lewis Lovett  
Chairman of Nominating Committee — David Arey

Among alumni attending were S. Shipley and Marion Sturtevant At-

water, both '48; Marguerite Broderson, '45; David K. Arey, '05, and Mrs. Arey; Jean C. Hillson, '49; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Blanchard, Jr. (Elizabeth Field, '43); John E. Stevens, '42, and Mrs. Stevens; Mrs. Caroline Heald Wallace, '27.

Robert M. and Dorothy Wilson Irvine, both '29; Miss Leota Schoff, '25; Benjamin, '44, and Frances Hyde Zecker, '48; L. R. Blanchard, '38; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mitchell (Eleanor Bradlee, '16); Dr. Fredrick and Marion Johnson Kinch, '25.

J. Lewis Lovett, '28; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wadleigh (Maude Eaton, '09); Sidney P., '28, and Marion Richardson Snow, '32; Mr. and Mrs. Burton Epstein (Carol Robin, '48); Miss Annie M. Waite, '95.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scrimgeour (Alice B. LaPoer, '31); Mr. and Mrs. Myron Laipson (Hannah Karp, '46); Mrs. Lora Cummings Neal, '93, and former Colby Prof. Richard Lougee, now of Clark University.

### ST. PETERSBURG CLUB

The Colby Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, held its final meeting of the season March 18, at a luncheon at the Detroit Hotel of that city.

The annual election of officers was held. Those elected for the following year were: president, Donald E. Putnam, '16; vice-president, Edwin A. Russell, '15; secretary and treasurer, Effie Lowe Patch, '15; publicity, Mary Hodgdon Prescott, '34, and representative to the Alumni Council, Ralph E. Nash, '11.

Mr. Putnam paid special tribute to Ralph Nash, the outgoing president, who started the Colby Club and served as the president for ten years.

Dr. Franklin W. Johnson has been in attendance the past three meetings both as a speaker and a guest. The St. Petersburg Club feels very fortunate to have obtained such firsthand information of the Colby campus and its activities. It is indeed regrettable that illness has incapacitated Mrs. Johnson.

Other Colby alumni present were John E. Cummings, '84; Margaret Buswell Nash, '12; Julia Winslow, '86; Emma Fountain, '95; Florence Carll Jones, '12, and Esther French Spaulding, '16.



The film, "The Saga of Mayflower Hill," was shown and the graduates, friends and relatives of Colby present found the new campus and facilities beautiful beyond any expectations.

The meeting was adjourned until next fall around the time of Colby Night. The club has in the past and plans in the future to meet the third Saturday of the month for luncheon during the winter months, and the St. Petersburg Colby Club cordially invites anyone who plans to be in the city at that time to join them. Notices will be in the local newspapers.

— Mary Hodgdon Prescott, '34.

### PORTLAND ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE MEETING

The Portland Alumni Association and Colby Alumnae of Western Maine, met on Wednesday, March 15, for a joint meeting at the Portland Country Club.

Speakers for the evening were President J. S. Bixler, Vice President A. Galen Eustis, '23, Basketball Coach Lee Williams, Dean of Women Barbara A. Sherman, '32, Alumni Secretary Ellsworth (Bill) Millett, '25, and Marjorie Scribner Holt, '14, alumni trustee.

Among the Colby Alumni and Alumnae attending were Donald Tupper, '29, William D. Taylor, '40, Dwight Sargent, '39, John Hyde, '48, Helen Dresser McDonald, '23, Helen Pierce Brown, '23.

Barbara Hurd Worthen, '38, Wayne E. and Alice Linscott, '31, A. E. Linscott, '98, and Mabel Farrar Linscott, '01, Alfred N., '40, and Marjorie Campbell Timberlake, '42, George Burns, '47, and Agnes Faye Burns, '49.

Maynard Irish, '39, Earl L., '39, and Phyllis Hamlin Wade, '32, John H. Lee, '30, Henry Deetjen, '31, Allen, '30, and Jean MacDonald Turner, '30, Wendell H. Thornton, '30, Chester H. Pierce, '11, Leo G. Shesong, '13.

Leslie F. Jordan, '12, Rex W. Dodge, '06, Bernice Butler McGorill, '21, William Pinansky, '40, Ernest F. Sigety, '49, Laura Day Cole, '11, Dorothy Trainor Anderson, '38, Clara Martin Southworth, '03.

Ruth Hamilton Whittemore, '12, Phyllis Sturdivant Sweetser, '19, Helen Carter Guptill, '39, Arlene Ringrose Brown, '23, Pauline Russell Berry, '32, Ethel Henderson Ferguson, '29, Josephine Bodurtha, '38, Martha B.

Hopkins, '03, Helen Robinson, '10, Lucille Kidder, '20.

Myra L. Dolley, '19, Eva L. Alley, '25, Pauline Abbott, '21, Ruth E. Williams, '28, Dorothy M. Gordon, '24, Sylvia Brazzell, '27, Lucille Noyes, '11, Alberta Shepard Marsh, '18, Ralph Goddard, '30.

Ralph B. Young, '07, Vernon Tooker, '19, Edward J. Seay, '38, Estelle Taylor Goodwin, '32, Ellen Cratty Paine, '11, Maybelle Babson Mayo, '09, and Miss J. Pauline Herring, '10.

### WASHINGTON COLBY CLUB

The Washington Colby Alumni Club met on Tuesday, March 28, at the Kenesaw Apartment Building.

President Bixler was the guest speaker.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Ernest J. Roderick, '36; vice president, Donna deRochemont Wetzel, '39; secretary-treasurer, Nancy Jacobson, '46. Representative to the Alumni Council, Ellen G. Dignam, '35; executive committee member for one year, Ruth Burns, '48, for two years, Esther Power, '20, for three years, Albert Haynes, '42 retiring president.

At the suggestion of the college officials present the club adopted its first constitution although the club is fifty years old. Members of the graduating class are exempt from dues for one year.

### PRESIDENT PEPPER

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were all a part of the charm of this haven of escape.

After these summers of rest it seemed possible to assume again the task of running the college. Charles went to Coburn Classical Institute in town, which had at the head James Hanson, 1842, a pedagogue of the old school.

There were no frills or short cuts in his teaching. Everything hewed to the line — Even Latin grammar rules in fine print at the bottom of the pages were essential to those who did not take time to master these. Such a rule was the pesky little one about the adjectives that govern the supine in u. One could only hope that because of their unimportance the teacher would only look at them. But no! Three times

Doc Hanson had called for the rule — not one of the young men could give it — Molly Farr (Mary Farr Bradbury, '88), the only girl in the class, had her hand up each time and glibly reeled them off. "Fine! Bravo!" said the teacher. "A hundred per cent for you."

This looked serious to the boys for they knew that their ranks would be correspondingly low. So one evening Charlie Pepper said, "Come on fellows, we can't let that Molly Farr get away alone with that Supine in u rule. Let's learn it all together and put an end to her "fine! bravo!"

Memorize it they did. The next time the rule was called for all the young men — like a stampede of wild horses — in unison cried, "The supine in u is used with optimus, proclivis, facilis, difficilis, indredibilis, mirabilis, turpis, fas, nefas, dignus est and opus est."

Above the fine brave recital of the rule — the tinkling laugh of Molly Farr could be heard.

Seventy years after this day Charles Pepper was to spurt out this amazing list of Latin adjectives as though he were still a young stripling in Jack Hanson's class.

Sophie Hanson, '81, taught the elementary school and it was here that Bessie and Anne went. With them were their next-door neighbors, Flo (Florence, '96) and Hal (Harry, '96) Dunn. Bessie and Anne wore dresses just alike, sent on by Wanamaker's. Their favorites were of bottle-green flannel, with gold soutache frogs on the front. Their party dresses were of rich red velvet with lace adornment.

They looked so irresistible in these that their ever-doting mother had the photographer take pictures of them posed as Raphael's cherubs; — Bessie with her head resting in her right hand, the elbow leaning on the parapet of Heaven; Annie, the chubby one, had her arms folded on the parapet and so she peered at you, her chin on her folded arms. Being cherubs was a tiresome job that hot afternoon while mother arranged curls and frocks and the photographer tried over and over again to call out a cherubic expression before he snapped the shutter. With Bessie it was easy. Anne was no cherub and heartily disliked the heavenly role.

The family often spent Thanksgivings in Skowhegan with the Coburn family. Young and old, there were more than twenty there. After dinner it was a foregone conclusion that there would be a game of Blind-man's bluff in the double parlors. Dear Mrs. (Stephen) Coburn, with raven-black hair in tight curls, dodged as adroitly as the children. When Dr. Pepper was "it," blindfolded, he played the game by standing in the exact center of the room, turning about as his long arms swept like flails to catch the unwary. At times he would make a sudden swoop and then such squeals and shouts when the luckless one was caught!

Frances Coburn, one of the three daughters, was a student at the Institute while Charles was in college. Their friendship became closer as the years went by till their engagement was announced. They were both very popular, Charles as a tennis champion. He liked the afternoons when he and Denny Bangs (Dennis Bangs, '91) went off down the street on their high-bicycles. He wore a sailor hat with a red band.

It required real genius to keep the number of "headers" as low as he did for the front wheel was five feet high and the rear one only one and a half. It was certainly a contraption of the devil and required the kind of mettle a bull fighter must have to catch and ride the thing and then to call it sport.

At length the stress of manifold duties which a college president at that time must carry proved too much for Dr. Pepper. He resigned and went to England to recover his health.

A detailed story of these days is narrated in the forthcoming biographical novel of Annie Grassie Pepper which will come from the press the latter part of this month.

## Milestones

### ENGAGED

Alice F. Dignam, '38, and Alfred E. Gradey of New Orleans, La. Miss Dignam is employed by the Employers' Insurance Group Company and

her future husband is also employed with this company. A summer wedding is planned and the couple plans to reside in New Orleans, La.

Barbara Ann Kinnear and W. Richard Granger, '46. Miss Kinnear has attended Westbrook Junior College and was graduated from Mount Ida Junior College, Newton, Mass. She is now a stewardess with Northeast Airlines. Mr. Granger is attending Clark University Graduate School of Education and teaching in the North Brookfield, Mass., school system. A June wedding is planned.

Ann L. Milliken and Irvin E. Hamlin, '50. Miss Milliken attended Maine Central Institute, Walnut Hill School for Girls, Smith College and Parsons School of Design. Mr. Hamlin is a graduate of Good Will High School and served three years in the Army Medical Corps, seeing duty in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

Nancy Webber, '51, and Dick Thompson, '51. Plans are being made for an August wedding.

Joan Stewart, '52, and Bart Panzenhagen, '51. The wedding is being planned for August 20.

Polly Wakefield, '52, and Jere Hughes, '51. A June wedding is planned.

Gloria Spaulding and Robert Morton, '52. Miss Spaulding is a senior at Bangor High School and is employed at the Sears Roebuck Store. Mr. Morton was graduated from Bangor High School in 1948 and is an athletic instructor for the Waterville Boys' Club besides his college work.

Catherine C. Gough and Captain Harold D. Seaman, '42. Miss Gough, a native of Marion, Ohio, is a member of the Secretariat of the General Staff of the European Command Headquarters, serving with the rank of First Lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps. Capt. Seaman is a native of Scarsdale, New York, and a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff School. He is on duty in Heidelberg as Aide-de-Camp to Lt. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, Commanding General of the U. S. Army, Europe, and former Military Governor. A military wedding is scheduled for May 6th at the Schloss Guest House in Heidelberg. Following a wedding trip to the French Riviera, the couple will reside in Heidelberg until Capt. Sea-

man's return to the United States in July for duty at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

Ruth Merriman, '52, and Richard G. Brown. Miss Merriman was graduated from Melrose High School and is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, the Colby Glee Club and is also on the cheer-leading squad. Mr. Brown is also a graduate of Melrose High and is a sophomore at Brown University, Providence, R. I.

Jeann W. Shepard, '49, and Bernard J. Silva. Mr. Silva was graduated from Bates College in 1948.

### MARRIED

Priscilla F. Davis, '51, and James O. Runkle. The couple is living at 11 Garfield St., Lexington, Mass.

Helen V. Brown and Robert L. O'Brien, H-'26, on March 10 in Washington, D. C. Mr. O'Brien, former Washington and Boston newspaper man and Tariff Commission chairman, is widely known in newspaper, educational and Government circles. He combined a long and colorful newspaper career with two political jobs, one taken as a mere boy, just out of Harvard and under a Democratic administration, as personal secretary to President Cleveland in 1892, and the other at the age of 66 under a Republican President. From 1895 to 1906 he was Washington correspondent for the *Boston Transcript*. He became *Transcript* editor in 1906 and served until 1910. From that date until 1929, he was president and director of the Boston Publishing Co., and editor of the *Boston Herald*.

### BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. David C. Howard (Colby Faculty), a son, Andrew Crosby, on March 19, 1950, in Waterville.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Woods, Jr. (Mary Fraser Woods, '45, Chester J. Woods, '49), a daughter, Ellen Elizabeth, on March 6, 1950.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sorrentino (Stanley Sorrentino, '51), a son, Vincent Sorrentino, 2nd, March 16, 1950, in Waterville.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pullen (Robert Pullen, '41), a daughter, Deborah Jean, March 19, 1950, in Waterville.

## COLBY IN 80'S

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would enjoy a recitation under similar circumstances in Judy Taylor's class room.

Prof. Elder was an able and successful teacher of Chemistry, but it is as a teacher of the Bible that I wish to speak of him. In the fall of 1882 some members of the Freshman Class invited him to teach a Bible Class on Sunday mornings made up of members of that class who might wish to attend. He consented. The attendance was good from the start. The Bible class continued during the four years and the attendance during the Senior year was the largest of the four. Those facts speak volumes concerning Prof. Elder's success as a teacher of the Bible.

During a somewhat long life, I have become acquainted with quite a number of people who had a well deserved reputation for knowledge of the Bible, but have never met one whom I had reason to believe surpassed Prof. Elder in a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the English Bible. He believed the Bible was the infallible Word of God and not the word of man. And he was a past master in the art of applying its teachings to the direction of human conduct.

**D**URING the eighties it was the custom to invite some distinguished preacher to deliver the annual sermon before the Boardman Missionary Society. This organization was named for the great missionary George Dana Boardman, a member of the first class ever to graduate from the college. It corresponded very closely to a college Y.M.C.A. of later years. Nearly all the church members among the undergraduates joined it whether they had missionary work in view or not.

One year the preacher was a man of nation wide fame as a pulpit orator. Before going further I will mention some things that were told me as facts several years later. The preacher was a widower and an elder daughter was the housekeeper. Her great concern

was for her father's health. She had heard that Maine was a very cold place so when she packed her father's traveling bag she enclosed his winter under garments and exacted a promise from him that he would put them on during his stay in a region that was supposed to be very chilly.

Maine does seem sometimes to have Arctic temperatures, but those times do not come in the closing days of the month of June. On the afternoon of the day of the sermon the mercury registered 92 in the shade. In the evening the mercury had fallen but only a few degrees. The congregation packed the house. In spite of their physical discomfort the speaker held their close attention from start to finish. But all who sat near him could see that his clothing was soaked in perspiration and it ran down his face in streams. But it was a great sermon delivered by one of the great preachers of the nation.

It so happened that a group of boys who never went to church if they could help it, remained behind at "the Bricks." A belated impulse seized them to go and hear the great preacher.



THE BRICKS

The only seats remaining were in the very front row, which they reluctantly occupied. It was not the custom for the members of the Boardman Missionary Society to sit together in a group on such occasions, but the preacher did not know that. He assumed that the group of boys before him were future missionaries, greatly to their dismay. He commended them highly for their willingness to go to distant lands to teach the heathen the precepts of the Christian religion. It was a complete case of mistaken iden-

tity. All the heathen those boys ever saw were of the strictly American variety.

**O**NE of the most amusing incidents that happened at Colby during the decade was the famous ball game, North College versus South College. The contestants were chosen because of their ignorance of the game instead of their knowledge of it. If one had played on a scrub team in his home town he was ruled ineligible.

About all the boys in college gathered to see the fun. They saw the pitchers trying frantically to deliver a ball within two feet of the plate and batters who had to be impressed with the fact that when they did hit the ball it was not necessary to imperil the lives of the bystanders by sending the bat after it.

The hilarious laughter of the crowd attracted the attention of all the passersby. And one would hear the question, "What ails those college boys now? Have they gone crazy?" And the answer was pretty sure to be "Very likely. Some of them haven't very far to go."

It took the better part of two afternoons to complete the nine innings. The final score was North College 62, South College 57 or 58. Perhaps the reason why I remember exactly the score of North College is because I was a dweller myself in that delightful abode. At any rate everybody agreed that that ball game was the funniest thing that had happened in the history of Colby up to that date.

## COLOMBIA

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practiced in Bogota. Even the head waiter required a lot of coaching in English. Everything was fine except the cooking. The fresh fruits were wonderful.

I was told the coffee was very high-grade, and actually commanded a high price, but it is the unblended native product and we are used to blends. The Coca Cola Company does a tremendous business there. They also make a local competitor in slightly larger bottles.

There is absolutely no racial color line. This was noticeable from the

time I entered the Avianca terminal in New York. The colors seemed to be blended in all sorts of ways, even though the coffee isn't. There is, however, about five miles up the coast, a pure African village just as primitive as when first established, certainly 100 or 200 years ago.

**O**NE INTERESTING thing about the people is that they are all good natured and have learned to watch their step and take care of themselves individually.

In both Cartagena and Barranquilla they think nothing of taking off a man-hole cover in the middle of the street and leaving it off for weeks at a time.

In Cartagena I noticed in the middle of the sidewalk, and also in the middle of the driveway leading to the municipal building, containing the police headquarters, an opening about two-feet square above which I could look down into the old moat which used to encircle the walled city.

The only thing to prevent you from falling in was a few short stub ends of reinforcing steel which might catch you by the seat of the pants on the way down.

I wanted to wait across the street with my camera to catch somebody on the way down, but I was assured it wouldn't happen, and apparently never does. All the children and adults carefully walk around it and all the automobiles straddle it.

I saw a lot of such openings. My bilingual engineer guide, who called for me daily, got quite a kick out of my calling them traps. They look at it this way: Here's a big hole in plain sight. You walk right into it. Whose fault is it? Yours, of course.

Another interesting thing was the absence of fires. At first I attributed it to the fact that most of the buildings were of some kind of masonry, but there were plenty of large areas covered with combustible shacks. There are hydrants on the water supply, but the fittings were removed after it was discovered that they would be stolen if left in place.

In case of fire they call up the Navy Yard which sends a truck to replace some of the necessary fittings and valves and lay what hose is necessary. I was told they had a fire three years

ago. I was not able to solve the mystery as to why the place does not burn up.

Practically all the buildings, even modern residences, have glass windows only to protect from rain an area near the outer wall. Generally there is a passageway or portico of some sort which requires no protection from the rain, and the inside rooms open onto this outer area.

They have a wonderful baseball stadium of reinforced concrete with a huge overhanging umbrella-like cover which would be impossible under our snow-load conditions. I think everything on the scoreboard was in Spanish except innings and errors. The bleachers were marked Sol which I figured meant you could sit there if you didn't object to the Sun.

It was some time before I could get a proper shower bath. I had assumed the "C" on the faucet meant cold. I later discovered it meant caliente (hot). I really had no opportunity to

learn any Spanish and made no practical use of my lexicon except when the maid in the hotel brought me some white thread when I wanted black. This was remedied very easily through my lexicon by the single word negro (naygro).

On the return trip I stopped overnight again in Barranquilla and met at the hotel an engineer by the name of Espinoza who turned out to be the chief of operations for Avianca. I had several hours to spare at the airport while they were trying to locate some sort of plug in one of the instrument indicating lines of my plane which had come in from Bogota, and Espinoza took me through their huge plant at the airport where all their planes are serviced and engines rebuilt, etc. It happened that his younger brother was on his way to the University of Iowa where he had a scholarship for a year's study, and I rode back to New York with him.

Karl R. Kennison, '06.

## Class Notes About Colby Men And Women

### 1897

Harriet Holmes is now in Newton with her cousin where after a long hard sickness she is recuperating.

In reply to the '97 class letter of March 6, your agent received word of the death of Octavia W. Mathews. Her brother, Burleigh V. Mathews, wrote that Octavia had passed away two weeks before, February 21, 1950. She had been for several years in a nursing home in Woodstown, New Jersey, where her sister Annie lives. The last ten years of her life were far from happy and now the release for which she longed has come.

### 1899

Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. G. Shannon, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa., are now making their home in Waterville, where Dr. Shannon will continue his practice as an oculist. They have purchased a home at 9 Park Street where Dr. Shannon will maintain his office. Dr. Shannon is a native of Saco,

and a graduate of Thornton Academy before entering Colby. Following his courses at Colby he studied at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and took post graduate work in eye and ear studies at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Following an internship in Pottsville, Pa., he entered private practice in Philadelphia, where he remained until coming to Waterville this month. He was a member of the staff of Jefferson Medical College for many years and served as professor of ophthalmology at that institution from 1927 until he resigned in 1948. During World War I he served in the Army Medical Corps, being discharged with the rank of major. Dr. Shannon is a member of the College of Physicians in Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the American Ophthalmological Society and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Sigma Alpha, and the honorary medical frater-

nity of Alpha Omega Alpha. He is the author of a number of papers on diseases of the eye and ear. The Shannons have spent their summers at their Belgrade home and are well known in the Waterville areas.

### 1904

Edward B. Winslow has recently been appointed Director of Public Welfare in Foster, Conn.

### 1906

The three teachers of our class are considering their retirement at the end of this year — Christia Donnell Young, Ella Maxcey, and Beulah Purington. That ought to make for good attendance at our approaching reunion in 1951!

Clara Norton Paul's daughter Dorcas was married in August, and Edith Kennison Stenne's daughter, Ruth, was married in September. Edith writes that she had a very busy past summer with the fun of excitement of her daughter's wedding. Her mother was with her, celebrating her ninetieth birthday this past Thanksgiving.

Our sympathy goes out to Cora Farwell Sherwood in the loss of her husband last May. She is keeping her house as long as she can manage it herself; and to help against the loneliness she has in her home the beloved teacher of her husband, her daughter, son and son's wife, at Newton Theological School, Dr. Winfred S. Donovan, '92.

Our sympathy also goes out to Nettie Fuller Young in the serious illness of her husband.

Alice Tilley writes that she is filling her spare moments helping out in her church.

Miss Anna Boynton  
Camden, Maine  
Class Secretary

### 1908

Rev. Emmons P. Burrill has resigned as rector of St. John's Church Pleasantville, New York, and is being succeeded by the Rev. Bradford W. Ketcham, '36. Rev. Ketcham is a native of Boston, Mass., and was graduated from Berkley Divinity School in 1938. He was ordained in St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, Maine, before going to St. John's in Cornwall, New York.

Ragnhild Iverson Tompkins is spending the winter in Portland with her daughter, Sigrid Tompkins, '38, attorney with Hutchinson, Pierce, Atwood & Scribner. Their address is 35 Forest Park, Portland.

Former Dean of Women, Ninetta M. Runnals was honored at a coffee recently at the home of Mrs. Doris Donnell Vickery, '34, in Belfast. Among Colby Women scheduled to attend were: Miss Ruth White, '34, Miss Nancy Libby, '36, and Miss Hilda Fife, '26, members of the English department at the University of Maine; Mrs. Amelia Bliss Morrison, '31, Mrs. Ruth Roberts Hathaway, '41, Mrs. Thelma Flagg Kennedy, '33, Mrs. Marjorie Merrill Melvin, '45, and Mrs. Annabelle Morrison Wolfertz, '44, all of Winterport, Mrs. Margaret Henderson Richardson, '35, Mrs. Tina Thompson Poulin, '32, and Mrs. Phyllis St. Clair Fraser, '14, from Waterville; Miss Anne Boynton, '06, Diana Wall Pitts, '13, and Mrs. Marion Wadsworth Long, '09, among those from Camden; Mrs. Bertha Bryant Farwell, '09, from Thorndike and Mrs. Edith Williams Small, '02, Mrs. Pauline Landers Higgins, '41, and Miss Jeanne Sellars, '46, from Freedom; Mrs. Helen Paul Clements, '30, Mrs. Henrietta Gilkey Small, '14, Mrs. Eleanor Eisberg Foster, '46, and Barbara Luce Clements, '36, from Searsport, and Mrs. Margaret Fielden Rogers, '11, and Mrs. Juanita White Rhoades, '37, were among those attending from Belfast.

### 1909

Pearl Davis Steffenson is seriously ill at her home, R. F. D. No. 3, Norwich, Conn.

### 1912

Margaret Burnham's son, Harold, was released from imprisonment as a conscientious objector in time to spend Christmas at home. He has returned to his work at the Scattergood in Iowa. Margaret's special project this year is the reconditioning of the lovely old farmhouse on the Skinner place in Raymond, Maine. She now has a family of "displaced persons" installed and plans for making the farm a real contributor to the prosperity of Raymond as well as the "D. P.'s."

After a well-deserved vacation, Ethel

Haines has taken a new position in an office in Saco. Her address is still 57A North Street, Saco.

### 1913

Elmer Hussey is having a sabbatical leave and is planning to spend three or four months in Europe.

Dora Libby Bishop has had a very enjoyable winter in Florida.

Sympathy is extended to Diana Wall Pitts on the death of her husband, Everett E. Pitts, on March 20, following an attack of coronary thrombosis.

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## 1914

Wilbur Dexter recently attended the inauguration of President Millis of Western Reserve University as a delegate representing Colby.

Sympathy is extended to Alice Beckett Haley on the death of her husband, Harold R. Haley, in a recent auto accident.

Paul F. Christopher, Comdr. USMS., 2355 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, Calif., has done some sailing around. Some of it he tells about in the three-page single-spaced letter which has just been received. He completed his work at Colby in three years and then went on to Annapolis. During World War I he was on convoy duty in the Atlantic.

After the war he went to the West Coast where he used to see "Doc" Luce, '15.

In 1931 the chance came to go to sea again — "something I had been wanting to do for some time. Far places, strange smells and queer sights and people had been calling me, so I spent the ensuing twenty going to sea and smell them." --- Late summer or fall of 1940 or '41 found him in Honolulu where "time was just something that flowed past in a pleasant and effortless succession of days and nights. --- On the 7th of December, 1941, by sheer accident, I sailed from Honolulu exactly four and a half hours before the Jap Blitz."

"Arrived in Seattle, I reported to the Navy and was advised that qualification as a civilian chief engineer was just as valuable as that of a combat officer so I spent several months hauling pipe, planks and provisions down Alaska way. I found a piece of a whale's backbone and a handful of lovely green pebbles on the shore of Bering Sea the day the Japs struck Dutch Harbor, thirty miles away. We gave a shot up destroyer and an undamaged submarine emergency fuel from our bunkers and then went up to the Pribilofs and evacuated about 700 seal hunters.

"The Aleuts were a very interesting people. They have been living out of Sears Roebuck's catalogue for years and when we took them off the islands they were only allowed to take a limited amount of clothing and personal effects. Naturally, they wore their best and came aboard in tea gowns and dinner dresses, silk stockings and rubber boots.

Then we dumped them at an abandoned salmon cannery on Woman's Bay, or some such place, with a few bushels of potatoes and some discarded army blankets. I gave one squaw a cake of soap which I thought was a very practical present, and she thanked me kindly and ate it. They bath regularly twice during the span of life, both times involuntarily. The medical branch of the Indian Service washes a baby when it is born, and the tribal law requires that a corpse be washed before it is buried." --- "It seemed as if the Japs didn't like me" and he longed for "calmer spheres of activity. In other words, Alaska impressed me as getting too damn hot." So he got one of Henry Kaiser's brand new Liberties --- a "honey" --- This voyage led by easy stages to Alexandria, Tobruk, Benghazi, Tripoli, his enthusiasm for souvenirs leading him to pick up a booby trap. "I spent New Year's 1942 in Malta and while the heat was off at the time it was still warm. I ignored the first air raid warning in Malta, having just concluded a satisfactory transaction involving a loaf of bread and a bottle of beer. On the second occasion I think it is safe to say that I was the first one in the shelter --- in August of 1945 I was at Okinawa when the Japs threw up the sponge. I saw Yokahama, Tokio and Manila within a few weeks after the end of the war with the Japs. Malta is supposed to be one of the most intensely bombed targets of the war, but it wasn't a patch on Yokahama and Tokio."

This brings "Chris," with the exception of several more years at sea, down to where he is now employed by the Northrop Aircraft Co., as "a common, garden variety of mechanical engineer on plant Maintenance."

And last, but by no means least his son, Paul, is now a Colby Junior.

Ernest "Husky" L. Warren, Amherst, N. H. says that he has a "little 10c business of my own" which goes under the name of "Nednetted Rayon and Wool Stock." He is vice-president of the N. H. Jeweler's Guild. He says "we work for the most part in Sterling Silver, some gold and very little copper. The state of N. H. is very active in this kind of work. Sounds as though his hobby was made to order for the ladies. "At home I cut a few gemstones, amethyst, lapis, agate, etc. Maybe I'm a lapidary!"

Harvey Knight has a general law practice, First Mechanics National Bank Building, Trenton, New Jersey, where he had been since 1921. For a short time after he got out of the Navy he worked in a New York City law office. He is admitted to practice law in New York and in Maine. His daughter, Doris, graduates from Colby this June, and his oldest daughter is married and living in Newtonville, Mass. There are two small grandchildren. He writes that Chester Wood called to see him when he was visiting his daughter in Trenton, and that he had also had a visit from Ray Haskell.

George W. Perry  
Camden, Maine  
Class Secretary

## 1915

Florian Arey is scheduled to fly to Cuba this month.

## 1916

Miss Hazel N. Lane is a city missionary in Allston, Mass.

## 1918

George E. Ferrell and Mrs. Ferrell (Gladys Meservy, '16) have returned from a visit to Florida where they saw many Colby friends.

## 1920

Dr. John W. Brush, professor of church history at the Andover Newton Theological School, was scheduled to preach a series of Lenten sermons for the union services in Westboro, Mass. Dr. Brush is a native of Mount Vernon, New York, where he was graduated from the high school. He was graduated from Colby College with Phi Beta Kappa honors. He received his B. D. degree from Andover Newton Theological School in 1923, and served as pastor of two churches at Portland, Maine and the First Baptist Church of Waterville, Maine. Dr. Brush received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Colby College in 1939; and Doctor of Philosophy from Yale University in 1942.

## 1921

Professor and Mrs. Carl J. Weber (Clara Carter, '21) were passengers on the "Queen Elizabeth" when the big



liner left New York the first of the month. Professor Weber is one of a group of American scholars invited to attend Wordsworth Centenary Celebrations at Grasmere, England, from April 21 to 24. The Webers will stay at the famous Swan Hotel in Grasmere, celebrated by Wordsworth in his poem "The Waggoner." Here Sir Walter Scott was a guest when he visited Wordsworth at the famous Dove Cottage. After the Wordsworth meetings, Professor Weber will spend a month in continuation of his already famous investigations of the career of Thomas Hardy, making his headquarters in Dorchester, Hants., in the heart of Hardy's "Wessex." The Webers expect to return to Waterville at the end of May, making the home voyage on the "Elizabeth's" sister ship, the "Queen Mary."

### 1923

Fred A. Tarbox will complete his 27th year in the Calais, Maine, high school this year. He received his M. A. from Maine and has worked in various hotels in Maine and New Hampshire during the summer months.

### 1925

"Bill" Millett was recently made a member of the National intercollegiate hockey rules committee and was scheduled to attend a meeting in Boston, March 25 and 26th.

### 1929

James W. Chilson is a Civil Engineer at the Land Court, Old Court House, Boston, Mass., and is living at 33 Fales St., Franklin, Mass.

### 1930

Roland S. Delaware is general superintendent and engineer with De Mattes Construction Co. of Quincy, Mass. and is living in Winthrop, Mass. He has two sons, aged 16 and 12.

William H. Stineford will represent Colby at the inauguration of President Horace A. Hildreth at Bucknell University.

### 1932

Richard W. Noyes is attending Northern Conservatory of Music, Bangor, Maine. He is working for

his teacher's certificate to teach music in the public schools.

Tina Thompson Poulin recently presented a solo drama "Day's Life With Mother" at the Junior High School in Waterville, Maine. Mrs. Poulin presented a striking appearance and her portrayal of each character in the three-act comedy was considered outstanding. The program was sponsored by the Sisters Hospital Auxiliary.

Bernard Wall is residing at 30 Gibbs Rd., Brookline, Mass. He is affiliated with the law firm of Widett and Kruger at 1 State St., Boston, Mass., specializing in tax work.

### 1933

Mrs. Charlotte Blomfield Auger has recently been appointed executive director for the Norwick, Conn., Council of Girl Scouts, and has already assumed her duties. Mrs. Auger entered the employ of the Federal Land bank at Springfield, Mass., as a secretary after she graduated from college. During World War II, she served with the WACS at Washington, D. C., for a period of 13 months. Mrs. Auger has considerable experience in Scouting as a counselor while she was at college and has been closely identified with youth activities over a long period of years. She is well qualified for her new position and has the best wishes of her many friends here and also in Springfield.

Mrs. Marjorie Roix Campbell is teaching at the Cohn High School, Nashville, Tenn., and is living at 1410 Woodmont Blvd.

### 1934

Chester H. Clark, Jr. is parts department manager at the Park Circle Chevrolet Co, Baltimore, Md. His address is Box 217A-Route 7, Pikesville 8, Md.

### 1935

Edward J. Gurney, Jr. was scheduled to represent Colby College at the inauguration of President Paul A. Wagner of Rollins College.

### 1936

Dr. John F. Reynolds has recently been made a Diplomat of The Amer-

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ican Board of Surgery, a national group of surgical specialists. Following graduation from Medical School at the University of Penn. in 1940, he served a surgical internship at Boston City Hospital, followed by a residency in surgery at the same institution. In 1942 he volunteered for Army Medical Corps duty and served four years as a surgeon in general hospitals in England, France and Germany, and was discharged from the service with the rank of major in 1946. After a second surgical residency at Boston City Hospital, Dr. Reynolds entered the practice of general surgery in Waterville, Maine, in 1947. He is a staff member of Thayer and Sisters Hospitals and is secretary of staff at the former institution. He is also a member of the Kennebec County Medical Association, the Maine Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Surgeons.

Amy Thompson was recently elected president of the Maine Physical Education and Health Directors. She will attend a convention later to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Mrs. Adeline Bourget Simonetti is teaching at McTavish Business College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Martin J. Burns, Jr. was recently appointed fund chairman of the 1950 campaign of the Skowhegan, Maine, chapter of the American Red Cross. Burns was formerly manager of the W. T. Grant store there, and for the past several years has been employed at Crane's Department Store as merchandise manager.

### 1937

George N. Burt was recently elected vice-president of the Auto Mutual Insurance Association.

Dr. Ralph Stowell was recently elected chairman of the Oakland, Maine, town council, heading the five man board.

Michael G. Ryan is a student at the College of Law, University of Denver.

### 1938

Alfred W. Beerbaum is now in the Department of German at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Robert S. Winslow, affiliated with the John C. Paige Insurance Company, Portland, Maine, has moved from 131 Chadwick St., Portland, to Hillcrest Drive, Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Ira L. McGown is assistant office manager at the Pepperell Manufacturing Company in Biddeford, Maine.

### 1939

Robert Johnston has recently been named assistant superintendent of the Belding Heminway Corticelli Co. Johnson joined the company in 1939 and has worked with it since except for the war years when he was a Navy pilot in the Pacific.

G. Ellis Mott is director of public relations for the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of Framingham, Massachusetts.

Gardiner Gregory is headmaster of Belmont High School, Belmont, N. H. During the summer he is director of education at Camp Wigwam at Harrison, Maine. The Gregorys have two children, a boy seven and a girl five. Gardiner's cross-country team won the state championship last year and his baseball team the same; the basketball team succeeded in gaining the southeastern championship. He is still interested in photography, having had numerous pictures published, as well as educational articles. He is also local Scoutmaster.

William Bovie is now an electrical contractor in Fairfield, Maine. He was married in 1945 and now has one son, aged 3. Since leaving Colby, he has been employed as power weaver and electrician, changing back and forth. For three years he wove auto upholstery for American Woolen Co. Bill's hobby has been hand-weaving and he has won recognition for interesting pieces.

Donna deRochemont Wetzel now lives in Rockville, Maryland, a short distance from Washington, D. C., where her husband is a job analyst for the Labor Department in the Employment Service. Wayne, her husband, graduated from Carnegie Tech. They have two children, Carolyn, 4, and Tommy, nearly 2. Donna went on to M. I. T. for her master's degree in Public Health and was later supervisor at Forsyth Dental Infirmary in Boston. The Wetzel family come to Owl's

Head, near Rockland, Maine each summer.

Mary Elizabeth Hall works in Boston, Mass., as a secretary. She reports seeing Dorothy Weeks quite often. Most of her activities are in Boston but does quite a bit of traveling during vacations.

Priscilla Jones Hauter lives in Oradell, New Jersey, the mother of two children, Barbara, 8, and Johnny, 5, and seems to be very busy as such. She sees Rhoda Wein fairly often. Rhoda, by the way, has recently married. We also learned from Priscilla that Ernestine Wilson who teaches has opened an antique shop in her home in Waterville during the summer vacations.

Elizabeth Solie Howard is now in Cambridge, Mass., where her husband Dick, is assistant professor of botany at Harvard. Just now he is on a botanical trip of seven months length through the Lesser Antilles. "Ippy" hopes to spend May and June with him, visiting several of the islands, leaving Jean, 2½; and Barbara, 5 months, behind for that time.

Ruth Pike Berry  
Machiasport, Maine  
Class Secretary

### 1941

George Bliss has recently changed his address from 30 Ivy Rd., South Weymouth to 255 Russells Mills Rd., South Dartmouth, Mass.

### 1942

Ray Burbank writes that in 1946 he went to Los Alamos, New Mexico, directly from the Marine Corps. He went to work with the Zia Company as the maintenance contractor for the Los Alamos project. His first assignment was assistant superintendent of the transportation division with his office located in Santa Fe. Next he went to Los Alamos as assistant superintendent of the warehouse and property division. He was married there July 25, 1947. In March of 1949 he was appointed warehouse superintendent and on May 31, 1949, his son, Jeffrey Raymond, was born. One of the assisting nurses was Martha Kimball who attended Colby 37-38. Ray would like to guarantee a well conducted tour of Los Alamos if any Colbyites ever are out in that vicinity.

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Gordon Richardson recently directed a three act play entitled "Little Shot" which was presented in Stonington, Maine, and produced by the Methodist Church Men's Club there. In addition to directing the performance, Mr. Richardson did a fine bit of acting as "Little Shot" himself.

John L. Thomas, Jr. is teaching law at Thomas Business College, Waterville, Maine, and is also affiliated with the Stanley L. Byrd law office.

Gerald A. Gilson is a statistician and is living at 1575 20th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

Charles W. Nightingale is an insurance inspector and is living on Morse Rd., Wayland, Mass.

### 1943

Harold Polis is working with the Fidelity and Guarantee Company in Stamford, Conn., where he makes his home.

### 1944

Philip Casey is now reporting for the *Messenger-Gazette* in Summerville, New Jersey.

Philip Watson is now with the Eastern Airlines.

Tacy Hood Finney, St. Johnsbury, Vt., writes that last July 10th the local 250 watt radio station WTNW of which her husband is co-manager went on the air for the first time. Tacy is still receptionist at the Ralston Purina Co. there in St. Johnsbury. She is living about 47 miles from Canada and a short distance from the White Mountains, and would be very pleased to have any of her classmates stop and see her.

William L. Mansfield was recently appointed chairman of the Waterville, Maine, area heart association by State Chairman Frank Hoey. In accepting the chairmanship of the Waterville Area, Mansfield said that the program is one of great opportunity for the people of Central Maine. He is associated with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company as a district life underwriter in Kennebec and Somerset Counties. He majored in business consulting taxation insurance and estate planning at Purdue University.

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## 1946

Frederick H. Sontag was chosen by the *Witness*, Episcopal Church weekly, for its annual honor roll of Bishops, priests and laymen and women "who have given unusual service" to the Episcopal Church during the past year. The editorial board writes that "Frederick Sontag, layman of Syracuse, New York, gives many hours each week to the diocese of Central New York as consultant for public relations and promotion. His work as a volunteer is largely responsible for the diocese having perhaps the best promotion department of the Church, with frequent use of radio and television as well as the press."

Cloyd Aarseth, formerly a reporter with the New York *Sun* was temporarily unemployed following the discontinuance of the *Sun's* operations, but has now joined the staff of the New York *World-Telegram-Sun*.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Urie (Margaret Worcester) have returned to Bristol, New Hampshire, where they are making their home. Bob is associated with his father, H. Thomas Urie, in the firm of Calley and Currier, one of the largest crutch manufacturing companies in the East.

## 1947

Leonard Gill has established a dentist office in Memphis, Tenn.

Martha V. Eddy is now Mrs. John L. Brown and is living at 86 Balch St., Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Jean Whiston, has been named assistant editor of the *Messenger-Gazette* in Somerville, New Jersey, one of the state's oldest and largest weekly newspapers. At the 1949 National Editorial Association convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, the paper was awarded the general excellence gold trophy. Miss Whiston, promoted to her new post by the board of directors of the publishing firm, has direction of a staff of five reporters and 20 correspondents.

Jane Rollins is librarian at Bard College.

## 1948

Charles E. Cousins is Claims adjuster for the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

in New York City.

Marvin Joselowitz is now studying for his master's degree at the School of Applied Social Sciences, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Robert Masters is studying biology at Boston College.

## 1949

Mrs. Elaine Noyes Tipples is assistant recreation director, in Millinocket, Maine.

Sidney McKeen is publicity director for the 250th Anniversary of Framingham, Massachusetts. This celebration will mark the 250th Anniversary of the towns incorporation.

Thomas Keefe has returned to Portland, Maine, where he has become associated in business with his father.

Leon McFarland is at Shead Memorial High School, in Eastport, Maine, where he teaches Freshman, Junior

and Senior English. He is a very active member of the faculty at Shead, organized a Dramatic Club at the beginning of the year and hopes to put on a play with the members of this group. His latest effort is preparing a minstrel that will be presented in the near future.

## 1950

Raymond L. Verrill was recently commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States having graduated from Officer's Candidate School at Fort Riley, Kansas. Lt. Verrill received his commission in the Organized Reserve Corps after six months of intensive training. Commissioned in the Engineers, he will now attend the basic course at the Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

J. Robert Warner is a medical student at Georgetown Medical School, Washington, D. C.

## Necrology

### SOPHIA H. MACE, '81

Sophia Hanson Mace, 90, one of the oldest women graduates of Colby College, died March 27, 1950 at her home in Portland, Maine, following a brief illness.

She was born in Waterville, September 22, 1859, the daughter of James and Mary (Field) Hanson. Her father was graduated from Colby in 1842 and principal of Waterville Academy from 1865 to 1894.

She was graduated from Coburn Classical Institute where she later taught Latin and Greek.

While attending Colby she was an early member of the Sigma Kappa sorority and was its 13th initiate. She was a special guest at the 1948 convention of the sorority at Sun Valley, Idaho, where she was highly honored.

Her first husband was Edward A. Pierce, a Waterville photographer. Fourteen years after Mr. Pierce's death she married Eugene R. Mace, who survives her together with two sons, Chester H. Pierce of Portland and Col. Harry Pierce, United States Army, two grandsons, two great-grandchildren and a step-daughter, Miss Louise Mace of Washington, D. C.

She was one of the most active of

Colby alumnae and attended college commencement exercises whenever possible.

She had planned to attend the convention of Sigma Kappa in Swampscott, Mass., this coming June.

### DR. GEORGE R. CAMPBELL, '91

Dr. George Russell Campbell, 82, dean of Augusta, Maine, physicians and surgeons, and Augusta General Hospital emeritus staff member, died February 27, 1950, at his home following a long illness.

He was born in Waterville, April 20, 1867, the son of Dr. Henry and Julia Tobey Campbell. He prepared for college at Coburn Classical Institute and studied two years at the University of Pennsylvania, returning to Maine after his father's death to further study medicine. He received his degree from the Maine Medical School of Bowdoin in 1895.

In 1910, Dr. Campbell traveled to England to study in London hospitals. Returning to his duties in a local hospital, he served for 30 years on the surgical staff. He was also a member of the United States pension board of examiners.

Dr. Campbell was a member of the South Paris Congregational Church, the American Medical Association, the Maine State and Kennebec County Medical Associations and was a 32nd degree Mason.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Wilfred T. Daley, Augusta, a granddaughter, Mrs. John Forest Snow, Pacific Palisades, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Charles D. Cram, Waterbury, Conn.

#### EDGAR P. NEAL, '93

Edgar Peleg Neal, educator, author, and former town official, died March 16, at his home in West Boylston, Mass., after a year of failing health.

He was born in Litchfield, Maine, January 31, 1868, and was educated at Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield, Maine, and Colby.

He was principal of Union Academy, Corinna, Maine, 1893-1894; submaster at Brigham Academy, Bakersfield, Vermont, 1894-1900; principal of West Boylston High School 1901-1911 and supervisor of the academic department, Worcester Boys' Trade School,

from 1911 until 1938 when he reached the retirement age.

He was the author of two text books for trade schools: "Elements of Mechanics" and "Strength of Materials."

He served as town auditor from 1912 to 1920.

On November 28, 1900 he married Miss Lora Cummings, '93, of Saco, Maine.

He was a member of Morning Star Lodge, A.F. and A.M.; Grand Masonic Lodge of Maine, and past master of Boylston Lodge, A.F. and A.M.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Dr. Arthur M. Neal of Wilmington, Delaware, and a grandson, Donald A. Neal, a student at Amherst College.

In every field of work he had served with marked success and had impressed all who knew him by his personal qualities, his skill, and versatility.

— Albert Robinson, '93.

#### OCTAVIA W. MATHEWS, '97

Miss Octavia Whiting Mathews, 75, died February 21, 1950, at the Patrick Nursing Home, Salem, New Jersey, after a long illness.

She was born March 31, 1874, in Monson, Maine, the daughter of George A. and Annie Nutting Mathews. She was educated at Monson Academy and prepared for college at Waterville High School.

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After graduating from Colby she did private teaching at her home in Auburndale, Mass. for two years and then took post graduate work at Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.

She later taught for six years in a school for Mexican girls at Guadalajara, Mexico. When she returned to the States in 1908, Miss Mathews taught at Mount Ida School in Newton, Mass., until she became Spanish teacher at Abbot Academy, Andover, Mass., in 1918. She was a member of the faculty of Abbot until she retired in 1939.

She is survived by two brothers, Roy Mathews of Fairhaven, Mass., and Rev. Burleigh V. Mathews of Hubbardston, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Francis H. Smith, Woodstown, New Jersey.

#### JOHN G. LARSSON, 1902

John G. Larsson, M.D., 72, died at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital on the 12th of March. The cause of death was heart failure.

Dr. Larsson was born in Varmland, Sweden, February 10, 1878. At the age of six, he came with his parents to the U. S. A. settling in Jemmland, Maine. After having had his schooling there he entered Colby College. He received his medical training and degree at the Long Island Medical School.

He began his practice in Brockton, Mass., but settled down in Backbay, Boston, in 1909.

During his years at Colby College (1898-1902), he distinguished himself in many ways, particularly in football and in wrestling. The writer relaying this information which was printed in the Swedish Newspaper SVEA, Worcester, Mass., associated a good deal with Larsson while at Colby (1901-05) and until the twenties if not later. He was in every respect a fine fellow with plenty of humor. Students of that period will recall the fun he and the class had with Dr. Marquardt, Professor of German, whose temper he aroused on many occasions. They will also remember that the two of them were inveterate chessers and they played their games in the grandstand during the baseball season. The doctor also played in the Colby orchestra.

He was a member of long standing of the Masonic Lodge (St. John) and

of the Swedish Masonic Club; the Lodge Valhalla, of Vasa Order, Dorchester.

He leaves a wife, Emma C., nee Lundquist, a brother and a sister in New Sweden, Maine, and many other relatives and a veritable host of friends. The remains were cremated at Forest Hills. May he rest in peace.

—Dr. A. J. Uppvall, '05.

#### JOHN M. STUART, '07

John Melvin Stuart, 65, died February 24, 1950, at his home in Pawtuxet, Rhode Island, following a heart attack.

He was born in Winslow, Maine, June 19, 1884, the son of Charles R. and Martha (Brown) Stuart.

He was educated at Waterville High School and was graduated from Eastman Business College in 1909, following which he was employed as an auditor for the Bennett Stoddard Co. in Augusta, Maine, later moving to Rhode Island where he was with the Narragansett Electric Lighting Co.

He had been a prominent Pawtuxet official for many years serving in the city government and other branches.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, one sister, Mrs. Carolyn S. Bennett, Cambridge, Mass., and a brother, George R. Stuart, Rye, New York.

#### ELIHU B. TILTON, '07

Elihu Blaine Tilton, 66, principal of Rangeley High School from 1927 to 1947, died March 14, 1950, at a Patchogue, New York, nursing home, where he had been a patient for several weeks. He had been in ill health since he suffered a shock in September 1947.

He was born in Knox, Maine, July 18, 1884, the son of Samuel G. and Martha Vose Tilton. He attended schools in that town and graduated from Freedom Academy in 1903.

While at Colby, "Mose" Tilton was a stellar second baseman on the famed championship nine which was captained by John W. Coombs who later played for the Philadelphia Athletics.

Prior to accepting the principal-coach post at Rangeley, he taught and coached at Winslow and Caribou. During the summer months he devoted much time at his farm home in Albion, Maine.

He was a member of the Central Lodge of Masons at China, past president of the Franklin County Teachers Association and past president of the Franklin County Schoolmen's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Tilton were delegates to the National Teachers Association at San Francisco, Calif., several years ago.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Young Tilton, who was women's physical education director at Farmington State Teachers College, resigning in June 1948; a brother, Everett; and sister, Mrs. Esther Smiley, both of Pittsfield; an aunt, Mrs. Walter Gerald of Portland, and several cousins.

#### PHYLLIS Y. JOHNSON, '43

Phyllis Young Johnson, 28, died at her home in Orono, Maine, February 26, 1950.

She was born in Jamaica Plain, Mass., December 29, 1921, the daughter of Lester E. (class of 1917) and Muriel (Linscott) Young.

She prepared for college at Melrose High School where she was on the staff of the school paper and a member of the Girls Club.

She was a member of Sigma Kappa at Colby.

For a time after graduation from college, Mrs. Johnson did social welfare work with the State of Maine at Auburn and Waterville. Later, during the war, when Mr. Johnson was in the service she was employed for several months with the Boston Provident Association. The couple set up house-keeping in Ridgewood, N. J. and later at Corpus Christi, Texas, where Mr. Johnson was stationed.

Mrs. Johnson took an active part in the community life of the University of Maine. Three years ago she wrote for the university her observations and experiences while working among the GI families on the south campus. Part of this account was published in the University Bulletin. Both she and Mr. Johnson were associated with the Couples' Club at the Methodist Church in Orono, and she was also a member of the AAUW writers' group.

She is survived by her husband, Justin O. Johnson, '43, instructor in mechanical engineering at the University of Maine, a son, Ronald Irving, and her parents.

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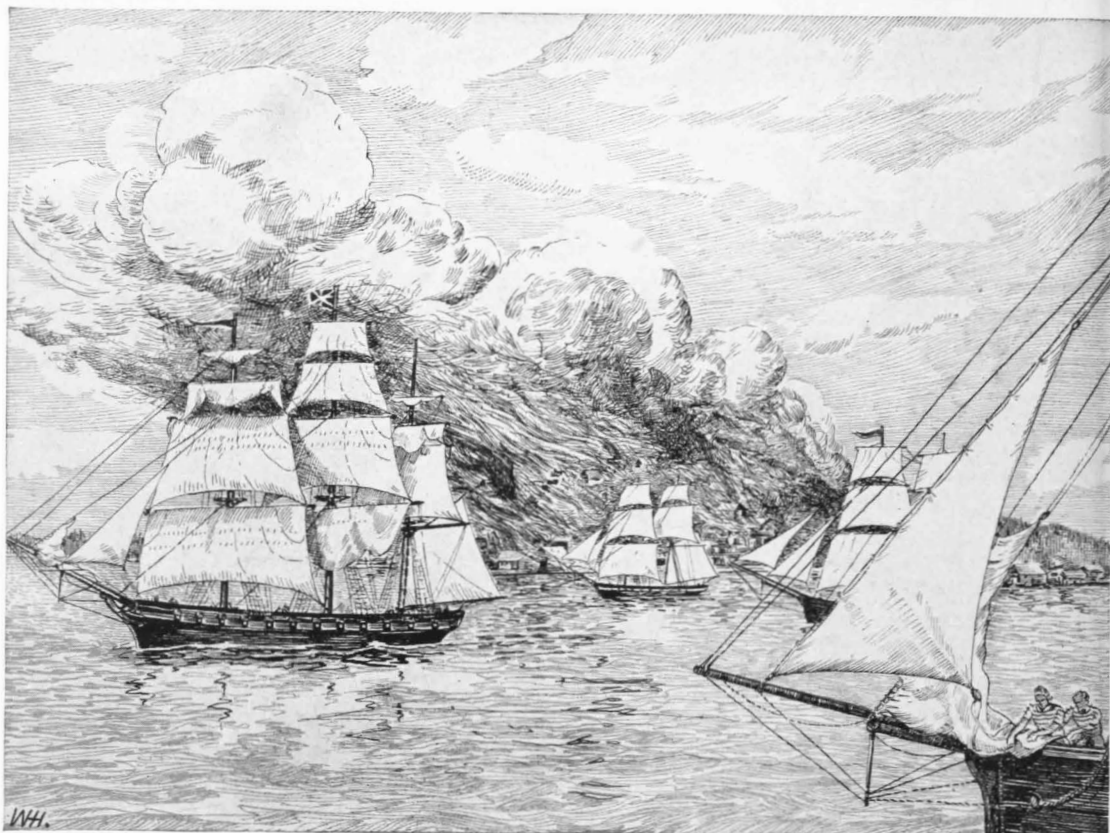
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## Mowatt's Bombardment of the Town

The spring of 1775 saw the beginning of Portland's participation in the Revolution. At that time a party of militia captured one Captain Henry Mowatt and his party, who had landed on the shore of Falmouth (Portland) from the British ship Canseau. Lieutenant Hogg of the Canseau immediately sent a letter ashore demanding Mowatt's return; two cannons were fired at the town to back up his demand. But this served only to stiffen resentment against British orders of any kind—to the extent that one Calvin Lombard of the town—(possibly inspired by wine from the town's cellars) fired two balls from a musket at the Canseau, both of which "landed deep in her side."

Later, Mowatt was returned unharmed to his ship and sailed for Boston. Some historians say that he was "burning for revenge on the townspeople"; others, that he simply reported the incident to his Admiral, who ordered the town destroyed in retaliation for the indignity Mowatt had suffered.

Mowatt did return on the 16th of October, 1775, with a squadron of four armed vessels and a store-vessel. The following day they anchored in front of the town. In the library of the Maine Historical Society is a drawing

showing position and rig of each vessel. The flagship Canseau, of 16 guns, anchored opposite the foot of India Street; next was a schooner of 12 guns; then the ship Cat of 20 guns, opposite Union Wharf; lastly, a bomb sloop. The store-schooner took her station below the armed vessels.

After warning the inhabitants by letter of his intentions to destroy the town and giving them two hours to leave, the pleas of a committee from the town moved Mowatt to allow them until the following morning to evacuate Falmouth.

Promptly at nine o'clock "the dreaded signal of attack went to the main top-gallant mast head and the bombardment began." A contemporary description of "an horrible shower of balls from 3 to 9 lbs. weight, bombs, carcasses, live shells, grape-shot and musket-balls" which lasted until six in the evening, tells of the panic and terror on shore. At six in the evening incendiary parties were sent ashore to complete the destruction. In all, three-quarters of the town was leveled and between two and three hundred families were left without homes.

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