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SVO Disbands After 2-Year Existence; PWES Sufficient

Dean Medesy Advises Men Additional Vets Lessen Efficiency of Organization

This week's student veterans' meeting was probably the last of its kind. Approximately 25 veterans were on hand, as compared to the 220 on campus. The meeting was opened by President Gerry Singleton and after a few words from him, Dean William A. Medesy, the advisor to the Student Veterans Organization, suggested that there is not too much need of the SVO because there is a strong Post-War Education Service at UNH now. Dean Medesy considers that this service will be able to meet all the problems of the new returning servicemen, and that a Student Veterans Organization is unnecessary as far as meeting the veterans' problems. The Dean, however, did state that the organization would be useful in promoting social functions.

Several veterans expressed their opinions and the general consensus was that it is unnecessary to continue the SVO. There will be about 1000 veterans here a year from now, and the organization would probably cease to function then as there will be too many to run it successfully.

The present officers gave notice of their resignation. They were: president, Gerry Singleton; vice-president, Emil Soucy; secretary, Joe Thomas; and treasurer, Fred White.

It was decided to choose a veteran from each dormitory to find out if a Student Veterans Organization is needed.

As it now stands, there is nothing left of the SVO, but the final question will lie in what the committee learns from the veterans themselves.

NOTICE

The Yacht Club will hold a Stag Dance at New Hampshire Hall from 8:00 to 11:30 on Saturday, October 13. The admission will be sixty cents per person. Dick Mascot and his Country Gentlemen will furnish the music.

Rumor Gives It Heroic Past But Whistle is just a Whistle

"Ye campus" was mystified in 1929 and evidently has remained so according to rumors which are again circulating concerning the history and origin of the whistle on the power-house. Although we've no love for this blast which daily shatters our early morning dreams, we love to assume all sorts of fascinating stories concerning it.

Indeed the "helpful clues" as to the exact origin of the whistle led to some grand and exciting tales. The findings of the New Hampshire staff in 1929 are still on the lips of many today. It was believed that the whistle came from the Spanish ship *Infanta Maria Theresa*. The *Maria Theresa* was the flagship of Cervera's squadron and was the first to leave Santiago Bay after it was bottled up when the courageous Hobson and his little crew sank the coaling vessel *Merrimac* in the exact center of the narrowest part of the entrance. When the ship emerged from Santiago's Bay and attempted to run the gauntlet of American guns it caught fire from the shells of the fleet of Admiral Sampson, and as the pumps aboard it were not in order, the fire waged unopposed. The *Maria Theresa* was run aground six and a half miles west of Santiago, and was surrendered to the Americans along with the rest of Cervera's fleet.

To strengthen the likelihood of this story, the late Dean Charles H. Pettee remembered that the whistle was sent to New Hampshire College by the Navy Department in 1902. He first thought that it was from the salvaged *Reina Christina* which was sunk by Dewey at Manila Bay, but he later decided this was not the case and that it was from one of the ships captured at Santiago.

Mr. John C. Tonkin, then head of the machine shop department, had heard plausible stories, but did not seriously put stock in any of them. He had been long acquainted with the story accrediting the whistle to the *Battleship Maine*, but he thought it would not do justice to that ship in consideration of its performance on campus. He is of the opinion that it is a siren taken from some canning factory in Maine, and that this is about its only connection with the ill-fated battleship of that name. This rumor was started by a workman at the power plant who claimed to remember when the whistle

UNH Observes 34th Year Of Chinese Free Republic

October tenth is the anniversary day of the Chinese Republic. Wednesday evening, in celebration of China's thirty-fourth year as a republic, there was a meeting held in room 14, Murkland Hall, at 7:30 p.m.

It was sponsored jointly by the Durham Chapter of the United China Relief Inc., whose chairman is Mrs. Herbert Rudd, and the Relatedness Commission of Student Christian Movement, whose chairman is Robert Abel.

Helen Fay introduced the speaker, Mrs. Dickenson Potter, wife of a Dartmouth professor, who was a former Sociology teacher at Yen Ching University, Peiping, China. The subject of her talk was "Cooperatives and Reconstruction in China." Following her discourse, Dr. Lawrence Slanetz reported on the forthcoming Durham drive for the National War Fund, and Helen Fay spoke on the College Chest Fund, of which she is chairman.

"Report on China," a movie, narrated by Raymond Massey, was shown.

Upperclassmen Conduct Meeting of 100 Club

A meeting of the Freshman 100 Club was held last Sunday at the Community House from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m., and a buffet supper was served.

A deputation of upperclassmen gave a program, with Priscilla Atwood reading the worship service, Dorothy Lewis and Phyllis Willey led games, Phyllis Henry played the organ, and Catherine Frizzell gave a violin solo. Helen Dunn and Jean Carlisle spoke on, "The Student in Industry" which is sponsored by the YMCA and the YWCA. Both girls had worked under that program last summer, Helen in Hartford, and Jean in Chicago.

There will be another meeting of the 100 Club next Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the Community House. The cabinet of Student Christian Movement will introduce itself, and its program, to the freshmen.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All married men and commuters living off campus are requested to be in Murkland Auditorium at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18, to elect representatives to the Student Council.

came here and that it is the bona fide "Maine" whistle.

One professor used to say that without doubt the whistle was either used on that immortal vessel in which the wandering tribes of Israel crossed the Red Sea, or else it was the one on the flagship of the fleet in which Washington crossed the Delaware.

"Louie," who served as a member of the Strafford unit from Dover during the Spanish American War, said then that many people at the time did claim it to be from the "Maine." He said it might have come from some Spanish warship because they didn't amount to much anyway, but that it would be more in a peanut roaster than on the *Battleship Maine*. He recalled that it was installed on the old power plant some time ago, but it was soon replaced in favor of the one which has awakened the campus at seven A.M. for the past several years.

The trend of information certainly indicates that whatever the origin of the itinerant whistle it should have a good substantial legend behind it to lend the atmosphere it seemingly deserves.

The chronological error arising from the fact that the whistle came here around 1900 while provisions were not made for raising the sunken *Maine* until after 1910 should not have any bearing on the case. At any rate the Alumnae Secretary, E. Y. Blewett, resolved then to ferret out the mystery and leave the whistle with a good pedigree if possible. Mr. Blewett wrote to Mr. Hewitt, a graduate of UNH and one time dean of the College of Technology, requesting the truth of the matter.

Now it can be told — and "Ye Campus" had better prepare for somewhat of a shock. Dean E. Y. Blewett says that a whistle which may have had one of these glorious origins was given to New Hampshire and used for a very short while. The whistle was small and shrill, and highly impracticable for use at the University. Unromantic as it sounds, the whistle which has been atop the powerhouse for over thirty years was purchased specifically for UNH and has no historical significance. However, we may console ourselves by remembering, fellow students, that our whistle is bred strictly in New Hampshire University tradition.

Bishop M. F. Brady Guest at Communion Breakfast Sunday



Hon. Charles M. Dale



The Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady

Pres. H. W. Stoke and Gov. Charles Dale also Guests of Newmanites

The Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.D., Bishop of Manchester, will make his first visit to the University of New Hampshire Sunday, October 14, where he will be the principal speaker at the 11th annual Communion Breakfast of the Newman Club.

Bishop Brady was installed as spiritual head of the New Hampshire Catholic diocese on January 17, 1945, as the successor to the late Bishop John B. Peterson.

An alumnus of the American College at Louvain, Belgium and of St. Bernard's Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., he was ordained to the priesthood in 1916. During the First World War he served as a chaplain in the Navy. Bishop Brady returned to his native state as a professor at St. Thomas Seminary in Hartford, Conn., and later was made pastor at Hampden, Conn. In 1938 he was appointed Bishop of Burlington, Vt. In administering the Vermont diocese Bishop Brady won distinction as an organizer, a builder, and a champion of social justice.

Other speakers at the Communion Breakfast will include the Hon. Charles M. Dale, Governor of New Hampshire and Dr. Harold W. Stoke, president of the university.

Special guests attending the breakfast include: Arthur E. Moreau, Stanley M. Burns and Ernest W. Christensen of the board of trustees and the various deans of the university.

Miss Claire Riendeau, president of the Newman Club, will officiate as the toastmistress. The committee on preparation for the Communion Breakfast includes: Joseph G. Thomas, general chairman; Joan Macdonald, reception; Dick Gangi, properties; Jean Gleason, decorations; Claire McQuillan, tickets and program; Wilfred Bertrand, invitations and Barbara Vogt, music.

Miss Thames New Manager Of University Dining Hall

Miss Sarah Thames of Danville, Va., is the new acting manager and dietitian in the University of New Hampshire Dining Hall, President Harold W. Stoke announced. She is assisted by Joanna Evans of Wiscasset, Me., and Margaret Brown, formerly of Norway, Me.

Miss Thames is a graduate of Simmons College and received her M.A. from Teachers' College, Columbia. Her wide experience includes dining hall management and teaching at Rhode Island State, the University of Connecticut, Simmons College, and Adelphi College.

Both new assistant managers are graduates of the University of Maine. Following her graduation in 1941, Miss Evans was assistant manager in the cafeteria at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. and later held the same position in the dining halls at Harvard University. Miss Brown received her B.S. from Maine in June, 1945. She has spent her summers working as a student dietitian at children's hospitals.

Hillel Club Elects Officers for '45-'46

Last night the Pine Room in Bal-lard was the scene of the installation of officers of the Hillel Club. The new officers are: Arline Ekman, president; Edith Hirshberg, vice-president; Jean Ryack, recording secretary; Judy Friedman, treasurer; Ethel Whitman, corresponding secretary; and Rae Siegel, Bernice Shafran, and Herbert Mordecai, members of the executive committee. There was a short business meeting and an interesting talk by Rabbi Oles of Portsmouth. Refreshments were served.

Hillel, as Miss Ekman explained at the first meeting on September 30, is starting its sixth year on campus. Not only will there be a business meeting and a social meeting alternately each Wednesday evening, but also there are other plans for the coming year. There will be guest speakers, socials, recs, outings, and perhaps a formal. A newspaper started last year, will continue under the editorship of Marilyn Weinbaum. Hillel also maintains a library in the Hillel Room at New Hampshire Hall which is open to all students.

The purpose of the club is "to promote religious, cultural, and social relations among the Jewish students of UNH and to foster good-will and fellowship among the various religious groups on campus." The latter part is carried out by Hillel's work on the University Religious Council, consisting of Student Christian Movement, Newman Club, and Hillel. Projects include Religious Emphasis Week, recreation, and radio programs.

Mike and Dial New Season is Underway

Mike and Dial opens the postwar season Friday, October 19, in Thompson Hall, room 308, at 4 o'clock with an invitation to all students interested in radio.

You don't have to have a radio personality like Phil Harris or Louella Parsons to participate in radio. There are a number of things to do: script writing, broadcasting, acting, and also the technical phase. It's not only fun, but it's experience and voice training, too. Plans are already underway for a full program of activities with something for everyone to do. Work and practice in reading short plays, short stories, and poetry, for those who would like to, will begin the nineteenth.

If you have a skit written in leisure time this past summer, bring it along. If you have read a short radio play or story that you think is clever, bring that along, too. If you haven't either, don't let it worry you. Come along anyway, and you'll find plenty to do. Once Mike and Dial gets into full swing, short plays will be produced over the air. At other meetings there will be guest speakers on the various phases of radio.

Mike and Dial has much tradition behind it. Its radio plays of former years are remembered by radio audiences all over the state. Let your enthusiasm loose and come up to T-hall, Friday, October 19.

Neither praise nor dispraise thyself; thine actions serve the turn.

Tryouts Underway For "Kiss and Tell"

Dramatic try-outs for Hugh Herbert's "Kiss and Tell," the opening play of UNH's first postwar year, were held last Monday night in room 3 of N. H. Hall with a record attendance.

This comedy of three acts has been rolling audiences in the aisles all over the country. In the 1942-43 theatre season it was rated as one of the ten best plays of the year, and its popularity still continues. Up to June 19, 1944, 532 performances had been given, and it was still running as Burns Mantle's book on the "The Ten Best Plays" of the year went into publication.

Corliss Archer, fifteen, going on sixteen, is the central figure around whom most of the action revolves. The boy next door, Dexter Franklin, 17, is Corliss' would-be-boyfriend until private Earhart, a handsome soldier, appears to complicate matters. Mildred Pringle, going on eighteen, is the life-long friend of Corliss and also, unknown to either's parents, the sweetheart of Corliss' brother Lenny, a dashing Lieutenant in the Army. Raymond Pringle, a precocious lad of twelve, provides humor throughout the play with every appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer and Mr. and Mrs. Pringle, parents of Corliss and Mildred respectively, add the modern family touch. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, being neighbors of the Archers, are involved in many of their doings. Louise, the Archer's maid, lends her forthrightness to the humor of the play. Last, but not least, of the characters are Mr. Willard, the house painter who starts the laughs, and Corliss' Uncle George, a Commander in the Navy, who enters the play in the third act. Unaware of the trouble Corliss and Dexter are in, he furthers the laughs with his innocent remarks.

Professor Donald Batcheller was very fortunate in procuring "Kiss and Tell" now. UNH's presentation of it will be one of the first amateur productions. Packed solid with laughs, it's definitely good entertainment for everybody.

Dr. Gertrude Teller Joins UNH Faculty

Dr. Gertrude Teller was born in Vienna, Austria. She attended a local school and then the University of Vienna, where she received her Ph.D. degree.

Soon after this, Dr. Teller travelled somewhat extensively throughout northern Europe in such countries as Switzerland, Italy, Germany, and France. It was here, near Paris, that she taught at the Lycee de Jeunes Filles.

After holding a few similar positions, Dr. Teller left for the United States. Upon arriving in this country, she resumed her studies at New York University, where she received her degree from the School of Education. She also took a summer course at the Spanish School of Middlebury College.

While in this country, Dr. Teller has taught in several midwestern states. In addition, she has held positions at Syracuse University. Now we are most fortunate to have Dr. Teller here at the University of New Hampshire as a teacher of both Spanish and German.

Mortar Board Needs Mirrors of All Kinds

A wide variety of interests came to light on opening day at the Student Workshop.

One of the most promising projects is the construction of a large crystal ball which Mortar Board is planning to use at their first campus formal of the year. Mirrors of any size, shape, or color are urgently needed, and boxes will be left in each dorm to collect them. A crystal ball for the decorations has long been a crying need at dances and the project needs real support. Mortar Board also needs a small motor for the turn table apparatus.

One student, a veteran, talked over plans for a doll house for his little daughter, while a girl started work on some sideboards for her truck. Lee Pillsbury got an excellent start on her bookcase, and Dennis Lynch began a small table. Several students are back wanting to follow up last year's projects with new ones. Two lamp standards materialized and two more are on the way. There was one request for space to experiment with radio equipment.

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Plain American Citizens

Not so long ago when the armed forces began to discharge men in ever increasing numbers, it was voiced by some that the veterans would stand together in social and political affairs. Even on this campus last year, not too often but occasionally, it was whispered that the veterans' organization was trying to "take over."

On Monday evening, October 8, 1945, the Student Veterans' Organization of the University of New Hampshire was dissolved. When first organized its purpose was to aid veterans in overcoming obstacles which might confront them. Due to the excellent manner in which the Post War Education Service has functioned and handled the veteran's problems here, the veterans organization found itself without a purpose. There are 80 social organizations on this campus.

As one veteran so aptly stated it, "Proud as we are of being veterans perhaps now we can devote ourselves to being college students and just plain American citizens."

Is This Progress?

Throughout the entire war the American public was deluged with the promises of a post war Utopia due to the marvelous advances made by science. Without a doubt we owe an immeasurable debt to science but now we find that perhaps our future is being jeopardized by unscrupulous persons whose only aim in life is to make money.

Dr. Joseph Seiberlich of this university has discovered that one of the most widely used plastics "boon to mankind" in the American home is so deadly upon being heated or burned that entire families could be wiped out in one stroke.

Surely there must be some way to protect unsuspecting citizens from the "marvelous advances of science." Free enterprise is one of our basic ideals in this country but it should not exist to the point that unlabeled weapons of death are allowed to enter the home as convenient, modern advances to the unwary housewife.

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Diophragines . . .

Dear Editor:

In regard to last week's article on "Dartmouth Advises Girls on Points in 'The Art of Love,'" might I say that the article was very well written but not in the least bit applicable to this university. If the article had read "New Hampshire Advises Boys on Points in 'The Art of Love,'" it would have been oh so much more applicable. In this article I will try to give some of the fellows on the campus a few sidelights on the situation at hand. Actually it is no situation, for any male between the ages of twelve and a hundred and twelve can get a date on this campus. But, some of the veterans, who have been stationed at places where the ratio of men and women was around twelve women to every man, may not be acclimated to our New Hampshire "ruggedness" in the "Art of Love."

Just as the Dartmouth men have classified their fellow beings, I will try to classify the opposite sex. Let me say right here, that classifying the opposite sex is no small matter (and neither is the opposite sex). Among other things it takes a great deal of courage and experience; it also takes a scientific attitude. With these things in mind, let us begin.

First off, women may be classified as "young ladies" (this statement may seem a little harsh, but if anyone knows any exceptions to the case, we'd like to hear about them). And, of course, another classification would be "old ladies," but as no woman whether old or young will admit she's past her twenty first birthday, this immediately eliminates that factor. If you do know any women that admit they are "old ladies," forget about them and find yourself a young one.

From here we go to the sub-divisions:

1. The Drug Store Cow Girl. . . This type is predominate in the eastern United States, in fact we might say that they are "peculiar to New England. If you long to stay out of the clutches of this particular type of female stay away from drug stores, soda fountains and the like (the like what, we don't know, but stay away anyway). They may be seen incessantly reading "Movie Romance" and "True Love" while draped around a juke box (the venacular for victrola with a nickel). Heaven only knows when they buy anything, as a matter of fact, they are usually dead broke. Upon sighting their prey, they approach it ("it" being a male, no one in particular, anyone will do), and slightly opening their mouths coo, "Fer cryin' out loud, Joe, where have ya been keepin' yourself. Come on, let's have a coke. DUTCH, of course!" This brings the unsuspecting male to actually believe that it will be dutch. Ah, foolish men. But let's go on to the next form (no cracks).

2. The Virginia Creeper. . . This type, naturally, is most predominate in Virginia, but they are slowly migrating north, and it might be well to warn while we have the chance. We have at hand a very good scientific study done by Mr. Jack Hanley on this particular type, saying "She runs to wide-eyed innocence, an irresistable Southern Drawl, twists a dainty finger in a buttonhole, perks her head on one side while looking up adoringly and usually stands on tip toes while being kissed. The worst feature of the Virginia Creeper type is that while 'you-all' may think you're doing a good job, you suddenly wake up one morning and find yourself engaged to a Southern Acent, which scores 1,000 for the other side and lands you behind the eight-ball." Well, such is life. Enough of her, let's move on to the,

3. The Emancipated Women. . . You can usually find this type in biology laboratories taking apart the sex glands of a frog or some other type of animal. She has been emancipated, and no one will know it better than you unless you "steer clear." At first you may think that it will be fun for she will invariably tell you that she doesn't believe in love and all the other silly conventions of society. This is a very good opening, or at least it appears to be, soon you will find out that she reserves the right to say which conventions are silly, and which aren't. This immediately cramps the style (and other things) so let's scoot to the next female category, which is,

4. The Clinging Vine. . . For the bashful and shy fellow, this will seem like a very nice girl for she will usually sit in the corner at all social gatherings and hardly open her mouth. She usually has a smile that would make a contortionist sick and also she has a very nice acquired set of "Shirley Temple" dimples (Four ninety-five a set at Sears Roebuck, order No. 6748). Upon being introduced, she will grab your hand, and slowly work up to the arm (vour arm) until she gets to your dandruffy hair. At this point she will take her "pinkie" finger and twist little curly-cues until either you, or she, goes mad. But again, such is life. And so we progress to our last category,

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GREEK WORLD

THETA UPSILON

Friday night will be open house at Theta U.

We all had fun at our sorority dance last Saturday night. Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Sianetz and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Kichline were chaperones.

Peg Coburn, Vera Jackson, and Kitty Phillips, alumnae, spent the weekend with us.

Al Rock, U. S. Army, visited Betty Newell, and Hank Boyd, U. S. Navy, visited Barbara Hayden over the weekend.

Helen DeLotto visited relatives in Amesbury Sunday.

ALPHA XI DELTA

Shirley Potter went home over the weekend for her mother and father's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Ronnie Warner was the guest of Bob Silkman of Tufts Medical School for the Harvard-Tufts football game.

5. The Sophisticated Beach Comber. . . This type can be seen on most all public and private beaches. She will be attired in a bathing suit that will usually be blamed upon the war. Some people say (and they are authorities) that it is cause enough for another war. She goes further away from the water as the tide rises for fear that she might get the bathing suit wet and it will shrink, as if it could. In some way or another she will attract your attention (humpf!) and as you go over to make an opening everything will be fine except she will yell for "George!!!" George is usually the life guard, and she will make your insurance beneficiary very happy.

And so, males, a few thousand words to the wise is sufficient, so heed my warnings and you'll end up single for a lot longer than your girl would like to see you and furthermore, you'll be a much happier man. But then again, Mr. Anthony has been married three times, so one really doesn't know, or does one?

Yours truly,
Diophragines

Pussy Hallam went home to see her brother, Major Philip Hallam, over the weekend.

Mrs. Bowen visited Windy on her birthday last week.

Tal Crews and John Dallas, corporals in the Navy were Jean Spiller and Barby Cole's guests at our dance Friday night.

Ginger Johnson spent last weekend here at the house.

We had a very successful house dance Friday night.

CHI OMEGA

Monday night Dean Ruth Woodruff was our guest for dinner.

Sunday Barbara Young, pledge, was our guest for dinner. Also Eddie Epreman and Joseph Behan from Schenectady were guests of Ruth Barton and Bee Rice for the weekend.

Barbara Young has received a lovely diamond from Thomas Seidman, S 1/c.

Patricia Gray has been pledged Phi Sigma, honorary biological society.

KAPPA DELTA

We had as our guest for supper Tuesday evening, Miss Eleanor Sheehan of the zoology department. Miss Sheehan, who has been studying for a year at the University of California, was one of the original Kappa Delta's.

Friday night Kappa Delta was invited to dinner by Mrs. Perley Fitts. Ruthie Erb was ill at Hood House and couldn't attend.

Sunday afternoon Dotty Lewis and Betty Lou Scott went to a tea sponsored by Pi Epsilon Omicron at the Elizabeth DeMeritt House. Later Betty Lou and "Bee" Belyea went to an informal get-together at Congreve North.

PHI MU

Phi Mu entertained guests over the weekend. Cpl. Howard Bucklin visited Gerry Gillon; Ginny Parker's brother returned home after four years in the Pacific; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Magoon of Winthrop, Mass. were guests of Judy Ham; and Laura Hamm's parents spent the day with her.

Helen Fay has been elected chairman of the College Chest Fund.

Betty Woodward and Jeanne Steacie have received the positions of Business Manager and Advertising Manager, respectively, of the 1946 Granite.



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Charles W. Tritt, Jr., of Union City, Indiana, was recently promoted to the grade of Sergeant in Naples, Italy. Chief Clerk in the Chaplain's Section of the Army Air Forces Command, Sgt. Tritt has been overseas since August 1943 and has seen service in both Africa and Italy. He wears the European-African-Middle East Campaign ribbon, with one campaign participation star; the Good Conduct ribbon and four overseas service stripes, each of which was awarded at the completion of six months service overseas. Prior to entering the service in July, 1942, Sgt. Tritt was an instructor of music at the University of New Hampshire, where he was graduated in 1942.

FRANKLIN
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Thurs. Oct. 11
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SALTY O'ROURKE
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Bette Davis — John Dall
2nd Show at 8:30

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**Outing Club Sponsors
Overnight Work Trip**

Outing Club trips are to start immediately and a complete schedule for the next few months will be published shortly in **The New Hampshire**. Outing Club members are advised to watch for notices each week.

The first trip will be run this weekend, leaving Saturday afternoon. This will be an overnight work trip to Mendum's. Transportation will be provided, and the sign-up sheet will be posted Friday morning on the bulletin board in Ballard Hall. The trip is limited to 20 Outing Club members, so those interested are advised to sign up early. The leaders will be Evelyn Cass and Nancy Ferguson.

Weekly supper trips to Mendum's are planned. These will be run on alternate Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with transportation provided.

There will be another supper trip to Mendum's on Thursday, October 18. The sign-up sheet for this trip will be posted on Tuesday morning, October 16, at Ballard. This trip will also be limited. Leaders are Arline Ekman and Ed Messer.

**Auerbach Returns After
44 Months of Naval Duty**

Former Lt. Comdr. Eugene K. Auerbach of the Navy Supply Corps has returned to the University of New Hampshire as director of the Bureau of Appointments after a leave of absence of three years and eight months from the University.

After attending the Navy Supply Corps School at Harvard, Auerbach was transferred to the Charleston (S.C.) Navy Yard as assistant to the supply officer. He remained there for 26 months and was then transferred to the office of Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D. C. There he served on the staff of Rear Admiral James M. Irish, Navy Inventory Control, from November 1, 1944, until his release on September 13.

**Penny Collections Add
Another Reproduction**

A penny collection, sponsored by the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs, will add another reproduction of a famous painting to the Hamilton Smith Library, Miss Thelma Brackett announced.

Each year, at regular meetings of clubs throughout the state, a collection is taken. At the end of the season, the money, which usually averages about \$22, is presented to the university. This amount will cover the cost of one reproduction which is purchased by the library to be added to the Picture Loan collection. Operation of a loan system enables students to brighten their rooms by renting, at 25 cents per semester, their favorite picture in the collection. Students have the privilege of voting by ballot for the pictures which they wish to be added to the collection.

Water colors, reproductions of oil paintings, lithographs, pencil sketches, painted blockprints, and original etchings are now on display in the Arts division of the library.

**\$1,000 War Bond Gift
Establishes Scholarship**

A \$1,000 war bond has been given to the University of New Hampshire by Mrs. Shirley E. Charait of South Hampton, in memory of her husband, Lt. Albert Charait of Manchester, who was killed last spring in action over Germany while serving with a paratroop unit.

Income from the bond will be used to establish the Albert Charait Scholarship which will be awarded each spring to the undergraduate man who writes the best short story. The scholarship is designed to stimulate increased recognition of writing on the campus.

Lt. Charait graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1942, and his wife, the former Shirley Evans, graduated in 1941. Both outstanding writers as undergraduates, they were well-represented in the "Student Writer," annual campus literary publication. Lt. Charait won the Tri-State Competition in 1941, in which the universities of Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire participated, with an essay entitled "Spring Song of 1942" describing campus life at the beginning of the war.



Jack McGinn

Well, back at the old stand again with all our news and views on the New Hampshire sports situation. It's good to be back to the old grind again and it's good to see so many new male faces for all these faces mean more athletics and a better brand of competition in all sports. Well 'nuf said about possibilities so we'll turn our innermost thoughts to realities.

Ever since the opening of school for the fall session it has been very apparent that the majority of the student body have been disappointed by the fact that the University will not sponsor a football team this fall. This as you know was done for a variety of reasons some of which have their good points and others which are a bit dubious and a little misleading. However, as the ancient sages have said it is all water under the dam and regardless of whether or not it was a worthwhile decision is now a moot question and further discussion would only aggravate matters. Now the point that the Wildcat and I are driving at through all this maze of words is to forget the missing football team, to forget the whys and wherefores, to forget all the disputes, etc., but to confine all our efforts to the formation of formal teams in all sports starting with basketball. Let's make a vigorous effort to get sports on a peacetime basis with full schedules, letters, and all the thrills and fun that go with organized sport. Let's not take no for an answer and prove to the school heads that we are now ready to go back to normal. The time to start is now.

Dis and Data

Well, now that we've blown off a bit of steam we'll take a gander at the odds and ends of sport tidbits that are floating around. First of all we'll make a few predictions concerning the high school football situation. Number One is that Nashua will topple Revere from their starry heights with a resounding victory and Number Two is that this selfsame Nashua team will knock off Manchester Central to rack up the New Hampshire football championship, and how! Joe Swekla will be glad to take any bets on the above predictions. Is that correct, Joseph?

Durham's minor gift to the minors Red Crory, has graced the University of New Hampshire campus with his presence once again after enjoying a noteworthy season with Utica in the Eastern League. Utica won the pennant and Red will accept all congratulations for the club.

Today's Guest Rumor

It has been heard from usually authentic sources that Lt. George Sauer will soon receive his discharge from the Navy and return to the University sometime next spring. Lt. Sauer, New Hampshire's peacetime football coach, will certainly be welcomed back with open arms by a great many because his return would certainly mean formal football.

**Memorial Field Scene
Of Fancy Clubswinging**

The hockey season is entering its second week of practice and the turnout so far has been very gratifying. Nearly 100 girls have come out to practices and from latest observations there promises to be some really hot clubswinging contests staged on Memorial Field. With luck and good weather, the Interclass Games will start next Monday. The game schedule is as follows:

- Mon. Oct. 15—Juniors vs. Freshmen
- Tues. Oct. 16—Seniors vs. Sophomores
- Wed. Oct. 17—Freshmen vs. Seniors
- Thurs. Oct. 18—Juniors vs. Sophomores
- Fri. Oct. 19—Makeup
- Mon. Oct. 22—Juniors vs. Seniors
- Tues. Oct. 23—Freshmen vs. Sophomores
- Wed. Oct. 24—Makeup

NOTICE

At the close of the war, the problem of absence excuses granted for personal reasons was reviewed. The Dean of Men and the Dean of Women will grant excuses only for absences resulting from very serious emergencies. If students are, nevertheless, absent from class when an excuse has been refused, it is suggested that the student state the circumstances to the instructor. The university attendance rule is that each student is expected to be present at every college exercise for which he is registered.

Dean of Women
Dean of Men

NOTICE

There will be an important meeting for members of Tau Kappa Alpha in Murkland Auditorium on Monday afternoon at 4:15. All members are urged to attend.

**Definite Plans Drawn
For Intramural Loop**

**WRA Schedules Recs
Sunday Afternoons**

The Women's Recreation Association and the department of physical education for women are extremely concerned over the recreation situation here on campus. We are not the only one of course. Everyone from President Stoke to the last freshman is undoubtedly just as concerned. We would like the student body to know that at a recent meeting of the executive board of WRA, under the direction of President Rebecca Fairbanks, the following program will be offered in an attempt to alleviate the doldrums of Friday noon to Sunday night.

WRA under the direction of Joan Stevens, director of co-recreation, offers an hour of dancing to all students every weekday night, except Wednesday, in New Hampshire Hall. The music is canned, but effective, and a lot of new records have just been purchased. The hour is from 6:50 to 7:50. Badminton, table tennis, and shuffle board are also available.

In addition, "Beginners' Rec" is offered every Tuesday night for those who would like to learn to dance. Mrs. Hazel Rettig, of the physical education department for women, will be the instructor and her assistants will be Frances Mikol and other members of the WRA Executive Board who feel that this is a worthy cause and are willing to give up their time to help students have a better time here on campus. Beginners' Rec is offered at the same time as regular Rec on Tuesdays.

The main innovation we want to tell you about is that up to now, we have offered Sunday afternoon recs on rainy Sundays only. Next weekend we are going to offer an **OUTDOOR REC** on Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in addition to the regular Sunday Rec, which will be offered from now on — **RAIN OR SHINE**. The only stipulation to this invitation to join the fun is that every man participating must bring a girl (girls can come stag). If you'll accept our offer and come up Saturday — this is what you can do. You can play softball or touch football or borrow golf clubs and play golf. In addition, archery will be offered and in all these activities, WRA and the physical education department will make available instruction for those who want it.

You don't have to be an expert! In case of rain, you can all come indoors and play badminton, table tennis, shuffle board, or bridge, or shoot baskets.

On this coming Sunday, rain or shine, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. the program will be held on Memorial Field or in New Hampshire Hall.

Students, it's up to you! We are trying in a small way to make your life here on campus a happy one. We won't succeed if you all go home every weekend. We can't offer you football on Saturdays, but we can offer you fun, if you'll meet us half way. We would like to start a Co-Recreational Softball League, if you'd be interested. There are all kinds of things we can do, if YOU, individually and as a group, will respond. So, how about it? **LET'S PLAY BALL.**

**Comdr. O'Kane: "Shouldn't Pull
Punches in Treatment of Japs"**

Editor's Note: The following story first appeared in the Manchester Union-Leader on October 4. It is the story of life in Japanese prison camps as told by Comdr. Richard H. O'Kane to Joseph Thomas, special correspondent of the Union-Leader and also managing editor of the New Hampshire.

DURHAM, Oct. 4—Comdr. Richard O'Kane, 34, former skipper of the famed U. S. submarine Tang, came home today.

Commander O'Kane was taken prisoner by the Japs off the coast of Formosa after one of his own torpedoes circled around and struck the submarine, sinking it. He was taken to the unregistered prisoner of war camp at Ofuna, Japan, which is located about five miles southwest of Yokohama.

Looking tired and considerable underweight as a result of his 10 months' imprisonment, Commander O'Kane spoke slowly and with deep thought.

In his first interview granted to any member of the press since his return to the United States, he said, "I have been frequently interviewed, since my release from the Japanese on August 29, and most always somewhat hurriedly, with the result that stories of several prisoners of war are mixed up and even things which concerned the Japanese alone have been attributed to the prisoners.

"We have," he continued, "a little more time here and no one to interrupt us, so I am sure we can get some facts straightened out that every one ought to know and should appreciate."

**Basketball Teams To Be
Divided into Two Leagues
With Four Teams in Each**

At a meeting of the Council on Recreation for Men on Monday, October 8, definite rules were drawn up concerning the two intramural leagues which are to get underway this week and next.

In football, competition will start on Friday, October 12, and all games, which will be played on the varsity practice football field, will start promptly at 4:14 p.m. A game will consist of four-ten minute periods with an intermission of ten minutes between the halves. The teams which shall consist of nine players each will play each other once and all contests will be played according to the Official Touchfootball Rules. An additional rule is that no cleated shoes shall be worn.

The Basketball league will hold to almost the same rules as the football loop with the playing time being the same. Competition will start on Wednesday, October 15. Two leagues will comprise the basketball loop with four teams in the Blue league and four in the White league. The winners of each league will meet at the end of the season to determine the championship. Suitable awards will be given to the "champs" in both the football and basketball leagues.

General Rules

Students may compete only for the housing unit in which they live and any team that uses an ineligible player will forfeit the game to its opponent. If a team does not appear ready to play a scheduled game by 4:30 it will forfeit the game to its opponent. A minimum of nine men will constitute a football team and a minimum of five men to a basketball team.

Any protests referring to any game shall be reported to the Council of Recreation by the representative of the unit not later than twenty-four hours after the game has been played.

Schedules

Touchfootball

- October 12—West vs. Hetzel
- October 16—East vs. Theta Chi and Phi Mu
- October 19—Hetzel vs. East
- October 23—West vs. Combine
- October 26—East vs. West
- October 30—Combine vs. Hetzel
- November 2—Open for playoffs

The basketball schedule will be announced as soon as the various units submit the names of their teams.

Big Sister Party Friday

There will be a Big Sister party this coming Friday, October 12. It will consist of a hot-dog roast at the Chamberlain Estate in Durham. Big and Little Sisters will meet at Ballard Hall; those whose names begin with A through L at 4:00 p.m., and those whose names begin with M through Z at 5:00 p.m.; and will leave from there. A twenty-cent fee is being asked to defray expenses. In case of rain, the party will be held in New Hampshire Hall.

Speaking with the authority of a man who has seen much and knows what should be done, he said, "Some of the stories given by prisoners of war, who have been reticent to talk, have been mild. We should not pull our punches for we are liable to forget that the Japanese people are not a civilized nation when viewed from our standards."

It would probably take two or three generations, he asserted, to give reasonable assurance that they will not again attempt to subjugate their neighbors. The young Japanese feel that this is a 100-year war and now feel that they have just lost the first quarter, he said.

Commander O'Kane stated that in his opinion Japanese education should start with youngsters in the home. "In Japan," he said, "when a young man reaches the age of 12, his mother becomes a mere pig about the household and is treated as such by her son, as well as the husband. With this background it is easy to understand some of the treatment administered to the prisoners of war, for, viewed from the Jap eye, it was not much different from what they themselves have endured."

Diet of Prisoners

The diet of the prisoners consisted of bean paste soup (about a teaspoonful in a bowl of water) for breakfast and some coarse cooked barley. "This was insufficient to drive off the pangs of hunger but would keep one from feeling faint until about mid-morning,"

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Civil Air Patrol

The first meeting of the UNH detached flight witnessed the last official visit of our C.O. Lt. Warren Robbins. The staff and members of the flight wished him the best of luck at the University of Michigan where he is to continue his studies.

Robert Stearns will act as C.O. until permanent appointments are made. Plans were discussed for lectures, movies, and trip to near-by airfields. Air-minded students will have a chance to fly in the near future, as plans are being made for more orientation flights.

The Civil Air Patrol League reports that the C.A.P. is now operating under the jurisdiction of the A.A.F. Training Command. In addition to Headquarters Staff in Fort Worth there will be an A.A.F. Liaison officer in each of the five training commands. Under these officers for the respective areas there will be a Liaison Officer in each of the 48 State Wings of C.A.P.

Any students who are interested in aviation are welcome to attend the next meeting of the UNH Detached Flight which will be held tonight at the field-house.

Sociology Club Meets

The first meeting of the Sociology Club was held Tuesday evening at Morrill Hall with Gloria Davidson presiding and Mr. Arnold Green as advisor. A temporary committee was elected to decide upon such matters as eligibility for membership, dues, and to arrange an adequate program. The meetings are to be held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. and such activities as open discussions, guest speakers and various social gatherings are now being planned for the coming year.

HOCKEY NOTICE

The hockey sports leader and team managers will meet on Thursday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m. with the WRA Executive Board to choose the class teams.

Doctor Jazz

by Chris Cornavidis

There aren't many who can dispute the superiority of Coleman Hawkins on the tenor sax. If any such persons do exist, they are the holdovers from the "Golden Age" of jazz — but then the tenor wasn't recognized as a solo instrument — or the die-hards who ask:

"You from Chicago?"
"Yes."
"Terrific."

In 1924, we find Hawkins playing with Fletcher Henderson's great band, which also included Louis Armstrong on trumpet, Jimmy Harrison on trombone, and Buster Bailey, clarinet. There was nothing in his playing then to arouse any wave of enthusiasm, for he played in a "sharp and brutal style which sometimes resembles the powerful simplicity of the New Orleans trumpet style and other times the mobility of the clarinet." This was probably due to the influence of Armstrong and Bailey. Panassie offers Henderson's "The Stampede" (Columbia 35669) as an example of Hawkins' trumpet style.

Most jazz experts agree that Hawkins attained supremacy when he recorded "One Hour" and "Hello Lola" (BB 10037), with The Mound City Blue Blowers, in 1929. Robert Goffin, writing in his "Jazz — from the Congo to the Metropolitan," has this to say: "Never was Coleman Hawkins a greater musician than on that day. His solo on 'One Hour' is of the most serene beauty imaginable, and on 'Hello Lola' he attains a savage fury which unleashes the greatest power a saxophone can produce." In this, Hawkins' greatest period, I somehow prefer his short solo on "Got Another Sweetie Now," by the Chocolate Daddies. It's a mobile, living, breathing thing of sheer beauty.

Hawkins had to wait a few more years before he was to achieve the fame and fortune that had eluded him a dozen or so years. For by now he had adopted a third (and final) style of playing.

It was distinguished by a "velvety sonority" — lush, fully-developed phrases, and complex improvisations. Panassie refers to this style as "rhapsodizing."

Until Hawkins recorded "Body and Soul" it was just another pop tune, but he transformed it into a show case for his masterful technique. It is like a ripe melon, dripping with tenderness and understanding.

Then came a wave of imitators, the likes of which has never been seen, and Hawkins had real competition for the first time in his twenty years. (Next week: The Imitators.)

OUTING CLUB HEELERS

There will be a meeting of all students interested in heeling for Blue Circle, the governing body of Outing Club, on Monday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Murkland, room 14. Those who intend to become Outing Club members and heel but who have been unable to purchase tickets yet are invited. This meeting is for all heelers, regardless of their particular interests. Rebecca Fairbanks will be in charge of the meeting.

Dr. Seiberlich Proves Plastics Dangerous

Dr. Joseph Seiberlich, assistant research professor at UNH, was the first person to discover that some plastics give off toxic gases when heated.

The Army and Navy was made aware of this and have undertaken measures to eliminate these dangers.

At the Annual Fire-Chiefs Convention, held at Nashua, Thursday, October 4, Dr. Seiberlich, Dr. Daniel S. Eppelheimer, research professor, and Dr. C. Floyd Jackson, Professor of Zoology and Director of the Biological Institute, gave lectures and demonstrations emphasizing the toxicity of the gases given off in some plastics.

In his talk, Dr. Seiberlich said, "Most plastics burn when heated and some give off toxic gases. A few products on the civilian market are of this variety."

To prove this point, Dr. Seiberlich burned some plastic cups, and Dr. Jackson showed how it affected human organisms.

"Plastics have a wide range and are excellent to use for starching, cups, saucers, and many other things," continued Dr. Seiberlich, but warned that if housewives bake in plastics of this type they may inhale these toxic gases in sufficient quantities to kill them and their entire family.

To demonstrate, Dr. Jackson took some of the gases produced and released them in a glass which contained a rat. The rat died within 30 seconds.

"People should never throw plastics in a fire or leave them where they may be overheated," concluded Dr. Seiberlich.

A large amount of the casualties in the infamous Coconut Grove fire of Boston, was due to the toxicity of such gases.

An interesting fact is that only one company in the entire country manufactures these plastics.

Miss Sheehan Returns After Work at Berkeley

Among the instructors returning to the UNH campus this fall is Miss Eleanor L. Sheehan of the zoology department, who has been studying at the University of California for the past year. A graduate of New Hampshire, she is now engaged in research work here for her Ph.D. thesis.

Miss Sheehan stressed the size of the University of California, which covers seven campuses, the college in which she did her graduate study being in Berkeley. The biology department there is housed in one of the largest buildings of its kind in the world, built in a winged design with a large center courtyard. Miss Sheehan mentioned looking across the court and seeing internes in the medical department busily dissecting cadavers.

She visited many classes during her stay, including a beginners' zoology class of six hundred students, where the lecturers used a microphone and wrote his notes on the blackboard in letters at least six inches high, so they would be visible at the back of the theater-like room.

"I think it all must be very overwhelming to the undergraduate," Miss Sheehan said, and added that she considered the social life here much more effective because of the smaller student body.

AKD Holds First Meeting

Alpha chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, honorary sociology society, held its first meeting on Tuesday, October 2. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: president, Pauline Averill; secretary-treasurer, Jean Ryack; and social chairmen, Ray Siegel, and Helen Fay.

Plans are being made for the initiation of new members in the near future.

Lambda Pi Elects Officers

Lambda Pi, honorary language society, held its first meeting of the year, Monday, October 8, in Murkland Lobby.

The following officers were elected: president, Diana Sherman; vice-president, Anita Millina; secretary, Shirley Zelinski; treasurer, Joan Fline; representative on executive board, Rita Serlick.

Installation of officers and initiation of new members will be held on Wednesday, October 10, at Dr. Parker's home.

Library Hours Changed

Miss Thelma Brackett, librarian of the Hamilton Smith Library, wishes to inform all students on campus of the recent change in hours in the library. The library is now open every day from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. o'clock. On Saturdays, the library will remain open from 8:00 in the morning to 10:00 in the evening, instead of closing on Saturday nights as was previously done. The reserve book room will be open the same hours. The Art Division will be open from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. in the morning, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon, and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the evening.

Applicants Needed For Campus Cops

The reorganization of the Student Police Force is being considered by the university. The increasing numbers of students and the unrestricted use of automobiles make the need for such assistance acute. This proposed group of men students would serve under the direction of the Chief of Police, Louis Bourgoin and Mr. Harry M. Fitz, Superintendent of Properties. The duties would include handling traffic on Main Street, assisting in the handling of large numbers of people who might come to Durham for special occasions and for emergency work, (i.e.) fire or accident. Members would also be expected to attend lectures given by State Police representatives on matters which relate to their work.

Selection will be made on the basis of leadership, sense of responsibility, financial need and willingness to take orders. The scholastic standing of an individual must be acceptable in order that a special labor card may be granted. Applicants must also be at least 68 inches tall and 18 years of age. Because of the special nature of the work, remuneration will be slightly higher than the prevailing student wage.

Blanks may be obtained from Chief Bourgoin or from the President's Office from October 13 through the 17th.

Well Known Author Speaks At Book and Author Rally

The University Lectures and Concert Committee is sponsoring what is known as a "Book and Author Rally" at New Hampshire Hall on the evening of Wednesday, December 5, 1945. In producing this rally, the university is working with the New Hampshire War Finance Committee and the United States Treasury Department. This rally is a special feature of the forthcoming Victory Loan.

The Treasury Department has arranged for a group of nationally known authors to volunteer their services in the drive. Among the authors who have contributed their efforts to this national program are John Erskine; James Ramsey Ullman, author of the current best-seller, "The White Tower"; Richard Lauterbach, who wrote, "There Are The Russians"; George Papashvily, whose latest work is, "Anything Can Happen"; and playwright S. N. Berhman. The same author who lectures here at UNH will also speak at Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

Two New Teachers Join Physical Education Dept.

Mrs. Jeanette Watson and Miss Polly Humphreys are the two new teachers in the women's physical education department. Mrs. Watson, daughter of Wendell Davis, a UNH graduate who is active in alumni affairs, is a graduate of Skidmore College and has taught at Tufts College for the last two years. Mr. Watson, a veteran, is completing his pre-medical undergraduate work here.

As Miss Humphreys is the first physical education teacher from the Boston-Bouve School to instruct here, she may be able to present new ideas in physical education.

With last year's two new instructors, Miss Ongley in dance and figure skating, and Mrs. Rettig in dance, over half of the women's physical education staff is comparatively new.

Psychology Club Holds First Meeting of Year

The Psychology Club held its first meeting of the year in the Pine Room at Ballard Hall on Monday, October 1. There was a short business meeting during which the officers and faculty advisers were presented to the new members.

A talk and demonstration of hypnosis was given by Dr. George M. Haselrud, a new professor in the university's psychology department.

A program committee was chosen for the ensuing year. The members are: Jean Steacie, Elizabeth West, Lynn Bates and Leonard Serkess. The club plans several field trips, and has outlined a program for the year, including discussions, movies, speakers, and parties.

Membership is open to all psychology majors or anyone having completed two credits in psychology.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 15, in the Pine Room at Ballard, and all members and prospective members are urged to attend.

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COMDR. O'KANE

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he said. Their dinner was identical, except that a small amount of vegetables, usually potatoes, was substituted for the bean paste in the "soup." The evening meal was the same old thing, with a few drops of soy sauce to give the water some coloring. In 10 months they received fish three times. The first time it was rotten and the last two times it was nothing but a long drier sardine, the type that "we use in America for bait when fishing."

The starved prisoners, however, relished this "treat" and did not hesitate to eat the heads, bones, and all. In 10 months Commander O'Kane dropped from 180 pounds to 120. Men who had been hulking 200 pounders many times lost as much as a 100 pounds or more. Everyone suffered from beri-beri, dysentery and lice, he stated.

When he was transferred to Omori, a prison camp near Tokio, their diet included mylonaise, a tasty but hardly digestible chicken feed, and some horse-gut soup.

Generally, he explained, the submariners were treated better than the aviators. "It seemed no offense to sink Jap ships, but to bomb the homeland was an offense against the emperor," he said. "The guards were of the dead-end kids caliber but occasionally a few from educated families were encountered."

Given Beatings

Most of these humane guards, the commander affirmed, had been dropped from midshipman schools because they had not lived up to the Jap ideology of cruelty. These men were kindly, he said, but were quite helpless to prevent or interfere with beatings administered regularly to the prisoners.

"We had no interpreters to acquaint us with the Japanese rules of conduct at Ofuna. Men were given 10 full swings with a club the size of a baseball bat for whistling or singing. Camp rules were not in writing and each guard interpreted them to suit his purposes, often sadistically mauling the prisoners merely for amusement.

"I watched the commander of the USS Grenadier as he was clubbed 27 times by five of the largest guards, because he was the senior officer at the time and one of the guards had reported that another prisoner had been insolent.

"Aviators were beaten until they answered questions to the satisfaction of the Japanese officials."

With deep emotion he told of the young man who was beaten to death for answering "I don't know" to all questions. He died of heart failure the Japs said.

Died of Starvation

"Another young aviator," he went on, "was put in solitary confinement and he had two broken arms and a mangled leg. Numerous American prisoners volunteered to feed him and were willing to have a gag put on them so that they could not speak to him. This request was conveyed to the intelligence officer, Capt. Sine Misaki, an alleged Princeton graduate and an instructor at the University of Vermont summer school at one time. His answer was merely a shrug of the shoulders. The boy died of starvation. Captain Misaki, who was in this country at the time of Pearl Harbor, was returned to Japan on the Gripsholm.

"At Omori everyone fared a little better than at the naval prison at Ofuna. Omori was an army prison camp, with the exception of the B-29 crew members. These men had to build

air raid and food storage shelters with picks and shovels on half the rations of the other prisoners.

"Reveille for these men was at 4 a.m., they were marched to the projects two or three miles away and started to work at 6 a.m. For their noon meal they had 45 minutes to eat their lunch which they carried from the camp each morning and was always sour by noon time.

"At 7:30 p.m. work was stopped and they were made to double time back to the camp. In a short time of the 40 men who had started work on the project together only 23 were able to even walk to the site of the work. The Japs threatened to reduce their diet if any more men became sick and the ill began to rotate their working days among themselves so that the number of workers would not decrease. If the Japs had not surrendered when they did, these men would have all been dead by now, the commander stated.

Saved by B-29 Raid

One time Commander O'Kane was beaten consistently for half a day and was only saved because a B-29 raid interrupted the "party."

Commander O'Kane is the son of Dr. Walter C. O'Kane, entomologist at the University of New Hampshire, and Mrs. O'Kane. His wife, the former Ernestine Groves, and their two children, Marsha, 8, and James, 6, have been living here for the past summer.

Commander O'Kane graduated from Annapolis in the class of 1934. He has been on 11 submarine patrols at the time of his capture, five as executive officer on the USS Wahoo, which sank 125,000 tons of enemy shipping before it was lost; five on the USS Tang, which he was commanding when it was torpedoed, and one patrol on the USS Argonaut.

In describing the loss of his submarine Tang, Commander O'Kane said that they fired their last two torpedoes at a transport which they had previously damaged. One of them struck the transport, sinking it, but the other, in one of the most freakish accidents of this war, boomeranged and returned to strike and sink the USS Tang.

Thrown Into Water

"We were on the surface at the time we got hit," he said, "and I was standing on the bridge." He was thrown into the water without a Mae West and had to swim from 2 a.m. until 10 a.m. when the Japs picked him up. "When I felt tired and felt that I could not stay above the water any longer," Commander O'Kane said, "the thought of my wife and two children kept me going."

He has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation twice, a commendation from the secretary of the Navy, the Legion of Merit, three Silver Stars and three Navy Crosses, one of them for rescuing 22 airmen shot down during a carrier-based raid on Truk. These men were picked up from the water under the very guns of the shore installations. While on the USS Wahoo they wiped out an entire Japanese convoy at one time.

Commander O'Kane will report to the Portsmouth Naval hospital on Friday but expects to return home the same day to enjoy a long leave with his family. He said that he hasn't given much thought about the future but most likely he will remain in the Navy.

It was during a class discussion that Prof. Degler cited an example of documenting evidences of property rights.

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