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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 borders on 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 Juda Benjamin, one of the leaders of the Confederacy, hid away after the close of the Civil War.

Our "math" 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—braving back with him a pink grapefruit, quartz sand, and memories of a vacation happily spent with his family.

Committers' Dance

The committers' dance will be held in the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium on Friday evening, January 18. The atmosphere—a Persian garden effect. The music—a five piece orchestra, Colon Watts and his men of Taunton. The chairman of committees: Hospitality....Isabel Walsh; Decoration...Esther Lepall; Publicity...Phyllis Ryder; Tickets...Mary Nelson; Music...Ellen Gilligan; Refreshment...Myrtle Pray; Clean-up...Jane Carroll; General...Alma Foley

Training School Xmas

The regular Christmas program was presented at the training school on Friday, December 21, and musical entertainment was given which consisted mainly of violin solos and carol singing. This program was in charge of Miss Ferguson. Refreshments were served and during the interval the entire body alight in prolonging the festival spirit.

Bridgewater Graduate Values Training, Praises Drawing, Handwork, Psychology

"There can be no better preparation for those interested in the profession of teaching than the courses given to the students at Bridgewater State Teachers College," said Barbara Pray, who graduated from the four year course in 1932. Miss Pray feels that the graduate of a teacher training institution having been trained in practice and in theory to meet classroom problems has a poise and an ability superior to that of the college graduate who enters teaching.

"What the college graduate must learn through trial and error as she teaches, we have been taught as part of our equipment. College graduates often find difficulty in starting to do things—and after they have a thing started, they do not know how to continue it to the last bit of it. They find it hard to get their material across to the student until after they have had a good deal of experience. I do not mean to give the impression that the Teachers College graduate finds everything easy, but I do feel that she is able to meet new situations more skilfully and to adjust herself more quickly."

Men's Club Play Has Cast Chosen

Again a mixed cast will be the drawing feature at the Horace Mann Auditorium when Men's Club presents the much discussed play, "The Charming Pretender". Due to the fact that the Dramatic Club play was such a tremendous success with its mixed cast, Men's Club has decided to follow up the same treatment for the current season.

The play will be presented February 1, under the supervision of Miss Moffet.

The first tryouts were held Monday night and the following cast was chosen:

Sue---------------Edith James Eliseo---------Mary Roberts

Sue Glady-----------Kathryn Fishbery
Cavanaugh---------John Nolan

Buchanan Drexel---Kenneth Murphy
Andrew------------John Julian
Stephen---------Raymond Cook

Lord Marshall Kendall---Harold Brewer

Movie Attendance Is 400 in a Week

A recent survey of the freshman class was conducted by Campus Commission to find out the extent of movie attendance at the college.

Statistics for one week showed an average of twenty shows per division, or one hundred and twenty shows for the entire college. If this is an indication of the situation in other classes, it may be assumed that there were about four hundred movie admissions paid by Bridgewater students during that week. This is probably the equivalent of one hundred dollars.

Division D2 ranked highest, with thirty-seven shows. Division D1 ranked second, with thirty-three shows. Division C ranked third, with twenty-six shows, and Division A ranked fourth, with twenty-four shows. Other cities and towns whose theaters were patronized by students included Boston, Quincy, Middleboro, Taunton, Fall River, New Bedford and others.

Social Calendar


Junior-Sophomore Prom Last Friday

The annual Junior-Sophomore Prom was held in the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium on Friday, January 4, at eight o'clock.

The decorative theme was the arrival of the New Year and was carried out under the direction of Barbara Albret. Music was furnished by the popular Loring's orchestra.

The patrons and patronesses were Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Miss S. Elizabeth Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Miss Prudence Rand, and Miss Olive Lovett. The receiving line was headed by Stephen Lovett and Ruth Fishbery and included James Pechals, Esther Thorley, and the patrons and patronesses. Novel refreshments were served by Rebecca Plume and her committee.

Ousamequins to Meet

The Junior Ousamequin Club will hold its next meeting January 14, in the Trinity Parish House. Mr. Thorber, head of the New Bedford Women's Club, will speak to the club. Mr. Thorber, formerly a sailor, should have much interest to tell the members.

Guests of the evening will be Mrs. Charles Carter Wilson, state chairman of Junior membership in women's clubs; Mrs. George Farnsworth, second district of Massachusetts; Mrs. Vernon Pierce, president of the Bridgewater Ousamequin Club.

Men's Club Social Tomorrow Evening Has Winter Theme

"Start the new year right and attend the Men's Club social Friday evening, January 11, at the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium," says Raymond Cook, president of the club.

The unusual decorations will be in charge of John Bates, and will lend a wintry aspect to the old familiar gym.

Others acting as committee chairman will be: music, Carlton Rose; refreshments, John Nolan; hospitality, Robert Hancock; tickets, George Jacobsen and George Jones; publicity, Gene Higgins; and clean-up, Joe Chiocetti.

In spite of the fact that it was announced in chapel that there would be a full house of dancing, dancing will continue until 11:30.
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. By 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. I was, however, foredoomed to failure because as I raised my head to look- crack—I received a knockout blow on my unprotected pate. I staggered off saying, "Ha, ha— I didn't want to go in anyway."

Days later I found myself inside the library having disguised myself as a book salesman. After I had completed my research I started for the great outdoors. But no, it was not to be as easy as that. Recalling my earlier experience I stood behind the stationary half of the door and reached for the door knob. S-s-s-t, the door swung open and I was met by a look of mingled surprise and disdain. "Oh, look at the poor boy," said one, dropping a penny into the extended pocket and then turning to the next problem she had to face. For why can't he smile and be like us, A fellow once told me our day is well spent if we make some one laugh while it is ours. For one big smile of genuine intent can erase thousands of millions of cares.

—Frederic Agnelli.

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. R. 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 athletic. The second teacher in his school is Harriette Parmenter, '32, who has been teaching in North Dara since graduation."

Corrie Alm '32 tells us something of her college days:

"This is my third year of teaching in the fifth grade of the Brid 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 own 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)"

Challenges

"If you don't get a job next year don't worry," said Miss Lovett to her senior class. "Just start writing a book!"
Tillinghast Tattles

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, Mars- jaun, Candy, Marjorie Butterfield, Richard Bradford, George Leonard, and Edward Allen. Ellen Shae, president of the club, and Miss E. Irene Graves, faculty adviser, welcomed the new members 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 Ross, program; Wilmar Harlow, refreshments; and Esther Hirtle, hospitality and invitations.

Sci-ence Club Thursday, December 20.

K. P.

An apple sale was held in the room 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 pre-entation of "La Galette des Rois"—Cakes of the Kings. That was in honor of the "kings' holiday" which is January 6 in France. On this day, cake makers and bakers sell special 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 his 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 the new year's resolutions were asked by the French Club king and queen.

The persons taking part were: Isabel Walsh, the mother; Anna McKee, Jeanne; Moira Kispert, the son; Rita Murphy, Charles, the king; Mary Osborne, Martha, the queen; Mary Sullivan; The beggars Marjorie Whitney, Genevieve Courant; The priest; Belle Halloran.

Pictures of 1934

Campus Comment's own 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 par. They are: "Happy New Year" (or sumpin'), "Island in the Sun," "Happened One Night," "Queen Christina," and "Garbo." In response to skull-and-crossbone favors as to recite the French alphabet backwards and the new year's resolutions were asked by the French Club king and queen.

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Dramatic Club

Christmas Play

Pleases School

The last and most impressive of the Christmas activities was the biennial play presented by the members of the Dramatic Club in the Horace Mann Auditorium, Friday morning, December 20.

This play is an adaptation from the well-known children's book "Why the Chimes Rang" by Alden, Walter Baker Workshop. The theme 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 Mof- fit. 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: Horla ________________ Nita Johnson
Steen ________________ Virginia Cochran
Uncle ________________ Donald Welch
Old Lady ________________ Elizabeth Maynard
Angel ________________ Jane Carroll
Priest ________________ Ruth Mann
Curator ________________ Dorothy Gleason
Haughty Woman ________________ Irene Kud
Old Man ________________ Eliza McGovern
Young Girl ________________ Barbara Schmitt
King ________________ John Nolan

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

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. 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. She held this position until two years ago when she resigned because of her health.

As one of the original members of the Ousenequin Club, Miss Crocker was prominent, as well as influential in many movements for the good of the community. It is interesting to note that she was one of the first two women to vote at the first state election after universal suffrage was granted. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. L. M. Wentworth, of Melrose.

Woodwinks

Woodward girls are carrying out extensive leisure time activities as a sort of resolve for the New Year, their afternoons being filled with much knitting, tea drinking, and bridge.

We understand the first game was overwhelming in many respects, one being that a certain person clad in a white sweater and white shoes quite seriously affected Al Holloran.

Another junior fell with a bang! Cappy Graham sat down so hard (?) at the P trom that the chair collapsed under her.

"We've got an invitation to a spread—but we don't think we'll go," say Deanna Perkins and Grace Jacobs most nonchalantly.

These two industrious seniors were interrupted in a well-deserved sleep to attend a spread that was complete in the aesthetic sense but minus in the physical—a practical joke on the part of their ingenious friends.

Our illustrious house president played the part of reformer quite fittingly this week-end when she converted sinners Sunday evening. The scheme was original—for full particulars inquire of her.

A little late, but none the less sincere, Woodward girls welcome Audrey Tripp back to Room 87.

Happy New Year (or sumpin')

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 some time should be devoted to methods and subject matter, with some training in the Training School to illustrate the needs and patterns, 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, the training period 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 who say that 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)
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**Men's Sport**

Schedule This Year Includes Several Mid-week Games

The basketball team is off to a good start with three games already played, the first in the midst of a most active and demanding schedule, which will include several middle of the week games. On Saturday, the team will go to play at Nichols Jr.; the next home game is a week from Saturday, when the Assumption team travels here. The objective game of the season promises to be with Fitchburg Teachers College, to be played here on Saturday evening, January twenty-sixth. This is one of the series for state championship. Many feel that not the least contributing factor to a successful season for the team will be the support given by the school, such as was well portrayed at the gymnasium last Saturday.

**Training**

(Continued from page 3) have been of great value to us. There is also the advantage of having that training close to graduation time, (if you're lucky enough you are acquainted with the administration and system of the schools). Allice Guillmarie says, "With three years of methods and subject matter and the experience in the Training School we would be well prepared to teach each subject quite thoroughly. For example, there is the American History course which is given during the senior year. Most of us taught some form of American history out training, so this course would have been very valuable to us if we had already had it. Of course there are advantages in not breaking up the last year at college with a period of outside training."

Decidedly in favor of training in the junior year are the Misses Ellen Shea and Ruth Van Campers.

The former says, "I think that the training period should come in the junior year. It is not until we come back from our training that we realize the problems that confront a public school teacher. We should have at least a year in which to find some solutions to problems that exist in actual teaching situations. However, I believe all our methods courses, such as English, History, and Mathematics, which is now listed as a senior course, should be given before we go out training. It would have been a great help to me if I had had this course before I tried to teach science in the junior high school."

Dr. Van Campen declares, "Two years of methods and general orientation in the field of education is sufficient background for the outside training period. The senior left for the work of further assimilation and organization of subject matter which can be done effectively only after experience with actual classroom problems."

**Salem Tops Varsity 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. and Salem Teachers College varsity. On both teams were rapping 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 gong sounded.

Stars of the evening were captain "Al" Levy and "Jim" Twogill of the visitors and our own Bradburry, who scored 18 of B. T. C.'s 29 points.

**The Lineup**


Salem—F. Komerlin, Stevenson, V. Levy, C. Freeman, Murray, R. G. Husson, 1; G. Twogill.

Field goals: Bradburry, 5; Olenick, 1; Long, 2; Kierman, 1; Bodwell, 1; Twogill, 7; Levy, 4; Freeman, 3; Husson, 2.

Foul shots: Bradburry, 6; Cushman, 1; Bodwell, 1; Levy, 1; Husson, 1.

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**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. Olenick, Skahill, 1; F. Nugent, McKaughlin; C. Leonard, Lovett; R. G. Nolan, Rausman; L. G. Whitcomb, Lovett.


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

Foul shots: Stetson, 1; Nolan, 2; Bradburry, 1; Cushman, 1; Kierman, 1.

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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 Thobodeau Business College. Scorers included everybody who played, with Bradburry 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, Cornelius Straton Parker; her subject, "Travel versus a College Education."**