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New Features Planned for 1952 Commencement

Ken Stuer, '26, Reunion Chairman for the One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Commencement Weekend, June 13-15, plans to open the festivities with another clambake on the Baseball Field on Friday the 15th at six o'clock.

Following the successful bakes of the past two reunions, the Committee has again engaged the Kendall Catering Company of Fitchburg, Mass., whose fame is spreading to the Connecticut shore. The ladies are cordially invited. After the annual fraternity meetings, Open House will be held for Alumni and guests in tents on the Soccer Field.

General Lucius D. Clay, who brilliantly commanded the Berlin air lift operations, will give the Commencement address on Sunday afternoon in front of Northam Towers. And the Rev. John Huess, newly elected rector of historic Trinity Church, New York City, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon at the Open Air service in the morning. This service will be broadcast at 11:05 by Station WDRC (1360 k.c.). The Governor's Foot Guard Band will provide the music. The new main gate on Summit Street given by Louis W. Downes, '88, will be dedicated immediately after the service.

The Senior Class Day exercises will be held in front of Northam at 11:00 A. M. on Saturday morning with Horace "Chip" Vaile of Highland Park, Illinois, Class President, in charge of the program.

The Alumni Parade will form at noon by the reunion tents on the Soccer Field and march up Vernon Street, along Summit Street to the new Downes gate, and then to Northam Towers. Classes will be judged for several prizes enroute, and reunion classes should therefore have all members in the parade. A new prize has been given for the best class costume and all class chairmen have been asked to pay particular attention to secure colorful uniforms. National Alumni President, Hugh Campbell, '32, will welcome the Seniors into the Alumni body at Northam Towers, and the parade will continue to the Field House for the Alumni Luncheon at 1:30 p.m.

The annual Alumni Meeting will be held immediately after luncheon. New national officers will be elected, Dean Hughes will report on the state of the College, prizes will be presented to the oldest alumnus present, the alumnus from the farthest distance, the greatest percentage of a Reunion Class present, and the Reunion Class with the best costume. The election of Alumni Trustee and Senior Fellows will be announced, and the Eisenbrodt Trophy will be awarded to the "alumnus of the year."

This year there are sixty-two students eligible to receive Air Force commissions. These new officers will be sworn in by Colonel Philip Hallam at a colorful military ceremony on the campus at 3:30 p.m.

Acting President and Mrs. Hughes will be at home at 73 Vernon Street to all alumni from five to six. Class Dinners are scheduled for 6:30 with the Classes of 1902, 1907, 1912, 1917, 1922, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, and 1951 having reunion banquets. Other alumni will meet at the Class of 1823 Dinner at the Hotel Heublind.

The new Library will open for inspection throughout the weekend. Chairman Stuer reports that several of the reunion classes have been very active in preparation for their anniversaries and anticipates a big attendance.

Flame of Academic Freedom to Top Gate Given by Louis Downes, '88

Louis W. Downes, '88, has given the College a main entrance gate for the Summit Street entrance to the Chapel and campus. Construction began last month, and the gate will be dedicated immediately after the Open Air Baccalaureate service on Commencement Day June 15.

A memorial to the donor's wife, the late Mary Lois Seagrave Downes, the gate will be seventeen feet high and twenty-six feet wide. The main gate posts will be of brick brownstone trim, topped by a bronze flame designed by Mr. Downes to symbolize academic freedom. Each main post will be connected by six foot brick walls to two smaller piers. For over twenty years Mr. Downes was vice-president and general manager of the D and W Fuse Company in Providence. He held some thirty-five electrical patents, the most famous of which was the enclosed electrical fuse. In 1912, he was awarded the John Scott Medal by the Franklin Institute for his original work in the development of asbestos wire, and in the following year Trinity conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

Mr. Downes sold his business in 1918 to the General Electric Company. He has traveled extensively, and became keenly interested in the work of early English clockmakers. He now has a collection of thirty-five antique clocks dating back to 1640 and all restored by him.
An American on the Mekong

By

LEONARD C. OVERTON, ’49

Editor’s Note: Leonard C. Overton, ’49, was President of the Student Body his Senior year. He was Managing Editor of the Tripod, a contributor to the Review, and Secretary of the Interfraternity Council. During the war he served for over two years in the Air Force as a Radio-gunner, and before joining the State Department he worked for the General Electric Company.

One morning late last summer, a harried young lady in an office of the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, took off her glasses and gave me a puzzled look.

"I beg your pardon," she said, "but will you repeat that once more?"

"I need a passport to Laos," I replied patiently.

"I pronounce like LOUSE," I added helpfully.

With an air of reproach which implied it would be much simpler to go to Lhasa or Turfan, she gravely consulted a large volume on the desk. After a long and significant pause, her index finger wavered uncertainly over a section marked "Indochina" and with an exultant flourish jabbed at a page entitled "Laos." She looked up brightly.

"My goodness, we do have a Legation there. How strange! I can’t remember sending anyone to Laos. Well, come back in ten days and I shall have your visas. In the meantime, don’t forget your shots. Typhoid, tetanus, typhus, cholera, and smallpox." She held up five fingers.

"Thank you," I said.

This was my formal introduction to Le Royaume du Laos—the Land of the Million Elephants—to which I had been assigned as an assistant public affairs officer by the State Department’s Office of Information and Educational Exchange (USIE). A small bubble of suspicion began to take the shape of a balloon. Laos, I decided, must be one of the least-known countries on the face of the globe.

Six weeks of intense briefing familiarized me with the operation and policies of USIE, the little-publicized organization established in 1948 to implement America’s "Campaign of Truth" in some 64 countries of the world. During the unbearably hot days of a Washington August, Russian propaganda analysts exposed and dissected Soviet techniques. Voice of America broadcasters described our success in shredding the Iron Curtain. Publication experts discussed the complicated problems of writing, printing and distributing the literally millions of magazines, bulletins, information sheets, reprints, posters, picture books, newspaper articles, and cartoons which are continuously telling America’s story abroad. Film technicians pictured the impact of American documentaries upon foreign screens. Cultured specialists explained our foreign student scholarship and leader grant programs. Librarians demonstrated the methods of establishing and operating the reading rooms found in United States Information Centers throughout the world. In the political sphere, Southeast Asia desk officers reviewed the history of the area and extensively explained the causes behind the sweeping ground-swell of Communism which threatens to inundate this portion of the free world.

But no one knew very much about Laos. No post report describing living conditions in Vientiane, the capital city, had yet been received from the five-month-old Legation. A Voice of America man had reached Vientiane by river in the 1930’s, and a young vice consul stationed in Saigon had flown in briefly in 1946, but neither was sure of what the Laotians had been up to in the meantime.

Daniel E. Peterson, a reformed advertising man from Minneapo-

lis, was to be the other member of this new USIE outpost. We pooled our information for the last time just before he left for Paris and, as usual, turned to our imaginations when the facts ran out. He stared solemnly at his cocktail glass. "I hope," he said, "that the natives are friendly."

Indochina protrudes like a crooked tooth from the continent of Asia. Communist China towers ominously across the high, sharp, misty mountains of the northern boundary. To the west and northwest, Siam and Burma steam in equatorial heat. The Gulf of Tonkin and the South China Sea gently wash the eastern and southern coasts.

For a thousand miles from north to south this primitive, undeveloped land possesses an incredibly wealthy raw material potential needing, for productive realization, only the introduction of modern agricultural and technological facilities. Present wealth is based largely upon rice, now grown upon five-sixths of the cultivated land and resulting in an average annual yield of some 4,500,000 tons, but undisturbed hardwood forests of teak and ebony, untapped iron and anthracite deposits, fertile cotton and tobacco plantations, offer a bright economic future. Potentially, Indochina is the great breadbasket of Southeast Asia. Politically, it is the Communists’ key to Siam, Burma, Malaya, and Indonesia.

The Associated States of Indochina—Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos—evolved under French direction from a number of ancient
splintered kingdoms to, in 1949, three independent kingdoms within the framework of "L'Union Française," or French commonwealth system. The evolution was extremely bloody. At this moment it is still incomplete.

French colonial influence reached its full extension by the end of the 19th century. After the fall of France in 1940 the Vichy government allowed Japan to use Indochina as a springboard for the Malayan and Burmese campaigns and collaborated testily until March, 1945, when a frightened effort to strengthen her outer defense led Japan into assuming complete control of the country. Simultaneously, an anti-Japanese underground movement among the natives also began to demonstrate strong anti-French characteristics. During the vacuum-like interval between Japan's surrender and the formal return of France in March, 1946, nationalism grew fiercely, particularly in the rich area of Vietnam where an anti-colonial party called the Viet Minh succeeded, under the leadership of a Moscow-trained Communist named Ho Chi Minh, in establishing a republic in the framework of "L'Union Française." This was part of this flow which deposited a one-man American Legation in the uplands of Laos early in 1950. Later it was in a two-man USIE team.

The twice-weekly Air Vietnam DC-3 to Vientiane, four hours out of Saigon, patiently kept its nose northward as we followed the muddy Mekong, the 2500-mile river which binds Tibet to the South China Sea, and forms the boundary between Siam and Laos. From an altitude of 8000 feet both countries appeared to be covered by a soft dark green cushion broken intermittently by buttons of rice paddies. From the air the land appeared to be quite depopulated. No roads or railroads were visible because none existed.

Saigon, I had found, was an armed camp where life was rather perilous when judged by Boston standards. French troops crowded

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The Lemon Squeezer Legend, 1857-1952

by Robert S. Morris, '16

Among the old New England colleges one occasionally finds a tradition almost as old as the ivy-covered walls themselves. Such is the case of Trinity's famous Lemon-Squeezer—an ancient relic which first appeared on the campus nearly a century ago, and which, following an exciting career, presently reposes in carefully-guarded seclusion in the college vault.

Inspired by a happy custom established by the Bully Club of Yale, Trinity's Class of 1857 voted to honor, at their Class Day exercises, "that Class, still in college, whose aggregate excellence in scholarship, moral character and the qualities requisite to popularity was the highest." A leader in the movement was William W. Niles, '57, later Professor of Latin at Trinity and Bishop of New Hampshire. It was announced that the award was to take the form of an enormous lemon squeezer to be handed down from class to class, thereby stirring up a lively rivalry. The plan was received with great favor and the choice of the favorite class was awaited with eager expectation. It should perhaps be noted that this particular squeezer had already participated frequently in that pastime known as the "Punch."

The Lemon Squeezer was first exhibited at '57's Class Day when it was awarded to '59. The recipients promptly inscribed their class motto on it and attached their class ribbon, thus inaugurating a custom that continued for many years. In the course of time three dried lemons also became attached to the trophy. As described by a contemporary of those early years, it lacked the workmanship of the most skillful artisan, but it was valued for its simplicity and for the memories that clustered around it. From the beginning the Squeezer was customarily stowed away in some dark coal-closet or other mysterious place of concealment.

1859 passed it on to '61 and '61 gave it to '63 when the latter were just becoming Juniors. By this time a conviction had taken root that the odd classes were the only favored ones. This was strengthened by the fact that although '64 was a large class and popular in every respect, yet '63 passed them by and voted the Lemon Squeezer to '65. This was more than mortal man could endure. Vague threats were whispered in secret places, terrible rumors filled the air, but nothing developed until '63's Class Day. At the appropriate time R. T. Good- man, '63, arose with the Squeezer in his hands to make the presentation speech. As he spoke a storm came up rapidly from the northwest, and just as he concluded his remarks and was handing the squeezer to C. W. Munro, '65, the storm burst in all its fury. This offered a coveted opportunity to a daring Freshman who leaped from the Chapel porch upon the guardian of the Squeezer, followed by all the members of '64 and '66, yelling like demons. The audience fled in confusion. '63 and '65 joined in, and presently Faculty and the city police were also in the midst of the melee. Meanwhile the rain was pouring in torrents and the bewildered spectators viewed the fight from doorways and windows and under umbrellas. At last the combined efforts of '63, '65, the Faculty and the Police wrested the Squeezer from the invaders and carried it in triumph to the Cabinet, where the Class Day exercises were concluded.

All passed quietly until '65's Senior year. 1867 in the meantime, assuming that '66 had forfeited their chances by their actions at the previous presentation, adopted a "most high and mighty manner," treating '68 with great condescension and '65 with the easy familiarity of those who had a sure thing. Great was their astonishment and chagrin when it was announced that the honor was to go to '68. Indignant, '67 swore revenge. Now it happened that during '65's guardianship the Squeezer had been kept in a certain clothes closet where the watchful eye of a '67 man had discovered it. He promptly purloined it, and a day or two later this notice appeared on the Bulletin Board:

Found

The Lemon Squeezer

Inquire of '67

Great excitement prevailed. '65 sent a polite note to '67 demanding its return. '67 replied in language equally polite that they would do no such thing. At that juncture the Faculty intervened with a command to '67 to return it or suffer expulsion. Needless to say the Squeezer was returned. At the same time the Faculty issued a mandate forbidding the transfer of the Squeezer at the Class Day exercises. Hence, '65 presented it to '68 privately.

Left to right: The 1914 Squeezer given to '15, and later presented to '35; the Delta Phi Squeezer; the Original 1857 Squeezer.
1868 honored '69. When the latter graduated, the prejudice in the minds of the powers-that-be had worn away and the presentation was a prominent feature of the Class Day exercises. That year, for the first time, a hack appeared to carry the now sacred relic to a bank vault for safe keeping. The bank first selected was the old Mercantile Bank; later the Connecticut River Banking Company. '69 also inaugurated the Exposition Banquet (banquet) at Bubster's Hall. The program included: Song, "Vive la Companie"; Presentation Speech: Reception Speech; Ceremony, "Go in Lemons."

Possession of the Lemon Squeezer passed without incident from '69 to '71 to '73 to '74 to '76. '75 felt the slight of being passed over so keenly that they attempted to inaugurate, at their Class Day exercises, a rival custom by presenting a large, handsomely bound, gilt-edge book to '77. The Book could be opened with three keys: one possessed by '75, one by '77 or their successors, and one by the President of the United States. The Sophomores escorted the mysterious gift to a hack and later entertained '75 in regal style at the Clinton House. The Book was at first secreted down town, but was later brought to the room of a member of '77 from whence it mysteriously disappeared. Much class feeling was displayed with charges of theft, but the book was never recovered.

Thereafter, for two decades, the Lemon Squeezer changed hands in orderly fashion, passing from '76 to '78 to '80 to '82 to '85 to '87 to '88 to '90 to '92 to '94 to '95. Faithful to tradition there was always the announcement of the award prior to Class Day, the actual award at Class Day, the formal trip to the bank vault by carriage, and the Lemon Squeezer Supper. Favorite hostelries and restaurants selected for the time-honored Supper included Merrill's Habenstein's and the U. S. Horel, but the night before Class Day in 1890 three "barges" left Alumni Hall carrying 90 celebrants to the basement of the Foot Guard Armory for the Supper.

Over the years various methods of announcing the award had been employed, but by 1895 an established custom had evolved. Consequently, on the first Monday evening in May the entire student body gathered on the campus, grouped by classes. Thereupon, '95 retired to select their successor while the lower classes impatiently awaited the decision. Returning to the campus '95 assembled about the college flagpole and raised a cheer to the newly elected.

Now it happened that '96 was a fine representative class and considered itself worthy in every respect to inherit the coveted award, but it was '97 not '96 whom the seniors cheered that May evening. This apparent slight was more than certain spirited leaders of '96 could accept with equanimity. While one of their number, Murray H. Coggeshall, was pondering over the enormity of the rejection, he received from E. Kent Hubbard, '92, who was to deliver the oration at the Lemon Squeezer Supper a suggestion that he study the files of the local newspapers for clues concerning the rules governing possession of the Lemon Squeezer. There, to his great joy, he learned that the acknowledged Keeper of the Lemon Squeezer was in fact that class which actually held possession of the trophy.

Fortified with this important intelligence, Coggeshall, C. Shiras Morris, and Samuel Ferguson met to consider the situation and promptly hatched a plot to steal the Squeezer at the Class Day exercises. Then, as now, Class Day was celebrated on the campus immediately in front of Northam Towers. As the exercises opened, the Lemon Squeezer reposed on the speakers' desk, fluttered the ground and served as a momentary distraction. Then someone shouted: "The Squeezer's been stolen!" Pandemonium broke loose. '97 supported by '95, stormed the doors and windows of Northam but their efforts were checked in part by the intercession of husky Woolsey M. Johnson, '98, who uninvited threw himself into the fray in behalf of '96. Some skirted Jarvis Hall on the north and Seabury on the south with the intention of waging battle from the rear. At that point the Presenter who had escaped with the trophy emerged from Northam with view of quieting the turbulent scene with an announcement, but '95 and '97 promptly pounced upon him and '96 charged in to effect his rescue, thus inducing a free-for-all which lasted a quarter of an hour.

But what of the Lemon Squeezer after it had disappeared within Northam? The well-laid plan worked to perfection! Whisked through the corridor and a west bedroom of Northam, it was tossed through the window to William H. Gage stationed below; thence to Edward W. Robinson who impatiently waited on horseback. As the latter galloped away that June afternoon, the Lemon Squeezer thereby disappeared from public

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Professor Notopoulos Receives Guggenheim Award for Homer Studies

James A. Notopoulos, Hobart Professor of Classical Languages, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for a year's study in Greece, commencing August 1. Professor Notopoulos will sail for Europe this summer, and continue his project on the studies of Homer as an oral poet. He will record in field trips modern Greek heroic oral poetry on themes of the Second World War for the light they throw on the technique of oral composition.

The Guggenheim Foundation was established in 1925 by Simon Guggenheim as a memorial to his son, John Simon Guggenheim. The Foundation grants fellowships to scholars and artists to assist research in all fields of knowledge and to do creative work in all the arts. The appointments are made for one year. Professor Notopoulos is the fourth professor from Trinity to receive this award. The others were Dr. Odell Shepard, Dr. Thurman L. Hood, and Dr. Evald L. Skau.

Campus Chest Filled

The College's 1952 Campus Chest exceeded its quota of $3,000 under the leadership of Dick Aiken, '53, Chairman and Dick Hennigar, '54, Vice Chairman. The money will be distributed among thirteen charitable organizations, and also will assist in bringing a foreign student to the Hilltop for four years. The fraternities will provide meals for this student and the College and the Campus Chest will pay the remaining costs.

Two Get Scholarships

Michael R. Campo, '48, and Clifton C. Cherpack, '49, have been awarded Henry E. Johnston, Jr., scholarships at the Johns Hopkins University to continue their graduate work in Romance Languages. This is the first time that the University has ever granted this scholarship to two different people in the same academic year.

Professor NOTOPOULOS

Library Associates To Meet on June 14

The Library Associates will hold their first annual meeting in the new Watkinson Library on Saturday, June 14. At that time the new building will be ready for inspection even though the moving of the Trinity books is not scheduled to begin until the following week. The Watkinson Library will be moved from downtown Hartford in August so that all will be in readiness when College opens for the One Hundred Thirtieth Academic Year on September 22.

Bernhard Knollenberg, former Librarian at Yale University, addressed the mid-winter meeting of the Associates.

Oosting Elected Cage Coaches' Treasurer

Ray Oosting was elected treasurer of the National Basketball Coaches Association at that group's convention in Seattle on March 26. He also spoke to the Seattle alumni who had gathered at the call of Frank Steers, '41, and Dave McGaw, '49.

On his return trip Ray attended Alumni meetings in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Pete Torrey, '44, and Fred Moor, '48, were in charge of the first gathering, and Everett Sturman, '19, was the genial host at the latter.

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the numerous outdoor cafes and bicycle rickshas careened blindly through vehicle-jammed streets. In the evenings armed Vietnamese police mounted guard over theater and nightclub entrances, while eight machine gun-laden Foreign Legionnaires filed solemnly up and down the sidewalks, searching for hidden grenades among the strolling populace. Grenade incidents were once the great Viet Minh thorn in the side of suffering Saigon, with sometimes as many as ten explosions in a single night. Now the average has dropped to a miserable one or two per week and the residents have developed a certain calm detachment about the whole business. Unless the incident is particularly disastrous the leading French newspaper publishes its coverage to a few sentences hidden in a back page column of robberies, deaths and suicides, philosophically entitled De Jour et De Nuit.

Unfortunately, Saigon Americans could supply little new information about Laos and Vientiane. Few had made the trip but all itched for a plausible excuse. An excited Chicago newspaperman took me aside. "I hear," he said, "that Vientiane has no electricity. Think of it! A capital city without electricity. What a feature story that would make!"

Rustlings among the handful of French soldiers on the plane and increased activity by two belted nut-chewing women across the aisle, indicated that mystery of Vientiane was fast approaching. As the plane lost altitude I saw rice fields sweep under the right wing and then, flanked by an enormous sandbar in the middle of the Mekong, there appeared a small city with tree-lined streets and pretty yellow buildings. Moments later we landed on a dirt runway and taxied to a stop in front of a small detachment of Laotian soldiers dressed in shorts, khaki shirts and a military band's permanent director. His life was one disappointment after another.

It is estimated that no more than 100 Americans have visited Vientiane and that less than 15 have resided in the city for a period longer than one month. At the time of my arrival the entire western colony consisted of the American charge d'affaires, the newly-settled Peterson, an American missionary family, three British tobacco planters,
and some 200 French military and civil servant personnel. This heterogeneous group was counterbalanced by 12,000 Laotians, Vietnamese, Siamese, Chinese, and Indians. A month later the scales dipped in favor of the natives when the missionary returned to the States for a year's home leave, a hard-won vacation which is remembered that Laos has been a happy Buddhist country for 500 years. The missionary, a thin young man who once served as a chaplain in the 1st Division, had managed after three years to master the difficult five tone Laotian language but his delighted parishioners remained reluctant to believe a word he said.

After a brief adjustment period during which I ascertained that Vientiane did indeed have electricity, although of a rather unreliable type which delivered a 30-watt glow in a 100-watt bulb, life among the Laotians became a unique and memorable experience. Contrary to our bleak Washington speculations, the people are among the most friendly in the world. They are also rather humorous.

Traditionally Laos is regarded by the French as a nether-never land, a place where one can thankfully escape the pressures of modern civilization by subjecting oneself to a pleasant lotus-eating cure termed "Laotian-ization." Its 1,189,000 people spread sparsely over 91,428 square miles of forest and mountain country are formidably insulated from the more progressive states of Vietnam and Cambodia, and among the isolated villages life proceeds at the same pace it proceeded at three centuries ago. Time is of no importance to these offspring of the Thai. An important errand, if they can remember it, may always be postponed until after they sit down to think about it more clearly, while usually there are several cogent reasons for putting off the paddie work until tomorrow, or the day after, or even next week. If there is a fence or house to be whitewashed, the Laotian will inevitably use the smallest brush he can find. To propel his heavy, cumbersome pirogue on the river, he works diligently with a paddle more narrow than an American canoe paddle. Roads are always built from a comfortable squatting position. During the daily three-hour siesta period Laos becomes a virtually unconscious country.

But if the Laotian is indolent in a friendly sort of manner, he is also pointedly honest. The crime rate in Vientiane is negligible—possibly because successful crime requires planning and an American canoe paddle. Roads are always built from a comfortable squatting position. During the daily three-hour siesta period Laos becomes a virtually unconscious country.

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Baseball Team Has Bright Prospects Despite Three Key Infield Losses

The 1952 nine may better its predecessor's 10-7 record despite the loss of three leading infielders. Smooth fielding third baseman Captain Eddie Ludorf graduated, Captain-elect Bernie Lawlor, veteran second baseman, was drafted, and Bill Goralski was injured.

Dan Jesse, who is coaching his seventeenth Blue and Gold team, has a versatile pitching staff headed by Fred Vogel who hurled the first Trinity no-hit, no-run game against Tufts last season. Veteran Charlie Wrinn and sophomore Charlie Mason broke from first to third, and has brought Hum DelMastro from the outfield to second base. Dave Smith will play first base while speedy Bruno Chistolini holds down shortstop.

The outfield is being patrolled by strong-armed Bob DrewBear in left, Fred Parsons in center, and Tom DePatie or Dave Crosier in right.

Marksmen Take 12th

The Rifle team placed twelfth among 220 teams from all over the country in the thirty-first annual William R. Hearst Rifle meet. The Hilltoppers scored 912 points out of a possible 1,000. The University of Maryland won first place with 936 points.

Mason Breaks Tyler's 440 Record

The tankmen concluded their season with six wins against two losses, and placed sixth in the New England Intercollegiate with 24 points. Captain Tony Mason set a new mark of 5:10.1 in the 440 yard swim against Coast Guard replacing Jack Tyler's 5:12.4 made in 1942.

Graduating besides Captain Mason will be Jim Grant, who set a new mark of 2:20.5 in the 200 yard backstroke; George Hill and Chip Vaile, distance men; and George Brewer, breaststroke.

Captain-elect Walt Toole, who had a good season in the dashes, should lead another strong team next year. Ray Parrott is hard to beat in his breaststroke specialty and Dick Butterworth may well take many firsts in the backstroke. Bill Godfrey should have a fine year in the dives as he came only four points from the College record in his first year of competitive diving. The Freshman squad will send up Charlie Eberie, Bill Gladwin, Lance Vars and Jim Thomas who turned in a winning 3:49.5 in the 400 yard freshmen freestyle relay at the New Englands.

Veteran coach Joe Clarke's 300 medley relay team of Jim Grant, Ray Parrott and Walt Toole have been undefeated in dual meet competition in the past two years. They placed fifth in the Easterns at New Haven.

Elect Winter Captains

Charlie Wrinn, Walt Toole and Dick Stewart have been elected Captains of Basketball, Swimming and Squash for next season. Charlie, who averaged 25.6 rebounds per game for national small college first place in this department, was a most important cog in Ray Oosting's speedy team by his ability to set up many fast breaking plays. He was awarded the Arthur P. R. Wadlun award for being the team's most valuable player. Since Dave Smith, this year's captain, is the only regular to graduate, next year's team has an excellent chance to equal or better the 14-5 record hung up this past season.

Walt Toole did consistently well in the 50 and 100 yard dashes. He finished fourth in the 100 at the New Englands.

Dick Stewart played a steady game all season and at times showed streaks of brilliance. He easily won the Newton C. Brainard Squash Trophy for the College championship.

Kurth in Track Debut

The track squad worked out under its new coach for one month in the Field House before battling Worcester Tech to a 45-45 tie. Chuck Purdy, '53, set a new indoor record of :06.0 in the 45 yard high hurdles and Paul Shenker, '54, made a new mark of 42 feet 10¾ inches in the shot put.

Coach Kurth believes his team will do well in the field events and dashes. He predicts Captain Bob Hunter and Ed Kulas will break the College records in the javelin and the discus. He expects Jack Bird, Al Gancy and Dave Kennedy to win many points in the half, quarter and sprints while Bill Godfrey in the broad jump and Paul Shenker and Bill Saypalia in the shot put should score in every meet.

In the first outdoor meet the Hilltoppers lost to Massachusetts State 62 to 65. Dick Rancati won the 100, the low hurdles and the broad jump. Injuries prevented Captain Bob Hunter, Al Gancy, Bill Godfrey and Chuck Purdy from competing.
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man and New York State Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein were also present. Mr. Daniel C. Carey, Treasurer of the Riverdale School Board of Trustees, acted as Toastmaster.

1916
Secretary—Robert S. Morris, 100 Pearl St., Hartford.

SAM BERKMAN has been appointed to the National Committee—on Credentials for teaching Music in the Schools—of the Music Educators National Conference. He represented Hartt College of Music at the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music in Cincinnati last fall, and served on a panel "The Music College and the Community" at the National String Festival in New York City on March 31 . . . ERNIE CAULFIELD gave an illustrated lecture on "An Odd Advertising Phantasy" before the Connecticut Historical Society on April 1 . . . GEORGE FERRIS has been elected Chairman of the Governing Board of the National Cathedral School for Girls, Washington, D. C. . . . The new Phoenix Fire Insurance building on Woodland St., Hartford, is certainly a magnificent structure, and its modest architect, BOB O'CONNOR, may well be proud of it . . . YOUR SECRETARY left May 2 for a European Holiday that will include Italy, Switzerland, France, Holland and England.

1917
THIRTY-FIFTH REUNION YEAR
Secretary—Einer Sather, 215 No. Quaker Lane, West Hartford.

"WEARY" CREAMER has been elected president of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers. He is chief engineer of the American Highway Department. COL. HARRY SCHWOLSKY has been appointed commanding officer of the 117th Organized Reserve Army Service Unit.

1918
Secretary—Joseph Buffington, Jr., 439 Maple Lane, Sewickley, Pa.

PARKER HOLDEN is President of Holden-Clifford-Flint, Inc. an advertising agency, whose address is 16180 Wyoming, Detroit 21, Mich. He seems to be doing all right for himself. His agency has recently built its own attractive one-story office building outside the downtown business area of Detroit, and the brochure which he has sent us shows that he and his associates have some 20 odd advertising accounts, including several nationally known names.

1919
Secretary—Sumner Shepherd, 150 Mountain Rd., West Hartford.

1920
Secretary—Alfred Bond, 290 Palisado Ave., Windsor, Conn.

1921
Secretary—Beaufort Newsom, 3 Liberty St., Clinton, Conn.

1922
THIRTIETH REUNION YEAR
Secretary—Bert Gable, 61 Clearfield Road, Wethersfield, Conn.

Plans are under way for our 30th reunion, and the first letter has gone out. DICK PUELS was the first one to sign up . . . PAUL DEMARCE has been elected chairman of the "Eisenhower for President" committee in the town of Tolland. MO RICHMAN has been very active in many affairs as witnessed by the following information from a news clipping: "MILTON RICHMAN, at a meeting this week at the Garde Hotel of Ararat Lodge No. 13 B'na'i B'rith, was elected president of the lodge for the new term. Part-owner of the Food Saver chain of grocery stores, during the war he was with the Third U. S. Army in the G-5 section in charge of displaced persons. Presently he is on the Special Staff of the 76th Infantry Division. He is local chairman of the Bonds for Israel Government and is serving on the National Board of Governors (American Finance and Delivery Corporation for Israel). Mr. Richman is president of the Hartford District of the Zionist Organization of America, a member of the board of directors of Mt. Sinai Hospital, the Hartford Jewish Federation and the Hartford Jewish Community Center. He is past commander of the Jewish War Veterans."

1924
Secretary—Stanley Kennedy, 133 North Quaker Lane, West Hartford.

DR. ISRAEL BEATMAN celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary by taking his wife on a trip to Bermuda and Nassau. They have a daughter at Wellesley College and a nine year old son. He is practicing medicine and specializing on orthopedics. He is a graduate of Tufts Medical School and is attending their 25th reunion this April . . . RAN-DOLPH GOODRICH has written a very interesting account of his experiences in Rhodesia, North Africa, while he was engaged in a geological expedition for the Rhodesian Congo Border Concessions, Ltd. . . . DR. DANIEL G. MORTON is in charge of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the New Medical School (UCLA) in Los Angeles, Calif., after twenty years on the faculty of the University of California Medical School at San Francisco, Calif. He became a grandfather on February 16, 1952, and now insists that he be treated with proper respect and decorum. BOB MURPHY, fleet and elusive half-back, on the 1922-23 football teams is Majority Leader of the Massachusetts House of Representatives and has been on the Staff of the Malden Evening News for the last twenty-five years. . . . DICK IVES has one daughter married and two grandchildren. His other daughter has just graduated from Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York. Dick has been with Bard-Parker in Danbury, Conn., for the past eight years. He used to be in the security business and then in the Internal Revenue Department . . . JACK TOTTEN of Beverly Hills, Calif., has just become engaged to Miss Sophia Fudro of Minneapolis, Minn., and the wedding will take place in Los Angeles this spring. He is now Lieutenant Commander in the Coast Guard Reserve.

1925
Secretary—Raymond Montgomery, 76 Carew Road, Hamden, Conn.

1926
Secretary—Ross Parke, 77 Van Buren Ave., West Hartford.

MARTIN COLETTA has traveled extensively throughout North America in recent months . . . JAMES BURR is a vestryman of St. Mark's Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., and also is a trustee of the Grand Rapids Art Gallery . . . MAJOR DICK O'BRIEN is stationed at HQ, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Neb. . . . YOUR SECRETARY has won a Grumbacher honorable mention merchandise award from the Florida Art Exhibition for my oil painting Elm Tree House.

1927
TWENTY-FIFTH REUNION YEAR
Secretary—Reynolds Meade, 167 Brace Rd., West Hartford.

WIN SEGUR reports that the third and final Class letter has gone out. PETE EBERLE, ANDY FORREST and FRANK CONRAN are helping him with the Reunion arrangements.

1928
Secretary—Judge John Fitzgerald, Center Road, Woodbridge, Conn.

1929
Secretary—James White, 22 Austin Road, Devon, Conn.

KARL KOENIG who is in the Department of German at Colgate University has published in the July 1951 Journal of Central European Affairs a book review "German Faces," also in the Nov. 1951 German Quarterly a

Fifty Years Ago
From the Hartford Times

March 21, 1902—Entire freshman class at Trinity is disciplined by faculty for raising its '05 class numerals to top of college flag pole.
review of "Auf deutsch, Bittet!" He will shortly publish in the German Quarterly an article "Modern Language Apathy." In April he will give a paper at the University of Kentucky Foreign Language Conference "The Educational Philosophy in The Area Program." His address is 31 Madison St., Hamilton, New York. Why not write him and exchange ideas.

JACK WARDAVE, life member of The Million Dollar Round Table is author of a book published March 19 entitled "Top Secrets of Successful Selling—Thought Plus Action" by Wilfred Fank Inc., 33 West 46th St., New York 19, N. Y. Your local book store should have copies of this book; take a look at it and see the "Trinity feature on the cover. Jack would like to get in touch with Johny Walker. He would also like to hear from some of you other fellows. . .

Twenty-Fifth of Successful Selling—Thought Plus Action.
May, 1951 to the ERNEST S. GRISWOLDS of Bloomfield, Conn.

1939 Secretary—John Wilcox, 5 Harr Lane, Newington, Conn.

TRUMAN HUFFMAN has been appointed General Agent in Jacksonville, Florida for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company. REV. ROBERT MUIR has recently accepted a call to be minister-in-charge at Trinity Chapel, Shirley, Massachusetts. SUMNER TWISS is with Chrysler Corp. in Detroit. I had a chat with ED SMITH the other day, and he is looking for a high per cent of contributors to the Alumni Fund to put our class among the leaders by reunion time. Yes, it's our thirteenth coming up!

1940 J ACK CAREY'S agency of the Mutual Protective Life Insurance Company placed 5th nationally among the company's agencies in 1951, and Jack ranked 6th nationally in new group business for the year. CHARLES WALKER has been appointed director of music at John Lewis High School, Forest Hills, N. Y. MONTY WILLIAMS announces the birth of a son, Jonathan Witherbee, on March 10. STEPHEN RILEY is associated with the new Hartford law firm of Gordon, Matheny & Fitzgerald. WALTER FAY is attending Air Command School, Maxwell Field, Alabama, and will go to Parks Field, Pleasanton, Calif., in June. He holds the rank of Major.

1941 Secretary—Cullen Roberts, 111 Pearl St., Hartford.

1942 TENTH REUNION YEAR Secretary—Martin Wood, 157 Woodland St., Hartford.

REUNION JUNE 13-14-15 Don't wait, do it now! Send that card saying "I'll be there." DICK PADDON is vice-president of Swende Hansen Co., steamship brokers in New York. Major CLAYTON JENSEN has completed his studies for an M. S. at MIT. He has returned to Headquarters Air Weather Service in Washington where he is continuing his duties as Research Meteorologist in the Directorate of Scientific Services. CHARLIE JOHNSON who is back in the Marines expects to be out in July. He is editor of the Lejeune Globe, a camp newspaper. Charlie expects to settle in the Hartford area. BILL SMYTH is Assistant Prosecutor in Stratford, Connecticut where he has a private law practice. JIM MIRABILE is Deputy Judge of the Town Court of East Hartford. Jim is continuing his private practice in East Hartford. LT. and MRS. MILFORD RHINES are the proud parents of a new son, Christopher William, born March 24. The Lieutenant expects release from the Army by June 1, and plans to return to the Hartford law firm of Halloran, Sage and Phelon.

1943 Secretary—John Bonee, Jr., 50 State St., Hartford.

DREW BRENNER (see cut) has been named personnel supervisor for Otis Elevator Co. C. O. U. R. T. LAND DALEY is teaching Biology, Physics and Chemistry at the Cranford High School, Cranford, New Jersey.

1944 Secretary—Robert Toland, Jr., c/o Smith, kline & French, 1530 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, Pa.

1945 Secretary—Andrew Milligan, Jr., 113 Cedar St., Wethersfield, Conn.

LT. WILBUR TURNER is now stationed with the 105th Medical Group at Andrews AFB, Washington 25, D. C. YOUR SECRETARY announces the birth of a daughter, Marcia Anne, on March 27. Her father is now a Field Representative with the Hartford Branch Office of the Aetna Casualty and Surety Co. Two items to keep in mind: send in news for this column, and attend reunion, June 13-15.

1946 Secretary—Louis Feldman, Trinity College, Hartford.

FRANK ANDERSON has been elected secretary of the Sigma Nu Hartford Alumni Club. CHARLES AR-GENTTA is a First Lieutenant attached to the Atomic Energy Commission in Fort Worth, Texas. He is married to the former Deanne Jordan and has a son, Steven, a year old. CLIFFORD BOTWAY is selling radio advertising time in New York City. LT. EUGENE CUDWORTH is serving aboard the U. S. S. Rich. SEN. ALBERT ELLIANO, an honorary member of our class, is washing Coke bottles in Palo Alto, California. DICK FELSEK is working for Johns Mansville in New York. ALBERT GROVER represents Alumni College at the inauguration of Dr. Harlan H. Thatcher as President of the University of Michigan on November 27. BILL HART, after graduating from Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia and interning at St. Francis Hospital, is now a First Lieutenant in Taegu, Korea, working in pathology. He hopes to be home in December to work in pediatrics in Boston. He is married to the former Kathleen Walters. HARVEY KATZ maintains law offices in Glastonbury and Hartford, the latter at 111 Pearl St. with Judge Harold Borden. JOHN KESSLER is doing research in analytical engineering at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft. He is also a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in physics at New York University. WILLIAM KINDLE is aboard the U. S. S. Diablo.

DAVID KLICKSTEIN, our loyal Class Agent, reports that the Class has doubled its contribution of last year to the Alumni Fund. C. H. CARLTON, relations Officer at the U. S. Office of Rent Stabilization in Hartford. STANLEY KLIGFIELD is editor for news other than financial in the Wall St. Journal. ELEAZER F. LASCHEVER, who is completing his studies at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, has been named to an internship at Hartford Hospital, starting July 1. BEN MOSKOW, who is practicing law in Boston, has a younger brother, Ray, at Trinity. JOE MURTAUGH, father of two daughters, is leading the life of a gentleman-farmer, working for his father-in-law at the A. C. Petersen Farms in Bloomfield. BILL PLANT is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree in chemistry at the University of Texas. LEO ROSEN, who is practicing law at 190 Trumbull St., is engaged to Miss Jean Kaufman of Hartford, a senior at St. Joseph College.

1947 FIFTH REUNION YEAR Secretary—Thomas Egan, 30 Vincent St., West Hartford.

Miss Mary Lou Christie and DAVID SCHROEDER were married February 23, at Plashing, New York. LT. (jg) GLENN GATELY'S address is U. S. S. Cronin (Dec. 704) F P O, N. Y. O. GEORGE SMITH married Miss Helen N. Wilson, living in Heidelberg, Germany. He returned to the service last June. The happy couple
will honeymoon on the French Riviera and in Spain. GIL MARTINO has been named vice-president of the Glen Falls Electric Supply Company, Gil is now living at 30 Sherman Avenue, Glen Falls, New York. . . JOHN DAD was discharged from the Navy and will now be in OCS at the Fordham University. Al was studying for his doctorate there. He married Mlle. Janine Lesage at Ossun-sur-Zoire, France, on September 6. . . ED FRIEDLANDER has been recalled to active duty and is at Fort Totten, New York. . .

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expects to be released to active status June 13 with registration from 4-5 P. M. The class dinner will be on Saturday night June 14. Details will be forthcoming in a letter from the Class Secretary.

1948

Secretary—James Manion, Jr., 350 Holcomb St., Hartford.

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MARRON expects to return to the States sometime in the near future, JOHN FREEMAN'S new address is 7th M.R.U., Fort Meyer, Virginia. BILL HORAN, the winner of the Fullbright Scholarship, is enjoying his stay in England and his work at the London School of Eco- nomics. He is finding time to ski in Switzerland between work! To ALL—OUR—society of the '51 Trinity talent.

LARRY JENNINGS finished his train- ing course with the Co. at Pittsburgh and is now in the Boston office as an application engineer. HOWARD NORDEN completed the manufacturing course and expects to be assigned to some production capacity. TED LAUTERWASSER is working with the Co. in their East Pittsburgh plant. . . Finally, "ROB" LANDERS has been transferred to the Boston Dis- trict Sales office for a short time, then he expects to return to the Pittsburgh plant and work in the Purchasing De- partment. . . JACK KEARNS and NED KULP were commissioned in the U.S.C.G. and are now on active duty. Jack's address is 1912 E. 14th St., Portland, Me. . . BILL MCKEON is at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. . . 2nd Lt. GEORGE MOORE is at Box 33, Hollo- man AFB, New Mexico. . . DICK SHIELLY is an electronics officer at Clark Air Base, Philippine Islands.

RAY LANG is on an extended tour of the Mediterranean—compliments of Uncle Sam and the U.S.N. He is a radio man on the U.S.S. Goodrich which took part in "Operation Grand Slam," a combined maneuver carried out by the Italian, British, French and American forces. He has visited Sicily, Naples, Gibraltar and Algiers, but mainstains there is no place like the U.S.A. He expects to return to the States sometime in June.

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JOHN ALFRED FURRER, 1907

The Rev. John Alfred Furrer, pastor of St. John's Church and rectory, from 1924 to 1948, died in Belfast, Maine, on February 27. He was born in London, England, on April 24, 1880, the son of John Furrer and Bertha Cahn. His family moved to Massachusetts, in his childhood and after attending public school there he entered College in 1905 with the Class of 1907. As an undergraduate he was Historian and Treasurer of his Class, and President of the Missionary Society. His fraternity was I.K.A. now Delta Phi.

The Rev. Mr. Furrer graduated from Seabury Divinity School in 1910 and received a Master's degree from Brown in 1913. Before going to St. John's Church in Bangor, he served as curate at St. John's Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, and at Calvary Church, New York City. He also accepted the rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Fall River, Massachusetts, and Grace Church, Everett, Massachusetts. Recently he had been serving as rector of St. Margaret's Church in Belfast.

He leaves his widow, the former Miss Gladys Owen Harris of Fall River, and one daughter, Sister Constance of the Tuller School, Westboro, New York.

HORACE RICHARDSON BASSFORD, 1910

Horace Richardson Bassford, chief actuary and a Vice President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, died suddenly on March 12 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, while on a vacation. The College has truly lost a devoted son—one who always retained a keen interest in the Mathematics Department and in interesting good students in coming to Trinity. For many years he assisted actively in entertaining sub-freshmen in the New York area at luncheon just before they came to college, and as President of the New York Alumni Association from 1949-1951, he was an inspiring leader. At the College's 125th Anniversary in May, 1948, Mr. Bassford was awarded the honorary degree of Master of Science. Mr. Bassford, who was born on December 17, 1889, in Nurtley, New Jersey, the son of Ethan Frost Bassford and Constance of Fall River, is affiliated with the Rho Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho.

After his graduation in 1910, he continued his studies at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute where he received his degree in electrical engineering in 1914. For a year he was associated with the Thomas A. Edison Laboratory in West Orange, New Jersey.

Mr. Bassford joined the Metropolitan Life in 1915 as a clerk in the com-
pany's actuarial division, and four years later was placed in charge of the Group Life and health section. He was named assistant actuary in 1925; actuary in 1936; and, vice president and chief actuary in 1944.

During World War I he served for one year as a lieutenant in the Artillery Corps, and as an instructor at the Officers Training School at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

He was a former president of the Actuarial Society of America, a fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain, and in 1948 headed a delegation to the centenary of Institute of Actuaries in London. He was a member of the American Mathematical Society, the Spanish Institute of Actuaries, and the International Congress of Actuaries.

His widow, the former Miss Madeleine E. Veyer of Montclair, New Jersey, survives. The late Charles H. Bassford, 1910, and Urban E. Bassford, 1914, were his brothers.—William S. Eaton

HENRY LAWRENCE BRAINERD, 1915

Henry Lawrence Brainerd died in Evanston, Illinois, on November 20, 1951. As an undergraduate of Trinity, he was a member of the Sophomore Dining Club, The Ivy, The Jesters, and was Class Day Presenter. His fraternity was Psi Upsilon.

During World War I, he was a Captain of Field Artillery. From 1916 to 1922, he was a sales executive for General Mills. He then became Sales Manager for the Standard Milling Company until 1941, when he established and became President of Brainerd & Burgess, Inc., flour brokers.

Mr. Brainerd was married to Miss Elizabeth Mason of Springfield, Illinois, in 1942.—Ralph E. Bent

WILLIAM ABRAM REINER, 1918

Following a long illness, William Reiner passed away at Hartford Hospital on the morning of February 28, 1952.

Mr. Reiner was born in New York City, on November 1, 1895, the son of the late Samuel and Tanya Robbins Reiner. He received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of Bloomfield and Hartford, and entered Trinity in the fall of 1914. Leaving college at the end of his junior year, Mr. Reiner served with the Chemical Warfare Service during World War I. Returning to college in January 1919, he completed his undergraduate course of study and was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree in June 1919. He entered Yale Law School in the fall of that year and was graduated therefrom in June 1922. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in that year and became associated as a partner in the Hartford law firm of Adelson and Reiner, with which he continued throughout his lifetime.

Mr. Reiner was a former judge of the Bloomfield Town Court and later served for many years as Corporation Counsel of that town. He also represented the Federal Land Bank of Springfield, Mass. in the Hartford area. He was a member of the Hartford County and Connecticut Bar Associations.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sophie Goldberg Reiner, and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Cohn, of New York City, and Mrs. Paul Hawkins, of Mexico City, Mexico.

William Reiner will be remembered as a man with a warm and friendly personality devoted to his family and loyal to his friends. The quotation applied to him in the 1918 Class Ivy still held true at his death: "A man he was, to all the fellows dear."—S. D. Pinney

JOHN SYLVESTER ROUTH, 1922

Word has been received at the College of the death of John Sylvester Routh on January 10, 1952, in New York City. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lillian O. Chapman, and two sisters.

Mr. Routh attended Trinity Chapel School in New York City before entering College in 1918 with the Class of 1922. He remained in residence for one year. His fraternity was Delta Kappa Epsilon.

HOWARD CHANDLER ROBBINS, HON., 1931

The Rev. Dr. Howard Chandler Robbins, former Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, died on March 20 at his home in Washington, D. C. He was born in Philadelphia seventy-five years ago, the son of the Rev. Francis LeBaron Robbins and Lucy Morton Hartpence Robbins. As an undergraduate at Yale he was class poet and editor of "The Yale Courant." After his graduation in 1899, he studied at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Before accepting the rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Englewood, New Jersey, in 1905, he was curate at St. Peter's Church, Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1911, the Rev. Dr. Robbins was made rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York City, and was appointed Dean of St. John's Cathedral six years later. He resigned in 1929 and joined the faculty of the General Theological Seminary. He was visiting preacher at St. John's, Washington, from 1942 to 1944, when he retired from the seminary and the ministry.

The Rev. Dr. Robbins was known for his commanding ability as a preacher, and was the author of many books and poems of a secular as well as an ecclesiastical nature. He was active in several movements towards unity among Christian communions, and was Bishop Tucker's representative in an attempt to achieve an organic union of the Presbyterian and Protestant Episcopal Churches.

In 1931 Trinity College conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Dr. Robbins. He also received the same degree from Williams College, Middlebury College, the Episcopal Theological Seminary, the University of Vermont, Yale University, and Kenyon College. He received the Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from the Theological Seminary of Virginia.

His widow, the former Miss Mary Louise Baylis, survives.

REUBEN PEISS, 1933

Word has been received at the College, of the death of Reuben Peiss on February 23, 1952, at the Stanford University Hospital, San Francisco, California.

He was born on July 2, 1912, in Hartford, the son of Alexander Peiss and Rose Pasternack. After attending Weaver High School, from which he graduated in 1929, he entered Trinity College in the Fall, and at graduation in 1933, was Valedictorian with Honors in English and in Philosophy, and was awarded a Terry Fellowship. While at Trinity, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year.

Following his graduation from Trinity, he entered Harvard and received a Master of Arts Degree in 1934.

During World War II he served in the Office of Strategic Services in Portugal and other European countries. After the war, he was chief of the section on procurement of Information for the State Department in Washington, D. C. for some time.

At the time of his death, Mr. Peiss was Librarian in the University of California in Berkeley and made his home in El Cerrito, California.

He recently published a translation of Alfred Kessell's "A History of Libraries" with supplementary information of his own. He was considered an expert on the history and techniques of the library world.

He is survived by his mother, and two brothers, Prof. Clarence Peiss of the physiology department at the University of St. Louis Medical School and Edward Peiss of Billings, Montana.—Edward Paige
view, not to reappear for over half a century. The horseman's trail led him to a designated spot some two miles south of the College where, twenty feet from the highway, Samuel Ferguson waited. It was his duty to tie the Squeezer in the upper branches of a pine tree, there to remain for several weeks. When the excitement attending the coup had at last subsided, the old relic was removed without incident and safely concealed in a bank vault.

At their graduation '96 privately placed the trophy in the hands of McWalter B. Sutton, '99. In similar manner it passed successively to Arthur R. Van de Water, '01 and Arthur G. Humphries, '04. Now it came to pass that the '04 custodian left college during his Sophomore year and with him, to his New York City home went the Lemon Squeezer. Consequently the old relic was not on hand for presentation when '04 graduated and that class merely announced that the trophy had been voted to '06. At subsequent Class Days, '08, '10, '11 and '14 were named Lemon Squeezer Classes. In 1914, however, Joseph H. Ehlers, in a surprise ceremony, presented a large, aged, appearing lemon squeezer to Ronald E. Kinney of '15, who spirited it away the moment it was placed in his hands. It has been hoped that '15 would in turn present it publicly to the class at its choice, but fearful that a possible riot would mar the exercises, '15 retained the new squeezer and merely announced the award to '16. No longer to be designated the Lemon Squeezer Class, passed from '16 to '18 to '20 to '22 to '23. However, a surprise event at '23's Class Day was the presentation by the Medusa, of a small, but authentic lemon squeezer to John Williams, Jr., '26, who whisked it away through Northam and off by automobile. In presenting this new squeezer the Medusa took pains to explain that it was not original, but rather an ancient article that had been recovered from an old tavern in Berlin (Connecticut) and was thought to be a Revolutionary antique.

At the 1926 Class Day observance Squeezer Number 3 was actually presented by John Williams Jr., '26, to William McEwan Ellis, '28, and two years later plans were carefully laid to pass it on to '30 without undue interfer- ence. During the exercises it reposed in the pocket of the presiding officer, Robert F. Gibson, Jr., concealed from view by the traditional flowing gown. At the proper moment the president dis- played the squeezer, announced the winner and, then tossed it to a duly appointed representative of '30, James A. Gillies. But something went awry, and a struggle ensued as the object was shifted to Northam between members of '29 and '30. The scene of conflict quickly shifted to the campus, and to the astonishment of parents and friends masses of struggling students swayed back and forth across the lawn throughout the remainder of the exercises. During the struggle the squeezer was torn asunder at the hinges, one half falling into the hands of '29, the other remaining with '30. During the subsequent college year an attempt was made at a meeting of the College Body to retrieve the halves and restore the squeezer to its original condition, but the effort failed.

Following the 1926 imbroglio even the custom of naming Lemon Squeezer Classes was seemingly discontinued for the first time since 1857. This circumstance inspired Ronald E. Kinney, '15, to bring from seclusion Squeezer Number 2 which that Class had received from '14. Presentation was accordingly made to '35 at their Class Day with the hope that the old custom would be thus revived and perpetuated. This squeezer passed from '35 to '37.

After '37 received it from '35 the trophy remained in the college vault for safe-keeping. At '37's Class Day it lay unopened on the speakers' table awaiting presentation to '39, but '38 purloined it from under the noses of all assembled. At that juncture President Remsen B. Ogilby issued a sharp ultimatum, so effective that the squeezer was soon repossessed in the college safe.

1939 honored '40. The following June a rumor spread across the campus that '40 would present the squeezer to the Sophomores. While the Class Day exercises were in progress, John Dim- linge, an officer of the Senior Class, commandeered the services of E. Donald Walsh, '41, for the purpose of obtaining from the Treasurer's office the package that had been placed there for safekeeping by the Class of 1940. Here was temptation too great to be shunned. Returning with the precious package, Walsh, in a whisper to Sidney Walsh made objections, and Raymond E. Thomsen. Thereupon the three conspirators disappeared within one of the college buildings, and when the messenger again proceeded on his way, he carried a number of papers in lieu of the lemon squeezer. The package was delivered to Richard D. Lindner, the Class officer, who was to make the presentation, but that gentleman dis- covered the theft in time to avoid embarrassment and merely announced that '42 had been named the successor.

For two days scores of self-appointed sleuths strove in vain to locate the missing trophy. With all hopes that the matter had failed President Ogilby took the matter in hand. Acting with rare intuitive instinct he approached the Junior who had made away with the trophy, and without a suggestion of accusation, appealed for help on the strength of the young gentleman's campus prominence. What man of substance could stand up what man of honor? President Ogilby occupied the campus since 1901. The President so encouraged the gentleman of '04 to bring the old relic back to the campus that an immediate search for it was instituted. Several days' rummaging through numerous trunks and chests in the family store room at last revealed the much-too-secure hiding place of the old Squeezer. In view of the several impostors a new ceremony known as Honors Day was established on the campus, and to the surprise of the Class of 1928. The following year the ceremony was revived and perpetuated. This squeezer was not actually presented, in fact it will probably never again appear for presentation. On the contrary it is expected to command a position of honor in the new Library among other priceless treasures of Trinity, flanked perhaps by Lemon Squeezer Number 2 and 4.
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Rarely will they permit themselves to be hired as house servants. These jobs are left to the progressive Vietnamese.

In a land of slender coconut palms and brilliant sunsets, where the people are simple, polite and trustworthy, where the weather ranges from hot until April like a succession of June days in New England, it is not difficult to analyze the grip of Laos upon the Gallic imagination. My French teacher, for example, came to Laos as a French WAC after being decorated by the British government for her services in the underground during the war. "I will never go back to France," she said. "I don't even want to go to Saigon."

American prestige in Vientiane, and in other parts of Laos where it is known definitely that the United States exists, is at a flood-tide crest. ECA public health and world news programs are aiding the Laotian government in malaria control, trachoma treatment, well-digging projects and soil analysis. A number of American Jeeps and Dodge trucks are parked in the front rooms of a large group of nationalists who fled the Laotian government, developed a deep interest in the American language in Saigon and mailed enlarged photographs of a youthful Cary Grant and a short-skirted Greer Garson tacked to a palm tree in out-of-the-way places.

The trip up the river from Saigon, much of it through Viet Minh territory, encompassed three exciting weeks. At one point 20 Laotian soldiers lifted it bodily onto the slim river boat, while at another both mobile unit and jeep nearly disappeared forever under the waves of the Mekong. For five days, working in the garage behind the Legation, we patiently tutored two Laotian employees in the art of showmanship. Neither understood French and only one spoke something he claimed was English. The fictional young lady in the opening scene of a Rice Paddy, whose three-day pagoda ceremonies they bless and whose presence is at least the semblance of a road. With it one can present films in villages which have never seen electric lights.

News of the first presentation permeated the entire area. More than 3,000 people attended the showing in the yard of a particularly large pagoda, and many staked out choice seats three hours before the film began. The streets twinkled with bicycle lights as the country people, with a wife or child perched delicately on the rear mud-guard, peddled in. Cigarette and fruit sellers haggled with the crowd. Timid bonzes squatted in the dark shadows. Mothers and babies pressed close to the screen. Little boys surged around the projector with all the curiosity found in little boys everywhere. A rather melodious roar beat the air as those who understood French translated for their neighbors our technicolor epic entitled "Flies Breed Disease." Overhead, a painted dragon and a bronze Buddha stared complacently down at a scene which to western eyes approached utter turmoil. But it was, we decided, an utter success.

Our later film showings usually occurred in pagoda yards, for the pagoda is the center of every Laotian village. Buddhism is one of the keys to the Laotian character; its quiet, extremely personal, non-confrontational nature is reflected in the face of every Laotian, whether he be the Minister of Youth and Sports or a five year old boy sitting on a water buffalo in the middle of a rice paddy. Most males pass from six months to a year of their lives in a pagoda. Here, dressed in the yellow toga of the bonzes, one fold draped neatly over the left shoulder, their heads shaved, they morning with Palic prayers and accept the gifts of grateful villagers, whose three-day marriage ceremonies they bless and whose births they arrange.

One of the most curious sights of Laotian life is to watch the bonzes fare forth early in the morning to collect the daily ration of food. In an almost military formation, tall bonzes to the front and small bonzes to the rear, they stop at each house and after a pre-
Mrs. Mather Gives College Large Part Of Husband’s Estate for Immediate Use

The College will immediately receive the income from $522,000 Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company’s preferred stock which had been left to Mrs. William G. Mather by her late husband. Mrs. Mather’s decision to give up her life interest in a portion of Mr. Mather’s estate means that Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, Western Reserve University, and the Cleveland Museum of Art will also benefit.

By this generous act Mrs. Mather makes it possible for these four cultural and charitable organizations to receive annual income from a family that for years has been vitally interested in their progress and welfare.

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cise right-face movement, extend their bowls. The waiting family then dabs a spoonful of rice into each. The formation next left-faces and marches off unerringly to the next house, where the rite is repeated. To the Laotians, the bonzes occupy a social position reserved in America for big league ball players and members of the Supreme Court.

But all is not well with Laotian Buddhism. The bonzes, it is charged, are becoming too worldly. They are mumbling their Pali lessons and are arguing irreverently over fine points of ceremony. Some are even smoking too much. What is needed, it is said, is a return to the old way of doing things.

One day we drove to a pagoda to erect our bamboo movie screen supports. After a warm greeting, the abbot motioned our translator aside and launched what appeared to be a spirited conversation.

“¿What is he saying?” I asked.

The translator pointed to a spot which would limit the view of the audience. “He says he would like you to put the screen over there.”

Puzzled, I asked, “¿Why over there?”

“He says that if you put it over there the bonzes can stay in the pagoda to watch the film.”

“But why can’t the bonzes sit with the rest of the people?”

“He says that the village girls make eyes at the bonzes. He says that some of the bonzes make eyes back at the girls.”

USIE would never permit itself to condone temptation. That night the bonzes watched the film from their pagoda.

Trinity has also received an outright bequest of $100,000 from Mr. Mather’s estate and will receive thirty percent of the residuary estate.

Mowery Invents Averager

A new invention is to take part of the paper-work drudgery out of schoolteaching has been devised by Dwight F. Mowery, Jr., Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

While working number puzzles for recreation Dr. Mowery discovered a new method of averaging grades on a circular slide rule. Up to 20 numbers between one and 100 may be averaged at once on his new device.

Dr. Mowery has cut a full day of adding and dividing student’s grades for averages into less than two hours with his new slide rule. He is now making up 250 of the new computers to be tried by high school and college teachers, analysts, and statisticians.

Goralski Goes Home

Bill Goralski left the Hartford Hospital for his home in Avon on April 2. He continues to make steady recovery from the severe spine injury he received in the Tufts football game on Thanksgiving morning. His treatments will continue five days a week at the Hartford Hospital.

Shortly after his arrival home Bill found himself in a new athletic role as he was elected president of Avon’s first Little League baseball team.

Bill has no immediate plans, but he hopes to get in some fishing on weekends and to return to the Hilltop next September.

Plan Admission of 225 For Class of 1956

The Admissions Office plans to admit a freshman class of 225 next September as compared with 290 last year. Since applications are running about twelve percent higher than a year ago, greater selectivity is possible. There will be no Summer School for this year’s Freshman Class.

Many more sons of alumni are applying than ever before. Alumni, undergraduates and parents have been of the greatest help to the Admissions Office. The Class of 1956 will represent in great part their efforts.

Alumni Association

NEW YORK—The annual Spring Frolic of the New York Alumni will be on May 24 at "Dan" Webster’s estate, Dodge Lane, Riverdale-on-Hudson.

SPRINGFIELD—The Association held its winter meeting on February 29 at the home of George P. Jackson, Jr., ’26, with fifteen present. John Butler, Director of Placement, and Donald Engley, Librarian, brought news of the College. Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held early in May at the home of Dr. Arthur Edgelow, ’14, and for a September meeting at the new home of Dick Durick, ’48.