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## BRIDGEWATER CURES GAS HEADACHE



MISS LOW looks on as her group busily sorts gasoline ration cards in Boston. (Boston Traveler photo.)

## Students Sort 2,000,000 Ration Cards; Solve Mix-up In Record Time

"It can't be done", flatly declared some State Department of Education officials. "Extremely doubtful", said others. Said Miss Alice B. Beal, state supervisor of elementary education and former director of practice teaching at Bridgewater, "It can be done, and Bridgewater can do it!"

Bridgewater did it. That is the nutshell history of the case of the broken, disarranged packages of gasoline rationing cards which reached the State Department of Education from Washington last week and had rationing directors walking the floor as they wondered how the cards could be correctly arranged and sent out to county rationing heads before

this week's public distribution began. Sacks Tossed Ten Stories

As far as we could determine the mail bags each containing a flimsy carton of cards done up in packs of five hundred and tied lengthwise only, were tossed ten stories down to a Washington sidewalk. It was not until the mail sacks arrived at 200 Newbury that their condition was discovered.

Time was short, Boston teachers not available, department office force too limited. Calls for aspirin were probably made. Then Miss Beal, remembered by

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## NAVY V-1 PROGRAM AT BRIDGEWATER WILL INCREASE MALE ENROLLMENT

### Coach Meier Predicts Strong Teams For Duration Sports Program

Normal or even increased male enrollment is predicted for the college for next September by officials because of the Navy's acceptance of Bridgewater as an accredited institution in the V-1 program conducted in select colleges.

Powerful basketball, soccer, and baseball teams will take the floor and field under the new program, with the stepped-up physical education requirements, according to Coach Meier.

Freshmen, sophomores, and high school seniors accepted for admission to the college's course will enlist in the Naval Reserve, assuring themselves of at least two years of college education before being called to the service, if their work is satisfactory.

Regular teacher-education courses will not be required of men in V-1. They

## BREAK TRADITION AS SENIOR SPEED-UP GRADUATES WAR CLASS JUNE FIRST

### Monday Formal Out, All Plans Indefinite

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, LATEST NEWS AS WE GO TO PRESS—Graduation has been shifted five days ahead to Monday, June first, last day of senior activities. There will be no formal dance in Boston that evening, according to war-time plans being made by President John J. Kelly, Senior President Anthony Perry, and committees.

### STOP PRESS

Reports that Alpha Semi-Formal will not be held tonight are untrue according to information received yesterday.

Undergraduate exams will be given June 2, 3, 4, and the morning of June 5. Senior finals will occupy May 25, 26, 27, 28, and the morning of May 29. Schedule for examinations has not been made out yet.

A special issue of Campus Comment will be published next Friday should commencement plans change radically.

### Alpha Gives Ball Tonight 1942 Issue Out Soon

Alpha will hold its annual semi-formal, the Baroque Ball, tonight in Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium with dancing from nine to one. Music for the evening will be furnished by Chick Hathaway Orchestra.

Alpha reports that the 1942 Alpha, dedicated to Miss Priscilla Nye, a former art teacher, should be ready for distribution about May 15. As has been previously reported, Alpha this year will have an entirely new theme.

Among its special features, it is announced, there is a page dedicated to Mr. William McGurran, former science instructor, and also one dedicated to Mr. George H. Durgin, former math instructor. Mr. McGurran left the teaching staff shortly after mid-year examinations to enter a private business and Mr. Durgin left on notice that he had been commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve.

Committee chairmen for the semi-formal are hospitality, Eva Kaye; tickets, Richard Durnin; publicity, John Henry Fitzgerald; decorations, Natalie Sic, Mary Sardi; and clean-up, Vernon Taylor; refreshments, Jessie Banks; music, Ruth Sinclair is general chairman.

\* All plans, except those for baccalaureate and graduation exercises, are subject to change, it is understood.

Traditional class-day play will not take its place, said Mr. Kelly today.

Senior week-end begins with Bridgewater Night at Pops Concert, Boston, Friday, May 29. Class picnic scheduled for various resorts will be held Saturday afternoon, if at all. Proposed MAA dance for the evening probably will be thrown out.

Baccalaureate services will be conducted Sunday afternoon in Horace Mann. Plans for an unannounced Sunday evening event are rumored.

Dr. Herbert C. Clish, Bridgewater graduate and superintendent of schools, New Rochelle, New York, is the baccalaureate speaker. Graduation's main address will be given by Dr. Edward Howard Griggs, first Todd lecturer, friend of the Boydens, and New England Town Hall Forum lecturer.

Senior men will not be invited to live at an evacuated Tillinghast for the week-end, according to administration officials.

### Zeuch To Play May 24 At Prince Organ Concert

Students of the college and the general public are invited by Miss Frieda Rand for the administration to attend the organ recital to be given by Dr. Carl Zeuch, Sunday, May 24, at the Horace Mann Auditorium.

Dr. Zeuch is a well-known organist and gained much renown from his concerts given during his organ hour which was broadcast over many Boston radio stations.

Besides possessing a repertoire of classical music, Dr. Zeuch includes in his recitals, folk songs and popular selections as well.

There will be no admission to the concert which will be held in the afternoon.

### Alumni, Students Join For BTC Pops Night

Large delegations of both undergraduates and alumni alike are expected to attend Bridgewater Night at Boston Pops Concert to be held at Symphony Hall, Boston, May 29.

Following the example of many colleges and universities in and around Boston, the Women's Glee Club will offer a program of its own during the intermission period.

Because of the success of the program of three years ago at Symphony Hall, efforts were made to have another Bridgewater night and this end has finally been accomplished.

Students may buy tickets from Mary Sardi for tables in the reserved sections. If it is possible, buses may be chartered to assure transportation for dormitory students.

### Applaud Glee Club At USO Recital

An appreciative audience, composed of service men, roundly applauded the efforts of the Women's Glee Club from the college at the U. S. O. center at Buzzards Bay Sunday evening.

Under the direction of Miss Rand, the Glee Club rendered both popular and classical selections that proved to be very entertaining to a near-capacity audience.

Buzzard's Bay U. S. O. center is a very popular resort of the service men because it is in the midst of a busy town and is not far from Camp Edwards. The program was arranged through U. S. O. officials and was the Glee Club's contribution to the upkeep of morale by means of entertainment.

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### Teachers Deserve Praise for "Service"

"At one time or another there is no job teachers are not asked to do," said an instructor with the student-faculty group working in Boston on the gasoline rationing cards last week.

There were draft registrations with more coming up. There are required courses in first aid and defense activities. There is registration for sugar and gasoline rationing. Teachers are expected to evacuate all children should this be considered necessary in vital areas. There is no end in sight for the amount and kinds of extra work teachers will be called upon to direct during this war.

We can pay high tribute to the competence, loyalty, and cheerfulness with which teachers throw themselves into the war effort. We can be proud that the message of devotion to "service" as the highest quality of a real teacher which Bridgewater sent throughout the country a century ago is reaping great public gratitude and aiding the United Nations to win the war.

When the war has been won, Congress can do little more than pass a resolution praising us, because distinguished decorations are not for teachers. Although such a measure would be gratifying, our recompense lies in the present manifestations of public gratefulness. It is to be sincerely hoped that the public will continue approval of us after the war.

### College Captures All-out Spirit

Enthusiasts devoted to the Bridgewater ideal of unqualified service to community and nation have been considerably happier these past few days as evidence pours in to indicate that the college has at last awakened to the tremendous responsibilities and duties war has placed upon us. The few who must be counted upon whenever forward steps are contemplated have come through with a reorganized defense program of practical courses whose worth has already been demonstrated in opening lectures.

Not only from these new courses are we to draw inspiration; we must also pay marked tribute to the revitalized patriotism which has taken hold of our entire college membership. A new and worthier sense of values and a deeper understanding of duty have been realized. Heightened morale has emerged to strike response even in the hearts of the defaulters of whom we wrote in last issue. Bridgewater's heroes of other wars and our men now in service can be proud of our present achievements. But we must not falter in the upward swing which we have so nobly begun.

War's end may easily come in 1942, if our local morale is characteristic of the nation. When this country throws off apathy, the production program of industry and the feats of our Army and Navy then, and only then, will win decisive victories.

Looking to next semester we may feel confident that the administration will secure for our men another course under the Civilian Aeronautics Authority whose college program is expected to be revived throughout the country. This hope, together with news of our recent Naval Reserve rating, should attract an increased number of men to Bridgewater. At any rate, it will be further indication of Bridgewater's work for the success of the war effort.

### Great Oak Reports

THROUGH ARTHUR OLSEN

Physicists are attempting to ascertain why the Watch on the Rhine doesn't sink. Suggested theme song for the (radio) Telephone Hour: "WHO CALLS?" Why not make our battle-ships, cruisers and other sea-going craft unsinkable by manufacturing them out of Ivory soap? The Army's Brown Bomber is flying high, and brings down the enemy with ease.

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Ye editors of the B. T. C. annual publication are doing their literary atom smashing, scientifically producing their Alpha particles. Possible topic for next Chapel debate: "Resolved, there are more beautiful women in the Sears, Roebuck mail-order catalogue than at B. T. C." I'm positive I'd root for the negative. Incidentally, there are numerous bells at Boyden Hall I'd rather look at than listen to.

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Search these silly sentences for words and phrases to add to your lowcubulary: On the floor of the Senate the late Huey made a Long filibuster. Judging by increased attendance at photo-plays, we'd say that people enjoy reel life as much as real life. The historian warned against the undesirable effects of improperganda. Nazi authorities in Norway are attempting to make the children of that country Quizling Kids. Many present-day theatre goers and play readers object to the soliloquacity of Billie Shakespeare's heroes and other leading characters. Autoless Saturday night dancers may have to journey to the prance hall in the ol' jitterbuggy.

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SUNS O' FUN still shining brilliantly in the dramatic firmament. California's astronomers eagerly awaiting the night they can look thru the Mt. Palomar 200-inch reflecting telescope at the Hollywood stars. . . . Gloster, Simon, James, Quirk—beautiful numbers all, winning my Senior Hit Parade. . . . A Bridgewater bonnie turning the dial of her mind to a new station. . . . A sixth grade boy in the Training School peddling his bicycle for all it is worth. . . . One Junius Henri Browme saying: "Man argues woman may not be trusted too far; woman feels that man cannot be trusted too near." . . . an aesthetically-minded bald-pated gentleman tearing his hair after reading this poesy:

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TO ROSALINDA

You are the apple of my eye;  
You are a lovely, luscious peach.

I love your eyes so bright and blue;  
I love your smile: it's kind and true.

Your hair's a field of glowing gold;  
Your lips were made in Beauty's mold.

To gorgeous you my heart is geared.  
(But, please, Sweet, shave off your long white beard!)

### "Be Feminine; Wear Hair Bows" -- Fashion Previews

No man in uniform when on furlough, wants to see his girl looking like a carbon copy, of what he left behind him when he went to camp.

Here are some simple rules to keep you in trim. Avoid military fashions; be feminine. This trend necessarily involves frills and whimsies, but don't carry them to extremes. Let simplicity as well as prettiness influence you in selecting your wardrobe, for this year simplicity is the theme.

Almost universal is the fashion for short hair—bangs, baby-cuts, feather cuts, or just plain scalping. For example, on our own campus we see M. Sheehan, R. Sinclair, E. Bordeau, E. Doyle, and C. Lindberg sporting feather cuts. Royal, Parsons, Miller, and Sardi are wearing bangs. We're told one may wake any morn and find her roommate cutting her deb length tresses.

#### Have You A Hair Bow?

Bows in the hair aren't new, but why not accept this suggestion—a bow on each side—one to match the shirt and one to match the skirt. For those with a long bob, fresh flowers tied to pig-tails are a coming fad.

Large hats are always eye-catchers, but this year's small hats with the new short hair are also attractive.

Best bet in suits are the tailored gabardines, the tweeds, the plaids, and the bright pastels. You'll see less black and more of everything colorful, as exhibited by the tropical prints, multi-colored blouses and dirndl skirts. Bright colored scarfs inscribed with blackout directions or patriotic slogans keep young spirits up and make your outfit gay.

#### Watch The New Accessories

Coats of sentimental blue and red-coat red with accessories matching or contrasting are featured this spring. Shoes of haystack linen, dressy shoes decorated with studs, sporty moccasins or Indian moccasins are new in foot wear. For sports or "active duty", culottes, slacks, trousers, and dungarees are practical as well as fashionable.

For a quick wind-up, hand-knitted jewelry, identification bracelets, pixy glasses, hornrimmed specs, and lapel pet-pins complete the picture of the College Miss this spring.

### DESPAIR

JEROME P. NATHANSON

My soul is melancholy—steeped in gloom;

My eyes are sad and downcast—never gay.

And conjured in my mind are thoughts of doom

And morbid fears that I cannot allay.  
My hair, once black, is turning now to gray

And tears of anguish often have I shed.

No pleasure can my countenance display

Since I received that message sad which read:

Dear Sir: "Regret you may not have your tires retread."

## War Service Bureau To Advise N. E. College Men On Service and Defense

Opening of a War Service Advisory Bureau for college alumni at 374 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, was announced recently. The purpose of the bureau is to assist New England men who are seeking information about possible entrance into the armed forces of the United States, as well as into civilian defense and other services.

Working with the authority and approval of the Army, Navy, and other branches of the service, this bureau knows what opportunities exist, and are capable of advising men who are interested.

All men with college affiliations are invited to call personally or write for an appointment to the bureau, which is located at the Harvard Club of Boston, and is open week days from 9:30 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

## Ryan, O'Leary, Roulis Rank High In Examination

Three Bridgewater students, Mary Ryan, Helen O'Leary, and William Roulis gained high honors in recent National Teachers' Examination held at Harvard University.

Because the examination is considered very difficult by most, the majority of examinees feel that a mediocre rating on the test deserves commendation.

Besides ranking high in all phases of the written test, the candidates attained a superior percentage in English expression.

## Reporter Covers "Bashful Bachelor" Rehearsal Held In Vain; Story Tells Of Play Scheduled For Presentation Next Friday Night

### Class Day Ruled Out For Play Performance

It was to have been given May 15: cancelled, rehearsal time taken up by rationing work. It was mentioned for class day: cancelled, stage managers could not put up scenery until late Sunday night after baccalaureate. Verdict: no play. But I'm telling my story anyhow.

We, my girl-chum and I, dropped into a Dramatic Club rehearsal of the "Bashful Bachelor" the other day, and I came up with this cue-by-cue account of events.

"Look!" said my friend who notices everything, "Carolyn and Kay hiding behind those draperies! And just listen to Corbett talking like a Dorky!"

"Sh! Listen!" I whispered as someone from the middle of the darkened auditorium turned around and looked at us.

"Oh!" That's my cue . . . er . . . er

. . . "Is Betty Jean here?" mumbles Jack Stella as he bumps into the new scenery being constructed by John La-Spada under Miss Crowley's direction. This scene calls for Mrs. Todd (Margaret Hagerty) to faint. As this bit of business evidently had not been dealt with previously, it takes a few minutes as each member of the cast advises her how to pass out gracefully. Kinsella, as her henpecked husband should have the most to say since he has to catch her, instead he can only sigh his big line from the play, "Yes, my dear."

There is a pause and then Doug MacDonald, the go-getter newspaper man, I guess, enters. "Yes, sir! That's

what we want. Yes, sir!" he contributes in such a booming voice and large amount of energy that he draws a laugh from the cast with the exception of Alma Spearwater who remains in character as a crotchety old battle-ax.

Just as things quiet down we hear a Dave Dix horror-scream from the wings, and all start laughing again, even Alma.

Miss Blythedale slips onto the stage. She is a tall angular woman, carelessly dressed, who has a disconcerting way of swooping into people's houses unannounced, saying a few words, and then swooping out again just as unceremoniously. Out of this world, as my girl-chum says. She reminds us both of a character in the fall play. Her entanglements with Dave Dix, as the burglar, are really amusing.

We both sigh as leading man Charles Haley takes stage center with Norma Hurley. They are the two leads, and they begin to emote.

"That's real acting," is the director's comment as the final scene comes to a close. Cast comes out on stage for last directions given by Miss Ruth I. Low.

After we slipped out, before lights went on to discover us, we agreed that the rehearsal may have seemed rough in spots. But, with several rehearsals yet to come, a polished Low performance can be expected for a pleasant evening. The play has suspense, quick pace, many good laughs, and the dialogue and characterizations are exceptionally good.

(We don't want to spoil the story for you, but Boy Gets Girl before last curtain—honest!)

## Gas Ration News Scoop During Conference Here

News beat of the nation was obtained by two reporters attending final sessions of the annual Superintendent's Conference held on campus April 24 and 25 when Commissioner of Education Walter F. Downey revealed first details of plans for the gasoline rationing.

Mrs. John F. Sweeney, Bridgewater graduate and wife of a former Campus Comment sports editor, and Mrs. Edward J. Lyons, representing Brockton and Boston newspapers, were the only reporters who stayed throughout the conference and were thus able to obtain the nation's first detailed account of the five classes of rationing cards for motorists.

Plymouth County will have 111,600 gasoline ration cards, announced the commissioner. Instructions to superintendents responsible for the registration of drivers applying for cards in their cities and towns were given by Mr. Downey who heads the state-wide program of rationing.

### V-1 PROGRAM (continued from page 1)

pilot. Highest ranking students with special qualifications may enter the V-7 classification at that time.

Students failing transfer to V-5 or V-7 will enter active duty with the Naval Reserve as apprentice seamen.

Age limits for enlistment are not less than seventeen and not more than twenty years. Citizenship for ten years or more must be held by men transferring to either V-5 or V-7. Married students are not eligible for application. Juniors and seniors are not within the scope of the program.

Successful completion of the program gives the V-5 man a commission as an ensign A-V (N), United States Naval Reserve. Class V-7 commissions the student as an ensign in the Naval Reserve.

Required courses for accepted students include four hours of physical fitness courses. Freshmen will be required to take English composition, mathematics, physics, and physical education.

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## Latest News Of Food, Couples, Pops, Gas, Beauty, Whathaveyou

### Greetings, Chums—

Have you noticed how Spring on the campus this year is not the same as previous Springs? There seems to be a scarcity of the usual numerous coterie of carefree couples and tender tyro twosomes. Perhaps the reason is the defense effort taking up what formerly was leisure time. One definite sign of spring, however, is the congregating of casual connoisseurs about the south door, carefully ignoring the passing parade of pulchritude.

Congratulations to you students who were sweet enough to give unstintingly of your time to aid in the rationing program.

### Candid Campus Capers:

The dauntless donors who gave their bubbling blood in the interests of victory have finally lost that anaemic appearance they had ever since their phlebotomy. . . . A new campus combination—Eunice Walker and La Spada. . . Joe Murphy forgets his naval math only for Phyl Le Duc. . . . A junior lass claims we are not keeping abreast of the times, because her name isn't mentioned. . . . Plate-piling: a fine art in the dining hall. . . . Ruth Sinclair—one of our most tempting titians. . . Doug MacDonald, scholarly bibliophile, in Class 1-A in the draft. . . . The man of the year occasionally has a quirk on his mind. . . . Jim Nolan has a deSorcio

on his mind more than occasionally. . . Napoleone elucidating jerked meat in geog. class. The baseball captain is wearing an expansive uniform this season. . . . Ed Barry back to classes after an appendectomy.

### May Meandering:

Mary Ryan portrays an intellectual poetess in the spring play next week. . . . Sully Bartley no longer affiliated with the navy. Now it's a car, with tires, and plenty of gas. . . . The "men of the college"—the "Chowder and Marching Club", have it out over spaghetti almost every week. Mouths water when Bruni lays it on the table. . . . That voiceful Woodward sophomore has finally found her ideal—in a rough-and-tumble drug-store cowboy. . . Why the sudden surge of ambition in the senior playboys who are giving up every afternoon to work hard at the state farm? Getting in condition for the navy? . . . Louise Oliver observing the flutist last Friday night with critical mien. A fine performance—the concert, we mean. . . . Seniors worrying about how to get to wherever they have their class picnic. . . . Everyone wondering if transportation will be obtainable for Bridgewater Night at the Pops, the 29th. . . . Tonight's Ball is our last affair on unrationed gas. . . . Heard in the library: "NO!" Serves him right, that's no place to ask her.

## Music Lifts War Morale Assert Concert Lovers

Etude music magazine recently reminded its readers and the general public of the great value of music to the morale of this country at the present time.

In a recent issue Etude reprinted statements of some of the most outstanding men and women of modern times concerning music and morale. Included among these persons are Fierello LaGuardia, Alfred E. Smith, Herbert H. Lehman, Walt Disney, Lowell Thomas, Dr. William Lyons Phelps, Cecil B. DeMille, Kate Smith and Governor Leverett Saltonstall.

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas sums up the typical opinions of these well-known people when he says, "A soldier is as good as his morale, and the strains of martial music have given an inspired 'lift' to many a fighting man in defense of his country. The challenge of a patriotic song goes deep into the heart of every loyal American and inevitably stirs his spirit. The soldier, the sailor, and the civilian will find a powerful stimulus to his morale in the rousing march and the battle hymn, for in music their is might."

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## Discard Carnival Plans As WAA Finishes Year

With the coming of spring, WAA prepares to bring another successful year to a close.

On May 16, the WAA Governing Board plans to hike to Brant Rock, spend the night there, and return the next day.

Annual banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 20. Miss Priscilla Nye, former art teacher here, will be the speaker for the event. Athletic awards will be made.

Year's final affair, Campus Carnival, whose theme was to be Rodeo Round-up, will not be held, chiefly due to war-time restrictions on materials needed for decorations and booths. Magda Larson, in charge of the affair which annually crowns a queen, made the cancellation announcement this week.

## FROM THE BENCH

BY DAPPER

### Touching Moment:

We have related many stirring events in this space in previous editions, and some of them may have shocked you. Now we are going to tell you about one particular episode which dwarfs all others in comparison. It happened one chilly April afternoon on the lower campus. The team had just emerged from the Boyden gym and began to loosen up on the uncut greensward. Coach Meier came trotting across the asphalt, as usual, and called the boys around him. Very seriously he explained that the whole baseball season was on the verge of disaster. No gas, no tires, no games. Faces fell left and right. Captain Jack Stella looked white and ill. Then the coach asked how many of the fellows would be willing to carry on with the practices, and hope that somehow we could get one or two games arranged. The bunch stood silent for a few seconds. Not one of the candidates hesitated! Unanimous decision was made to keep Bridgewater baseball going, in spite of every obstacle.

### May Flowers:

Working hard to organize something which would at least look like a ball team, Captain Stella kept the boys imbued with pep and fire. Several encouraging factors appeared at the first turnouts. Jack himself admits that his

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## BASEBALL BOMBED BY DOUBLE TROUBLE

BY DAPPER

For the first time in many long years of exciting sports spectacles here there has been a catastrophe deluge of misfortune and dilemma. Never before has an athletic aggregation representing this college been subject to such a blasting. The old saying that it never rains, it pours, is proved today. Look at the baseball situation if you doubt these words.

First, there was the enforced gasoline and rubber rationing to plague our baseball master-minds. Game after game was chopped off the already scanty schedule. Fitchburg and Becker were immediately out of the question. American International, those tough hombres from Springfield, have gone into the discard also. Before the present calamity dawned we were looking forward to meeting the Amincos with revenge our sole motive. Fred Martin will testify on his honor that last year's A. I. C. gang had high voltage wires attached to their hockey sticks. Frankly, they were too far out of our class, and the best we could have done this year would have been to score a couple of runs against them. So, good riddance.

Then, like another bolt out of the blue, there came the scoop news that our beloved brethren from the Cape had decided to eliminate baseball entirely for the duration of the war. This was both sweet and sour in flavor. It was sweet to hear the cocky Hyannisites finally admitting that they didn't have enough manpower to play ball. We

hitting is better than ever, and he hopes to wind up his starry career with a blaze of hits. Pushcart Joe O'Donnell seems to possess that much needed confidence now, and has grown stronger at the plate. Joe has smoothed out some of the wrinkles in his fielding, and needs only a few hours of batting practice to regain good timing.

Wally Goldstein has surprised all interested by performing brilliantly at shortstop. Tom Sparks left a gaping hole there when he left, but diminutive Wally covers it with speed and grace. We know that Wally can hit like a fiend, and if his ground coverage continues to improve he will be the outstanding infielder on many occasions. Weymouth's Jim Nolan, after giving our basketball records a boost, is now attempting to convert himself into a first sacker. If his hitting can be bettered he will come in mighty handy.

### Gaposis:

As usual, the situation in the far distant reaches of the outfield positions is wide open. Every spring sees a large crop of fielding hopefuls appear, dwindle, and practically disappear. This spring, after the weeding out process had been terminated, there were but four possible starting gardeners. Of these, only two were veterans. Jim Dee had seen service both in the outer cordon, and in the inner elite. Dave Dix, after three years of vacillating interests, was completely an outfielder. The other two likeliest were Antone and Dzenowagis. Either Mike or Joe will be selected for the right field assignment.

could have told them that years ago. The sour part was that we had hoped to mutilate their pitching staff as a token of our sentiments in regard to the results of the past winter's basketball melee at Hyannis.

So, we all looked forward anxiously to the day when the Hyannisites would meet our heavy bats, and the sizzling Martin fast ball. But fate has shuffled the cards in a different manner, and Hyannis fades out of the spring athletic panorama.

Our practice sessions continued, with the lads gradually reaching peak condition. Then came the end of April, and the end of the athletic careers of two old reliables of Bridgewater baseball. Both Murphy and Martin were transplanted from Legion field to the woods and fields. Your reporter inquired intensively as to the nature and necessity of this sudden change. He wishes to hereby assure you lovers of the diamond game that the abandonment was absolutely essential to the welfare of the boys.

There isn't much talent available to fill the huge shoes left by Big Freddie, but freshman Grimley is working hard and long on the Legion mound. Coach Meier devotes many hours to the tutelage of the lanky frosh hurler, and pins his hopes on him. Jolting Joe Murphy has been such a standard fixture at first base that we shall be calling whoever plays there by that name. The absence of these husky boomers will detract finesse from two positions, but will not hurt the team beyond repair.

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## RATIONING

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seniors for her poise, resourcefulness, and faith in BTC, suggested the solution.

Result of telephone calls was that next morning, Wednesday, saw a nine o'clock avalanche of Bridgewater at the department's headquarters. Dormitories were evacuated, cars and busses commandeered, commuters grabbed as over two-thirds of the students and faculty arrived in Boston. College trucks transported break-down tables and folding chairs from campus. Dining hall food, dusters, in fact everything needed for the job was brought along.

### 192 Bags in 24 Hours

Groups were hastily organized along lines already determined and within two hours of starting some groups were already working on their second mail bag.

From twenty to twenty-eight bundles of five hundred cards were in each of one hundred, ninety-two mail bags. Of this number approximately five bundles per bag survived government handling intact. But even these were checked by Bridgewater's efficiency experts. In all, around two million rationing cards were sorted during eight-hour days Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Small volunteer forces went back last Saturday and Monday to pack the bundles in designated boxes which were to be sent out to district heads throughout the state.

### Work Under Secrecy Order

Guarded by State troopers who made great hits with women students, who, bless 'em, always love a uniform, the work and workers progressed under a blanket of secrecy. Newspapers printing pictures of the work were not permitted to announce the place where the work was being conducted. It seems, oddly enough, that some motorists would like to have extra cards for future reference; thus the order for hush-hush was issued.

Classes were held on campus for some students left behind on Friday to cover the official ruling that the college remain open and conduct classes a minimum number of days per year.

Students marvelled at Dean Pope's organization work. She was everywhere: speeding the work, making suggestions, forseeing difficulties, conferring with important officials, and occasionally allowing the train of messengers who scurried everywhere in search of her to catch up.

### Dean Forgets Lunches

Only thing that Miss Pope is known to have forgotten is the (now) minor case of the eighty missing lunches brought into the capitol on Friday. Bus drivers, student and faculty drivers, State troopers were accused of making off with the food. All morning the quest for the sandwiches went on. Lunch time came; lunches began to give out. A late but happy thought, an O'Neil-Napoleone hundred-yard dash, and the missing lunches were found—in Miss Pope's car!

Members of the "Doubting Thomas" faction at the department soon lost their anxious looks when they saw how Bridgewater works. One cute little office secretary bubbled that the job would take her fellow workers two months of ten-hour days.

It is all over now except the memories. We agree with President Kelly who visited the workers on Thursday that it is worth a column in Campus Comment. And, Mr. Kelly, we ask that instructors take a lesson and ration assignments for the remainder of the year.

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