

Prof. Spicer Becomes Adviser For Veterans Studying On Campus

New Organization Proposes To Benefit Sixteen Members

Prof. John Reed Spicer, counsellor to prospective students, is the newly appointed adviser of education for the 16 war veterans now studying at Alfred University under the G. I. Bill of Rights, Pres. J. Nelson Norwood announced today.

"As co-ordinator, Mr. Spicer will be the only university official dealing with the government veterans administration offices," Pres. Norwood explained. "His office will be a depository of informative literature, application blanks, rules, and regulations for the veterans."

"Mr. Spicer will be informed on all phases of veterans' school opportunities and the proper methods of procedure to give advice as the need arises. Inquiries on the subjects of war veterans coming to university officers or faculty members should be forwarded to Mr. Spicer's office, Pres. Norwood stated.

An organizational meeting of veterans on campus was held Thursday, October 12, to study details of the rehabilitation program provided by Public Law No. 16-78 of the United States Congress, more familiarly known as the "G. I. Bill of Rights."

Explaining the organization's purpose, Prof. T. A. Parish, co-director of the Ag-Tech school in which the majority of veterans are enrolled, said, "The details of this program are vague in the minds of these men and also of those faculty members from whom they get their training. The where's and how's of this program are as yet a deep, dark secret and, therefore, the vets have organized to clear up these mysteries."

Sam Guarino was appointed liaison officer to keep in active touch with the Veterans Administration office in Batavia. Prof. Parish explained that through the liaison officer, any veteran may present whatever problem he has to the rehabilitation officers in Batavia.

Ralph Gestiricki was chosen president of the group to be assisted by the following officers: Vice commander, William Cryan; treasurer, William Gaul; press agent, George Benet; and liaison officer, Mr. Guarino. "This shall not be an active organization on campus and will benefit no one but those who are veterans at Alfred. These men will be free to join any other campus organization and no doubt will do so."

"If you are a veteran of World War II, we urge you to join with us and clear up all the little misunderstandings that have arisen or will arise," Prof. Parish concluded.

Plans to draw up a charter and choose a name will be made at the next meeting to be held Thursday, October 19, at 5 p.m. in the Ag-Tech library.

The 10 veterans in the Ag-Tech school are: Ralph Gestiricki, Fred Miller, Don Moses, William Murphy, William Gaul, Sam Guarino, Pat Pulvin, George Bennett, William Cryan, and Charles Hampton. Those in the Ceramics and Liberal Arts colleges are: John Kohlie, Joseph George Klinetsky, Edmund Jukowski, James Farrell, Robert Johnson, and Milton Kleinman.

Alumnus Writes Article

An interesting article released by the Associated Press and written by Ed Creagh, appeared in the October 13 edition of the "Wellsville Dairy Reporter," which is on reserve in the library. Mr. Creagh is a graduate of Alfred University.

Campus Men Attend Annual Meet At Albany

President J. N. Norwood and Prof. John Reed Spicer, Alfred University Adviser on Veterans' Education, left for Albany, Monday, October 16, to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York, at the Hotel Ten Eyck.

The general theme of the two-day conference will be "Problems of Returning Veterans' Education" and included in the program will be three sectional meetings or round tables on the following phases of Veterans' Education: (1) Counseling; (2) Curriculum Construction; (3) Admissions. President Norwood is Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the other members of which are President Constance Warren of Sarah Lawrence College; and Rev. Timothy J. Conghlin, S. J., President of Canisius College.

The President and Mr. Spicer will remain in Albany to attend the sessions of the seventy-ninth Convocation of the university of the State of New York at Chancellors Hall, State Education Building, Thursday, October 19, at which President Norwood will give the invocation at the opening session.

Other members of the Alfred University faculty who will attend the Convocation are Dr. Joseph Seidlin, chairman, Department of Education; and Dr. T. A. Hall, assistant Professor of Psychology. Prof. T. A. Parish, co-director of the N. Y. S. Ag-Tech Institute also will be present at the convocation, during which Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum is to speak upon the "Veteran's Stake in Education"; and Beardsley Ruml, treasurer of Macy's and chairman of the Federal Reserve in New York, is to speak on "Education and Economic Development".

Forum Artist



Kenneth Spencer

Campus Calendar

Tuesday, October 17
Fiat Meeting, Editorial Staff, 7:15 p.m.; whole staff, 7:30 p.m. at Office.
Math Club, evening, Physics Hall.
Wednesday, October 18
Men's Glee Club, 1:00 p.m., Music Studio.
University Forum, 8:15 p.m., Alumni Hall.
Thursday, October 19
University Assembly, 11:00 a.m., Alumni Hall.
Veteran's Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Ag-Tech Library.
Church Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Church.
Movies, 7:00 p.m., Alumni Hall.
Girl's Glee Club, 8:00 p.m., Music Studio.
Men's Glee Club, 1:00 p.m., Music Studio.
Friday, October 20
Movies, 7:00 p.m., Alumni Hall.
Saturday, October 21
Movies, 7:00 p.m., Alumni Hall.
Sunday, October 22
ACF Music Hour, 2:00 p.m., Social Hall.
ACF Forum, 7:00 p.m., Social Hall.
Monday, October 23
Girl's Glee Club, 8:00 p.m., Music Studio.
Men's Glee Club, 7:00 p.m., Music Studio.

Compulsory Military Training Is Changing World Topic

"Should the United States Have Compulsory Military Training?" was the topic debated last Tuesday by Dr. Murray J. Rice and Dr. Ellsworth Barnard who formed the faculty panel of "Our Changing World", the course inaugurated this year by the Department of History and Political Science.

"Democracy involves obligations as well as privileges" began Dr. Rice in presenting the positive argument last Tuesday morning. Although Prussian militarism immediately comes to the average person's mind when compulsory military training is mentioned it should be remembered that Sweden, Australia, and Switzerland have long possessed systems of compulsory training, stated Dr. Rice, who went on to suggest that the military training of youth is not necessarily a mark of belligerence but rather an insurance policy on a nation, similar to a fire insurance policy which one might take on a house.

Washington, Jefferson and Madison were among the early advocates of a term of military service for all young men, Dr. Rice told the students. He also reminded them that the American Legion has stated that the adoption of a government proposal requiring compulsory service is its number one objective. In the course of his talk Dr. Rice emphasized the improvement in the general health of the nation's young men which such a system would bring about.

Before presenting the opposition, Dr. Barnard admitted one important advantage of compulsory military training for the nation's youth: the breaking down of the regionalism and racial prejudice which exists in this country through the mingling of youth

of all races and from all sections of the country.

However, Dr. Barnard emphasized that fact that compulsory military training is apt to be a screen behind which the citizens of a nation feel that they can relax, as was the case with France, which inaugurated compulsory military training in 1870. Obviously such a program would not be absolute insurance against aggression, said Dr. Barnard.

Stating that self-discipline is the only real training, Dr. Barnard pointed out that men in the Army are not taught to think for themselves but are merely taught to function with the precision of a machine. Such a situation conflicts with our idea of democratic western civilization, said the speaker.

A spirited discussion by members of the class followed the addresses of the two faculty members. Dr. Rice was particularly singled out to answer the questions of the students.

Next Tuesday, October 24, Mr. Lyle Jackson, Hornell City Judge, will be guest speaker of the class. His topic will be Juvenile Delinquency with particular reference to the Parent's Court, which he has developed in Hornell. An invitation to attend this class which meets at 11 a.m. in room three at Kanakadea Hall is extended to all Sociology and Physiology students.

1944-45 Forum Season To Open With Kenneth Spencer As Performer

Returning From Overseas Tour, Guest Artist Will Present Varied Program

The opening program of the Alfred University Forum will be a concert by the famed Negro basso Kenneth Spencer Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock in Alumni Hall. He will be accompanied at the piano by Jonathan Brice.

Wm. Pidgeon Is Guest Speaker This Thursday

Dean M. Ellis Drake has officially disclosed that Thursday's assembly program will feature William Pidgeon, the noted Business Executive and Philosopher, as guest speaker. Mr. Pidgeon plans to discuss, "What We Owe To Germany—the art and heritage it has brought us and its challenge to liberty and freedom."

This eminent speaker has been heard by large groups all over the United States and Canada, including the largest business and industrial groups from Atlantic City to the West Coast.

President J. Nelson Norwood has just appointed the following as members of the assembly program committee: Dean Drake, chairman, Chaplain B. D. Napier and Dr. S. R. Scholes representing the faculty, and Prof. T. A. Parish and Virginia Larson and Doris Coutant, representing the senior class; Dorothy Burdick and Mae Barrus, from the junior class; and Corinne Herrick and Donald Emhiser, from the Sophomore class.

Arlene Patterson Is Elected As "El Centro" Head

Professor Mercedes Benardete, principal Spanish lecturer of Columbia University, was the guest speaker at the second Spanish Club meeting, which was held Saturday evening, at 8 P.M., in the home of Senora Paula Ovida de Visé.

The professor spoke on "Spain in the Times of the Great Discoverer." He told of the enumerable preparations outlined by the early Spaniards for the gigantic task in the discovery of new worlds, conquering them, and bringing here, to the United States, the seeds of Spanish culture and western civilization.

To close his address, Professor Benardete read from Archibald Macleish's book, "Conquistador". This book was based on Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico," which told of the hardships, hunger and death endured by the Spaniards at the time of its conquests.

Officers of "El Centro Latinoamericano" were elected. Mrs. Arlene Patterson now holds the office of president; Miss Marcia Noyes, vice-pres., and Miss Leah Raptis, secretary-treasurer.

Javier H. Fuenzalida, graduate student from Chile, played some modern Mexican records, to which the guests and members danced.

Guests present were: Professor and Mrs. John Reed Spicer, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Seidlin, and Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Lowenstein.

Mr. Spencer returned to New York City last Wednesday, after an eight-month concert tour of military outposts of the South Pacific Theater of War under the auspices of the U.S.O. He and Mr. Brice will arrive in Alfred, Wednesday morning and will be shown the campus by Prof. C. Duryea Smith, III, chairman of the Forum committee.

Coming to Alfred this year was almost a return engagement for Mr. Spencer. He was scheduled for a concert here on October 20, 1943, but left for overseas entertainment duty in the European Theater of Operation before he could come to Alfred, being replaced by the duo-pianist team of Cellius Dougherty and Vincenz Ruizicka.

An international flavor permeates Mr. Spencer's interesting program, which opens with a traditional group of three songs by the old German masters, "Dank Sei Dir, Herr" (Thanks Be To Thee) by Handel; "Aufenthal" and "Der Jungling an Die Quelle" by Schubert. Two French songs follow with Debussy's "Beau Soir" and Fauré's "Promenade au Mule".

Perhaps the most popularly known and beloved of all Russian composers, Tchaikovsky's music will be represented by his "At the Ball," after which Mr. Spencer will sing "Heart Worshipers" by Holst. "Bally Nure," an Irish Folk song arranged by Austin, and "Captain Mac" by Sanderson, will close the first half of the evening's concert.

"Hunger Song" by Cui will open the second part of the program. The colorful music of Spain will be interpreted in the folk song "Four Generals". A second song of Russia will be "Meadowlands," Russian calvary song of the Soviet army.

A most characteristic of United States folk songs, the richly moving spirituals of his race, will be given in Mr. Spencer's interpretation of "Go Down, Moses," arranged by Burleigh, "Hammer Song," arranged by Laurence Brown (Paul Robeson's accompanist), "Scandalize My Name" also arranged by Burleigh, "City Called Heaven" and "Honor, Honor" of Hall Johnson's arrangement.

A reception in Social Hall honoring Messrs. Spencer and Brice will be open to all attendees of the Forum immediately following the concert.

Many music lovers were privileged to hear Spencer in his Town Hall recital, others know him through his motion pictures, "Cabin in the Sky" and "Bataan," and some Alfredians from New York City way may have heard him in his "bread-and-butter" job at Cafe Society Uptown, where he appears between continental and overseas concert tours.

Spencer first wanted to be a minister but even as a child of six, when he lived in Los Angeles with his father, mother and sister, he loved to play make-believe church and be the singer as well as preacher. When he entered high school, Kenneth went out for the glee club. He didn't make it because they said he sang "too

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Open Letter

We propose to form the committee for the promotion of friendlier relations, the C. P. F. R., which, as is implied in the name is a group which will endeavor to further friendly relations among the members of all classes and especially to aid in the integration of new students into the life and traditions of Alfred University.

We do not wish to abolish Freshman Court and freshman rules, but we propose a moderation of those rules which are childish and ridiculous, we propose a promotion of those rules which actually aid the freshman in familiarizing himself with the school and aid him in developing into a warmer, broader, friendlier individual, and we propose an expansion of the function of the mechanisms established to bring about a spirit of fraternalization between the new students and those already here. We believe in the rekindling of the spirit which existed when Freshman rules were first instituted and in the future, preventing the misuse of Freshman Court and freshman rules as an outlet for petty dislikes and grievances.

When a freshman comes to Alfred we want him to become part of our school which, while it consists of traditions and buildings is also to a large extent us, you and I, faculty and students. We are extremely perturbed when a freshman neglects to give us a friendly "hello", just as we'd feel the same way if we received no greeting from someone who had been on campus for a number of terms. Because of his laxness should we call him up before the Board, ridicule him, antagonize him, and to a degree alienate him when our real aim is to have him partake of a friendly spirit with us? A much more mature and intelligent approach to the matter is necessary.

Why doesn't the freshman say hello? Perhaps he was never fully familiarized with the custom (a condition which we believe exists this year). Perhaps it is mere carelessness and not willful neglect. Must he suffer for the very small number of conceited, egotistical people that come to the campus each year believing they are of a superior kind? And do we have the mechanism to deal with this arrogant type? We must probe deeper; labeling their actions as mere disrespect and leaving it at that is taking a very narrow view of the issue. Behind such actions there is an influence of home environment, town environment and previous school environment. Ridicule will not win him to our spirit, guidance we think will.

Why not form a Board of three students and three faculty members who would be constituted to talk to the misguided souls, to reason, discuss, and most of all explain why we say hello to everyone. To this board would be given all the names of those students we felt needed guidance, not punishment. There would be no gibing audience, no black robes, no court room, no hangman's noose, and we certainly could dispense with the Orson Welles lighting effects.

Of course this new proposal would cheat the few bullies that are always present in the upperclass of an opportunity of making fools of the freshmen they have taken a personal dislike to, but We Don't Care. Freshman caps, yes! to promote a feeling of unity among the freshmen and to help us upperclassmen know who our new friends are (We would, however, rather see freshman caps with the school colors than that anemic green). We feel that no class or classes should hold a monopoly on the privilege of walking on the grass. Rivalry between freshmen and upperclassmen with sportsmanly spirit is excellent.

There will be no Freshman Court for men this year. We have no attractive green caps because it seems the material is being dyed khaki. But, in the matter of saying hello, MUCH IMPROVEMENT IS POSSIBLE NOW. We want to say hello to the freshmen and we also want them to say hello to us. We hope that after being here for a short time they'll want to say hello to everyone. We realize that many come from large cities where this custom is not observed we realize for this and other reasons the freshmen ignore the practice.

So, freshmen! As a move in the direction of becoming friendlier with all of us, townspeople included, say "hello" to everyone, and, if you forget every now and then we won't dress you up to look like a stupid ass. You may say "hello" now because we've asked you to, but we who have been here for a while know that soon your hello's will come from your heart, and you will really prize that as one of Alfred's unique and great traditions.

And when you wear caps again and if you have to tip them to us, we in the upper class wish we had caps to tip right back to you, because you occupy no subservient position with us, you are as good as we are, but happened to have come to Alfred a year or so later because God decreed it that way. So remember our slogan L. S. M. F. T., Let's Smile And Be More Friendly Today.

Alfred's Blue Book

By Shirley Lane

One of the sororities' most gala events of the year, the Inter-Sorority Tea, came Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. The houses were bathed in an atmosphere of soft lights, low music and colorful autumn flowers and leaves.

At Theta Chi refreshments of coffee, tea, cup cakes, sandwiches, cider and doughnuts, and popcorn were served. Mrs. M. Ellis Drake, Mrs. Willis C. Russell, Mrs. S. R. Scholes, Mrs. Hazel Harvey, Miss Clara Nelson, and Mrs. H. O. Burdick, poured. Peg Lore '47, general chairman, was assisted by Lynn Searles '47, and Kathryn Fuller '45, reception committee; Alice Van Gaasbeck '46, Marilyn Fitzroy '45, Ruth Weitz '45, and Jeannette Carl lanzo '47, refreshment committee; Barbara Guillaume '47, Doris Hill '45, and Gloria Burchell '45, decorations; Waite Tefft, pouring committee.

Cookies, cakes and tea were served at Sigma Chi, with Mrs. Harold Reid, Mrs. W. C. Hinkle, Mrs. Roberta Mower, and Mrs. Ward Tooke, pouring. Doris Comfort '46, was general chairman. She was assisted by the following committees: refreshments, Carolyn Torrey '46, Roberta Bliss '45, Beverly Longfritz '47, and Sylvia March '46; reception, Elaine Locke '46, Grace Kobernuss '45, and Marie Baci-an '46.

Since many of its members became suddenly ill Saturday night, Pi Alpha Pi was forced to postpone its tea. However, all freshman and transfer women are invited to a tea at Pi Alpha which will be given in the near future.

A Friday the 13th party was given by the Ceramic Guild in Ceramic Lounge, Friday night, from 8 to 10:30. Guests were made to walk under ladders, look at broken mirrors and opened umbrellas hung from the ceiling. The main entertainment of the evening was dancing; everyone had fun dancing the Virginia Reel and Polkas. There were also some organized games. Later in the evening refreshment of cokes and cup cakes were served. Special guests included Miss Clara Nelson, Miss Marion Fosdick, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Merritt. Beatrice Jackson '45, was general chairman and was assisted by Martha Miner '46, and Paul Cook '45, enter-

tainment; Gloria Burchell '45, refreshments and Doris Coutant '45, decorations.

The girls at Bartlett dormitory had another informal party in the lounge on Sunday afternoon. In the absence of Toni Allen '45, Mary Lord acted as general chairman. Refreshments were served with dancing as the entertainment of the afternoon.

At a recent meeting of the girls at Bartlett, Ruth Smith was elected treasurer, and Gloria Woodard '46, was elected as the Bartlett's representative to the Student Senate.

The engagement of Roberta Bliss '45, to Pfc. George H. Valentine ex-'44, son of George G. Valentine of Weedsport, was announced this summer by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bliss of Wellsville. Pfc. Valentine is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., pending overseas shipment with the infantry.

Joanna Folts '46, and William Stetson announced their engagement this summer. Bill was in the A.S.T.P. at Alfred last fall and is now going to O.C.S.

Elizabeth Burns ex-'44, and Stanton Langworthy '42, were married at Mt. Vernon, New York, on July 11.

Ramon R. Iles '43, and Miss Eleanor J. Cummings of Clayton, New York, were married on June 19. Mr. and Mrs. Iles are living in Easthampton, Mass., where he is working in the Easthampton Tube Works of the General Electric Company.

The engagement of Marie McDermot '44, and Sgt. Richard Olds of Arkport, was announced this summer. Marie is now teaching commercial subjects at Leicester, New York.

The engagement of AS Jack E. Phillips ex-'45, and Miss Mary Frances Testani of Hornell, has recently been announced.

Barbara June Hill '42, and Sgt. John Ledin '43, were married at the Fourth Regimental Chapel, Fort McClellan, Alabama, on May 2. Mrs. Ledin is working on campus this year.

JANIE ASKS

Have You Met . . . ?

Peg Hopkins

You sophs, juniors and seniors, all know "Hoppy". You freshmen know "Hoppy" whether you are aware of it or not.

"Hoppy" was of the class of '44" in the Liberal Arts department, studying sociology and psychology. The effects of her four years at Alfred are still evident all about us.

Do you wonder who revised the whole Women's Student Government constitution? Well, it was "Hoppy". Do you wonder who laid down the new rules of the W.A.G.B.? It was "Hoppy". Do you wonder who could have made the all Alfred Hockey team for three years, all Alfred Basketball team for four years, received the Alfred blazer and the All-Alfred "A"? It was "Hoppy". Member of Alpha Tau Theta, Phi Sigma Gamma, Eta Mu Alpha, and more if you refer to the Kanakadea of last year.

From R.F.D. near Kerhonkson, N. Y., "Hoppy" rose to be placed in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," an honor well deserved. Her summer was spent driving a bus through the Buffalo streets, where she claims, she grew to dislike the city intensely.

Her opinion as to frosh rules is very pronounced. She believes "Frosh caps, not walking on the grass,—all these are part of freshmen memories. The frosh should not be deprived of them."

"Hoppy's" pet peeve, is people who continually judge others. Her motto is "Live and let live".

She wants to work in the Correction field. If we know "Hoppy," when she finally finishes a job there will be no more room for correction. This week has been her second visit to

Gordon Swanson

Dependability is the key word for "Swanie". Managing Editor of the Fiat, it's his job to arrange, write headlines, and finally to get your Fiat out to you on time each Tuesday. It's a big order, but Gordon is the right man for it.

Hailing from Jamestown, New York, where he attended the Jamestown Extension for 2 years, majoring in Liberal Arts, plus his 2 years here at Alfred brings him up to the role of a senior.

In those two short years, he has been Managing Editor of the Fiat, President of the International Relations Club, on the Board of Directors of the Campus Union, Senior Class President, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Footlight Club, member of the Forum Committee and Student Senate Representative.

He goes in for fencing, chocolate cake, horses, tobogganing, skiing, cats (having one at home he calls José), and bowling, hitting an average of 154.

Dependability and hard work! If Gordon is not at the Fiat office, he is at the Coffee shop at every meal, at the Independents' meeting, or at home reading up on Greek drama or other dramatic literature.

A swell guy, with loads of personality and a bright smile, who carries the real spirit of Alfred, who's aims some day to be a jitterbug and a history teacher, Gordon Swanson hits a high note on Alfred's campus.

Alfred this year. Both times she has resided at her sorority, Sigma Chi Nu. Come back and see us again, and loads of luck, "Hop".

HEADLINES FROM THE FRONT LINES

Roberta Bliss

Official dispatches this week bring bad news about another popular Alfred alumnus. Edward Gehrke '41, Klane Alpine, a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, has been listed as missing. His ship is reported to have sunk during the recent hurricane along the Atlantic Coast.

Sgt. Donald Bemus ex '46, Lambda Chi Alpha, is stationed with the Army in England.

Sgt. Lee Hoitink '42, Lambda Chi Alpha, is stationed in Buffalo, operating between that city and Syracuse as an Army recruiting officer.

Lieut. John Baker ex '44, Lambda Chi Alpha, was on campus last week during a leave from the Marine base at Quantico, Va.

Pvt. Fred Haggerty, ex '45, Klan Alpine, has arrived in France with the 78th Infantry Division.

W. Boardman Lowe, ex '42, received his commission as second lieutenant with the engineering corp at Fort Belvoir, Va., September 20. He is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Flight Officer Wortley Paul ex '45, Klan Alpine, has been transferred from Plant Park, Fla., to MacDill Field, Fla. S-2/C Donald Polan ex '47, Kappa Psi has been a visitor on campus this week, following completion of boot training at the Sampson Naval Base.

S-2/C Frank Cornish, '44 Klan Alpine, has finished boot training at Sampson and is studying radar at Wright Junior College, Chicago, Ill. Frank was a campus visitor during a 7 day leave last week.

Lt. Charles Brady, ex '44, Delta Sigma Phi, is stationed at the Army Air Base at Greensboro, N. C. His wife, Jean Gardner Brady, ex '45, is with him.

The engagement of Carolyn Howe '44, of DuBois, Pa., to Pfc. David Defenbaugh, Camp Atterbury, Indiana, was announced recently.

Mrs. S. R. Scholes and her sister, Mrs. White, were dinner guests at Theta Chi, Wednesday evening.

Arlene Patterson '45, was a guest at dinner at Theta Chi on Thursday. Joanne Tefft was a week-end guest at Theta Chi.

Mrs. Dora K. Degen was a Sunday dinner guest at the Castle.

The engagement of Ann Hooker '46, Pi Alpha, to Lucious Thornton, former A.S.T.P. member stationed at Alfred, was announced in the summer.

Barbara Foster of Yonkers, N. Y., was a week-end guest at Pi Alpha. Jeanne Sherman '44, Pi Alpha, visited her friends at Pi Alpha over the week-end.

Marianne Dreher of Wellsville was another week-end guest at Pi Alpha. Mrs. George Bunnell was a luncheon guest Thursday at Pi Alpha.

Robert Burgess '43, Kappa Psi, lunched at Pi Alpha, Thursday noon. Mr. and Mrs. Abram Bastow ex-'43 of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter Ann Bastow, Pi Alpha, to Lt. (j.g.) Samuel D. Brown, Jr., U.S.N.R. also of Dobbs Ferry.

Margaret Hopkins '44 was a visitor at Sigma Chi over the week-end.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Marian McKenna '47, Sigma Chi, to Frank Cornish '44, Klan Alpine, now in the U. S. Navy stationed at Wright Junior College in Chicago.

Gail Bowman of Perry was a guest of Doris Comfort '46, at Sigma Chi last Tuesday.

Dean Dora K. Degen was a dinner guests at Sigma Chi on Wednesday. Sigma Chi entertained Mrs. June Moland at dinner, October 10.

The engagement of Joyce Soyars '45, to Pfc. Clifford Benson of Camp Shelby, Miss., has been announced. Pfc. Benson was a member of the ASTP Unit at Alfred last year.

Mrs. Ruth Ginther of Niagara Falls was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jeanne Hauth '45, at Sigma Chi, several days last week.

Sigma Chi entertained Pi Alpha at a buffet supper, Friday evening. Harriet Fisk '45, Beverly Longfritz '47,

.. Of Cabbages And Kings

Stuart H. Pomerantz

Wendell L. Wilkie, whose leadership was shunned by certain reactionary elements in his political party, left us a vast heritage of writings which we would do well to apply to the future. These ideas speak more eloquently for him than I possibly could, and so I will let them. Here are basic truths—as Wilkie saw them.

"Only the productive can be strong, and only the strong can be free.

"To the liberal the purpose of government is unchangeable. It is to leave men free.

"I make no defense of expediency, military, political, or otherwise. For I believe the moral losses of expediency always far outweigh the temporary gains. And I believe that every drop of blood saved through expediency will be paid for by twenty drawn by the sword.

"Self-sufficiency is a delusion of the totalitarians. In a truly democratic world, a nation would have no more self-sufficiency than the State of New York has of making itself independent of the State of Pennsylvania.

"A blind faith in one's inevitable rightness is a fine quality for a crusade but a dangerous one for the practical administration of government.

"The liberalism of Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, and the elder Robert La Follette, fought against the domination of government by big business. The liberalism of today must be concerned about the domination of the people by big government.

"As an ultimate end, security is suicidal, because it breaks down the very qualities of initiative, self-reliance, and self-development by which alone security can be achieved.

"A nation built for one generation is a nation badly built, like a house that is constructed with the knowledge that it will last only for a few years.

"The cynics of our day have for the most part concluded that political parties are nothing more than vehicles for men who want power. One contemporary historian defines a political party in so many words as 'an organized attempt to get power.' No one, of course, can deny that parties are convenient vehicles for power seekers. No one can deny, either, that they often succumb to the temptations of political expediency at the expense of their fundamental principles. Still, I think the time has come to give the lie to the cynics. Unless political parties are able and willing to formulate issues and to stand upon principles, democracy cannot endure. Furthermore, the principles of a political party, in order to win the confidence of the people, must be vital, ever-flowing, ever-evolving."

America lost a truly great liberal with the passing of Wendell Wilkie. He was a man who put country and principles before party loyalty. We could ill afford to lose such a man in peacetime. His demise is felt even more keenly in time of war.

Movie Time Table

Thursday, October 19—"JANIE" featuring Marjorie Reynolds; plus, "ANGEL PUSS" the "NEWS" and "WINNERS' CIRCLE." Show begins 7:43 and 10:13.

Friday and Saturday, October 20-21—A double feature—Edward G. Robinson in "MR. WINKLE GOES TO WAR," and "HOME IN INDIANA" in Technicolor. Show starts at 7:00—Last Complete Show 8:25. "Home In Indiana"—8:25 only; and "Mr. Winkle Goes To War" at 7:05 and 10:13.

Approach Own Record

During the assembly of the week of October 5, President Norwood presented the faculty trophy to Pi Alpha Pi, possessor of the highest scholastic index of any group, other than class groups, in twenty years. This record of 2.04 was surpassed only in 1922-23, when the same sorority had an index of 2.06, and in 1923-24, when it had an index of 2.23.

Frances Bovee '46, and Marian McKenna '47, were in charge of the supper.

Campus Union Board Of Directors Express Confidence In Progress

Constructive Developments Are Set In Motion By Directors

Consolidation was the key-note last Thursday evening, when the Board of Directors of the Alfred Campus Union met in their regular weekly session. Financial and other reviews of progress thus far give real cause for confidence, the Directors agreed, but the organization and its refreshment center in Burdick Hall are so new that before further important developments can be undertaken, the enterprise must become more firmly established.

Among the future developments that were given serious consideration at the meeting were the selling of shares the election of a new Board of Directors by the shareholders with consequent operation under a constitution, and expansion of the facilities in Burdick Hall to avoid over-crowding. Among the numerous other ideas that have been suggested from time to time, some were cited in last week's "Fiat". But many of these, the Board agrees, should either be discarded because they would interfere with local business interests or shelved until needs and possibilities are more closely determined.

The Board's apparent conservatism on expansion does not seem to indicate that the Union will remain static. Among new developments decided upon at the Thursday meeting are:

1. The relocation of the new "juke box" behind a panel in the wall, where its gaudy appearance can be obscured, its mechanism protected from those who would like to tinker with the volume control, and its bulk can be eliminated from the space which is already at a premium.

2. The installation above the service counters of a hanging partition made of the same asbestos-cement board as the counters themselves. The purposes are to improve appearances and to help prevent odors from the grill from circulating through the rooms. This problem is expected to be solved entirely when a ventilating fan, ordered more than a month ago, is delivered and installed.

3. The covering of table and counter tops with high-quality linoleum, which has been donated by a friend in response to solicitations of Board members, and is being fitted by Mr. George D. Gregory of the Ag-Tech Institute, with some student assistance.

4. The employment of additional women, so that one regular skilled person will be in charge of each of the serving counters at all times. Volunteer student help, which has been so generously donated during the opening weeks, will still be needed for rush periods and for numerous necessary incidental duties. But the new plan will insure better service and higher standards of quality.

In connection with help, the Board wishes emphasized the fact that employees are engaged primarily for preparing and serving food. They seldom have time to pick up dishes from the tables or to empty ash trays. If additional help has to be employed for these purposes, the Board believes prices will have to be raised. Volunteer student workers can meet the needs in part but patrons are urged to keep costs down and attractiveness up by:

- 1—Taking their own dishes back to the counter,
- 2—Emptying the ash tray in one of the waste baskets,
- 3—Wiping off the table with a paper napkin.

Remember, it is your Union—help make and keep it the way you really want it to be!

The Board has been endeavoring to conduct the affairs of the Union as closely as possible in keeping with the spirit of the constitution that was proposed last spring and published in last week's FIAT. But at its first meeting last month the Board noted (1) the Constitution has never been officially adopted, nor has it been approved by the Student Senate; (2) good as it is,

it is not quite adequate for the present situation and needs of the Union; and (3) in the present stage of experimental growth, future needs cannot be accurately foreseen. Consequently it was decided that the constitution should be tabled for several weeks, though it should be rectified and put into effect at the earliest feasible date.

Share selling has been postponed for similar reasons. It would not be quite fair to subscribers, the Directors decided, to urge them to become participating members of an organization whose details are still so unsettled.

Gifts however, are welcome. Several persons, apparently more interested in helping a worthwhile project than in buying their way into its management and benefits, have informed various Directors of their desire to contribute. Thusfar such gifts have not been encouraged, but at the Thursday evening session, the Board decided to announce its readiness to receive them. Gifts of any amount can be turned in at the office of the University (and Campus Union) Treasurer. A receipt will be given and the contribution will be earmarked exclusively for the Union's Development Fund.

Funds in addition to operating balances are desirable, the Board points out, both to pay debts incurred in fitting up the Union to its present form and to make expansion possible. The exact extent of present obligations has not yet been determined because some bills have not yet been received. But the Directors are determined to pay these off before taking on additional obligations. Balances in the operating account so far as cutting down the debts at a rate which the Board regards as satisfactory so far as sound business principles are concerned. But expansion will be considerably delayed unless generous gifts are made.

French Club Heads Discuss Activities

The officers of the French Club met last week to plan the club's program for the current year. Due to the absence of the president, Jean Barber '46, vice-president, has assumed her duties until new elections can be held. The other officers are: Carolyn Torrey '46, secretary; and Edna Jane MacBride '46, treasurer.

Meetings of the club will be held monthly on a different day each month. Between these regularly scheduled meetings informal conversation groups in the form of walks or teas will be held if the members request them.

Three tentative programs to be given by the different French classes also have been decided upon. In the latter part of November a St. Catherine's Day Program is scheduled to commemorate the patron saint of all unmarried women over twenty-five. The regular Christmas Celebration will be held as usual. There has also been discussion of a French Week which will be held if enough interest is aroused.

Students who are interested in French and have had enough French to benefit by attending are cordially invited to the meetings.

To Rehearse Christmas Music

Mrs. Samuel R. Scholes announces that the Church Choir will begin practice on Christmas music at its next rehearsal on Thursday.

SPORTSBULLETIN

Renee Suchora

Well at last the sports season got under way and the freshmen are beginning to take advantage of our good weather and the tennis courts. Jane Parvin looked as if she was giving Frosh Grace Congdon a work out on the courts last Wednesday but it seems that Grace turned the tables on Parv.

Strolling by the archery field we noticed Betty Van Gorder surrounded by admirers, even little Michael. As usual Betty hit only the bulls eye, scorning the red and blue on the target. Good shooting, Betty, we hope we have some good archers in the frosh class to help A. U. win some more Archery Tournaments.

It seems that a few of our worthy upperclassmen wish that the lab work from their Physiography class was connected with their gym classes. In this way the girls claim they could get gym credit for all of the hiking they do. T. L., girls, looks like you'll have to do both at a different time and keep smiling.

Since 400 girls couldn't practice Hockey last week you'll have the opportunity to do so this Saturday. Frosh, Senior and Junior teams will practice on the South Hall practice field starting at 10:00 A.M., on. We're planning to start the tournament soon so you'd all better get as much practice as you can because it looks like we're in for a pretty rugged Hockey season.

House Mother Suffers Injury

Campus friends of Mrs. Grace Eggleston, who has been a house mother at Alfred for several years, are raising a "purse" to be presented to her at an early date as an expression of interest and sympathy. Mrs. Eggleston suffered a leg injury early in August and is now in a nursing home.

Mrs. Eggleston was House Mother at Pi Alpha the 2nd semester of 1942-43, and at Delta Sig last year. She had been engaged by the University to act as Head of House at Bartlett Dormitory with the upper-class girls this year.

Mrs. Eggleston, suffering a compound fracture of a previously injured leg, was a patient at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester for several weeks. Recently she was transferred to a Nursing Home, where she is convalescing, but her leg is still in a cast and she is confined to her bed. The expenses for hospitalization, X-rays, physicians, etc., which have been incurred have been overwhelming.

So many have expressed a desire to do something more tangible than merely sending flowers or candy to Mrs. Eggleston, that several of her friends have decided to raise a fund to help ease the heavy financial burden she is under.

Mr. George Bunnell, Manager of Dormitories, has been asked to accept contributions and forward the total to Mrs. Eggleston at an early date. Those wishing to express their sympathy for Mrs. Eggleston in this way should give or send their contributions to Mr. Bunnell, Room 6, Greene Hall at the earliest opportunity. No amount need be considered too small as it is the spirit behind the amount given that counts. Here is a fine opportunity to make a friendly gesture to one having a run of bad luck.

Poem

An artist sits in his hotel
With brushes, canvass, and oil.
The steel smelter, red and raw
By the heat of the blast furnace toils.
But a college boy with pencil and book
Sits in the classroom to dream.
With the knowledge of his elders
Under his thumb,
His life is simple and serene.

Jerry Ware

Sorry—Name Omitted

The Fiat Lux regrets that in its last issue the name of Miriam Tooker '47, was omitted from the list of members of the Chapel Choir.

Student Senate Sounds Court's Death Knell

That the traditional Frosh Court will be abolished was decided last Wednesday evening at the Student Senate meeting in Physics Hall.

Since there are no rules for freshman men to be used as a basis for punishment and since there is no organization to appoint the jurors, the Senate voted to abolish the Court.

In former years Frosh Court was under the direct control of the Blue Key, an honor organization composed of upperclass men on campus. Blue Key has been non-existent for two years. When active the organization appointed a chief judge and six jurors from the members of the Senior Class. There are only two senior boys on campus now who are eligible for the court.

The Senate felt that a Frosh Court on campus at this time would be ineffective and useless. Perhaps in later years the question will arise again and if the demand warrants an amendment can be made.

Art Students Specialize Here

Five new special students are enrolled this year in the Ceramic Design and Pottery Course in the College of Ceramics.

Christine Congdon, who comes from Binghamton, New York, and who has studied art at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, is among the special students who will take both junior and senior pottery courses.

Emanuel A. Kramer, is another new student. He comes from Brooklyn, New York, and has studied at Columbia University and the Art Students League of New York. He will continue this year with the Ceramic work, of which he has had a good basis in his study of painting and sculpturing at the Art League.

Gerald Keitel, from Kenosha, Wisconsin, attended the Art Institute of Chicago before entering Alfred. He was also employed for two years at the Chicago Natural History Museum.

Emma Longseth, who graduated from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, lives in Worthington, Minnesota. She majored in Ceramics there and is working for her Masters Degree here.

Charles Lahofsky is working for his Bachelors Degree and Masters. He majored in Industrial Design at the Cleveland School of Art, Cleveland, Ohio.

Charlie Jacobs who has been at the Ceramic School all summer, and who has taken the position of making Ceramic tools, comes from Buffalo, N. Y.

Instructor Added To Nursing Staff

Miss Elizabeth A. Van Horn, A. U. '33, has been appointed by the University authorities as Clinical Instructor for student nurses training in the Olean General Hospital under the Alfred University Department of Nursing in the College of Liberal Arts.

Miss Van Horn earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Alfred in 1933, having taken the pre-medical course, and holds the New York State Provisional Teacher's Certificate. From 1939-42 she was a student in the Yale University School of Nursing and received a Master of Nursing degree.

Miss Van Horn is a Registered Nurse, a member of the American Nurses' Association; the Yale University School of Nursing Alumnae Association; the New York State School of Nursing Education. Since 1942 she has been Clinical Instructor in the Reading, Pa., Hospital School of Nursing.

Intramural Association Elects Russ Leinhos '45 To Fill Leading Office

Extensive Intramural Sports Program Planned For Year

Men's sports are slated for a big year. Although intercollegiate sports will remain to be lacking, intramurals will hold the spotlight more than they have ever held it in previous years.

Representation For Ag-Techers Is Discussed

Members of the Student Senate met with several faculty members Wednesday night to discuss the possible admission of representatives from the Ag-Tech Institute to the Senate. Dr. Joseph Seidlin, Dr. Ellsworth Barnard and Prof. John Reed Spicer were the members of the faculty who were present.

Since it is felt that the segregation of the Ag-Tech students is undemocratic and does not reflect the spirit of Alfred the Senate is considering the admission of representatives from the Institute. It has been suggested that if the campus is to be run as a true democracy the Ag-Tech students must have a voice in the college government. No decision has been reached as yet, however, but the topic will again be discussed at the next Senate meeting.

No meeting of the Senate is scheduled for next Wednesday, due to the Forum program to be presented then.

D.F.C. Awarded Former Student

The Ninth Air Force Headquarters has recently announced that the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to First Lieutenant Henry Moore, Great Neck, N. Y.

In receiving the award, which is the highest offered by the air forces, Lieutenant Moore was cited for his extraordinary achievement and steadfast devotion to duty while serving as a navigator while flying over enemy occupied France, Belgium, and Holland.

Lieutenant Moore is the son of Mrs. Minnie Moore, of Great Neck, N. Y. A graduate of Alfred University and member of the Fiat Lux. He was employed by the Marionville Glass Company in Marionville, Penn. He joined the services in March, 1941 and was appointed a cadet in January, 1942, receiving his wings at Monroe, Louisiana in October, 1942.

Lieutenant Moore was assigned to a Marauder group and arrived overseas in 1943. Since arriving in this theatre he has been awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

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The first meeting of the Intramural Association was held Monday night at which time officers were elected. Russ Leinhos was reelected President. Other officers are as follows: George Bennet, Ag-Tech, Vice President, Bill Basset '47, Secretary and Treasurer and Jerry Price '47, Publicity Manager.

During the fall season football, soccer, tennis and cross-country will be of major importance. Football will be managed by Frosh Ken Harris of Wellsville, N. Y. He has played both tackle and end on the High School varsity team. In his senior year he was captain of the team. Ken has asked that all men who are interested in football report to the practice field today at 4:30 p.m. Due to the small enrollment the two natural competitors on the campus, the Ag-Tech Institute and the University will test each other's skill on the gridiron.

Jerry Blair '48 of Nunda, New York the newly elected manager of the Soccer team has had three years of varsity soccer to his credit. His High school team won the Section Championship of Western New York in 1943. With such a reliable manager Soccer should become quite notable this year.

Fred Clark '47 of Silver Creek, New York will manage the Tennis Team this year. Fred was the captain of his High School team and is known for his Kovacs style of playing.

The Cross-country team has as its manager Jim Heasley '47 of Patchogue, Long Island. Jim has a varsity letter in both track and cross-country. He announces that all men interested in cross-country report to South Hall tonight at 7:15.

Coach McLane and the Board of Officers and Managers are doing all they can to start the ball rolling but it is an impossibility to start any program without the cooperation of every male student on campus. You have your opportunity now to participate in most of the sports that were available to men on this campus before the war and we'd like to see the same spirit as they have shown in previous years.

Before Rotary Clubs

Pres. J. Nelson Norwood and Dean M. Ellis Drake spoke at the Hornell Rotary Club on Friday, October 6, discussing the question "Shall Germany Be Dismembered After the War?" They repeated the same discussion at the Canisteo Rotary Club on Wednesday, October 11.

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Names Of Scholarship Beneficiaries Released

Two Alfred Alumni Receive War Memorial Graduate Fund

Names of Alfred University scholarship beneficiaries were reported from the Department of Publicity last week. Thirty-two collegians are named in the following list of scholarship holders.

Freshmen holding Alfred Honor Scholarships are Joan Baird, Whitesboro; Mary Belfi, East Rockaway; Roxanne Roberts, Wellsville; and Dorris Weaver, Johnson City.

Upper class recipients of the same award are: Esther Burdick, Adams Center; Helen Dreher, Wellsville; Dorothy Freyer, Auburn; Virginia Larson, Lakewood; Jean Moore, Canaan; D. Waite Tefft, Wellsville; Betty Van Gorder, Hornell; Roberta Wells, Whitesboro; Molly White, Wellsville; and Wilma White, White Plains (second semester).

Linda Allardt of Rochester holds the Anna Grace Herrick Memorial Scholarship, No. 2, one of those founded or sponsored by John P. Herrick of Olean, Alfred University trustee. A similar award, the Allegany County Masonic Free Scholarship was presented to Verna Jean Church of Wellsville. Marian Jeanne Coats, also of Wellsville, has received the Calvin Fairbank Memorial Scholarship. Joyce Dietrich of Salamanca holds the Nellie Young Herrick Memorial Scholarship, No. 1, and Phyllis Hurlburt of Whitesville has been awarded the Orville P. Taylor Memorial Scholarship.

Seven sophomores, juniors, and seniors have been reassigned scholarship assistance as follows: Jean Barber, Conesus, the Margaret Brown Herrick Scholarship; Mary Corinne Herrick, Bolivar, the Melissa Ann Herrick Memorial Scholarship; Doris Hill, Little Genesee, the Anna Grace Herrick Memorial Scholarship, No. 1; and Harriet Norton Fiske, Elkland, Pa., the Melissa Ann Herrick Memorial Scholarship, No. 2.

Others are: Phyllis Murphy Pelton of Olean, the Nellie Young Herrick Memorial Scholarship, No. 2; Julianne Sanford, Swain, the Lafayette Young Memorial Scholarship; and Marilyn Searles of Lockport, the Charles Hastings-Dodd Memorial Scholarship.

Winners of honor awards are freshmen students Victor Burdick, Adams Center; Carl Byers, Lawtons; Raymond Johnson, Sinclairville; Marian Miller, Spring Valley; Lois Sutton and Miriam Tooke, both of Alfred.

The War Memorial Graduate Scholarship, founded by the Twentieth Century Club of Alfred University after the First World War for aid to Alfred alumni doing advanced work toward graduate degrees, has been awarded this year to two alumni; Miss Ruth Rogers, '43, formerly of Daytona Beach, Florida, who will enter medical school, and Mr. Winfield L. F. Randolph, '40, formerly of Keeseville, New York, who is doing graduate work at Syracuse University toward the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Math Club Meets

Members of the Math Club assembled for the first official meeting for the Fall semester, Thursday evening, at the home of Dr. L. L. Lowenstein. Hereafter, meetings will be held Tuesday evenings, once or twice a month, at Physics Hall.

Henry Beerman '47, presided and presented the evening's program. He began with trick methods of squaring numbers, which Prof. W. V. Nevins followed with a trick method of multiplying numbers. Towards the end of the business meeting a committee was appointed for the purpose of nominating officers. The actual elections will take place on October 24.

During the course of the evening refreshments were served by Mrs. Lowenstein. Also on hand to view the events of the program was Dean A. E. Whitford.

1944-45 Forum

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deep," but he did win a debating award and a Shakespearean contest. Kenneth worked, too—from the time he was in grammar school, when he peddled flowers and plants from the school greenhouse. By this time he was studying music with local teachers and singing in the Y.M.C.A. quartet.

He has said that he will never forget the time he was booed off the stage in Chicago. He volunteered for a benefit performance, and the one he was called for happened to be a kid's matinee. The youngsters chose Kenneth's basso profundo for their "object of innocent merriment" and gave him the Bronx raspberry—Chicago style.

After digging ditches, working as a department store call boy and accepting minor dates here and there—during one of which he was stranded in Frisco without carfare and only a bottle of milk between him and starvation—he made his official professional debut in the Hollywood Bowl in 1930, eventually via a scholarship, he found his way to Rochester's Eastman School of Music, receiving his Bachelor of Music degree there in 1938 and a special citation in the form of a "Performer's Certificate."

Heading westward again, he stopped off in St. Louis to do Joe in "Showboat" for the Municipal Opera. When he arrived in California, he had, over a period of months, four appearances at the Hollywood Bowl, an important part in the American opera "Gettysburg," and the leading role in Dunstony's play "The Unknown Warrior," which was awarded first prize in California's Little Theater contest.

Before he landed in New York City as understudy to Paul Robeson in "John Henry," Spencer moved slowly along a concert route arranged for him by a Methodist minister, appearing five times during the week and twice on Sundays in Iowa churches.

Back in New York City, Spencer was introduced to Bernie Josephson, owner of Cafe Society, and hired on the strength of four words. Spencer said "How do you do?" and Josephson replied, "When do you want to start to work?"

Next to singing, Kenneth Spencer likes best to sleep and eat. As for his ambition—he reports that he wants some day "to sing as well as Roland Hayes and act as well as Paul Robeson."

Seven faculty members and eight students have been identified to act as Forum Committee for the coming year, with Prof. Smith serving as chairman.

Professor H. O. Burdick, C. M. Harder, Samuel R. Scholes, Mrs. Ada Becker Seidlin, Professors W. J. Sutton and A. E. Whitford were named to the committee.

To collaborate with these instructors in the selection of Forum entertainers, Edgar Abrahamson '46, Bradley Bargar '47, Isobel Dobson '45, Helen Dreher '45, Russell Leinhos '45, Co-reene Chapman '45 Isabel Smith '45, and Gordon Swanson '45, were designated.

The hour of the Episcopal service has been changed to 5 p.m. three Sundays of the month, with communion at 9 a.m. the second Sunday of each month.

Jerry Smith Holds Position On Magazine

One of the many alumni of the Ag-Tech Institute who is making a name for himself in the armed services is Maurice "Jerry" Smith '42, of Greene, N. Y. "Jerry" is in the Marine Corps and stationed in Washington, D. C. as assistant editor of the *Leatherneck*, official publication of the U. S. Marines.

While on the local campus, Smith studied in the Agricultural Business Department of the Institute, and was active in extra-curricular activities. He was a member of the Blue Key, the Ag-Tech Student Senate, and president of the Independents during his frosh year. Probably without anticipating his present position, "Jerry" gained invaluable experience by working on the staff of the Fiat and The Argosy, of which he was editor-in-chief during his sophomore year.

Smith enlisted after his graduation and upon completion of his "Boot" training was assigned to reporter work. He has done this type of work ever since and now contributes his efforts to making the *Leatherneck* a publication which rates highly with other "name" magazines of the country.

Cadets To Be In Uniforms

Cadet Nurses at Alfred University will soon be wearing uniforms and pins if present plans materialize. Mrs. Hazel Harvey, Director of Nursing, announced this week.

Complete summer and winter uniforms for the Nurses on campus have been ordered and it is expected that they will arrive soon. Previously hospital uniforms were also ordered so that the Cadets might commence their practice at the St. James Hospital in Hornell as soon as possible.

Mrs. Harvey has also announced that any member of the nursing corps who wishes to do so may submit sample designs in the contest to choose the Alfred School of Nursing Pin. This pin will be awarded to nurses upon the completion of the course at Alfred. Any original ideas for designs should be submitted to Mrs. Harvey.

Cadet Nurse Pledge Pins will be mailed soon to pledges of the February nursing class. These pins are circular in shape with a cross on the surface. Inscribed on them is "Pledge U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps". The wearing of these pins is not compulsory but they do designate that the wearer has been accepted in the Cadet Nurses Corps.

Has anyone heard whether the Beacon will be rebuilt? If so, when?

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"Ouija, are you ready?"

What constructive and educational activities are being pursued by the female population of Alfred this semester? Well, I don't know about that, but I do know that a very ancient device has regained all its old-time popularity of late. It is granted that the professors are still handing out homework, but it is also granted that the time which should rightfully be spent doing that homework can be consumed in many other more fascinating ways. Lately one of the most popular of these has taken the form of "sweating it out" over a hot ouija board.

For the information of those unfortunate characters who have not seen this instrument in action, a brief description follows. This highly scientific mechanism consists of a polished board on which are printed the letters of the alphabet, numbers from one to ten, and the words "yes" and "no". Since "Ouija", the spirit who makes this wonderful invention work, is very temperamental, he will not do his part unless there are two "operators". These participants sit on either side of the board with the tips of their fingers resting lightly on a three-legged, movable piece of wood in the center of the device—the indicator. Got it? Now the fun begins.

"Ouija, are you ready?" There is a slight hesitation but the indicator finally travels slowly over to the word "yes". It is returned again to the center of the board and the cross-examination continues. The following are the questions which are usually put to Ouija in the order of their frequency:

1. "When will the war end?" 2. "Will I get married?" 3. "When will I get married?" 4. "What are the initials of my future husband's name?" 5. "How many children will I have?"

These questions and similar ones are usually answered cheerfully and quite promptly. Once in awhile, it is rather difficult for our mysterious friend to make up his mind and the indicator wanders crazily over the board. And, moreover, he seems to have no scruples about lying. In fact, he readily admits a falsehood with no apologies offered. So, of course, we don't swallow all that the mysterious board tells us, and it's a good thing or one of the young ladies on campus could look forward to being Mrs. Alamo Baal.

There must be a perfectly respectable scientific explanation for all this. The indicator *does* move, and yet the two operators will swear that they are not the power behind its motion. At least we all hope there's a logical explanation, or there's nothing left

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'44 Presidential Campaign Is Meeting Topic

The Presidential campaign in this country is a sporting event, a 'world series' for which we must read, weigh and think in order to decide and be prepared to vote," Pres. J. Nelson Norwood told Alfred University faculty members at their first meeting of the year Tuesday night in Social Hall with staff members from all four university divisions—College of Liberal Arts, College of Ceramics, School of Theology, and the Agricultural and Technical Institute attending.

"The presidential campaign in this country is a great people selecting its ruler through the ballot—it is a sublime event and, in this election particularly, a world-shaking event," Pres. Norwood explained in giving "Some Thoughts on the Political Campaign."

Stating that he was acting chiefly as a reporter, that he did not aim to change any votes, the university president presented contrasting arguments for and against the election of Roosevelt on the following headings: Organization of a durable peace, domestic, economic, and social setup of the United States; present government administration, the New Deal, Leftism; prompt return of members of the armed forces to civilian life; the fourth term; and states rights versus regionalism.

"The first two of these points certainly are the most crucial," he believed.

"Some think it a matter of life or death for the nation, but the Ship of State will go on no matter which party wins. The Ship of State may be damaged—its course may be changed, but it will not sink," was Pres. Norwood's concluding remark.

The Castle reports an enviable record which its residents have made. Twelve of the fifteen girls living at the Castle, who are eligible, were named to the White List which was published in the Fiat last week.

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