

Bernard DeVoto To Speak On Mark Twain At Forum Monday, Tuesday Nights

Author, Historian, Lecturer Is Only Speaker Scheduled For Year Program Begins At 8:15, Alumni Hall

"Our Contemporary, Mark Twain" will be the subject of Bernard DeVoto, author, historian and lecturer, who will speak before the Alfred University Forum, Monday and Tuesday evenings, January 20 and 21, at 8:15 o'clock in Alumni Hall.

Second in a series of five programs, Dr. DeVoto is the only speaker of the season. The group head a program of folk music in November and the program to follow will be Joseph Fuchs, concert violinist, March 11 and 12; Rochester Civic Orchestra, April 9; and Valerie Bettis, dancer, May 15 and 16.

Mr. DeVoto's first book, a novel, was published in 1924. It has been followed by three other novels, three books about Mark Twain, two collections of essays and the recent history of American expansion, "The Year of Decision: 1846". He has written many short stories, serials, literary essays, historical articles and editorials for magazines. Mr. DeVoto edited the Saturday Review of Literature from 1936 to 1938 and has written "The Easy Chair" for Harper's since 1935. He is now literary custodian of the unpublished Mark Twain papers.

Mr. DeVoto calls himself a social historian. All of his work, whether fiction, history, or literary criticism, has explored the realities of American culture. He has been a persistent opponent of the school of American thought, dominant during the 1920's, which repudiated American life and American literature as barren, without color or worth, a wasteland of unimaginative materialism fatal alike to individuality, talent and hope. Mr. DeVoto believes that the strength of America derives from the present generation, as for those who have gone before, from the contact of its people with its soil. His books and lectures emphasize that belief.

Born in Ogden, Utah, in 1897, Mr. DeVoto's father was the son of a Piedmontese cavalry officer who had come to America to avoid the hostility of an aristocratic Roman family whose daughter he married. Their American-born son yearned to paint but compromised by teaching mathematics at Notre Dame University. Bernard's education was begun at a convent school and was continued in the public schools.

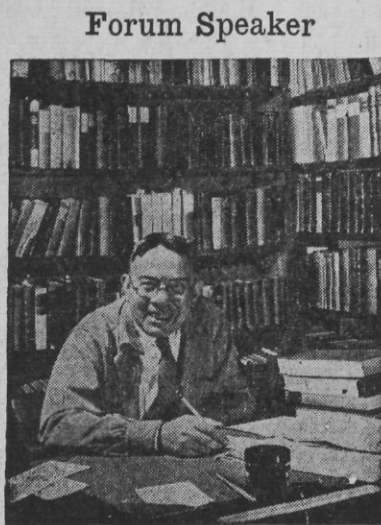
While in high school, long before he became a real journalist, he was writing for local papers. In 1914 he went to the University of Utah, already a man of letters, already a non-conformist. He decided to register at Harvard in 1915 and left for the east. His chief interests at that time were literature and philosophy. Before he left Harvard, he had written and destroyed two novels, many stories, blank verse and plays. He enlisted in the first World War and after the armistice returned to Harvard, where he was graduated in 1920.

A number of doors were open to him and he had been offered jobs by a New York daily and a national liberal weekly. An obscure instinct drove him westward and for two years he was a resident of Ogden. He taught a winter in junior high school and was doing considerable reviewing in the meantime. Then came an offer of an instructorship in English from Northwestern University, where he stayed for five years. The fire, force and authority of his classroom manner and his reputation attracted and impressed the best students. His reputation as a writer had been growing. He had written two novels and short stories and articles had been appearing in the American Mercury, Harpers and the Saturday Evening Post. So when offered an assistant-professorship at Northwestern, he decided to trust to writing for a living, and refused it. He moved to Cambridge, Mass., where he still lives.

Seniors To Meet

Senior Meeting, Thursday, January 16, 11:30 a.m., Physics Hall. Important—Commencement.

— Don't Forget WSSF —



Dr. Bernard DeVoto

French Secret Agent Speaks To RFA Group

Dr. Gabriel Nahas, French medical student previously of Toulouse University in Southern France, addressed the R.F.A. Forum on behalf of WSSF on Sunday, January 12, at Social Hall. Among those hastily mobilized during the last weeks of the battle of France in 1940, Dr. Nahas returned to Toulouse and immediately took part in the organization of a clandestine paper edited and printed by student groups of the city. Arrested in December of 1941 by Vichy police, but released a month later, he resumed his underground work, this time organizing secret Army units among the students.

In 1943, changing his identity, and now wanted by both the German and Vichy police, he undertook the job of arranging for an "underground railway" to pass over the Spanish frontier for British pilots shot down in France. Hundreds of pilots were saved through this purely student effort.

Having finished his medical studies during this time, Dr. Nahas, in 1944, worked with the Maquis of the Toulouse area, organizing a health service unit, and serving as a doctor. He was arrested three times by the Gestapo, but escaped. He took part in the liberation of southwest France, after the liberation becoming senior medical officer with a regiment that fought through into Germany until V-E Day.

Dr. Nahas is now visiting American College under the auspices of the World Student Service Fund, to tell American students of the background and present condition of Europe's students. He has been in the United States for three months, and soon will take up a six-month course of medical study before returning to France.

Dr. Nahas opened his address by stating that it is necessary to realize the war-time activities of Europe's students before an understanding of their present conditions and attitudes may be achieved. When the Germans occupied France, they closed many colleges and universities, imprisoning professors and sometimes students. Those schools which were allowed to remain open were carefully controlled with respect to political instruction. The students of these universities joined the underground movement because, the speaker said, they found no satisfaction in study without the element of freedom. Most of the medical schools, including Toulouse, stayed open, because the Nazis feared epidemics in Europe.

The first job of the underground at Toulouse, the speaker related, was to publish a secret newspaper: a single-page bulletin, often only mimeographed. The purpose of this paper was

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Campus Calendar

TUESDAY

Chapel Service—11:00—Kenyon Memorial Hall
Fiat Meeting—7:00—Fiat Office
Chorus—7:15—Social Hall
Senate—8:00—Physics Hall

WEDNESDAY

Movies—7:00—Alumni Hall
Music Ensemble—7:30—Steinheim

THURSDAY

Senior Meeting—11:30—Physics Hall
Church Choir—7:00—University Church
Chorus—8:15—Social Hall

FRIDAY

Movies—7:00—Alumni Hall

SATURDAY

Movies—7:00—Alumni Hall

SUNDAY

Music Hour—4:00—Social Hall
R.F.A.—7:30—Alumni Hall

S. A. C. To Handle Social Calendar; Discusses Cutting

The regular meeting of the Student Affairs Committee was held Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Elaine Joyce was present at a permanent representative of the School For American Craftsman.

A discussion was held on fire precaution which resulted in the decision to send a letter to the business manager and to the President of the University suggesting that an investigation be held on conditions at Binns Hall and the Infirmary, due to fire hazards.

The S.A.C. will now handle the social calendar, formerly under the supervision of the Dean of Women. All campus organizations will be notified by mail to submit to the committee a copy of the important dates on their social calendar so that the duplication of social functions for one night can be avoided.

At the last meeting held before Christmas vacation, Dean Stone reported that the absence committee can get no action on the revised cutting system until the joint faculty meeting in January. It was also decided that the question of second floor permissions during house dances will be left to the discretion of the individual houses.

Dean Requests Courtesy In Calling Residences

The Dean of Women wishes to call attention to the rule dictated by courtesy to men and women of the campus concerning telephone calls. There should be no local calls to the Brick after 9:30 p.m., or to the sororities after 11:00 p.m. The courteous cooperation of the student body is requested.

Veterans To Meet

A.V.C.—(American Vet Committee), Wednesday, Jan. 22, Room 3, Greene Hall.

Ceramists Hear Guest Speaker From Capitol

Mr. R. F. Geller, Chief of the Pottery and Pottery Division of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., appeared as guest speaker at the meeting of the Student Branch of the American Ceramic Society, Thursday evening in Physics Hall. Mr. Geller gave a detailed account of the work of his division in attempting to develop a whiteware body with superior refractory properties, a suitable maturing range, high tensile and compressive strength, minimum creep, high resistance to thermal shock, and maximum dielectric strength. He illustrated his lecture with slides showing special equipment used, and charts and diagrams derived from experiments made with the materials being tested.

To study maturing range, degree of vitrification, and refractoriness, Mr. Geller used a special high temperature resistance furnace. Beginning with pure oxides, and constantly attempting to keep the composition of the materials as simple as possible, his department tried varying amounts of alumina, beryllium oxide, magnesium oxide, zirconia, and thorium oxide. Then, choosing those bodies which showed the best results in these tests, Chief Geller ran tests for tensile strength and "creep" at various temperatures over a wide range to determine the points of maximum strength.

Mr. Geller then described the tests for compressive strength run on the materials which showed the best results on all previous tests. Experiments to determine resistance to thermal shock and dielectric strength were then performed to determine the bodies showing the best results with respect to all the desired qualities. All of this experimentation was complicated by the fact that the addition of a material to a body to improve one of these qualities may have an adverse effect on other desired properties.

Mr. Geller concluded his talk by indicating some possible uses of the bodies tested by his department, including better spark plug insulators and materials for use in jet engines. He then conducted a short question period, and further developed some of the topics mentioned in his speech.

Elections Held

After a short intermission period, A.C.S. Pres. Domonic Laurie '47, opened the business meeting, held for the purpose of electing A.C.S. officers for the remainder of the scholastic year, and the year 1947-48. The officers elected for next semester are: Thaddeus Clark '48, President; Harvey Robillard '48, Vice-President; William Beazell '48, secretary; and Robert Brant '48, treasurer.

Wednesday, January 15, at 7 p.m., at Physics Hall, a film on manufacture of glass bottles will be shown. The film was loaned by the Owens-Illinois Glass Company.

Faculty Supports WSSF

DR. ELLSWORTH BARNERD says—The building of a peaceful and decent world is not a job for the United Nations Security Council and Assembly alone; it is a job for all of us. Supporting the WSSF is one way—it is hard to think of a better—in which we can all help do it.

Dr. H. O. BURDICK says—Participation in WSSF is a must. No campus can survive today without participation in and understanding of problems which students are facing in other countries and which ultimately are common to all students.

MISS EVA L. FORD says—Any movement which brings together the hearts of people of like groups throughout the world makes a lasting contribution to peace. The WSSF is one of the oldest of such movements. It is our group.

T. A. PARISH says—We can show our appreciation for education opportunities offered to us in this country by supporting this effort thereby enabling students in other lands to continue their education.

DEAN SAMUEL R. SCHOLES says—In my estimation, the WSSF is one of the best means of promoting international good will and, therefore, of promoting world peace. Its benefits reach those who can profit by them to the greatest advantage, because, as students, they will be leaders in shaping the future social, economic, and political characters of their communities and their nations. It should be a pleasure for every student in this most fortunate country to give to this cause, in order that our good fortune may in some small measure be shared.

DR. ROLAND L. WARREN says—Surely anything one might say as to the urgency of the need which the WSSF is trying to fill would be an understatement. It would be sad indeed if we allowed ourselves to be lulled by our more fortunate situation into a stupid indifference to the needs of others. The appeal is not so much to ego-inflating alms-giving as to the bonds of a common humanity.

WSSF Committee Works Toward Goal Of \$2200; \$200 Collected Friday

Proceeds From Variety Show And Auction Of Faculty Services To Be Donated; South Hall Dance Nets \$43

Aiming to raise \$2,200 for the relief of destitute students of the world, the local committee of the World Student Service Fund swung into action this week.

Assembly Speaker



Bruno Furst

Telepathist To Test Memory In Next Assembly

Dr. Bruno Furst, memory telepathist, who will be Alfred's assembly guest Thursday, was formerly assistant professor of psychology at Masaryk College in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He is the author of *Use Your Head and How To Remember*.

The New York Herald-Tribune called *Use Your Head* "the best book on memory training". The American Library Association recommended *How To Remember* to all libraries in the February and April, 1945, issues of their publications. Science Digest in its February, 1945, issue, reprinted an entire chapter of this book.

The author is also Director of the Research Institute for Extra-Sensory Perception in New York. He has lectured for many years throughout the United States. People seeking entertainment have found it in the lecture demonstrations of his mental power. Many have been amazed that they could learn painlessly how to improve their memories and how to use their heads. Dr. Furst's lectures include demonstrations in which the audience participates.

Freshman Class To Sponsor "Rag" Dance

Final scheduling of the freshman dance was made at a committee meeting Wednesday night, according to Chairman Tom McShane, who announces that the rag-bag affair will be Friday, January 17 from 8 to 12 o'clock at South Hall. It will be an open dance.

In addition to the novelty of the required rag-bag costumes which will be for chaperones as well as students, McShane said that admission will be charged in an unusual way. He was reluctant to say more on the subject other than the maximum price per couple would be \$9.99.

Alfred's Collegians will furnish music and refreshments will be served.

Interfraternity Council Expresses Appreciation

The Interfraternity Council wishes to extend its sincere thanks to all those student and faculty members who made the completion of the gym ceiling possible, and through whose cooperation the Interfraternity Ball was such a huge success.

— \$2,200 or Bust —

Under Solicitations Chairman Edwin Lorey '49, 150 solicitors moved out last Thursday and Friday each to contact five or six students. Friday night the campus attended its first 1947 dance at which the Collegians donated their services. Plans are well under way for a variety show, Thursday night, January 16, sponsored by the Independents, when over a dozen members of the University and Ceramics College faculties plus the entire faculty of the Agricultural and Technical Institute, as a group, will be auctioned off by W. V. Nevins, III, to serve as dishwashers, waiters or in some similar capacity for one meal at the house which purchases them. In the case of the Ag-Tech, the faculty will hold a party for the highest bidding house.

Few contributions have been turned in as the Fiat goes to press. However, a \$200 start was reported late Friday afternoon. Topping the list was that of the RFA cabinet of \$120, an average of \$10 per member. Others were \$70 collected at the Christmas candle-light service and \$10 volunteered by the Women's Guild of the Union University Church.

Proceeds from the dance, all of which go to WSSF, amounting to \$43, were added Saturday morning by Edwin Gere, dance chairman.

Sale of faculty services will take place during the intermission of the variety show. Each house will have a representative there to enter a bid for the services of a faculty group. The seven groups from the University and Ceramics College who have volunteered are Dr. and Mrs. Barnard, Dr. and Mrs. Rice, Dean and Mrs. Scholes, Dr. and Mrs. Seidlin, Dr. Geen and Chaplain Ball, and Misses Cheval, Ford and Taylor. Probably the "house duty" will take place on the following Sunday.

Dr. Hall Talks To Group On 80th Congress

Dr. Tom Hall addressed the first meeting of the organization for the discussion of affairs of current interest. His subject was "The Eightieth Congress".

Before the formal meeting began, Ingram Paperny gave a brief address explaining the function of the organization and leaving the matter of procedure to be discussed at the close of the session.

Dr. Hall opened his speech by admitting that he was still a cassandra prophesying doom for the country. He explained that once the pretty addresses were over, a close examination of what was said reveals a frightening repeat of the action taken by the Republican Congress of 1920's. The Reciprocal Trade agreements, a New Deal Policy, are out in favor of what Taft called "reasonable tariff". A military man, General Marshall, is in the second post of the nation as Secretary of State. A housing project is proposed which will give the veteran a house that will soon be worth far less than the amount he will have to pay. A Federal Aid program for health and education will replace the Murray-Wagner-Dingell bill. Kuntson, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, has introduced a 20% "cut across the board" of income tax which is certainly against the democratic principal of proportional taxation. It is the same picture that we had in the 20's and we all know the ending.

A discussion period was opened during which several greater topics were only touched upon; a third party, tariff, General Marshall as Secretary of State, etc., which all offered possible topics for later meetings.

The formal meeting was closed and

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What Lies Beneath

Somewhat healthy discussion has been stirred up on the campus by the current World Student Service Fund drive. Since a heavy donation is being asked of each student, many are now therefore tested in spirit as to how much the act of giving is a part of their lives.

It is easy to find excuses for not giving. There are always plenty available. The curious thing is that people who do not give usually find and use the same reasons for refusal whenever they are asked to give anything to any cause: inefficient administration of the fund, greater need of the money elsewhere, or temporary financial embarrassment of the giver. These are just excuses. It is more honest to say, "I will not give anything because I am not interested in the purpose of the Fund."

But there is something which lies far beneath such superficial discussion. That is the fact that the real interest of Americans in the rest of the world can be directly measured by their reaction to such efforts as the WSSF. This will be a far more accurate measurement than any coming from an analysis of the speeches of the politicians or the people.

We are all frightened now. The world is frightened, frightened that another war may come. We have tried to head this war off by setting up what we hopefully call the United Nations.

It is commonly thought that the power of the United Nations to prevent another war comes from the authority delegated to it by its member nations. This is disastrously misleading. The real power of the United Nations comes from a much more primitive source: the desire in the heart of the individual man or woman to get along with and help the people of all countries. Philip Wylie said in *Generation of Vipers*, "All articles, treaties, confederations and so on are scraps of paper when the goodwill underlying them runs out."

So, too, the important thing about the WSSF drive is what it may reveal about the will of the students of Alfred to achieve the understanding, unity and equality among all peoples without which the world cannot advance to better ways. This is what lies beneath.

Post-Game Dances

Many students have inquired about having dances following the home basketball games in the Men's Gym. Frankly, we don't know whether there will be any dances following the home games this year. In the past, the Student Senate has assumed the responsibility of providing music of some sort for a period of an hour or a little longer, following each home game and hired a janitor to clean up the floor afterward. What they plan to do this year in this conjunction, we don't know. What about it Student Senate?

St. Pat's Board

Speaking of dances—We understand that the new St. Pat's Board has been elected by the Ceramic students and that the group is already working toward a bigger, better, more elaborate dance than has ever before been put on in Alfred by any previous St. Pat group. This affair will be highlighted by a big name band, dazzling parades, and interesting speeches, we have been told. The St. Pat's group have suggested that the men on campus to start early in signing up their best girls for this affair. There will be more about this from time to time.

Veteran Quiz

By Edwin G. Sayers

U. S. Veterans Administration

You, too, can become a quiz-whiz. Test your knowledge of vet's rights under the law by scanning the questions below. (This is not a Regents exam so don't fret. Words are all carefully arranged from left to right to make for easier reading). You'll note that each question has three possible answers of which only one is correct. So start right in and check your choice. Six correct answers is average, eight is good, and if you get all ten right you shouldn't have answered them in the first place. You should have written the questions.

1. The legal name for the so-called G. I. Bill is:

1. Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act.
2. Servicemen's Readjustment Act.
3. Executive Order for the Rehabilitation of Tired Dogfaces.

2. The Veterans Loan Guarantee means that:

1. Every veteran is entitled to borrow money from the Veterans Administration.
2. Every veteran gets a free bag of money from the government if he promises to pay it back.
3. The Government guarantees to pay back a certain part of a

loan to a lender if the veteran that borrows it defaults on his payments.

3. A veteran may get a guaranteed loan to:

1. Pay off a debt in good standing.
2. Buy his wife a mink muff.
3. Improve a home.
4. World War II veterans with service-connected disabilities that are 10% or more disabling are entitled to:

1. Pensions.
2. Compensation.
3. A spare room in the county poor-house.
5. To be eligible for the benefits under the G. I. Bill a veteran must have:

1. An honorable discharge.
2. A dishonorable discharge.
3. A discharge other than dishonorable.
6. A veteran can get local hospitalization at Government expense if he:

1. Becomes homesick at a veterans hospital.
2. Has a service-connected disability.
3. Expresses a desire to be hospitalized locally instead of at a veteran's facility.
7. The only veterans eligible for National Service Life Insurance are:

1. Veterans of World War I and II.
2. Veterans of the French and Indian Wars.

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Night And Day

by Marie Fuller

Friday, January 10, there was a dance held in South Hall for the purpose of raising funds for the W.S.S.F. drive. The Collegians furnished the music and lunc and cookies were served.

Sigma Chi had a party in honor of a number of engagements, Thursday, January 9. Those engaged are: Dottie Freyer '47 and John Carabello '49, Delta Sig; Beverly LongFritz '47 and William Pangborn '49, Klan; Hannah Saunders '47 and Malcolm Crump '48; Molly White '47 and James Parson '49; Jean Martin '48 and James Saunders '49; Joyce Bovee AT'47 and Harold Blatchley AT; and Jeanne Morgan '48 and Eugene Holman '49, Klan.

The Thank Heaven It Is Friday Afternoon Club, Alpha Zeta Chapter, met for its first meeting since vacation, January 10, at Delta Sig. Pres. George Reuning, presided.

Frances Bovee '46, spent this past week-end at Sigma Chi. . . Miss Mary Louise Chevall was dinner guest at the Castle, Tuesday, Jan. 7. . . Mr. and Mrs. James Lang are parents of a boy, James, Jr., born December 23. . . Hector Binns was a guest at Delta Sig on day this past week. . . Wednesday, Jan. 8, Miss Geen was dinner guest at The Castle. . . Betty Banks '46, spent this past week-end at Sigma Chi.

Albert Rechenbreck '47, and Louis Tomissitti '42, were delegates to the Delta Sigma International Convention at Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago, Ill., January 2, 3 and . . . Thursday, Jan. 9, Miss Mary Louise Chevall and Chaplain Ball were dinner guests at the Castle. . . Mrs. Ben Crandall and Mrs. Spencer were dinner guests at Sigma Chi, Sunday, Jan. 12. . . Saturday, Jan. 11, Dr. Gabriel Nahas, Representative for the W.S.S.F., Miss Cheval and Chuck Barone.

"This Week" Prints Story Of Former Carillonneur

(There appeared an article in "This Week Magazine" of Sunday, December 22, 1946, about Kamiel Lefevre, who played the Alfred University carillon at the dedication ceremony. Part of the article follows:)

Kamiel Lefevre is one musician who doesn't mind playing for an audience of thousands in his underwear.

A dignified 58-year-old man, he handles the 72 bells of the gigantic carillon at New York's Riverside Church. He works the bells through a keyboard and pedalboard in the belfry tower, strikes the levers with such vigor he has to wear leather hand guards. And he gets so steamed up he has to doff his outer raiment—but no one's the wiser.

(Mr. Lefevre) is president of the Guild of Carillonneurs of North America and half its members are former students of his. A full-time carillonneur makes from \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year, but the field is limited. It costs anywhere from \$15,000 to \$50,000 to install a carillon.

Lefevre is beating the drum nowadays for municipal carillons similar to those abroad.

"In many European cities," he says, "the carillon has played on the same days and hours for over a hundred years. In the U. S. and Canada there are only fifty-five or sixty carillons. But I hope some day every city will bring its music to the people!"

Veterans May Gain State Scholarships

Student-veterans who hold New York State University scholarships, probably granted prior to the war, and who are now eligible for education under the G. I. Bill of Rights, can now receive their University Scholarships stipends directly from the colleges.

This was revealed when the State Education Department informed the State Division of Veterans' Affairs of a recent Veterans Administration ruling.

Payments made by New York State on University Scholarships will not be deducted from tuition payments made by the VA to colleges under P.L. 346, if the University Scholarships are used for other than tuition purposes, according to a Veterans Administration decision just rendered.

This ruling, it should be noted, does not apply to State War Service Scholarships, which are entirely separate and distinct.

In essence, a recipient of a University Scholarship may have the VA pay his tuition and subsistence and receive besides, if he does not use it for tuition, the amount of the University Scholarship.

The State Education Department has informed the Division that colleges have been directed to pay University Scholarship stipends directly to the recipients if their tuition is being paid under the G. I. Bill.

Looking For A Name

The new discussion group on campus is looking for a name. If you have any ideas, let us know at the next meeting, Sunday, 2 p.m., in Social Hall.

Letter To The Editor

The "coffee crisis," a term familiar to all Alfred students, has been the subject of much discussion for the past week. I would like to add my argument.

The situation is unique. No longer is the price rise justified by the assertion that the cost of materials forced the price increase. Now we have the argument that too many people want to buy coffee and, in an effort to discourage the patronage of these unwanted customers, the proprietor is forced to raise the price of coffee, milk, donuts, etc. My! My! What a business man! And what profits he makes too! Figure it out—it hurt me when I discovered how much of my \$65 check I donated to this new business policy (and a new fur coat). So I stopped being generous. Let's all stop being generous with such an unpopular fellow.

The coffee shops under discussion are popular for three reasons. People get hungry; the shops are centrally located; and there is no place else to go because the Student Union is closed. I can't argue with the first reason—I get hungry too. But I'm willing to forego the mid-morning and the mid-afternoon coffee if it will result in an effective boycott. In reality this won't be necessary for there is another place in town, just around the corner, where coffee is still worth a nickel and the management is pleased to serve all comers. The second reason can be dismissed by the thought that no place is further than a stone's throw in Alfred. I still marvel at the fact that such a small town has so many cars and a traffic cop, too.

The third reason is the most important and, I believe, the crux of the entire difficulty. Students need a place to go—to sit and talk or just plain sit and look. The girls like to be seen and the fellows like to see them. Many frequent a coffee shop for just that reason and I don't blame them a bit. In fact, I do it myself. With such a pressing need for a Student Union, it is almost short of a catastrophe that the Union has closed. I appreciate the difficulty and the responsibility involved in operating a restaurant. But in times of a "coffee crisis" we don't need a restaurant—we need a place to go to drink coffee and arrange dates. The suggestion I offer is that the Union be opened immediately, on an emergency basis, for the limited serving of coffee and donuts. I know the cry will be raised that the students are not "responsible" enough to allow such a possibility. I disagree. If there is one thing I want out of college training, it is the ability to assume "responsibility". It will be my most important asset and without it, the degree will not be worth the time and the energy expended in acquiring it. The "responsibility" for the operation of the Union under the condition of limited service should and can be handled by students. It will be an opportunity for us to break the "coffee crisis" besides proving our ability to act "responsible". We must be gentle in the manner; firm in the act.

Sincerely,
Jack Boyle

Research Notes

Prof. C. R. Amberg, Dr. Leon I. Shaw and Prof. J. F. McMahon were at Wright Field, Tuesday, January 7, in connection with the Army Research Program being carried on at the Research Station.

Christopher Maragakes has recently undertaken a study of refractories at the Research Station under a temporary fellowship for the R. G. Allen Company.

The library of Homan University, China, checks the list of books and finds many missing. Almost the entire science library and 30 percent of the arts library was lost during the war. Replacement of these books is one of the jobs for which the WSSF endeavors to raise money this week.

Lost

Small Black and Brown Cocker Pup. Finder please get in touch with Coach Dan Minnick.

Current Affairs

Although in the past this column has been devoted primarily to consideration of student's problems, I should like to deviate a bit and discuss something of more general interest.

With the convening of the 80th Congress, the spotlight of public interest has focused on the capitol. But this spotlight was not, as we might suppose, on the Republicans and their leaders Taft and Vandenberg, rather the Honorable Theodore Bilbo, Democrat from Mississippi, was involuntarily monopolizing our attention. I don't propose to evaluate the charges of "conduct unbecoming a senator" because the specifics are of secondary importance. There seems to be rather general agreement that his high position has been a mockery to the responsibility and importance of the United States Senate.

However there appears to be some confusion about his present status, and I am going to attempt to clarify just that. Senator Bilbo was re-elected by the "people" of Mississippi with the aid of tactics that were definitely of a questionable nature. These tactics aroused the ire of some of his colleagues who began pressing for his removal. The wheels of Congressional action have never been noted either for their speed or definite direction, but in this case they fooled a lot of people. Committees were set up to investigate the various charges and to submit reports and recommendations; the Republicans, with whom Bilbo had often voted, decided to try to prevent him from taking the oath of office and even some of his fellow delegates supported the Republicans in this undertaking. As a matter of fact, it was a Democrat, Glenn Taylor (Id.), who presented the resolution that precipitated the filibuster that was to paralyze the Senate for two days.

It seems only natural that Bilbo should close his career with this same unsavory parliamentarianism that had characterized his term of office. But the odds were too great, and he was forced to resort to a rather lopsided compromise which, despite his protests to the contrary, was actually a capitulation. Under its terms the resolution barring him, was tabled for the time being (ostensibly this was to give him the opportunity to undergo a mouth operation), but he is still considered a Senator-elect and will draw his senatorial salary. In my opinion the senator would do well to be satisfied with this and keep his mouth shut in the future.

Although it's too early to judge the future ramifications of this action, one thing is fairly certain; Washington's gain is nobody's loss.

Meet Your Professor

Mr. Howard Houston came to Alfred this fall as an English and civilization instructor. Next semester he plans also to teach a course in creative writing.

Mr. Houston is a native of New York State and received his B.A. in English from Cornell in 1939. After his graduation from Cornell he took graduate work at Pennsylvania State College and also taught English there until 1941.

Mr. Houston is a conscientious objector and during the war was stationed in several C.P.S. camps throughout the United States. During this time he had many interesting experiences working in a mental hospital in New England, doing public health work in Florida, fighting forest fires and repairing hurricane damage in New England, and working on soil conservation projects in North Dakota. While he was in North Dakota he became interested in making pottery from local clays, which was one of the reasons for his coming to Alfred. Before coming here he taught English for one term at Cornell.

Every day, Mr. Houston walks two miles to Alfred from his apartment in the country. He shares this apartment with a student and they do their own housework and cooking. Mr. Houston cooks his own lunch in his office in Alumni Hall because he dislikes the Alfred restaurants.

His office is a popular "hangout" for students, due not only to his charming presence, as he maintains, but also to the fact that he has a fine collection of records there.

Mr. Houston is interested in cooking, painting, pottery, music, and outdoor sports. Aside from his primitive living conditions and having to pump his water and read 100 freshman themes a week, Mr. Houston busies himself with his hobbies.

Ceramic Alumnus Serves As Technician In Korea

Warren A. Gilbertson of 121 N. Jackson Street, Crown Point, Indiana, arrived in Korea this week as a War Department civilian employee. As a ceramic technician, he is one of more than 900 American civilians now assigned to various posts in that country.

The son of Mrs. Feoh D. Gilbertson, he attended the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred and served in the Navy before going to Korea.

Prof. C. R. Amberg, J. F. McMahon and Dr. L. I. Shaw paid a visit to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, January 7, on business connected with the army research program.

Music And Musicians

By Robert Roderick

To the average music lover, the performance of Bernard Rogers' and Norman Corwin's brand new American opera "The Warrior" proved to be rather unusual. Was it really an opera? True, the libretto by well-known Norman Corwin was poetic and exciting; the music by Eastman's Bernard Rogers provided excellent background and well-shaded moods. But were the singers singing or speaking? How well did the voices blend with the orchestral score? Many well-established operas have been performed by full symphony orchestras, with instruments substituting for the voice, but it just wouldn't work with "The Warrior". There were no melodic arias. It seemed rather to be a series of recitatives.

Bernard Rogers offered no apology for the revolutionary opera he had composed. He did say, however, that it had been written in the modern idiom. When modern music falls flat, one is often reminded of a sign which was supposed to have been posted at concerts of the Boston Symphony: "Exit in case of Brahms." Even as recently as fifty years ago Brahms was hard to swallow. That is probably the case with much of the modern music which does not quite appeal to the ears of today's listeners. It is something which only the test of time can decide. The tendency of modern opera seems to be toward drama with musical background. Departing from Wagner's idea of the voice being merely another instrument, and the vocal and orchestral music blending into a perfected whole, there seems to be a trend to set the voice and the instrument on two separate planes, each running parallel to the other, each depending on the other, yet each of major importance in itself. For example, the libretto of "The Warrior" could not be sung very successfully without the orchestral score; nor would the orchestral score have any meaning without the vocal score. What is of major importance, however, is that opera is still growing and developing, and Mr. Rogers has made a valuable contribution to the

small amount of American music, most of which has never quite proved adequate to compare favorably with the work of European composers.

A very fine Scott record player has arrived in Alfred for the use of the University along with a number of records. It will not be long before Alfred University's record library is in full swing. Those who have record players available at their place of residence will be happy to know albums may soon be borrowed just as books from the library. Person with part-time to devote to the job of librarian of the record library should contact Mr. Fiedler.

The University chorus has started meeting (Tuesdays, 7:15; Thursdays, 8:15) and there is still time to join. Students, faculty, and residents of Alfred are cordially invited to attend these rehearsals. The Brahms' "Requiem" is being prepared for Easter, and the solo parts will be sung by local Alfredians. A record of attendance is being kept, and all are urged to notify the attendance-keeper of their presence at rehearsals. Because seven scores of "The Messiah" were not returned it has been required to charge \$1 for those who wish to take scores of the "Requiem" out of Social Hall. Mr. Fiedler said the "Requiem" might possibly be repeated during the forthcoming Alfred Art Festival. He also said the chorus might perform, in addition, a Bach cantata.

Those who hold season tickets to the Hornell Community Concerts are reminded that Arthur Kent, Metropolitan Opera star, will sing at the Hornell High School auditorium on Friday, January 17. Single admissions for this concert may possibly be obtained by inquiring at Koskie's Music Store, Hornell.

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Buffalo Avenges Earlier Defeat By Downing A. U. 44-38, Saturday Night

Saxons Make Strong Start But Four Week Layoff Shows Effect; Ludie Johnston Scores High For Team

The four week layoff during Christmas vacation showed its effect on the Saxon Warriors as they fell at the hands of a favored University of Buffalo quintet Saturday night in the Memorial Auditorium:

The Alfred team came out strong as the game got underway and took an early lead. The Bulls overcame the advantage at half-time, however, to lead 22 to 20.

The second half was rather close for the most part but the Warriors were never able to overcome their opponents, as Buffalo won 44 to 38.

It was the Purple and Gold's first game since defeating Buffalo, December 14. In the meantime they had not even practiced while Buffalo had won four games while losing one over the holidays. Even at this the locals were able to net the same number of field goals as the victors, dropping the game at the foul line.

Corriere, Bull's star forward was high scorer of the contest, closely followed by teammate Ferfustine. Ludie Johnston, Chuck Shane and Bob marked up 11, 9 and 8, respectively, for Alfred.

The box score:

Alfred	G.	F.	T.
Schane, f.	4	1	9
Polar	0	0	0
Guiman	0	0	0
Johnston, f.	5	1	11
Henderson	0	0	0

McWilliams	0	0	0
Cooper, c.	1	0	2
Braum	0	0	0
Argentieri, g.	1	0	2
Barenes	2	0	4
Kohoe	1	0	2
Bob, g.	3	2	8
Griswold	0	0	0
Totals	17	4	38

Buffalo	G.	F.	T.
Corrieri, f.	6	2	14
Ferfustine, f.	4	3	11
Muszynski, c.	0	2	2
Stevens	3	0	6
Kraft	0	0	0
Rudick, g.	1	3	5
Mappo	1	0	2
D'Addalro	0	0	0
Burke, g.	2	0	4
Givens	0	0	0
Garand	0	0	0
Alper	0	0	0
Mosher	0	0	0
Scholles	0	0	0
Totals	17	10	44

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South Hall Activities

Tuesday, January 14

5:30 P.M.—Swimming Group leaves South Hall
7:00 P.M.—Badminton (all evening)
7:30 P.M.—Fencing
9:00 P.M.—Women's Athletic Governing Board meeting

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 P.M.—Freshmen vs. Juniors
8:00 P.M.—Sophomores vs. Seniors

Thursday, January 16

South Hall Gym closed because of W.S.S.F. Variety Show at Alumni Hall.

Saturday, January 18

9:00 A.M.—Pi Alpha and Sigma Chi Basketball Practice
10:00 A.M.—Fencing
11:00 A.M.—Junior-Senior Basketball Game

1:30 P.M.—Theta Chi-Omicron Basketball Practice

2:30 P.M.—Brick I-Brick II Basketball Practice

3:30 P.M.—Ag-Tech Basketball Practice

4:30 P.M.—Freshman-Sophomore Basketball Game

Sunday, Jan. 19—Basketball Practices

2:00 P.M.—Theta Chi
3:00 P.M.—Omicron
4:00 P.M.—Ag. Tech. and Sigma Chi

NOTE: All those who want to go swimming on Tuesday nights must pay 60c to Connie Coon, the preceding Thursday and there must be at least ten in the group in order to reserve the pool!

Eight Cagemen Leave Alfred Squad Recently

Eight players left the basketball squad over vacation. The players who removed their names from the Varsity Roster for various reasons are: Wes Cox, Bob Becker, Mark O'Neil, Frank Snupik, Bill Stetson, Harry Strobel, Bill Williams and Harold Thompson.

In meantime, Clarence Braum who suffered a leg injury late in the cross-country campaign, has joined the squad. Braum made his debut at the Buffalo game.

Cagemen To Meet Susquehanna Saturday

The Varsity Cagemen meet Susquehanna College, Saturday at Selinagrove, Pa. This will be their seventh game as they try to notch up another victory in an attempt to even up the win-loss record.

Saxons Add Sampson To 16 Game Schedule

A return game with Sampson College cagers has been arranged for Alfred University. The Saxons lost a 26-25 thriller to the Sampson five in December. The additional game gives the Saxons a 17-game schedule.

Dr. Hall Talks To Group

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a discussion of procedure was held. The group decided that a committee should be set up consisting of persons named by the chairman. This committee will have as its function to plan programs, to obtain speakers, publicity and to carry on the business of the organization. Paperny, who was unanimously elected chairman, named his committee.

It was stressed during the general discussion that this is to be a group of all interested. Faculty are urged to attend, not as faculty, but as interested persons.

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7:15	2:03	10:33	HINSDALE	7:45	11:15	4:30	
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Ski Run, Pond Attract Fans

Well, it's here—all ten inches of it. The winter sport fans of Alfred have been out in large numbers during the past few days taking advantage of the first extensive snowfall of the year. During the period of the moonlight nights this month, our new skating pond drew excellent crowds. Whether it was full moon or the smooth ice that attracted the large gatherings is beside the point.

The ski trails still need more snow for complete coverage. The open slope, however, is in fairly good condition.

All persons are requested to heed the following: The Winter Sports Club is not responsible for any accidents on Pine Hill or encountered while using the club's equipment. You do so at your own risk.

For those students who are not members and wish to use the club's equipment, a small fee is being charged for maintenance. Needless to say, all students are requested to be careful with the equipment. New equipment is scarce and repairs are extremely difficult to obtain. Members will have preference to all equipment at all times!

The Winter Sports Club will meet tonight, January 14, in Social Hall at 8:15 p.m. Membership fees will be taken and any loans toward the new ski tow will be greatly appreciated. So far, the W.S.C. loaned over \$60, but required more than that to carry on effectively. Remember to attend the sports club meeting tonight for the latest information on winter sports activities in Alfred.

Sport Side

By Art Hazlett

Your sports editor felt pretty ambitious this week and decided to start a column. The idea is not new, but you don't know how lucky you were that I didn't have this splurge of energy before.

The Intramural basketball competition is coming along fine. Most of the games are well-played and the officiating pretty good under the circumstances. The referees are players selected from those teams which are not active that night. They try to be fair, but some guys, like the bird who writes this, don't seem to realize that the officials are not professionals and give them a hard time.

According to the Converse-Dunkel Ratings both Buffalo and Clarkson had quite advantages over the Saxons in this week-end contests.

Ludie Johnson, a guard on this year's Saxon quintet, led Frosh scoring in '40-'41 season. As a sophomore, Ludie averaged 10.5 points a game to become second high Varsity scorer with a total of 178.

Our coverage of winter sports has been very inadequate so far. This week we decided to build it up a little, so what happens, the snow disappears.

If you know of a group of six fellows who are interested in playing hockey see Jim Saunders, Lambda Chi. There may be a league formed if enough are interested.

Alex, The Great has really been whipping his wrestlers into shape. They look like a pretty rugged outfit to me. I think the students should get together and give them a send-off to Cleveland. They should show that they are behind them in some way.

Athletic Director McLane and Coach Yunevich represented Alfred at the recent I.C.A. R.A. meet in New York.

Enough or the first time, I'll have to let this sort of grow on you. If you have any ideas, on how it can be improved, I would like to hear them.

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Girls Sports

Norma Jacox

Thursday night, members of the Women's Athletic Governing Board held their monthly meeting in Miss Creighton's office. This time the business at hand held us there until 10:30, because we were attempting to find some way to arouse enthusiasm for sports at South Hall so that it would be a little easier than trying to pull teeth! If athletics were not offered here at all for girls, we are sure there would be objections from all corners of the campus. This is not something to be joked about because we are definitely serious about it and are on the warpath! Just to give you a small idea of what conditions are—There have been only 3 Seniors out for its class Basketball team; Thursday night, 2 people came out for Archery; (When activities are scheduled, Miss Creighton plans to spend her time at South Hall regardless of the number of people there). During Volleyball season, the spirit of competition was big indeed—the last game consisted of a forfeit between the two top teams. What kind of enthusiasm is this? The usual excuse is "I don't have time—studying, you know". I'd like to suggest that people who can't find time for studying at night try using one hour in the afternoon which normally would be spent at the Union, Collegiate, Huddle, or Dogcart. After all, a college is known not only for its men's sports, but also for its girls sports. Basketball, the season's biggest sport, is just starting. It is going to take the cooperation and effort of everyone, not just the W.A.G.B. to make it worthwhile. Incidentally, we are open to suggestions if activities are not being directed to everyone's satisfaction. Anyhow, let's see some kind of active interest, whichever direction it leans—we don't like this "passive resistance".

Connie Coon wants me to remind you all that W.A.G.B. points are given for skating or skiing. For each six hours spent in either one or both, one point is allowed. Be sure to write down the hours on a slip of paper and leave it in Miss Creighton's office.

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Friday, they will tangle with the grapplers of Case, and Saturday, they will meet Western Reserve. Both are large schools and have in the past fielded some good teams, though no information has been received concerning their squads of this year.

Coach Yunevich said that he would rely on the same line-up which gave Buffalo its 31-3 shellacking.

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French Secret Agent

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to publicize the principles and ideals of the underground, which it often did in violent terms. Dr. Nahas was arrested and questioned for 48 hours, as a result of his work on this paper. He was carried from the interview on a stretcher, with, he said, "a few ribs broken".

Dr. Nahas then described his adventures with the "underground railroad" which rescued and returned Allied fliers shot down over France, and told of his other arrests, and how he escaped each time before being sent to concentration camps. All the students in the underground knew they would be arrested sooner or later, he said, but felt that working for freedom was more important than life. These people lived as outlaws, with no homes, little food, and ragged clothing; some joined resistance groups which attacked German patrols, and were supplied with food and arms dropped by Allied planes.

Then came liberation. Everyone hoped for great improvement in living conditions, but most were disappointed, Dr. Nahas said. In many cases conditions became worse for students. Many schools were completely destroyed, and those which were not are now crowded to absolute capacity. Many students have no place to live, and those who do have very poor facilities. There is no heat, making study in winter especially difficult, and food is meagre and plain.

These poor living conditions have already impaired the health of Europe's students. Tuberculosis has increased from ten to twenty percent, and many of the stricken students, who have no homes, and are unable to get into the overcrowded hospitals, are now condemned to death because they cannot receive proper care.

Dr. Nahas then told what the WSSF is doing. The organization has committees, made up of equal numbers of students and faculty members, in all member countries, which collect and distribute funds. Representatives of these committees hold international meetings to decide how much each needy country will receive, and how the money will be spent. One of the chief duties of these committees is to operate national and local rest camps for the rehabilitation of students, who are chosen by their war records.

This opportunity to help foreign students through the WSSF should stand as a challenge to us, Dr. Nahas said. European students look to the United States as an example in practical democracy, and providing material help to them will show that we are concerned with world peace and democratic principles. To help students of other countries to study and recover is a real contribution to international peace and unity.

The speaker then answered questions from the audience. Germany is receiving one and one-half percent of all WSSF help, he said, because the committees felt that in Germany Education is needed most. Twenty percent of all money will go to build, equip, and operate hospitals in Europe and China.

Although there is much confusion of ideas, Dr. Nahas stated, most of Europe's students see the United States as it was during the war, fighting for freedom, and associate it with the personality of the late President Roosevelt. Meeting the WSSF quota will help to make these students think well of the United States. The appeal of communism in Europe today is more economic than political, and is the fault of the upper-middle classes in refusing to accept a change in economic status.

In general, church following in Europe is increasing, the speaker said. Those churches which have bound themselves to secular power have lost their chance, but wherever the church has remained faithful to its mission, in staying free of political pressure, it now has a great opportunity to advance.

Mr. Nahas was introduced by Douglass Case '47, RFA President.

Movie Time - Table

Wednesday, January 15 — Bette Davis and Paul Henreid in "Deception". Shows at 7:00 and 9:30; feature at 7:41 and 10:11.

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Wednesday Jan. 29	REVIEW DAY	REVIEW DAY	REVIEW DAY Civilization 1 (all sections) English 1 (all sec.) Eng. 2 (both sec.) Eng. 21 (both sec.)
Thursday Jan. 30	REVIEW DAY	REVIEW DAY	REVIEW DAY Math. 3 (all sec.) Math. 5 (all sec.) Math. 9 (all sec.) Math. 15 (all sec.)
Friday Jan. 31	M.W.F.—3:30 o'clock classes I.M. 1 (both sec.) Economics 11 (both sections)	T.Th.—3:30 o'clock classes Sp. & Dr. 1 (both sections) Chem. 5 (both sec.) Chem. 11 (both sec.) Lit. 29 (both sec.)	Mineralogy French 1 German 1 (both sec.) Spanish 1 (all sec.) German 11 (both sec.)
Monday Feb. 3	M.W.F.—8:00 o'clock classes Cer. 103 (both sec.)	T.Th.—2:30 o'clock classes	T.Th.—8:00 o'clock classes
Tuesday Feb. 4	M.W.F.—9:00 o'clock classes Soc. 21 (both sec.) Math 11 (both sec.) Chem. 31	M.W.F.—4:30 o'clock classes Physics 11 (both sections) Psychology 11 (both sections)	T.Th.—9:00 o'clock classes Chem. 41
Wednesday Feb. 5	M.W.F.—10:00 o'clock classes Chem. 71	T.—11:00 o'clock classes	T. Th.—10:00 o'clock classes
Thursday Feb. 6	M.W.F.—11:00 o'clock classes	M.W.F.—2:30 o'clock classes	T.Th.—1:30 o'clock classes
Friday Feb. 7	M.W.F.—1:30 o'clock classes I.M. 3	T.Th.—4:30 o'clock classes	

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Veteran's Quiz

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8. Veterans may take free correspondence courses from:
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With Fingers Crossed, Hopes High

Not misled by the fact that the foreman on the job was named Paradise and the first family to move in was named Joy, family men of Alfred University are occupying the Veterans Housing Unit as fast as the two-family houses are completed.

They are accepting the growing pains of their exclusive (and isolated) Belmont Hill home site with wry humor. A gas pipe leaks and they seek the cause either with a lighted match or with more acceptable methods. Even when the bulldozer broke the water main for the fifth time, they looked the other way and suggested that it was fated, remembering when one family locked themselves out and the handy plumber used his tools to gain entry.

Discovery that Olsen lives at one end of the section and Johnson at the other led someone to suggest that Hellzapoppin in the middle.

Whether or not the area will become known as Diaper Hill remains to be seen. However, it is a matter of record that there are already over a dozen children varying in age from one month to ten years. The figure frequently increases.

In many cases the shortage of furniture is overlooked because some couples are glad to be able simply to live together again after several months of Hubby living in a room in Burdick Dorm and Wifey living with Mother in Buffalo or Bath or Batavia. In some instances, a paint brush

became as essential as a snowshovel. A few college-trained eyes for color harmony was severely jolted to find light green linoleum with huge pink cabbage roses on the floor and bright blue paint on the walls.

Some even found that the thrill of having running water in the kitchen—after living in a dry trailer—was lost. Ice boxes, in a few instances, were piped for water and the sinks for gas.

To a few couples, the house-keeping problem is presenting itself for the first time, though marriage is rather old stuff. Hubby is learning to hang curtains and Wifey is wondering how long to boil the potatoes.

Nearly everybody is providing their own furniture. Surpluses offered with the dwelling units amounted to a few blankets, sheets, pillowcases, pillows, fire extinguishers, a few tables and sideboards. Also a double-decker beds.

Some things are in abundance. The gas heaters provide plenty of heat and hot water. In Alfred there is always lots of snow and it is prophesied that in Spring there will be plenty of mud. It is expected, however, that all hands will turn to then and help with lawn seeding and with laying of gravel walks. The two new streets, Baker and Stevens, named for Alfred students killed in World War II, will be paved by the contractor in the Spring. The streets will also be lighted. Already there is regular garbage collection and ice delivery and there are sketchy plans for com-

munity laundry with a cash-and-carry automatic washer.

At present the families are living in the completed units of the two-family dwellings. More are being finished daily and within a couple of weeks some of the three-family units will be near completion. The 40 eight-family units should be completed in approximately two months, according to Franklin Heasley, manager. Families are James Aina, Gilbert Brinier, Herbert Clemens, Donald Currier, Joseph Crispino, Henry Cottrell, Kenneth Davies, Gerald Grim, Kenneth Goss, Robert Hanright, Arnold Johnson, Frank Joy, William Karn, Frederick Knudsen, James Lange, Richard Mack, Malcolm Olsen, Rodney Penny, Jack Phillips, Ernest Riegel, Peter Slusarski, Paul Stebbins, Richard Weaver and Joseph Zinn.

The Zinns hold the honor of having the oldest child. Their daughter, Patricia, is ten. To Langa, goes the "low" honors with a baby boy, James, three weeks old. But the low honors change occasionally, especially at Alfred, on Diaper Hill.

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