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Mr. Durgin enjoys Florida vacation

Mr. Durgin spent the Christmas vacation with his family at Bradenton, Florida. Bradenton is just south of St. Petersburg and border's the Gulf of Mexico.

As a means of economy Mr. Durgin took a bus from Providence, R. I., to Washington, but there he had to visit a chiropractor to get his neck straightened out.

Mr. Durgin celebrated Christmas day in part by going in swimming. He also visited an old home wherein the precedent set.

Our "muth" teacher saw many groves of oranges and grapefruit. The prices of these were very reasonable — good grapefruit as low as ten cents a dozen.

Reluctantly Mr. Durgin returned — by train — bringing back with him a pink grapefruit, quartz sand, and memories of a vacation happily spent with his family.

Commuters' Dance

The commuters' dance will be held in the Albert Gardner Boyden gymnasium on Friday evening, January 11, at the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium.
The Rotunda

Our Library Corner

Gloomy Gus

Who among you would dream that in our midst lurks an evil which is enough to make strong men weak and weak men leave school. I refer, gentle reader, to those twins of iniquity, the library doors. At the risk of being termed a "course grabber" I admit that I have attempted to enter those sacred portals. Attempted is the correct word. It happened thusly. I walked boldly up to within a foot of the door and was about to grasp the knob when, to my surprise, the door came forward with a force which caused me to retreat. Out came a fair damsel carrying thirteen reference books, two notebooks and a well worn copy of "Anthony Adverse". To put it mildly I was unnerved by this experience. To quiet my nerves I turned to the bulletin board and after reading it carefully for the fifth time I suddenly whirled and sprang for the unsuspecting door, but alas, it was the wrong door. For now I was muttering to myself and foaming at the mouth but had the presence of mind to creep to the door and peer through the keyhole. Of course it's trite, but none the less interesting for speculation, and to give talks on safety in its various phases. Of course the work is not what I want—teaching—but until the long sought for position appears this is of benefit.

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They called him Gloomy Gus, and he was as Gloomy as he could be, never tried to laugh with us or to smile a bit cheerfully. If someone told a funny tale and the others all heaved, Gloomy just listened and turned quite pale, wondering why they all guffawed. Now, I think laughter is quite all right if it's not of malicious content, so why try to hide it in from sight when cackling ereal is meant. I often sit and pity poor Gus as he goes through life with his woes. For why can't he smile and be like us, laughing at the world as it goes. A fellow once told me our day is well spent if we make someone laugh while it fares, for one big smile of genuine intent can erase thousands of memories of cares.

—Frederic Agnetta.

Alumni Notes

Alice Fenton '34 tells us: "I never thought I should graduate from college to do traffic duty. Not being fortunate in obtaining a position I am at present working on one of the E. E. A. projects, namely the Safety Project. My duties are to act as traffic officer at one of the schools and to give talks on safety in its various phases. Of course the work is not what I want—teaching—but until the long sought for position appears this is of benefit."

Of the same class is Alfred Wood, who informs us that he is one member of a junior high school teaching staff whose aggregate personnel includes two teachers. "I am the principal of this organization. My subjects are arithmetic, history, hygiene and science in grades seven and eight. If I may offer some advice, I might suggest (1) learn the fundamentals of every subject you ever expect to teach; (2) become thoroughly acquainted with as many text books as possible in all subjects; (3) be sure you have several extra curricula activities, especially athletics." The second teacher in his school is Harriette Parmenter, '28, who has been teaching in North Dana since graduation.

Cartez Alm '32 tells us something of her alumni days: "This is my third year of teaching in the fifth grade of the Bird school in East Walpole, the school which I attended as a pupil not so many years ago!

"The activities are much the same as any other school. One thing that may be of interest—starting in the fifth grade we have our organization with president, vice-president, secretary, etc. Meetings are held twice a month and are carried on entirely by the children."

"Outside of school I am busy with (Alumni, continued on page 3)
Prominent Citizen

Mourned by Friends

Rachel S. Crocker, a well-known citizen of Bridgewater, who has for several years been living with Miss Burnell, died recently at the age of seventy-three at her home on Maple Avenue.

Miss Crocker has been closely associated with the public library for several years. At first she was assistant to the late Lucia Christian in the public library. Later, when the children’s department was established, she was placed in charge of it. The children all loved Miss Crocker and looked to her for guidance in their reading.

Tillinghast Tattles

Tillinghast evinced true Christmas spirit with a red candle in one of the upper story windows, strains of O Come All Ye Faithful from the men’s room, and a glowing Christmas tree in the reception room.

After all the “gripping” done by a certain popular young senior in regard to the necessity of coming in so early in the evening, one would think she would take advantage of the 1:29 formal dance permission and not calmly (1) ring the doorbell at 12:29.

With an eye to the future, a hand in the present, and technique in the past, Tillinghast is armed with six new cedar chests.

We welcome Belle and Dotty French to the dormitory for the future.

In wandering around the dormitory we have discovered the following New Year’s resolutions:

Resolved:

Dennie—
To be fifteen minutes early in charge of five minutes late.

Dottie Gleason—
To always travel with a fire extinguisher.

Peg—
To forget mishapen and Annapolis and concentrate on Bridgewater and Jimmy.

Gunny—
To wear ear muffs while in her room so that people who do not live next to the radio room may sit comfortably in their other-end-of-the-corridor domiciles and listen to the sweet strains of When It’s June in January.

The dorm—
To turn out lights at ten-thirty sharply, say our prayers, and go to bed—alone.

News of the Clubs

SCIENCE

In response to skull-and-crossbone invitations written in invisible ink, the members of Science Club met for an initiation in the laboratory on Tuesday evening, January the eighth. The initiates, escorted to the meeting by old members, were Doris Jones, Mary Jennifer, Candy, Marjorie Butterfield, Richard Bradfords, George Leonard, and Edward Allen.

Ellen Shen, president of the club, and Miss M. E. Graves, faculty advisor, welcomed the newsmen and introduced the officers and other members of the club. Each member, both old and new, was required to take the new pledge of Science Club.

Entertainment at the meeting took the form of a film on Luther Burbank, in accordance with the educational policy of the club. Refreshments consisted of ice cream and cake.

Those in charge of the meeting were: Donald Rose, program; Wilmar Harlow, refreshments; and Esther Hirtle, hospitality and invitations.

This club entered into the Christmas spirit by supplying many gifts for the needy children of the training school.

K. P.

An apple sale was held in the ra­tunda by the Kindergarten Primary Club Thursday, December 20. It was discovered that apples were a favorite fruit among the students as the funds from this sale greatly increased the funds in the treasury.

On January 19, Miss Marks will give a talk, the subject of which will be “Play Materials”.

FRENCH

The French Club was entertained at its meeting on January 3 by a pre­entation of “La Galette des Rois”—Cake of the Kings.

This was in honor of the “kings’ holiday” which is January 6 in France. On this day, cake makers and bakers sell little flat cakes, called cakes of the kings, and in each one is hidden a porcelain bean. It is the custom that the person who finds the bean in a portion of the cake is the king or queen and has the privilege of choosing a lady or a man to share his honor.

It is the privilege of the king and queen to ask favors of the rest of the group, which must be fulfilled. Such favors as to recite the French alphabet backwards and to name New Year’s resolutions were asked by the French Club king and queen.

The persons taking part were:

The father—Isabel Walsh
The mother—Anna McKee Jeanne
The son—Rita Murphy Charles
Rita Murphy
Mary Osborne
Martha, the queen.
Mary Sullivan
The bakers—Marjorie Whitney
Generoie Courant

Dramatic Club

Christmas Play

Pleases School

The last and most impressive of the club activities was the biannual play presented by the members of the Dramatic Club in the Horace Mann Auditorium, Friday morning, December 21.

This play is an adaptation from the well-known children’s book Why the Chimes Rang by Alden Walter Baker Workshop. The play was very well presented and added a religious or spiritual touch to the program by putting the true meaning of Christmas foremost in our minds.

The play was directed by Miss Mof­fit. Miss Nye and her assistants had charge of the scenery and costumes. Of course Mr. Denton’s service was indispensable in helping to make the play a success.

The members of the cast:

Holga ........................................ Nita Johnson
Steen ...................................... Virginia Cochrome
Uncle ......................................... Donald Welch
Old Lady ..................................... Elizabeth Maynard
Angel ........................................... Jane Carvell
Princess .................................. Ruth Munn
Courtier ................................... Dorothy Gleason
Haughty Woman ........................... Irene Kidd Old Man .............................. Modern Times Young Girl .......................... Barbara Sequels King .............................. John Nolan

Meyers (teaching history): Define history, Mr. Kiernan.
Kiernan: Well, Napoleon said—Meyers: But since you are not—!

Pictures of 1934

Dramatic Club Christmas Play Pleases School

Campus Comment’s own very special dramatic critic has wrinkled his brow, cast up his eyes, removed his pencil from over his ear, and given the school public his choice of the ten best pictures of 1934. Only nine, however, were really up to his standard, and the editor, seriously, would not presume to add another to so discriminating a choice.

His choice of the nine best movies of 1934 and reasons for their selections:

5. “Dinner at Eight” — all-round good cast.
8. “Queen Christina” — Garbo.

ALUMNI—

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Students Favor

Senior Training

That it is best to have outside training in the senior year rather than in the junior is the opinion commonly heard among the students at Bridge­water Teachers College.

Of five students who expressed opinions, three favor training in the senior year.

A senior commented as follows: “During your first three years your time should be devoted to methods and subject matter, with some training in the Training School to illustrate the needs and points, in which you should prepare. Then, if the training comes in the senior year you have your methods and factual material to rely upon, and when you are teaching, training is close enough to you to be of valuable service.”

A junior just back from training says, “I feel that if we had three years of methods and subject matter plus the training school period and then go out to train in some school system, we would be better prepared. There are some cases, such as American History, that are now being given in the senior year which if we had had before going out to teach would

(Training, continued on page 4)
Men's

**Sports**

**Salem Topsy Varies While Second Team Wins over Hyannis**

Saturday, January fifth, saw one of the most spectacular and fast moving basketball games of the season. The contestants were our own B. T. C. University and Salem Teachers College varsity.

Both teams were rumping all over the floor and the ball was constantly in motion. Although Bridgewater had possession of the ball most of the time, it proved to be the better team, the final score being Salem 34, B. T. C. 29.

The game was, however, a close one up to the last minute of play. First one team, then the other, would gain the lead, retain it for a few plays, and then lose it to the other side. The last few seconds of play proved to be the downfall of the local team, and Salem became the victor by virtue of three successive baskets just before the gun sounded.

Stars of the evening were captain "Al" Levy and "Jim" Twohig of the visitors and our own Bradbury, who scored 15 of B. T. C.'s 29 points.

**The Lineup**

Bridgewater—f. Olenick, Skahill, f. Skahill, Long, c. Nash, Bradbury, r. g. Cushman, Kieran, l. g. Bodwell, McDonald.

Salem—f. r. Komerain, Stevenson, f. l. Levy, c. Freeman, Murray, r. g. Husson, l. g. Twohig.

Field goals: Bradbury, 1; Olenick, 1; Long, 2; Kieran, 1; Bodwell, 1; Twohig, 7; Levy, 4; Freeman, 3; Husson, 1.

Foul shots: Bradbury, 5; Cushman, 1; Bodwell, 1; Levy, 1; Husson, 1.

Score by periods:

Bridgewater: Salem

34 29

11 7
29 25

29 34

SECOND GAME

The other game of the evening was Bridgewater Seconds vs. Hyannis. The stars of this second game were Stetson of B. T. C. and Allen of Hyannis.

It looks as though Stetson is slated for varsity next year. Lovett and Nolan also played a good game.

**The Lineup**

Bridgewater—f. f. Stetson, Roussville, f. f. Nugent, McLaughlin; c. Leonard, Lovett; r. g. Nolan, Roussville; l. g. Whitcomb, Lovett.

Hyannis—r. f. Montague, l. f. Walker, c. Allen, r. g. Hooper, l. g. Bock.

Field goals: Stetson, 5; Nugent, 1; Lovett, 8; Nolan, 3; Montague, 2; Walker, 1; Allen, 4; Hooper, 1.

Foul shots: Stetson, 1; Nolan, 2; D'Costa, 1.

Score by periods:

Bridgewater: Hyannis

12 10
17 15

17 27

17

**Friends and Enemies**

**SPORTS WEAR**

**SHOES AND SLIPPERS**

Odd Fellows Building

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**Education Strides On**

In the educational upheaval which has been taking place in the last two decades, Russia has shown her progress in various ways. Several school statutes have been published, and the program has changed no less than six times. The question of text books has been one of the major problems.

The Russian Pre-Revolutionary School gave sufficient instruction in mathematics, history, geography, and literature, but failed to impart knowledge in general sciences, foreign languages, or civic training.

After the Revolution, the first steps of the Soviet government were to abolish social and national discriminations. Education was to develop a man "in the fullest sense of the word"; therefore, various slogans of progressive education were put into operation bodily. Text books were abolished from the schools.

But when this did not result favorably, pamphlets and various texts, word-books, and journals were used, unsuccessfully.

Then came the third phase of reform, when a policy of presenting the school subjects "in a systematic and sequential way", training the pupils in the use of text books, and to establish methods of check-up was devised.

Now the Commission of Public Education has been authorized to issue new systematic textbooks on regular subjects, to be used no less than four years, giving the local board permission to make some changes in them, subject to the approval of the central authorities. Thus the Soviet experiment in education was tried, and thus it has ended, with text books holding an important place in the curriculum.


**Courses**

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"Bridgewater prepared me for teaching as a whole—in grammar as well as in Junior High School," Miss Pray remarked in discussing the three years of experience that she has had.

"When I taught in the third and fourth grades, I found that drawing, handwriting, and psychology were most valuable. Children at this time like pretty good, with a victory of 58-29 over Bridgewater.

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**FLashes**

When the boys returned from Fall River, Tuesday night, they were feeling pretty good, with a victory of 58-28 over Thibodeau Business College. Scorer included everybody who played, with Bradbury and Olenick 19 points each.

Seniors appointed the following committees for tentative plans: Eva Haselgard, Class Week; Grace Jacobs, Class Day; Harold Mahoney, Senior Promenade; Helen McGinn, Class Picnic.

**The next culture fund lecture will occur on Jan. 18; the speaker, Cornelia Straton Parker; her subject, "Travel versus a College Education".**