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"Journey's End" Rapidly Nears Production Stage; Erskine Hawkins Prepared to Syncopate for Ball

**Jesters Tremble as Chicken Pox Smites Butterworth; Cast Will Carry On
NEED REVOLVERS**

Hartford Swamped With Posters; Girls' Schools Canvassed For Miles Around

Smitten, but not stopped, were the Jesters last week when one of the cast of "Journey's End", George F. Butterworth, 3rd, calmly announced that he was falling a victim to the ravages of chicken pox, that dreadful disease that so many of us experienced when we were young. "The play must go on!" shouted the members of the cast, as they doused themselves in disinfectant.

Still smiling after such a blow, the actors in "Journey's End," have been going through their paces, afternoon and evening, in preparation for the presentation in the Bulkeley High School Auditorium on Saturday, May 13. The excitement caused early this week when one of the stagehands discovered two pimples on his forehead and swooned onto the hard floor, has died down and everyone has resolved to do or die. John R. Williams, Instructor in Romance Languages, who was a Jester when at Trinity a few years ago is directing the play, and Mr. Wendell, also Instructor in Romance Languages, has offered his assistance. Both men insist that they are immune to all poxes.

Pillsbury, '41, a promising addition to the club who will be acting in his first play at Trinity, will play the leading role of Captain Stanhope.

Sheen, '41, who acted in "King Lear" last year, and R. Harris, '39, who also played in "King Lear" last year and who held the leading role in "The Late Christopher Bean," will play Raleigh and Lieutenant Osborne, respectively. Maurice Evans, famous Shakespearean actor, remarked, while speaking on a Hartford radio program (Continued on page 4.)

PEW-END DEDICATED IN CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday, April 30—Mr. William Greenough Wendell, Instructor in Romance Languages, unveiled a pew-end which he and his wife have given in memory of Mr. Wendell's mother, Mrs. Edith Greenough Wendell, at the Chapel service this afternoon.

The panel of the pew-end, the twenty-fifth to be dedicated in the chapel, is a representation of the old Wendell family home at Portsmouth, N. H., and on the finial is a reproduction of a Dutch ship copied from the Wendell coat of arms.

The pew-end was accepted and blessed in the name of the college by President Ogilby, who paid a tribute to the wife of his old professor. Dr. Ogilby also said that it was particularly fitting that the pew-end should be situated just across from that given by the Harvard men, for it was at Harvard that Mrs. Wendell's husband taught for the greater part of his life.

Mr. Gregory Wiggins, who has done all of the woodwork for the chapel, was the carver of the Wendell pew-end.

Professor Shepard Reads From Walt Whitman's Poems
Sunday, April 30—Poetry of Walt Whitman was read by Professor Odell Shepard in his informal radio reading this evening.

In the discussion which followed the reading, Dr. Shepard said that it is the poet, rather than the historian, who is best able to seek out and understand the bases of our American life, and to discover there, if possible, what there is in our culture which will be able to endure the attacks of other cultures. Walt Whitman, in his unique way, has done this as few others have, concluded Professor Shepard.

**HORACE TAFT SPEAKER AT POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB MEETING MONDAY
"MERIT SYSTEM" TOPIC**

Spoils System Costs a Billion Per Year; Merit System Seen as Solution

Monday, April 24—The Political Science Club was privileged this evening to hear a talk by Mr. Horace Taft, brother of the late William Howard Taft, former President of the United States. The speaker, who received his M. A. degree from Yale University, and, in 1893, founded the Taft School at Waterbury, is now president of the Connecticut Merit System Association.

In introduction to his speech, entitled "The Merit System," Mr. Taft stated that he found the most amazing ignorance present in many men, even in lawyers, concerning this subject. Yet it has been an important issue in national platforms and in political discussions for several years.

"The Merit System presents a dependable means for civil service reform," he said. "C. W. Eliot once pointed out: 'Civil service reform is the foundation of all reform,' and Al. Smith said: 'Quit talking unless you are willing to reform the Service.'"

"It is remarkable that all consider merit fundamental, but most men know nothing about the Merit System itself," the speaker added. "The System works to a charm in nearly 700 cities at present. Only a very ignorant man thinks it is merely theory." Mr. Taft said that the cost of the usual spoils system amounts to \$1,000,000,000 a year. There are 3,000,000 civil service employees in the land and 38 percent of our taxes accrue to them.

The two methods of filling government positions are the spoils and the merit systems; and at present a large majority of offices are filled by the first of these. This is true both in Waterbury and in Hartford. The speaker continued: "The entire responsibility rests with the citizens. American cities have become synonyms for corruption; the word 'politician' ought to be an honorable one, but too often it is not." He said that even when we apply the term to a man whose integrity is sound, we must explain: "The man is a politician, but he's honest I think." (Continued on page 4.)

REPORTS PRESENTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN MEETING LAST SATURDAY

DORMITORY PROPOSED

Increased Student Fees Offset Decrease in Income From Endowments

Saturday, April 29—The stated meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the library of the Chemistry Building this morning at 10 o'clock. Present at the meeting were the following trustees: Judge Buffington, General Harbord, Judge McCook, and Messrs. Elton, Woodward, Goodwin, Eaton, Davis, Purdy, O'Connor, Stevenson, Walcott, Jones, Pinney, Budd, and the President.

The usual reports of the Executive Committee, of the Alumni Secretary, and of other committees were submitted and accepted. The President reported that there had been a slight decrease in the income from the college endowment, but it had been more than made up by the increase in student fees, so that a surplus of receipts over expenditures would be expected at the end of the fiscal year in June.

The President also reported that the number of students tentatively admitted for next year is twice that of this time last year, and the number of Freshmen applying for dormitory accommodation was already more than the expected vacancies in rooms on the campus. This brought before the Trustees the imperative need for the construction of the new dormitory unit to fill the gap between Cook Dormitory and the Chemistry Laboratories.

On recommendation of the Joint Educational Committee the following members of the faculty were reapointed for next year: Carl L. Altmaier, Assistant Professor of Psychology; Edward D. Myers, Assistant Professor of Linguistics; Irwin A. Buell, Director of Extension and of Summer School; Michael L. Hoffman, Instructor in Economics; William G. Wendell, Instructor in French; Edward L. Lampson, Instructor in History; Corning Chisholm, Instructor in German; A. Everett Austin, Jr., Instructor in Fine Arts; and Daniel B. Risdon, Assistant in English.

MEMORIAL GATEWAY TO BE DEDICATED MAY 13

The members of the Class of 1913 at their twenty-fifth anniversary during Commencement Week last June, decided to present a gift to the college in memory of their classmates who have died.

The recent construction of the college fence along Broad Street furnished them an opportunity to present their gift in form of a gateway.

This entrance gate will be formally dedicated on Saturday afternoon, May 13, at 2.30, just before the baseball game with Worcester Tech. The memorial gates are supported by large brick piers which were constructed recently. On the left pier there will be a presentment tablet and on the right pier a memorial tablet will bear the names of the departed members of the Class of 1913.

Ralph Grover Wins Prize In Boston Organ Contest

Boston, Monday, April 24—This evening, Ralph Scott Grover, '41, was awarded the second prize in the annual organist competition held under the auspices of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in the New Old South Church on Copley Square.

The prizes were awarded in consideration of technical ability, rhythm, registration, and musicianship. Grover played Bach's "Fugue in C Minor" and "The Second Movement" from the second symphony by Louis Vierne.

DR. ALLEN REVIEWS LIFE OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, COLLEGE PATRON SAINT

IMPORTANT THEOLOGIAN

His Summa Theologica a Work of Tremendous Scope and Great Value

Wednesday, April 26—A very complete address on the life of St. Thomas Aquinas was given by Professor Morris Allen at the morning chapel service. Dr. Allen introduced his talk by stating that the works of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of colleges and other institutions of learning, have been opened to English readers by order of the Pope. They have been carefully translated in recent years by members of the Dominican order.

The speaker added that not many men have influenced thought as much as Thomas Aquinas. His works are a synthesis of the Catholic tradition. In these precarious days, the works of this famous saint are being intensively studied by young men in every walk of life, who are searching for certainty.

Professor Allen continued, "There are two roads to religion—faith, or experiencing religion; and learning about religion through reason and one's intelligence. Neither road is satisfactory in itself. St. Thomas has had a great influence on the second road. He is master of those who know religion, and is an authority on dogmatic theology. He is one of the greatest and most influential Christians. Seven hundred years after his death, the fact still remains that any belief differing from St. Thomas is heretical, in the Catholic Church."

At this point, a brief personal biography was given. St. Thomas lived in the middle quarters of the 13th century. He was born of a noble family and had seven brothers in the Emperor's army. At the age of five he asked, like many another child, "What is God?" He spent the rest of his life giving what is perhaps the most complete answer to that question.

Against the wishes of his parents he joined the Dominican order and was sent to Paris to study under the great Albert. He spent most of his time there reading Aristotle. He was a shy, large, young man—almost vast. His fellow students called him (Continued on page 2.)

Fraternities to Be Allowed to Hold House Dances Until One O'Clock

LIVINGSTON TO PLAY

Sweet Swing Band to be Second Feature Orchestra at Dance Held at Hartford Club

(Special to the Tripod direct from the Senior Ball Committee's Field Headquarters in the Hofbrau.)

Tuesday, May 2—In a special dispatch to the Tripod this morning, the committee in charge of the Spring Dance, announced that the second orchestra for the dance on May 12, will be Jerry Livingston and his "Talk of the Town Music." This sweet swing band has appeared in movie shorts and over the radio. Mr. Livingston makes the arrangements for his orchestra and also is a composer. He is best known for his song "Talk of the Town." Livingston's band will be a pleasing contrast to Erskine Hawkins' jitterbug rhythms, the feature of the evening.

Unofficial and unconfirmed sources report that Hartford will be clothed in its best raiment when "Trinity Week-end" arrives. The city has employed some fifteen jobless men to chase all pigeons from the vicinity of the Old State House and will replace the pests with robins, cuckoos and humming birds. A beauty contest is now being held to determine the ten gorgeous girls who shall have the title of "Misses Trinity of 1939" and the task of scrubbing Main Street. Anyone caught dropping candy wrappers on the streets or "lifting" cigarette butts at any time from May 12-14, will be severely punished, and will be imprisoned until May 15. All trolleys and buses will run on schedule.

It is unreliably reported that the Mayor has appointed a committee of three men to tune up this city's culture and to do away with anything (Continued on page 2.)

TRINITY NINE TO FACE TWO FOES THIS WEEK

The Trinity College baseball forces will open the month of May on the road, meeting Williams College at Williamstown, Mass., on May 3, and Mass. State at Amherst, Mass., on May 6.

These two teams will provide Trinity with some of their sternest opposition. Williams, although no better than they were last year, when Trinity defeated them 8-7, have a comparatively strong team. Mass. State boasts one of the best records they have had in years, and one of the best in New England baseball circles.

Coach Dan Jessee has not yet decided on his starting lineup for these two games. His plan at the present is to insert as much batting power into the team as will not be detrimental to the team's defensive play. Pete Rihl is a certainty behind the plate, although his bat has been unusually silent since the Swarthmore game. The pitching duties will be carried out by Ed Morris, who has a won and lost record of two and two. First base is not as yet definitely as- (Continued on page 4.)

HORACE TAFT SPEAKS ABOUT MERIT SYSTEM

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The trouble in the beginning was that there was no pension system. Old men were reluctant to leave, so that new men with fresh ideas found positions difficult to get. But when Andrew Jackson said: "All opposed to me must be rascals," changes were made rapidly. From that time on, every four years, shifts in personnel from the heads of departments to the scrubwoman in the local post office were to be expected. Although Lincoln, President during the War of Secession, was disgusted with the number of lobbyists the capital brought in by the spoils system, little was done about it. In England, the merit system became well developed in 1870, but here only in the last two years has rapid progress been made.

With the latter system the political activity and the particular faith of a man seeking a government position counts for little. Penrose, a Senator from Pennsylvania, once replied to opposition aimed at him as a Mormon: "I'd rather have in office a polygamist who doesn't poly than a monogamist who doesn't monog!"

Mr. Taft went on to say that no city has ever been especially well-governed which has not had a merit system. Two considerations have brought this fact to the front in the last few years. First, the great cost and inefficiency of men put in office by graft. "An inspector of elevators may by this system be given a position merely because he is the son of a friend. This is no guarantee that he knows the job, and in fact, he may only learn about it after his appointment. Secondly, the great number of executives who have been put to work in the WPA and other work projects is shocking. Fifty thousand or more are making fortunes out of the troubles of the poor.

The speaker continued by stating that many condemn the use of examinations in the merit system because of misinformation. "What is the use of an examination for a charwoman?" they ask. Obviously there is none for this type of work, except possibly a physical one.

Giving an example of graft in the spoils system, the speaker cited the Veterans' Commerce Laws. To be given a civil service job a man must be marked both by examination and by interview. If he is a veteran his mark is raised five percent, and if he is a disabled veteran, it is raised ten percent.

JESTERS' PRODUCTION NEARING COMPLETION

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in his recent visit here, that his first big role was that of Raleigh in "Journey's End."

The lighting and sound-effect angles will be taken care of by Stites, '42, who has a sound machine which can do anything from imitating a stentorian laugh to the sound of a pin dropping. In a formal statement for the press, the President of the Jesters, stated that, "There will be something special in store for everyone." After seeing the Broadway production, that presumably means bombs dropping from the ceiling and exploding in the air, gas attacks in the first five rows of the orchestra and shrapnel in the balcony.

The stagehands refused to comment upon the scenery but managed to murmur over and over, "Revolvers, revolvers."

Under capable leadership, the publicity department has been forging ahead. The first tickets were issued last week-end and since then have been selling rapidly. Over 750 invitations have been sent out to friends and patrons of the club. Hartford is being pasted with 200 posters, ticket offices have been set up in several places downtown and in the college office, and every Jester has been authorized to sell as many tickets as he can. For those few students who are still unable to find their way about the precarious streets of the "Insurance" City, maps are being prepared which will outline the routes to the Bulkeley Auditorium in language that

WILLIAMS AND AMHERST TO MEET HILLTOPPERS

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signed. Thomsen probably will take his accustomed position at the initial sack even though his hitting has been unduly weak. Capobianco will probably be seen on second base, although this arrangement is not at all certain. Deed Harris and George Kazarian are certainities at third base and short-stop, respectively. Deed's defensive work has improved with experience, while his batting is slowly improving. Kazarian has been one of the most consistent hitters on the team this year, and as a result adds strength to the lower part of the batting order. If Ralph Shelly is able to play, the outfield setup is fairly definite. Shelly, Mulcahey, and Kelly will make up the outfield trio, with Roberts, Lepak, and Knurek held in reserve.

even a college student can understand.

In order that the fairer sex may attend the performance in suitable numbers, a ratio of one to one or even better is desirable. The ticket managers have sent invitations to all the prominent girls' schools and colleges within striking distance. Several neighboring prep schools intend to send groups to view the performance. There will also be a delegation present from the French Convention which will be held at Trinity on the same week-end. Several business assistants left for Wellesley and Skidmore last Friday to enlist student aid at those institutions, but upon their return were too exhausted and happy to relate the

results of their ventures.

Hoping to have a large number of notables at the play, the officers of the club have sent an invitation to Dick Barthelmess, former Trinity Jester, and other letters were discovered last week addressed to the White House, to Hedy LaMarr (ex-LaMarr), Bette Davis, and Priscilla Lane. No replies have been received yet.

Most of the fraternity houses have enthusiastically given their support to the play. The members of one house declared that if any of the one thousand seats in the Auditorium were vacant, they would go out before the curtain and fill them.

TRINITY REVIEW WILL BE PUBLISHED THIS MONTH

The editors of The Trinity Review have announced the publication of the spring issue of the college's literary magazine for the middle of May. Many contributions have been received, and a larger magazine is hoped for this time. There is also an improvement in the quality of the manuscripts which have been submitted, indicating a higher calibre than that of the first issue.

Many complimentary letters have been received from alumni, and subscriptions from the alumni have trebled. It is hoped that three hundred copies of the Review will be sold within the college. The price of the magazine is fifty cents for students.

The new board of the Review, to operate next year, will be announced in the magazine.

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