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## Honorary Society Initiates Eighteen At Annual Dinner

The Delta Rho Chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society, held initiation on Thursday night, December 7, at a formal dinner in the Hotel Suburban in East Orange. Eighteen upperclassmen were voted into the society on the merit of their scholastic standing. Among these honored candidates were: Mary Albert, Robert McKenna, Gladys Young, Olive Simmons, Ruth Kinney, Helen Fern Goldberg, Joseph Guinta, Ruth De Boer, Ambrose Corcoran, Jane Tamor, Ann Tratch, Boris Schwartz, James McDermott, Jane Rogers, Doris Rosenblum, Josephine Masino, Jean Carpenter and Ted Gabry. Dinner was served at 8:00 and the initiations took place immediately after.

### Tomorrow's Program

Tomorrow morning the College Choir and the Glee Club will again, in traditional fashion, carol through the halls of the college, gathering in their wake the students who are in classes. Leading the way, they will proceed to the auditorium where the Dance Study Club will present a Christmas waltz as a tribute to the spirit of Christmas. The music for the waltz and the great living Christmas wreath, which will be the final tableau, is a medley of familiar Christmas carols.

Jolly Santa Claus has been invited to trim the Christmas tree and to present gifts to all.

It is expected that Dr. Townsend will deliver a brief Christmas message which will be followed by the singing of Christmas carols.

## Students Taboo Aid For Europe

Approximately three-fourths of the students of N.S.T.C. are against assisting the European democracies in their struggle with the totalitarian states. This fact was shown in a recent representative survey conducted by the *Reflector*. Ballots were circulated on which the students expressed their opinions concerning various possible means of assistance or non-assistance for either the democracies or their opponents.

Out of a total of one hundred and sixty-eight persons chosen at random from the student body, thirty-five voted to assist the democracies, ten of these advised financial assistance, six advocated sending troops, and the other nineteen it is assumed favored the cash and carry plan as a means of assistance.

One hundred and thirty-three voted not to assist the democracies. But the vast majority of these indorsed the cash and carry plan as a means of non-assistance. Fifty-four, approximately one-third of the students questioned, advised isolation.

Out of the entire group no one voted to aid the totalitarian states either financially or with man power.

Here are some of the comments in answer to the question, "Should the United States assist the democracies in their fight with the totalitarian governments?"

Henry Barone (Junior) — Definitely no! We should keep out until

## Student Pilots Try Wings In Air

Students Expect to Qualify For Civil Aviators License at Completion of Instruction

### CALDWELL FLIGHT SCENE

Having completed twenty hours of ground work, Newark's ten student pilots took off from the Caldwell Wright Airport last Saturday to try their wings.

Three Seniors, four Sophomores and two Freshmen are enrolled in the aviation course under the aegis of the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

Ground instruction which started in November, has been directed by Professor Norman Potter of the Casey Jones Aviation School. Students receive four hours of ground instruction each week from Professor Potter who is a member of the college staff as a lecturer on aviation this year.

### Civilian License

The following students are expected to be qualified for a Civil Aviators' License next June: Senior, I. A., Richard Baldsiefen, Rochelle Park; Thomas Gambino, Summit; Elmer Kortman, Linden. Sophomore, I. A., Murray Brooks, Newark; Norman Klockner, Lawrenceville; Charles Singer, Palisades Park; Hubert Tunison, Bloomfield; F. A. Sophomore, Vincent Beebe of Lincoln Park. Freshmen, Victor Bohsen, I. A., West Orange, and Henry Simon, G. C., Palisades Park.

Mr. John J. Hatch, chairman of the Fine and Industrial Arts division of the college, is in charge of the Civilian Pilot Training program in this college. Mr. Hatch says, "Much enthusiasm has been manifested by men who fully appreciate this splendid opportunity offered our students by the Civil Aeronautics Authority."

### Women Eligible

It is expected that another group of men will undertake the training next year. Under the terms of the Civil Aeronautics Authority it is possible for women students to engage in the training program. If ten or more women of the college desire to take advantage of this opportunity next year a unit will be formed.

It was pointed out that the course is not all a "bed of roses." Student pilots are sometimes expected at the flying field at 7 A. M. After students obtain their licenses they must continue to fly at least thirty-five hours a year in order to renew them the following year.

### Calendar of Events

December 20—Assembly—Christmas Program, Christmas Recess begins.  
January 2—Sessions resume after Christmas Recess.  
January 3—Assembly—Pep Day.  
January 5—Basketball game with Glassboro—Home—7:30 P. M.  
January 9—Basketball game with Newark Technical School—Home—10:00 P. M.

it is brought here. We should defend ourselves and no one else.

Diana Pitten (Junior)—It would be useless, because by our helping we still would not make the world safe for democracy. This is an economic war.

Vincent Di Giovanni (Junior)—No, we should remain neutral. European wars are becoming common.  
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Civil aeronautics flight instructor gives pointers before students Singer, Gabry, Brooks and Tunison take off.

## Budget Restored To Athletic Fund

As a result of the athletic questionnaire which was submitted to the student body last month, the Student Council voted last week to restore the A. A. budget to its usual amount by assessing each student a \$1.00 athletic fee. This fee will be paid at the beginning of the second semester.

Strong approval of last year's program was evidenced by the vote recently taken on the athletic question in the college. Approximately one hundred and seventy students voiced a favorable opinion of varsity and intramural sports as presented last year. This program included varsity basketball, varsity tennis, varsity fencing and varsity archery. Among the intramurals were numbered basketball, softball, deck tennis, horse shoes and volleyball. The same program will be scheduled this year and, as a result of the vote taken, will be kept for next year, too. Only forty students said that they disapproved of this program. As a result, a three-dollar athletic fee will be levied next September so that this schedule will be possible. The student body, by its statement of opinion, has shown a predominant interest in the varsity program.

The success of the questionnaire, as a method of ascertaining student opinion, was remarkable. It was a democratic as well as practical measure and enabled the Athletic Association to determine the general feeling of the student body before deciding the important point at issue. Now, with full confidence in the approval of all, the Association can again present last year's athletic program, one that embraces the interests of all levels and curricula.

## Clubs Entertain Training Teachers

### Programs Lauded

Nearly one hundred training teachers from the Senior practicum centers were the guests of the college on Wednesday afternoon, December 6.

The first item on the program was a conference in the Reference Room presided over by Mr. Wildy Singer during which time classroom and educational problems were discussed.

Distinctive programs were held by all of the clubs between two and three o'clock, classes being dismissed for this purpose.

Open house was also held in the Industrial Shops where exhibits of work were shown.

After the club programs, tea was served in the gymnasium while the Glee Club Choir and Dance Study Club presented programs.

This was followed by the presentation of the College Choir who rendered four selections. The first number, an old French carol, *Shepherds and Shepherdesses*, was vocalized by Sonya Saitz, Ruth Reiber, Arthur Earl and Richard Parkes. The entire choir then sang three other old French carols: *Shepherds Ho Awake*, *Gloria*, and *A Joyous Christmas Song*.

Miss Caroline Griggs, class of 1928, was among the many teachers who visited the Press Room on December 6. Miss Griggs revealed that as a member of the first *Reflector* staff twelve years ago, it was she who gave our paper its present name. She said that at that time the paper was quite small, and that she was surprised to see how it has grown since then.

## Christmas, 1939 Heralded In Song And Pageantry

Musical Organizations Collaborated With Norms In Annual Presentation

### DR. TOWNSEND TO SPEAK

Christmas celebrations officially began on Monday evening, December 18, when the Norms Theatre Guild and the musical organizations of the college cooperated in presenting a program of Christmas music and pageantry.

The evening performance was opened by the singing of a group of folk carols and songs by the Glee Club and the College Choir under the direction of Miss Frances Dunning. Following the heralding of Christmas in song, the Norms Theatre Guild, under the direction of Dr. Leonore Vaughn-Eames, presented a pageant, "Christmas, 1939," an original dramatization written by a committee of the drama group.

### Peace and Good-Will

In a series of seven scenes the theme of humanitarianism and love, so prevalent at Christmas, was developed into a major motif for the guidance of mankind throughout the year. All the scenes were staged simply and symbolically in an effort to project the theme.

A chorus of male and female voices, accompanied at the organ by Miss Laura Rogers, provided the tonal setting. Choral speaking, interpretive dancing and music gave atmosphere and color to the individual scenes, five of which dealt with the thoughts and feelings of ordinary and oppressed groups of people. Only one of the units carried the traditional "holly and plum pudding." The pageant culminated in a grand finale with peace and solace for all in the light of Love and Humanitarianism.

## Norms Production Wins First Place

The Norms Theatre Guild's presentation of Irwin Shaw's "Bury the Dead" won the inter-collegiate Drama League competition last Wednesday. The contest in which four colleges were entered was witnessed by an audience of approximately 400 in the college auditorium.

The judges by a vote of three to one gave Newark Teachers their first victory over Newark University, Bergen Junior College and Upsala in the ten-year-old competition.

According to a reliable source the contest narrowed down to one between Newark Teachers and Newark University who gave a polished performance of Oscar Wilde's, "The Importance of Being Earnest." The fact that "Bury the Dead" was packed full of drama and high emotion accounted in a large measure for the decision of the judges.

By virtue of their success Newark gains possession of the trophy which was held by Upsala, last year's winner. Harry C. Bradshaw, doner of the trophy, presented it to Grace Galernter, president of the Norms, when the decision of the judges was announced.

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## CHRISTMAS IN AN UNSETTLED WORLD

The often quoted words, "Peace on earth, good will toward men" were once considered appropriate at this time of the year. It is a beautifully idealistic phrase, but unfortunately when spoken today these words are likely to assume a cynical rather than idealistic tone. With the greater part of the world engaged in the most terrible series of wars ever to afflict mankind, it is an optimistic person indeed, who can confidently speak them. Fortunately, however, there is still, "Peace on earth," in America. Just how long that peace will remain depends to a large extent on whether we maintain an attitude of, "Good will toward men." In other words we must restrain from building up hatred against any nation, or we too will be drawn into war. This perhaps has been said many times before, but we believe that it is necessary to keep stressing it as long as various factions, both abroad and within our country continually advise us to line up with one side or the other.

Furthermore, we believe that not only the safety of the United States, but probably the future of the world lies in the hope that America can remain at peace. For when the wars are over the nations that have participated in them will be at the point of ruin, both morally and economically. Hatred will run high, life and liberty, a decent standard of living, culture and all else that civilization has struggled to achieve may be lost. It is therefore necessary that there be some haven where these worth-while things may be preserved for posterity. America is the country best suited to provide such a haven. We have no reason for going to war and are far enough away from the struggle so that we will not become involved as long as we do not yield to emotional impulses that might be stirred up by propaganda. If we are able to successfully guard against this, we will be able to preserve the achievements of civilization. And when we can once more say with assurance that there is "Peace on earth," and "Good will toward men," we will know that the rest of the world is ready to share these achievements with us.

## LET'S EASE UP A BIT

In exactly twelve days a new year will be upon us. It is a custom of long standing to sit down about this time and make a lot of resolutions which we don't intend to keep but which help to assuage the conviction that our habits are in need of overhauling. We are not going to propose any silly resolutions. What we are about to present is more in the nature of a revolution.

Let us make it clear that we are emphatically in favor of all and every extra-curricular activity. We feel that these activities are invaluable to both the student and the college. Our bone of contention is that the student should be protected from himself along this line. By this we mean a student undertakes too many responsibilities for his own good. We mean that the individual's energies are spread over so many places that each organization suffers from this dissipation of talent and concentration, and the individual often suffers mental and physical exhaustion.

We are protected from ourselves in the amount of subject matter we schedule each year. Educators realize that there is a natural tendency for students to take up more than they can efficiently handle. We are consequently wisely restrained in the amount of courses that we can pursue in a given time.

Yet somehow or other there has been no regulation to keep us from expending too much of our strength on extra-curricular activities. We join too many clubs, we serve on too many committees, we take on too many responsibilities.

We know a prominent student who recently finding himself near his wits-end because of lack of time and the pile-up of responsibilities, finally sat himself down and took an inventory. He totalled the hours spent in courses, in extra-curricular activities, in studies, in outside work; he added to this a minimum allowance for sleep, and a low average time to eat. He found that these activities consumed 167 hours of his time each week. Since there are 168 hours in every week, this allowed him one hour, weekly, in which to relax and enjoy himself.

Recognizing that such a problem existed, the presidents of the upper classes met early in the fall to discuss measures of overcoming this evil. All agreed that something should be done. It was felt that where many people stood ready to serve,

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## President's Message

I WONDER!

I wonder if we haven't time at this season of the year to pause just a few minutes to ask ourselves and each other a few questions.

Friends of mine tell me that young people of college age are neither interested in a philosophy of living, nor capable of construing one for themselves. I wonder. They tell me—these sober second-thinkers—that age and experience alone will bring contemplation. I don't agree because they have never satisfied me that "age" arrives, nor where "experience" appears. I know too many who, by sheer chronology, should be most wise, but who have eternally postponed the venture—some business of really having experience, contenting themselves forever with repetition and practice.

At any rate, we all can wonder about things. Let's wonder for a few minutes.

I wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea not to take "facts" too seriously. For instance, in the midst of preparations for the Christmas season, identified with peace and goodwill and friendliness, we can't avoid the "fact" that there appears to be no peace. I wonder if the only way ever to attain these desirable conditions doesn't lie in refusing to admit that they can't be achieved. If I read history at all soundly, practically all the things we now call "good" were "Lost Causes" once. I even respect your intelligence enough to believe that you don't need me to furnish the examples. And these "Lost Causes" will keep on being won over and over again so long as mankind contrives to keep living!

I wonder if what we call truth isn't expanded and recreated by every generation in light of what we discover about a universe that is too great ever to be completely comprehended. I wonder if that isn't a pretty good thing for us, as human beings.

I wonder if growth—growth in body, growth in understanding, growth in insight—isn't more than a mere quantification. I wonder if growth isn't reorganization, re-emphasis and sometimes sheer willingness to say, "I don't know, but I'll try to find out."

I wonder if growing in power and personality isn't sometimes accompanied by an abandonment of some tradition too long cherished.

I wonder if through discord there does not always run the promise of accord. I wonder if through our hate for hate, we do not manage to find its opposite.

For some, creation is finished, done, in the past, accomplished. For some, God has completed his work. I wonder if rather the opposite isn't nearer the truth. I wonder if we, as creatures of an unknowable but partially comprehended universe, do not have the Divine compulsion to keep creation going.

I wonder if it isn't a good thing for you and me to Wonder, sometimes.

I wonder!

M. ERNEST TOWNSEND.

## Revolutionary Ideas Puzzle Santa; 'Reflector' Endeavors To Help St. Nick.

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

At least that has always been the procedure in years past, around the twenty-fifth of December. But we have discovered that old St. Nicholas is a little nervous about his reception this year. It seems that last year young Wilbur and Mary Sneed, ages five and one-half and three, respectively, came running downstairs and burst into the living room just as Santa Claus was about to leave their house. Santa greeted them with a jovial smile which suddenly changed to a look of terror, for young Wilbur took one look at St. Nicholas' bright red suit, and with a wild cry of "Communist!"

tainly get a beautiful hot foot." Then seeing the tears in our eyes he patted us on the shoulder and said, "There, there, of course I believe in Santa Claus, and I want him to bring me a nice big choo choo train."

Smiling benignly he gently led us to the door.

Rather discouraged we returned to the school and were about to enter it when we saw in the sunken garden, the unwashed face of a little five-year-old lad commonly known to the students of N. S. T. C. as "Popeye." Against our better judgment we decided to sound out his views on Santa Claus. Advancing cautiously we halted when he snarled, "Stop! before I bounce a hunka doot off yer head."

"Now, now," we said soothingly,

## "The Rape of the Lock"



seized an air rifle the old gent had unwittingly left on the floor. The good Mr. Claus beat a hasty retreat up the chimney, but not quite hasty enough, the result was that he has had to make all the toys this year from a standing position.

Poor old Santa Claus has admitted that he just isn't well enough up on his psychology to cope with the modern child. Therefore he has asked the *Reflector* to interview some young Americans to find out whether their attitude is belligerent, neutral, or cooperative.

We decided to visit first, a prominent member of the younger set, Dr. Bevan French, age two and one-half. We found him at home deep in his favorite book, Barnes' "History of Western Civilization, Vol. II." Laying aside his pipe he bid us welcome and asked us what was on our minds.

"Well-uh-it's about Santa Claus," we nervously replied.

"What!" he shouted with glee, "Don't tell me that at your age you are so gullible as to believe in that ridiculous myth concocted by parents to confound and delude credulous off-spring?"

Rather dazed we mumbled, "We heard he comes down the chimney."

Bevan turned and eyed the fireplace where a merry fire was blazing. Chuckling, he said, "Well I'd like to see him do it now, he'd cer-

"We only want to talk to you about Santa Claus."

"Ya mean all dem guys on da street corners wid red suits? It's a racket," he sneered.

"Oh, they are only his helpers," we explained, "Santa himself is coming on Christmas Eve."

"O.K. I'll be waitin' for him, and I'll give him some of dis," he replied, picking up a large clod of earth and aiming it at us.

We saw that the interview was ended and rapidly sought the shelter of the school.

Inside the building we saw a little boy emerging from the kindergarten. Seeing that he looked like the credulous type we seized him eagerly.

"You believe in Santa Claus, don't you?" we pleaded while nodding our heads up and down.

"Oh, yes, and he's going to bring me two red fire engines for Christmas. My mother says I'm the best boy on the block and when she met Santa Claus the other day she told him that, too. He was glad and said that maybe he'd bring me the wagon I want."

We gasped with astonishment and clutched the wall for support, staggered by the fact that there was still one naive American in the younger generation. With this discovery we decided to call a halt to the proceedings, and told Santa Claus that he had better come prepared for anything.

## FACULTY AND ALUMNI NOTES

Miss Barber and twelve members of her sociology class were entertained by Miss Harriet Mulford on November 29. Her apartment in the Prudential Housing Project was the scene of the visit and after tea they inspected the project. Slides and pictures of the World's Fair and of housing in Norway and Sweden, all of which she took herself, were chosen.

Usually when people go to the Catskills, they don't bring half of the mountains back to the classroom, but Mr. Howard did. On the 18th of November he visited the Catskills and with a group of students brought back specimens for his collection. Mr. Howard is continuing his research work at Columbia University. He is working on his thesis for a doctor's degree and intends to get it within a year.

Bob Minchin and Leonard Brazier, both teaching at Hillside. Bob and Leonard were graduated in '37.

Geraldine Corona, 38, has recently been appointed to McKinley Evening High School.

Mabel Olphin, '28, former teacher of Adult Education, has left the teaching field to become a social worker.

## College Sororities and Fraternities Elect Members Amid Social Affairs

### Sigma Theta Chi

The Roy Hendrix Orchestra, a newcomer to Newark State, provided the music for the informal dance sponsored by the Sigma Theta Chi Fraternity in the College Gym Friday, December 1.

Black and gold, the fraternity's colors, and the Greek letters for Sigma Theta Chi composed the theme for the decorations at the dance.

Committees for the affair include: Orchestra, Robert Behrendt and Alex Tichenor; tickets, Frank Gawenus and Hugh Tunison, and decorations, Hugh Tunison, Robert Behrendt, Robert Ford, William Young, Earl Murphy, Richard Parkes, Ambrose Corcoran, Frank Gawenus, Ted Gabry and Alex Tichenor.

### Alpha Theta Pi

Alpha Theta Pi have invited nine girls, five Sophomores and four Freshmen, into the sorority. The Sophomore girls are Ruth Briggs, Myrtle Ellingham, Phyllis Hazard, Helen Ejk and Doris Whitney; Freshmen are Aileen Bagley, Elsie Jane Farmer, Rita Kennedy and Norma Wilson.

In order that the entire sorority may participate in the initiation the initiating period will begin in February, after the Seniors are back in the college, and end at the first meeting of the sorority in March.

Doris Thomson is chairman of the initiation committee.

Twenty-five couples attended the Supper Dance given by the sorority at the Essex House on Friday evening, December 8. An informal receiving line consisted of Ruth Bonnett, Dorothy Dorer, Agnes Kunz, vice-president of the sorority, and their escorts.

The program committee, Ruth Bonnett, chairman, Ann Marie Lanni, Eleanor Lorenz, Lorraine Kennedy, and Mary Shuey, arranged for the dance.

### Nu Sigma Phi

Pledges, to be rushed by the Nu Sigma Phi Fraternity after the first of the New Year, are now being considered by members of the organization and the pledge committee consisting of Larry Linkov, chairman, Leonard Fuchs, Fred Frost, Sanford Gottlieb and Aaron Halpern. Prospective members have been nominated on the basis of character, personality and social traits. After the rush period they will be officially installed as members of the fraternity at a dinner to be held at the Essex House.

A fraternity pin, to be adopted by Nu Sigma Phi, is now being investigated by the pin committee with Leonard Fuchs as chairman.

### Yuletide Dance Held

The annual Christmas dance sponsored by the Social Committee was held in the college gymnasium last Friday.

Members of the committee in charge include Arthur Earl, chairman, Frank Bigley, Bernice Doyle, Ann O'Neill and Cecil McSheen. The dance was arranged by the committee for the entire school.

Decorations were typically Christmas. Evergreen boughs were festooned on the gymnasium walls and red and white crepe paper covered the ceiling. Music was by Bert Ross and his orchestra.

James Jan Tausch, Senior president of the class of '35, is now an elementary teacher in Belleville.

### Omega Phi

The Omega Phi Sorority, Kappa Chapter, held their final rush on December 10, at the home of Adelaide Gottlieb of Elizabeth.

A Thanksgiving party was held on November 26, during which time a scavenger hunt was held. Those in charge of the party included Sylvia Schlenger, Theodora Yospin, Ruth Rader, Ruth Gladstone and Thelma Levitt.

### Nu Lambda Kappa

Marie Nealey started the ball rolling on a series of lectures concerning the writing of different types of literature at the last meeting of the Nu Lambda Kappa, with a talk on poetry.

According to the plan of the society each member will have an opportunity to express himself on some phase of literature, concerning his point of view on the writing of sonnets, poetry, essays, short stories and the like. Following each talk, an original composition based on the theme of the lecture, will be written to illustrate the speaker's ideas. "Ballads" is the subject of next lecture to be given by Gwendolyn Harrell.

## Dr. F. Involstadt Briefly Analyzes European Situation

"The Soviet-Nazi Pact will either make Europe Federated or Sovietized." Thus was the prediction made by Dr. Fred W. Involstadt, journalist, member of the National Committee on Adult Education and an eminent lecturer on international relationships, in an address to the student body in assembly.

The pact, explained Dr. Involstadt, was brought about by "an entire series of forces which are pushing Germany and Russia closer together, ever since the World War and are now plunging Europe into war." This agreement has crashed into war; it has done something which the individual countries dared not do. They were carried along by relentless forces, explained Dr. Involstadt. It has not only scourged Europe but has also brought Europe to an end of an age.

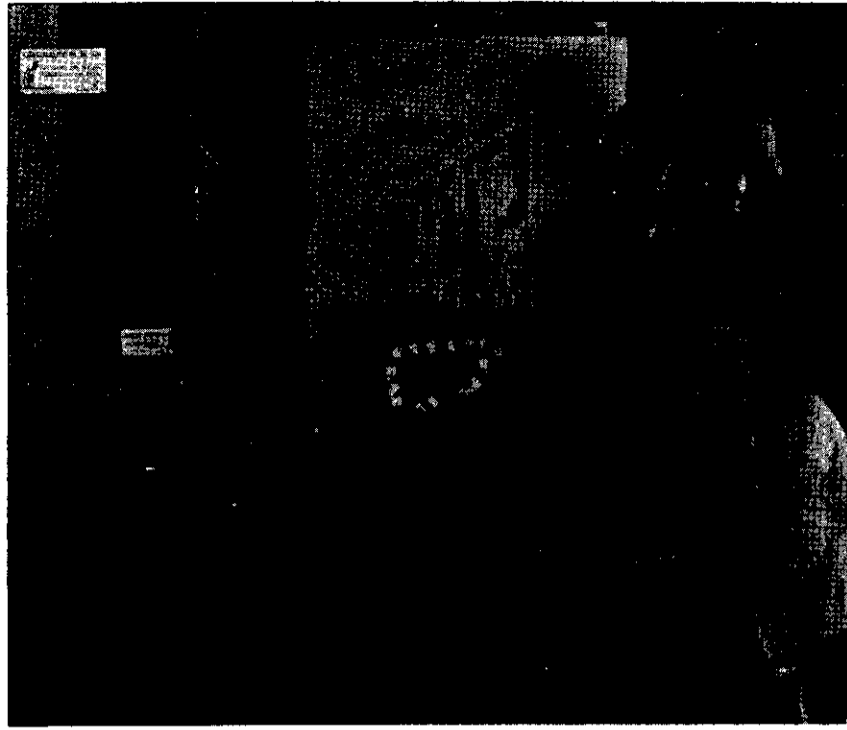
### I.R.C. Meetings Interest

The International Relations Club holds ten-minute quiz contests at each of their meetings. The club is divided into groups of five, which by a process of elimination yields the best informed member. The questions concern current events which intervene during a two-week period. George Kliman acts as Professor Quiz. The committee which forms the questions includes George Kliman, chairman, Edwin Gildner, Ira Rosenburg, and Mary Churinskas, ex-officio. Goldie Freed won the first contest, Doris Rosenblum was runner-up.

Another activity in the club is a series of lectures on "Republicanism" presented by Ken McEwan. His major purpose is "to present a critical analysis of the New Deal with criticisms, not of the end toward which our legislation points, but rather the means used to secure these ends." The first two ten-minute talks concerned President Roosevelt's campaign for office and the latter three, the ensuing legislation and its permanent effect on social life in the United States.

Mr. Katzin, an active member of many international groups and instructor in West Side High School, will be guest speaker at one of the meetings after Christmas.

## Applying Finishing Touches



Left to right—Roselyn Halpern, Lila McQuillan and Jane Tamor of Junior Fine Arts Curriculum.

## Senior Informal "Colossal Hit"

A Hollywood studio was the theme for the informal Senior dance held Friday evening, November 17. Props hid the corners and vivid pictures from "colossal hits" lined the walls. Colored spots which were placed at strategic points, gave just enough light for dancing to the rhythm of Don Gibson.

Between dances a double feature photoplay was shown to provide amusement. The first picture, a grave melodrama, starring Cyril Levy, Cecile McSheen, Al Greenbaum, Kay Davidson and Paul Weisman, had the stirring title "The Great College Mystery" or "Virtue Will Triumph." The camera's eye caught the fast action of the plot as Jack Truhart, our hero, rescued Charity, our heroine, from the villainous hands of Gaston La Owzy when that brute was about to murder the "gal." Scenario writer Paul Weisman directed the picture and Charles Meyers was the camera man.

The second big feature was O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi," starring Josephine Masino, William Bolger, Nat Silverman and Alfred Shargel. The tragedy of the story was well presented by our Seniors. The script was prepared by Abner Benish, and Bert Levison designed the costumes for the production. Joseph Sollish attended to the camera work. Both pictures were originally produced for Dr. Vaughn-Eames' course in Playwriting and Production for Children.

A unique method of drawing for the door prize was used. Each couple traced their footprints on paper that was passed around and after signing their names on the paper placed them in a box near the orchestra.

### Alumni Entertained

Upwards of five hundred graduates were guests of the College Alumni Association at a reception held during the recent State Education Association Convention in Atlantic City. The affair took place in the Trellis Room of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Officers of the association were assisted in receiving by the following members of the college staff: Dean Bertha Kain, Martha Downs, Laura Rogers, Harriet Wetzel, Frances Mitchell, Luella Seager, Anita D'Angola, Andrew Sloan, Wildy Singer, Clara Levy and John Milligan.

## Kurt Weise Guest Of Library Council

### Illustrator-Author

The renowned Kurt Weise displayed his unusual charm and skill as both narrator and illustrator at an informal lecture and tea sponsored by the Library Council in commemoration of National Children's Book Week, November 17, in the college auditorium.

The audience, composed of students and faculty members, was animated by the very amusing and skillful illustrations sketched by Mr. Weise. Many of his most notable creations, including Karoo, the Kangaroo; Crunch, the Squirrel; Amanda, the Dog, the Rooster and Mr. Penguin, were displayed. It took but a few minutes for Mr. Weise to actually have on his drawing board any one of the above mentioned characters.

Following the lecture, tea was served in the Reference Room. Here Mr. Weise once more spoke informally to small groups of students and faculty members.

The social committee of the Council, consisting of Lorraine Kennedy, chairman; Margaret Auld, Bernice Doyle, Esther Howell, Anne Tratch, Grace Reilly, and Mildred Schroppe, were in charge of the reception.

### STUDENT OPINIONS

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place. If they want war, let them fight their own battles.

George Kliman (Sophomore)—Yes, because we are too closely tied to the democracies in our international relations. Their aims and our aims are very similar.

Robert Behrendt (Sophomore)—Keep out of war. We have enough domestic troubles here in the United States. The problem won't be settled by fighting.

Edward Ambry (Freshman)—No, this is not our scrap, we should adopt a policy of isolation and concentrate on our own internal problems.

Rita Shapiro (Freshman)—We should help them because the policies of the totalitarian states conflict with the safety of the democracies. We should fight because that is the only way totalitarian states can be defeated.

Ruth Steward (Sophomore)—Yes, if we truly believe in democracy we should be ready to fight for it.

## Housing Study Is Published By Junior F. A.

Extensive Research Under Guidance of Sybil Browne Lead to "Newark Rehouses"

Exhibit at Newark Library

Creative composition with a practical purpose is the keynote of the most recent accomplishment of the third year Fine Art students. "Newark Rehouses" is the title of their publication and between its artistic covers lies a wealth of original and creative work.

During a recent course in housing, the slum problem as it exists in our city and in the Orange-Nesbitt St. section in particular, attracted the interest of the students. This interest very shortly transformed the exertion of student talents in the direction of the practical rehousing of the residents of this specific area. The fact that the government had approved a rehousing project in this section had much to do with the students' choice of their subject.

### Conditions Exposed

Extensive research work was carried on, lectures attended, field trips taken to housing projects in Harlem, N. Y., and to Radburn, N. J. Original photographs were taken by the students in order to depict the horrible living conditions existing in the area and statistical information was gathered to further accentuate the deplorable environment of the residents.

Among the factors taken into consideration during the actual planning of the project were the economical use of the land, the recreation and safety of the residents, especially the children, sanitation and the proximity to commercial centers and schools.

### Artistic Achievement

Every page in the publication whether a graph, a spot map, plan, drawing or painting is a complete composition in itself and as such is an attractive and accurate blending of the artistic and technical aspects of its subject. The purpose of this publication is to acquaint the public at large with housing conditions prevalent in our very midst and the methods by which the situation may be remedied. Among these methods are mobilization of public opinion which will result in more grants from the government and the orderly upkeep of private property with perhaps a garden or shrubs in a backyard or a lawn.

### Class Project

Miss Beatrice Winsor of the Newark Public Library has requested the publication for display purposes. The project has already been submitted to Sir Raymond Unwin, England's foremost town planner, who at present is at Columbia University, and has met with his utmost approval.

The student editors are Gladys Young, Lila McQuillan and Jane Tamor. Their co-workers consist of the entire Junior Fine Art class. Miss Sibyl Browne as faculty adviser deserves much credit for the success of the project.

Invaluable aid and information was obtained from F. J. Collins and Maude C. Rolls of the Newark Housing Authority, Joseph Nevins of the New Jersey State Housing Authority, Paul Buhl of the Newark Planning Board, Isabelle Sims of the Welfare Federation and Ida Segal of the Jewish Social Service of Newark.

# Newark Cagers Drop Initial Games; Bow To Montclair And Bloomfield

Despite valiant fighting our Newark State basketball team dropped its first two games to Bloomfield Seminary and Montclair Teachers College. December 12, Bloomfield Seminary put Newark on the short end of a 25-18 score. Previously, on December 7, a tall Montclair team gave the N.S.T.C. boys a 52-22 drubbing.

Fouling cost Newark the Bloomfield Seminary game on last Tuesday. Howat, of Bloomfield, who was fouled nine times sank eight of his free shots to provide the winning margin.



B. Levison, Co-Capt.

Newark	Bloomfield
Tichenor, f. 1 0 2	Howat, f. 2 8 12
DeFino, f. 0 1 1	Sadler, f. 0 0 0
Luceola, f. 1 1 3	Galotti, f. 0 0 0
Barone, c. 0 1 1	Nicony, f. 0 0 0
Schmidt, c. 0 0 0	VanBusk'k, c. 5 1 11
Benisch, g. 1 3 5	Nesteller, g. 0 0 0
Levison, g. 2 2 6	Harto, g. 0 2 2
Feigles, g. 0 0 0	Feke, g. 0 0 0
<b>Totals 55 8 18</b>	<b>Totals 7 11 25</b>



A. Benisch, Co-Capt.

## Montclair 52 — Newark 22

Montclair, led by Mersky, opened up a furious attack at the blowing of the first whistle and got away to an early lead, which they maintained to the end of the game. The score at the half stood at 31-8 in their favor. Newark's defense was fairly good but not quite good enough to hinder the remarkable marksmanship of the Montclair sharpshooters as they sunk shot after shot from points not far from the middle of the court.

The Newark quintet in their turn showed good strategy in their attacks but Montclair's effective five-man zone defense, aided by their superior height, kept the score in the lower digits.

Abner Benisch topped the Newark courtsters with 8 points to his credit. "Hank" Barone came next with 6 points which, incidentally, were scored in a row. Mersky and Slapp led Montclair with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Newark	Montclair
Benische, c. 3 2 8	Mersky, f. 4 3 13
Levinson, g. 1 0 2	Fishman, f. 2 1 5
Tichenor, f. 1 0 2	Stapp, c. 5 2 12
Barone, f. 3 0 6	Van Hdle, g. 4 1 9
Salkin, g. 0 2 2	Riddle, g. 2 0 4
Luceola, f. 1 0 2	Steinetz, f. 2 0 4
De Fino, f. 0 0 0	Cairns, g. 1 2 4
Schmidt, c. 0 0 0	Lobel, g. 0 0 0
	De Vita, c. 0 1 1
<b>Totals 9 4 22</b>	<b>Totals 21 10 52</b>

## Girl Captains Chosen

The girls' basketball club have chosen their leaders for the 1939-40 season. Janet Krol, Jo Masino, Cecile Mandelstein, Ann Tratch, Aileen Begley and Dianne Pitten are to captain the six newly formed teams. Each captain will lead a team of twelve. Because of the large number of players per team, scrimmaging will be held on Tuesday for half of the group and the remainder will practice on Friday. The girls will welcome the Seniors who return from student teaching on Tuesdays and Fridays to join in the competition.

To develop skill in shooting, Coach Helen Schneider will conduct a foul shooting contest before each practice. Members of the club are entitled to ten free shots each week. A record is being kept and the highest scorer will receive her letter at the end of the year.

A varsity team will be formed in the near future to meet teams from other colleges.

# Pep Day Assembly For Cheer Leaders

Pep Day Assembly will be held January 3, with the Senior cheer leaders, Achilles D'Amico, captain, Josephine Masino and Kathryn Polino directing the program.

At this time the contestants for places on the cheering squad will demonstrate their ability. Each contestant will lead two cheers, an old one and one which is unfamiliar to the students and then will lead the singing of parodies and songs which they have written.

Of the six girls participating three will be elected by vote of the student body. Ballots will be given out as each person enters the auditorium. After the contest they will be filled out and handed to the persons in charge of balloting.

Since only two men, Sidney Kreuger and William Young, tried for positions on the cheering squad they are automatically added to it. In order to put the audience into the spirit of the season the program will culminate in a group of "Happy New Year" songs.

## LET'S EASE UP

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few were chosen. In an effort to alleviate partially this situation it was decided that committee appointments would be made with the thought in mind of turning over to the less active students those tasks which they could perform just as capably as anyone else if only given the chance.

Oftentimes it is not the student's fault that he becomes too involved in many things. It results because he cannot "No." Once a student has established a reputation for doing things well he is often deluged with requests for his services here, there, and everywhere. It is hard to say "No" to a person he likes. Many times his imagination and interests are stimulated by the proposals. There arises then the need of a system of protection for the beleaguered student.

Some colleges have recognized the problem and gone a long way toward a solution. They have set up a way of limiting the individual's load through a system of points. Points are given for club membership, for holding office in classes or clubs, for serving on standing committees, for athletic activities. In short, points come from any extracurricular activity in direct proportion to the amount of success attained — a club president or the editor of the annual would receive more points than a fellow member not holding office. Under this system an individual is allowed to amass a fixed amount of points each year and no more. The number of points allowed is adjusted to serve a dual purpose. It prevents one person from attaining more than his share of the high offices and it prevents the student from deriving himself to a padded cell before his time.

The REFLECTOR feels that there are many more capable students in the college than there are tasks to absorb them. It feels that there is absolutely no justification for an individual doing the jobs of three persons. It maintains that the student should be prevented from accepting too many obligations. It suggests that steps should be taken in the Student Council when the seniors return to insure for ourselves the blessings of such regulation.

## Recent Student A. A. Poll Launches Varsity Fencing

On guard! Advance! Thrust! Lunge! These commands accompanied by the metallic clash of steel upon steel, ushered in this year's fencing season at Newark State. As a result of the recent student poll on the subject of sports, both intermural and varsity, this activity received a stimulating shot in the arm by becoming a varsity sport. Quite a number of fellows turned out for this sport which promotes precision, skill, balance and poise of movement; and it was noticed that about half of them were Freshmen. This tallies up with the great spirit and enthusiasm shown by the Freshmen this year in the other sports of the college.

The classes, which will meet in the cafeteria on every Tuesday and Thursday through the season, will be under the skilled direction of Dr. Cetrullo and his brother, Donald. Dr. Cetrullo also coaches Barringer High School and Seton Hall College. At the first two meetings the tutors displayed their talents by giving the more experienced bladesmen of the team advanced instruction, and by teaching the beginners the fundamentals of fencing. These fundamentals comprise the elementary positions used in fencing for defensive and offensive purposes. Some of them are the guard position, the advance, the lunge and the parry. The group as a whole responded enthusiastically to direction, and the situation seemed to be well in hand.

The fencing team, formed around the experienced members of last year's club, will issue challenges some time in January to nearby colleges, such as Seton Hall and Newark Tech who, according to Dr. Cetrullo, "are just itching to cut somebody up." We all hope that this year, the first year of competitive fencing at Newark State, will be a smashing success.

At its first meeting this year the members of the squad elected as captain R. J. Pannullo.

## Tourney Under Way

The New Jersey Archery Association is sponsoring a College Girls' Mail Archery Tournament to be held from December, 1939, to April, 1940. The contest is open to Sophomore, Junior and Senior women in the colleges of New Jersey.

Each college will conduct its own shooting under the supervision of the institution's archery instructor, mailing the results before the third Friday of each month to the New Jersey Archery Association at 971 Broad Street, Newark.

The fee for each college is two dollars. The rules governing the tournament will be those provided by the Archery Association.

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## Basketball Schedule

- December, 1939—
- Thursday, 7—Montclair Teachers, away, 8:15.
- Tuesday, 12—Bloomfield, away, 8:15.
- Saturday, 16—\*Newark College of Engineering, home, 8:15.
- January, 1940—
- Friday, 5—Glassboro Teachers, home, 7:30.
- Tuesday, 9—Newark Technical School, home, 10:00.
- Friday, 12—Rutgers Pharmacy, home, 8:30.
- Tuesday, 16—Jersey City Teachers, away, 8:30.
- Friday, 19—Bloomfield Seminary, home, 8:15.
- Tuesday, 23—Rutgers University College, away, 8:30.
- Tuesday, 30—Paterson Teachers, away, 8:15.
- February, 1940—
- Friday, 2—Trenton Teachers, home, 8:15.
- Tuesday, 6—Rutgers University College, home, 8:15.
- Friday, 9—Princeton Seminary, away, 8:15.
- Tuesday, 13—New Brunswick Seminary, away, 8:15.
- Saturday, 17—\*Wilson Teachers, home, 8:15.
- Tuesday, 20—Newark Technical School, away, 10:00.
- Thursday, 22—Alumni, home, 3.
- Monday, 26—New Brunswick Seminary, home, 8:15.
- March, 1940—
- Friday, 1—Wilson Teachers, away, 8:15.

## Science Professor Active in Scouts

Dr. McMurray has been appointed to the Leadership Training Committee of the Robert Treat Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The aim of the committee is to train adult leaders of the three thousand Boy Scouts of Newark and its suburbs. The two-year program will include troop management, overnight and short-term camping, and philosophy of scouting. The position of consultant in teacher education for National Educational Association, Washington, D. C., was another appointment received by Dr. McMurray, to prepare a fourteen-year science program for classes from kindergarten through junior college.

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# Teachers Faults Scrutinized By Superintendents

Twenty-three cooperating superintendents were present at a conference held on December 1, in the Tudor Room. Dr. John Milligan explained the function of the commission on Teacher Education in which our college, one of seven colleges, was selected to participate. He stated that the National Commission is going to offer specialist advice regarding teacher personal problems and those in educational fields. They are going to set up work-shops where people interested in a particular problem may go to work upon it. The commission has a program to work for the better utilization of the entire professional group of the faculty in the organization and function of the college.

## Reasons Listed

Mr. Bustard, superintendent of schools in Roselle, discussed some critical indices of poor teaching personality among some of which were the lack of enthusiasm, an unsympathetic nature, lack of genuine interest in teaching work, lack of a broad interest in life, lack of sense of humor, and lack of ability to follow through.

The following members of the faculty were present: Dr. Townsend, Miss Marcia E. Baldwin, Mr. John Dickey, Miss Bertha Kain, Dr. John Milligan, Miss Frances Mitchell, Mrs. Jane Plenty, Miss A. Luella Seager, Mr. Wildy Singer, Mr. Andrew Sloan, Miss Harriet Wetzel, and Miss Anna M. Balling.

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