



ST. LAWRENCE TENNIS TEAM HERE TOMORROW

Varsity Squad Wins Practice Game

GIBSON ELECTED CAPTAIN
The tennis team of St. Lawrence will face the Varsity squad on the local courts tomorrow afternoon.

Alfred's team will go into the match well-prepared. Two practice sessions against players of the Hugnet club of Hornell have put the squad in good form.

In the return match at Hornell the Alfred team, composed of Gibson, Volk, Drummond and Errington, won six out of seven matches.

The Varsity squad of seven men met last week, and elected Frank Gibson captain for 1922.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The semi-finalists in the tennis tournament will play off their matches this week. Johnson, Drummond, Openhym and Banks have each won two matches. The winner of this tournament will play a match with Gibson, 1921 champion, for this year's title.

SPEAKERS AT INTER-SCHOLASTIC CONTEST SHOWED ABILITY

The two prize speaking contests, held at the Church in connection with the Interscholastic Meet, brought together prep school orators of exceptional ability.

The first contest, for the high school girls of this section, was won by Martha Nichols of Corning Free Academy, who gave "The Vengeance of Godelindis." This decision was finally made by the judges, Prof. M. E. Mix, Mrs. B. C. Davis and Miss Clara K. Nelson, after considerable discussion. Second prize was awarded to Anna Smith of Corning Northside H. S., who recited "The Famine" from the poem, "Hiawatha." Helen Smith of Hornell, won third place with "The Birthday of the Infanta," and Louise Gratz of Alfred was given honorable mention for her splendid reading of "The Gift of the Magi."

Other speakers included Lucy Larison of Belmont, who gave "Bobby Shaftoe;" Blanche Loniks of Avoca, who read "A White Ace's Mother;" Glendolyn Frey of Attica, who also had chosen "Bobby Shaftoe;" and Esther Allen, from Haverling H. S., Bath, who gave "The Keeper of the Light."

President B. C. Davis, who was in charge of both contests, expressed the welcome of A. U. to the speakers and ably introduced them.

The judges of the boys' contest, Mrs. M. E. Mix, Dean A. E. Main and Prof. C. J. Ademeck, awarded high honors to Samuel Yochelson of Masten Park High School, Buffalo, who gave Kerensky's "Slaves or Freemen;" second place went to Delos Ford of Hornell, who recited "The Supposed Speech of John Adams." Purton Tate of Haverling High School, Bath, won the third prize with "Opportunities of a Scholar."

The other selections were so well spoken that the judges had difficulty choosing the winners. The other speakers were Gerald Foley of Corning Free Academy, who gave a reading of Poe's "The Tell-tale Heart;" Chester Taylor of Alfred, who gave "The Speech of Antony;" Howard Wolfanger of Wayland, reciting "A Revolutionary Sermon;" and Frederick Wolz, who gave "An Appeal to Arms."

Following this contest, the Inter-Scholastic Meet will be held at the church on page four.

ORIGINAL BURLESQUE FEATURES THE SOPH "CRAZY" DAY

"Romie Owed While Juliet" is Complete Success

SOPHOMORE ENTERTAINMENT
Great applause greeted the presentation of Frank W. Gibson's version of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" given at Firemens Hall, Monday night, by the members of the Sophomore class. The large audience gave much evidence of hearty appreciation for one of the liveliest entertainments ever given before an Alfred audience.

This first part of the performance included acts by those representing advertisements and famous historical characters. Horatius, Columbus, Jean d'Arc and Napoleon, with many others, were presented by Father Time. These acts were followed by the feature of the evening, which was called "Romie Owed While Juliet."

From the instant that the curtain arose on the first scene of act one, till it fell on the final scene at the tomb, there was not a dull moment in the performance. Mr. Gibson, who beides writing this version of the play, carried the role of Romeo, proved to be an actor and entertainer of the first order. Miss Teal, who took the part of Juliet, was a well-chosen partner, while the remainder of the caste saw to it that the movement of the play never lagged. Howard Gorton, as Prince of Verona, played his part to the highest degree of perfection. Miss Houghtaling acted up to the full possibilities of her role, of Lady Montague and in fact the personnel of the caste could not have been picked with better results.

CASTE OF CHARACTERS

Juliet	Edith B. Teal
La Capulet	Mildred Allen
La Montague	Betty Houghtaling
Ladies in Waiting	Anna Martin, Constance Spaulding
Montague	Horace Clark
Beuvolio	Paul Johnson
Mercutio	Max Jordan
Tybalt	Raymond Sanford
Servant	James Yanick
Newsboy	Howard Gorton
Telegram boy	Walter Preische
Abram	John Voorhies
Funeral Agent	E. Campbell, Fred Gorab
	F. W. Gibson, Jr.
	Ralph Smith

Nearly every Sophomore wore an unusual costume Monday, as part of the 1924 Entertainment Day. "The Gold Dust Twins" resembled the originals, and Father Time looked real enough. Charlie Chaplin, Horatius and various warriors mingled with colonial ladies. Most of the costumes were cleverly made, and they gave the campus an unusual and gaudy appearance.

FACULTY NINE TRIMS SENIORS

The sedate seniors were beaten 6-2 in a five-inning baseball struggle by the faculty team, when the rivals met on the local diamond, May 22d.

The faculty had a strong battery of Ag School profs., and the infield of ex-stars had little chance to exhibit their form. The senior fielders had plenty of exercise, especially in the third frame, when the faculty hitters collected five runs.

Batteries: Faculty—Robinson and Champlin; Seniors—Banks, Coffin and Boyd.

German Club meets tomorrow at 3:30 for the election of officers.

COACH WESBECHER DISCUSSES ATHLETICS AT ASSEMBLY

Campus Rules Revised

BANQUETS DEFEATED

Coach Wesbecher spoke on "The Ethics of College Athletics" at the Assembly period last week.

He pointed out that rules are stricter, intercollegiate sports are becoming cleaner and the spirit of rivalry is more wholesome than in former days. The coach expressed the hope that the force of opinion could continue to improve athletic relations, especially through co-operation of faculty and students.

At the student meeting after Assembly, the proposed banquet contest was defeated. All other proposed revisions were passed as given in last week's Fiat.

TRACK LETTERS ARE AWARDED

At the close of the meeting of the Athletic Association yesterday morning the track letters for the past season were given out by President Ahern.

The following received the major A: Clark, Capt., Navin, Barron, Cole, R. Smith, Witter, Drummond and L. Smith, of the Varsity squad; Anna Martin, Boyd, manager of Intercollegiate track, and R. Campbell, manager of Interscholastic.

The following men of the track team were awarded the minor A: E. Campbell, Miller, Stamp, Lyons, Perry, Rogers, Holley, Boyd, Hoehn, R. Campbell and Ahern.

MEN OF '25 AND SOPH GIRLS WIN UNDERCLASS BASEBALL

Last Wednesday the Sophomore girls defeated the Freshman team by a score of 25-19, and on the following day the yearlings had revenge by winning the boys' game 14-5.

Much enthusiasm was shown by the fans, and the players did their utmost "for the class." Summary of the boys' game:

'24	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	5
'25	2	2	0	5	4	1	x	14

Batteries: '24—Witter and Campbell; '25—Gardner and Ingoldsby.

INTERFRATERNITY BASEBALL

The Delta Sigs took a one-sided baseball game from Klan Alpine last week Tuesday afternoon by a score of 17-1. Batteries: Delta Sigs—Stryker and Witter; Klan Alpine—Griffith and Ingoldsby.

Eta Phi Gamma's nine won its third straight victory last week Monday afternoon, when it defeated the Burdick Hall team 5-2 in seven innings. Gardner pitched a no-hit game, and Ahern yielded only two hits.

Delta Sigma Phi's baseball team defeated the Burdick Hall nine by a score of 4-1, and Eta Phi went down to her first defeat at the hands of Burdick Hall in last week's games in the interfraternity league. The latter game was hotly contested and ended 3-2.

Yesterday the Eta Phi team lost the lead in the interfraternity league by losing a game to Klan Alpine 11-3. Delta Sigma Phi went into first place and will hold that place unless Eta Phi wins today's game.

There was a large attendance at the annual track meet of the schools of Allegany county, held on the college athletic grounds Monday.

The three schools standing the highest were:
Wellsville45 1-3 points
Alfred21 "
Fillmore18 "

FRESHMEN GIVE TWO UNUSUAL PLAYS CREDITABLY

"The Birthday of the Infanta" and "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife" Are Much Enjoyed

COSTUMES AND SCENES ARE COLORFUL

Brilliant costumes and appropriate scenery provided a 15th century setting for the Freshmen plays, given at Firemens Hall, Saturday evening.

The casts of both "The Birthday of the Infanta" and "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife" showed thorough training. T. J. Ahern and B. M. Volk, of the Footlight Club, had charge of the first play. Miss Gladys K. Bleiman directed the colorful two-act comedy which featured the evening. The performance was given under the auspices of the Footlight Club, but the actors, costume designers and scenery managers were drawn entirely from the Freshman class. Ruth Whitford, chairman of the costumes committee; Garland Smith, property manager, and Harold Rogers, who built most of the scenery, are to be especially commended for their efforts.

"The Birthday of the Infanta" was a short adaptation of Oscar Wilde's story. Margaret Kinney starred as the deformed Fantastic, brought to the Spanish Infanta's throne-room to entertain her on the Princess' twelfth birthday. After singing and dancing for the Infanta, Fantastic was left alone in the throne-room. He then saw his crooked back in a mirror for the first time, and when the Infanta returned with her attendants, they found Fantastic dead of a broken heart.

The complete cast was as follows:

Cast of Characters	
Attendant	Frederick Leverich
Infanta of Spain	Hazel Niver
Duchess	Alma Wise
Fantastic	Margaret Kinney
Chamberlain	Frederick Strate
Count	Stephen Swain
Anatole France's comedy, "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife," was fully enjoyed by everyone. In spite of the small stage, a French street scene was reproduced. In the center was the balcony of the home of Judge Leonard Botal, played by Robert Spicer. His wife Catherine (Margaret Prentice) was dumb until the Judge sent for a doctor, as suggested by his lawyer friend (Lyle Cady). Catherine was changed, by the skill of the surgeon, from a dumb woman to a most talkative person. In the second act, the distracted Judge sent for the doctor, who declared that Catherine could not be silenced. In desperation, Judge Botal submitted to a quick operation which rendered him deaf. Everyone was thus satisfied, and the play closed with a merry song.	

The cast of this unusual play was as follows:

Giles Boiscourtier—Leonard Botal's Secretary	Ellsworth Burt
Chickweed Man	Orray Fraser
Alison—Leonard Botal's Servant	Helen Mead
Master Adam Fumee—Lawyer	Lyle Cady
Master Leonard Botal—Judge	Robert Spicer
Watercross Man	Ray Horton
Candle Man	George Garnhart
Catherine—Leonard Botal's Wife	Margaret Prentice
Blind Man	Orray Fraser
Master Simon Collin—Doctor	Hamilton Whipple
Master Jean Maugier—Surgeon	Cedric Smallidge
Surgeon's Attendants	Ada Mills, Beatrice Hunt
Master Serafin Dulaurier—Apothecary	Max Moses
Madame de la Bruine	Vida Randolph
Page to Mme de la Bruine	Clarissa Davis
Mlle. de la Garandiere	Delora Sanford
Crowd	Misses Hiscox, Groves, Childs, Burgess, Luhrs, Young

ALFRED TALENT TO APPEAR IN MUSICAL COMEDY

Alfred is to be well represented in the musical comedy "Springtime" which will be produced under the auspices of the Hornell Woman's Club at the Shattuck Opera House tonight and tomorrow. The leading soprano role will be taken by Mrs. Ramon Reynolds. Mrs. Arthur Cottrell and Mrs. B. R. Wakeman, also have prominent speaking parts while the Bridesmaids, who will give a most graceful interpretation of the old minuet, will be University girls—the Misses Cynthia Hunt, Marjorie Beebe, Dorothy Langworthy, Fredora Moore, Mildred Allen, Virginia Randolph, Florence Bowden and Ethel Hayward.

This production is on a larger scale than anything previously attempted in Hornell, the cast numbering 400. It is under professional direction and the costumes and scenery are most elaborate and varied, as the production covers a period of fifty years, ranging from hoop skirts, through the bustle age, up to the present day modes.

The Decoration Day exercises at Alfred were of a very high order, the address by Rev. E. A. Matthews of Wellsville being one of the best ever given here. The music by the band under the leadership of C. L. E. Lewis, was one of the pleasing features, and the concert given by them in the park, after returning from the cemetery, was greatly enjoyed.

The Misses Ruth Stillman and Winifred Greene were in Alfred for the week-end visiting their parents. They were accompanied by their friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Lougee of Shortsville, a fellow teacher in the H. S. of that place.

"ARMS AND THE MAN" GIVEN NEXT SATURDAY

Footlight Club Working on Commencement Play

Daily rehearsals are fast improving the acting of "The Arms and the Man," the Commencement play to be given by the Footlight Club on Saturday evening, June 10th. The cast in the well-known comedy is as follows:

Raina Petkoff	Edith Teal
Catherine Petkoff—her mother	Julia O'Brien
Louka—her maid	Catherine Neuweisinger
Major Paul Petkoff—Raina's father	Clyde Dwight
Major Sergius Saranoff	T. J. Ahern
Captain Bluntschli	Robert Clark
Nicola—servant	John McMahon

LIBRARY NOTES

New books recently received:
Levinger — Jewish Chaplain in France
Harris—Practical Banking
Tawney—The Acquisitive Society
Peters—The Bible and Spade
32d volume Encyclopaedia Britannica
Greene — School Shop Installation and Maintenance
Mrs. Ruth Drake of DeRuyter has recently been a guest of her brother, Clyde Dwight.

SCORE BOARD IS DECORATED

The artists of the underclasses have evidently decided to use the score-board as a battlefield of paint.

An ambitious yearling printer started the attack by lettering on the long-vacant board the official freshman war-cry: "Eat 'em dead, eat 'em alive, 1-9-2-5." This startling sign was first visible on Wednesday, May 17. During the day of the Interscholastic Meet, the numerous visitors had an excellent chance to see this sign of 1925's life.

A counter-attack, launched before dawn on Thursday by the Sophomores, resulted in many changes. The printed yell now stood: "Eat 'em alive, eat 'em dead, '24 will come out ahead, 1-9-2-6."

Much red paint was spilled by the yearlings before the sun rose Friday, with the result that the original lettering was again visible, though marred. "All quiet along the Kanakadea" was the official report until Monday morning. A well-organized assault by the Sophs had again removed the yearlings war-cry, and substituted the following: "Beat '25 dead, beat '25 alive, 1-9-2-4."

During the past week the original lettering has again appeared, only to be changed by the Sophomores.

One trembles with the terrible thought of the new horrors which tomorrow's dawn may reveal. As yet no armistice or Hague conference has been proposed to stop this wordy battle.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

E. Campbell '24 was elected 1923 Interscholastic Track Manager at the last meeting of the Athletic Council.

Other business included the awarding of track letters and numerals. It

was voted that minor A's be given to track men winning at least one point in an intercollegiate meet. Anna Martin and John Voorhees '24 were awarded class numerals.

Discussion of tennis letters and of a block A for trainer was followed by the appointment of the following committee for the revision of the A. A.

constitution: Ahern, Griffith, Gardner, Fraser and L. Stillman.

BRICK NOTES

Miss Louisa Ackerly '21 spent Saturday in Alfred.

Miss Lois Bryson spent Monday with Frances Hills.

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STAY!

There are hundreds of reasons why every student should stay for Commencement this year. Most of the reasons are personal ones; in fact, they are the personalities of the numerous alumni who gather here at Commencement time. Until an Alfred student has come in contact with our loyal alumni visitors, he cannot really know his Alma Mater.

An attractive program has been arranged, and the Seniors hope to see many undergraduates stay for the final scenes of 1922's college career. The alumni should not be greeted by a deserted campus. You will always be sorry if you leave early, so STAY.

A bonfire and plenty of noise and paint marked "move-up night," celebrated Monday evening by the Freshmen. A few mementos of the night's escapades remained Tuesday morning, but they were soon removed.

JUNIOR PROM IS COMPLETE SUCCESS

The Junior Prom given by the class of 1923 at Alumni Hall Thursday evening, was one of the most successful dances ever held here. The excellent music by Merriman's eight-piece orchestra, the artistic decorations and the gay crowd of dancers made the Prom a social event to be long remembered.

The University has recently purchased a moving picture machine which will be used for educational purposes.

S. Y. Liu '21, W. Bee '25, and Anna Crofoot '22 gave interesting talks on China at the first regular meeting of the Foreign Missions study class, held at the Brick last Monday evening.

All interest in tennis has been lost by the college girls, evidently. So few entries were made in the annual women's single tournament that the managers cancelled the contest.

Monday the college students had another chance to show sub-freshmen the advantages of Alfred University, for hundreds of high school students from Allegany county were here for their annual basket picnic and track meet.

Next year's officers of the Brick were elected at the last meeting of the dormitory girls. The results of the vote: President, Fredericka Vossler '23; secretary, Evelyn Tennyson '24; treasurer, Eleanor Craig '25.

The members of the 1922-23 Student Senate were elected at a recent student body meeting. They include: R. Campbell, Conroe, McMahon of '23; Jordan and Mary Mead of '24; Cady '25, and Ethel Hayward, the Sigma Alpha Gamma representative.

"Dinty," the feature picture starring Wesley Barry, was a treat for all who went to Firemens Hall, Saturday night, May 20th. If movies of that quality are continued, they will receive the hearty support of students and townspeople.

BUY YOUR TICKETS MONDAY

The Erie Railroad has requested that students make Pullman reservations through Mr. Shaw, the agent at Alfred Station, as far in advance as possible. The passenger department will send Mr. Rogers here again on Monday, June 5, and will appreciate having tickets purchased at that time as far as practicable. Students should be prepared for the purchase of tickets on that day to be dated for use whenever they expect to leave Alfred.

CAMPUS PERSONALS

George Blumenthal is spending some time in Washington, D. C., on business.

Rhoda and Gwen Vossler spent the week-end with Dorothy Langworthy.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gibson of Boston, Mass., visited their son on Monday and Tuesday.

A. C. Whitford '07, has been spending a few days here visiting his parents on Church St.

President Davis left Tuesday evening for Salem College, W. Va., where he will deliver the graduation address.

John Spoltore '24 was recently called to his home in New York by the death of his father, which occurred on May 6th.

President Davis attended the meeting of the New York state trustees of the Anti-Saloon League, held in New York, Tuesday, May 23d.

Mrs. King, Margaret Glaspey, Anna Crofoot and Stanley Banks spent the week-end at the home of Orval Perry in Bolivar.

A party of Y. M. members from the college co-operated with Secretary S. F. Lester of Wellsville in conducting two meetings at Canaseraga last Sunday. Another team will go to Bolivar next Sunday.

week attending Commencement exercises of Rochester Theological Seminary, and celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation. Of the nineteen or twenty who entered the class only five are living. One is in India; one in California; one in Indiana; one in Brooklyn; and one in Alfred. On account of distances or feeble health in the case of four Dr. Main was the only member able to be present.

LIU '21 SPEAKS AT THE Y. M. MEETING

S. Y. Liu '21, told of "College Life in America as Seen by a Chinese," at the Y. M. C. A. meeting held in Burdick Hall, Sunday evening. Mr. Liu, who is to return to China this summer, has studied and visited in several American colleges, so his observations were well founded. He warned against inter-fraternity, jealousy and too specialized an education. In speaking of co-ed colleges, the speaker remarked that friendship among the men should not be sacrificed because of co-ed activities.

MANY ALUMNI AT SUMMER SCHOOL

More alumni of Alfred University are expected to attend 1922 Summer session than have ever before gathered for the six weeks' course. Dr. Titsworth, director of summer school, has heard from many graduates, who intend to seek further education here this summer. Many students of piano-forte are being attracted by the inclusion of Mrs. Ada B. Seidlin on the faculty.

If you don't believe in co-operation, just observe what happens to a wagon when one wheel comes off.

STORY BOOK APPEARS

The Alfred Story Book, published by this year's class in short-story writing, appeared at Assembly period yesterday morning, and a large number of the attractive booklets were sold.

Four tales by members of the class are included in the book. "Black Horses," by Fredericka Vossler, is the weird story of a woman's superstition. "Who's Boss" is a lighter episode by M. Lucretia Vossler. "The Stone," by Clara Lewis, and "La Michita" by Louise Lair, are tragic glimpses of unusual lives.

BRICK NOTES

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Miss Arlounie Hall was the guest of Susan Hiscox last week.

Winifred Stout and Verda Paul spent the week-end in Wellsville.

Edna Eustace and Flora Thorn visited Niagara Falls, Saturday.

Miss Mary Agnes O'Brien ex-'21, is the guest of her sister, Judy.

Helen Smalley was at her home in Friendship for the week-end.

Miss Isabel Schneble was the week-end guest of Kathleen Higgins.

S. Spicer Kenyon '20 visited relatives and friends here the first of the week.

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ELIZABETH BACON, SEC.-TREAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Austin of Elmira were visiting in Alfred Tuesday. Mr. Austin graduated from Alfred in 1914.

Laurence Bliss, Alfred '13, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bliss of Bolivar, has just been appointed U. S. Commissioner at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. T. M. Place has recently joined her husband, Tom Place '21, at North Canton, Ohio, where he now has a position with the National Fireproofing Co.

President Davis was in Canaseraga Thursday and Friday, presiding at the convention of the Allegany County Bible School Association, of which he is president.

Paul C. Saunders, Alfred '14, who has been taking advanced work in the University of Pittsburgh, has just passed the oral examination for the degree of Master of Science which he will receive from the University on June 14th.

Harold B. Saunders, who has been teaching science in the Greenwich, Conn., high school the past year, goes to Rockville Centre, L. I., next year, where he is to be head of the science department of the high school. Rockville Centre is a town of about 8000.

WESTERN NEW YORK ALUMNI BANQUET

The annual banquet of the Alfred Alumni of Western New York was held in Buffalo at the Hotel Iroquois, on Saturday evening, May 6th. There were more than fifty alumni and friends of the college present.

After the reception and banquet, the toastmaster, Rev. William Leach of the Walden Ave. Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, introduced the speakers of the evening. Colonel Joseph Ewell, the oldest graduate of the College, spoke on his experiences in the University. Col. Ewell is an alumnus of the class of 1857, the first class graduated from Alfred.

After a roll call of the classes, Dr. Rudolph Stoll of College Hill gave a short talk, and then President B. C. Davis spoke on what the Association of Western New York has already done, and what it can do to become even more closely allied with the Central Branch.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Honorary President, L. C. Boyce
President, Marion Reed Roos
Secretary, Mary Hunting
Treasurer, Bruce Emerson
Executive committee as follows:
Dr. B. C. Davis, Rev. Wm. H. Leach, L. C. Boyce, Hon. Leonard Gibbs, and Prin. E. S. Pierce.

Mrs. Taber was song leader at the banquet, and the Alfred songs were thrown upon the screen, and sung with old time spirit. Pres. and Mrs. Davis of Alfred and Miss Edna Bliss were guests of L. C. Boyce. Others present were Judge Haight, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Langworthy, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Young, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bass, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pierce, S. S. Kenyon, Christine Hurd, Col. Joseph Ewell, Mr. Leach, Bruce Emerson, Mildred Carney, Mr. and H. S. Wasson, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Milward, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Morley, Rev. and Mrs. Stoll, George Spink, Mabel Reed, Cewsmi Barresi, Marian Campbell, Katherine Chapin, Mrs. E. Barney, Alice Button, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Young, Roger Stillman, Mr. and Mrs. Hovey Dodge, Dr. and Mrs. Taber, Hon. and Mrs. Leonard Gibbs, LeRoy Fess, Hazel Jackson, Myrtle McPhilly, Marion Roos, and Mary Hunting.

Hubert Bliss '17 Writes of Journalism

NEWSPAPER WORK

In asking for a contribution from me, the alumni editor, suggested that I might write on the opportunities in journalism or how to get into journalism. This, I argued, might appear rather presumptuous, since I still bear in the fraternity the title of reporter. In this dilemma my wife suggested that I might write on how to get out

of newspaper work or else how to stay in.

To the uninitiated there would appear to be no relation between these subjects. Yet they present one of the ironies of newspaper work. For there is rather a high casualty rate in journalism. In a monetary sense, for the work involved, the profession is somewhat less attractive than other fields. As examples of this, the mayor of New Bedford and the city clerk are among those who graduated from the newspaper concern I am with, into better positions than would have been their lot had they remained with the Fourth Estate. One may say, therefore, that among the opportunities in journalism is to open up ways and means to get out into more remunerative fields.

But I am writing from the standpoint of one intending to "stay in" to the exclusion of the lures other vocations may offer; to which group, of course, the great majority belong. For nine times out of ten I have felt changes have been the result of short sightedness, in which immediate gains outweigh eventual values. Not that newspaper work is devoid of "blind alleys." In fact it is often when, after gaining a sensational but doubtful success in a comparatively short time without grounding in fundamentals, that many leave because they can see nothing ahead sufficient to satisfy their own self-importance.

Taken in its larger sense, newspaper work requires the services of the highest caliber man. The newspaper man must be broad enough to find some compensation in the love of his work and the realization of doing something worth while whether it is recognized or not. His requirements do not parallel the impossible. But much of the criticism of the modern newspaper comes from the fact that many connected in its composition have not grasped the scope of their obligations.

He deals with the world of a day. Yet in that day are portrayed the procession of human events and activities in all their business political, social, religious and myriad other aspects. If true to his duty, he must record all the news, whether good or bad, without fear or favor. To do this, he must be versed to some extent on practically every subject—at least to know how to pick up the thread that will lead from an abyss of ignorance to a story intelligible to readers—while in some he must have specialized knowledge.

The newspaper fulfills a semi-public function. Like a government, it typifies a cross section of life itself, particularly of that region in which it circulates, reflecting the foibles, the prejudices, the diversities, but fundamentally the enduring desire for worth while accomplishments inherent in its clientele. One of the most valuable things for a person intending to enter journalism to know is that it does not

present a grand scheme for world reform. When the great mass of humanity gets to where it can agree on the mechanics of the millenium, the world will have reached a point where newspapers would be superfluous. The newspaper worthy the name must be tenacious in recording and broad and virile in its guidance rather than dogmatic and deterministic.

An example is furnished within the field I specialize in on The Standard—labor and economics. Picture in this day, when it is difficult to find any two persons who agree on the labor and capital question, a general newspaper restricting its news columns only to what might be its editor's own views. Instead, the gauge, as I see it, is in the sincerity of expressed sentiments, that form of truth prompted by the desire for forwarding the progress of the world.

Newspaper work presents a varied field for opportunity. Those interested in political, social or economic subjects have a certain advantage. But there are not specialized fields on most daily newspapers. Except in the metropolitan newspapers, most of the writing is as a general reporter—the fraternity frowns upon, scoffs and ridicules him who plumes himself with the high-sounding title of journalist. Yet there is a demand for special and feature writing everywhere. The editorial branch also provides a productive field. Ahead is the news desk—where copy is edited and heads written. This is the route to promotion to a great extent, but the work is uninteresting compared with that of reporting.

Neither should a person be discouraged because he feels a lack of some particularly desirable qualification. Literary ability is desirable: It is not essential. The good stylist will lose much from contact with journalism; the man of meager ability will develop, at the same time he can overcome this lack through other qualifications.

As to training, by all means the liberal arts education is preferable. Then, if one has the means and wants to, he can take the profession course, though I have been more than satisfied with my decision to get my technical training from practical experience rather than finishing my journalistic course.

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SPEAKERS AT INTERSCHOLASTIC SHOW ABILITY

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scholastic medals and trophies were awarded to the winners of the track and field events.

Hundreds of the visitors then joined the college students in a large dance at Academy Hall, where the "College Five" furnished music for the final feature of Interscholastic Day.

Brookfield Courier: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitford of Plainfield, N. J., were callers at Mrs. Emline Whitford's and on other friends here Thursday. They were married on May 10th and had been on a motor trip through the Adirondacks and to Thousand Islands.

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