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Y. M. C. A. BRANCH FOR CONNECTICUT

COLLEGE Y. M. C. A. TO BE PERMANENT.

Faculty Advisory Board Making Plans.

Along with the many other improvements which are taking place here at the college at the present time a permanent Y. M. C. A. is being started. In former times a Y. M. C. A. was located at Connecticut Agricultural College and conducted by the students. John Fitts, Professor of Mechanic Arts, is the only person on the hill who belonged to the old Y. M. C. A. Rhode Island and Connecticut are the only two state colleges in New England which have not a permanent Y. M. C. A. and Rhode Island State has already started its plans.

It was the consensus of opinion among the faculty that a permanent Y. M. C. A. at our College here is desirable and would fill a place now not taken care of by any organization on the hill. Mr. Thwing, a former graduate of the college has been appointed state Y. M. C. A. secretary and plans are now being made to start a permanent Y. M. C. A. here this semester.

Among the other things that the Y. M. C. A. will accomplish on the campus will be to take care of non-fraternity men. A faculty alumni committee is being formed and a definite program will be planned. A permanent Y. M. C. A. secretary will be secured.

An alumni faculty advisory board has been formed of the following members to work out the program:

Professor Wheeler, Professor Garigus, Professor Fitts, Professor Hollister, Professor A. J. Brundage.

MILK CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES.

Educational milk campaigns have been held in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury. Connecticut, is the first state to organize definite campaigns to increase the consumption of milk in the cities. The work is in charge of Louise G. Holbrook of the United States Dairy Division cooperating with the State Extension Department. The plan is to teach the value of milk and milk products and to suggest ways of using them to supplement other foods.

Miss M. E. Hayes and Miss Dorothy Buckley of the Extension staff took active part in the work. Miss E. S. Moss, '19, assisted during the last two weeks of March in New Haven and Bridgeport.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY TO BE MAY 24

ATHLETIC MEET TO BE GIVEN FOR VISITORS.

Connecticut Aggies Play Trinity College.

Saturday, May 24, has been set as the date for the largest and most successful High School Day ever planned by the college. On that day the members of the Senior classes of all high schools throughout the state, both boys and girls, will be the guests of the college. The high school students will be met in Willimantic and given free transportation to the "Hill" and a very enjoyable program has been planned to make their visit on the "Hill" enjoyable. During the early afternoon an athletic meet will be staged open to all high school seniors who wish to compete. The meet will be followed by the Connecticut-Trinity baseball game, which will be of great interest to our guests. A dance will be held in the Armory on Saturday night. Our high school friends will spend the night on the campus and they will probably stay until Sunday noon, which should give them ample time to inspect the campus and the fraternities.

The work of the preparation for the event has been placed in the hands of the following committees:

Invitation and Publicity—W. Stemmons, E. A. Osborn, Crosby, R. Hawley, Belden, Ward, Hutchinson, Miss Luddy, Miss Potter.

Transportation and Reception—Prof. Kirkpatrick, Cassel, Manwaring, Brow, Quigg, Hirsh, Chaffee, Miss Dorothy Moss, Miss Guilfoile.

Food and Lodging—Prof. Lamson, Miss Mason, Miss Barker, Bridges, Lockwood, Downs, Taylor, Schulman, J. P. Johnson, Miss Simonson, Miss Bidwell.

Athletics—Mr. Guyer, Mr. Barlow, Maier, Bauer, Schimmel, Wallace, Klein, Beisiegel.

Dance and Decoration—Mr. Fraser, Dr. Sinnott, Miss Rose, Chapman, Maloney, Barnes, Scott, Faulkner, McKay, Miss Smith, Miss Lee.

WILLARD ALLEN TO WORK FOR POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

Willard Allen, '16, has accepted a position on the staff of the poultry department and will devote most of his time to the continuation of the experimental work of L. E. Card, who has gone to Cornell University. Mr. Allen was across for nearly six months as first sergeant of Co. A., 49th Infantry, having embarked from Camp Olgethorpe last summer.

INVESTIGATING WAR DAMAGES TO FORESTS.

Lieutenant Colonel Chapman to Report to Peace Conference.

Lieutenant Colonel C. S. Chapman, Connecticut Agricultural College, '98, Yale Forestry School, '02, is gathering information for the American delegates to the Peace Conference as to whether Germany is able to repay in timber the losses sustained by France and Belgium. He is also to make a report on the forest losses of France and Belgium. The French forests have suffered terribly from the war both from fellings made for the needs of the armies and from the vandalism of the regions which were occupied. Many forest groups were ruined and often nothing remains of them. The resources of France, therefore, will not meet her needs and it will be necessary to take all the timber she needs from German forests.

APPROPRIATION BILL IS CHANGED

SCIENCE HALL AND GIRLS' DORMITORY QUESTIONED BY APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE.

\$200,000 Increase in Department Maintenance Funds.

The proposed bill, approved by the Committee on Agriculture, appropriating \$350,000 for the new science building, home economics building, dining hall, student infirmary, and several smaller buildings was altered by the Appropriation Committee, which cut out the science and home economics buildings. The proposed bill of the Committee on Agriculture recommended the appropriation of \$350,000 for the buildings, although the total itemized account was \$353,655, covering the following costs:

Dining hall,.....	\$ 66,600
Science building,.....	100,000
Home economics building....	100,000
4 single and 4 double faculty houses,.....	62,700
Farm improvements,.....	12,900
Poultry buildings,.....	3,075
Student infirmary,.....	8,320
Total,.....	\$353,655

However, the Appropriation Committee cut out the science and home economics buildings, yet advanced the College maintenance fund from \$105,000 to \$160,000; the extension maintenance fund from \$30,000 to \$134,000; and the Experiment Station maintenance fund from \$15,000 to \$25,000, besides including \$50,000 for more buildings. The same amount of money which was asked for for the

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FOUR JUNIORS RECEIVE HONOR

HONORARY FRATERNITY GAMMA CHI EPSILON ELECTS.

Wooding, Wright, Belden, and Bauer are Entitled to Wear the Gold Key.

Four members of the Class of 1920 have been honored with election to the honorary fraternity Gamma Chi Epsilon. The selection was made according to the constitution from the upper third of the Junior class, this portion being determined by the class standings as obtained from the office of the secretary. From this third one-fourth of the total number in the class was elected, taking into consideration the individual's participation in student activities, and his character. As L. L. Crosby, '19, was the only active member on the "Hill", the elections were made at a meeting with the honorary members in the faculty, President C. L. Beach and Dr. H. D. Newton. The four men elected were F. M. Wooding, H. B. Wright, R. F. Belden, and F. Bauer.

This fraternity was founded in 1916 with the object of promoting scholastic standing, participation in college activities, and moral character. Membership is limited to members of the junior and senior classes.

The present enrollment includes honorary members: C. L. Beach, H. R. Monteith, H. F. Judkins, H. D. Newton, and regular members of the Class of 1917, J. B. Kilbride, W. D. Shea, J. H. Norton, A. B. Watson, H. A. Weidlich; of the 1918 class, T. H. Beich, J. H. Hildring, S. B. Morse, P. L. Sanford, F. B. Thompson; and of the 1919 class, C. R. Brock, L. L. Crosby, A. C. Mallett, and E. R. Moore.

All members are entitled to wear the gold key, which is the emblem of the fraternity.

EXTENSION FORCE GIVEN TEA.

The Sophomore Cooking Class served tea to the members of the Extension Department at the Cottage Saturday, April 12 from 3 to 5 p. m. Mrs. R. E. Dodge and Mrs. I. G. Davis poured. This not only gave the girls practice in serving and cooking, but also furnished an opportunity for them to become acquainted with the Extension Workers.

MILITARY INSPECTION.

On April 18, 1919, Lieutenant Colonel S. J. Bayard Schindl, of the staff at Washington, D. C., will be at the college for a general inspection of the military department.

AGRICULTURAL CLUB REVIVED

TEMPORARY OFFICERS ELECTED

But Three Old Members Left—Plans being made for Reorganization.

A meeting of the Agricultural Club was held on April 3, 1919, for the purpose of reorganizing the society. The only old members who are now students were present and the following temporary officers were chosen, George B. Durham, '19, President; Everett D. Dow, '21, Vice-President; Joseph S. Miller, '19, Secretary and Treasurer.

The application of Douglas A. Evans, '20, for membership in the club was voted on and accepted. Plans for the future were discussed and various committees appointed to take charge of the reorganization.

The Agricultural Club is an old organization at Connecticut and has been of great interest to both the faculty and the student body in past years. Many enjoyable and instructive meetings were held by the club each year at which lectures were given by leading agricultural men of the East. The Corn and Fruit Show, held under the auspices of the Agricultural Club, was until last year an annual occurrence and held its place as one of the principal happenings in the community. Student judging teams were frequently sent to fairs and expositions for the purpose of competing with similar teams from other colleges, and the big desire of upperclassmen in agriculture was election to these teams.

An agricultural college of the standing of Connecticut requires a strong agricultural club, as the activities of such an organization are of great importance both to the individual student and to the college. It is the desire of the temporary officers that the majority of the students will enroll in the reorganized club.

NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR SECOND SEMESTER.

The second semester opened with six new men on the "Hill", three of them being School of Agriculture men, who are G. Stevens, A. Markman and J. Scheichert and one special, V. Roberts.

The college men are R. C. Taylor, R. J. Pullen and R. W. Sawin. R. C. Taylor is from Yale, the class of '19. He enlisted August 5, 1918 and was sent to Camp Jackson, from there he went to Camp Taylor and from there to Fort Sill School of Fire where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery. R. J. Pullen is from Trinity College School, Toronto, Canada. On July 15, 1918, he enlisted in the Canadian Royal Flying Corps and was sent to the Toronto Training School for three months. From here he went to Halifax and was then sent to Dover, England, where he finished his training and was commissioned as a pilot, second lieutenant Canadian Royal Flying Corps. A good share of his time was spent in bombing machines, especially the Handley Paige, he was in the air a

MORE LAND FOR STATE PARK.

The State has bought the farm and tract including the Kent Falls in the town of Kent, to be used as one of the state parks. Many people at the college know Kent Falls as one of the most beautiful picnic places in the state. There are about 200 acres including the adjoining farm, although the tillable land will probably be sold to neighboring property owners. The United Gas Incorporated Co., expects to build a dam on the Housatonic River near the place, and part of the farm will therefore be flooded so that the state will hold a lake front on the property as well as the well-known falls.

APPROPRIATION BILL. (Continued from page 1.)

science and home economics buildings was given in the increased maintenance funds. The increase in the funds for maintenance is a necessity brought about as a result of the increasing belief in the work of the agricultural college. Nevertheless, there is evident and urgent need for a home economics building as evidenced by the rapidly increasing enrollment in the home economics course. At present the forty-three young ladies, the majority of whom are quartered in either the Valentine House or Grove Cottage, are crowded for room. Only four of these young ladies graduate in 1919 and three in 1920, yet already President C. L. Beach has received application from twenty-one young ladies who desire to enroll next fall. President Beach stated that he had written to seventy-five high schools and that undoubtedly next fall would bring the largest freshmen class that the college has had.

The delicacy of the situation is apparent especially when the State is under moral obligations, inasmuch as the Connecticut Agricultural College has been recommended by the State for the purpose of teaching and training of prospective home economics teachers.

The proposed bill was called for action on April 2, but tabled. When removed from the table an attempt may be made to substitute the report of the Agricultural Committee for the report of the Appropriation Committee.

Besides the increased maintenance funds, the college is to receive, together with the Mansfield Training School, \$180,000 to be used for the purpose of building a dam and water-power plant north of the Pink Cemetery watershed. This plant would supply both the Training School and the college with a surplus of water equal to any emergency.

In commenting upon the proposed bill, President Beach said: "Both the waterworks improvement and home economics building are very desirable, but the more urgent demand is for the latter."

total of twenty-five hours. R. Sawin is formerly of the University of Florida.

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the Service During the War.

Capt. Charles T. Senay, ex-'12, who has seen as much active service as any Connecticut Agricultural College man, recently sent his military record to Prof. C. A. Wheeler, president of the Alumni Association of Connecticut Agricultural College. Capt. Senay enlisted as a second lieutenant on November 30, 1916, and was sent to the training school at Fort Leavenworth for several months. Upon the completion of the course he was assigned to the 22nd Infantry which assisted in the seizing of the German and Austrian ships at Hoboken in April, 1917, and for several weeks was in charge of the prisoners at Ellis Island. In June, 1917, Lieutenant Senay was assigned to the 28th Infantry and embarked for France, landing there June 26, 1917, with Co. I., 28th Infantry, the second company to land in France. After being assigned to the training area Lieutenant Senay was commissioned Captain. His first trip to the trenches was in November, 1917, in the Luneville sector. He was assigned to another company in the same regiment and when the division moved from the Toul sector to Montdidier his company was given a sector in front of Cantigny in April, 1918. When the division was relieved by the French in July, Captain Senay was sent to Soissons where he went over the top in what has been termed the decisive stroke of the war. On July 19, 1918, Captain Senay was decorated by General Pershing with the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre with palm by General Mangin of the French Army. On the following day Captain Senay was wounded, but returned to duty early in August, commanding a battalion of the 28th Infantry in the St. Mihiel drive and attaining the objective, Vignelles. From here he was sent to Verdun and then into the Argonne forest, but because of sickness he was evacuated. After again rejoining the regiment he was made town commander of Standt and Steinefrentz. In February, 1919, he was at school in Chatillon sur Seine, but indicated that upon completion of the course there that he would be assigned to some region of the occupied territory on the Rhine. Portions of a more recent letter follow:

"The flu kept me out of the march to Sedan and on over the Rhine and incidentally cost me a majority, for promotions came while I was in the hospital and therefore lost out.

Conditions here are still chaotic and fraught with possibilities. The late spring may see further fighting, so don't pound your swords into plowshares.

Miss Gladys Wheeler, a student at Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y., has been spending a week's vacation with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Wheeler.

MISS WHITNEY SPEAKS AT ASSEMBLY.

Tells of History of College Since Its
Foundation in 1881.

A history of the college was given to the student body at College Assembly on April 2, 1919, by Miss Edwina Whitney, College Librarian. Miss Whitney was especially fitted to speak on the subject being the only member of the present faculty who was here when the college was founded.

The students were carried back to the foundation of the Storrs Agricultural School in 1881, at which time there was a student enrollment of twelve persons, a campus of one hundred and seventy acres and one dormitory, Whitney Hall, which is now the home of the Extension Department. The speaker then outlined the rapid progress which was made toward the enlargement of the institution and dwelt at length on the personnel of the faculties of the past. Such names as Armsby and Atwater, men of great renown in the agricultural and scientific world, and Professor Koons, who was dearly loved by students of the days past, and for whose memory a tablet was erected just northeast of the pond, were mentioned.

Miss Whitney then compared the college as it is to-day, with the college as it was in 1893, mentioning the changes in curriculum, the enlargement of the campus, and the growth in buildings and departments.

After Miss Whitney's talk, President Charles L. Beach made a few announcements and the assembly closed with the singing of the Alma Mater.

LATE SNOWSTORM CAUSES NO DAMAGE TO FRUIT TREES.

It has been feared by many that the storm and sudden change in the weather conditions around the first of the month, injured the fruit trees to quite an extent, especially the peach trees. But, upon looking over the orchards, the trees seem to have stood the cold spell very well. The apple trees were not hurt at all and the peach trees were only slightly injured. Those which were probably hurt the most were the Japanese plum which were in sheltered places and the buds had gotten a fair start before the storm.

During the storm and when the temperature was at the lowest point, there was a thin coating of ice which served as a protection to the buds. The buds were affected more a few days later when the thermometer was rather low with a cold dry air and no coating of ice for protection.

The first spraying for the trees can be applied at any time. The winter strength of the lime-sulphur solution should be used, that is five gallons to forty-five gallons of water.

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THE NEW BOARD.

Commencing with this issue of the Campus a new managing board assumes responsibilities. The new board was necessitated by the resignation of the editor-in-chief Charles Brock, '19, who has returned to manage his own dairy farm in Northford, near New Haven. Returning to college over a month late Charlie succeeded in passing the required number of credit units in three and a half years and therefore earning his degree which will be conferred at commencement. As editor-in-chief he maintained the Campus at the excellent standard which was established last year when he was managing editor, and during his absence kept alive by the young ladies.

Much of the credit of the present reputation of our Campus belongs to Mr. Brock, who has taken such an active, yet unpretentious part in the management of our college paper.

JOURNALISM.

The Managing Board of the Campus wishes to call the attention of every student to the new course, Journalism 3 B, given by Walter L. Stemmons, the publicity agent of Extension Service.

This course, intended primarily for those students desirous of building up our college paper, should receive hearty support, from every class. After considerable difficulty the two lecture hours were arranged so that as many students as possible could take the course with the least inconvenience.

It is obvious that the value derived from a college education, does not

depend entirely upon the amount of knowledge acquired during the four years. A large share of the value received (and surely a very large part of that which is remembered) ought to be found in the participation in college activities. We cannot escape the old axiom that "one gets only as much out of the pitcher as he poured into it." Every student, whether male or female should make an endeavor to represent the college on at least one activity. It is not the purpose of the managing board of the Campus to belittle any activity developed or planned, of the student body. Rather than taking such an attitude it encourages and supports all activities regardless of the number of students affected.

This course is the backbone of the system which is to advertise our college. The Connecticut Campus is sent to more than one hundred of the high schools in Connecticut, besides the exchange list of colleges and universities extending from Maine to New Mexico. Unfortunately, Connecticut Agricultural College is unknown to a large proportion of the population of Connecticut and a large part of the remainder know the college only through the excellent Egg Laying Contest. The best means of advertising our college and thereby obtaining new students is by means of the press-work carried on from the college. The Extension Service, that powerful branch of the college, reaches a large part of the population of Connecticut but chiefly through the work of the Boys' and Girls' Club, Pig Club and Extension Institutes.

It is the desire of the Alumni Association to see four hundred students here by 1920. It should be our aim to see that this is accomplished. Therefore if a student is sincere in his desire to aid in advertising our college and in the realization of our present aim the course in journalism will indicate the number of real boosters.

CENSORIOUSNESS!

The "Safety Valve" was started with the intention of allowing students to express their ideas by "letting off steam." The managing board of the Campus has received many letters, some of which have been published but very few suggesting means of improvement. The present managing board has no intentions of abolishing the "Safety Valve" but it wishes to state that constructive criticism and not destructive criticism is desired. Let us bury the low-vaulted past and aspire to new and higher ideals!

Consider the following lines:

"To those who talk and crab
This proverb should appeal
The steam that blew the whistle
Might have moved the wheel."

The person blowing the whistle (when no occasion calls for such action) wastes energy which properly used would have carried the locomotive as representing C. A. C. and yourself the engineer. Are you blowing the whistle to hear yourself talk or to waste the steam or both?

The goal of "four hundred students by 1920" will be reached sooner if we advertise Connecticut Agricultural College by our deeds and not by our old style "Safety Valve" letters. Think this over!

SAFETY VALVE

Dear Editor:

Many of us remember the older issues of the Campus as containing in each publication "Alumni Notes." The old Campus could not in many respects come up to our Campus of the present time. However, this space set aside each issue for Alumni Notes was one of the most interesting parts of the paper to the Alumni.

By this means all Alumni could keep in touch with other Connecticut Agricultural College alumni and thus considerable interest was created for all readers of the Campus.

Remembering the fact that our dearest relationships and affiliations for the College, after we leave it, will center around our acquaintances while here, this column of Alumni Notes seems to be almost indispensable to our present Campus.

These Alumni Notes would be of interest to all, as they would be run continuously in the Campus and thus be appreciated by all who are or were in any way connected with our college.

EVA SAND.

Dear Editor:

The purposes of the Y. M. C. A., are betterment of the mind, health and spirit and the development of these will help every student who comes to Connecticut to be a better and more sincere citizen.

Would not a forum conducted by students and members of the faculty help us to get a broader vision and keener insight into the lives of those nations who have fought to make the world a better place for everyone to live in?

The opportunity of home missionary work is greater than ever before and we can and should start right here in our own college. Every thinking man knows that deep down in his heart he has a desire for the many things which a permanent Y. M. C. A. here will bring with it. We need a Y. M. C. A. here. An active Y. M. C. A. here of the right sort would increase the sincerity of the students in general along higher and more elevating lines than they can possibly hope to attain at the present. The right spirit with regards to church attendance must be encouraged. A permanent Y. M. C. A. will accomplish this.

Our need for such an organization was shown when the present college year commenced. Students at the present time when everything is being reorganized have an opportunity through moral and religious work to become the real leaders of the future.

Work of this kind will help us to get a world-wide view of things. The Y. M. C. A. of today and of the future is striving for world friendships and fellowship.

There are 800 schools, colleges and universities in the United States and Canada which have Local Y. M. C. A. organizations.

Now we too are to be numbered with these 800 more progressive institutions.

—PROGRESS.

Dear Editor:

Many times we have heard the voice of censure on our ill use of the college campus. And just as many times we have calmly turned away and ignored the idea. This campus is our campus. We live on it and it is our friends and relatives who visit it. But it is a truth that visitors are more impressed by the beauty of it in summer when there are no students here to scatter waste paper and cigarettes all about the lawns and hedges, than when we are living here and allowing ourselves to be so thoughtless. Many times one comes from the Main Building with a bar of chocolate and casts the wrapper upon the winds, perhaps thinking that it will disappear in the clouds, but instead it falls to the ground and thus the surroundings of the main building, which is the heart of the college grounds, is the most belittered. Another fine (?) habit is to throw trash out of the windows of the dormitories. Every year a number of college employees are kept busy cleaning up the lawns and buildings, who could well be occupied in doing work for the improvement of the campus by fixing the roads or the athletic field. If the students would cooperate in the good work, a great deal of improvement would soon be noticed. Spring is here and as the weather continues to be warmer there will be more visitors here to whom we wish to point out our beautiful landscape. High School Day is also approaching and we must clean up and keep cleaned up in our most presentable style. Think next time before you throw that scrap of paper on the campus!

Civic Improvement Advocate.

Dear Editor:

It seems rather odd that in one town should be located two State institutions, one for higher education and one for training of sub-normals; while at the same time the provisions for elementary and secondary education in that town are inadequate. Some of the public schools are overcrowded and there is no high school. About fifty high school pupils have to go to a neighboring town for their education.

Already C. A. C. is sending out seniors for practice teaching in high schools. All that is needed, it would seem, is a scream of the eagle to make a happy combination possible. Here is a chance for some public spirited benefactor. We do not want it to be said that in order to be educated in Mansfield, one has to be either over sixteen and a high school graduate or else a moron.

The Managing Board would be pleased to receive suggestions from the alumni and students relative to the changing of the name of our institution to Connecticut State College, or some similar designation, which would be more indicative of the extent of our curriculums.

DIRECTOR BAKER NOW PRINCIPAL

IS CONNECTED WITH "KHAKE
UNIVERSITY."

The Agricultural School at Allerey, France, expects Enrollment of 5000.

Letters have been received at Storrs that give an insight into the interesting work which H. J. Baker Director of the Extension Service of the College, is now doing in France. Mr. Baker is under a year's leave of absence to help organize and carry on the work of the Army Overseas Educational Commission in what is known popularly as the "Khaki University."

A letter just received by Miss Elizabeth W. Tapley from Mrs. Baker, now living with relatives in New Jersey, indicates that Mr. Baker is acting principal of the University Farm School at Allerey, France. He was expecting 3,000 students by April 1.

A less recent letter, written by Mr. Baker under date of February 22 to I. G. Davis, Acting Director of the Extension Service, gives an interesting account of the agricultural instruction being offered to the boys of the A. E. F. Portions of this letter follow:

Beaune, France,
February 22, 1919.

My dear Davis:

My headquarters are now at Beaune, at which place there is being established the A. E. F. University. The Agricultural College of the University will probably be one of the strongest and largest in the University. In addition to the University here there is being planned an agricultural school at Allerey, about fifteen miles from here, which will be a part of the agricultural college. The University is expected to have ten to fifteen thousand students and the agricultural school at Allerey, if present prospects materialize, will have about five thousand boys. The agricultural school is for those who cannot meet college requirements. Students there will have a half day in actual farm practice. There is a farm of 350 tillable acres which will be under cultivation. The University is to open its doors to students March 1, and the school shortly after that date.

The University is established in what has been used as a base hospital, with buildings, or barracks to accommodate twenty thousand soldiers. Likewise, the school of agriculture is to be located at another base hospital with accommodations for about the same number of men. The agricultural school is an especially interesting problem and I am glad of the opportunity to have some connection with it.

There is already established post and division schools. The agricultural work in these schools has not gotten far yet, in fact only a few of these schools now have courses in agriculture, due to the fact that President Butterfield has only a few of his men over here, as yet, though several are on the way. General

Rees, who is in charge of the whole army educational program, was here this week, and reported an enrollment now, in all branches of education, in the post and Army schools, of 150,000 men. Although all the men want to get home, since they cannot go at once they are grasping the opportunity to take up the educational work. One of the army officers who has been called in here for work at the University says: "The boys are eating up the educational courses that are being offered."

What little I have seen of French farming so far, which is only a very little indeed, is exceedingly interesting though vastly different from Connecticut farming. Evidently my work will take me into many parts of France and into that portion of Germany occupied by our troops.

Please give my regards and best wishes to all members of the Extension Staff, and to the faculty. Impress upon all the people you see that, to one who is so far from home, receipt of letters always bring glad moments and that I shall be most happy to hear from them as often as they feel in the mood to write.

Very sincerely,

H. J. BAKER.

REFORESTING EXPERIMENT TO BE CARRIED ON HERE.

Adaptability of Certain Species of
Pines to be Determined on College
Plantations.

Sample plots in the pine plantations at the Connecticut Agricultural College are to be set off to determine what trees are best adapted to reforest the cut-over woodlands of the state. These plots will be from one-fourth of an acre to one acre in area and are located in the pine plantations which have been made on the woodland north of and adjoining the South Eagleville Road. In each of these areas the trees will be measured and counted this spring and each succeeding spring until it has been determined whether the ground is suitable to grow the particular kind of tree on it. As the trees are situated on many different kinds of land, this will give a very satisfactory determination of the adaptability for certain species of pine growing there and the results may be used in any case where a piece of woodland needs to be re-forested. The project is a part of a similar system which is to be carried out in other places in the state for research work in the great problem of maintaining and preserving our state and national forest resources.

NU ALPHA CHAPTER PHI MU DELTA.

The fraternity has recently pledged Harold Woodford, '21, Robert Sawin, '21, and G. G. Markham.

Francis J. Ryan, '20, who left college after the first semester, returned to resume his studies on April 3, expecting to enter the class of '21 at Worcester Tech. next fall.

Joseph Salisbury, '16, was a visitor on the "Hill" on April 3.

COLLEGE ANIMALS

BLOODY BATTLES TAKE PLACE AT STORRS.

Brave Animal Found Exhausted
Among Mutilated Bodies of
Its Prey.

On account of the increased number of rats in the Valentine House and the Dining Hall the College authorities decided to obtain a ferret to kill them off as poison and all sorts of traps had had no effect. Mr. Blake had even devised a trap that ran by electricity, but was all in vain for the rats of this community are of very educated stock and know all the tricks of the trade.

But soon the tide changed, for one fine afternoon the ferret arrived on the bus from "Willy;" he was shown to his apartments in Prof. G. H. Lamson's cellar, by his keeper, Walter Wood. He slept over the next morning and rose at noon, took a shower bath and proceeded to his training table for dinner where he was served a scanty ration of one fluid ounce of milk and three and three-tenths of dried bread. After consuming his dinner he returned to his room and soon reappeared in fighting togs. His trainer then put him through a stiff practice, for the coming events. His training consisted of squeezing through key holes, practicing many varieties of toe holds, scissor grips and sucking blood in record time. Finally he had his teeth filed and then a vigorous rub down by his trainer, after which he lay down for his afternoon rest while his trainer went off with a smile of confidence at the thought of the night's battle.

At seven he was escorted to the dining hall where he was introduced to A. J. Skinner, our assistant live stock professor, who was to be his aid in the round up. After a few confidential words as to the team work they descended into the basement. They first tackled the flour barrels where the rats had played havoc. Mr. Skinner stood stripped for action with his sleeves rolled up and heavily armed with Miss Taft's new feather duster. But the ferret soon reappeared with the news that the rats had been put wise to his arrival, by a rat in the extension service from Whitney Hall who must have heard a lecture on the Survival of the Fittest.

They then entered the Halls of Rats' Paradise where only the Royal family dwelt and at the smell of the Royal blood the hair rose on the neck of the ferret and fire shown in his eyes (the ferret's, not Mr. Skinner's) the battle was on. Mr. Skinner shut off all means of exit and through the din of the battle you could hear him counting, 998—999—1000.

Soon the battle became centralized after all of the Royal family had been killed off and Mr. Skinner, on hearing a big rumpus in an egg crate, rushed to the scene of a terrible conflict between our brave ferret and nine of the best rats of the Royal Palace Guard. When he arrived at the scene three of the rats had been knocked out with skillful blows, two had been deprived of their blood while one was crippled for life; Mr. Skinner

evened the sides and miraculously killed the remaining Guards. A rest was called and the ferret lay down exhausted among the mutilated bodies of the first hundred thousand according to Skinner's inventory.

The next day our friend left for his home in Wallingford to recuperate after the battles.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1919 ANNOUNCED.

Teams Play Practice Game in Preparation For Coming Season.

The first game in baseball was played Friday afternoon between the first and second teams. Although many mistakes were made these were to be expected and Coach Guyer will have the team in wonderful shape for the first game of the season with Wesleyan. This semester has brought several new men here who are expected to show up. They are mainly "Zulu" Prescott, who holds the old bag down and who will make "Connie" Mahoney step lively to keep his place, "Fat" Ryan, and R. E. Sawin, a first-class pitcher from Florida University.

The infield, with the exception of shortstop, is settled, but the outfield is still undecided. The men are showing up very well in practice as generally about thirty men are out every day and Connecticut Agricultural College certainly has a chance to go on the map this season. The schedule for the year is:

April 12—Wesleyan—Storrs.
April 19—Worcester Tech.—Storrs.
April 25—New Hampshire State—Storrs.
April 26—Rhode Island State—Storrs.
May 3—Rhode Island State—Kings-ton.
May 10—Mass. Agricultural College—Amherst.
May 16—Seton Hall—South Orange.
May 17—Stevens—Hoboken.
May 24—Trinity—Storrs.
May 31—Middlebury—Middlebury.
June 2—N. H. State—Durham.
June 3—Boston College—Boston.
June 13—Middlebury—Storrs.
June 20—Alumni—Storrs.

PRACTICE HOUSE CHANGES.

Just before the spring recess, the Practice House group, consisting of Helen Clark, Loretto Guilfoile, Dorothy Moss, Agnes Hallock and Dorothy Dick, came to a close. The following guests were entertained: Paul Manwaring, Walter Wood, William Plouffe, Newton Alexander, Herbert Hallock, Frederick Bauer, Perry Wallace, Charles Brock, Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Sinnott, Miss A. Skinner, Miss M. E. Hayes, Miss E. J. Rose, Miss Edith Mason, Miss M. E. Sprague, Miss A. M. Wallace, A. C. Holbrook.

Beginning April 3, a new group commenced work at Practice House. It was decided to have the following six girls in the group: Mary Dwyer, Ruth Buell, Salome Smith, Gertrude Luddy, Gladys Goldethorpe and Mabel Pinney.

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**SHORT COURSE
A GRAND SUCCESS****BANQUET HELD FRIDAY NIGHT.****Judging Teams in Various Contests.**

While the greater majority of the students were home on the mid-semester vacation the Hill was busy as usual with the seventy-five boys and girls who were in the Junior short course conducted by A. J. Brundage, Club Leader of the Extension Department. These youngsters, of which forty were boys and thirty-five girls, were from all the counties in the State with New Haven county leading with twenty-five, Tolland County second with seventeen, Hartford, New London and Middlesex each with seven, Litchfield with six and Fairfield and Windham with three each. Six of the county club leaders were present throughout the week.

The mornings were used by the boys for the judging of the four sections of the work outlined to cover swine, poultry and dairy cattle judging and lectures on garden work. The girls spent the morning in judging canned goods, sewing and cooking. The afternoons were spent in organized play. The play festival, in reality a competition between counties, was a splendid success and showed how wholesome games could be played with simple equipment. Thursday night educational movies advertising Schumacher feed were shown and were greatly enjoyed by the youngsters.

But the outstanding feature of the week was the splendid banquet given in the dining hall for the young people Friday night. Each person wore a paper cap representing some special act carried out by his or her county. The appetizing banquet given on the left side of the dining hall was the result of the careful planning of Miss E. Taft. After the banquet each county group and short course section entertained with a variety of clever stunts, yells and songs. After a roll call a number of the club members told their best story. Brief remarks were then made by the club leaders.

The youngsters had a splendid time in spite of the snow storm Friday afternoon. The dormitories appealed to most of the boys, who were away from home for the first time. Several amusing incidents occurred which kept their spirits on edge. The cafeteria system at the dining hall appealed to the young people. The youngsters were all sorry to see Saturday morning come, bringing to a close a very exciting week. The New Haven county people left Saturday morning and by noon all of the young people were on their way home filled with considerable news for their parents and chums who were not here.

Several minor accidents occurred, but were forgotten in the hum of the doings. Harold Crossman, of Winsted, was taken sick with the mumps early in the week and was sent home after preliminary treatment by Miss Mary Driscoll, the college nurse.

The judging contest was held Friday afternoon and the following awards of ribbons were made:

Canning—Dorothy Blake, Storrs,

first prize; Marion Eggleston, Salisbury, second; Myrtle Buteau, Baltic, third; and May Gaffney, Long Hill, Middletown, fourth.

Garment Judging—Vivian Russell, Wallingford, first prize; Madalene Wheeler, Storrs, second; Emma Reed, Salisbury, third; and Alice Williams, Mount Carmel, fourth.

Sweepstakes for the Girls—Emma Reed, first; May Gaffney, second; Vivian Russell, third; and Myrtle Buteau, fourth.

In the boys' judging contests, the Fairfield county team won the swine judging contest; New Haven county team the dairy cattle judging contest and a combined team of Windham and Litchfield counties won the sheep judging contest. New Haven won the sweepstakes in judging with Tolland county second, combined Windham and Litchfield next, followed in order by Middlesex, New London, Fairfield and Hartford counties.

Undoubtedly the short course will be made an annual affair but held in the summer time as this would be better suited in regard to vacation periods, and the garden work.

**J. W. ALSOP ADVOCATES BEEF
PRODUCTION FOR TOBACCO
FARMERS.**Data Being Compiled by Hartford
County Farm Bureau For the
Work.

Joseph W. Alsop, president of the Hartford County Farm Bureau, in an address in South Windsor, on March 25, disclosed plans for making Hartford County a great beef shipping district as well as an important center for shade grown tobacco, if investigation proves that the idea is feasible. The Hartford County Farm Bureau, which was the second largest in the country last year, is planning to have a whirlwind campaign beginning April 7 to increase the membership from over 3,000 to 4,500 and thereby make it the largest organization of its kind in the United States. Other speakers were Dr. George Chapman, research physiologist of the Massachusetts Experiment Station, who gave an instructive talk on fertilization and cover crops for tobacco.

Mr. Alsop dwelt upon the relationship of the farm bureau between the college, department of agriculture and experiment station and the farmer. It was by means of the farm bureau that shade grown tobacco was introduced into Connecticut. Mr. Alsop in comparing with the Hartford County used Lancaster County, of Pennsylvania. Lancaster County is a tobacco county, but is also the greatest beef shipping county in the United States. The tobacco farmers there buy the steers in the fall, feed them through the winter on ensilage and cotton seed meal, and market them in the early spring. Thus the labor question so embarrassing to the tobacco farmers in Hartford County is eliminated.

The Farm Bureau is compiling data regarding Lancaster County and if the plan proves feasible the Hartford County Farm Bureau will immediately follow the advice that beef cattle may be profitably raised in New England.

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OTHER COLLEGES

The University of Vermont has announced its baseball schedule and started the season with a big smoker on March 5.

The R. O. T. C. at Johns Hopkins is not required, but has been reorganized and a large number of the students have joined to make it a success.

For the first time in three years, the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra gave a concert at the University of Pennsylvania on March 13, led by Leopold Stokowski, the noted conductor.

In a number of colleges the students have been subjected to the regular government psychological examination which has proven very beneficial in the army. The "Rocky Mountain Collegian" of Colorado says: "The purpose of this examination is two-fold: first, the government desires the information in order to compare the college results with the data obtained in the army. Such information should prove quite accurate and valuable, since the data is derived from a representation of men from every walk of life. Second such information can be very beneficial to the institution, for, by looking over these records, it may be observed what students having great mental capacity and ability are not doing work in school proportional to their capabilities, showing that either they are not applying themselves diligently or that the method of instruction is not offered in an effective manner."

As memorial to the 3,347 University of Wisconsin men who joined the Army and Navy, and the seventy-five men who gave their lives for their country, the faculty and students have set on foot plans to raise funds to erect a memorial union building, which shall be the center of university life of the men students. The proposal calls for a building costing at least \$500,000 and corresponding to the union building of other large universities. It would contain a commons dining hall, rooms for student organizations, lounging and recreation rooms and a large college auditorium.

Johns Hopkins is to build several dormitories as a memorial to her men who served in the present war.

Trinity College has decided to include tennis on the list of spring sports.

The result of a recent straw vote in the University of Pennsylvania shows a result of 244 votes in favor of the present draft of the League of Nations and 177 opposed.

Williams College had a majority against the League as it stands, though it favors the idea.

The New Mexico State College has had a very successful season of basketball this year and after a special "pep" rally on March 6, finished the season by twice defeating their rivals, the Arizona State College.

CO-OPERATIVE WORK MAKES PROGRESS

PROFESSOR SMITH LEADER IN ORGANIZING.

Forty-two Coöperative Farmers' Associations Now in State.

Professor G. C. Smith of the College Extension Service, reports that on January 1, 1918, there were in this state fifteen coöperative farmers' organizations. During 1918 eighteen more such bodies were formed, and since the first of this year nine more have been perfected, making a total of forty-two.

Of this number eight are tobacco, four milk, four fruit, one vegetable, and sixteen are buying associations. This shows that the coöperative idea is gaining favor rapidly with the farmers of the state and they are asking the college to aid them in their efforts. Practically all of these bodies have been influenced or organized by the college and Extension Service, as a result. Professor G. C. Smith, who is the most important member of the staff in the work is devoting most of his time in aiding the different organizations in their work and instructing prospective groups so that they may properly establish themselves.

SEVEN DAY RECORD FOR NEW ENGLAND HOLSTEIN.

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Berniece is now on Government official test with the record of 3242 pounds for thirty days.

ALPHA PHI.

Daniel G. Horton, '16, has been discharged from the service and visited the Hill April 4.

Robert Mathewson, '22, has been elected to the fraternity.

Arthur B. Metcalf, '16, has accepted a position with the Goodyear Rubber Company of Naugatuck.

Henry McFetridge, '18s, is now working on a farm which he purchased in Simsbury.

George A. Stumpf, '18s, and O. M. Plouffe, ex. '19s, spent the week-end of April 6 on the Hill.

Prof. H. R. Monteith, who has been associated with the college for nineteen years, but who is on a leave of absence at present, spent a few days renewing old acquaintances during the week of April 5. His health has improved but he will be unable to resume teaching for the rest of this year at least.

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Importation of Many Plants Liable to be Prevented if Present Bill Passes.

Horticulturists and nurserymen all over the United States are very much up in arms over the bill now in Congress, called "Quarantine No. 37." This bill, in brief, is designed to prevent the spread of plant diseases and insect pests, by restricting the importation of plants and shrubs carrying these pests.

At first glance this sounds well, but unfortunately there are serious complications. The Federal Horticultural Board which is directly responsible for the bill, is composed entirely of bacteriologists, plant physiologists and entomologists, but no horticulturists are representatives. With this fact in mind it can be seen how the Board overlooked many important points requiring the knowledge which horticulturists and nurserymen would have been able to contribute. These points briefly stated are that many of the plants which are to be excluded have been chosen indiscriminately. A great many of the plants excluded have been proven to be the cause of little or no trouble, while many of those not excluded could with just as much reason have been the ones debarred. The Federal Board has also failed to note that these same diseases and insects are brought to the country with cargoes of straw rope, hemp and jute, as well as in the sand and dirt which is largely used as ballast for vessels.

It is believed by most horticulturists that in order to reach the desired end that a more drastic and complete program must be planned. However, a severe program might be a serious blow to American plant trade as it has been estimated by horticulturists that the passage of the quarantine bill would cut down the American plant trade by forty per cent.

A member of the Board recently stated that nearly all of the plants excluded could soon be produced in this country. The horticulturists answered his statement by proving that it takes from seven to twenty-five years to produce orchids, bay-trees and many other plants from seeds, cuttings and grafts.

There is considerable doubt in the minds of some horticulturists and nurserymen whether such a bill is necessary as they point out that the same results might be obtained by careful inspections before and after shipment by specialists whereas the passage of such a drastic measure would prove ruinous to their trade.

DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

The Creamery Department recently obtained from the Sharples Separator Company, an emulsifier of a capacity of 20 gallons per hour. The machine is for the purpose of homogenizing cream for ice cream manufacture, and mixing "homo" milk. The acquisition of this emulsifier will furnish the Creamery Department with a means of improving their present commendable ice cream product.

CONTEST EGG PRODUCTION INCREASES.

The egg production increased an even 500 this week over last week's record which was 3,301, although this is a rather high increase it is not as high as last year's at this time, probably due to the cold snap that came on so unexpectedly. Last week the Leghorns lead in production, but the American Class outnumbered the Leghorns this week by three to one in the seven highest pens for the week. The first pen was won by the White Rocks from the Chickatawbut Farm's of Canton, Mass., laying 54 eggs and the Hilltop Poultry Yards lead the Leghorns for the week laying 49 eggs.

Jules Francais' pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks are in the lead, laying to date, 765, while David Warner's No. 2 bird is in the lead, laying 122 eggs.

Soon the light breed will pass the heavy breed in egg production for the latter will soon be dropping off one by one in egg production and setting which handicaps them greatly.

Addition to Our Military Department.

First Sergeant Joseph Freedman, 151 Depot Brigade, Camp Devens, has been assigned to Connecticut Agricultural College as assistant instructor in the military department. Sergeant Freedman has seen six months' service overseas. He sailed with the 302nd regiment, 76th division, from New Jersey on July 3, 1918. With this division he landed at Liverpool and from there moved to a rest camp at Winchester. After three days at the rest camp he went to Le Harve and from there to Bordeaux.

While on his way to the front the armistice was signed and Sergeant Freedman, with a number of other sergeants, was sent back to the United States.

BUSINESS OFFICE RENOVATED.

Much interest has been centered in the Main Building for the last few weeks because of the proposed renovations. The office, which was formerly one large room, is now divided into two offices—one being Mr. Longley's private office while the other is the regular business office.

The finish for the wood has not been applied but will probably be oak to correspond with the furniture. The business office presents a far more attractive appearance now and has a very efficient method of conducting business.

COTTAGE NOTES.

"At Home" Night was given by the co-eds at the Cottage Friday evening, April 4. The college orchestra furnished music for dancing.

Changes have been made in the sewing room at the Cottage. The partition which separated the two rooms has been taken down, making one large room. The ceiling and walls were replastered and painted, making a noticeable improvement on the old room.

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