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# **CHEMISTRY LABORATORY FUND IS COMP**

# **BASKETBALL SQUAD CUT** FROM SIXTY TO THIRTY

Six Lettermen to be Supported by Large Reserve of J. V.'s and New Prospects

### MARTENS CAPTAIN

Dec. 15th Opens 12-Game Schedule; Brown and Boston University Have Been Added

When Head Coach Ray Oosting issued his call for basketball material, a group of sixty men turned out. The limited space of Alumni Hall was far too small to accommodate the early season enthusiasts. Coaches Oosting, Jessee, and McCloud looked over the young army, picked the most promising and cut the squad in half.

Captain Martens, Tommy Kearns, Sis Sampers, Mickey Kobrosky, Fruch Ferrucci, and Bill Warner, all lettermen of last year, form a fine nucleus for Coach Oosting to build what should be a well-rounded team. With last year's Jayvee team for reserves, there should be little trouble equalling last year's almost impeccable season.

Johnny Martens, whose playing has been a feast to the eyes of fans, was chosen a forward on the All New England team. His ability to hoop the ball is even better than it has been heretofore. Tommy Kearns was mentioned for the same mythical team of New England and is up to his old form already. Sis Sampers is as fast as ever and will undoubtedly be a thorn in the side of every man he opposes during the season. Bill Warner, with his rangy frame, should prove his worth. Micky Kobrosky, and Fruch Ferrucci, both Sophomores, are showing up well in their afternoon drills. Among the reserves, O'Bryon plays a flashy, deceptive game. He should develop nicely. Houlihan, who was out last year, plays a snappy game. Nelson may develop to fill the center position. Mountford is a shifty man and has good possibilities. Warren and Webber complete the list and add strength.

Trinity faces a difficult season this year. Boston University is first on the schedule, December 15. Bard College comes next, followed by Wor-

### NOTICE.

The Thanksgiving Recess will begin at 4 o'clock, Wednesday, November 28, and will end on Monday, December 3, at 8 a.m., and in accordance with the rules of the Faculty, absences from classes on Wednesday and Monday will count double. On Sunday, December 2, there will be no service at 11 o'clock, but the Vespers Service will be held as usual.

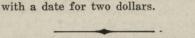
# **MILLARD'S ORCHESTRA** WILL PLAY FOR HOP

Patronesses are Announced for **Annual Sophomore Dance December 8** 

On the evening of Saturday, December 8, the class of 1937 will sponsor the annual Sophomore Hop, to be held in the College Dining Hall from 9.30 until 2. Charles Millard and his band will provide the music for the affair. Besides the usual dance numbers to be rendered by the orchestra, there will be included several novelty and vocal arrangements by the band and a young lady who sings with it.

Patrons and patronesses of the Hop include Dr. and Mrs. Ogilby, the Dean and Mrs. Hood, Professor and Mrs. Dadourian, Professor and Mrs. Means, Professor and Mrs. Martin, Professor and Mrs. Mitchell, and Mr. and Mrs. Prior.

The Hop Committee of A. R. Doty, chairman, R. S. Patton, L. A. Little, K. W. French, E. L. Thompson, J. V. Davis, and J. S. Tyng have all the preliminary arrangements for the dance completed. Programs for eight dances are being printed and will be given to each couple who attends the affair. There will be a supper served in the cafeteria below the dining hall at midnight, after which dancing will continue until two o'clock. After the eighth dance and the supper, cutting-in will be in order for the remainder of the evening. The set price for the affair is three dollars a couple. Any Sophomore who is paid up in his dues may attend the dance





COACH DAN JESSEE.

# **JESSEE ENDS 3rd SEASON AS INSPIRING PRODUCER OF FINE FOOTBALL TEAMS**

### Past Reveals Continued Activity as Northwest Star and Coach in All Major Sports

As the curtain falls on the 1934 football season and as we look back over the accomplishments of the team, there is one man to whom we can not give too much credit. He is Dan Jessee, head coach of the Blue and Gold, and the one who is chiefly responsible for their extraordinary success in this year's campaign. Although this is only Dan's third year, he has worked unceasingly, and the culmination of this effort has turned out the most powerful aggregation in the history of the College. He is well liked by one and all, and his cheerful nature inspires his men to work whole-heartedly. His fighting spirit becomes instilled somehow into his team and carries them through, unwaveringly, to the final whistle.

Dan was born in Louisville, Kentucky, but he left while he was still a small boy. In 1905 his family moved River, a short distance inland from enter the High School when the war broke out. Quite naturally he enlisted in the navy and served throughout the war. Upon completing his somewhat delayed high school career, he enrolled in Pacific University where for four years he was active in athletics, receiving varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball.

# SIXTY MEN TURN OUT FOR SWIMMING SOUAD

Success of Season Centers Upon Six Veterans-Quality Seen in New Material

**MOWBRAY HEADS TEAM** 

Varsity Faces 9-Meet Schedule; Junior Varsity to Rate as Minor Sport

When the first call for swimming was issued on Thursday, November 15, sixty men reported to Joe Clark, the swimming mentor. Since then he has been working out with them daily in the Trowbridge Memorial Pool, and he is confident that this year's season will be a successful one.

Graduation last June took toll of three of last year's team, Captain Coit, Day, and Ellsworth. There are six lettermen back, however, including present Captain Mowbray, R. Motten, Hall, Dickerson, Angus, and Onderdonk. These men are expected to carry the brunt of the burden in this year's campaign, but will receive help from several others. Coit will be missed in the breast-stroke, needless to say, but Sinclair is expected to fill the gap creditably. Hayward also is doing fine work in this same stroke and ought to make a good showing.

The back-stroke will probably be taken care of by Onderdonk and Dickerson, although there are several others showing up well. The freestyle dashes will be ably handled by Captain Mowbray and Al Hall, who have been consistent winners throughout their college careers.

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# **COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE TOPIC OF CHAPEL TALKS**

Purpose of Charity Organization effective research." **Outlined to Students** by Three Speakers

Last week four mid-day chapel services were held to acquaint Trinity students with the work and purpose west and settled down in Ranier, of the Hartford Community Chest. Oregon, which is on the Columbia These services were held in connec- feature of the new building will be tion with the Chest's current drive to a large and completely equipped obtain funds for the coming year. preview of the coming talks and explained that these talks were being given to define the Chest to the students, as future supporters of this and similar Chests. Tuesday Mr. W. T. Lynch, head of the probation department of the Hartford Police, brought out in his talk the relation between his department and the Chest, and asked for signed with Seattle of the Pacific the support of the Chest as a check on crime. during the summer months, making Mr. Watson House spoke Thursday on the criticism which sometimes is directed at the Chest. His point was that although the Chest has fallen down in some cases, it should not be condemned for these few failures; it should be judged by the tremendous revolutions. Dr. Furniss pointed out good it accomplishes in the long run. that these revolutions correspond to The last speaker was Mr. Clement the regular political campaigns and ing out that the Chest assures that newspapers would indicate. The

# SUM OF \$100.000 RAISED

Amount Necessary To Equip the Building Had To Be Raised by December 1

**READY SEPTEMBER, 1936** 

Architects Instructed to Go Ahead With Final Plans—Construction Starts in Month

President Ogilby announced to the Tripod on Monday evening that the building of the new Chemistry Laboratory is assured. The condition made by the anonymous donor to the effect that the sum of \$100,000 for the equipment of the Laboratory be raised before December 1, has been met. The architects have been instructed to proceed at once with the final plans and specifications. It will be a month or so before construction is started, but the building will be ready for academic occupancy by September, 1936.

The President issued the following statement when he learned that the fund was completed:

"The generosity of our anonymous donor in offering us \$400,000 for a new Chemistry Laboratory was a fine expression of faith in Trinity College. Now comes the loyalty of our Alumni, who in these difficult days have gallantly given what they could, aided by others outside our college circle, who also believe in Trinity College. What gives me cause for satisfaction at this time is not only the realization that we are going to have adequate equipment for the teaching of Chemistry, but also the pride we should have in our present Chemistry Department. Many of the gifts that have come to us, especially some of those from non-Trinity men, are a personal tribute to Professor Krieble and his associates, representing a desire to enable him to continue his fine work. "For the administration of the College the task now remains of raising a sum adequate for the endowment of the Laboratory, to provide for its upkeep and to make possible

The first news of this gift by an anonymous donor came last spring, and since that time President Ogilby, Professor Krieble, and numerous alumni committees have been at work on the drive for the equipment fund which has just been realized. A auditorium with a seating capacity of Monday Dr. Ogilby gave a brief 500. The architects are the firm of McKim, Mead & White.

cester, Amherst, New York Aggies, Connecticut State, Haverford, Wesleyan, Brown, and Coast Guard. Wesleyan and Connecticut have two games with the Blue and Gold. Six of the twelve games scheduled are to be played in Hartford, and a record attendance from the college should doing FERA work around the campus, turn out.

# **Hampton Institute Quartet** Sings at Wednesday Chapel

The Hampton Institute Quartet made its annual visit to Trinity on Wednesday, November 21. The usual Wednesday morning service was shortened in order that the Quartet might have the most possible time in which to sing its Negro spirituals.

The director of the Quartet gave a short talk in which he stressed the great work which the Hampton Institute is doing for Negroes.

At the end of the service a collec-Community Chest.

# FERA FUNDS PROVIDE \$800 its mouth. Here he went through FOR EMPLOYING STUDENTS grammar school, and was well set to

Last month seventy-eight undergraduates were paid over \$800 for according to figures released by Dr. R. H. Motten, Treasurer. The FERA relief program of the federal government allows the college \$780 per month for this type of work, while the rest came from the college treasury.

The types of work are exceedingly

diversified. Some men did clerical work in the college office. Others were assistants in the library and gymnasium. Some were employed as guides in the museum, as readers in various departments, as assistants in the publicity department, and as assistants to the Alumni Secretary. Two men are doing research work for the Department of Motor Vehicles. The maximum which a student may

earn doing this type of work is limdollars per month.

Immediately after graduation he Coast League and played baseball

quite a name for himself. During the remainder of the year he was coach of football, basketball, and baseball at Chimacum High School in Chimacum, Washington. Among the many fine athletes whom he turned out while there was Tommie Yarr, former All-American center and captain. of the Notre Dame Ramblers. From this Scott, of the Hartford-Connecticut elections in this country, and that post he went to his alma mater, where Trust Co., who spoke on Friday, point- they are considerably milder than the he was coach until 1930. In that year tion was taken for the Hartford ited by the government to fifteen he came East, where he spent two the money contributed to it will be speaker illustrated his address with

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### Former Ambassador to Haiti Speaks on Pan-American Revolutions

Dr. H. W. Furniss, former United States Ambassador to Haiti, spoke before the Political Science Club at its second meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 15, in the Lounge, taking as his topic the nature of Pan-American

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The Tripod will not be published on December 4. The next issue will appear December 11.

### CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

The announcement made last night that the \$100,000 necessary to start construction work on the new Chemistry building has been raised is news that brings joy to everyone connected with Trinity. It means that we are to have this greatest need filled at last, and that within a short time our students will enjoy the benefits of a department that has lacked only a building of this sort to give it its proper high status.

We should not forget for a moment the generosity of the many alumni and friends of Trinity who have given so generously in these times of stress. To the President, to our alumni commit-tees, to everyone who has in any way contributed to this fund, we express the gratitude which we know is in the heart of every undergraduate.

### A SIGNIFICANT PAUSE

The first vacation of the academic year is upon us. This particular Thanksgiving period is peculiarly significant to the Trinity man for several reasons. It means the culmination of one of the most inspiring and colorful football seasons which has been seen here for many years. It means the termination of the intensive drive for funds toward the much-needed and muchdesired chemistry laboratory. It means the first marking period —a dreaded indication of standing in the numerous quizzes of the past week. Above all, it means the breathing spell before the most critical time, scholastically, in the college year. The feverish enthusiasm of the past three months for things extra-curricular is certain to have its effect upon our studies. Thanksgiving must be a definite turning point towards scholastic achievement-a rededication of ourselves to round out successfully the college year so auspiciously begun.

# **Twenty-Five Years Ago**

### November 23, 1909.

The Sophomore Hop Committee has announced that flowers and carriages will not be in order at the Hop on December the third.

The committee wishes to make the dance very informal, since it is the first affair of the kind this season, so the undergraduates have been asked to aid them by not giving flowers and by bringing their partners on the street cars wherever possible. Arrangements are practically completed, and the affair promises to be one of the most enjoyable and liveliest ever held at the college. The music will be furnished by Hatch's orchestra.

ried at the home of her uncle on made an offer to the Trinity College Saturday, November 20th, to Mr. E. Jesters, which will undoubtedly be K. Roberts, '09. The newly-married accepted. Mr. Hunter proposes to couple are enjoying a ten-day tour furnish costumes, scenery, theater, in an automobile. They will live in and professional direction, if the Jes-Bridgeport, Conn., where the groom ters will produce the talent, and this is engaged in the automobile busi- should not be a difficult contract for ness.

he attacks the latter which offers by | radical's liking. He would naturally way of "a different economic and social order" a method of attaining spilling his or anyone else's blood. peace. One of his reasons for attack But to assume that the economic and is that the proposed system "has in social order can be changed by "legitno way proved itself successful." imate and constitutional means" is to Let us analyse this argument. believe that the present bosses would First: "Almost all of us are interested | capitulate to the determined masses. in maintaining peace . . . " The To the contrary, they would, as they qualification is fortunate, but it does have in Germany, simply make the not strengthen Mr. O'Neill's point. Apparently there are some of us who forcing it to function "underground." are not interested in maintaining How else, then, except by illegitimate peace. Who would they be? Perhaps a few who stand to gain by war go on? and who incidentally have a hand in the governmental "guidance" we

want.

Whether the new economic and social order proposed by the radicals has in any way proved itself successful is a matter of contrasting opinions. Certainly Mr. O'Neill cannot fairly dispose of it as hastily as he should like to. Nor can I see why he is so ready to defend our own system. It has not been much of a success, for the millions who have died in wars fought to support it, or for the millions who are now unable to be working units of it. But anyone advocating a fundamental change in the way of things is a "radical" and his ideas are "indeed bad", especially when he intends to achieve what he thinks is basically good by overthrowing what he thinks is basically bad. That, of course, is revolution. It means bloodshed. Therefore Mr. O'Neill draws a careless parallel of revolution to international conflict. The only parallel existing is that both are decidedly unpleasant. Their differences, however, are more important. Revolution is invariably the last resort of a dissatisfied mass of people; it is their final answer to oppression which they can no longer bear quietly; it is their stand for something vital to all of them. International conflict as practiced today, on the other hand, is a fight directed by desperate economic interests, yet immediately waged by utterly disinterested masses. If the masses are not disinterested, why, then, are identical moral issues conjured up in every participant nation? Why is it necessary to wave the flags and beat the drums and saturate the populace with a lot of sentimental pap about our fine traditions and infallible virtue? If the masses had so much at stake, would they not rush to defend it without all this artificial inspiration? Paradoxically enough, the warmakers are finally giving the masses a real issue to fight over; they are turning the tables on themselves, and if they won't realize that, what less can they expect than revolution? It spells or traitorous ingrates-persons who their own destruction, and pacifically

Such a revolution is not even to a

The "World's Week" quotes a "distinguished Hungarian, Monsignor Count Vay de Vaya and Luskod, Apostolic Protonotary, PD., HH., KC:IC," as speaking of "universities intended solely for girls, such as Wellesley, Smith's, Vassar, and Trinity."

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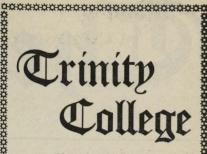
> E. P. Wilson, Tel. 1145. 20 Union Place.

Mr. Robert Hunter, of the Ward Miss Laura Knight Hatch, was mar- and Hunter Theatrical Syndicate, has the college men to fulfill.

> prefer to attain his ends without radical political party an illegal thing, and unconstitutional means can it

> Mr. O'Neill declares that the revolutionist's argument is un-American. We Americans have boasted for many generations of our independence, our democracy, our freedom of this and that. We have boasted, too, that we secured these things in revolt against British oppression. I should like to know just what Mr. O'Neill thinks Americanism is. Apparently he considers it one thing in 1776 and another in 1934. The early Americans were evidently justified in being radical; contemporary Americans are not, because, "as Professor Humphrey recently pointed out, they are the desecrators of our national days. They attack the things most sacred to patriotic Americans even on those days which we have set aside in memory of and as a tribute to our national heroes and our ideals." Professor Humphrey has also been known to joke glibly about war and anti-war movements. Reverence and levity don't mix.

Why is it a desecration to try on national days, when our thoughts are directed toward those heroes and those ideals, to make the sacrifices and the motives behind them as worthy as they should be? The mer who suffered and died in past wars, particularly in the World War, had an idea that they were fighting "to end wars" and "to make the world safe for democracy." That is what they were told. But how flat those phrases fall today! It is because everyone now realizes that the soldiers died in the grim prelude to more war, and that the world is no safer for democracy than it ever was. The only way we can show a sincere respect for our dead and our ideals is to bring about the things they stood for. It cannot be done by a thousand minutes of silence or by the doleful blowing of "Taps" over flowered graves. It can be done only by showing everyone just why wars occur, and then by fighting hard against the causes revealed. Radicals have done and are doing this. They are labelled silly idealists



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# **COMMUNICATION**

### Mr. Miller Defends Radicals in Criticizing Mr. O'Neill

To the Editor of the Tripod:

Mr. O'Neill's communication in last week's Tripod should be read more a combination of objection and argument, wherein the writer alleges that the November 9 anti-war meeting on someone less naive. this campus was held as an excuse for spreading radical propaganda.

more than a suggestion of what might follow. Furthermore, announcements of the speakers showed that two of the four, Mr. Cohen and Professor Seidman, were active in the National Student League and the Student League for Industrial Democracy, respectively, both of which organizations are widely known to be radical. carefully than it was written. It is If Mr. O'Neill still thought that the meeting was to be without radical expression, he should have asked

Next he say, "Almost all of us are interested in maintaining peace, so He begins by complaining that he was that we may pursue success in our duped-that the literature put out economic life and liberty and happispeaking, Mr. O'Neill, that means the before the meeting was misleading. ness in our social life, under the violent death of a few to end the The leaflets distributed could be in- protection and guidance of our govperiodic slaughter of millions. Your parallels clash in perspective. terpreted in only one way. They were ernment." Then, as if peace and radclearly radical in content, giving icalism were diametrically opposed,

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Mr. O'Neill finally makes two requests: "Let us . . . show by our

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# **Prof. Humphrey Predicts Development** of Continental Policy for America

### Real Politics in Spanish-America.

"The year 1935 is apt to witness a return to realities in the world's affairs and a lessening of the influence of abstract ideals and altruism," said Professor Edward F. Humphrey in the eighth of the Mark Twain Memorial Lectures on Contemporary Civilization. "Ramsey MacDonald recently announced that Great Britain now sees the folly of 'Disarmament by Example', and the Naval and Disarmament Conferences seem destined to terminate in Anglo-American and Franco-Russian understandings. The chaos of propaganda still continues, but hard-headed statesmen are turning from fine spun theories to seek tangible and immediate practical achievements, to 'Real Politics.'

"The European turmoil seems to have redirected America's attention to her own affairs. Charles Austin Beard seems to think that it should result in an economically nationalistic United States of America (The Open Door at Home). He contends that the supreme interest of the United States lies in 'the creation and maintenance of a high standard of life for all people, and ways of industry conducive to the preservation of individual and social virtues within the frame of national security.' He advocates the development of home markets, the redistribution of wealth within the United States, and further and bolder experimentation. Professor Beard's idealistic program seems to be at variance with the present trend of practical politics in America as a whole. It doesn't square with the present trend of the continent as a whole; economic continentalism rather than economic nationalism seems in the ascendancy.

"A calm seems to have settled on the Western Hemisphere, save in the Grand Chaco, where the practical politics of oil still keep war going. The trade of the United States with Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, and Cuba is steadily improving. Pan-American Airways keep expanding its continental transportation facilities. A Roervick Treaty for the protection of American museums, schools, and li-

# JESTERS TO DRAMATIZE **MIRACLE PLAY IN DEC.**

### **10 Members of Society Advanced** for Participation in Last Play

"The Second Shepherd", a miracle play, will be given by the Jesters in the chapel just prior to the Christmas department will coach the play. The cast will be selected without tryouts by Professor Ulmer and Paul Adams. The Jesters hope that plays of this sort may be given in future years about Christmas time.

been chosen as a result of points carefully-drawn civil service law. gained through acting in "The Play's

braries in war times has been negotiated. Nineteen countries have just met at Buenos Aires for the Ninth Pan-American Sanitary Conference. who, although not a letterman, was The magazine 'Catholic Action' is calling for a stronger expression of the ideals of Pan-Americanism. The are also pressing hard for a berth. President of the Cuban Sugar Institute sees a great aid to Cuban industry in the sugar quota system of the AAA, while on the other side Pillsbury Flour Mills, Quaker Oats Company, and the Evansville Tool Works report steady gains in their sales to Cuba. Haiti's finances show a surplus for the year with a balanced budget. debts paid in advance, public works carried out and United States marines withdrawn. Peru reports the best trade since 1929, with Great Britain as the chief customer and the United States selling most (a 45% rise), but with Japan's exports rising from eleventh to fourth place. Coffee is king in Brazil and cotton is called her

'White Gold' but, if the latter comes into competition with the cotton of the U.S.A., Peru's secretary of labor three-million-acre rubber development in Para will 'control the world supply of rubber within a decade.' The Baldwin Locomotive Works and the Beth lehem Steel Corporation have just made their largest export shipment of railway equipment since 1929. It was consigned to Chile. Now, all of these gains in Inter-American commerce have been won despite strenuous competition from Europe and Asia. It would seem that the pragmatic 'best interests' of all parties call for an American Continental Economic Policy rather than for economic nationalism."

SWIMMERS REPORT. (Continued from page 1.) Roger Motten will again hold down the distance races, and will probably

find a running mate in May, Bellis, or Paddon, who have come up from the junior varsity. Angus is still available for the dives, as is Little, a member of last year's Varsity. Mixter up from the J. V.'s and Truex

In addition to the veteran swimmers there are many new prospects who are looming up brightly. Although it is yet too soon to prophesy or pick out the outstanding ones, nevertheless the quality and quantity of their ranks augur well for the future. The schedule this season is difficult, comprising nine meets, four of which lare at with Bowdoin, home Worcester Union, and Connecticut State. The meets away are with Amherst, Coast Guard, Massachusetts State, M. I. T. and Weslevan.

An innovation this year is the fact that Junior Varsity swimming has been recognized as a minor sport, which will prove an incentive to a majority of men. An attractive schedule has been arranged for the J. V.'s. which includes meets with Hartford is of the opinion that Henry Ford's High, Hopkins Grammar, Springfield College Freshmen, Canterbury, with two more tentative ones.

# CHEST SPEAKERS.

spent judiciously, by making the organizations which depend on it for money directly accountable to the Chest for the money they spend. He said that the budget of each of the twenty-eight organizations which the Chest supports must be submitted before funds are allotted.

# CHAPEL NOTICES.

The Rev. Walworth Tyng, of Changsha, China, father of John Tyng, 1937, will speak in chapel on Wednesday, November 28.

During the week of December 3, Professor Naylor will speak about St. Francis of Assisi in a series of noon-day chapel services in the college chapel on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. These services will be held as usual at 1.05.

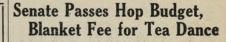
### COACH JESSEE.

(Continued from page 1.) years in New York, receiving his Master's degree from Columbia. He came directly here from Columbia and has been associated with Trinity for the past three years. It is the sincere hope of everyone that he will remain in Hartford and continue to produce winning combinations to bring further glories to Trinity.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE MEETING. (Continued from page 1.)

numerous interesting incidents which marked his experience as Ambassador in Haiti, and afterwards answered questions put to him by members of the audience.

Professor Humphrey also said a few words, and following his talk refreshments were served. Jesse Jaffe, President, presided at the meeting, which was attended by thirty undergraduates, as well as Professors Humphrey and Rohr.



At its last meeting the Senate accepted the budget of expenses presented by A. R. Doty for the coming Sophomore Hop, which is to be held December 8.

The Senate will give a Tea Dance from 4 to 7 p. m. on the same day as the Sophomore Hop. Admission will be one dollar per couple. Refreshments will be served. The Senate has made provisions that any fraternity wishing to do so may pay a "blanket fee" of ten dollars, which will admit any member from that house.

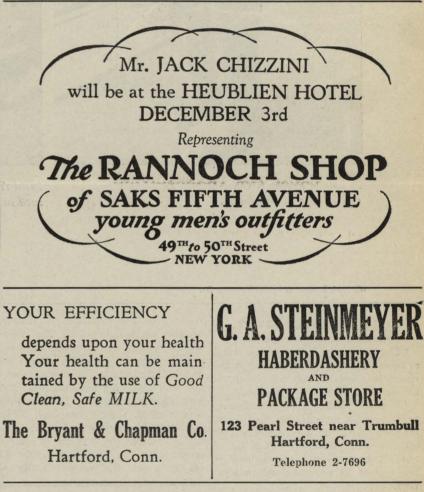
At the same meeting the fraternities were asked to contribute to the Community Chest.

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# **Professor Rohr Offers Merit System** as Weapon Against Government Waste

The civil service system was recommended as the only means by which the political spoils system can be eradicated from the government and an efficient administration of public affairs carried on, in an address by Professor Charles J. Rohr at a luncheon meeting of the combined League of Women Voters of New London, Tolland, and Windham counties last Friday.

"There is no more encouraging sign for the patron of good government," said Professor Rohr, "than the gradual professionalization of the public service. The idea that business standards can be applied to government functions is gaining ground, and the holidays. Dr. Herrick of the English day of the trained administrator is dawning. 'To the victors belong the spoils' is being replaced by a new motto: 'A public office is a public trust.' Undoubtedly, the most effective device for uprooting the deeply entrenched spoils system is the enact-Several new Senior Jesters have ment and honest enforcement of a

system offers pension and retirement plans to make the public service just as attractive as private employment. "It is time that the interested public of Connecticut's towns and cities take cognizance of the great waste and inefficiency in the public service, the biennial turnover in administrative offices, the unfairness of the spoils system as a whole.....

"The remedy is Civil Service Reform to prevent the appointment of persons who are clearly unqualified and to provide a means whereby qualified applicants may be recruited certified to the appointing and authority.

"In general the system works this way: A position being open in the municipal or state service, the mayor or governor calls upon the Civil Service Commission to send him a list of the names of persons who have qualified for appointment. Sometimes the Commission has the list all ready, but sometimes it has to hold a new "The merit system nation. In the latter case, the property administered bestows positions upon candidates making the highest grades the fittest persons available, regard- are certified to the appointing authorless of political affiliations. It asity, who selects one name from the sumes that the public is entitled to three highest ranking candidates. The reasonable qualifications on the part successful applicant is then put to of its servants. It guarantees governwork on six months' probation with the prospect of permanent employment employees permanency of tenure without which no technical or ment. He holds the job not by the professional officer can do his best grace of a political boss, but by his work. It applies the principle of own abilities and work. "The tests given by the Civil Serequal pay for equal work and provides for recognition of ability by vice Commission need not always be written, nor always competitive. They salary increases and promotions. The are of a practical nature closely related to the work expected. The ing influence in the service which the partisan scuffle for office causes. It examiners try to discover what qualivery largely prevents the assessment fications a position demands and then of office-holders for political pur- make up the best examination posposes. It requires of the civil ser- sible. In most cases, considerable persons in Philadelphia as well as vants loyalty to government rather weight is given to general education those specifically interested in foot- than loyalty to party. It elevates the and experience as evidenced by dicivil service to a profession and it plomas and testimonials. Personality Jessee are going down to Philadelphia makes possible a high degree of is rated after personal interviews. In specialization within the service-an cases of technical positions, such as indispensable achievement if the health officers, nurses, chemists, etc., government is to carry out the many experts are called in to examine the

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the Thing." They are Anthony Cacase, John B. Williams, Lawrence Maynard, and Duncan Peckham. New Junior Jesters are John Hanna, Joel Brooke, Donald B. Sellars, James Frankel, Lloyd Rogers, and Donald Rankin. Lawrence Maynard has been selected as the new stage manager. while Duncan Peckham is assistant stage manager.

### **ALUMNI DINNERS**

The Philadelphia Alumni Association is giving a dinner to Captain merit system removes the demoraliz-Maher and the members of the football team from Philadelphia and vicinity on Friday, November 30, at the Bellevue Stratford. Among the guests invited are various prominent ball. President Ogilby and Coach to speak at the dinner.

The Annual Dinner of the New York Alumni Association will be held at the Hotel Brevoort in New York on Thursday, December 13.

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### ROHR ON CIVIL SERVICE.

(Continued from page 3.) "The success or failure of the merit system depends very largely upon the character, ideals, and efficiency of the members of the Commission.

"Without doubt, the Commission, to do its work honestly and fearlessly, must be free from partisan or selfish influence. It should be made up of trained men or women-trained in the science of personnel administration .....

"There are many obstacles in the way of civil service reform. One of the greatest obstacles is public indifference. The apathy of the general public is amazing and it is only in

sticks for determination of fitness. should yield some return... Another obstacle is labor. The laboring class feels that the merit system reform have an uphill fight against former faces a long drawn-out battle, is undemocratic in that it affords an the spoils politicians who are firmly for it aims, to change the metaphor, undue advantage to the educated who entrenched in the government. In at cutting the very sinews of the are used to taking examinations. But the face of civil service reform, the spoilsman's strength-that is, patronwhy shouldn't educated people take spoils politician may be likened to a age. In aiming to take away the advantage of their education? Why football team on the one-yard line 'rewards' given for party loyalty and shouldn't they get some benefit from making a last-ditch stand to defend in depriving the party of its henchit? money spent on education-about 40 hardest then and gives but grudg- er is stopping the steady stream of

per cent. of the annual budget- ingly, and often succeeds in staving gold which flows from the humble

off the onslaughts of its opponents-"Those interested in civil service taking the ball for itself. The re-Certainly the amount of public its goal. The defensive team fights men in the public service, the reform-

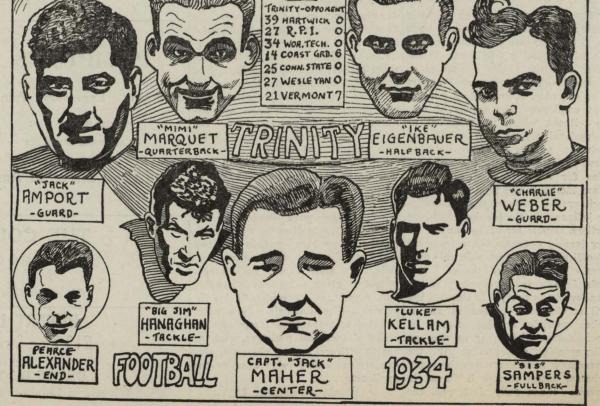
earnings of the job-holder into the party's coffers.

"The fight of the patron of good government is against tremendous odds; and, even after victory is won the good citizen must keep constantly on the watch, for the spoilsman misses not the slightest chance to return to power. The old political axiom should always be before uswarning us: 'The price of good government is eternal vigilance'!"

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hard times such as these, when tales come to the people of waste of the money they pay in the form of taxes, that they are inspired to take action. Well, let's have action! In every form of government, some one or some group must take the lead and work to develop public opinion in favor of this or that, and this work must be constant. Sporadic attempts do little or no good. Constant pressure is absolutely necessary in order to bring about a reform and it may take years to accomplish the good work.

"The second greatest obstacle is political pressure, for failing to prevent the enactment of Civil Service Laws, the spoils politician endeavors to control the Civil Service Commission. Pressure is brought to bear upon governors and mayors to appoint men who will interpret the laws 'liberally' and this pressure is difficult to combat, for the leaders of both parties are behind it. Then, too, another obstacle is the inadequacy of the tools. Tests and written examinations to determine the best qualified public servants are in their infancy. We've yet to develop absolute yard-



### COMMUNICATION. (Continued from page 2.)

actions that we are ready to protect our government, our national institutions, our economic system, and our social order in any way the government sees fit." By all means let us do this if we want a government which is Capital's puppet, which regularly offers us war and economic chaos.

And: "Let us at Trinity purge ourselves of this propaganda and forbid any demonstrations, rallies, or the like, unless they are strictly of a constructive and truly peace-generating type." In other words, emasculate the entire peace movement by making it evade its greatest obstacles.

The conclusion is very simple, Mr. O'Neill. We either want war, or we don't want it. If we want it, let us do nothing to avert it. If we don't want it, let us with all speed and energy fight against it by the severest analysis and elimination of its causes.

JAMES R. MILLER, '36.