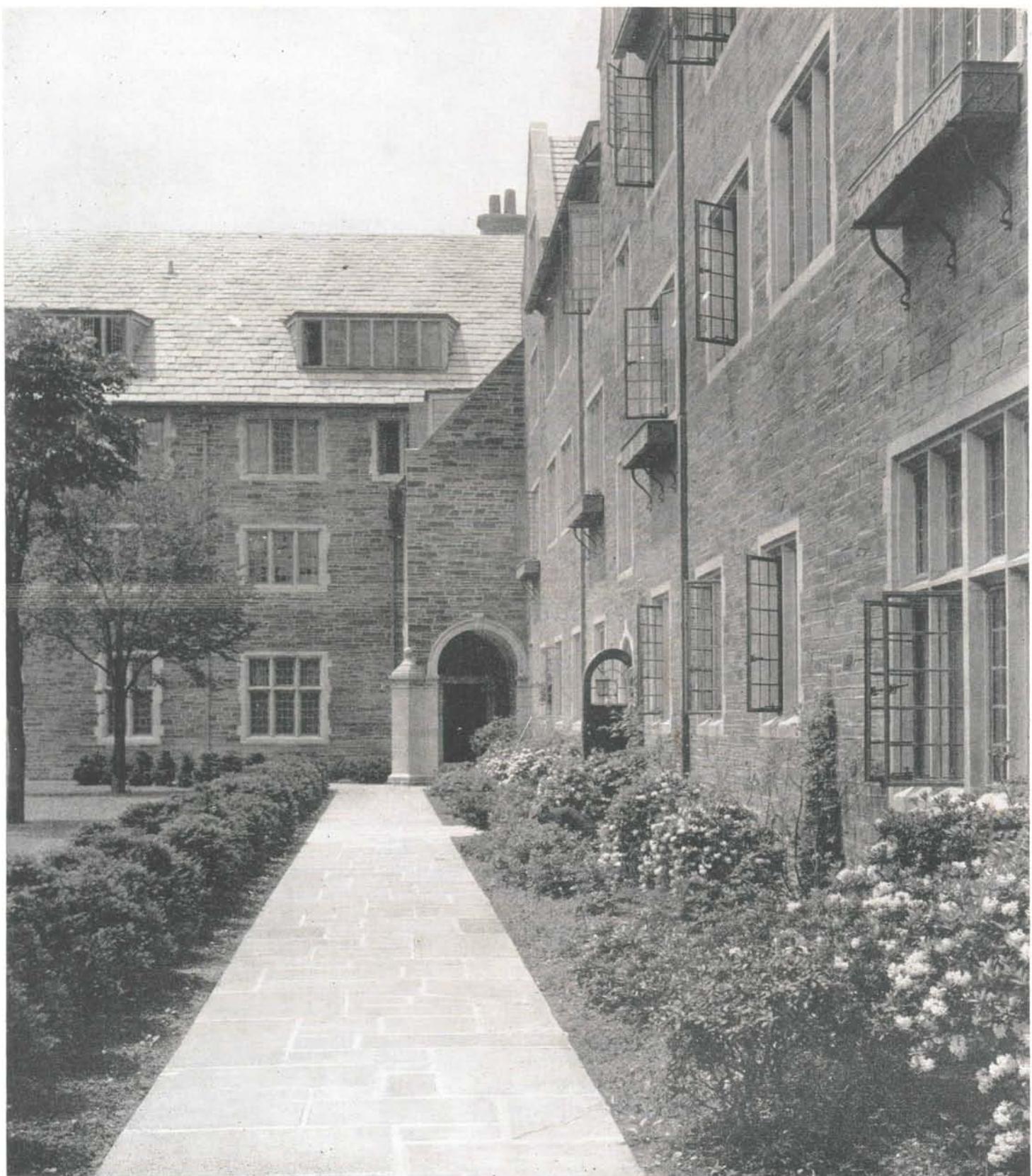


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Cornell's Educational Pioneers The Comstocks of Cornell

BY RUBY GREEN SMITH, PHD '14

Of those pioneers who have blazed new trails in education at Cornell, articles have appeared on President Andrew D. White, Robert H. Thurston, Liberty Hyde Bailey, James Law, Edward L. Nichols '75, and James E. Rice '90. Others will be forthcoming.

Mrs. Smith, who writes on the Comstocks, is the wife of "Uncle Pete," the late Dean Albert W. Smith '78. They came to Cornell in 1905 from Stanford University, where Mrs. Smith had received the AB and AM and had been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. She knew the Comstocks for thirty years and studied with them. She joined the State Extension Service administration in 1918 and was State leader of home demonstration agents from 1932 until last July when she was released from executive work, to write the History of the New York State Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics. She has adapted this article from sections of her forthcoming book, and worked also from Mrs. Comstock's unpublished autobiography, *The Comstocks of Cornell*, loaned by Professor Glenn W. Herrick '96, Entomology, Emeritus.

THE renowned Professors Comstock of Cornell might never have met if Mr. Comstock had not been warned against "Godless Cornell, where the first year closed with dancing and Classics were reduced to rank with Science." This denunciation led John Henry Comstock '74 to enter Cornell in the University's second year. Here he pioneered in guiding the development of invertebrate zoology from 1873-79 and from 1881-1914, when as professor emeritus, he was acclaimed the world's leading entomologist. He might never have met Anna Botsford if she had heeded the counsel of her teacher at Chamberlain Institute: "You won't have as gay a time as you've had at Chamberlain, for boys at Cornell won't pay any attention to college girls." Anna thought seriously about this, but said: "Cornell must be a good place to get an education; it has all the advantages of a university and a convent, combined." Anna Botsford entered Cornell in 1875, to find the University no convent!

Speaking "In Appreciation of Anna

Botsford Comstock" when she was guest of honor at the 1929 banquet of the New York State Federation of Home Bureaus, in Willard Straight Hall, Albert W. Smith '78 described her rare beauty and said: "She came to Cornell to prepare for teaching, but when she made this plan she had not foreseen her meeting with Professor Comstock. . . . They were married on Cornell's tenth anniversary, October 7, 1878. The Comstocks were happy ever afterward; and so were those fortunate enough to know them."

The lives and growing fame of the Comstocks of Cornell were so interwoven that it seemed appropriate when Professor Olaf Brauner painted them together for their portrait in the University Library. Both were dedicated to the advancement of science and to the honor of Cornell.

Working Scientist

Cornell's obligation to the people was implicit in the University's designation as the Land Grant College for New York State. One of the first members of the Faculty to translate this relationship into action was John Henry Comstock '74.

In 1876, he did extension work for the Western New York Horticultural Society. This young Cornellian held the conviction that scientific knowledge should be carried to the public whenever discoveries are made through research. He advocated economic entomology, to control insects injurious to vegetation, declaring: "I hope entomologists will learn that it is as important to know what insects do as to know their names."

Professor Comstock was a master of clear, concise exposition. His ability in teaching and in research led to his Cornell appointments as instructor 1873-76, assistant professor 1876-78, professor and head of the Department of Entomology and Inver-

tebrate Zoology 1882-1914, and professor emeritus 1914-31. Continuity of his service at Cornell was interrupted in 1879-81, when he was entomologist in the US Department of Agriculture.

From early boyhood, he earned his educational opportunities and much of his living, because his father died in the California gold rush and his mother worked as a nurse in distant cities, while her child, whose letters reveal his pathetic longing for her, worked in various families. Finally, he found work and a foster home in Oswego County, New York, with Captain Lewis Turner, master of sailing ships on the Great Lakes. When old enough to work on these ships, John Henry spent shore leaves in book stores. In Buffalo, he discovered the book which determined his life work, *Insects Injurious to Vegetation*, by Thaddeus W. Harris of Harvard. He found this book at night and hurried to the store next morning, fearing it might have been sold while he hesitated to pay \$10 for it, because he was saving his wages for more schooling.

When Comstock was a Cornell Junior, he knew so much about insects that his fellow students petitioned the Faculty to authorize him to teach entomology. These petitioners belonged to the "Struggle for Existence Club," which had headquarters in a small building in the yard of President Andrew D. White's Campus house, now the home of President and Mrs. Day. At "The Strug," food was inexpensive but table talk was never



THE PROFESSORS COMSTOCK
From a portrait by Professor Olaf Brauner

cheap. Cornell's Faculty granted this student petition, enabling Comstock to earn his education by using his fine mind, in dramatic contrast with his first work at Cornell, when he unloaded stones for the building of McGraw Hall where he was destined to develop the first Entomology Department in the United States.

Built First Insectary

Comstock was an educational pioneer in methods of research and of resident and extension teaching. His studies of wing venation revealed natural relationships as a basis for the classification of insects in a system now accepted universally. His manual skill enabled him to design equipment which became standard for museum collections of insects. His plans were ready for research with living insects, enabling Cornell to act promptly in building the first Insectary in the world, using Federal funds from the Hatch Act of 1888 which provided for State Experiment Stations. Certain Cornell professors requested that insects be confined to this Insectary, despite Comstock's assurance that insects would prefer death to biting a professor. But Andrew D. White and Goldwin Smith donned bee bonnets,

in search of learning unlike their specialties.

Comstock Publishing Co.

Need for entomological books led J. H. Comstock to write Introduction to Entomology and Manual for the Study of Insects. Desire to make illustrated scientific books available at reasonable prices led to the organization of the Comstock Publishing Co. whose motto was "Through books to nature." Housed first in the Comstock home, the company built the chalet on Roberts Place, now headquarters also for the Cornell University Press, and given to the University in 1931, with the business, by the Comstocks and Professors Simon H. Gage '77 and Glenn W. Herrick '96. The University Publisher, Victor Reynolds, reports continuing sales of J. H. Comstock's Introduction, now in its ninth edition, and of the twenty-second edition of his Manual, which was adopted by thirty colleges within thirty days of its first publication.

In order to write these and other books, including Wings of Insects and The Spider Book, Professor Comstock adopted heroic measures, writing at sunrise before his classes arrived, and stealing away from the social life he enjoyed, while Mrs.

Comstock explained his absence; for students, Faculty members, and visitors who frequented their hospitable homes, at "Fall Creek Cottage" where Baker Laboratory of Chemistry stands, and at "The Ledge," now Dr. Lane Cooper's home. For their writing, the Comstocks had other retreats, in McGraw, in the Insectary, and at "The Hermitage," their cottage on Cayuga's shore. Mrs. Comstock said: "Our writing was the thread upon which our days were strung, despite a thousand interfering activities."

Recognized Abroad

Professor J. H. was friendly and loyal; his face was pale, refined, and sensitive; he loved a good cigar; mentally alert, he was physically active, moving like a flash. While lecturing, he used both of his skillful hands in blackboard drawings of conveniently bilateral insects. His valiant search for truth, in a spirit of high adventure, his teaching and publications brought him recognition, not only in American science organizations and publications, but in the *Societe Entomologique de France* and in the Entomological Society of London.

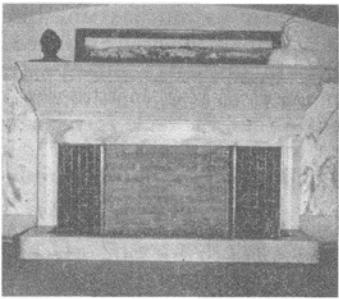
When released from executive responsibilities, Professor Emeritus Comstock continued his research, revised his books, and wrote new ones. Upon his retirement in 1914, he received an appreciation fund from his students and colleagues. Immediately, he gave it to Cornell as the nucleus of other gifts, from the Comstocks. These finance the John Henry Comstock Memorial Library and the Comstock Graduate Scholarships.

First in Nature Study

Anna Botsford Comstock defined, organized, and taught in a new field of learning, "Nature-study," destined to spread from its genesis at Cornell to schools, colleges, and universities throughout the United States and in other lands. Her educational pioneering began when she made a creative interpretation of the psychological and physical closing of the American frontier, which was accompanied by agricultural depression in New York. Although westward adventures were ending, Mrs. Comstock suggested that discoveries await those who study plants, animals, streams, and stars without leaving home; and that knowledge of nature's ways and forces cultivates imagination, develops love of beauty, and leads to culture through understanding companionship with the universe.

Cornell's nature-study philosophy was initiated by Mrs. Comstock in 1891 as an aid to agriculture. She worked on a "Committee for the Promotion of Agriculture in New York (Continued on page 505)

How Well Do You Know Cornell? CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PICTURE?



EVERY student in the University since 1891 must have passed this fireplace in a familiar Campus building. Thus this "Campus close-up" gives opportunity to Cornellians of all ages to win a prize copy of Professor Becker's Cornell University: Founders and the Founding, with compliments of the Alumni News and University Press, its publishers.

The book will be awarded to the subscriber who sends by July 15 the most complete and accurate identification of this picture, including location and description. Judgment

will be by the Alumni News staff, whose decision shall be final. In event of a tie, decision will be by lot. No person who lives within twenty-five miles of Ithaca may compete. Correct description and name of the winner will appear in our August issue.

RESULT OF MAY 15 CONTEST

FIVE persons correctly identified the picture at right, in our May 15 contest, as of the decorations over the north-easterly (main) entrance to Willard Straight Hall. Only one contestant, however, named correctly the eight Colleges of the University which the designs on these stone shields represent. They are, from left to right, Architecture, Engineering, Law, Arts and Sciences, Graduate School, Medicine, Agriculture, and Veterinary. The building, opened in 1925, was designed by Delano & Aldrich of New York City.

For her most nearly correct identification of this picture, Mrs. Edwin M. Cake (Dorothy Stevens) '34 of Jacksonville, Fla., has been sent her prize copy of Professor Becker's great book about Cornell.



Romeo



HIS mingled strains resulted in "a rather large, very thin, somewhat white, and wholly wistful animal," according to the late Professor Martin W. Sampson, whose description of famous Campus dogs we reprinted in "Time Was . . .," April 15.

Mrs. Brayton A. Porter, the former Freida Atwater of Ithaca whose husband is a member of the Class of '13, sends this snapshot from an old album; pencilled identification on the back of the picture reads, "Romeo, mongrel dog of Cornell." Mrs. Porter writes, "He looked at us so appealingly one day we invited him to go down to watch crew practice" on the Inlet, where this picture was taken. She notes "his tendency towards the greyhound type."

Club Elects

THIRTY-FIFTH anniversary was celebrated by the Cornell Women's Club of Cleveland, Ohio, last month. Officers for 1945-46 are: president, Mrs. Charles S. Mills (Evelyn Ross) '25; vice-president, Mrs. Stanley Wilcox (Eloise Dresser) '12; secretary, Mille F. Brooks '38; and treasurer, Judith R. Marx '37.

Massachusetts Officers

CORNELL Club of Western Massachusetts met for dinner May 23 at the Hotel Kimball in Springfield; thirty-five were present. President Kenneth E. Paine '23 of West Springfield conducted a short business meeting, during which he was re-elected president of the Club for next year with John J. D. McCormick '13 of Holyoke as vice-president and John J. Millane, Jr. '28 of Ludlow, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Edward A. Rice '04 of South Deerfield, Ralph A. Nickerson '07 of South Hadley, Edward A. Otto '22 of Pittsfield, Sidney E. Whiting, Jr. '28 of Holyoke, John F. Harriott '20 of Longmeadow, and Lincoln E. Cruikshank '27 of East Longmeadow.

Dinner speaker was Football Coach Edward C. McKeever.

Now in My Time!

By *Conrad Avery*

THERE is talk of a new building to occupy a site which includes the northeast corner of Hoy Field.

That's a nice place for a building. For the last twenty-odd years, it has been no more than the grassy hillside which sloped up to the Athletic garage from back of the baseball visitors' bench. The University barn stood there prior to 1914. The ancient foundations of that barn could be located by a little digging in the right place.

But we'd hesitate to do any casual digging in that hillside—let alone any drilling or excavating for a new building—until we'd first done quite a lot of scholarly research designed to determine the exact location of the store of high explosives, gas shells, and live ammunition that now lies buried there.

This isn't the first war we ever had at Ithaca! That other time, what is now Hoy Field was occupied at its north end by the temporary buildings of a School of Aerial Photography; at its southern extremity by a communal potato patch operated by the Athletic Association's field staff. The sidehill we've been talking about was where the photographers tunnelled a cave, guarded by a stout oak door, as a safe place to store their more volatile chemicals. Later on, toward the end of hostilities, when the commanding officer received without warning a mixed consignment of high explosives, live shells, lethal gasses, bombs, hand grenades, etc., he put them in the photographers' cave and not on his books.

At least, that was the explanation of the oak door in the hillside, as given by Mr. Floyd Darling, war-worn custodian of Schoellkopf Field, to your reporter when he took over in the summer of 1919.

Your reporter felt that he had enough responsibility with all those explosive coaches and unstable Faculty committees on his hands, and that something ought to be done about the shells. He entered the cave, walking delicately, but only far enough to observe the piles of wooden cases bearing the inscriptions and the different color stripes which identified their contents and distinguished between those which were loaded with high

explosives, and the others which held lethal gasses.

Straightway at the Drill Hall, the late Colonel Barton, who had recently assumed command, received our information with no interest whatever. He hadn't signed for any shells and was not charged with any. If there were any shells, the Athletic Association owned 'em!

The late Comptroller Emmons Williams took much the same attitude. Finally, after months of travail, he had settled all accounts between the University and the War Department. The books were closed, and wild tigers couldn't make him open them again for any purpose. One war was plenty for a lifetime, Mr. Williams said in dismissing us.

There the matter stood until 1921, when it became necessary to do a lot of grading for the construction of Hoy Field. We then mentioned the high explosives to the gentlemanly representative of the Department of Buildings and Grounds who came over to lay out the work, and suggested he'd better remove them before he did much blasting. The representative agreed that the shells should be removed, but felt strongly that the work should be done by the Athletic Association. The issue was ultimately compromised by leaving the ammunition boxes undisturbed and removing all signs of the photographers' cave. The site was graded smooth with a scoop shovel and then seeded to grass. That is the way most difficult questions are handled in American institutions of higher learning!

Ordinarily, your reporter would not embarrass the University's current administration by reviving an old question that had once been settled by being covered up. But somehow, we wouldn't feel just right in standing mute and letting these splendid young Johnny-come-latelies burrow into that hillside, unwarmed of what they might possibly find there.

We take this detached method of warning them, to save their time and ours. We shall watch their subsequent activities around Hoy Field with interest. It should prove an excellent way of finding out how many of them, if any, read the ALUMNI NEWS!

Slants on Sports

By *Bill Stater '27*

Crews Beat Columbia

TWO Cornell crews brought the rowing season to a close on the Harlem River, New York City, June 9 with close victories over Columbia. The twilight races were over a mile and three-quarters course. The crews rowed with the tide, but against a strong wind that produced rough water over some stretches of the course.

Cornell came from behind to win the Varsity engagement by a half-length, after the Junior Varsity had bested Columbia by one-third of a length in the opening engagement.

In the Varsity race, Columbia broke in front and held the lead for more than a mile. The crews hit rough water at this point, and the Cornell crew were the better oarsmen in the heavier going, picking up a deck's advantage going into the last half-mile. Columbia challenged, but could not close the gap, and Cornell stayed in front to the finish.

The Junior Varsity race was rowed much the same way, with Columbia getting away to a better start and staying in the van for a mile. Cornell caught up and spurted into a lead of almost a length. Then Columbia rallied and almost closed the gap.

The Cornell boatings (all are Naval Reservists):

Varsity—Bow, George A. Fearn; 2, Theodore J. Bliss; 3, James P. Wiles; 4, Donald R. Peirce; 5, William F. Hale; 6, Edwin C. Paul; 7, William Packard; stroke, William B. Richardson; coxswain, William G. Papsec.

Junior Varsity—Bow, Carl E. Glaser; 2, A. William Beale; 3, Park L. Metzgar; 4, John H. Rasch; 5, John P. Fraser; 6, Paul R. McCormick; 7, Frederick J. Kircher; stroke, Carl A. Johnson; coxswain, Alexander Brede.

Track Season Closes

TRACK team finished its season with a dual meet victory over Princeton, 103-32, at Princeton May 26 and a tie with Dartmouth for second place in the Heptagonals at Annapolis, Md., June 2.

The US Naval Academy won the Heptagonals meet. Behind Cornell and Dartmouth were Pennsylvania, Virginia (competing by special invitation of the Heptagonal Games Association), Columbia, and Princeton. The US Military Academy was un-

able to compete because of final examinations.

John F. Kandl '45, the East's outstanding two-miler and Cornell's newly-elected track captain, won the championship at that distance with a record performance. He was timed in 9:34.1, bettering the Heptagonals mark of 9:37.6 set by William V. Bassett '37. It was Kandl's seventh straight victory this season. He won the two-mile run at the Penn Relays, the Intercollegiates, and the Heptagonals and doubled up to win the mile and two-mile races in the Pennsylvania and Princeton dual meets.

Other Cornell scorers in the Heptagonals were Paul Robeson, Jr. '48, who tied with Conley of Dartmouth for first place in the high jump at 6 feet 3½ inches; Gilbert J. Bouley '47, second to Smith of the Naval Academy in the shot put with 43 feet 3½ inches and third in the hammer throw; George R. Moch, USNR, third in the 220-yard low hurdles; and Eugene P. L. de Prosses '47, third in the mile run.

In the Princeton meet, Cornell per-

Scores of the Teams

Baseball

Cornell 5, Yale 0
Yale 8, Cornell 5
Princeton 5, Cornell 2
Princeton 3, Cornell 1

Track

Cornell 103, Princeton 32
Heptagonals: US Naval Academy 87½, Cornell and Dartmouth 35 each, Pennsylvania 33½, Virginia 27, Columbia 17, Princeton 5

Rowing

Varsity: Cornell 8:19, Columbia 8:20.6 (mile and three quarters)
Junior Varsity: Cornell 8:21, Columbia 8:21.6 (mile and three quarters)

Lacrosse

Cornell 7, Penn State 6
US Military Academy 12, Cornell 3
Penn State 15, Cornell 8

Tennis

Princeton 8, Cornell 1
Cornell 7, Columbia 2
Pennsylvania 8, Cornell 1

formers won twelve of the fifteen events and swept five of them. Bouley turned in victories in the hammer throw, 145 feet 6 inches; discus throw, 135 feet 11 inches, and shot put, 42 feet 5½ inches. Kandl was timed in 4:34.4 in the mile and 9:29.6 in the two-mile run. Daniel M. Kelley, USNR, won the 440-yard run in 0:52.4 and the 880 in 2:04.6.

Other winners were Moch, 220-yard low hurdles, 0:26.7; Bernard Bernstein, USNR, 220-yard dash, 0:22.6; Malcolm B. Carsley '47, javelin throw, 159 feet 1 inch; Robeson, high jump, 6 feet 2 inches; and Donald C. Young, USNR, broad jump, 21 feet 1 inch.

Kandl was Cornell's lone entry in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., June 9. He scored 8 points by placing second to Martin of NYU in the two-mile run. Kandl took the lead at the mile mark and held it until the last quarter, when Martin spurted to win by about eighteen yards. Cornell tied with Ohio State at seventeenth place among entrants from twenty-six colleges and universities.

Last in Baseball League

BASEBALL team dropped into last place in the Eastern Intercollegiate League when it lost two games to Princeton, 5-2 and 3-1, on Hoy Field, June 2.

In non-League competition, Cornell broke even with Yale at New Haven May 26, winning the first game, 5-0, and losing the second, 8-5. The Colgate game, scheduled for Hoy Field June 9, was postponed because of rain.

Games in the doubleheaders were of seven innings.

Kenneth P. Battles '48 turned in a two-hit performance in the first game with Yale, but had to be rescued after he filled the bases in the seventh inning. Alfred W. Rothermel, USNR, the relief pitcher, retired Yale without a score. John W. Hagood, USNR, center fielder, led Cornell's seven-hit attack with three singles.

In the second game, Cornell built up a 5-1 lead in the first three innings. Rothermel, the starting pitcher, weakened in the seventh as Yale rallied to score 7 runs and win, 8-5. Walter D. Way '48 and Paul A. Smith, USNR, also took turns at pitching for Cornell. Duffus, the Yale pitcher, held Cornell to four hits.

In the Princeton doubleheader, played on a wet field in cold, cloudy weather, Cornell outhit the visitors in both games, but pitching wildness and infield misplays were costly.

Battles pitched a three-hitter in the opener, but gave seven bases on balls.

Princeton scored all its runs in the fourth inning on two hits, three walks, a sacrifice hit, an error, and a balk. Cornell made its two runs in the same frame, on singles by Hagood and John Skawski, USNR, third baseman, and an error by Clemen, the Princeton pitcher.

Smith pitched the second game for Cornell and allowed only four hits, but in the second inning he issued two bases on balls. A single by Clemen, who played left field after pitching the first game, and an error accounted two for Princeton runs. A third came in the fourth inning on a double by Zundel, a sacrifice, and an infield out.

Cornell's lone run was scored in the fifth. Captain Joseph P. Mascola, USNR, shortstop, rapped a triple to right-center and crossed the plate as Charles P. Chapin '48, left fielder, was thrown out on a ground ball.

At the conclusion of League play that week, Hagood was leading the Cornell team in hitting with a .316 average. He ranked fifth in the League standing.

Lacrosse Team Loses

LACROSSE team closed its season on Alumni Field June 9, losing to Penn State, 15-8. This evened the season's series of the teams, Cornell having won a 7-6 decision May 26 at State College. June 2 at West Point, Cornell lost to the US Military Academy, 12-3.

Rodney S. Stieff, USNR, first attack, was the top scorer in the closing game with 3 goals. Sewall J. Shugar, USNR, second defense, and Raleigh Brent '49, in home, each scored twice.

Season's record was one victory in five games.

Tennis Takes One

TENNIS team finished its season at Philadelphia June 9, losing, 8-1, to Pennsylvania in an Eastern Intercollegiate Association match. In other League matches, Cornell lost to Princeton, 8-1, at Princeton, May 26, and defeated Columbia, 7-2, on the Cascadilla Courts June 2.

The Columbia matches were played on two concrete courts, as the clay courts were too wet for play, and the match consumed almost four hours.

Lone winner in the Princeton and Pennsylvania matches was Edward C. Taylor, Jr. '48, in singles.

Against Columbia, Robert J. Rubin, USNR, was substituted at the last minute for John P. Gnaedinger '47, who had an injured foot. Rubin turned in a surprise victory in singles and shared in a doubles win.

Season's record was one victory and four defeats.

Riflemen Win All

ROTC rifle team, directed this year by Captain Robert C. Laben '42, was undefeated in four postal matches with teams of other colleges. Cornell defeated Virginia Military Institute, 928-873; Ohio State, 973-869; Norwich, 883-828; and Northwestern Naval ROTC, 925-890. Ernst E. Engelbrecht '48 of Portland, Conn., was high scorer with a season's average of 187 of a possible 200 in four positions. Team average was 908.2 of a possible 1000.

Summer Lectures

SUMMER Session lectures, designed "to stimulate purposeful thinking on some of America's problems in the post-war world," will be inaugurated the Fourth of July by Alvin H. Hansen, professor of political economy at Harvard, speaking on "Social Planning for Tomorrow."

Others, on successive Wednesdays, will include "Agriculture in the Post-War Economy" by Professor Forrest F. Hill, PhD '30, Land Economics, July 11; "The Role of Organized Labor in US Economy" by Louis Hollander, president of the New York State Labor Council of the CIO and a member of the temporary board of trustees to set up the new State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, July 18; "American Business after the War" by Walter D. Fuller, president of Curtis Publishing Co., July 25; "Power Politics and International Organization" by Professor Herbert W. Briggs, Government, August 1; and "Educating American Citizens" by George D. Stoddard, New York State Commissioner of Education, University Trustee ex-officio, and president-elect of the University of Illinois, August 8.

Society Progresses

SECOND issue of New York Folklore Quarterly, for May, appeared with more than 900 subscriber-members of its sponsoring New York Folklore Society. President Harold W. Thompson quotes a number of commendatory letters about the first Quarterly, and indicates that the Society is gaining support from all over the country and from persons of diverse interests.

The May number, published by the University Press, contains an interesting assortment of stories, ballads, and jingles; a description of teaching folklore in the Saugerties High School and of the collections at Albany State Teachers College and Vassar; with the seasonal department of "Weather

Lore" and questions and answers under the title, "Let Me Ask You..."

Memberships in the New York Folklore Society, including subscription to the Quarterly, are still being received, at \$1.50, by Victor Reynolds, secretary-treasurer, and manager of the University Press, 124 Roberts Place, Ithaca.

Army Learns Russian

SECOND group of Army officers and enlisted men, many returned from duty overseas, arrived at the University this week for intensive study of Russian. A first contingent of thirty officers and twenty-five enlisted men entered the three-month course the middle of May. The men are taking special classes under direction of Peter A. Pertoff, Slavic Languages and Literature, and a staff of twenty instructors. They are quartered in Cascadilla Hall, mess in Willard Straight Hall; are under command of Colonel Edwin R. Van Deusen, US Army.

Last group of trainees in the US Military Academy Preparatory program has left the University in preparation for taking entrance examinations to West Point, June 19.

Essex Re-Elects

PRESIDENT John C. Adams '26 of Hofstra College, and University Football Coach Edward C. McKeever were guest speakers at the annual spring smoker of the Cornell Club of Essex County, N. J., May 22 at the Montclair Golf Club.

The sixty members present re-elected all Club officers for 1945-46: William F. Stuckle '17, president; Carleton Reynell '07, first vice-president; James E. Brinckerhoff '17, Vincent deP. Gerbereux '24, Charles F. Hendrie '18, Sylvester J. McKelvy '27, and Harold O. Merz '22, vice-presidents; Chester W. Ludlow '24, corresponding secretary; William M. Reck '14, recording secretary-treasurer; and George C. Norman '35, assistant treasurer.

Long Island Women

A LUMNI TRUSTEE Alice Blinn '17, associate editor of the Ladies Home Journal, addressed forty members of the Cornell Women's Club of Long Island, May 16, at the home of Mrs. Oliver S. Wright (Dagmar Schmidt) '18 in Rockville Centre.

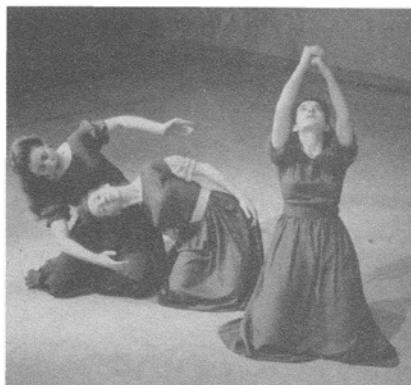
Officers elected for two-year terms, 1945-47, are president, Mrs. Paul H. Crago (Grace Ingram) '33; recording secretary, Elizabeth B. Roche '30; and director, Mrs. James Ebert Therese Stein '28.

University Stages Festival of Modern American Arts

DEPARTMENTS of Fine Arts, Speech and Drama, Music, and Architecture cooperated to arrange a Festival of Contemporary American Arts at the University June 1, 2, and 3. It presented a cross-section of the work being done today in music, painting, sculpture, architecture, the theatre, and the dance which captured the enthusiasm of the community.

President Edmund E. Day declared: "One of the unfortunate results of the war has been a curtailment of Fine Arts programs in colleges and universities throughout the country. At Cornell University, exigencies of the war have made it necessary to place work in Fine Arts on a minimum schedule. An educational institution, however, cannot afford permanently to place the arts at such a disadvantage. We hope through this Festival to point the way toward a revitalizing of interest in the arts as a necessary interpretation of life and as an integral part of education."

Students, Faculty, and townspeople examined "Still Life with Fruit" and "Woman with Green Hat," attended a "lecture-demonstration on movement-action in the theatre," and enjoyed creative dancing and modern music by the University Orchestra and a string quartet. Battle veterans from the Siegfried Line and Leyte Gulf laughed at the antics of Dinosaur and Mammoth in Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth" and took their "dates" to the Goldwin Smith Museum of Casts, where the paintings of a dozen Ithaca artists provided a modern contrast to the plaster models of Hellenic sculpture. A wholly novel venture, the Festival proved an exciting success.



Dance Club trio in "Irish Legend" by Professor Robert M. Palmer, Music: left to right, Maizie Gusakoff '46, Betty C. Kelly '44, composer of the dance, and Joan B. Brodie '45. Photo by Marion Wesp

In addition to the various exhibits, the University Theatre started things off June 1 with a repeat performance of the Dramatic Club's lively and professional production of "The Skin of Our Teeth," first presented May 26 before a full house in the Willard Straight Theater.

A lecture on "Modernism in the Visual Arts" by Sheldon Cheney, noted art critic, filled the auditorium and balcony of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall Saturday afternoon, June 2, and was immediately followed by a concert given by the University Orchestra, with Professor John M. Kuypers, Music, conducting. The Walden String Quartet played to a large audience in the Willard Straight Memorial Room Saturday night. Both musical programs featured the work of modern American composers. "String Quartet No. 1," by Professor Robert M. Palmer, Music, was played by the Walden group and received round applause.

Sunday, in the Willard Straight Theater, a lecture on the dance and the effect of lighting on movement was given by Arch Lauterer, director of theatre arts at Sarah Lawrence College. Following, the fifteen members of the Cornell Dance Club directed by May Atherton, Physical Education, gave a recital noteworthy for its originality. Choreography for each of the eight numbers was the work of a member of the Club; costumes and decor were original, as was much of the music and book.



Mrs. Robert R. Clement (Janet Sutherland) '46 and Jean Sutherland (left) examine the work of Cuban artists in the art gallery of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall.

Mrs. Cola Heiden, accompanist for the Club, wrote two of the numbers, "Widows' Walk" and "Our House Was Made Ready." "And He Loves Me" and "Song" were by Nancy Calafati, former accompanist. "Irish Legend" by Professor Palmer was interpreted by the dancers to an accompaniment by members of the University Orchestra. The Dramatic Club provided the lighting.

An exhibit of architecture, "Built in USA," loaned by the Museum of Modern Art, was displayed in three parts: in White Hall, where photographs of representative American architecture were supplemented by scale models, and in Willard Straight and Martha Van Rensselaer halls, where photographs were shown.

The University Theatre mounted an exhibit of its own in the terrace lounge of Willard Straight Hall. Photographs of many of the Theatre's major productions were displayed, along with examples of stage design and posters. Two pieces of sculpture by Professor Kenneth L. Washburn '26, Fine Arts, and nine by Elfriede Abbe '39 of Ithaca, placed at various points in the building, won this correspondent's blue ribbon as the finest work in the entire Festival.

Other exhibits included watercolors and drawings by Cuban artists in the art gallery of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall; painting and sculpture by Cornell students in the Willard Straight Hall gallery; paintings by representative American artists in the Memorial Room; and the aforementioned exhibit in the Goldwin Smith Hall of Casts, containing some of the finest work of such local artists as Professors Christian Midjo, Olaf Brauner, Virginia True, Walter King Stone, John Har-



Apprentice Seaman Albert Bock, USNR, and Ellen L. Harvey '48 of Albany look over the University Theatre's exhibit of production photographs and stage designs, in the Willard Straight terrace lounge.

tell '24, Norman Daly, and Alison Mason Kingsbury.

An attractive illustrated booklet was compiled and published by the committee which arranged the Festival. A limited number of copies are available to alumni, at twenty-five cents, from the Department of Music, 320 Wait Avenue, Ithaca. Members of the committee were May Atherton, Physical Education; Professors A. Henry Detweiler and John A. Hartell '24, Architecture; Professor Alex M. Drummond, director of the University Theatre; Alison Mason Kingsbury (Mrs. Morris Bishop); Professors John M. Kuypers and Robert M. Palmer, Music; and Professors Virginia True, Home Economics; Frederick O. Waage, Art and Archeology; and Kenneth L. Washburn '26, Fine Arts.

In setting forth the purpose of the Festival, the committee said: "Young Americans of this generation have been going abroad to fight, not to learn to paint or to write music, and most of them want to come home as soon as possible. Those of our young men and women who have the urge to creative work will be looking to their native land for the chance to work out their artistic salvation. Herein, it would seem, lies an opportunity for American universities."

San Francisco Meets

TWENTY members of the Cornell Club of Northern California, meeting for lunch at the Fly Trap Restaurant in San Francisco May 30, heard "The Inside Story of Pearl Harbor" from Kilssoo K. Haan, Washington, D. C., representative of the Korean Peoples League.

Women Gather

ASSISTANT Alumni Secretary Pauline J. Schmid '25 addressed a picnic meeting of the Cornell Women's Club of Syracuse June 2, at the Fayetteville home of Mrs. Paul F. Grassman (Florence Case) '30. Other guests were Mrs. Harry Mullen (Fannie Wheeler) '30, president, and Mrs. H. Justin Corcoran (Elizabeth Denman) '28, secretary, of the Cornell Women's Club of Cortland County.

New president of the Syracuse Club is Mrs. David A. Fraser (Marion Ford) '33; vice-president, Mrs. Edwin P. Hess (E. Patricia Dunn) '35; treasurer, Marjorie J. Jacobs '28.

The following day, Miss Schmid told "The Story of Cornell," using colored slides of the Campus, to thirty-three guests of the Cornell Women's Club of Binghamton, at a secondary schools tea in the IBM Country Club.

Time Was . . .

Twenty-five Years Ago

June, 1920—Jacob Gould Schurman, terminating twenty-eight years as President of the University, conferred 750 degrees at Commencement exercises held in the open-air amphitheater west of McGraw Hall; Senior Week program was highlighted by a Musical Clubs concert, a student-written and -produced musical comedy by The Masque, Class Day exercises, and the Senior Ball.

George J. Tansey '88 and Major Louis L. Seaman '72 are the newly-elected Alumni Trustees; Major Seaman, elected last year to fill the unexpired term of the late Willard Straight '01, was re-elected; Tansey, a Trustee from 1914-19, failed of re-election last June but this year received the highest number of votes cast.

Guide to the Campus of Cornell University, just published, is a pocket-size, ninety-page volume packed with historical and descriptive notes, Troy photographs, and a Campus map; no author is given, but internal evidence indicates it to be the careful and accurate work of Woodford Patterson '95, Secretary of the University and for many years editor of the ALUMNI NEWS.

Twenty Years Ago

June, 1925—"It is a mistake for a woman to come back with her husband to his Class Reunion. If the old gentleman is skipping on one or more kidneys and has to have his drops every thirty minutes and lay off the red meat, the practice may be defended. But where a healthy male

under ninety was involved I never knew of a case where the wife failed to have a rotten time or where the husband's style was not severely cramped by reason of her presence.

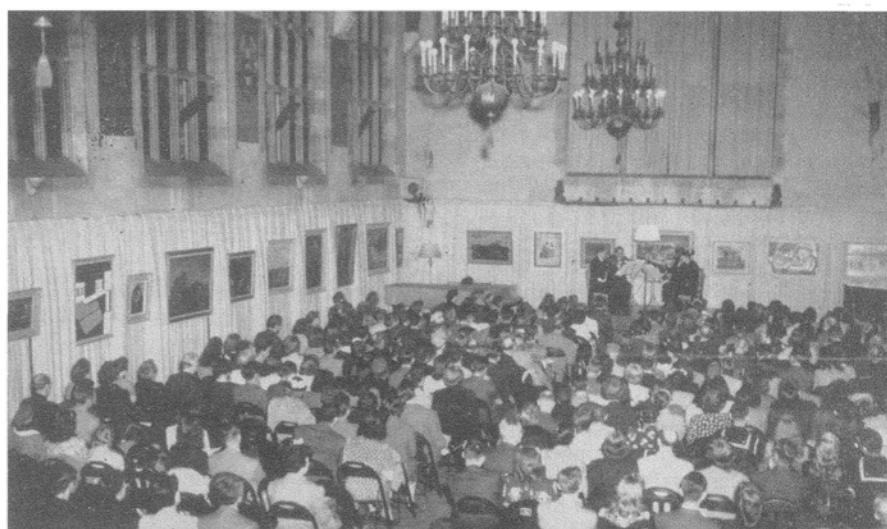
"The one best thing a loving helpmate can do around the middle of June is to stay home and hold herself in readiness to wire funds. Attendance at a Reunion is a momentary clutch at one's lost youth and assorted spouses in the picture destroy the illusion. And it's a terrible thing if Eddie has to leave the party just when it's going well because Sweetie's feet hurt—as they almost inevitably do.

"The thing is just as unworkable the other way around. I once knew a good lad who went back to Smith with his wife for her fifteenth reunion. He spent twenty-two minutes on the campus with the classmates. After 186 ladies had looked him over, beginning with his feet, he went back to the Inn and got stewed with a man from Dayton, Ohio, in order to regain his self-respect."—from "Sport Stuff" by Romeyn Berry '04.

Messenger Lectures

MESSENGER Lectures on the evolution of civilization were delivered by a woman for the first time in their twenty-two-year history, June 4, 6, and 8, when Dr. Lydia J. Roberts, visiting lecturer at the University of Puerto Rico and former chairman of home economics at the University of Chicago, discussed "Nutrition and Human Welfare."

Dr. Roberts divided her three lectures into "Man's Nutritional Needs," "Adequate Nutrition Through Foods" (with side comments on "drug store vitamins"), and "Programs for Nutritional Betterment."



Walden String Quartet playing contemporary American chamber music in the Willard Straight Memorial Room; on the walls hang paintings by modern American artists.

Propaganda—1945

BY MORRIS BISHOP '14

Professor Morris Bishop '14, Romance Languages, returned to the Campus May 26, to stay, he said, "for the rest of my life." For two and a half years he has been on leave with the OWI, first in New York City in charge of radio broadcasts in Italian beamed at Italy, and abroad since May, 1943. In London until last July, he supervised OWI broadcasts to Italy and the Balkan States and was in charge of three magazines circulated in those countries. One of these, of the "Readers' Digest" type in Italian, was widely sold in liberated Italy and a miniature edition was dropped by air in the German-occupied territory.

Thirty-days after D-Day, following military training in England, Professor Bishop went to France attached to the Third Army as a civilian, assigned to rehabilitating French newspapers in pro-Allied hands and supervising the writing and printing of propaganda leaflets on mobile presses to be shot into German concentrations. This strategic propaganda brought in many surrendering Germans. From last October until he resigned April 27, Bishop was assistant radio chief of the Twelfth Army Group at Radio Luxembourg, operating the second-most powerful station in Europe until and after all Germany surrendered.

BACK in 1939 and 1940, my visits to the State and the Strand were likely to be productive of pain. In the news-reels we would see, perhaps, a sequence on the entry of the Germans into Czechoslovakia, or a sequence on the sinking of a British merchant ship by a U-boat. And as the panzers rolled into Prague, and as the merchant ship pointed her bow at the zenith and disappeared into the sea, I would hear on all sides of me the welling undergraduate sneer: "Propaganda! Propaganda!"

Of course it was propaganda, in that it was news carrying with it the implication of a moral judgment, the suggestion that the spectator should approve or disapprove. But the enlightened undergraduate of 1939 had a simple and labor-saving response to such propaganda: if the news claimed a moral judgment on his part, the news was *ipso facto* false. He wasn't going to be played for a sucker this time! But in fact he was played for a sucker, because the news was true.

In the years following the first world war, the word "propaganda" had become a bad word. That is a pity, because none of our substitutes: War Information, Psychological Warfare, Political Intelligence, are as good as the word "propaganda." The thing, propaganda, is not evil. It is necessary in wartime; it is useful and usually innocuous in peace-time. It is nothing more than advertising, on behalf of a government, on behalf of a nation, and, in war, on behalf of an army.

But propaganda has a bad name in all countries today.

The propagators of our propaganda had therefore an initial distrust on the part of their proposed customers to overcome. Recognizing this fact, and recognizing certain errors of propaganda in the past, they made very early an important decision: that American propaganda should be based scrupulously on fact. It was not enough to tell the truth and nothing but the truth; it was our policy to tell, within the limits of military security, the whole truth. Thus, in 1942 and early in 1943, when we had only a small foothold in Africa, the chief theme of our propaganda to Europe was the mighty preparation for war in America. And we were troubled, as you may remember, by strikes in certain aviation and other war plants. The question came up in our daily news meeting in New York: "Shall we discourage our friends and hearten our enemies by revealing these delays and these hints of division within our own ranks?" The answer was "yes." Because we were so certain that the truth was on our side, we were willing to tell even those truths which were contrary to our own interest. In the long run, this policy was amply rewarded. Little by little, we gained a reputation for truth-telling which was of inestimable value in the later stages of the war, and which is of inestimable value to us today.

British Told the Truth

We were not the discoverers of the value of truth-telling. The European Service of the BBC established this policy from the very first. The BBC never concealed or minimized British losses, never made promises that were not certain of fulfillment. The result was that the BBC gained a reputation for truth-telling even among our most embittered foes. The Germans would listen to their own radio for doctrine and to the BBC for the facts. I was repeatedly told last winter that the BBC had more regular listeners in Germany than any single German station.

There is only one qualification that I must make. While we told all the significant news, we allowed ourselves some liberties with emphasis. An Allied success, even though minor, would get more attention than possibly a totally impartial observer would have accorded it. And such an item as a strike in an aviation plant, which would make an American news commentator pant into the mike, would be treated very casually. On the

whole, I think our allotment of emphasis was more in accord with the facts than the emphasis allotted by the hysterical commentator.

As for actual falsification and fabrication of news, I am happy to report that in two and a half years in the propaganda business, only once was it seriously proposed to me that we should resort to such devices. In that instance, the proposal was made that we should tell the Germans that the German women were surreptitiously organizing a peace movement, to summon their men-folk back from the front. It was proposed that we should get a news story to this effect inserted in a Swiss paper, and that then we should report it as news and develop it with ample commentaries. The proposal was turned down.

It is a pleasure to me to reflect that when the post-war reaction comes, when the undergraduates of 1950 sneer at me—and at you—as victims of conscienceless propaganda, I shall be able to testify that in my experience the propaganda of the Greatest War was a decent job, honestly conceived and carried through. We trusted to the truth. The truth was mighty; it has prevailed.

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Next Issue Late

BECAUSE of restrictions in use of paper and that we may serve as many as possible of the increasing number of Cornellians who want the ALUMNI NEWS, our summer issues will be combined into one each in July, August, and September.

With this number, the NEWS completes Volume 47. The July number will combine the first and second issues of Volume 48.

To include reports of the Commencement alumni meetings and election of Alumni Trustees, the next issue will be held for mailing early in July. Thus it will reach subscribers perhaps a week later than the usual date.

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On The Campus and Down the Hill

"Ten Veterans Plan for Peace" was written for the May 26 Saturday Evening Post by Cornell-trained Lieutenant William H. Long, USNR, now assigned to the Navy Department, Washington, D. C., after twenty-two months in the South Pacific. Since his training in Company B at Cornell in 1942, Lieutenant Long has become "unofficial company secretary, cross-roads mailbox, and hearer of troubles for the 230-odd men. 'Ten Veterans' practically wrote itself."

First street dance of the season was staged on Central Avenue in front of Willard Straight Hall by the social committee May 26, and was the best attended of them all. Recorded music was broadcast from the Straight steps to the crowd, dancing under orange Japanese lanterns. The following Saturday, June 2, a similar program scheduled for the road leading to the Johnny Parson Club and Balc Halls, was rained out.

Mortar Board, honoring women with the highest scholastic averages in each College, announced that Carol Hirschon '47 of Brooklyn tops all women in the University with 95.12. In second place, with an average of 94.64, is Shirley A. Ogren '47 of Morrisville, Pa., daughter of the late Carl F. Ogren '17.

Seven veterans in the ASTP at Cornell received awards for bravery in action, May 28 in Barton Hall. Colonel Edwin R. Van Deusen, USA, Commandant, presented the Silver Star to a medical corpsman for bravery on the Normandy beachhead, June 6, 1944, and to a pfc for evacuating wounded under intense fire in Luxembourg last January; a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart went to three other Infantry privates from the Western front; a first lieutenant in the Air Corps received the Distinguished Flying Cross for serving as lead pilot on bombing missions over Germany, and an Air Corps sergeant from the Pacific

was presented the Air Medal for combat missions over the Land of the Rising Sun.

WHCU, the University's radio station, is five years old this month. Staff and guests celebrated with a dinner in the studios, with Broadcaster Romeyn Berry '04 as master of ceremonies. Manager Michael R. Hanna says "the future promises much for WHCU. Full time operation, greater power, FM, television: they are no dreams. They are actually in the blueprint stage."

Photographic Science Service moved from Stimson Hall April 15 to new offices at 7 South Avenue, below Myron Taylor Hall. Built by the late Professor Charles M. Tyler, Philosophy, the house was subsequently the home of the late Professor Charles E. Bennett, Latin, of graduate students, US Navy trainees, and undergraduate women. Arthur L. Smith is director of the University's photographic service, which has been enlarged with the addition of new staff and laboratory equipment.

Lectures: "Rabies in Animal and Man," by Dean William A. Hagan, MS '17, Veterinary, sponsored by Sigma Xi; "Some Naval Experiences," by Dr. Richard Parmenter '17, recently discharged as commander, USNR, after service in both the Atlantic and Pacific, before the Ithaca section of AIEE.



CANDIDATES for the new, representative Student Council staged a political parade on the Campus to the rear entrance of Bailey Hall (above), for a mass meeting at which President Edmund E. Day spoke. 1,763 ballots June 5 elected ten Council members for the four-month summer term, to represent the Campus population as follows: two from the Navy, one civilian representative-at-large, one member for first-term Freshman, one for second- and third-term students, two for terms 4 and 5, two for terms 6 and 7, and one woman. The aggressive Progressive Party made the best showing at the polls, electing three of its four candidates.

New York Times, commenting editorially May 26 on Ithaca's new frozen food plant, says "it calls attention to what promises to be a major post-war industry. National security is based in a major degree upon the health of the people. Frozen-food lockers can play a useful role in producing a better diet for many."

215 ensigns were commissioned May 31 in Bailey Hall, at Commencement exercises for the twelfth class of midshipmen in the US Naval Training School. Special award for highest honors in steam engineering went to Ensign Frank A. Swingle '45 of Washington, D. C.

June 1 saw Campus sailors change from Navy Blues to summer whites, despite freezing temperatures.

Women's Class of '46, slated for Cascadilla Hall and off-Campus cottages next year, has been protesting in letters to The Bulletin: "Our Freshman year," writes 'Boiling Junior' May 18, "all of us were herded in cottages and off-Campus dorms at quite a distance from dining services. The next year, somebody thought the incoming Frosh ought to get a better deal; so THEY got the beautiful dorms, and we stayed in our little cottages. This year, someone condescended. The Juniors (that's us) were allowed to choose for rooms on equal footing with the Seniors. Swell!

Marvelous! I'm not griping about that! But that's only one year, and even at that many of us had to live in cottages this year. And for next year, again, we're being shoved off Campus. Why can't we live in Balc or even in Risley for a change?" After meeting with Milton R. Shaw '34, Manager of Residential Halls, and Eleanor Simonds, assistant to the Counselor of Students, in protest "against being stuck in Cascadilla and an assortment of undesirable cottages," the Class declared itself "confident that the authorities see the justice of our case and will reach a democratic decision."

Necrology

'83 BCE—James William Reed of Warrensburg, December 5, 1944, on Long Island.

'90—James Rea McGraw, who lived at the Catfish House, RD #1, Hollidaysburg, Pa., September 5, 1944.

'95 PhB—Elizabeth Washburne Bump, retired school teacher, May 30, 1945, in Ithaca, where she lived at 117 Eddy Street. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'97 PhD—Oscar Milton Stewart, professor emeritus of physics at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., May 17, 1945. He was assistant in Physics, 1896-98, and instructor from 1898 until he left Cornell in 1901 to join the University of Missouri faculty. He lived at 211 Westmount Avenue, Columbia, Mo. Phi Kappa Psi.

'98 CE—Albert Howard Horton, former chief of the Power Resources Division of the US Geological Survey, March 4, 1945, in Washington, D. C., where he lived at 1307 Gallatin Street. A civil engineer for the Government since his graduation, he served with the US Deepwaterway Survey, Lake Survey, and Reclamation Service. Last November, he received a \$300 award from the Interior Department for a suggestion for preserving valuable river stage records. Brother, Clinton T. Horton '97.

'99 BS—John Harvey Wilson, for many years advertising manager of Craddock-Terry Shoe Corp., Lynchburg, Va., January 27, 1945. He lived at the Virginia Hotel in Lynchburg. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'02—Samuel Macdonald Langston, president of Samuel M. Langston Co., Camden, N. J., April 11, 1945, in Wenonah, N. J. Son, Bryant W. Langston '32. Daughter, Mrs. William Rogers (Adele Langston) '33.

'03 ME—Bradley Thomas McCormick of 7510 Parkdale Drive, Clayton, Mo., in April, 1945.

'03 ME—Walter Edward Sanders of RD#1, Hopewell, N. J., March 25, 1945.

'05 AB—Chester Milton Sanford, author and lecturer on vocational guidance, August 19, 1944, in Starucca, Pa. He was for many years a school principal and superintendent; was professor of geography and geol-

ogy at Platteville (Wis.) State Normal School, 1916-21; and head of the department of expression at Illinois State Normal University, 1921-26. His home was at 611 West Green Street, Urbana, Ill.

'07 BS, '16 AB—John Berdan Shepard, senior agricultural statistician of the Crop Reporting Board, US Department of Agriculture, May 1, 1945, in Washington, D. C. Son of the late Mrs. Walter J. Shepard (Mary Berdan), Sp '15, he lived at 500 Cumberland Avenue, Chevy Chase, Md. Daughter, Elizabeth C. Shepard '43.

'07 ME—Livingston Dimmick West, from 1929 until he retired, vice-president of the Utility Management Corp., 150 Broadway, New York City, May 26, 1945, in New York City. He lived at 51 Canoe Brook Parkway, Summit, N. J. Brother, the late E. Lovette West '99. Daughters, Mrs. Harrison Wickel (Carol L. West) '33, Mrs. Robert M. Dunsmore (Marian B. West) '36, and Mrs. Robert Latta (Ruth D. West) '36.

'12 CE—Matthew McClung Bird, president and manager of Bird Lime & Cement Co., April 24, 1945, at his home at 435 Club Drive, San Antonio, Tex.

'21—Milton Smith, Jr., member of the law firm of Smith, Brock, Akolt & Campbell, Denver, Colo., and general attorney for the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., April 19, 1945, in Los Angeles, Cal. His home was at 120 Race Street, Denver, Colo. He was the son of the late Milton Smith '87. Chi Psi.

'32 AB, '39 PhD—Mrs. Robert J. Landry (Thelma Maddie Kistler) of Hazelton, Pa., November 30, 1944. She received a Cornell-Brookings cooperative fellowship at the Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C., for advanced study in social sciences, 1937-38; was the wife of Robert J. Landry, AM '38. Brother, Norman L. Kistler '27.

'39 BS—First Lieutenant Alan ★ Edgar Hermance, 8th Air Force, missing over Hanover, Germany, July 26, 1943, officially declared dead, July 28, 1944. His home was in Webster.

'40 Sp—Clifford E. Bennett, ★ AUS, killed in action, February 27, 1944, on Anzio beachhead in Italy. His home was at 18 Stratton Place, Delmar.

'40 BS—First Lieutenant Mah- ★ ion James Tyler, killed, May 4, 1945, while flying a transport in India-

China-Burma Theatre. His home was on RD#2, Cooperstown.

'41 MD—Captain Emmet Rob- ★ inson Spicer, Medical Corps of the Paratroops, killed at Corregidor, February 15, 1945. His home was on William Street, Goldsboro, N. C.

'41 BS—First Lieutenant Claude ★ Donald Timerman, Infantry, killed in action on Okinawa, April 23, 1945. His wife, Lieutenant Mary Quinlan Timerman, WAC, is stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Alpha Zeta.

'42 BS—Lieutenant John Ben- ★ son Kernochan, AAF, who returned to the United States May 28, 1945, after seventeen months in a German prison camp, killed May 30, 1945, when he fell from a room in the Hotel Commodore, New York City. He was hospitalized in Europe after his rescue from prison camp. Police and Army officials called him a fatigue victim apparently unnerved by the "violent change" to the routine of peace. After a sixty-day furlough he was to have reported for reassignment at the Atlantic City, N. J., Redistribution Center. Flying Fortress pilot with the 8th Air Force, he was shot down over Germany, December 11, 1943, on his first bombing mission. His mother is Mrs. Alice M. Kernochan, RD#3, Middletown. Half-brother of Charles A. Fraleigh '34, he was formerly manager of the Willard Straight desk. Sigma Nu.

'42—Captain Anthony Baird ★ Mitchell, Army Air Corps, killed in action, September 18, 1944, while attempting to rescue the paratroopers at Arnhem. He enlisted in the Air Corps in September, 1941, while a student in Engineering. His home was in Poland. He held the Air Medal. Beta Theta Pi.

'42 BCE—Private First Class ★ Edmund Van Order, Jr., USMCR, killed in action, May 17, 1945, on Okinawa. Former Varsity football player, he went overseas in July, 1944, and was nine months on Guadalcanal before going to Okinawa. His home was at 511 Cliff Street, Ithaca.

'43—Lieutenant Richard Laffler ★ Ransom, AAF, formerly in Hotel Administration, killed in an airplane accident at Eye, England, August 13, 1944. His home was on RD 2, Gasport.

Grad—Pei Wen Chao of Szechuan, China, graduate student in Animal Husbandry and former ASTP instructor in Chinese, drowned at Watkins Glen State Park, May 20, 1945. He was bathing his feet in the stream after a hike when he apparently slipped and fell into the water.

The Faculty

University Trustee **George D. Stoddard**, New York State Commissioner of Education, will become tenth president of the University of Illinois, July 1, 1946.

Nationwide "County Journal" of CBS was broadcast June 2 from Station WHCU, Ithaca, with President **Edmund E. Day** and Director **Leonard A. Maynard, PhD '15**, of the School of Nutrition as featured speakers. They told of the new program of research on frozen foods which the University is initiating.

Professor **A. Wright Gibson '17**, Director of Resident Instruction in Agriculture, was the commencement speaker May 27 at the New York State Institute of Agriculture and Home Economics, Cobleskill.

Professor **Alexander Zeissig '23**, Veterinary Bacteriology, and Mrs. Zeissig have a daughter, Margot Cuervo Zeissig, born April 9 in Ithaca.

Scott Elledge, PhD '41, instructor in English 1938-39 and 1941-45, has been appointed to the English department at Harvard and leaves Ithaca this month.

A daughter, Constance Rebecca Erdman, was born May 27 in Ithaca to Professor **Frederick S. Erdman, PhD '41**, Mechanical Engineering, and Mrs. Erdman.

Eleanor Thomas, Grad '36-37, has resigned as social director of Willard Straight Hall, effective July 1, and will be married July 25 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Francis E. Van Alstine of Pocahontas, Iowa. Miss Thomas has been at Willard Straight since the fall of 1942, after two years as placement secretary of the College of Home Economics. The couple will live in Pocahontas, Iowa, where Van Alstine practices law.

Gussie E. Gaskill, on leave of absence as curator of the White Library and the Wason Chinese Collection, is in Washington, D. C., for the duration of the war in the Pacific, as research analyst in the economic branch of the Military Intelligence Division, War Department General Staff, Pentagon Building. She taught Chinese area to ASTP students until the program was discontinued at the University last September.

Brigadier-General **Ralph Hospital**, detailed to the ROTC as a major from 1919-23 and from 1927-32, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for

performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Italy from May to November, 1944. Commanding general of the 91st Infantry Division Artillery in North Africa, he "skillfully prepared and personally supervised the preparation of the Artillery battalions for the training program and amphibious operations, actively participating in each phase, often to such an extent that he endangered his own health and life, to better observe his battalions." When the Division entered combat July 9, 1944, in the vicinity of Cecina, Italy, General Hospital "spent long and strenuous hours without regard for his health, safety or comfort making personal reconnaissances." He is credited in great measure for the brilliant success of the Artillery in breaking through the German Gothic Line. Mrs. Hospital (Louise Tarbell) '21 with her daughters, Louise and Margaret, are with her mother, Mrs. George S. Tarbell, at 110 North Geneva Street, Ithaca.

Professor **Walter L. Koch**, Aeronautical Engineering, has written a manual for the New York State Department of Education to teach high school courses in glider construction. He developed the manual from a course in glider building at Cornell in the summer of 1942.

In *The Land for Spring*, 1945, the editor, **Russell Lord '18**, writes of Professor **Liberty Hyde Bailey**, Agriculture, Emeritus, under the heading, "Countrymen." This issue also contains "Marvels at Our Feet," by Bailey, adapted from his *Background Books*, and "Johnny Appleseed and Aunt Mattie," by **Louis Bromfield '18**, from his book, *Pleasant Valley*.

Maurice B. Burritt '45, who has been assistant director of Willard Straight Hall since he received the BS last June, has joined Pan-American Airways, Latin-American Division, as assistant restaurant manager in charge of food service for aircraft at Balboa, Panama Canal Zone. He left Ithaca June 9 for a month of indoctrination and training in Miami, Fla. He is the son of **Maurice C. Burritt '08** of Hilton, former Alumni Trustee of the University and Director of Extension in Agriculture.

Succeeding Burritt at Willard ★ Straight is First Lieutenant **E. John Egan '43**, Field Artillery, who has been retired after being wounded in action last December in the Ruhr River valley and hospitalized in England. Egan was called to active duty in June, 1943. He plans to re-enter Hotel Administration November 1 to complete his course.

The Comstocks

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State," organized by the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor in New York City, where many public dependents had come from farms because of the disheartening struggle for existence in rural New York. This committee decided that "Nature-study is the first step toward contented farming," and that privately financed experiments with nature-study would be tried in Westchester County schools, if Mrs. Comstock would direct them.

Helped Rural Schools

In 1894, the State appropriated \$8000 to Cornell, "to encourage nature-study in rural schools." The Cornell Faculty was somewhat dismayed by this unanticipated responsibility, most of its members not having thought of school programs since their own school days. The Faculty referred the problem to capable Mrs. Comstock, under direction of the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Isaac P. Roberts, who assigned its supervision to Professor Liberty Hyde Bailey in 1895. With encouragement from her scholarly husband, from Dr. Bailey and other members of the Faculty, and from her neighbor, Dr. Andrew D. White, Mrs. Comstock ventured into the unknown.

This opportunity to serve the State determined the trend of Mrs. Comstock's professional life and brought leadership in the nature-study movement to Cornell. Enlisting the interest of the State Department of Education, she spoke at teachers' institutes and travelled throughout New York and in other States to train teachers to teach nature-study and to interpret its relations to a more abundant life and to agriculture. To Mrs. Comstock's work, many progressive farmers attribute their decisions to farm. Cornell's nature-study philosophy was translated to other centers, during Cornell vacations, when Mrs. Comstock taught at Stanford University, at Columbia, and at the University of Virginia.

Wrote Nature Leaflets

New York's teachers wished to respond favorably to Mrs. Comstock's persuasive pleas that nature-study be added to school programs; they hesitated because they lacked knowledge of nature. Mrs. Comstock admitted that "literature regarding nature was so scattered that large libraries were needed to prepare nature-study courses." By a daring pledge, she reassured the teachers, promising that if they would add nature-study to their curricula, she would send them

ormulated lesson plans. This promise was kept in Cornell's famous Nature Study Leaflets. While Mrs. Comstock wrote or illustrated most of these leaflets, she induced distinguished members of the Faculty to write others.

Handbook a Best Seller

Demands became so insistent for her Nature Study Leaflets that Mrs. Comstock decided to write a Handbook of Nature-Study. When this voluminous manuscript was finished, the question was, could the Comstock Co. afford to publish it? The author's husband referred to it playfully, but proudly, as "a desk book with a thousand pictures." After anxious consideration and despite estimates of its almost prohibitive costs, the company decided to risk publishing it, in appreciation of Mrs. Comstock's aid in reducing prices of scientific books. This conclusion was provident, for her Handbook became the company's greatest financial asset. Published in 1911, it has proved to be the best seller among books published by Cornell. With its twenty-fifth edition in press, the Comstock Publishing Co. reports that "orders pile up constantly from everywhere." Before 1930, this book of 938 pages had been published in eight languages. More than 140,000 copies have sold in the United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa, Puerto Rico, the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands, India, and South America. Teachers call it their "Nature Bible."

Illustrated Science Texts

Anna Botsford, a student of liberal arts, became interested in science through a Cornell romance, as she and "Harry" Comstock explored Cornell's varied scientific environment, and while their table talk at Sage was the gayest in the dining-room. Their married comradeship led her to study wood engraving in order to illustrate her husband's books, and to specialize in science when she re-entered the University, to graduate in 1885.

Self-disciplines were involved in Mrs. Comstock's change to science courses, for she loved English and history and spent blissful hours in the University Library. In the laboratory, while studying *Corydalus cornutus*, she confided to her diary: "I worked at the beautiful structure of this horrible looking creature's insides, and told Professor Gage that this insect was like a stained glass window, since it could only be appreciated when looked at from the inside." She acquired such knowledge of insect anatomy and ecology that her teacher of wood engraving, John F. Davis of Cooper Union, wrote her: "To me your engravings are cause for wonder-

ment. These little insects possess a superlative accuracy such as no mere engraver could give." Mrs. Comstock was the third woman member of the American Society of Wood Engravers. She told her husband she knew an artist who would illustrate his books, without cost. When Professor Comstock finished his monumental Manual for the Study of Insects, with illustrations by his wife, he said to her, "This is our book."

First Woman on Faculty

The first woman to join the Faculty of the University, Mrs. Comstock was appointed assistant professor in 1898 and lecturer in 1899. She was re-appointed assistant professor in 1913, professor in 1920, and professor emeritus in 1922. She was one of the first four women elected to Sigma Xi.

Mrs. Comstock not only wrote and illustrated manuscripts for the somewhat ephemeral publications of the State College of Agriculture, but wrote poems, and a novel, *Confessions to a Heathen Idol*, and edited the *Nature Study Review*. Publishers sought her books which, in addition to her novel and her *Handbook of Nature-Study*, include *The Pet Book*, *How to Keep Bees*, *Trees at Leisure*, *Ways of the Six Footed*, and (with her husband) *How to Know the Butterflies*.

Mrs. Comstock was delightfully interesting, not only because of her superior teaching, artistry, speaking, and writing, but because of her social grace and radiant personality. With gentle fingers, Time silvered the dark wavy hair that framed her lovely face, but did not age her shining eyes which sparkled with humor and interest, or softened with sympathy. There was an elusive, spiritual light about her presence.

Dr. L. H. Bailey said: "Anna Botsford Comstock blessed us all. She leaves a fragrant memory of high achievement, noble service, unselfish cooperation, constructive counsel, inspired teaching, loving kindness, and unforgettable companionship. Her life was a poem."

The Comstocks entered wholeheartedly into the life of the University and their homes were social centers. They wrote their books between the coming and going of their clamoring students and friends. Although financial problems beset them until income from their books supplemented inadequate University salaries, the Comstocks willed to Cornell their unusually large professorial estate, accumulated from their books, farm, and business enterprises. The University has honored Anna Botsford Comstock in naming a women's dormitory, and John Henry Comstock in naming the entomologi-

cal library. Cornell has recognized their partnership, in naming Comstock Hall and the Comstock Graduate Scholarships.

The culture, friendships, and creative scholarship of the Comstocks of Cornell gave to their University distinction and inspiration. Through their years of gracious devotion to one another and to science, arts, and letters, their lives were in harmony with the highest ideals of Cornell University.

Firm Gets Fourth "E"

MACWHYTE CO. of Kenosha, Wis., has won the Army-Navy production award for the fourth time since November, 1942. A third white star has been added to the company's "E" flag, "for outstanding achievement in producing materials essential to the war effort."

Jessel S. Whyte '13 is president and general manager and Robert B. Whyte '13 is vice-president in charge of operations for the company, which manufactures wire, wire rope, braided wire, rope slings, aircraft tie-rods, cable assemblies, and terminals.

College Gets Portrait

SECRETARY of War Henry L. Stimson has given the Medical College in New York a portrait of his father, the late Dr. Lewis A. Stimson, professor of Surgery from the establishment of the College in 1898 until his death in 1917, and for whom Stimson Hall in Ithaca is named.

The portrait was presented May 19 in New York City. Unable to be present as planned, Secretary Stimson was represented by Professor Philip M. Stimson, Clinical Pediatrics, a nephew of Dr. Stimson. Personal recollections of the College's first professor of Surgery were related by Professors Lewis A. Conner and Connie M. Guion, Clinical Medicine; other speakers were Dean Joseph C. Hinsey and Professor George J. Heuer, Surgery, first occupant of the Lewis Atterbury Stimson chair of Surgery, established last year with a bequest of more than \$600,000 from Secretary Stimson's sister, the late Candace C. Stimson.

The new portrait is a copy of one by Gari Melchers in the Secretary's collection. Another painting by Melchers, "Communion Sunday in a Church in Holland," hangs inside the south entrance of Goldwin Smith Hall. A portrait of Dr. Stimson by his sister, Mrs. Dora Wheeler Keith, presented to the University by the artist in 1922, hangs in the main entrance of Stimson Hall.

News of the Alumni

Personal items and newspaper clippings about all Cornellians are earnestly solicited

'97 BL, '98 LLB—Frederick D. Colson was guest of honor May 31 at a dinner given by his colleagues in Albany on occasion of his retirement that day at the age of seventy after many years as Deputy State Reporter, Court of Appeals. He and Mrs. Colson (**Edna M. McNary**) '00 live at 826 Park Avenue, Albany 3.

'05 AB—Isaac E. Chadwick of 738 Irolo Street, Los Angeles, Cal., was re-elected president of the Independent Motion Picture Producers Association for the fourteenth successive term.

'05 PhD—Dr. Adams S. McAllister has retired as assistant director of the National Bureau of Standards after twenty-four years of service, and has gone with his family to live in Covington, Va.

'08 MD—Dr. Charles J. V. Redding of 171 Front Street, Owego, writes that he attended a Reunion of the Class of '08, May 16, in New York City. Sixteen members were present and "a good time was enjoyed by all."

'09 CE—Albert Deermont, a member of the firm of Coggin & Deermont, general contractors, is "now relaxing after three busy years on construction of air bases and military camps in Northwest Florida." Deermont, who lives in Chipley, Fla., is county chairman for the War Fund, Red Cross, and old clothes drives.

'09 ME—Frank P. Rhame was recently elected president and general manager of the Lunkenheimer Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. He lives at 39 Mount Pleasant, Cincinnati, Ohio.

'10 ME—Paul W. Thompson is vice-president in charge of engineering of the Detroit Edison Co., 2000 Second Boulevard, Detroit, Mich. He is responsible for system planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of the company's facilities for supplying electric services within a large area of Southwestern Michigan. He is coordinator for the National Fuel Efficiency Program for the Detroit area and is associated with the US Office of Scientific Research and Development.

'10 LLB—James N. Gehrig, presiding supervisor of the Town of Hempstead, was appointed May 24 district attorney of Nassau County by Governor Thomas E. Dewey. The term expires December 31, 1946. Gehrig has previously served Nassau County as transfer tax appraiser, attorney for the State Comptroller in

transfer tax matters for the county, deputy county attorney, and assistant district attorney. He and Mrs. Gehrig with their two daughters live at 75 Marvin Avenue, Hempstead.

'13 AB—Major William Van Kirk is now 48A Gloucester Street, Boston, Mass. He writes: "I am doing the same type of work as I did in Seattle, looking after Air Corps troops and property going through this port, and it is most interesting."

'14—Walter S. Betts is a director of the chamber of commerce in Avon Park, Fla.

'14 ME—Philip J. Kent is chief engineer for the electrical division of Chrysler Corp. in Birmingham, Mich., where he lives at 445 Arlington Drive. For several years his division has been doing almost all the design and testing of electrical components of medium tanks and trucks for the Army Ordnance Department. Kent is vice-president of the Cornell Club of Michigan.

'16 BChem—Francis O. Case is general manager of Basic Magnesium, Inc., Las Vegas, Nev., for the operator, Anaconda Copper Co.

'16 AB—Arthur Golden is now associated with the Petroleum Administration for War with offices in the Chanin Building, 122 East Forty-second Street, New York City 17.

'16 AB—Russell Welles was elected May 1 a vice-president of Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York City. Previously an assistant vice-president, he is in the main office at 70 Broadway, New York City.

'16 AB, '21 MD—Dr. David Warshaw established a year ago the Doctors Hospital of Queens, 104-26 Van Wyck Boulevard, Jamaica. The hospital, of which Dr. Warshaw is executive director, has fifty beds for surgery and medicine. Dr. Warshaw has the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Infantry Reserve, US Army.

'17; '90 BL—Walter S. Chillingworth, now an attorney with the Government Accounting Office, was admitted to practice before the US Supreme Court May 21. He is the son of the late **Charles C. Chillingworth** '90.

'17, '20 AB, '23 MD—Dr. Abraham Feitelberg has his office at 1835 Grand Concourse, Bronx. He is also on the Bronx and University Heights Hospital staff. He and Mrs. Feitelberg, with their three children, live at 1875 University Avenue, Bronx 53.

'18 WA—Danton Walker in his May 9 column "Broadway" in the New York Daily News quotes from an editorial written by **John S. Knight** '18, publisher of the Knight Newspapers, in memory of his son, First Lieutenant John S. Knight, Jr., who was killed in action March 29. Part is reprinted here: "Johnny is gone. The lovable kid, who never had a vicious thought in his life, is sleeping in Germany because of the mad, senseless ambitions of a demented paranoiac; because in the last twenty years the 'statesmen' of Europe have repeatedly sacrificed principle on the altar of power politics; because those of us in all lands who fought the last time failed to insure a lasting peace; because, as his friend and fellow paratrooper, First Lieutenant Dennis Jones, of Landsburg, Pa., expressed it, 'Johnny was killed the same way he lived, doing just a little more than anyone asked him to do—giving more than he was required to give.' . . . Johnny is gone. Try as we may, it is difficult not to become embittered. All of the kindly, sympathetic words we have spoken to others now taste like ashes in our own mouths. Perhaps it is always that way. . . . The great tragedy of the Johnnys, the Sams, the Petes, the Joes, and all the hundreds of thousands of other fine young men who have died for us is that few of them ever had a real chance at life. . . . It was intended by Divine Providence that the young should have their day in which to rectify the errors of their elders; to press boldly forward without fear of inhibitions in a world which has somehow managed to survive the sins and greediness of countless generations. . . . They have given their lives so that our country might live, that you and I can continue living in security and freedom from fear. . . . We must make an appointment with those gallant boys and give them a solemn pledge that we shall never again shirk the task of achieving a peaceful world, free from the bestialities and carnage that have made a mockery of civilization through the ages. We must guarantee them further, that their returning comrades will be given the chance at life which was denied to them; that no one of them shall ever suffer through our selfishness and greed. . . . To the Johnnys who are gone and the millions of Johnnys to come, let it at least be proved by our acts that we sought redemption and endeavored to make atonement for

Notice of Proposed Changes in By-Laws

CORNELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

To All Members of the
Cornell Alumni Association:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

That at the annual meeting of the Cornell Alumni Association to be held in Ithaca on June 23, 1945, proposals will be presented to change the by-laws of the Association in the following respects:

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP; SECTION 3.

Members:

Add: "This membership includes also all Army or Navy personnel who took courses at Cornell University which might be offered for credit toward a degree."

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS; SECTION 13.

Election of Officers:

Amend to read "General Alumni Secretary" in place of "Alumni Secretary."

SECTION 16a: Amend to read "General Alumni Secretary" in place of "Alumni Secretary."

ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES; SECTION 24.

Committee on Election for Alumni Trustees:

Change title to read *Committee on Elections* and add: "This committee shall also conduct the biennial elections and canvass the vote for district directors of this association."

Respectfully submitted,

Walter C. Heasley, Jr.

Acting Alumni Secretary

the sins of a shallow, self-indulgent and greedy generation. Through tear-dimmed eyes, I offer a silent and humble prayer.—John S. Knight."

'20 BS; '19 AB—**Kurt A. Mayer**, assistant to the director of industrial relations, Curtiss-Wright Corp., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, spent nineteen months as personnel director for Bermuda base contractors building an Army air base in Bermuda. He and Mrs. Mayer (**Elna E. Johnson**) '19, with their two daughters, live at 51 Cedar Drive, Great Neck.

'21 BS—**Vartan Garapedian**, dealer in oriental and domestic rugs and carpets, is president of the Englewood, N. J., Chamber of Commerce. His address is 1 Bridleway, Palisades, N. J.

'21, '22 BS—Captain **Leonard A. Menaker** is technical inspector in the Office of the Air Inspector, Headquarters, Engineer Aviation Unit Training Center, MacDill Field, Fla.

'22—**Roland G. Fowler** has been elected a vice-president of Allen-Wales Adding Machine Corp., Ithaca, subsidiary of National Cash Register Co. He has been works manager since December 1.

'22 AB—**Abraham A. Jacobson** is an attorney in New York City, where his address is 163-18 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica 5.

'24 AB, '26 LLB, '31 PhD—★ Lieutenant **Frederick O. Bissell, Jr.**, USNR, formerly professor of English and head of the department in the University of Puerto Rico for seven years, is now stationed in Charleston, S. C., after duty in the Caribbean. "After nine years in the tropics," he writes, "it's good to be back where I can get really chilly again." His address is PO Box 147, Charleston A, S. C.

'24 ME—**John W. Brothers** is general manager of the Canton (Ohio) Hardware Co. He and Mrs. Brothers, who is the former Ruth Chase, sister of **Russell Chase** '22, have four children, Barbara, thirteen, John, Jr., eleven, William, two, and Susan, nine months. Their address is 723 Fourteenth Street, N.W., Canton, Ohio.

'25 AM—Dr. **Frederick C. Christensen** has been re-elected chief of staff of St. Luke's Hospital, Racine, Wis. His youngest daughter, June, a graduate of Marquette University Medical School, Milwaukee, Wis., is interning at Rochester General Hospital. She recently married a classmate, Lieutenant (jg) Leo R. Grinnery, USNR.

'28 AB; '13 CE—**Bertel W. Antell** has been promoted to lieutenant-commander in the Navy. He is sta-

tioned in Washington, D. C. His brother is **Tristan Antell** '13 of 24 Monroe Place, Brooklyn 2.

'28 AB—Charles L. MacBeth of 262 Hathaway Lane, Wynnewood, Pa., is manager of pipe sales at the Philadelphia office of American Brass Co. He has two children, Marilyn, ten, and Jack, five.

'29 ME—Charles C. Eeles of 2314 Orchard Road, Toledo 6, Ohio, is industrial engineer for Ohio Fuel Gas Co., designing and supervising the erection and operation of gas-fired production equipment. He is vice-president of the Toledo Technical Council, a member of the metropolitan planning committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and of the heat treating committee of the American Gas Association.

'31 AB, '34 MD—Dr. LeRoy H. Wardner and Mrs. Wardner have a third daughter, Kathryn McWilliams Wardner, born April 13. Their other daughters are two and a half and five years. Dr. Wardner practices in association with his father at 38 Church Street, Saranac Lake.

'32, '34 AB—Herbert W. Naumann of 6837 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., is owner of the Amusement Game Service, operating vending and amusement machines.

'32 CE—Lieutenant (jg) James ★ D. O'Rourke, USNR, is in the Pacific. His home is at 317 Park Avenue, Trenton 10, N. J.

'34 BS—Gordon Miscall and Mrs. Miscall have a second daughter born April 13 in Charlotte, N. C., where they live at 209 Hillside Avenue. Miscall is office manager for US Rubber Co., Charlotte, N. C., plant.

'35 AB—Seymour A. Gross of ★ 82 Jane Street, New York City 11, is now associate producer for USO Camp Shows in New York City. Former president of the Dramatic Club, he has just returned from an eight-month tour of five continents for USO. He saw Jerome Rakov '37 in Naples and Robert Chuckrow '39 in Florence.

'35 AB—Perry D. Slocum married Gertrude Smith April 1 in Rochester. Mrs. Slocum has been private secretary to the manager of Clapp's Foods, Inc., Rochester. Slocum is the proprietor of Slocum Water Gardens, Marathon, which grows and sells water lilies and aquatics to owners of water gardens and aquariums.

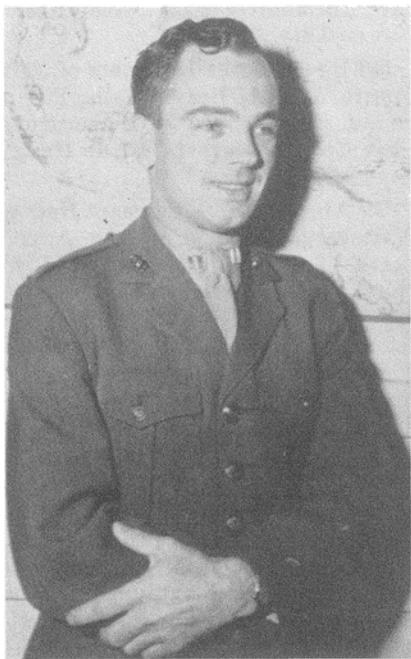
'35 CE; '05 CE; '34 BS; '07 ★ CE—Ronald N. Throop, Quartermaster Corps, with the Seventh Army in Germany, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel. Son of **Henry G. Throop** '05, he entered the Army in December, 1941, and has been over-

seas since November, 1942. He served in the African and Sicilian campaigns and in the invasion of Southern France. Mrs. Throop (Evelyn deClercq) '34, daughter of Clarence F. deClercq '07, lives with their two sons in Whitesboro.

'35 BS—**Morris Weiner** is station mess sergeant at Fairmont Army Air Field, Geneva, Neb. The mess halls of which he is in charge have received a superior rating from the inspector general. Sergeant Weiner and Mrs. Weiner have a second child, Estelle Laura Weiner, born April 18.

'36 AB, '38 LLB—Captain Samuel A. Craft, Field Artillery, of 60 Mount Airy Road, Bernardsville, N. J., is in France.

'36 AB—Staff Sergeant Walter Grimberg is acting first sergeant for the detachment of patients at the AAF Regional Hospital, Chanute Field, Ill.



'36, '37 BArch—Captain Robert A. Krider, USMCR, (above) has returned to the Marine Corps Air Depot, Miramar, Cal., for leave and reassignment. A member of a medium bomber squadron, the "Flying Nightmares" of the First Marine Air Wing, he served in the St. Matthias, New Hebrides and Treasury Islands. His home is at 684 Highland Avenue, Meadville.

'36 AB—A son, Russell Andrew Johnson, was born April 14 to Dr. Arnold N. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson of 9120 Champlain Avenue, Niagara Falls. Dr. Johnson is a research chemist.

'36 AB; '39 AB; '40 EE—Eleanor Switzer is secretary to Dr. Arthur E. Morgan, president of the Community Service, Inc., Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Her sister, the former Ruth Switzer '39, is the wife of Captain Arthur Jette '40, who is stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo. The Jettes have two children, David, two, and Patricia, four months, and live at 502 South Wood Street, Neosho, Mo.

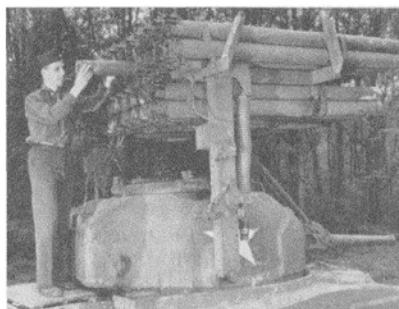
'36 AB, '38 LLB—Lieutenant (jg) George R. Brownell, USNR, of 564 Summit Avenue, Westfield, N. J., has been home on leave after fourteen months in European waters.

'36, '37 BS in AE(ME)—Major James C. Forbes has been sent to the Cavalry Replacement Training Center at Fort Riley, Kans., his unit, the 107th Cavalry Group, having been recently inactivated. He is an executive officer in a training squadron at Fort Riley where the students are learning to be armorers, mechanics, radio operators, cooks, and clerks.

'37 AB—Elizabeth E. Baranousky is now a research bacteriologist for Zonite Products Corp., New Brunswick, N. J. For the last three years she was research bacteriologist at the Long Island College of Medicine. She lives in the Ausonia Apartments, 501 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, N. J.

'37 LLB; '36 AB—Lieutenant Herbert T. Brunn is a radar detective officer on a plane carrier in the Pacific. Mrs. Brunn (Marion R. Blenderman) '36 lives at 1015 Greenmount Road, Haddonfield, N. J.

'37 AB, '42 LLB—Lieutenant John C. Weld, USNR, is back in the United States after thirty-two months with an amphibious force in the Pacific. He has been ordered to Washington, D. C., where he will be with the board to review discharges and dismissals of the Navy Department. Visiting Alumni House recently, he reported that he saw Lieutenant Pierre Kolisch, LLB '42, and Lieutenant Charles A. Ernst '35 in the Pacific.



'37 BS in AE(ME); '07 CE—Major Douglas B. King (above) chief of the development branch, rocket research division, Aberdeen Proving Ground, is shown loading a 4.5 inch rocket into a multiple rocket launcher, mounted on an M4 tank. Major King is the son of Alvin W. King '07.

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'37 AB—First Lieutenant Sidney ★ D. Schachter, USMCR, married Edith Hoffman April 29 in Santa Monica, Cal. They live in San Diego, Cal., where Lieutenant Schachter is stationed at the Construction and Maintenance School, Miramar Marine Corps Air Station.

'37 AB, '39 LLB—Eleanor C. Raynor is vice-consul with the US political adviser to General Mark Clark in Caserta, Italy. Her address is US Political Advisor, US Group C.C., APO #400, Postmaster, New York City.

'38 AB; '41 BS—Bernard Bach- ★ man was recently promoted to warrant officer in the Army Transportation Corps. He is stationed in New York City as a field auditor. Mrs. Bachman (Betty Bloom) '41 works in a war plant office. Their address is 329 White Street, Orange, N. J.

'38—First Lieutenant James H. ★ Bugden, Infantry, is with an anti-tank company in the Pacific. Mrs. Bugden, with their two children, Patricia, four, and Michael, three, lives at 20 Stonehenge Lane, Albany.

'38 BS—George H. Batt of 810 North Broad Street, Elizabeth, N. J., is a chemist in the insecticide division of Stanco Inc., subsidiary of Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey. He is doing research on the formulation of new insecticide mixtures. In 1943 he received a degree in chemical engineering at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

'38 BS; '41 BS—Carl T. Gerlach and Mrs. Gerlach (Jean S. Palmer) '41 have a daughter, Carol Sue Gerlach, born April 13. Gerlach is teaching related technical subjects in Seneca Vocational High School, Buffalo. They live on Winspear Road, Elma.

'39 AB, '42 MD; '06 AB, '08 LLB; '06 AB—Dr. Charles M. Landmesser was recently discharged as a patient from Trudeau Sanitarium, Trudeau, but is remaining there temporarily as a resident member of the staff. Three mornings each week he assists one of the local surgeons in thoracic and general surgery at Saranac Lake General Hospital. He is the son of Charles F. Landmesser '06, retired lawyer, and Mrs. Landmesser (Jane B. Cheney) '06, Class representative of the Alumni Fund.

'39 AB—Lieutenant Robert M. ★ Gaylord, Jr., USNR, is in the Pacific. He may be addressed Care R. M. Gaylord, Sr., Spring Creek Road, Rockford, Ill.

'39, '40 BS—Second Lieutenant ★ Hyman M. Lelchook, nutrition officer in the Army Sanitary Corps, is at Camp Butner, N. C., for reassignment after a twenty-one-day leave.

He has been overseas. Mrs. Lelchook lives at 197 Fuller Street, Brookline 46, Mass.

'39 AB, '41 LLB—Lieutenant ★ Bernard R. Rapoport, Signal Corps, is in Italy. His home is at 2320 Grand Concourse, Bronx.

'40 BS—Frederic H. Boutcher, Jr. of Main Street, Laurel, Long Island, is in the potato growing business with his father. He writes: "If any Cornellians would like some potato-picking experience, they can get it here on the Island between July and November."

'40 AB, '42 LLB—Captain Paul ★ J. Burke, Field Artillery, of 607 West Church Street, Elmira, is in the Philippines.

'40, '41 ME; '06 CE—Robert Knowlton, son of Robert H. Knowlton '06, is assistant production contact engineer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp. of Missouri in Kansas City. His address is 221 Navajo Lane, Kansas City, Mo.

'40 BS—Charles H. Peters of 3219 Fourth Avenue, Beaver Falls, Pa., is an industrial engineer with Armstrong Cork Co. He married Idamae Hamer September 9.

'39 AB, '42 PhD—Sergeant Ned ★ Weissberg, assigned to the Armed Forces Institute, M.E. branch, in North Africa, writes: "Ran into Professor Knight Biggerstaff at the busiest intersection in Cairo. Professor Biggerstaff was stopping over en route to his new assignment at the American Embassy in China."

'40 ME—Ensign W. Dean Wallace, USNR, of 60 Second Street, Geneseo, writes from the Pacific: "We of the Class of 1940 have not as yet had an official reunion, that marvelous period at graduation time that brought swarms of alumni crawling all over you and your date. But I can remember the envy I had for them because they seemed to have a deeper appreciation of the beer at Glenwood's, drinks at Zinck's, and of almost everything they did. I can see why, now, because there is nothing that would give me more pleasure than a good old-fashioned, pre-war reunion for the Class of '40. Next to bona fide reunions are the occasional meetings with Cornellians. Jack Jaqua '40 just passed through here on his way back to the states after two and a half years of action with the Marines. It was two years since he had hit a liberty port. Dick Osenkop '40 is with the Marines at the front and participated at Iwo Jima. Forrest Griffith '40 was married last December in Baltimore and is still on duty in Washington, D. C. The ALUMNI News has done a wonderful job of

maintaining our contacts with Cornell, and it is a special occasion when it comes aboard. There are some members of our crew who spent some time at Cornell and the News passes from them to another ship in the fleet and so on."

'40 EE; '31 EE—Major Arthur ★ W. Harrington has been assigned to command a detail of the Enemy Equipment Investigation Service, in Europe. He succeeds the late Lieutenant Colonel David Harmon '31, killed in action April 7, to whom he was second in command.

'40 BS—Captain John B. Pratt, ★ 6th Battalion, 2d P.T.R., Fort Benning, Ga., writes: "I have been with the Paratroops since July, 1941, and in the S.W.P.A. for two and a half years. During this period I have contacted very few Cornell men. Those contacts that have been made were the result of the News. The copies I received really traveled, from Perth to Guadalcanal, and from Sidney to Leyte."

'41, '42 AB—Frank T. Noska, Jr. is sales manager for United Air Lines, 808 Northwest Fifteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

'41 BS—Alice C. Sanderson, daughter of the late Professor Dwight Sanderson '98, Rural Sociology, Emeritus, and Mrs. Sanderson of 212 Overlook Road, Ithaca, has been assigned to St. Albans Naval Hospital, Long Island, New York, as an American Red Cross assistant on the social service staff. She was formerly a worker in the Ithaca Department of Public Welfare.

'41 BS; '00 LLB—First Lieutenant Kermit I. Whiteman, Quartermaster Corps, is with the Army in Germany. He is the son of Floyd E. Whiteman '00 of Hornell.

'42 AB; '16 ME—Captain ★ Charles W. Avery, AUS, reported missing in action in Europe, December 21, is safe, presumably liberated from a German prison camp. His parents, Floyd M. Avery '16 and Mrs. Avery of 96 Lake Avenue, Auburn, have received a cable from him saying that he was well and would be home soon. Another son, First Lieutenant Roland G. Avery, wrote them that he had met personally in Germany some members of his brother's outfit who had been liberated. These men said that they had last seen Captain Avery when he was being taken to a German concentration camp for officers.

'42 LLB—Captain Vincent F. ★ Dooley, Infantry, is attached to the headquarters staff at Camp Croft, S. C.

'42 AB—"I received a News two ★

days ago, and I really enjoyed reading about the Hill and the Town and the people I knew when I made my home there," writes Corporal Morris J. Feil, AAF, from the Marianas. "I'm doing classification and personnel work in this squadron. I haven't run into a Cornellian since I met Maury Dell '42. He was a member of the air base band on which we did our training prior to our coming out here. There is a Dartmouth man in the outfit, and I've been taking a roasting ever since he discovered the existence of a Dartmouth Club on the island. The fact that the Seabee CO on the island is a Dartmouth man and lives in a palatial residence has little if everything to do with it. It's the only place here that serves whiskey and soda with ice to a small and exclusive clientele."

'42 BME; '97 ME—First Lieutenant Wilbur F. Herbert, 82d Airborne Division, US First Army, in a letter of May 11 from Germany to his father, Frederick D. Herbert '97 of 117 Liberty Street, New York City, writes: "There is a concentration camp four miles from this prosperous well fed town, in which several thousand of all nationalities (except U.S. A.) have died of malnutrition and force. I've seen hundreds of dwarfed bundles of bones and rags shuffling around the streets, lying on cots, or dead in heaps—it's hard to tell the difference. They are mostly half-crazy and all bear horrible scars or deformities from beatings. Our garbage bucket is a Waldorf splurge for them, and yesterday some kissed my hand because I told them to go ahead and take the useless innards of some chickens. Our bread is something out of this world to them. Some have said it's been five years since they've even tasted bread. The same with chocolate for some Frenchmen. Over 200 bodies were found around town and we made the German civilians dig graves in the public square for a mass burial yesterday. The whole town attended. The chaplain did an excellent job with his address. The natives all realize we consider them to blame, although some don't seem to care. The night before the burial a bunch of us made all civilians we could gather up go past the bodies that were lying beside the graves. Not a pretty sight—thighs smaller than my wrists, broken bodies, something beyond belief. We have talked to many ex-prisoners and have heard of eighteen-hour days with only potato peeling soup, constant beatings (well evidenced on the poor devils), and of the German civilians participating in mistreatment. It's a grim story, but an important one."

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'42 AB—Mrs. Madge Palmer Harper is a Spanish-English-French secretary for Amitas, Ltd., in New York City, where she is living at The Barbizon, Lexington and Sixty-third. Her husband, Lieutenant Ashby T. Harper, USNR, is overseas.

'42 AB, '44 MD; '18 BS, '25 ★
MS—Dr. George E. Peabody of the New York Hospital staff, married Sara E. Murray April 28 in New York City. Dr. Peabody, who is the son of Professors G. Eric Peabody '18, Extension, and Mary M. Peabody, Home Economics, has a commission as first lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps and expects to go on active duty in July. Mrs. Peabody is a senior at the New York Hospital School of Nursing.



'42 BS in AE(ME)—Lieutenant ★ Frederick F. Riser (above, right), USNR, is shown receiving from Rear Admiral O. M. Read, USN, commander of destroyers, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, the Navy Bronze Star Medal awarded him by Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, commander in chief of the Atlantic Fleet.

'42 BS—Sergeant Bert V. Thom-★ as, AUS, is in Company A, 1st Battalion, Convalescent Hospital, Fort Story, Va. He writes that Lieutenant Leroy C. Stevens '42, liaison officer, recently back to the States on furlough, has rejoined his Field Artillery unit in France.

'42; '14 ME—Lieutenant (jg) ★ J. Carlton Ward III, USNR, has been almost two years with the A & R Department, Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Tex. Mrs. Ward and their son, Carter J. Ward, live in Corpus Christi with him at 1714 Trenton Drive. Lieutenant Ward is the son of J. Carlton Ward, Jr. '14.

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'43 AB—Lieutenant Lyman W. ★ Warfield, AAF, of 1124 Pine Street, Winnetka, Ill., is to leave for combat training. He has been an instructor at Moody Field, Ga.

'43; '44—First Lieutenant Philip ★ O. Works, Jr., son of Philip O. Works '21 and Mrs. Works (Dorothy M. Sharp) '23, has returned from overseas and is now stationed at Dover, Del., Army Air Base. Mrs. Works is the former Valdine E. Skyberg '44.

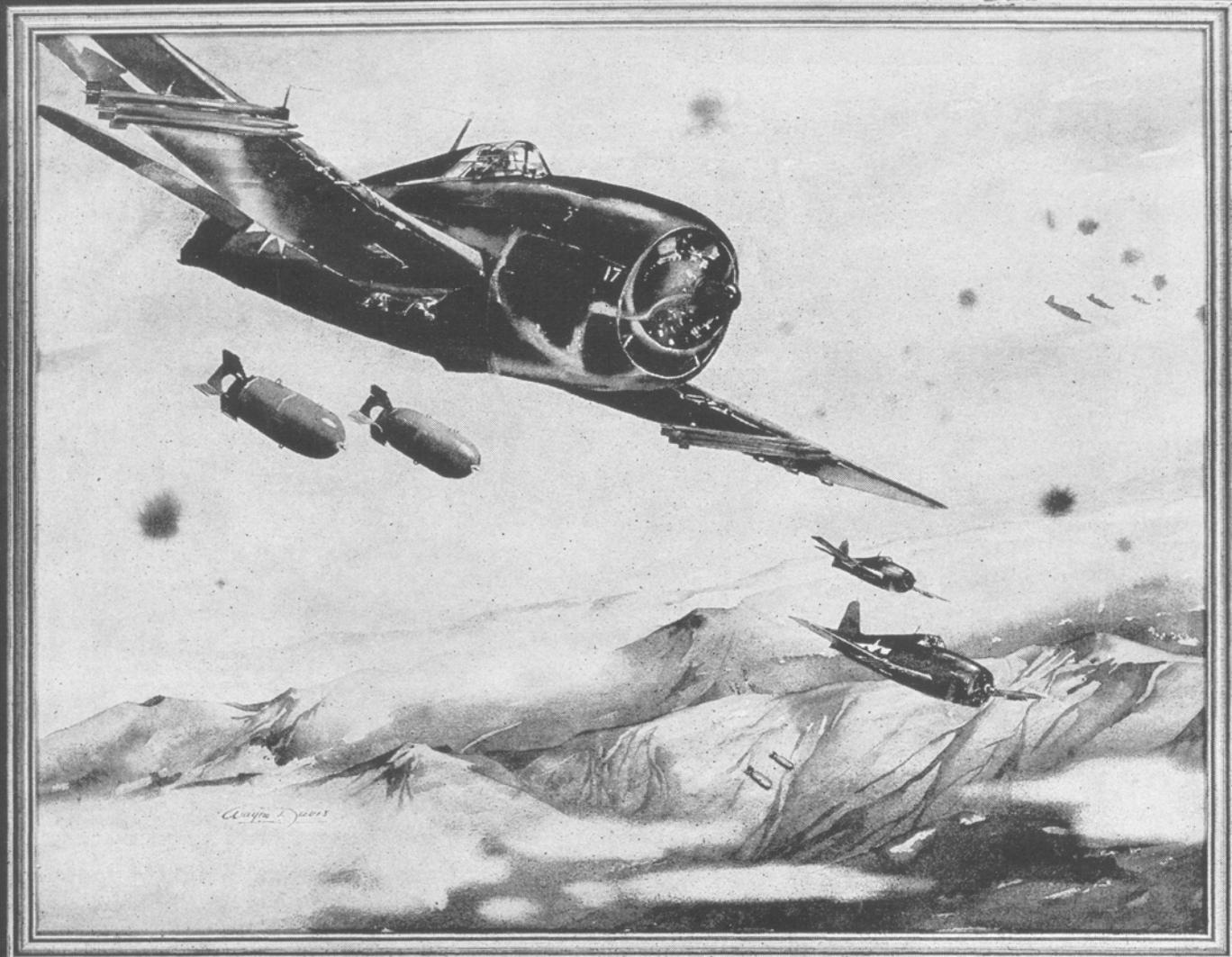
'44; '42 AB—Lieutenant Norman ★ H. Brandt, Field Artillery, was wounded in action May 5 while serving as a forward observer with a rifle company of the 32d Division in the hilly jungle country of northern Luzon. Fighting was so close that during that morning the company discovered that they had dug in less than ten yards from a Jap m.g. Lieutenant Brandt was evacuated while enemy fire poured down from adjacent hills. His brother, First Lieutenant Justin Brandt '42, is at Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, Ind., receiving treatment for a shoulder wound sustained in action.

'44—Lieutenant Wallace A. Ross ★ is in Company A, 204th Battalion, 63rd ITR, Camp Blanding, Fla.

'44 BS in EE—Ensign Joseph S. ★ Hollyday, USNR, who is in the diesel school at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C., is being detached to Staten Island for anti-submarine duty.

'44 AB—Rose Matt is doing psychiatric social work at the State Hospital in Rome.

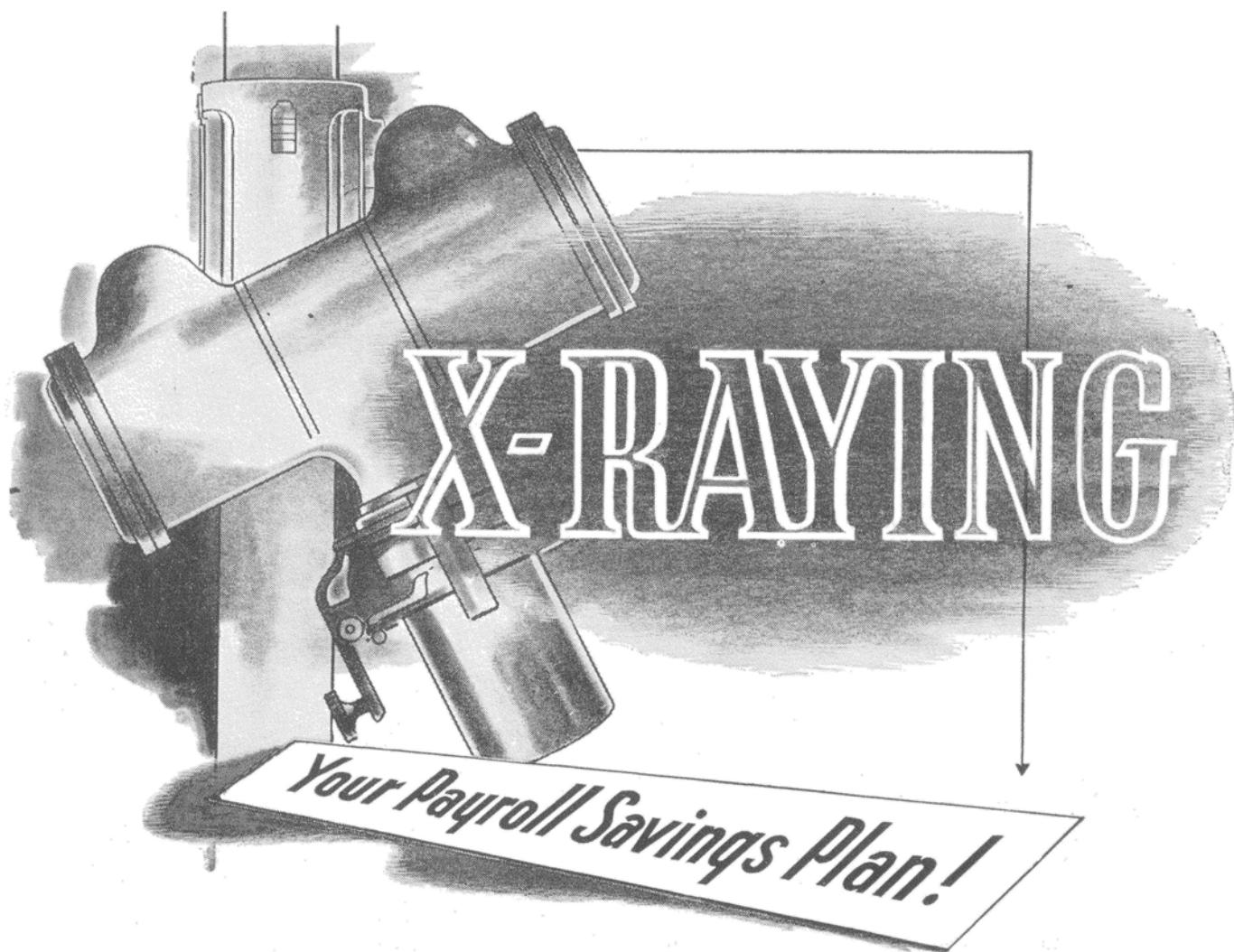
'44—From Lieutenant John A. ★ Murray, Field Artillery, in the Philippines: "Was quite surprised one day when I dropped in to visit a front line observation post. There was Sergeant Allen Benton '44 whom I had not seen for more than a year. Benton is a cavalry sergeant in the organization to which I am assigned as Artillery support officer. We have since gone out together on several patrol missions looking for Japs to nudge and I might add that we've had considerable success."



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