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HIGH AVERAGES HAIL FRESHMEN

Twenty of Entering Class Have Rating Above Eighty.

ONLY TEN FROM WEST

"I am an excellent physical specimen (although it is my guardians, parental or tutorial, who have watched my bed hour, my morning milk, my rubbers), an Episcopalian and an only child"—These were the words which President Park put into the mouth of the average incoming freshman of the class of 1932.

"So far," President Park added, "I have noted only that the Bryn Mawr student of 1928—by and large—comes from a city, is a month or two over eighteen and trained for the most part in private schools, that is, along with her own kind and sex. She is of so-called American stock, transplanted some time since from the British Isles or Germany."

The statistics, not yet compiled at the time of this speech, are now available in full. There are 127 freshmen representing 22 States and the District of Columbia. For the first time in some years Pennsylvania heads the list with 34 to New York's 25. For once a prophet has been in his own country. Of the 22 States 7 are west of the Mississippi, but they furnished only 10 students in all.

Fourteen from Miss Kirk's School
Seventy-nine schools have contributed to the training of the class of '32, almost entirely private schools. Only 15 of the 127 were wholly prepared by public schools, and seven partially. Miss Kirk's School in Bryn Mawr leads the school list with 14. Next comes Miss Walker's with 8, and the Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore with 6.

Scholastically the average is high. Twenty freshmen have averages over 80, and only 8 fall below 69.

In the domain of less formal statistics, it has been noted during Freshman week that the class of 1932 is quiet, well-behaved and enthusiastic. They passed their self-government tests with a high average and only two failures, although few know the meaning of the word jurisdiction, and some startling statements were made. A student it seems, must sign her "destiny" before going out in the evening, and must frequent only certain "proscribed places." Above all she must not go out in a car unless chaperoned by a mother over 18!

Some of the statistics follow in detail:

Statistics of the Freshman Class

Denominational Affiliations	
	Percentages
Episcopalians	61 43.0
Presbyterians	23 18.1
Unitarians	7 5.5
Society of Friends	6 4.7
Catholics	5 3.9
Jewish	4 3.1
Methodists	3 2.4
Lutherans	3 2.4
Congregationalists	2 1.6
Christian Scientists	2 1.6
Baptists	1 .8
No affiliation	10 7.8
Total	127
States	
	Percentages
Pennsylvania	34 26.7
New York	25 19.7
Massachusetts	9 7.1
New Jersey	9 7.1

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Lantern Tea

The Lantern Board cordially invites all Freshmen interested in writing or in drawing to a tea to be given on Monday, October the fifteenth, from 4.30 to 6 o'clock in Hilda Wright's room, No. 21, Pembroke West.

Passed Beyond

In the midst of life we are in death. We had been asked to announce the arrival in Merion of a full-blooded young Florida alligator, who was delivered to Miss Lucy Fry, '31, last Friday noon. But just as we were going to press with a glowing description of his charms, and of the rusty rat trap in which he was housed, we received the tragic news that he is dead. A blast of hot-air from our too efficient heating system proved too much for even a tropically educated alligator, and he prematurely shriveled away.

News for Athletes

Three Periods of Exercise Instead of the Usual Four.

An exhaustive probe of the athletic situation, carried on by the News in behalf of its public, shows no very drastic upheavals. The new director, Miss Josephine Petts, late of Teachers College, Columbia University, received our representative with smiling frankness.

"What I am aiming for is a program that will give each person three hours of exercise, three hours that she will enjoy, suited to her, temperamentally and physically. For the fall months we are planning three hours a week of required instruction in any of the following sports: hockey, tennis, archery, fencing, swimming and sunbaths. The regular schedule of varsity hockey and basketball games will be carried on exactly as before and there will also be interhall and interclass first team games. The winter schedule has not yet been fully determined, but we do know that swimming will be the big feature in every way. Possibly we shall be able to have indoor tennis."

Other innovations mentioned were a tennis instructor from the Merion Cricket Club, and a freshman course in good body mechanics. Miss Petts closed the interview by saying that she hoped to talk to the students herself very shortly about future plans. There will be no check-up on the students, but each individual is expected to complete her three periods as a matter of honor.

How Will You Vote?

Take a Look at All

If the average age of the Freshman class is 18, something more than a fifth of the students of Bryn Mawr must be of voting age. Of these as many as can will probably cast a vote—at least they ought to. And even the non-voters, with the radio dinning in their ears and unresisting photographs leering at them in the streets of Philadelphia, can take an interest in the election. With this in mind we are printing this week the following material about one of the two big candidates. Next week we will give the other side a chance:

Owen D. Young, Father of a Recent Bryn Mawr Graduate, Defends Smith

"Think of the degradation, the humiliation which touches all of us when such a fine spirited, straightforward, clean-minded man as Governor Smith is called a drunkard and political crook.

"What are we coming to in this country when a man's religion is the test of whether he can hold public office and when churches are mobilized for political action? If the American people are wise they will, in their own interest, end this religious issue now. Let every solicitation for a vote on religious grounds, whether it be made openly or secretly, be a reason for voting the other way, because the fact of such solicitation makes the issue itself one of prime importance.

"I am supporting Governor Smith because I believe in his willingness and his capacity to put the farms of this country on an equality with its industries. I am tired of hearing of farm

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A Musical Service

Large Attendance Indicates Popularity of New Chapel.

Anyone who attended the service of the Bryn Mawr League on Sunday evening (and we assume from casual observation that most of the college did attend) will agree that the initial service of the new organization was a success.

The League plans to have, during the coming year, eight similar musical services in which Mr. Willoughby, now permanent and official organist of the college, will play various organ numbers; the choir will sing several anthems, and at times chorales in which the congregation may join. Any other talented people among the undergraduates and graduates will be invited to take part in order that these services may be of interest to the college as a whole and may, therefore, be a success.

There will also be, during the year, five services similar to those of the Christian Association last year. The speakers which the League has obtained for these special meetings are: Dr. Coffin, president of Union Theological Seminary in New York, March; Pitney Van Dusen, February 10; Dr. Schlater, of Toronto, November 25; Dr. Kirsopp Lake, of Harvard University, October 28, and one other on April 28 to be decided upon later in the year.

The League has made every effort in choosing these speakers to obtain those whose popularity has been general in the college in past years. In most cases the speaker will remain at the college until Monday in order that he may talk on more secular subjects, or may be questioned by the students. The League has also made arrangements for a special shelf in the New Book Room on which the books of these speakers will be kept for anyone who is interested.

Informality an Object

The remaining services will be lead by

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Faculty and Graduates

Pursue Summer Labors

Bryn Mawr may moulder during the summer, but its spirit goes marching on. Wherever learning flourishes, its representatives gather like bunches of iron filings in areas of magnetism. In the sacred Round Room of the Record Office in London no less than seven of the graduates and Faculty of Bryn Mawr were pursuing the fruits of erudition through the pipe-rolls of ancient manuscripts. Anyone who has seen the seating arrangements in the Round Room will realize that seven people easily constitute a majority of its devotees. Chief among the group was Dr. Gray who was making a study of royal finance in England at the end of the 100 year's war. The general subject of royal finance in the fifteenth century also occupied the attention of three graduate students in the department of history: Miss Isabel Abbot, Miss Margaret Harper and Miss Julia Ward. Miss Alice Beardwood, a graduate of Bryn Mawr, was also there making a study of Italian merchants in the fourteenth century.

Historical Researches

Miss Nellie Neilson and Miss Bertha Putnam, two more Bryn Mawr graduates who are now in the History Department of Mt. Holyoke, complete the list. Miss Neilson is head of the Mt. Holyoke department, and a distinguished scholar. This summer she was engaged on the very difficult work of editing a year-book, a kind of semi-official record of legal cases, with philosophical comments attached, which used to be made in England at the end of the year, as a guide to future legal decisions. Miss Neilson was asked to edit this year book (for the year 1470-71) by the Selden Society, a learned English legal society. That she should be chosen to do this was a great compliment to her scholastic ability. Miss Putnam, who published a year ago a book on the Justices of the Peace in English history, was carrying on her investigations in this field by research into the records of session of Justices of the Peace in the fourteenth century.

COLLEGE MUST BRIDGE THE GAPS IN OUR EDUCATION

We Compete

THE COLLEGE NEWS won an All-American Honor Rating in the competition for school newspapers held this summer, with a score of 811 out of a possible 1000. The following note accompanied the award: "Your editorial page could be made to look more attractive. You lost first-place by your poor make-up." The News was given 90 out of a possible 100 for its news writing; 183 out of 225 for its news content; 71 out of 90 for its editorial services, and, to the glory of the Business Board, 49 out of 50 for its advertising. Although we would like to have done better, we are pleased in view of the heavy competition of larger and busier colleges to have done as well as we did, and will endeavor to the best of our ability to correct the faults indicated.

International Student

Conference a Success

The tenth Congress of the C. I. E. (the Confederation Internationale des Etudiants) met in Paris on the 10th of August, 1928. After a grand opening in the great hall of the Sorbonne, the Congress settled down for more than two weeks at the Cite Universitaire, that magnificent foundation for foreign students in Paris, which has risen so suddenly from the once dreary vacant spaces behind the Parc Montsouris.

Unfortunately for the C. I. E., the two most commented-on events of its sessions were in the nature of misfortunes. . . . At the finals of the football championship at St. Ouen, in the middle of a grandstand full of Fascist Italians delirious with enthusiasm, a very small group of working men, obviously antifascist Italians, protested. A scuffle ensued. The police broke in roughly. There were wounded, especially among the Italian students who were in the majority.

The Italians were dissatisfied by the defeat of many of their motions in the Congress itself.

In the second week of the Congress the chiefs of the delegation were summoned home by an official telegram from Rome.

The unfortunate effect of this first incident was heightened by the subsequent departure of the German delegation. There were two delegations from Germany, one representing the Deutschstudenschaft, a powerful conservative association among German students, and one representing the Verband, equally devoted to national interests, but much more democratic and open-minded. Apparently everyone liked the Verband, but the Schaft was older and larger, with a slightly better claim to recognition. When the Congress voted that the two groups should be received on an equal footing, the delegates from the Schaft, cold silent and as if on parade, rose and quitted the hall.

These two incidents created quite a stir in the Paris papers.

Enjoyed Despite Disputes

The students themselves, however, were less pessimistic. Somehow, in the general atmosphere of the Congress, these scholars to Europe: Friedricka de incidents were dwarfed to insignificance. For two weeks, in the delightful grounds of the Cite Universitaire, with its green squares surrounded by pleasant red brick pavilions, students from 33 nations walked and talked and discussed with each other. One would see an English boy taking a picture of four grinning German students from Heidelberg, or a Roumanian girl deep in discussion with an American.

The Congress, moreover, has practical aims in addition to the spreading of international good-will. It is trying in every way to lessen the difficulties of studying in a foreign country.

The next international congress will be held in Budapest. The German question, more complex than ever, will again be discussed.

Perhaps on the banks of the Danube some sort of definite international accord can be reached. If students cannot accomplish it, who can?

Importance of Link Between Childhood and Maturity Is Stressed.

A FRESHMAN'S FUTURE

Bryn Mawr College, diminished by the passing of the class of '28, but more than correspondingly increased by the new class of '32, gathered in Goodhart Hall last Tuesday morning for the first chapel of the year. Miss Park's opening address, the first of its kind to be delivered from that platform, admirably expressed the feelings which the occasion aroused.

"It comes to me with a start of surprise that some—many of the students who have hurried here under the crisp rustle of the trees this morning will never know that opening days of the college began anywhere else—will take for granted that this building existed in the ice age and that dinosaurs played around its buttresses. But many of us though we cannot quite go back to the first day of the first year, to October of 1885, have nevertheless lively memories of the annual calls to arms from the platform in Taylor Hall when the college year was an infant and prodigies of progress seemed possible and likely. 'Once more into the breach, dear friends, once more!' For the forty-third time summer has slipped by, the campus is silent, without the songsparrows and thrushes of June, the vines begin to turn red, we have torn up our daylight saving time-tables and the moon of the last evenings looks chilly rather than tender. A sterner season is upon us. 'Once more into the breach, dear friends, once more!'"

Centripetal Force Is Strong

"One hundred and twenty-seven new undergraduates, forty new full time graduate students enter Bryn Mawr officially today.

"So much for Bryn Mawr's centripetal force. Its centrifugal has sent many of its students as fellows and scholars to Europe.

"The college has this year once more had more students completing all its entrance requirements than it could admit into residence and the number of girls presenting a first division of examinations this year is half again as large as the number in June, 1927. Whether this is due to our native charm, to May Day or to the change in the French requirement for entrance is debatable.

"What will the entering student go

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Freshmen and Sophomores Vie on Parade Night

Confident Freshmen massing around the exciting band in the arch; Juniors with red and green torches; Sophomores in the traditional circle around the traditional fire on the lower tennis court, the procession of Juniors and Freshmen toward the tennis court to the tune of "We're in the Army Now" with the words

"Hurrah for the Freshman blue,
There's nothing they cannot do.
They're young, but they're wise,
So don't try to advise
The class of thirty-two;"

thus began Parade night on the opening night of college. After an exhausting amount of hilarious snake dancing around the fire, the college returned to the arch and sang as usual the Parade night songs of preceding years. At the appropriate time, the Sophomores triumphantly broke into their parody,

"We went to the animal fair,
There were only Freshman there,
They thought they were sly,
But they went far awry,
Poor class of thirty-two."

Some of the Sophomores seemed to find a curious resemblance between "We're in the Army Now" and "We Went to the Animal Fair."

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OVERBURDENED CONSCIENCES

A freshman, questioned as to the most important rule of self-government, says it is that one which vests power in the executive board, "thus relieving the students as a whole from an undue burden of responsibility." Obviously she misunderstands the idea of self-government; and yet there might be something to what she says. Our sense of responsibility and our sense of honor should not be restrained too far; else they will be weakened in all their relationships. It is not too much to put us on our honor to keep the rules of self-government and report when we break them; but why must be put on our honor to attend gym three times a week, as is now suggested. Bryn Mawr as a primarily intellectual institution has always avoided putting an undue stress on athletics; and yet now we are expected to regard our daily dozen as a high moral obligation. Why supposedly mature seniors and juniors cannot keep themselves in good health by walking and general exercise has not yet been demonstrated. But that is another question. If it is considered necessary for our health to participate in organized sport, as it is considered necessary for our intellectual training to study psychology, let gym be put on the same footing as a required course, with cuts and attendance and the other paraphernalia of such courses. But for our souls sake, let us keep exercise off the moral plane. If prohibition weakens respect for the law in general, athletics on an honor basis will undermine the whole honor system. There is a limit to the capacity for a guilty conscience.

GONE—THE OLD ORDER

In the old days those who came to morning chapel were few and of a finer stuff than ordinary mortals. Bravely, in the gloom of Taylor—this small minority sang the morning hymn—feebly accompanied by a volumeless piano—and then filed out some ten minutes later to tell their fellows what they had learned of the Campus World or of the Great World outside.

All this is changed. Now, in the beginning, they swarm in numbers that overcrowd the Music Room. Like so many varicolored beetles they crawl down the hill towards Goodhart. First the lean, who stop for their morning milk; then the fat, plunging by with strides that are bound to reduce them, sooner or later; then the ten o'clock-scholars who are certain to be there, since all the sleep has been rubbed out of their eyes by ten minutes of eleven; and lastly the music lovers, who feed their souls on organ preludes.

It's a big improvement—and perhaps if the bait in the trap continues to be as alluring throughout the year, chapel may come to be an indispensable source of the "spiritual nutriment" which ought to balance our graham crackers and milk.

ONE ASPECT OF FRESHMAN WEEK

In many colleges time, energy, and even some money, is spent for the purpose of marking off a part of the undergraduate body as freshmen. At the University of Nebraska, for example, the entering class is made to wear green caps in order to "maintain a class unity and develop a true Nebraska spirit." At Bryn Mawr, on the other hand, there is less and less class unity, fewer and fewer class distinctions each year. Freshman Week has done much to accomplish this. Before it was established, when all classes returned to college simultaneously, the freshmen hung together in self defense menaced by hordes of upperclassmen. They had to hold on to something. Now, for almost a week they have the college quite to themselves, and there is no necessity for their holding together. And by the time the upperclassmen have returned they are entirely at home, any possible defensive attitude gone. Aside from an increased efficiency, Freshman Week has accomplished something fundamental for college life in helping to abolish class distinctions.

"WHERE ORIGIN IS KNOWN, CREDIT IS GIVEN"

The new organization which has replaced the Bryn Mawr Christian Association of preceding years has found itself suddenly confronted with a novel problem; the Music Room in Goodhart Hall is not large enough to hold the Sunday evening chapel congregations.

An innovation in college routine is always the source of some interest. Even the most sophisticated will try a new thing once. Its future success depends upon its ability to offer something which is different from anything which has been offered to us before.

The initial service of the Bryn Mawr League has certainly been "weighed in the balance." Few who attended the meeting Sunday evening would assert that it was "found wanting." It was different, which is what we wanted it to be; and yet it maintained a certain amount of the spirit in which a Sunday evening service should be conducted. We could scarcely have too many musical services throughout the year. Musicales, in general, have been all too few in past years.

We should like to congratulate the League on its attempt to present a chapel service which will appeal to the college as a whole, and to suggest an immediate enlargement of the Music Room which will withstand its popularity.

A Challenge to the Art Club

The apparent success of the woodcuts printed for the first time in the spring issues of the Lantern has emboldened its editors to adopt them permanently as a means of decoration, and we hope of enlightenment in its pages. Aware, however, of its own inadequacy in managing that part of the magazine, the Board has decided to announce try-outs for the Lost Art Editor.

Linoleum cuts and pen and ink sketches, either for cover designs or for page decorations are especially desirable. For further information speak to Barbara Channing or Hilda Wright. The contest will close the first week in November, and the name of the new Art Editor will be announced in the November issue of the Lantern.

Freshmen, in accordance with the college rules, may not compete this semester.

Miss King Returns

Miss King has returned to the campus and the Department of Art after a year's absence, bringing with her the fruits of her labor in the shape of a book on the Marejar Architecture of Spain, published by Longmans Green. This book is one of a series of monographs on literature and art by members of the Bryn Mawr Faculty, provided for by a gift from the Hispanic Society.

In Philadelphia

Theaters:
Byric—*Interference*, by Roland Pertwee and Harold Dearden. "A melodrama of the underworld." Complexes of passion, but well acted.
Adelphi—*The Squealer* and a melodrama of the underworld.
Shubert—*Animal Crackers*. Obvious comedy and catching music, the Four Marx Brothers are really funny.
Garrick—*Mr. Moneybags*, by Channing Pollock. A triumph of staging.
New Forrest—*Hello Yourself* with Waring's Pennsylvanians. The advertisements call it a Rah! Rah! Musical Comedy of Youth.
Broad—Allan Dinehart in *Girl Trouble*. Coming Next Week:
Shubert—Gertrude Lawrence in *Treasure Girl*.
Walnut—*Grand Street Follies*.
Broad—Frank Craven in *The Nineteenth Hole*.
Movies:
Karlton—Emil Jannings in *The Patriot*. He is one of the few real actors in the movies.
Erlanger—*Submarines*.
Stanton—Buster Keaton in *The Cameraman*. For those who like to laugh till it hurts.
Stanley—*King of Kings*.
Aldine—Al Jolson in *The Singing Fool*.

Musical Service

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various members of the faculty and student body, and will be informal as the vesper services of last year. On the 14th of this month a service of this kind will be held in which Dr. Hart will talk on one of the subjects especially requested in last year's questionnaire.

The League asks that the students and faculty offer any suggestions which they think would be worth trying out in this new system of Sunday evening meetings.

Plea for Social Workers

All upper classmen who are interested in social work in any of its

branches are invited to sign up this week. The work at the Haverford and Bryn Mawr Community Centers, of which Gertrude Bancroft has charge, includes courses in Americanization and library work at the Bryn Mawr Center; handicraft classes, gym, kindergarten classes, and girls' clubs at Haverford.

Mary Grace has charge of Blind School work, M. L. Williams is directing maids' tutoring, and F. Lee the maids' Sunday school.

The Orchestra

The Philadelphia Orchestra will give its second concert of the season on Friday and Saturday of this week. The program will be as follows:

- Mozart—Overture, "Le Nozze di Figaro."
- Brahms—Symphony No. 3, in F major.
- I. Allegro con brio.
- II. Andante con moto.
- III. Poco allegretto.
- IV. Allegro.
- Knipper—"Marchen eines Gyps-Gottes."
- I. Introduction. Legend of a Plaster God.
- II. Dance.
- III. Wail of the People and the Dance of the Gods.
- IV. The People's Curse.
- V. Overthrow of the God.
- VI. Epilogue.
- Wagner—Overture and Venusberg Music from "Tannhauser."

Take a Look at Al

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relief, as though the farmers of this country, a class to whom all my people belonged, are the kind of men who stand with their hats in their hands begging alms in the shape of Government doles.

Three Republicans of Importance on Alfred E. Smith

Hon. Elihu Root in 1915: "Of all men in the Constitutional Convention, Alfred E. Smith is the

best informed on the business of the State of New York."

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler in 1926: "Since manhood a constant and eager public servant in posts of steadily growing importance and authority, alert, effective, public-spirited and courageous; constantly speaking the true voice of the people."

Hon. Charles Evans Hughes in 1928: "He long since became a member of high distinction of the fine aristocracy of public service—the American peerage. We have watched him, some of us carefully, all with fascination. The title that he holds is the proudest title that any American can hold because it is a title to the esteem and affection of his fellow-citizens—Governor Smith."

Calendar

- Friday, October 12—Lantern Night in the cloisters.
- Sunday, October 14—Bryn Mawr League Service. Dr. Hart will speak.
- Wednesday, October 17, 8.00 P. M.—Goodhart Hall. Dr. Edward Strecker on "The History and Development of Ortho-psychiatry."
- Friday, October 19—Y. C. James Yen will speak at 8.15 in Goodhart Hall.

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The Pillar of Salt

Can the Pillar of Salt remain erect when all the old landmarks are falling? It scarcely seems possible. With milk lunch in bottles in Rockefeller through straws, with Chapel in Goodhart in the middle of the morning, with Taylor transformed into a one-way street (no left turns), and with the C. A. reception with its receiving line and its speeches, transformed into an S. A. reception with neither, it seems as if the last bulwark of tradition must fall. True enough, we are only a year or two old; but in these days of change an institution appears to have but the life of a butterfly. Is it, perhaps, time to crumble the old Pillar, toss a pinch of salt over our left shoulder for good luck, and turn to newer ventures?

In the course of our travels we came upon a plane tree in Kew gardens, bearing this inscription: "English Plane. Has never been found growing wild. A favorite shade tree in London squares." The next time we saw a plane tree in a quiet corner of London we thought we could distinguish a song in its plaintive rustlings and drippings.

I'm a plain old plane
In a London Lane

And I've never been found growing wild.

I'm as tame as a tame
And I'm full of shame

For I'm only a gutter-fed child.

If I were a pine in a northern wood
Or a palm in the desert vast,

Or a rugged oak
All black with smoke

And bent by a windy blast.
With a wild, wild heart and a lion's head

Tossing my leafy mane,
Then I would be proud,

But my head is bowed,
For I'm only a plain old plane.

I'm tough and old,
But I'm good as gold

For I don't know how to be bad.
And I'm only good

For kindlin' wood
Now wouldn't that make you sad?

So I stands and groans
Mid the paving stones

And I weeps in the drippin' rain.
I'm a slum-born child

And I've never been wild
And they call me a Bloomsbury plane.

We are offering free of charge a large can of 61 Thinner to anyone who will discover a cure for the fierce paint fever now raging on the campus. The disease is very virulent and extremely catching, likely to be accompanied by violent paints in the head, hands, and feet. In its earlier stages it is harmless and even beneficial. It crops out as a mild desire to touch up a chair or two, or decorate a lampshade. But it should be nipped in the bud. Once fairly started in its course it is almost incurable. The patient will be found raving and half naked, dipping everything in sight in a flamboyant shade of pea green, while alcoholic fumes penetrate the room and vicinity. Once the furniture is exhausted, desks, bureaus, wastebaskets, bookcases and notebooks looking as though they had fallen into the pea soup, the patient's attention turns to more subtle effects. At this stage, shoes, dresses, hats, and walls are likely to be the victims of every sort of artistic scheme. Sometimes at this point the fires are spent. But worse may follow. It has occasionally happened in particularly severe cases that the unfortunate sufferer is found by friends trying out the effect of pea-green eyebrows or finger-nails, or attempting to paint permanent shoes, and stockings on her hands and feet in order to avoid the carking necessity of tying shoelaces and mending runs.

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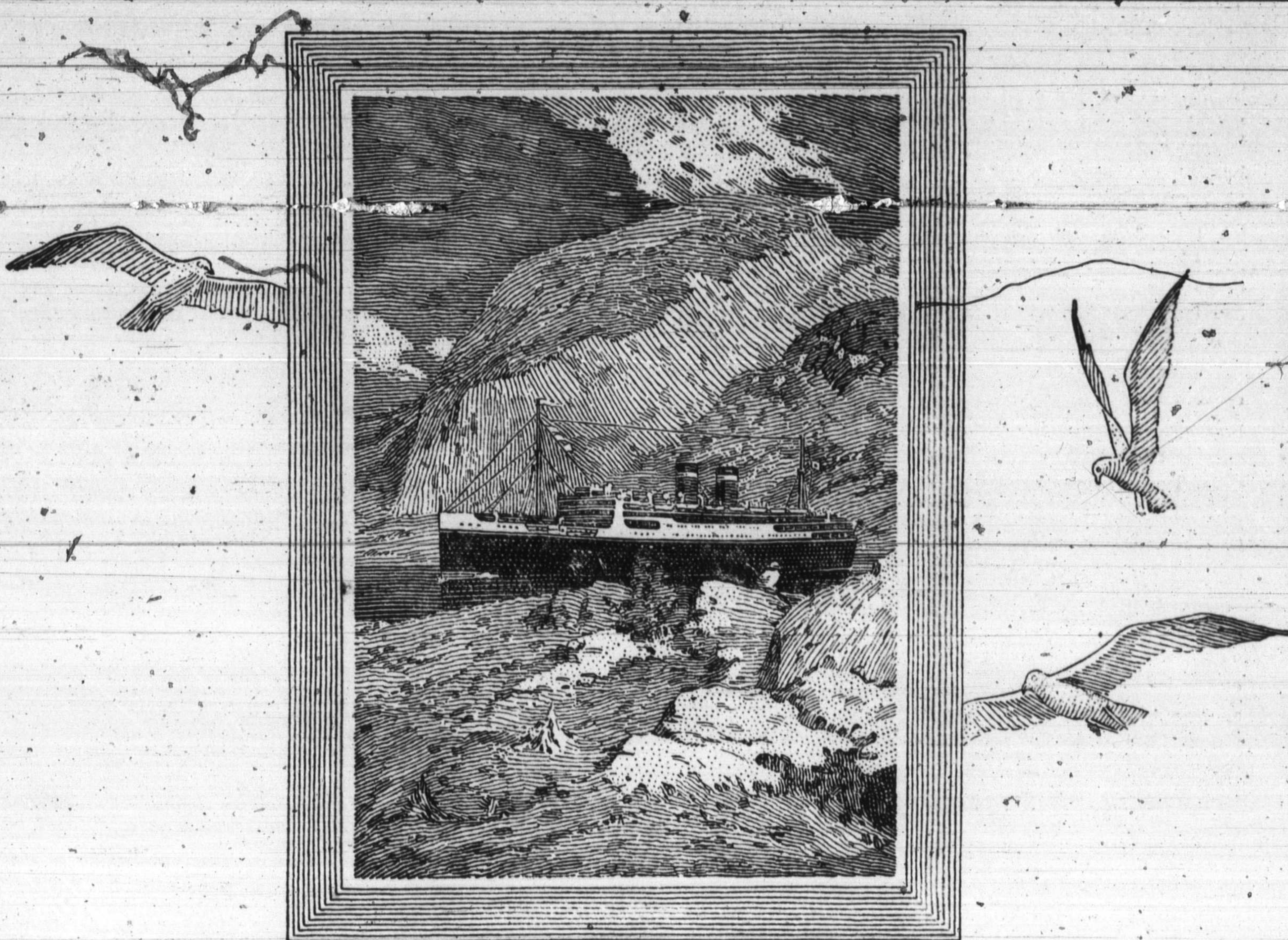
out into in June, 1932? Can one draw a roughly correct picture of her in five or ten years based on what the college knows of older sisters? The chances are that she will not return permanently to her old habitat. There are more than even chances that she will marry and bring up a small family of children. There are even chances, and the figure is rising, that whether she marries or not she will have an independent profession—she will go into teaching, medicine, business or some less easily classified job, act, write or farm. At any rate she will be in a position to make out a tax return on earned income and be independent of financial obligation and hence of those other more subtle obligations which hang on taking one's money from parents or husbands or even inherited bank accounts. She will vote, be liable to jury duty, take part in some way in the direction of the city or village where she lives, its schools and courts, its theaters and museums. She may climb the ladder in national or international complications. In short, she leaves a carefully planned childhood, about which other people have been constantly concerned, and turns up anywhere to meet anything—health, sickness, riches, poverty, excitement and tedium, responsibility, life, death.

"Bryn Mawr—any other liberal college—is a deliberately planned, four years' bridge between these two unlike lives. It is well to remind ourselves, however familiar the idea may be, that the period of training given by the liberal college is no end in itself, however, much it may seem an end to the girl whose attention has been directed to its entering gate for so long by her family or her school mistress, or to the parent who sees it comfortably as the final flower of an educational program which he began to watch in the kindergarten. The training of the liberal college, if it is to live, must always maintain its connection with either side, what comes before it and what comes after it. It cannot turn on itself in an unbridgeable way and return to the nearer shore of childhood and irresponsibility and naivete. My figure has become dangerous and I will put it that for most Americans, the years between sixteen and twenty-two form a passage between dependence and independence, immaturity and maturity. The majority of them make this passage any way they can—pitch-forked usually into the new situation, the infinitely complicated life of the twentieth century. It is possible only for a minute fraction of Americans, one-tenth of one per cent, if I am not mistaken, to spend these years in an organized preparation for it in colleges and universities, good, bad and indifferent, all over the country. Of that one-tenth of one per cent, you are again a microscopic part. It is about your bridge that we are concerned to-day.

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"What can a moderate-minded woman say of the civilization in which you are to live? More at least than I have usually said. The direct passage from a Hoboken wharf and the New York Mirror to the elegance of the landscape of middle France and its rich yet sober civilization; the direct return from that clarity of atmosphere, that subordination of noisy detail to quiet harmony, that lucid rapid speech to the smoke of Hoboken and the yells of the newsboy is provocative. 'What that man needs, what that man needs,' said old Dr. Lyman Beecher of a fellow parson in Connecticut, 'is a dose of bumblebees.' And a dose of bumble bees is perhaps what an American can best bring back from the most tranquil countryside in Europe.

"Stung by this summer's acquisition and trying to apply my uneasy cogitations to my own job I have gone back to a paper of Dr. Abraham Flexner's presented at Vanderbilt University



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which had been in the back of my mind since I read it three years ago. It is called 'Purpose in the American College.' Dr. Flexner's thesis is briefly this: The purpose, the raison d'être of the European lycee or gymnasium he who runs may read. Situations select, equip and train capable minds, utilizing in the process the accumulated and accumulating intellectual and aesthetic treasures of the race.' In a word, the selection and training of brains. The purpose of the American college on the other hand can not be readily defined by any one. What would the observers from Mars gather from studying the kind of students admitted all over the country; the courses demanded or suggested for a degree in a college catalogue, the scattered interests and activities of the students, the emphasis of the presidents in their commencement and opening speeches on good character and good citizenship. A purpose may run through all the ages but it does not run through these facts.

"Obviously if Dr. Flexner is right we need all our pleasant naive optimism to believe we shall get anywhere in four or in forty years.

"Where lies the land to which the ship must go?"

"Far, far away" is all the sailors know, "Where lies the land she hastens from?"

"Away, Far, far behind" is all that they can say."

"A curious nautical situation this paints in Clough's poem, but a good illustration for me).

Aim to Train Intelligence

"If we can not define the purpose of the American college in general, can we—and it is our main concern in this whole confusion, define Bryn Mawr's? I believe we can—thanks pre-eminently to Miss Thomas, to faculties of these forty-four years, and among them to certain individuals we all know, to students and alumnae—for they have worked with extraordinary unity. Behind occasional false starts, concessions here and accidents there, momentary bowings of the knee in the house of Rammon, behind blurrings and confusions and mistakes, Bryn Mawr has continued to equip itself to train intelligence, and to believe it was not chartered for anything else. Its students are selected, its faculty are called, its buildings are built for that purpose. Other things are added to us. Bryn Mawr graduates have, I believe, had all the civic virtues any president might pray for in the midst of her anxiety for the standard of General English. They have not lacked spiritual power. They have been fairly happy and have in their time added to the mirth of nations. They have been athletic and

Miriam O'Brien has this, summer, I vaguely hear, climbed the last of the yet unclimbed Aiguilles of Mont Blanc. But their bridge from immaturity of maturity, from the freshman of one October to the graduate of four years ago, had an intellectual underpinning. If this is pomposity, make the most of it. It is at least the truth.

"This year a step indicated by the Curriculum Committee of the Undergraduate Association as long ago as 1923, the general introduction of the honors courses, illustrates what I have been saying. The arrangement of the new classrooms in Taylor is again a hope, a summons for the give and take of argument, the battle between instructor and instructed which began farther back than Socrates. The gifts making possible the brilliant addition to the college year of the visiting lecturers on the Mary Flexner Foundation and the Anna Howard Shaw Memorial, the annual gift coming first this summer of \$500 to the library in memory of Marion Reilly by one of her friends, the stirring toward an endowment gift in the breasts of far away alumnae—outward signs, all of them of the inward purpose of Bryn Mawr. "To the new faculty-student body, a fresh permutation of the figures in the pageant always moving through the college, I once more intrust the Palladium—a repository far safer than any official sanctuary."

A New Sort of Hygiene

Dr. Wagoner is sponsoring a series of lectures on subjects relating to Ortho-psychiatry and mental hygiene which will be held on Wednesday evenings in Goodhart Hall at 8 P. M., the exact dates and speakers to be announced later. The first lecture is scheduled for October 17, when Dr. Edward Strecker, professor of psychiatry and mental hygiene at Jefferson Medical College and medical director of the Pennsylvania Hospital for nervous and mental diseases, will speak on the History and Development of Ortho-psychiatry. The meetings will be open to the public, and all students of the college are urged to come. The complete series will probably consist of five or six lectures.

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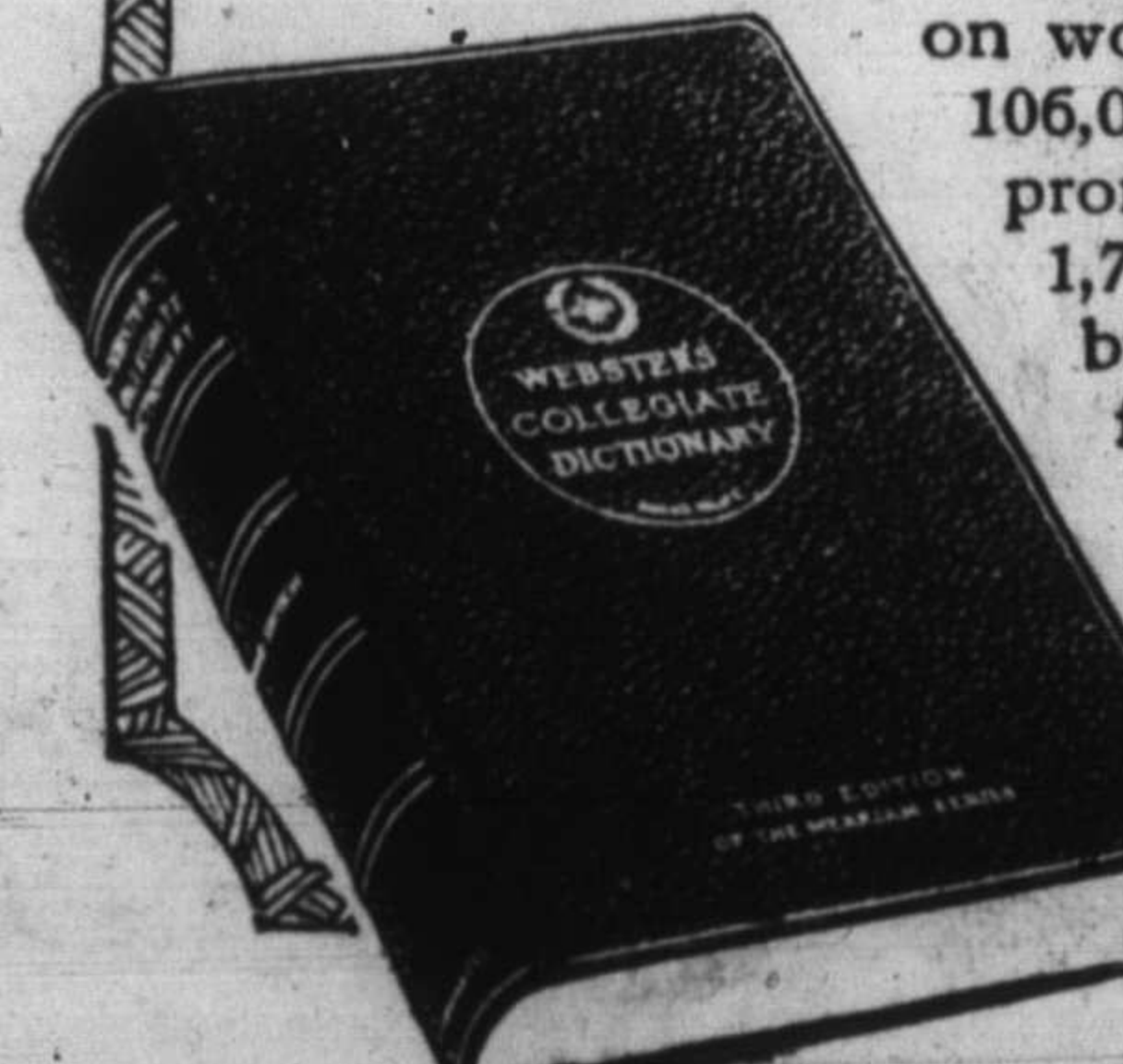
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Maryland	8	6.3
Illinois	7	5.5
Ohio	6	4.7
Connecticut	5	3.9
Missouri	3	2.4
South Carolina	3	2.4
Delaware	2	1.6
District of Columbia	2	1.6
Iowa	2	1.6
Rhode Island	2	1.6
Wisconsin	2	1.6

California	1	.8
Colorado	1	.8
Indiana	1	.8
Kentucky	1	.8
Maine	1	.8
Oklahoma	1	.8
Oregon	1	.8
Utah	1	.8
Total	127	

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