Reflecting . . .

John O. Gerrish

Back in those long-past days of 1945, a new member of the faculty promised the students “hard labor — and a command of music.” In fact, he said, “Work will be our motto.” With these words Mr. John Gerrish, assistant professor of music at this college and the student set out to build what is now an outstanding musical organization.

His first accomplishment was the reorganization of the orchestra. Evidence of his influence is noted in the wonderful performances of the group at the Thanksgiving and Christmas assemblies.

A graduate of the Crane School of Music, Mr. Gerrish’s first position was teaching music in the Nutley school system. He spent two years on the faculty at Nutley High School; while there he took charge of the orchestra and chorus.

Just about this time Mr. Gerrish organized a band for the school. One of the members, John Ny Morland, has since become a well-known band leader.

Naturalist Speaks To Assembly

Ivan Sanderson, well-known naturalist, was featured at the assembly on February 9. Mr. Sanderson held the N.S.T.C. audience charmed with his City Zoo accent and scintillating wit. Born in Edinburgh and educated at Cambridge, he has appeared on T.V. and has written several articles for the Sat. Evening Post, The Reader’s Digest and Atlantic Monthly.

Mr. Sanderson stated that, in his opinion, too much emphasis is being placed on scientific research and biological principles. He feels that much can be learned simply by studying the habits of animals.

The highlight of the program was a discussion about one article that appeared in the press controversy when it appeared in The Atlantic Monthly. The article was entitled, “There Could Be No Mammals.” Summing up the public’s attitude towards modern natural history, Mr. Sanderson stated, “We have always used little neta to catch small things but we have never yet tried using big nets.”

National Teachers Exam Given

The National Teachers Examination was given on Saturday, February 4, to all students including those working for their Master’s Degree. There were 191 persons who had registered.

The test covered professional work in the field plus a general knowledge of educational subjects. Previously, the examination had been given at the Trenton State Teachers College on the first time that all seniors in any Teachers College have been required to take such a test.

The exam covered the following topics: Non-verbal reasoning; Verbal comprehension; English expression; General culture; Education as a social institution; Child development; Guidance in Education; and General methods in the principles of Education.

State Welcomes

Our college is becoming more and more popular with the years, and we have the proof, too. Just take a look at the record of the transfer students who have migrated to our college from the four corners of the United States.

This year we have been honored to have J.K. Tuvapala, H.E. Tummin, R.C. Names College, Washington, Florida State, New York College for Women, Pennsylvania Military College, Western Illinois College, Patterson State Teachers College, Patterson State Teachers College, the University of Illinois, and Cornell University.

W.S.S.F. Begins Major Campaign Drive

Call for Weekly Contributions From Students

The World Student Service Fund Committee of the Student Council have announced tentative plans for their finance drive during this semester. Dan Shapiro, Committee Chairman, in an informal talk to the student body during an assembly period, described the varied ways in which the students can help support W.S.S.F.

The W.S.S.F. Committee have set a minimum goal of $1,500 to be raised before the end of this term. If this amount can be attained, it will be used towards the erection of a complete student center in any country that the students body chooses. World has been received from the National Headquarters of the World Student Service Fund that the center, when and if erected, will be named after our school.

Mr. Shapiro, in a report to the Student Council, called attention to the fact that there is now under construction a center at the University of Louvain, Belgium. This is the same university to which the students of Newark State contributed their aid for the First World War and in which our school flag was hanging in appreciation. It would seem fitting, he said, if the students of this institution which is primarily dedicated to the advancement of education and culture all had a hand in the work started by our school.

Moreton among the plans that have been suggested as means to supplement the drive is an individual contribution campaign among the students. It has been estimated that if every student donates ten cents a week for the rest of the semester the total will amount to over eight hundred dollars. Various sections have been approached and have signified their willingness to support this phase of the campaign. The first sections to do so were Soph 1 and Freshman 6.

As part of the agenda is a Box Lunch Social and Picnic. This should really be fun. The general scheme is to have the girls prepare the picnic and have the fellows bid for them. The women go along with their lunch. The idea, men, is to know beforehand who has prepared what lunch so you know who you are going to get. This affair will be held just about this time in the same field that the W.S.S.F. has been looking at.

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Miss Grace Hankins of the faculty, who has been in charge of the arrangements. Also in assisting in the preparation for the reception will be Mr. Smith.

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Miss Eleanor Olson, staff member of the Newark Museum, will be the guest speaker. She will use slides and several items from the Idaho exhibit of the Museum to illustrate her talk. Miss Olson is in charge of the exhibit which will be on display until March 15. There will also be made available to the members copies of The Museum, a pamphlet covering the exhibit.

Meet . . .

George Anderson

George—man of the hour—Anderson, former Army man, graduate of Roselle High in the year—(wouldn’t tell us). Vice President of Sophomore Class—personal to girls who don’t smoke or drink—will make a wonderful husband to any of us. Vice President of Norms Theater Guild—possesses qualities that will make him a good teacher—one being, for instance, the ability to manage a scene without any assistance from the audience.

Margaret Van Breeman

Blonde hair, blue eyes and freckles! Has who else plus a personality? Why—Margaret Van Breeman, the queen of the freshman class! Margy, who is enrolled in the K.P. curriculum, is a graduate of Clifton High School, she loves foreign foods—. . . she loves foreign facts. . . . She loves foreign languages—English, French, German, and Spanish. She helps Willie Jock up at night—rest of the semester the total will amount to over eight hundred dollars. Various sections have been approached and have signified their willingness to support this phase of the campaign. The first sections to do so were Soph 1 and Freshman 6.

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Strange Doings

What’s going on around here? Scream’s emitting from the auditorium, eerie characters wandering around the school looking for misplaced bodies, and strange doings among that special breed of Newark Staters known as Norms. All the information we could drag out of Mr. Smith was of a general nature—something to do with the March Assembly and see!! Ah, Sweet Mystery!

The Norms Theater Guild will attend the production of "Three Men," produced by the Little Theater Group of Columbia University, on Wednesday evening, February 22.
Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

On February 1st we started the 1950 Heart Campaign, a drive which this year seeks to raise funds for heart research. At many points on campus there was a need for heart facilities that are not generally needed facilities as heart clinics that can serve every community in the state.

For the New Jersey Heart Association, we really are supposed to urge laymen and physicians who are serving so selflessly in this effort throughout “heart month,” I should think that you give us your fullest possible cooperation in helping to bring the forthcoming appeal before the public.

In suggesting that you give this year your most serious consideration, may I remind you of such facts as the following:

Last year, heart disease caused the death of half of all deaths in New Jersey. But for two mountain states New Jersey has the worst record in the nation in heart disease mortality.

New Jersey urgently needs clinical facilities, for both research and direct care and needs a thoroughgoing educational job to help reduce needless suffering.

Won’t you please help the New Jersey Heart Association, by keeping the people of your own community informed about this essential activity?

Sincerely yours,
Albert Leon
Hi Kids!

I have been asked to write my impressions of Practicum for ye old newspaper. For better or for worse here we go.

So far the half century has made progress in every area, even in the schools. The school system needs tops! I am in the Union Avenue School, Irvington. This is a building which means modern conveniences and modern education, a situation for teaching. Of course the problem child is bound to pop up in any class—good or bad—in spite of the building, situation or teacher.

After four weeks on Practicum, I feel completely acclimated to the situation (that’s a better term!) and this includes assuming a “teaching personality” for grade 3. By this time I had been initiated to the secret of the old newspaper.

Wouldn’t you like to come to one of our meetings and get acquainted? We are very anxious to make new friends. Why not leave a note in the club’s mailbox and tell me when you will join us.

The Inquiring Reporter

Question—What actions on the student’s part annoys you most?

Dr. Shea—I think, possibly, the student who bothers me most is the occasional selfish individual. He forgets that he is a member of a group and as such has a responsibility to others than himself. He makes it difficult sometimes for us to accept him as a worthy member of our profession.

Mr. Downes—I hate to teach parrots. A little more thinking on your part would be helpful in the assembly period, he has spent many times that in practice.

The Associated College Press

Editorial

Reams of paper have been used in the past years extolling the virtues of Practicum. The time has come when we must put the proverbial shoe on the other foot. For outstanding contributions to the New Jersey State Teachers College and to the student body, a member of our faculty has more than merited recognition and extreme pleasure that the REFLECTOR dedicates this issue to John O. Gerrish.

We do this not so much for his musical ability, but as a character as for the time, effort, and energy that he has devoted to so many causes. It is hard to conceive of a man of Practical ability of any type without the guiding hand of Mr. Gerrish. We have grown so used to being provided with his fine music that we have almost lost track of the many hours of work that he has put in preparation.

For example, let us remember the assembly programs. This is the first time that the Assembly Committee has ever been able to get the program to the front, right on time with the opening and finale of the program. The audience is provided with a genuine musical treat. And for every minute of that Mr. Gerrish spends at the organ in the performance during the assembly period, he has spent many times that in practice.

The musical work of which we can say to express our appreciation. But we can show it by really listening to that wonderful music during the assembly, and we can show our gratitude by our attention.

This month the students, the time has finally arrived when we must give up part of our precious freedom. The seniors and juniors are now returning to school. Gone are the carefree hours of bliss in the junior year. Now shall our happy laughter ring out through the halls. Prepare to be oppressed and downtrodden by the occasional yokes and chains. Hang up the crying towels. Oh, if only Honest Abe were here now to free us!

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Nu Lambda Invites

Dr. Wilkens, Dean of Instruction, addressed a meeting of cooperating teachers and principals from Junior Practicum Centers on Practicum this term. Our members were present.

The topic, “The Significance of Junior Practicum and Teacher Education,” was followed by a survey of questions supplied by members of the conference. The questions were primarily concerned with the ways in which the teaching program could be improved.

Some suggestions made were to help the students with their lesson plans, to improve their writing—personal and cursory manuscript; to inaugurate as many method courses as possible before Junior Practicum; to enlarge the use of better English and spelling on the part of the students;

Take Care of Your Tudor Room

Frosh Show

This is for all you students (and faculty members too) who do not own a T.V. set. The Froshmen are going to give you an opportunity to view a television show right here in our own auditorium! If you thought the Junior Show was wonderful and the Sophomore Carnival colossal then hold on to your hats! The Frosh Television Show promises more and better.

This is THE show with a live cast and we might add the only one of its kind. Singing, dancing, clowning and entertainment all will be displayed by these talented Frosh.

Be sure to tune in on the Frosh show and let us know what you think of the Frosh Television Show during assembly hour today brought to you by the live wire cast. See you there!

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Brother & Sister

On February the 7th, Sigma Kappa Phi held a Weenie Roast in the Tudor Room. In spite of the cold “hot dogs” and warm soda pop—the girls really had loads of fun. On this occasion, the Alumni members were invited which made it an even more enjoyable evening. Keep your eyes open for the surprise event which the Sorority members are planning.

Nu Sigma Tau Sorority has planned another trip in the near future. A meeting was held in the college on Thursday, February the ninth.

On February 12th, Delta Sigma Pi celebrated the birthday of its ex-chancellor, Ruth Weisman, with a party of friends from Jersey City. A birthday greetings to Estelle Weinert and Rita Lifland.

Some time during the month of February, the Kappa Pi chapter of the state will give an invitation to its sister Chapter, Lambda, for an afternoon tea, to be held at their sorority house.

Life can be a perfume delicate and beautiful; or it can be a creek running in the hall. You can know of so many varieties of life that up. This is a good time to go on though. February stone" is called the amethyst. In Greek this means “to intoxicate.” Leave your eyes open, and you will find...
Otium
by Abe Geier

The banks were closed that Saturday afternoon when Mr. Conway approached a salesman at the "Reliable Used Car Lot."

"I'd like to buy this '50 Olds," said Mr. Conway, pointing at a shiny, new-looking, black, convertible. "Don't you have the cash with me? Will you accept my check?"

The salesman thought for a moment.

"You'll have to see the boss about that. Come with me please."

Mr. Conway followed him to the office of Mr. Hendricks' the car lot owner. After introducing himself Mr. Conway's employer and friends. From each he got assurance that Mr. Conway's check was as good as cash. Then Mr. Hendricks invited him to a phone in the showroom. The salesman checked the speedometer and noticed that it had only registered 7 miles.

"Did you buy this car recently?" the salesman asked.

"Yes," smiled Mr. Conway, "very recently."

"May I see your Bill of Sale, please?"

"I can't show you that until we can print what we can transact our business?"

Mr. Conway surreptitiously the documents and walked over to the telephone. "Mr. Hendricks is coming to Succes, and to call the salesmen's check, and then call the salesmen's check. The salesman knew he had been called a teacher. On a valentine, no less, and you still have three years."

The salesman asked Mr. Conway for the owner of "Olympia" that he wished to invite all students in the club, of whom seven are to make a start toward the eventful formation of a variety squad.

The U.S.S.F. (Continued from Page One) Fund has given an assembly date in the early part of April. It is planned to have an excellent and interesting speaker plus various enterainers from National Headquarters. Keep your eye on the bulletin board for the date.

The role that the World Student Service Fund plays in the restoration of education in war-torn areas is of primary importance. Ever since World War II, one of the most important is the role that education plays as a prime factor of peace. There is no doubt that, if the United States is ever to be achieved, we must provide the opportunities for democratic education for all people and thus strengthen the principles of freedom, democracy, and justice.

As students of a teacher college, we should recognize that this Type 804A is one of the simplified and adapted to the environment of any country will directly affect us here in the United States. We can enhance and protect our priceless heritage by joining whole-hearted.

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Let's Go, Ye Silver Streaks of Newark
by Abe Geier

During the assembly period of February 2, George Johnson introduced a new pep song to the school body. This song was written for the purpose of injecting a more spirited spirit into the college teams. It is suggested that you clip the words and save them for the next time you attend a game. The song is, "Ye Silver Streaks of Newark, let's go, and show the world we're out to win!"

Cross Currents
Another freshman who has become engaged recently is Joanne Ferrara, a Kindergarten-Primary, whose family resides at Lyndhurst. The lucky man is Ed Smith, a Navy veteran who now attends the R.C.A. Institute in New York. Some weeks later, an item in the evening papers gave an account of the engagement. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrara had bought the wedding dress, and various references, including a new pep song to the regular features in this issue.

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Diamond Squad Plans J.V. Schedule

Newark State has long suffered from a dearth of varsity sports. Now, with the approach of spring again, it may be apropos to review the start made in the past and to discuss any future possibilities.

During the war, baseball was abandoned as a varsity sport here at Newark. Last season, under the supervision of Frank Marmo and other freshmen, an informal team was organized at the college, three individuals who had made up the roster. The team played an eight-game schedule on Saturday afternoons and, against organized semi-pro opposition, won seven.

Jim Blaskey, hard hitting catcher, lagged the squad with a batting average of .431 for the season. His battery mate, Frank Marmo, throwing a smoking fastball, led the boys to four of their victories without dropping any. He also garnered twelve strike-outs in the season finale. Enis Hubble was the other member of the mound staff and had a record of three wins and one defeat.

The inner defense consisted of Joe Bellina at first, Dan Shapiro at second, Al Cohn playing short-stop, and Frank Vogt at the hot corner. Shapiro, fancy fielding and sacker, finished second in hitting at a .374 clip and was closely followed by Al Cohn with .350.

The outfield was patrolled by Robble, Bill Schaeffer, and Chuck Witchard. Other players on the squad were Tony Palmisano, Lenny Wandelbaum, and Gerry Mac.

This year, the boys have great plans. They hope, with the aid of the new freshmen, to be able to look a college schedule and to make a start toward the eventful formation of a varsity squad. We should note that there have also been plans made for an inter-university softball tournament. Soo, get out those baseballs and start practicing. Spring is right around the corner.

Girls Inaugurate Cage Season

The Women's Basketball team played its first inter-collegiate game of the season yesterday at Paterson State Teachers College. The results of this initial contest were not known at the time the paper went to press.

The girls had scheduled a complete slate of varsity contests and are looking forward eagerly to showing the boys up at their own sport. Tomorrow, February 23, the cagers will join with the alumni in a game against the girls from St. Michael's. On March 2, the Jersey City Teachers will visit here to tangle with our hoopsters. Refreshments will be served after each game.

The ladies are also looking forward to the biggest event of the athletic season, the All Sports Banquet. This promises to be the greatest affair held yet.

The varsity squad of feminine courtiers include Ethel Linehan, Rita Kekker, Janet Delzer, Nat Molin, Janet Hewittson, Cathy Schneider, Rose Marie Haug, Golda Muns, Maxine Derman, Arlene Pielton, Rosie Macan, Joan Mc-Philips, Anne Brennan, Joan Callanan, Elaine Marshall, Charlotte Koehler, Mildred Coyme, and Dorothy Flatek.

The Reflector wishes to apologize for the absence of the write-ups of the basketball games and several of the regular features in this issue. It is due in part to heavy, heavy heart that we admit the displacing of those articles on the last day of publication, when it was impossible to replace them. We just don't how it happened and we promise that it shall never happen again.