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# COLLEGE YEAR WILL NOT BE SHORTENED -- NO SUMMER COURSES AT BRIDGEWATER

Digesting the defense news on campus our reporters return these items:

Possibility of air raids over Bridgewater is discountenanced by many; officials insist, however, on preparation for the unexpected in order to fulfill our share in the national program and to set the example for others.

College year will not be shortened, evidently to refuse possibility of lowered standards. Graduation will be on June 5.

No provision for summer school at Bridgewater has been made because of the number of conferences which will be held here during the recess.

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## Campus Comment

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STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AT BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

FEBRUARY 20, 1942

### Keep Them Happy By Donating Books Urges Victory Campaign

Victory Book Campaign begins today at Bridgewater under auspices of the college library and Library Club. Collection center will be in the library at Boyden.

Books for our soldiers, sailors, and marines are wanted to supplement libraries maintained by the Army and Navy.

#### Library Headquarters

Fiction and non-fiction books are called for. Books not in good condition are to be mended and cleaned by either W. P. A. or volunteer assistants at state headquarters of the campaign.

Campus assistants will be chosen and a book container placed in the library, according to Miss Julia C. Carter, head librarian.

#### All Can Help

Students are urged to go through their collections at home during the winter recess and select books for the campaign.

Sponsored by The American Library Association, The American Red Cross, and the United Service Organizations, the national headquarters is in New York.

### Service Advisory Board Named For Men

New advisory board for Bridgewater men expecting to join one of the various branches of the United States' service has been formed consisting of the following members of the faculty: Mr. Hunt, chairman; Mr. Davoren and Mr. Huffington.

#### Solve Course Problems

Students about to join the service will be helped in selecting that branch for which they are best suited. There are many points to be taken into consideration such as: age, height, physical condition, education, etc.

Lower classmen will be especially interested to know that any member of this faculty committee will be willing to help men students select college courses suited for a particular branch of the service.

### BEAT UPSALA

### National Defense at Bridgewater Enlists Both Faculty And Students

With national defense taking the spotlight all over the nation Bridgewater is doing its part in many ways.

Both in the dormitories and in Boyden Hall plans for air raid drills are being perfected. If a raid should come during the school day, residents of Woodward should return to the dormitory, whoever is in the gymnasium should remain there, and everybody else should go to his assigned place in Boyden Hall.

#### Dormitory Plans

If a raid should come during the night, residents of Tillinghast Hall are to be immediately evacuated to Boyden Hall. Residents of the back of Woodward are to report to the air raid shelter in the rear of the ground floor and residents of the front of the hall are to report to the air raid shelter in the front of the ground floor. If it becomes necessary to evacuate Wood-

ward, then the training school will be used.

If a raid should occur during meal hours, each one should go to his assigned station. If a raid should occur while an evening function is in process in the auditorium or the gymnasium, all residents of Woodward should go to their assigned stations in the dormitory. All others should go to stations in the ground floor of Boyden Hall.

#### Don't Watch From Windows

The prime aim of these measures is to prevent injury from bomb fragments, shattered glass, and splinters, rather than from the bombs themselves. For this reason, students are requested to stay away from windows and keep near the inner walls of buildings.

The local air raid warning center for the town of Bridgewater is located in the basement of the training school. If

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### AMERICANISM NEW MARDI GRAS SPIRIT

#### Frederick L. Wood Takes Over Math, Economics

Frederick L. Wood, former University of Illinois and Brown University instructor, is the new instructor of mathematics at Bridgewater. Mr. Wood, who was supervisor of training in the Geodetic Department of the Federal Government, will also teach economics during the last quarter.

#### Brown Graduate

After graduating from Brown University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree, Mr. Wood later received a master of Science in Mathematics degree at the same institution. Although appointed January 28, Mr. Wood did not begin his duties at Bridgewater until February 10. He replaces Lieutenant George H. Durgin, USNR, now in active service.

#### Offers Trig For Navy

Designed for men desiring to meet Navy mathematics requirements, a course in trigonometry which meets every Friday afternoon at 3:30 is currently conducted by Mr. Balfour S. Tyndall of the science department.

Special practical stress is being given mathematics and science courses, especially, trigonometry, calculus, and physics, in order that students may use them in the program, says Mr. Tyndall.

French Club held its biennial Mardi Gras last Friday evening, February 13, in Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium. It was the tenth Mardi Gras presented at Bridgewater. The theme of the masquerade was Americanism, and the fifty soldiers invited from Camp Edwards fitted in with the theme very well; their presence certainly added to the general gaiety.

Traditional colors, yellow, green, and purple, were used. Three beautiful hand-painted backdrops, done by Magda Larson, were used in the archways. They depicted scenes of New Orleans, a patio and courtyard with a fountain of flowers, being the outstanding one.

The evening began with a triumphal march in which members of the receiving line were led to their seats by the board of the French Club. The receiving line included President and Mrs. John J. Kelly, Lieut. and Mrs. George H. Durgin, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Warren, Miss Priscilla Nye, Mr. Harry K. Aldrich, Miss Elise C. Aldrich, Miss Mary Crowley, Miss Dorothy Nutter, Miss Edith H. Bradford, Miss Ellen Morrison, Miss Priscilla Fyfe, and Lieut. Newcomb. Board members were Mary Cingolani, president; Alma Boisselle, first vice-president; Loretta Dupre, second vice-president; Anne O'Brien, secretary; Madelyn De Sorcie, treasurer; Jessie Banks, librarian; and Fleurette Coulombe, reporter.

Mary Cingolani presented the key to

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### Hoopsters Meet Upsala Tonight In Final Game Of Current Season

Bridgewater's hoop force closes its season tonight at the Boyden Gymnasium, and the team faces its stiffest test of the season in an Upsala College five that ranks with the best cage quintets in New Jersey.

Although the Maroon and White have had a mediocre season, the team is keyed up to a high pitch and may turn the tables on the New Jersey five.

Throughout the season, Coach Meier's boys have been hampered by injuries that weakened the team extensively. Jim Costigan, veteran guard, underwent an appendectomy in the early stages of the season, and Fred Martin, one of the most outstanding of all Bridgewater's cagers and this year's captain, ended his career after a serious injury in the Salem game.

Replacements have been made up of inexperienced players and whether they will stand up under fire against the strong Upsala five remains to be seen.

The New Jersey quintet is touring New England and has been meeting opposition of the same caliber as Boston University. The visitors are enjoying a successful season and have defeated such teams as Patterson Teachers and Panzer College of Brooklyn, the

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### Wiles Replaces Kvaraceus, Brockton

Dr. Marion E. Wiles has recently been appointed to the position of educational consultant for the Brockton public schools. She replaces William C. Kvaraceus, who has accepted the assistant superintendency of schools in Passaic, New Jersey.

#### Graduated Here

Dr. Wiles graduated from Bridgewater State Teachers College and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Columbia University. In 1940 Harvard University conferred the doctorate upon her. She is a resident of Manchester, Massachusetts and began her teaching in Haverhill, Massachusetts, where she rose from a classroom teacher to supervisor of schools. She went to Brockton in 1936 to act as primary supervisor of those schools.

Dr. Wiles visited the Teachers College last year when she talked to the class in reading method conducted by Miss Lutz.

## CAMPUS COMMENT

State Teachers College, Bridgewater, Massachusetts

FOR FEBRUARY 20, 1942

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### TEACHERS IN TROUBLED WORLD

Nearing the end of its four-year course, the class of 1942, whose hope for speedy absorption into the profession has seemed so weak, is cheered by news of the extremely large number of teaching positions currently available.

Official estimates of the number of teaching positions to be filled this spring and summer vary from ten to sixty thousand. This unusual situation is not caused, as we may well regret, by placing fewer pupils under a larger number of teachers.

Rather there is a movement of qualified teachers and prospective teachers away from education. Dissatisfaction with inadequate incomes and the appeal of highly-paid jobs in defense industry are prominent among the causes of the turnover. Also to be taken into the record is the practice of drafting teachers: a practice, reports from London tell us, which results in increased juvenile delinquency.

Especially since the war began have the costs of living increased. Food prices alone have gone up nineteen per cent. Industrial workers have received an increase of thirty per cent in average weekly earnings. Farm products enjoy a new high price level. Teachers' salaries, however, have remained practically stationary.

The situation is made no brighter by estimates of smaller graduating classes from teachers colleges and schools of education in coming war years.

Result of these factors is a teacher shortage which in some communities has reached a very acute stage. Rural and elementary schools report the greatest difficulty in obtaining teachers. There are tremendous opportunities for placement of teachers of science, industrial arts, and business education.

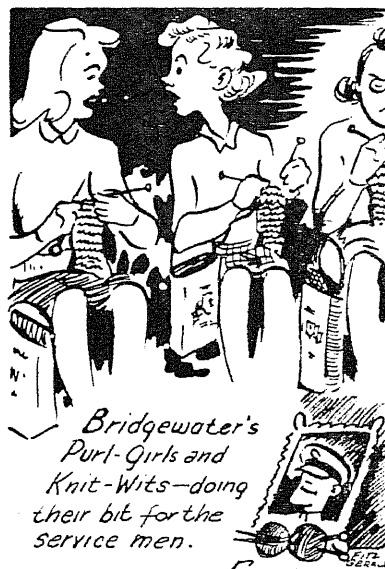
Plans are already laid in several states to attract teachers by waiving or lowering requirements for teaching certificates which are then to be called "emergency certificates." For the good of professional standards it is to be hoped that instead of lowering standards for entering teachers, the other alternative of raising salaries will be used.

Many responsible educators protest against this lowering of entrance standards for teachers. It will lead, they point out, to a decrease in the quality of school work. Unqualified and partly-trained teachers are jumping at the opportunity to enter the profession while the bars are down. By the time the war is over these teachers will be made secure by tenure.

This situation ought to receive the attention of boards of education immediately. The best solution of the problem of teacher shortage, of course, is to raise teacher salaries. From ten to twenty-five percent salary increases, with an average national increase of fifteen percent, is recommended by the National Education Association's National Commission for the Defense of Democracy through Education. Unless this increase is made, the existing shortage in teaching personnel is certain to become worse, warns the Commission's chairman, Dr. Alonzo F. Myers.

With the prospect of adequate salaries, properly trained teachers will be able to return to the profession. Teachers colleges, our own included, will be able to off-set the present shortage by attracting larger classes. Above all, there will then be no lowering of the quality of education for which responsible teacher-preparation colleges have been striving these past hundred years.

### FITZGERALD OBSERVES



### Read This And See If You Still Want To Teach

"Bits" garnered from classrooms taught by senior students during the past eight weeks include the following:

"John Alden and Miles Standish disgusted matters."

"The Captain blew up with rage."

"Priscilla was sewing on one of those old-fashioned sewing machines when John Alden arrived."

"After he (Standish) had been told of the maiden's last words the captain jumped up beside himself and said everything was through between Alden and himself."

"Did Brigham Young do anything else beside have a lot of wives?"

Question:—"What was the difference between the Massachusetts Bay magistrates and our selectmen?"

Ans:—"They were gentlemen and our selectmen aren't."

Question:—"What did Mercury do?"

Ans:—"Rise."

"The Whitman Junior High School is in the mist of two great shoe concerns."

### Great Oak Reports

It's lonesome down here in the gardens—even at night. Too cold, they say.

Heard rumors that we may have to bear with bare-faced girls unless boot-leg beauty shops hit town.

Freshman-planned sleigh ride is still a good idea, and we hope to be counted in on it should it ever take place.

Wonder if Boyden Hall becomes a legitimate bombing target now that the tower is the town's observation post?

Was the official chalk-up holding out on us, or are the hard-hearted men more generous than the women?

Well, just four weeks after vacation and the senior class will be introduced to itself again. Last quarter will be the first period in two years that all seniors will be on campus and attending classes together.

Clap hands, stude, this may be a regular feature—perhaps with off-staff guest writers—if voters of state approve.

### Books On Current War Are Popular With Readers

Three fairly-recent books dealing with some phase of war are reviewed in this column. All three have extremely well-known authors and one, at least, may become an important interpretative work on the causes of the present world conflict.

THAT DAY ALONE: Pierre Van Paassen; Dial, N. Y.; 1941; 548 pages.

Worthy successor to "Days of Our Years" is Van Paassen's latest, a beautifully-written chronicle of our era explaining why France fell, surveying the pessimism into which that country was thrown by leaders attempting to preserve the status quo ante bellum through the Hitlerian Order. He describes brilliantly the "irrevocable hours" of the past few decades when shattering events have taken place to prevent "that day alone" when all the world shall have peace and brotherly love founded on the gospels.

This eager student of men and affairs who recently spoke at Ford Hall in Boston holds out hope for us. He thinks the present war worth-while, if through it we turn out Hitler and his slavery and install co-operation and the worth of man.

Largely autobiographical in its early pages, the book turns from Holland, where 28 generations of the author's family are buried, to parade the stream of character sketches and events which have led to the present day.

THE NEW HOPE: Joseph C. and Freeman Lincoln; Coward-McCann, N. Y.; 1941; 498 pages.

Cape Cod comes to life in type once again through its ablest writer, Joe Lincoln, this time writing an historical novel with his son, Freeman. Interesting for war-time reading, "The New Hope" recalls the blockade of the Cape during the War of 1812.

Trumet, a fictitious town at the tip of Cape Cod where "Provincetown was and is", is seen outfitting a privateer as a community effort. There is a dash of adventure and feverish activity that sets off well against the usually quiet Cape background. Lines of hope, intrigue, hate, love, war, and youth cross and recross to give a picture of life in 1812 as shinningly bright as a first-hand view.

STRICTLY PERSONAL: W. Somerset Maugham; Doubleday, Doran, N. Y.; 1941; 272 pages.

Clever, clipped, Maugham writing takes on a more serious tone than usual in his thin essay on the war. He says, "... this is not an account of great events, but of the small things that happened to me during the first (continued on page 4)

### Night-Shift Widows

Night-shift widows are such peculiar creatures;

You see them together at double features;

Forgetting, under the theater's dome,

That their men go to work when they get home.

Draft widows are not as unhappy as these,

For even draftees have leaves.

But night-shift zombies work seven nights

And don't have a chance to get in fights.

Ruth Carlisle



## Greetings Scholars:

Notice the new sobriquet. We think you have earned it, judging by the report cards which we were able to see. Of course, we didn't see many cards, because seven out of every ten people we queried refused to disclose their achievements (modesty, naturally), but those we did see were definitely superior, so we base our judgment on those. Anyway, we have next week to recover, pseudo-scholars, victims of mental languish.

## Candid Campus Capers:

BTC belles still exercising lots of wile power, in fact, some aren't themselves any more—and it's a great improvement . . . The old-timers basketball game displayed hitherto undiscovered talent and, my, what lovely pedal exterminies! . . . Overheard in the library: "If you can't get anyone else for Mardi Gras, will you come with me? We'll have an evening of peace, maybe". . . . The rationing of milk in the dining-hall struck hard at the table of gourmets just inside the door to the left. Incidentally, why are they the last ones to leave? Can it be that they neglect their eating in order to feast their eyes on the passing parade of fascinating feminine faces? . . . That very charming freshman lassie, Mary Jameison, has a new admirer, a senior with an eye for beauty . . . Why is Alice Foley so fond of Wisteria perfume, especially while chug-a-lugging at her studies?

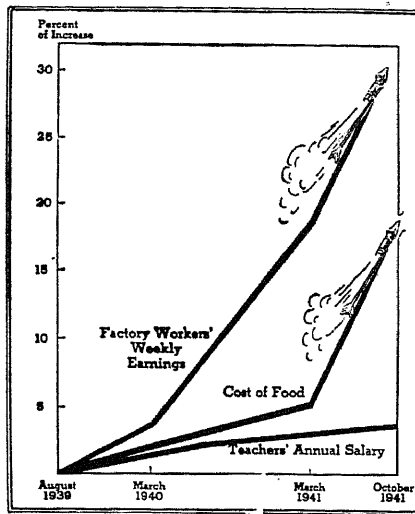
War hysteria seems to have manifested itself in strange ways here at BTC: We have now not only bored-ers, but also plenty of rumours . . . Petty cliques indulging in petty gossip. Some of our girls could tell even expert Bill Foley about a kind of propaganda he overlooked in his unit, that is their social anti-personality propaganda.

Quote the Alpha photographer when Bill Roulis appeared for his sitting, "Well, the camera is insured, so let's risk it" . . . Does Parsons (freshman) still go to school here? We seldom see her on campus . . . Sue Doran still searching for her masculine ideal. We doubt if she'll find her type here . . . Trenear and Norris make a sweet little twosome, don't they?

## Jotting About:

Mary Sheehan's perpetual motion—a sponsor for Spearmint . . . Florence Harris thinks we're rubbing elbows with the hoi-polloi—we see her point. . . . Evy Johnson in slacks—her father had a day off . . . Weinberg as the mask(ed) marvel of Mardi Gras . . . Rainy weather kerchiefs make campus look like Alien Registration Office . . . Kelly's knife from Africa (?) cause of many risked necks . . . Arleen Hill troubled by locker inhabitants . . . Senior samples of smart subjects: bids for sorority; hill-billy love-making in senior drama class; philosophy—of marriage; bridge in the rec. room . . . Carolyn Malloy would be glad to tell of her anticipated trip to Washington during vacation . . . Notice Clara Pallatoni's V for victory hair-do . . . Phyllis Slobins says she is going to get a man so she won't be drafted . . . Blount back

So You  
Want to  
Be a  
Teacher?  
(NEA—released Graph)



## FIRE BLASTS TO GIVE RAID WARNING SIGNAL

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## A SONNET

By Jerome P. Nathanson

When first I heard those strains  
full rich and clear,  
It seemed that none but Orpheus  
could have known  
Just how to fashion music, all  
one's own,  
In chords like these which fall  
upon the ear,  
And unsuspecting draw the human  
tear.  
The harp played on and gently  
lent its tone  
To quell those fears that had  
within me grown,  
And cause the glow of joy to  
reappear.  
Around my heart melodic threads  
did weave  
A pattern smooth and delicate  
as lace,  
Which eased disquietude with  
ecstasy,  
And gave unto my troubled mind  
reprieve  
From melancholy thoughts —  
and in its place  
New hope was borne on wings  
of melody.

with Stacia . . . Congratulations to Ed Wojner — the first BTC lad to get a date with Eleanor Burnley. . . . Priscilla Gould pursuing Arthur Alden; ditto Ed Frazier and Peggy Gillis.

## Defense Contribution:

Bridgewater's men in the service: Joe Horsely, Dave Barnum, Bob Deknes, Dick Roche, and others now enlisted in Class V-7 or V-5 in the Naval Reserve —thanks to Lieut. Durgin.

So long, Bait—we'll abdicate; but only for the duration—of the February vacation.

## BEAT UPSALA

planes are sighted off the coast, the warning goes in to Boston. From there it is transmitted to Brockton, and from there word is sent on to Bridgewater. First comes the yellow signal, which is a confidential warning. Only the key people are notified. Next is the blue signal which means that the planes are getting closer. When the red signal comes through it means that a raid is imminent. The town fire whistles will sound short blasts for two minutes. The whistle on the power house and the bells in the buildings will also sound this signal. On hearing it, all students are to report to their assigned quarters at once. The all clear signal will be a series of long blasts.

## Faculty Members Assisting

Members of the faculty are taking part in these plans. Mr. Huffington has been appointed by Mr. Kelly to serve as Chief Air Raid Warden for the college. He has asked different ones to take charge. Mr. Tyndall is organizing a fire detail from members of his physics class. Their duty will be to locate falling fire bombs and report them to the local fire wardens. Mr. Meier is giving a first-aid course to the men and with Miss Decker is organizing a first-aid group to be placed at certain key positions during raids. Miss Pope is in charge of arrangements for the dormitories.

## Power House Ready

Miss Caldwell is an assistant air raid warden.

Mr. Davoren and Doctor Maxwell will be in charge of the ground floor of Boyden Hall during raids, and Mr. Hunt and Doctor Arnold will be in charge of the first floor. Miss Decker will be in charge of the gymnasium.

The men on the power house staff under Mr. Annis, have been assigned to the different buildings to turn off the water and gas.

## DO YOU KNOW THE GIRL WHO:

Went to Bridgewater for four years to get a man?  
Stays in every night to save paper used for sign-out sheets?  
Arrives on time for every committee meeting?  
Didn't affect a Southern drawl last

## Song Contest Remains Open As Search Continues For Stirring College Music

Entries for the Bridgewater song contest will be accepted until a definite closing date is assigned, according to Lillian Russell, chairman of the contest.

Many students have entered their original selections already, but Miss Rand expects many more to enter before the closing date.

## Collaborating Allowed

The contest is being held in order to find a song that demonstrates the true Bridgewater spirit, and Miss Rand feels that a good, stirring piece of music is conducive to the spirit of any college.

There is no definite length that a song needs in order to have it qualify, and some students are collaborating with others, one to write the music, the other to write the words.

George Riley, William Mahoney, and Lillian Russell are three of the students entered in the contest.

## Talent Contest Urged For Fred Allen Program

Fred Allen, popular airwave comedian, introduces a gifted college student to his radio audience, each Wednesday evening; one of his most recent guests was John Day of nearby Boston University.

Talented Mr. Day, who impersonated Winston Churchill on the program used the money received from Mr. Allen in a wise manner, paying debts that had arisen during his college days.

## Why Not Here?

Not only does Fred Allen give the radio audience an enjoyable and entertaining few minutes but he also gives young men and women of college age, the opportunity of displaying their talents. Each performance of course, means a bit of publicity for the college represented.

Hidden talent at Bridgewater ought to be brought to light through a contest to choose the most talented undergraduate, as many suggest, and then notify Mr. Allen.

## Topics Hits News

Topics, newest publication of the Topics of the Day Club, is currently being distributed to members and posted on the bulletin board in Boyden's first floor. The bulletin contains items of interest to club members and is edited by the executive board under President Joseph Comerford.

## Foley Lectures

At the last meeting William Foley, who recently returned from practice teaching in Bridgewater High School, gave a lecture on propaganda. Mr. Foley taught a unit on propaganda during his training period.

## year?

Hasn't seen Carver's?  
Is always silent in the library?  
Thrills to her classes?  
Doesn't hate crepe paper?  
Hasn't been called to the Vatican?  
Hasn't heard of the Boydens?  
Is naive without intention?  
Doesn't rave over her big sister?  
Hasn't been to the gardens at night

## Cape Cod War Prayer Adopted By Hyannis T. C.

"Father, Thy will be done through me" is currently receiving much interest throughout the state as an advocated war prayer for all members of the United States armed forces.

With the backing of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish leaders on Cape Cod, the originator of the prayer, Walter Dwyer of West Dennis, has petitioned President Roosevelt to adopt the prayer for the service.

Hyannis Teachers College students have adopted a resolution recommending the prayer and have sent copies of the resolution to colleges throughout the country, to the president, and to Governor Saltonstall.

## Staff May Not Attend Columbia This Year

Attendance of Comment's staff members at Columbia Scholastic Press Association's annual convention, March 12, 13, 14, at Columbia University, is under consideration by the editorial board. Membership in the association has been held since 1928.

Highlight of the school publishing year, the convention attracts thousands of delegates from every section of the country for lectures and conferences on newspaper problems.

Theme of this year's convention is the school newspaper as a valuable instrument in the cultivation of civilian morale.

Increased cost of transportation and an expected increase in next year's publishing budget may force the board to send no delegates this year. Money used for this purpose is not taken from allotments from student activity fee; it is earned by the staff.

## Riddell, Clemence Join Players In 'Show-Off'

"Show-Off", a play to be presented by the Town Players tonight on campus in Horace Mann will have in its cast Miss Grace Riddell of the Training School faculty and Robert Clemence, president of the sophomore class.

Feature of the town-college Red Cross war fund drive, the play will leave the group's customary headquarters in the barn of Sarah Sumner House in favor of the larger auditorium.

President of the players who have won much sincere applause as a little theatre in Bridgewater and surrounding towns is Teachers College physics instructor Balfour S. Tyndall. Katherine Packard and Mary I. Caldwell of the faculty are on the executive board.

### BOOK REVIEWS

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fifteen months of the war."

Now resident in the United States, at last reports, at least, Maugham lived for years on the Riviera. His knowledge of France and her leaders proves a fascinating fount of information. The book contains much on France before the capitulation which is important for history students.

Literature students will be interested in the book not only for its familiar style but also for its autobiographical material. It is undoubtedly a valuable backbone of Maugham libraries, particularly if the collector can secure a copy of the 1940 signed edition of 515 copies.

## HITLER, BIRTHDAY OCCUPY CAM COM

One more reason for hating Hitler and Company is held by Campus Comment. Reduced war-time budget has cut the number of issues, and we mean cut out as far as the January issue went. By enlarging this issue we make up for last month and still save student money.

Real tragedy of last month's omission from our view is the fact that January marked our fifteenth year of continuous publication. On this page is reproduced the first page of the first issue of the paper as it looked in 1927.

### Circulation Uncertain

Interesting fact about that first issue is that it circulated after the second issue came out. Reason: first issue was hand set and printed by members of the printing class then offered by prospective industrial arts teachers.

Associated with our earliest history was Training School Principal Katherine Packard, then a journalism class student at the normal school.

### News When It Isn't

"First issue was six inches by nine inches, pamphlet style, with eight pages. Most of the material was literary because news became stale before we could get the paper printed," laments a 1929 staff member. The last sentence is still applicable.

## Budget Bothered Boyden Paper Tribute Reveals

Wrote late President Arthur Clark Boyden in a Campus Comment article which personified the paper on the occasion of our fifth birthday in January, 1931:

"Sir, I can give a picture of school life on its many sides, both dignified and undignified. I can mingle the light and shade of life in a happy proportion. I have photographs galore to prove that I know all about student life in the dormitories, around the frog pond, at Carver's pond, at Casey's, in the garden, in the gymnasium, elsewhere and otherwise."

### Alpha, Great Aunt

"I have had many ancestors but all are dead save one, a great aunt, who still survives. Once a year she visits me all dressed up in her finest; she always brings the family album as an 'offering' to her relative." (Alpha was then known as Normal Offering.) "As long as the budget lasts I am safe".

# Campus Comment

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### Why the Campus Comment?

There is a reason for all things, we are told, and so to forestall all questions as to our "big idea" in publishing Campus Comment we shall present in this issue, what we feel to be good and sufficient reasons for our undertaking.

1. We wish to stimulate writing for Normal Offering. Campus Comment will in no way take away interest from the Normal Offering. On the contrary, we hope to aid in encouraging the literary-minded of the school to write. Some of the articles of value which are presented to Campus Comment may, if good enough, be published in Normal Offering. In this manner the standard of material which goes into Normal Offering may be kept high.

2. Campus Comment is to serve as a bulletin of school affairs and to make each class better acquainted with the activities and interests of other classes. We shall give news of current happenings in the school which, by the time Normal Offering is published, have lost their interest.

3. By including news of the Training School, we hope to bring the two parts of the school more closely together. We feel that the interests of one should be the interests of the other, and that we should work together as closely as possible.

4. The "B" class in initiating a school paper, is gaining much experience and knowledge of how to run a school paper. As many of the class intend to teach English, this is valuable training for them.

5. The men who take printing have something to look forward to in doing their part for the paper. We understand that they are pleased with the idea of printing the Campus Comment.

We hope that our paper will prove to be of interest and of value to the faculty, the student body, and the Alumni, and if we are as successful as we hope to be, that future classes will carry on our work.

Lucille Benson.

### A Day With Class A

A breathing space and then a sigh

Sigh on, sigh on, Sigh-chology!

A ray of hope, a wish to die --

Talk on; O, Social-ogy!

Anon, within the library--

O, H. of Education!

To conquer lessons contrary

Is Class A's Ed-ification!

Then home to read-perchance to tread

The well-known paths on the campus lawn;

A lot of work, then into bed--

A short, short, time before the dawn

## Art History Trippers See Museum, Connick

Gardener Museum and the Connick Studio in Boston were visited by members of the two senior history of art classes under the guidance of Miss Mary Crowley last Wednesday afternoon.

Renaissance art was given special attention in the tour of the Gardener palace to illustrate current material of the art course.

### Visit Connick

Viewed at Charles J. Connick's Studio were his famous stained glass windows. Mr. Connick is now working on windows for St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

### MARDI GRAS

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the city of New Orleans to the Mayor, President Kelly. Then the board members walked to the back of the gymnasium where they saluted the soldiers and joined the others for the Salvation March. King and queen, Arline Adams and Jimmie Nolan, were crowned by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and took their places on the throne. Their attendants were Norma Hurley, Ruth Humphreys, Martha Godsill, Shirley Goldsmith, Genevieve Kirsliis, Robert Bruni, Edmund Frazer, William Foley, Everett Britton, and Vernon West. The court was led in by Pierrot and Pierrette, Mike Antone and Josephine Fanara, who carried the crowns.

Winner of the float contest was the Science Club float depicting the discovery of the peanut with Wanda Kazmack as Colonel Carver. Each club represented some contribution made by the organization to Americanism.

### Costume Prizes

Winners of the costume prizes were awarded to Lieutenant Newcomb, in charge of the soldiers, the prize for best costume depicting the spirit of '42, an army uniform. Best valentine costume, Meredith White of Elmwood, with honorable mention to Mary Fiorentini. Best fancy costume, Anastasia Coporan; honorable mention to Eva Kaye and Mary Sullivan; best group representation, Justine Della Salla and group; best faculty, Miss Priscilla Nye. Miss Nutter was awarded a gift by the French Club in appreciation for the work she had done for Mardi Gras.

Loretta Dupre gave an exhibition of baton twirling, and Miss Caldwell led the dance "Hinky Dinky Parlez-vous." Vincent Salvatore was master of ceremonies.

### Battle Of Flowers

The battle of flowers, confetti and balloons was the climax with all the students throwing them from the balcony and at each other.

Committee chairmen headed by Mary Cingolani were publicity, Fleurette Coulombe; program, Alma Boisselle and Loretta Dupre; costumes, Josephine Fanara; decorations, Evelyn Brega; music, Barbara Moore; floats, Natalie Keyes and Edna Dolber; hospitality, Jessie Banks; refreshments, Virginia Mayo; tickets, Madelyn De Sorcie; clean-up, June Walsh.

The evening ended with Father Lent, Robert Weinberg, bidding all the guests good-night and warned them that they would have to be serious for the next 40 days and 40 nights.



## BRIDEWATER MEN HEAR LIEUT. GEORGE H. DURGIN IN A TALK ON WHAT THE NAVY HAS TO OFFER

Lieut. George H. Durgin, former mathematics instructor of Bridgewater, and now an officer of the United States Naval Reserve, recently addressed the men of Bridgewater on the possible enlistments in the United States Navy with respect to college training. This is the substance of his lecture.

"There is an old expression 'once in the Navy, always in the Navy'. It does not refer to the legal hold the Navy has on a man who has once served, but it comes from within the individual who has served. Calvin Coolidge once said 'the greatest political privilege mankind ever enjoyed was to live under the United States Constitution'. Another great privilege is to serve in the United States Navy.

### The Navy Spirit

"Once in the Navy, you will find it composed of men with mutual respect for each other and their rights from the highest rank to the lowest rating. This spirit also seems to be present among the civilian employees of the Navy as well. Where Lieut. Durgin works there are strict orders that anyone who comes to the Navy seeking information or to offer his services shall have everything possible done to make him feel satisfied. These orders are not hard to follow because the personnel of the Navy is picked on the basis of what it can do for the Navy, and not what the Navy can do for it. When you apply for enlistment in the Navy, you will be examined, physically, by a courteous gentleman who knows his work. He will take as much interest in your physical defects and their correction as would your family doctor."

Lieut. Durgin also explained the three branches of the Navy which might interest the Bridgewater men. These three classifications are known as V-7, V-5, and M-2.

### V-7 Requires Degree

V-7 is a branch in which one may enlist as Seaman, 2nd class and attend an Ensign School, and be graduated as a Midshipman of the United States Naval Reserve. To qualify one must be between the ages of 19 and 28 years, be a natural-born, unmarried citizen, and must be able to pass the physical examination given to all Ensigns. Another requirement which tends to limit the enlistments is the fact that a college degree is demanded. This branch is open to all college juniors and seniors.

The second branch is that of the United States Naval Reserve and Marine Aviation Cadets, more commonly known as V-5. This is open to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors of college level. The basic requirements of this are more rigid than those of V-7. The candidate must be a citizen for at least ten years, be between the ages of 19 and 27, must agree to remain on active duty for four years, be unmarried, be educationally, morally, physically, and psychologically qualified for appointment, and must have passed his second year in college and have not less than one-half the credits necessary for a degree. The men enlisting in this branch are given the rank of Ensign in the Naval Reserve, or Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

The third branch is known as M-2, or Inshore Patrol. This requires no col-

## Alpha Board Reports Progress On 1942 Issue

Alpha Board is busily working on the plans for the 1942 Alpha. Under the guidance of Advisor Miss Mary M. Triggs and Editor Velma Shorey, members of the board hold their weekly Thursday meetings in the blackboard room.

According to the editor of the yearbook, Alpha this year will have an entirely new plan and theme. An attempt will be made to enable more under graduates to purchase the annual.

The club pictures were taken by Alpha's photographer on Thursday, February 5, in Tillinghast reception room. This year's pictures were informal, including only officers and senior members, and showed, whenever possible, club activities.

## DEFENSE NEWS DIGEST

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Students wishing to shorten their courses may attend summer schools at Salem, North Adams, Framingham, Fitchburg, and Hyannis Teachers Colleges and Massachusetts School of Art. Quarter-term credit will be given these courses by Bridgewater.

Plans for sale of defense stamps to faculty and students are being formulated, it is understood.

Trigonometry will be offered by Mr. Tyndall every Friday afternoon beginning in the near future.

For men expecting to enter the armed service an advisory board has been set up under Mr. Hunt.

Refresher courses have been recommended by the State's Department of Education to prepare former teachers to re-enter the profession and to off-set the serious shortage of teachers.

### Tilly To Evacuate

Plans for evacuation of Tillinghast and stations for all dormitory and commuter students, faculty, and employees are being perfected under Mr. Hufington, chief air raid warden for the college.

Regular required courses in air raid precautions and first aid are required of all students and are given weekly during the period on Tuesday formerly given over to Chapel.

lege training, and is less strict on the eye test. In this branch, one starts at the bottom and works his way upward.

Such are the three branches of the United States Navy which might appeal to the Bridgewater men, but in whichever branch one might enlist always remember—you don't have to be a commissioned officer to have a satisfactory Naval career.

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## APS A MISFIT?



ARTHUR APPLEBAUM appears to have gotten into the wrong branch of the service. Following midyears three years ago and following botany exam, he drew this cartoon. Joining the navy as a gob was his big ambition and necessity then. Accompanying story reveals he is in air corps. Is cause rooted in botany exam?

## 600 Coast Guard Officers To Train

Commissions in the Coast Guard Reserve and active service with the regular Coast Guard await 600 new Reserve Officers to be commissioned this year after special four-month training courses at Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut. These men are to be trained in three groups of 200 each; the first group has already entered the academy, according to the Boston Reserve Office.

### Qualifications Listed

To qualify as candidates, applicants must have an accredited college degree, be unmarried and between 20 and 30, be a citizen of the United States, meet Coast Guard physical requirements, and be of good standing in their communities.

Interested college graduates may write to the Coast Guard Reserve Director, Customs House, Boston, Massachusetts, for full information.

## Tercentenary Year For First School Law

Memorable 1942 anniversaries include the tercentenary of the first school law which was passed by the General Court of Massachusetts in 1642 and which ruled that all parents had to give their children the chance to learn to read and write.

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## Male Enrolment Decrease Continues; BTC Men In Service Listed

Bridgewater's male enrolment has decreased to a certain extent due to the entrance of Uncle Sam into World War II. Many Bridgewater men, including graduates, have taken positions in the armed forces of our country.

While it has been impossible to locate all the men who joined our fighting front, many of them have kept in touch with the school especially those who were more recently associated with the college.

### From Panama To Maine

Following have sent notice of their locations: Joseph Horsley, Fort Knox, Kentucky; Dick Roche, Camp Wheeler, Georgia; Joseph Ortenzi soon to be transferred to Panama; David Barnum at a training camp in Maine.

Ed Snarski, former member of class of 1942, is at a Georgia Army training camp. Art Applebaum and Larry Berch, graduates of last year, are members of the air corps, the former being a member of the ground crew at Fort Lowry, Denver, Colorado, and the latter expecting to be assigned to Maxwell Field, Alabama.

### More To Leave

Bounding Bob Van Annan, 1941, is serving as a United States Marine. George Chassey, 1944, who left early after Christmas, is in the ground crew division of the air corps. Lee Fleming is an instructor at a southern Army base. John Noonan is a radio technician in the air corps.

Obviously the number of Bridgewater men to enter the armed forces will rise as time goes on.

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## FROM THE BENCH

BY DAPPER

## Bittersweet:

Don't say it, chum, because it isn't true. We all know that our hoop warriors have just climaxed a rather soiled season, but that's no reason to go around grumbling about the boys. Think the situation over from all angles and you'll soon see that those lads did a mighty valiant job. Remember how the local chuckers opened their season against Salem? Eddie and Freddie were invincible that night. Why, every time Ed tossed the leather he found the hoop. And Buck, do you remember that boy around the backboards? The boys who sat on the bench during the trouncing we handed Durfee down in the mill city will tell you in no uncertain terms that Nolan and Dee were just plain great that evening. Then, to make matters even more encouraging, the ferocious Martin and Company practically steamrolled the Textilers in the Boyden gym. If Coach Meier hadn't injected a complete second team into the fray the final score would have been astounding. Well, after coping with the first three tilts in tyrannical style, the Redshirts tripped over the bulky hulks from Hyannis. You have noticed that we omitted the Becker tragedy, purposely, for we know the long trip did our men no good. Plus that, the Beckerites are out of our class. In former years we were fortunate in having stellar athletes named Sparkes, Augustine, Daly, and Sampson to throw at the Becker and Hyannis aggregations. This year we had only Fred and Buck, and no good subs to chuck in when necessary.

## Changing Tides:

Basketball has come to a crossroads in its progress at B. T. C. For four seasons past you fans have been witnessing the rise and dominance of a standour performer. A big kid with basketball in his blood and raw courage in his heart has given every ounce of his endeavor for his gang. Now, for the first time, this ambling Alp of the planks and hoops is benched. Not for failure to take an order, not for lack of team play, not because of slumping ability, but because an ogre named Injury has thumbed him aside. If you doubt that Fred Martin was not the most valuable player on the squad, you should look at the statistics. What the future holds in store for the basket-tossers of your coming teams is a matter for an oracle to work on. But we'll bluntly tell you one plain fact, there will never be another Freddie Martin.

## Disa and Data:

Our basketball felt the effect of the world status when Skip Noonan went A. W. O. L. at the start of what promised to be his biggest year in sports here. Another boy who left a gaping hole in the lineup was Jim Costigan. That old combination of Jimmy and Freddie would have come in mighty handy. Jim did all that he could do under the circumstances, by masterminding the Jayvee lads.

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## CAUGHT IN PRACTICE



DIX BLOCKS dazzler Regini during practice for Upsala game tonight.

## UPSALA

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latter team having played in New York's spacious Madison Square Garden.

According to reports, the boys from New Jersey have a rangy team and employ the fast break with much success. In many of their contests the visitors have tallied over sixty points.

The Meiermen will have the advantage of playing on their home court, and although meeting a tartar of a foe, the Maroon and White hope to close the season with a victory.

Starting BTC lineup will probably be chosen from Buckley, Nolan, Cheromcha, Dee, Dzenowagis, Haley, and Dix. For the latter two it will be the final hoop contest, and they will don the Bridgewater jerseys for the last time.

## What Happens Tonight?

Bridgewater 59	Salem	28
Bridgewater 56	Durfee Textile	25
Bridgewater 52	Becker	72
Bridgewater 78	Durfee Textile	32
Bridgewater 37	Hyannis	40
Bridgewater 41	Boston College	23
Bridgewater 36	Salem	37
Bridgewater 40	Fitchburg	62
Bridgewater 34	Brockton YMCA	56
Bridgewater 49	Hyannis	78
Bridgewater 38	N. Bedford Text.	33
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## INSPECTING THE SCENE

BY ZOMBIE

## Welcome Back!

Board meetings seem quite natural with president Kay McGloin attending after her training absence. Although we gain Kay, we lose our first and second vice-presidents, Lois Pearson and Peg Burns. Kay has come back to a very full program with all of our regular activities plus our defense program.

## What's That Humming Sound?

It's the whole W. A. A. program working!

Our defense program, with Arlene Hill as chairman of the committee, is being worked out in co-operation with the college program headed by Mr. Huffington. One of our special features is the physical fitness picture exhibit outside the auditorium. After vacation, if enough enthusiasm is generated, a course in stretcher drill will be offered.

Don't forget our regular activities: they offer you a satisfying means of helping defense: Monday at 4:30, badminton; Tuesday, 3:30, basketball; Wednesday, 3:30, modern dancing and bowling; Thursday, 3:30, basketball and square dancing.

## Honor Roll Posted:

The basketball season seems pretty well in hand under June Walsh's direction. Class teams have been organized, and, as June says, "The freshmen and sophomores are good." Oh, well, upper classmen, there comes a time when everyone feels her age. Or should she?

Ping-pong has a devoted following every term. Kay Sites posted an Honor Roll, and we would like to felicitate Phyl Jenness, Georgia McNamee, Helen Moir, Madeleine Dugger, Hannah Leavitt, and Marguerite Plante for the berths they attained.

## Rodeo Carnival Theme:

We have special several days coming up. Miss Kingman of Framingham is to come here to teach the latest ballroom steps. Possibly Pauline Chellis will return again this year—this time to teach some cowboy square dances that can be used at Campus Carnival whose theme this year is the rodeo!

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## Physical Fitness Stressed By WAA Official

Physical fitness as a vital contribution to the defense program is stressed by Lea Hearn, financial secretary of Women's Athletic Association, in a recent interview.

"W. A. A. campaign for physical fitness is one of the highlights of the college's contribution to the defense program," says Miss Hearn who appeals to the women to take advantage of the present program which is soon to be expanded, it is understood, along with an even stricter interpretation of the association's part in the national effort.

## Fitness vs. Glamour

"Individual citizens must play their part in assisting our mutual uncle to keep his whiskers clean from the little yellow man," she insists. Warning against one-sided participation in the more glamorous aspects of defense, the athletic officer claims that physical fitness can be exciting.

"We can all be soldiers of the health crusade to build strong minds and bodies which will enable us to face all dangers that the future holds for us," she concludes.

## Red Cross Drive Calls Sacrifices From Students

Many Bridgewater students have made financial sacrifices in order to donate sums of money to the American Red Cross, according to papers revealing the manner in which the money for each donation was acquired.

Quite a few of the students earned their donation money by working at various jobs including work at a hat store, the Five and Ten, a library, and various restaurants.

## Chatanooga Dilemma

Numerous students gave up different luxuries. One student in particular denied herself a trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and a chance to have seen many popular bands.

One girl gave up the idea of having her hair set in order to make the donation, while another student, who had found a sum of money on the campus turned it over to the Red Cross Fund. Officials of Bridgewater's Red Cross drive admire the spirit of the student body.

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