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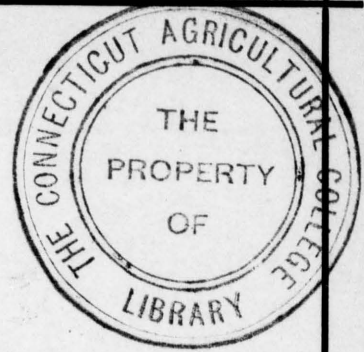
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In Memoriam

The announcement of the death of Mr. Hafford, the new football coach, was received in this College with keen regret. In the brief time during which he had been with us, he had won the respect and esteem of those with whom he came in contact. He had the confidence of the men whom he had in charge and had every prospect of success.

But aside from our regret at this most unexpected loss of the coach, there is among us all a feeling of sorrow for the bright, young life, thus suddenly brought to an end, with all its hopes of achievement unfulfilled.

We sympathize most deeply with his family and friends in their bereavement and we shall cherish a kindly memory of one who in even so short a time as that spent here, showed himself the earnest, helpful friend of those under his charge, and who was so earnest in his efforts to stimulate us all to our best work.

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EDITORIALS

It is hoped that the subscribers of THE LOOKOUT will pardon the tardy appearance of this issue. The late opening of the College and the absence of several members of the Board have greatly retarded it. It is expected that subsequent issues will appear in due season.



To the new students and to the old, THE LOOKOUT extends a hearty welcome. We sincerely hope that all will meet with such success in their College career, as can only be attained by well laid plans brought to realization, by persistent struggle and perseverance.



The advent of the new year finds many changes on the campus. The Mechanic Arts building, recently completed, has been converted into a temporary dining hall. The former cinder and dust paths have been superseded by cement walks. No longer will it be necessary to wade to and from classes ankle deep through the mud.

The apartments formerly occupied by Professor Monteith have been converted into student quarters. Even with this addition, the accommodations for students are inadequate to the demand. It is expected that the new dormitory will be completed by next fall which will undoubtedly relieve matters.

One of the most satisfactory changes is found in the new library. That section of the main building, where gastronomic performances formerly occurred, is now occupied by a commodious library and reading room. Miss Whitney's domain is tastefully and conveniently arranged.

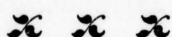
One of our new friends is the bell in the dining hall. This announcer of Father Time, who measures our slumbers, is too good a friend, for his voice is so humble that he seldom performs his duty. It is generally thought that this bell has a severe case of asthma and that the scrap-heap would afford it a place of complete rest.

The shutters have been taken down and once more THE LOOKOUT staff is ready to resume business. For the majority this is the first year and while our predecessors have maintained a high standard, it is our ambition to make this paper better than it has ever been before. This we cannot do without the hearty support of the student body. We shall be more than grateful for such articles as any students care to submit.



The present College year commenced with a vim and dash that, if continued, bids fair to make 1911-12 a year to be remembered as one of College spirit and good fellowship. To even the uninitiated observer of College life, it is apparent that some institutions have more spirit than others. It is even more apparent that these institutions are the ones that do big things, both in athletics and scholarship. Their graduates play important parts in government, in financial and in scientific circles.

The Connecticut Agricultural College is a comparatively new institution but is being piloted along the right road, that of progress. We want to be spoken of as a College with spirit, as one whose graduates do great things and as a modern institution for professional as well as practical education. The burden of this struggle for favorable and general recognition rightfully falls on the students.



Eliminating the Middlemen

In several states the farmers have become interested in a proposal to form an organization through which they will be able to deal more directly with the consumers, save the profits and reduce the present high cost of living.

It is estimated that of the annual value of nine million dollars, the farm products in the United States, over one-half finds its way to the middleman. To bring the consumer into direct relation with the farmer would be to the advantage of both. The farmer would get more for his products and the consumer would have cheaper prices. It is manifestly a means of eliminating the middleman's profit. Should a co-operative system be established similar to the one which has such a marvelous development in England, this would be an easy problem of solution. Many millions of dollars would be saved to the advantage of the wage earner and the farmer would find a better market for his produce.

The organizers of this movement seem to have in mind the es-

establishment of distributing stations or agencies in the centers of population to which the farmer can haul his produce and from which the consumer can purchase his necessities.

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The Jewelled Dagger

One hot day in the year 55 B. C., a group of swarthy men, sponge-gatherers by trade, were clustered together on a sandy stretch of the North African shore, shaded by the luxurious and verdant vegetation of the tropics. All were in "*puris naturalibus*." They were idly discussing the results of the yesterday and the prospects of the morrow, when the voice of the overseer was heard.

"Korosko! O Korosko!"

A huge Sicilian jumped up at the call and hastened to obey the beckoning of the master.

"Go! and with you Girgeh. Hurry while the sun is still low in the heavens and return not until your bags are filled."

In the twinkling of an eye, the two slaves had leaped into the near-by gangara, and rowed far out into the bay. Suddenly, Korosko, who had been carefully watching the bottom through the clear waters, gave a cry of astonishment for his sharp eyes had caught the outlines of the hull of a galley, and, pinioned in a narrow hatch-way, the body of a man, a dagger clutched in his hand, between the fingers of which, even through the depths, Korosko could catch the glint of sparkling jewels. With a swift movement of his lithe body he dove quickly over the side, his scandli in his hand, and, with hardly a splash, sank rapidly through the transparent depths. Down, down, he went. At last he reached the hull, and, with one clean stroke was at the hatch-way and struggling to loosen the dead man's grip. He was too excited now to notice the dark form which passed over head. He finally loosened the clutch of those slimy fingers. The dagger was his! The shape passed again. He glanced quickly upward and his horrified gaze met the body of a huge devil-fish. With one bound he shot from the hatch-way. But too late! A great slimy arm clasped him tight about the waist, while another wound itself about his legs. The horrid tenacles were all about him. He had been under water already for more than three minutes and the pressure of seventy-five feet of water was as thunder in his ears. Tighter and tighter grew the clutch of those fearful arms. He struck out feebly with the fateful dagger which he still clutched. One last spasmodic movement, a tightening of those wretched feelers, and he was still to move no more. His fingers still grasped the jewelled dagger.

R. B. Y., JR., '13.

College Songs

We publish by request the following College songs, to enable the new men to become familiar with them. It is hoped that all will memorize them as soon as possible:

ALMA MATER.

In the quiet of the country,
Where the skies are blue
Stands our gracious Alma Mater
Bright and fair to view.

Chorus:—Lift the chorus, speed it onward—
Honored may she be—
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater—
Hail to C. A. C.

Far removed from all the clamor
Of the busy town;
Reared upon the hills of Mansfield
Looks she proudly down.

Chorus.

THE WHITE AND BLUE.

'Mid the green fields of New England
Where the wooden nutmegs grow,
And the velvet of God's carpet
Covers hill and vale below,
Stands our grand old Alma Mater,
Pride of sons and daughters true,
While waves above the campus
The white and blue, the white and blue.

We will praise her for her teachings,
For the brightness of her life,
And the noble inspiration,
To be earnest in the fight.
So we'll live for home and country
And for all that's good and true,
While waves above the campus
The white and blue, the white and blue.

THE LOOKOUT

When the cherry blossoms whiten
 O'er the hills like drifted snow,
 And the modest violets brighten
 The wide valleys far below,
 Turn our thoughts to Alma Mater,
 And our love burns bright anew,
 When nature decks our campus
 With white and blue, with white and blue.

SONG OF CHEER.

[Tune—Let the Lower Lights be Burning.]

On this far-famed field of battle,
 Many a conflict time has seen;
 Here our chosen bravely, ever,
 Strive to keep our laurels green.

Chorus:—Cheer them on, our boys forever,
 Champions of the white and blue;
 Loyal ever be our watch-word,
 C. A. C., Oh, here's to you.

To the College that we cherish,
 May your valor bring renown;
 By your strength and dauntless courage
 Win her many a victor's crown.

Chorus.

Onward, then, let no man falter,
 Nobly act your glorious part,
 For the Aggies and our honor,
 We are with you, mind and heart.

Chorus.

Out upon the world's arena,
 Grandeur strength be yours to yield;
 Springing from these days of trial,
 On this fair old College field.

Chorus.



Alumni Notes

EDITOR'S NOTE.—It is the intention of the Alumni Editor to keep in touch with all alumni possible; all items of interest pertaining to them will be thankfully received.

A most enjoyable Alumni Reunion was held last June. About fifty alumni gathered on the hill and talked over old times and enjoyed a fine repast. Olcott F. King presided as toastmaster and several fine speeches were made by the alumni. Special mention must be made of the addresses by two Alumnæ, Mrs. E. B. Fitts and Mrs. Sherman Eddy. Mrs. Fitts' topic was indeed an appropriate one, "The Storrs Influence." Mrs. Eddy's was "The Recollections of the Past," in which she very interestingly related student life when she was a student here some years ago. At the business meeting an important project was discussed, namely, that of procuring perhaps some time in the future, a crayon portrait of former President Benjamin F. Koons. All alumni interested may do well to write to Mr. Garrigus.

'88. A daughter was born to Professor and Mrs. C. A. Wheeler on August 7, 1911.

'05. Sherman Hollister, Cornell, '09, formerly manager of the Horticultural department of the Hampton Institute, Va., has been chosen as an instructor at this College.

'05. Elizabeth B. Donovan attended Miss Farmer's cooking school in Boston during the past summer.

'05. Paul W. Graff has resigned as pathologist and instructor in botany in the Kansas State Agricultural College, where he has been for the past two years, to become mycologist for the U. S. government, with headquarters at Manila.

'06. Mary Ester Tooly is teaching at Roxbury Station, Mass.

'06. Ralph G. Tryon, recently spent a few days at the College at the opening of the fall term.

'06. It is expected that Arthur W. Sweeton is to be married shortly.

'08. Curtis T. Woodruff spent several days at the College from October 13th to October 16th.

'08. J. H. Pierpont was married to Miss Margaret Collett on September 5th, at Dover, N. H.

'08. "Bim" Bothfeld, B. S., '10, entered his second year at the Yale Forestry School.

'09. Inez D. Mason is studying at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

'09. Mary E. Costello is taking a two-year course at the Willimantic Normal School.

'09. Mary E. Merrick has a position as teacher in the Ingleside Home for Girls at Revere Heights, 293 Prospect Avenue, Boston, Mass.

'09. M. T. Downs is at Renelsworth, N. J., on one of Mr. Collingwood's fruit farms. Mr. Collingwood is the editor of the Rural New Yorker.

'09. Messrs. Loveland and Samuels are in partnership in Hartford. They are wholesale and retail meat merchants; it is reported that they are doing well. Both spent Sunday, August 13th, on the hill.

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Poet's Corner

Lives of football men remind us
We must write our names in blood
And departing, leave behind us
Half our faces in the mud.

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The man who lives but to exist,
Could vaporize and not be missed.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

I stood upon a mountain,
I gazed upon a plain,
I saw a lot of green stuff,
That looked like waving grain.

I took another look at it
And thought it must be grass;
But, goodness! To my horror!
It was the freshman class.

E. F. F., '15.



Mr. Alfred E. Corp, of Brown, has been secured to coach the football team, thereby filling the vacancy caused by the recent death of Coach Leo Hafford.

Mr. Corp, it is hoped, will retrieve the fortunes of our team. Though the season to date has been a failure, it is hoped that he will be able to pull the team together and turn defeat into victory.

We were, indeed, fortunate in receiving the services of so capable a man as Mr. Corp, and feel sure of his success in his undertaking.



The Massachusetts Club of the Connecticut Agricultural College was founded at the College, October 10, 1911, with the following officers: President, H. F. Reaveley, of Somerville; vice-president, R. E. Nowell, of Somerville; secretary, E. C. Eaton, of Newton; treasurer, F. V. Wright, Jr., of Salem. The object of this club is to promote fellowship among Massachusetts men who have attended or are attending the Connecticut Agricultural College.



The judging team from the College won first place in judging dairy cattle at the Brocton Fair on October fifth. The team, which consisted of R. A. Storrs, V. G. Aubrey and J. R. Horwitz, reflects much credit on the instructor, Mr. E. B. Fitts.



The Faculty Scientific Club met in the chemistry lecture room on Tuesday, October 17th. Mr. L. A. Rogers, bacteriologist from Washington, spoke on the subject, "Biometric Methods of Studying Bacteria."



Campus observation one: The floral designs in front of Horticultural Hall are very pleasing and attractive in detail. Pause next

time you are on your way for a can of midnight oil at Beebe's and observe. It will certainly jar your prosaical intentions.

Observation two: There appears to be several cowpaths across the front campus. Keep on the walks with the common herd. By the way, did you notice the graceful curves in the new cement walks?

Observation three: The vineyard is well protected as usual; for further particulars, see the inmates of room No. 41, Storrs Hall.

Belated advice: Don't thumb the fruit in the orchard, as birds are caught by putting salt on their tails.

Observation four: Muskmelons and watermelons seem to have a hard time arriving at maturity, owing to adverse circumstances in this vicinity.

Observation five: Professor Gulley's auto has been seen to back up down hill and goes down up hill when it oughter to go up-hill and down as an auto oughter to go.

Observation six will be taken from the new astronomical observatory to be erected in 1915 and dedicated by Professor Wheeler in a speech entitled, "Polaris as a guide to deep sea-going and nocturnal pedestrians."



The annual rope rush between the freshmen and the juniors was held at 4.45 p. m. on Monday, October 2d. In all, there were 84 contestants; the sides being evenly divided.

The first Saturday's extra drill squad looked very natural to Commandant Churchill. The "old squad" was back including former Corporal "Pop" Eaton, ex-First Lieutenant Sharpe, ex-First Sergeant Clarke. All executed the facings, full step and arm exercises with military exactness.



The student body feel sorry for "Pop" Eaton as he is the only 1912 man not holding an office. In '09-'10 he was a corporal in Company B, but owing to 60 students leaving school that year he had no men to "corporalize." This is Eaton's fourth year of drill at the College. In Newton (Massachusetts) High School, he served two years, thus, this makes his sixth year of military service. We trust that if Eaton goes to heaven he will not be compelled to be one of the "Footguards" at that institution of higher soul culture, because we know he has served "his time," justly and well.



To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edwin A. Lane, A. B., of Dartmouth, the College authorities have appointed John L. Hughes, of Brookfield, Mass. Mr. Hughes graduated from Clark

College in 1909 and received his master's degree from the same university in 1910.

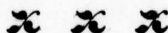


By reason of establishment of a new course in the College curriculum it was deemed necessary to appoint an instructor to take charge of the School of Agriculture. Accordingly, Sherman Preston Hollister, '05, who for the past two years has been instructor in Horticulture at Hampton Institute at Hampton, Va., has been selected for this position. While at C. A. C. Mr. Hollister was considered one of the most popular men of his class, being president of the class in his senior year.



HOW NOT TO BECOME POPULAR AT COLLEGE.

1. Don't subscribe for THE LOOKOUT. Read your roommate's.
2. Don't attend the football, baseball, or other athletic contests.
3. Never buy any oil or tobacco; be a habitual borrower.
4. Never speak well of the College; always criticise everything and everyone.
5. Don't obey the freshman rules.
6. Don't support the Athletic Association or other student organizations.
7. Never go to class or other student meetings.
8. Avoid contributions to THE LOOKOUT.
9. Always brag of what you have done, or can do.
10. Never comport yourself as if you were well brought up; always be the antithesis of a gentleman.



At present the Athletic Field presents a disheartening appearance to even the unathletic observer. A wide trench has been cut on one side and a half of the gridiron is composed of mud. However, the field needed improvement, and this year is as opportune as any other, so let us make the best of it. In the spring, when the trackmen are loping around the new track and the baseball men are

dashing over the level, well-drained diamond, we will forget the trials of the football team and think only of the pleasure afforded by our renovated field.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

September 30—Wesleyan at Middletown.
 October 7—Tufts at Medford.
 October 14—Williston at Storrs.
 October 18—Norwich University at Northfield.
 October 21—Open.
 October 28—Hotchkiss at Lakeville.
 November 4—Open.
 November 11—Monson at Monson.
 November 18—Boston College at Storrs.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The football season of 1911 opened on Saturday, September 30th, when we were defeated by Wesleyan.

It was a decidedly crippled team that journeyed to Middletown. The absence of Coach Hafford was primarily the cause of our weakness, which was augmented by the inclement weather, during the short week of practice afforded the team.

The first few moments of play clearly showed that the Wesleyan team had the game within their control.

Our men were unable to withstand the terrible onslaught of their opponents who outweighed us by twenty-two pounds.

Our men played a splendid game, however, and showed a fighting spirit which kept the Wesleyan men constantly on the jump. The brilliant playing of Chipman and Captain Howard was especially commendable. The line-up:

CONNECTICUT.

Tracy, le.....	re, Grant
Reiner, lt.....	rt, Durling
	(acting Capt.)
Kendall, lg.....	rg. Parkinson
Browning, c.....	c, Whiting
Ketcham, rg.....	lg, Wilcox
Storrs, rt.....	lt. Bernhardt
Baker, re.....	le, McCarthy
Chipman, qb.....	qb, Ross
Rutan, fb.....	fb. Johnson
Howard, (Capt.) lhb. (Harper).....	rhb, Pettigru
Mitchell, rhb.....	lhb, Wentworth

Time of quarters, 10 minutes.

WESLEYAN.

C. A. C., O. TUFTS, 49.

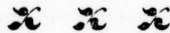
Tufts College ran up a high score against our eleven in the second game of the season on October 7th. The absence of Captain Howard and the recent loss of Coach Leo Hafford, it is thought, was accountable for the poor showing. The work of Adams of Tufts was considered the feature of the game. Kilmer, our newly acquired left half-back, played a remarkably brilliant game.

**Intercollegiate Notes**

Nearly half a million dollars have been appropriated by the Oregon State Legislature for the support of the State Agricultural College. For current expenses, \$150,000 is granted; the rest will be used for new buildings and new equipment.

Some time ago four students were suspended at Kansas for practising crooked politics in connection with class elections.

At Columbia, smoking has been prohibited in all the buildings with the exception of the dormitories. In the past, students were permitted to smoke in the laboratories and in some of the classrooms. It was not uncommon to see men smoking pipes, cigarettes, or cigars during examinations.

**FARM DEPARTMENT NOTES.**

The Farm Department has graded around the horse barn and raised the road leading to it, also built bank walls and laid tile drains connecting the eaves trough and sewer. A block pavement, 12x80 feet, has been laid in the center of the first floor. This will provide a floor that is durable, noiseless and not slippery.

This department has also furnished the teams and labor for the building of a quarter-mile track and the grading of the athletic field which work is still in progress.

The field on the north side of the road, opposite the pond, has

been drained and will be cleared as soon as the time can be spared from other work.

The fifty poultry houses for the egg-laying contest are moved into position and graded around.

The hay crop was shortened by at least one-third, as a consequence of the drought, but the corn crop will in part make up the deficiency, there being about fourteen acres left after filling the silos.

The beef herd have been added to by the birth of eleven calves, the best of which will be kept and grown for class work.

"Albermarl," 68404, a black, two-year-old Percheron stallion, has been purchased from Senator E. B. White, of Leesburg, Virginia. He is an inbred "Brilliant" colt and ought to grow into an animal that will be a credit to the College. The money for his purchase was furnished by the Gilbert farm. The two Percheron foals have grown nicely and promise well.

The College has made a general exhibit at the Connecticut, Berlin and Danbury fairs. This was in charge of the Farm Department and consisted of exhibits from the Bacteriological, Horticultural, Mechanical, Dairy and Animal Husbandry Departments. Several photographs were also shown, including a set by Mr. Job, that show the progress of the quail propagation.

A new waterproof tent, 40x80 feet, has been purchased for the College exhibit.

Six acres of alfalfa have been sown and although necessarily late on account of the drought it has started off nicely and will go into the winter in good shape.

The corn on the farm all escaped the frost except one field, the last of which was cut on the day after the heavy freeze.

EXPERIMENT STATION.

Dr. A. C. True, Director of the Office of the Experiment Stations, Washington, D. C., recently visited the Storrs Experimental Station and inspected the work of every department of the station, examined all the vouchers for the past year, and found everything correct. It is some four years since Dr. True's last visit to the Experiment Station and he expressed himself as well pleased with the growth which has been made in station work during that time.

Dr. J. N. Currie, a graduate of the University of Indiana and of the Wisconsin University at Madison, is now chemist of the cheese investigations. Dr. Currie's training has especially fitted him for success in this line of work.

MILITARY NOTES.

A revised edition of the Infantry Drill Regulations has been published and recently distributed among the students. As it differs very materially in some respects from the edition of 1904, the cadets, who were instructed last year according to the old edition, will be obliged to learn over again much of their drill. This applies most strongly to Company A, which is composed almost entirely of old men.



That a marked increase in enrollment at this College has been made over all previous records is emphatically demonstrated by the organization of three military companies instead of the customary two. The old students were formed into Company A; the men in the four-year course in agriculture were organized into Company B; and the men in the other courses, including the two-year course in agriculture, were made into Company C. These three companies will make a fair-sized battalion.

Taken on the basis of military knowledge and experience, Company A is the best company. The other companies can not be fairly compared with Company A on this basis, but, when compared with each other, they are found to be about equal. The progress of the two companies will be followed with much interest and enthusiasm. May their improvement be rapid, and their worthiness to march beside the tried and loyal Company A soon be determined.

Something novel and new to most students in the College will be the realization of one of Lieutenant Churchill's plans for the coming spring. Between first and fifteenth days of May, a military encampment of seven days is to be made. During that time the battalion will be inspected by an officer of the United States Army. More complete particulars will be furnished later.

EXPERIMENT STATION NOTES.

The Experiment Station is carrying on extensive soil tests. The chemical and bacteriological divisions are working in conjugation and it is expected that the results will bring out the close relationship existing between the numbers of bacteria and the fertility of the soil. Many farmers are not aware of these all-important minute workers and any research work along these lines will doubtless be well received by them.

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