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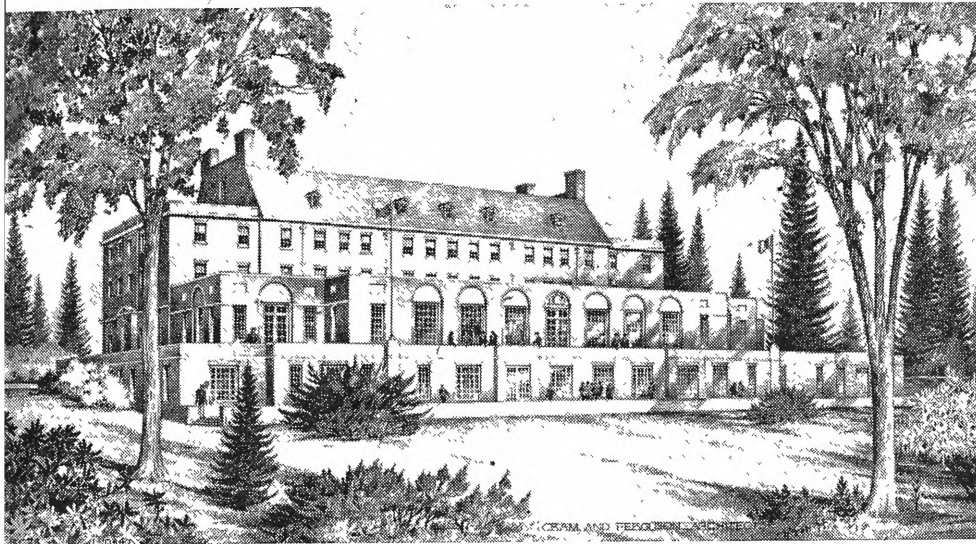
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**STUDENT UNION.** . . An architect's sketch of the University's proposed Student Union, a memorial to University war dead to those University men who served in the war. The building will be financed entirely by student and alumni donations. Student Union drive on this campus starts May 5 under the direction of the Student Senate.

## PHYSICS INSTRUCTORS TO MEET ON CAMPUS

Professor Frederick B. Olson of the Brunswick Campus and Dr. Noel C. Little of Bowdoin will act as hosts to the semi-annual meeting of Physics Instructors of Maine Colleges and Universities. These meetings are usually held in the fall and spring, but for the last four years because of the war meetings have been postponed. May 3 will be the first meeting held since the war.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the progress and research in physics at the different institutions in the state. Another purpose of the assembly is to show the new equipment of the laboratories here at the campus.

About twenty instructors from Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, University of Maine, and the Annex will attend the meeting. The major part of the discussion will be held here at the Annex although a few are scheduled for Bowdoin. Lunch will be served to the instructors in the dining hall. In the latter part of the afternoon, Mrs. Little, wife of Doctor Little, will give a tea for the group in her home.

## LATEST NEWS ON ORONO HOUSING

Information just received from Orono indicates that the possibility of obtaining suitable housing for married students who will be transferring from Brunswick to the Orono campus next fall is decidedly not encouraging. Because of lack of State funds and the unavailability of Federal monies, the University is not contemplating any additional housing for married students. The number of married students who will be vacating family units at Orono in June is insignificant as compared to the demand both from Brunswick and from Orono students. It is suggested that all who will require family type housing at the University in September 1947, make arrangements to personally search for suitable accommodations. In spite of the thorough search being conducted by the Housing Manager at Orono for additional dwellings for students, accommodations can always be found if one looks diligently enough.

The Director and Business Manager of the Brunswick Campus  
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## MOVIE LIST TO BE PUBLISHED

By the showing of "Do You Love Me," movies were instituted at the Brunswick Campus. Seven more movies will be shown—one a week until final exams.

There are only a few remarks to be made about this latest innovation. Each student may bring one guest, and the faculty and administration may attend with the same stipulation.

Extenuating circumstances the movie that had been scheduled for last Wednesday could not be secured. It is hoped that there will be no more such occurrences.

The tentative list of movies chosen for the remainder of the year will be published next week. The compiled list contains the best of the movies of late '46 and early '47, movies that have already been shown in this area. There is a law that prohibits the showing of a movie here until it has been featured in the Brunswick-Bath area. If the list doesn't meet with your approval, then please put your suggestions in "The Maine Annex" suggestion box. Remember that only seven more movies will be shown. The choice has to be limited.

## Student Union Drive To Begin On Monday, May 5

Student Senate Will Conduct Drive To Collect Funds For New Union At Orono, A Memorial To 175 Maine Alumni War Dead

After last week's trip to Orono to consult the Student Union campaign committee, the Student Senate of the Brunswick Campus has announced the opening date of the local drive. The Annex campaign will open on Monday, May 5, and will be climaxed on Saturday, May 9, by a dance at the Student Union on this campus. As no goal has been announced, the local committee will make an announcement sometime prior to the opening date of the campaign.

The overall sum required for the construction of a suitable building has been set at \$900,000. This amount the Alumni quota is \$750,000 and the student-ity quota is \$150,000. At no campus a goal of \$100,000 set, except for a matter of a few dollars, the goal was reached.

It has been pointed out that building of this type has been needed for some time. All activities which the 4,068 students participate in during leisure hours now take place in the Fine Arts Christian Association Building which was formerly called Stabrooke Hall. Evidence of the inadequacy of this building is the fact that since it was constructed in 1872 and contains only two recreational rooms. The new Union will contain facilities for all kinds of social meetings and will house adequate cafeteria and recreational facilities. Probably among the most impressive rooms contained in the building will be the Memorial Room. This shrine will contain the Memory Book which lists the names of 175 Maine alumni who died in World War

Our lounges are planned which will accommodate over 300 students. These lounges will be so

## PROF. ABRAHAMSON SPEAKS ON LABOR

By Hal Halsey

On April 16, at the Student Union, Professor Albert Abrahamson of Bowdoin College talked to the student body on the labor problem. Mr. Abrahamson is a Professor of Economics. He has served as the Director of the W. P. A. in Maine, and about a year ago he served as a special assistant to the Secretary of Labor in Washington. His talk was of particular interest to students in the American History and Modern Society classes as both of these classes are currently studying the labor movement in America.

Professor Abrahamson commented on the fact that it is much easier to talk to a student body today on labor problems than it was in pre-war days. Before the war most college students expected to become white collar workers; they had little interest in labor. In one of his present Economics classes, Professor Abrahamson found that several men already possessed union membership cards. He stated that although Maine is virtually a non-industrial state, and is traditionally conservative, we who are in college should look at things in a scientific fashion.

He gave the basic questions of labor as, "Why do we have labor unions?" and "Why do we have strikes?" He listed the three major misconceptions that many people have about unions. They are: (1) that strikes are inspired by Communists, (2) by trouble makers or (3) by power hungry labor leaders. He then brought up the present telephone strike. Most of the strikers are women, and a large percentage of them belong to the Catholic Church. This is by no means a group to be led by Communist inspired labor leaders.

He went on to discuss the four main reasons why workers join unions. In 1946 there were five thousand strikes involving an aggregate total of five million workers. Eighty two percent of these man days of idleness resulted from strikes for the improvement of wages. He stated that it is well to know that all contributions are deductible from income tax.

## ATOM BOMB TO HIT CAMPUS

On Tuesday evening, April 29, at 7:30, two documentary Naval films of the Atom Bomb tests at Bikini will be shown in the gymnasium. Both films were secured from the Navy Department in Portland by Professor Frederick B. Olson of the Physics Department.

These pictures have been shown very few times in the state, but from all reports they are a vivid, actual description of the Atom Bomb. As an added attraction one of the films is in technicolor. This fact alone should be enough to assure Professor Olson a capacity crowd. Although the films will take less than an hour to show, they should provide an excellent preview of the coming Atomic Age.

of the workers conditions. The four main reasons why laborers form into unions are: (1) to get more money; the purchasing power of the worker is going down as prices soar, (2) to get better hours, (3) to get better safety conditions, especially in the mines, and (4) because there is a feeling of insecurity among the workers today. Most of them remember the depression days only too well, the days of fifteen to sixteen million unemployed. They remember, too, the W.P.A.; and they are afraid of a repeat of these conditions. In a recent issue of the U. S. Newsweek, it was predicted that by the end of this year we would have four million unemployed workers. With regard to the safety question, the New York Herald Tribune stated that of every four hundred men who work in coal mines in the next twelve months, one will be killed and sixty injured. More than one thousand miners will die within the next year if this ratio holds true. The laborers in modern industry are under a great psychological and emotional strain. They feel that they are no longer important to their jobs, that they have become the automatons of industry.

In a Gallup Poll conducted early in April, it was revealed that management as yet has no complete understanding of labor  
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**Your Faculty**



By Olof Mercier

This week "Your Faculty" had a very enjoyable time interviewing Doctor Milford E. Wence, Chairman of the English Department. I hope that I am able to write this interview as it was presented to me so that you may also enjoy it. Doctor Wence states that his education is divided into four parts; childhood and high school, interval before college, college, and his teaching at the University of Maine.

When Doctor Wence was seven years old, his mother died. The nature of his father's business forced him to travel; therefore at an early age Dr. Wence met many different types of people. From these meetings he learned that it takes all types of people to make a world. He graduated from high school in Farmer City, Illinois. He wished very much to continue his studies but the lack of funds forced him to look for work. For the next three years he worked for a man whose appearance belied his true trade. With his white hair and pink skin, this man resembled a Methodist preacher. He had no vices and was very religious. It wasn't until three years later, when Doctor Wence was in college, that he discovered that his former employer had been a bit on the shady side. In fact said employer had been fined \$50,000 for his efforts in using the mails to defraud. This only served to strengthen Doctor Wence's opinion that it takes all kinds of people to make the world.

In 1928, just prior to the depression, Doctor Wence had saved enough money to defray some of his college expenses, but he still needed part time work. He wanted to study law, but the University of Iowa had a rule that no law student could work outside of school for more than three hours. He then decided to take a course that would make him a college teacher. Dr. Wence found that the value of working your way through college is nil except in educational value. It is only the well-fed, complacent people who feel that a person gains by working his way through college. He feels because of his hardships in college that the Bill of Rights for C.I.'s is a wonderful thing.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1933 and his Master of Arts degree in History in 1934 from the University of Iowa. In 1937 from the School of Letters at the University of Iowa he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree. In the fall of 1937 he entered the English Department at the University of Maine. He became Assistant Professor of English in 1942 followed by Social Professor in 1946. When he was appointed Chairman of the English Department. During his stay at the University of Maine he has found that teaching is one of the most satisfying experiences in life. In his opinion no profession can give one contact with a greater cross section of life than the teaching

**COLLEGES AND COMMUNISM**

By James McNiff

The great hue and cry of communism has been directed of late at the college campuses of the country. Various student organizations, some textbooks, and numerous instructors have been of the opinion that the citadels of higher learning are to be one of the searching grounds.

A few words of caution should be uttered in the face of the determining "red-baiting." Admittedly, Communists may be found among the faculty and student body of some colleges, just as they may be in labor unions, political parties, veterans' organizations, or walking along Main Street of any American city or town. Colleges today represent a fairly accurate cross-section of American life and contain students with various economic and political beliefs. But sweeping accusations should be discouraged. Statements that "colleges today are breeding places of communists" and "American college youths are disciples of Russia" are simply asinine.

If Communism is a real threat in colleges, or in any other part of America, indiscriminate name-calling and charges are no solution. Suppression of any opposition group leads only to hidden, underground activities and gains more sympathy for the supposedly martyred cause. To fight and to beat this enemy, it must be exposed, held up to public view, alongside an American system which can be shown to be superior with cold hard facts and results. This must be done by intelligent people who understand both sides of the fight between our capitalistic democracy and Russian Communism. This understanding is being obtained by many through studies in colleges throughout the country today.

A wholesale campaign to destroy Communism in these places would have nothing but a detrimental effect, by curtailing much that is good and worthwhile. Communism is wrong, but investigations and probes are no sure weapons against it. Intelligent understanding and a knowledge that there are better ways of life are.

In classrooms today, many young Americans are studying Russia, her background, her political system, and her economic philosophy and are, through knowledge, gaining an understanding of the greatest problem facing our country today. Granted that communism is contrary to all that Americans believe in as a way of life and must be discouraged and beaten in this

profession. While a teacher is never as certain of results as is a lawyer or a doctor, he sometimes has the satisfaction of knowing that he has made some changes in lives. He has also found that there is perhaps more wisdom, generosity, and dignity among college professors than there is among any other profession. He feels that his experience under such men as Dean Murray, Professor Ellis, and President Hauck has been extremely fortunate and pleasant. Dr. Wence said in closing that he believes the University of Maine attracts the finer type of student and that he found the G. I. very mature and conscientious about their work. A bit of philosophy he gave to me and which I shall pass on to you is: "You should never expect too much from other people but you should expect a lot from yourself."

**Annex Conducts Poll**  
**Political Quest**

By Klein and Haley

A campus survey conducted on April 22 by the Maine Annex revealed student opinion on questions concerning current domestic politics. Of the one hundred and fifty students questioned, the small percentage with no opinions shows the active interest taken by students on this campus on current affairs. The questions were presented in the following manner:

Henry Wallace recently stated that he would not lead a third party but that Senator Claude Pepper

might. Senator Pepper would not be the leader—party would have to split the American people.

1. Do you feel there is a third party in America?  
 Yes . . . . . 20.6%  
 No . . . . . 64.4%
2. If we did have a new would it have a chance?  
 Yes . . . . . 28.4%  
 No . . . . . 59.4%

A total of 28% expressed opinion on either question. Any question that a wishes to have polled dropped into the suggestion. Although it cannot be guaranteed that all questions forwarded will be polled, efforts will be made in many issues of the campus.

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I know that these costs are high because of current high wages, but the administration cannot be blamed for high wages. They have to pay the same price for repairing a window that Joe Doe does in Brunswick.

I also know that much of this damage has been accidental. When a guy hits a baseball through a window, he can't be prosecuted for willful damage. And when Two Ton Tony sits on a somewhat flimsy chair, hears the cracking of overburdened timber, and finally ends up on the floor he can't be blamed for willful damage.

But you know and I know that there has been a great deal of needless destruction. Throwing rocks at streetlights may be a lot of fun—when you aren't paying for the installation of a new light. And throwing books through a window after a particularly tedious night of studying may seem entirely justifiable, but it is still costly.

This article isn't directed at any one person, or group. All of us have been careless. Now that the administration has found it necessary to bill us for the damage we cause, let's not down their action as being outrageous. Think it over awhile and realize that the money spent in repairing damage on the campus to date could have well been spent to improve the campus. Backstops have been erected on all the baseball fields; holes have been repaired in all the dorms. The campus is in fairly good shape. Let's keep it that way. Let's try to improve it rather than butting our heads through those somewhat rambling, but still expensive, plywood walls.

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## TRIBUTE TO ANNE & JANE

By Dick Dillon

In the past fortnight many of the hearty males of the Brunswick Campus have succumbed to fever with varying symptoms. Some of these symptoms have been manifested by the gazing of classroom windows at the wally greenening grass, by the ring of books for baseballs, and by the swinging of ten-rackets. The more serious forms, however, have been in the form of fever-ridden bodies used by the inevitable Spring. These Spring colds have invaded the Annex men to stumble to Building 30 and place their aching carcasses in the comfortable hands of our two ladies in—Jane Spaulding and Anne Jones.

When I speak of the competence of these two angels of mercy, I speak from experience. We have all Anne and Jane, if only briefly, when we took our physical examinations, but one must be subjected to their almost maternal care to appreciate fully their presence in the presence of sickness. I betook my shakedown yet burning body to the infirmary one Monday morning, not knowing if I greeted the next day or deceased. The girl on duty that morning took me under her arm and soon had me ensconced between the cool spotless sheets of the hospital beds. She immediately started stoking me with warm fruit juices as one might stoke a hungry furnace. The other girl took over in the afternoon, continued the careful medication started by her colleague that morning.

For the four days of my visit with

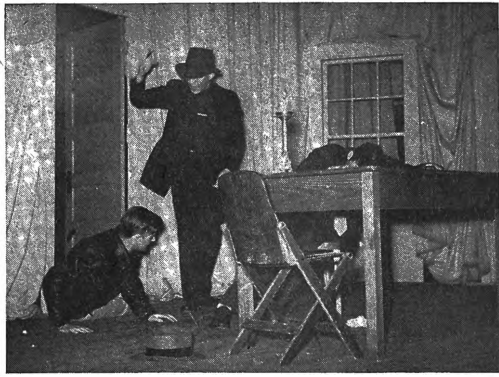


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A scene from "No Curtain Calls," a one-act play presented last Tuesday by the Masque. Left to right: Richard H. Berry as the Private, Charles C. Libby as the Captain, and Richard P. Bouchard as the Lieutenant.

them, Anne and Jane overlooked no factor nor minute detail in their campaign to ease my misery. I had but to ask and my slightest request was satisfied. I must admit that it was with great reluctance that I left the infirmary after the doctor pronounced me well. Although I can think of no way to increase my temperature again to the sufficient degree that I will be permitted to go back to the loving care of Anne and Jane, I look forward to my next serious illness while I am here at the Brunswick Campus.

## THE MAINE MASQUE

Monday night, April 21, the Maine Masque voted in 19 new members. The new members include John S. Boynton, Harry N. Jones, Francis E. McCormack, Leo P. Gilbert, Donald P. Barron, Harry F. Halsey, Richard P. Bouchard, David M. Colburn, Alexander R. Somerville, Nicholas N. Smith, James L. Powell, John Martineau, Harold D. Haley, Richard G. Haney, Richard II. Berry, Julien J. Giguere, Thomas C. Higgins, Jr., and Victor Des Roches. The initiation of the new members will take place in the near future.

Plans were made to hold try-outs next Monday, April 28, for Front Page, the next three act play to be presented the first of June. A new policy of admission to the Masque has been set up. To be eligible for membership in the Main Masque, Brunswick Campus, a person must work in one full length (3 act) play or two one act plays.

The Masque voted to have a night of three one act plays every two weeks until school closes. A committee of three, Toby F. Na-

## Prof. Abrahamson

(Continued From Page 1) and its problems. The laborer is still treated as a commodity rather than an individual. In a democracy, when people are unhappy over something they try to do something about it.

Discussing the bargaining power of the laborer, Professor Abrahamson stated that he cannot bargain as an individual. He therefore tends to join a group which is large enough to engage in competitive bargaining for him. The laborers look either to the government or to a voluntary group to gain the improvements they desire. We already have seen considerable government legislation on wages and hours. But the laborer tends to distrust the government and turns to the unions with his troubles. If negotiations fail, the workers then exercise their right not to work. This right is as essential to the laborer as the right not to produce is to the farmers and the right to withhold his merchandise from the market in anticipation of higher prices is to the businessman.

We, in Maine, have witnessed the benefits of government legislation on a wide scale. Although the farmers are traditionally conservative and like to boast of getting by without government interference, the whole economy of Aroostook County depends upon government subsidies to the farmers. The establishment of parity payments and the Triple-A were great aids to the farmer, government aids.

Another Gallup Poll recently indicated that the American people approved of unions, but they are displeased with so many strikes. The reasons for this are: (1) that we distinguish between the theoretical right to strike and its practical application, (2) that some strikes cause

inconvenience to the entire population, (3) that we are displeased with the personalities of the labor leaders, and (4) that most newspapers are against strikes. The leadership of labor is not impressive because most people with the proper background for such a position are reluctant to take it. Many of the present leaders don't have the necessary bringing up to properly execute their duties and maintain the backing of the people at the same time; but they do, generally, represent the majority of the workers.

Professor Abrahamson worked through many strikes last year. He said that it is generally admitted that there should be no strikes against the government. Governor Dewey signed a bill to this effect, and Roosevelt always backed this policy. Today we are depending wholly upon voluntary measures to settle labor disputes. Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach has no power in these disputes. The House and Senate are now considering bills which would restrict labor far more than any existing labor laws. The Republicans are leading the drive against these restrictive bills which are sponsored by Taft.

Professor Abrahamson predicted that the next step would probably be a law restricting the right to strike in public utilities. New Jersey and Indiana already have such bills in effect. Another step would be government seizure, a war time technique which was used in the meat packing strike last year.

He said, in conclusion, that it is easy to be cynical and pessimistic these days, but that his experience in working with the government had given him a strong belief that we will settle our disputes peacefully and successfully. He went on to say that if we are to offer hope to the people of the world, we must apply our principles to our domestic policies and make them work at home.

Latrine detail for week of April 28: Harlan Witham and Don Barton.

## From The Suggestion Box

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In reply to several suggestions regarding the "Twilight Serenade" we have changed the hours of the program to 3:30-6:30. We also wish to express our appreciation for the original notes similar to the following:

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setting down to the burden of studying."

Still on the music angle, we have several suggestions like this: "Have the band play at evening chow once or twice a week." This matter has been placed in the hands of the student senate—music to be supplied by the "Twilight Serenade." What do you think of it? Let your senator know your reaction.

Another note: "Why doesn't the campus store enable the students to buy odds and ends for late snacks in their rooms? Bread, crackers, small jars of cheese and so on."

This note is somewhat puzzling. We believe that some "odds and ends" can be bought in the cafeteria. However, the cafeteria closes at nine o'clock so the only solution we can offer is to run like mad for the cafeteria at 8:55, stock up on crackers, let them age awhile in your room, and then you can have a midnight snack.

## Latest News

(Continued From Page 1) We plan to conduct a search of the Orono area in order to find every possible dwelling for married students. You will be kept informed of the results.

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She lived on toity-second street  
Right next to toity-toid;  
She read the New York Joinal,  
She read the New York Woild,  
All the boys liked Goity, 'cause  
Goity's hair was coiled.

Brooklyn Joinal

## My English Instructor

My English instructor, a daughter of light,  
Is commonly called the grammatical knight;  
Exactness in grammar is her greatest delight,  
And she insists upon it with all her might.

She'll belt you once and kick you twice  
If you commit a comma splice;  
But she'll smile and coo, and kiss you too,  
If to fragment faults you bid adieu. . . .

While sauntering past her home last night  
I was met with a rather disturbing sight,  
She was out on the terrace emitting 'howls  
And blithely slaying shrieking owls. . . .  
(The reason was,  
They said, "To Whooo,"  
Instead, of course,  
"To Whom" . . . .)

William Green

## Lines to a Daughter—Any Daughter

One of the things that you really should know  
Is when to say "yes" and when to say "no."  
There aren't any textbooks, there aren't many rules,  
The subject's neglected in orthodox schools,  
You can't be consistent; there's often a reason  
For changing your mind with a change in the season.  
You might be quite right in accepting at seven  
Suggestions you'd better refuse at eleven.  
Perhaps you'll consider these tentative hints;  
"No" to dirndl of highly glazed chintz,  
"Yes" to the bashful young man at the dance,  
"No" to the man who's been living in France,  
"Yes" to a walk in the park in the rain,  
"Yes" if he asks for a chance to explain,  
"No" to all slacks unless you're too thin,  
"No" to the impulse to telephone him,  
"Yes" to a baby, and "no" to a bore,  
"No" if you're asked if you've heard it before,  
"Yes" to a Saturday, "no" to a Monday,  
"Yes" to a salad, and "no" to a sundae,  
"Yes" to a stranger (but use some discretion),  
"No" to three cocktails in rapid succession,  
"No" if he's misunderstood by his wife,  
"Yes" if you want it the rest of your life.  
Remember, my darlings, careers and caresses  
Depend on our choices of "noes" and "yesses."

Agnes Rogers

Condensed from Harper's Magazine

## The Answer to Dull Lectures

Oh give me, Lads, a sec-re-ta-ry,  
Rounded, firm, and under thirty,  
Luscious, saucy, brazen, merry,  
In my lap and in no hurry.

No demure maid in horn rimmed glasses  
At whom I never would make passes;  
But shapely, curved, and fancy frocked,  
Scarlet mouthed and nylon socked.

Tittering and giggling with wanton wiles,  
Flouncy and bouncy and full of smiles;  
A rakish blonde, or fast brunette—  
A redhead might be better yet. . . .

A past mistress of the invitation  
With all these things in combination,  
One who'd cause some consternation,  
One who'd love manipulation. . . .

William Green

## BABY BOOM

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Zimmerman were blessed with the birth of twins at the Maine General Hospital on April 23. The twins, a boy and a girl, are named Michael and Susan. The father is a student in the College of Technology. Mrs. Zimmerman is the former Martha Pierce of Guilford. She graduated from the University of Maine in 1942 and since her graduation has taught English in high schools at Cape Elizabeth, Union and Casco.

Two other students have recently become fathers. William Goggin of 4 Mathews Avenue,

## DOCTOR LEACH TO SPEAK AT ANNEX

Friday, May 2, Dr. Henry Goddard Leach, President of the American Scandinavian Foundation, will address the students of Brunswick Campus. Dr. Leach, who has devoted his life to international education, edited The

Bath, became the father of a seven pound nine ounce boy on April 18. The boy is named Richard James.

Neil McDowell, an agriculture student, became the father of Neil III on April 22. The McDowells reside at 81 Denny Road in Bath.

Forum and Century Magazine from 1922 to 1940. This publication, a periodical in which public could present points of view, increased circulation from two thousand one hundred thousand.

During this period Dr. Leach crossed the continent several times lecturing at universities and public forums. His name is connected with universities as Princeton, Groton, Oslo, Copenhagen,holm, and Upsala. He has numerous honorary degree colleges in America and His lecture here at Br should be of great interest to students in this period of international unrest.

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**PERSONALITIES**

By Earl C. Mercer



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Richard (Dick) Edes

Dick Edes, our personality kid of the week, is an Arts and Science student and hails from Portland, Maine. As I write this, I feel that Dick really needs no introduction to most of the men on the campus. Those who saw him in "Room Service" last January remember him for his magnificent performance as the benign "Davis." Those who sing with him in the Glee Club appreciate his fine tenor voice. Those who hear him singing in the shower appreciate it still more. When that "I Love Life" aria reverberates through the corridors of Hornpipe Hall (Building 18), it can be assumed that Dick is happy to be alive.

Before the golden "University Days" arrived, Dick attended Deering High School. While at Deering, he played for three years on the tennis team which was undefeated by any other high school team. (He did tell me that the Bowdoin Freshmen beat the tar out of them, but I told him I wouldn't let a word of it get around.) At present, Dick is playing Number 2 position on the Maine Annex tennis team which played its first match yesterday.

Dick has always been extremely interested in dramatics. While at Deering, he played the lead in the Senior Class Play and several other major and minor productions. Here at the Brunswick Campus, he is secretary of the Maine Masque and a very active member of that organization, having played one of the lead parts in "Room Service" and the lead part in "Button Your Lip," one of the one act comedies presented last week.

After graduating from Deering in 1943, Dick joined the Army and was sent to train at the University of Maine under the ASTP. He

served in the European Theatre as a radio repairman with the Signal Corps attached to the Third Army. During vacations and on moments between wars and other distractions, Dick drives a truck for H. P. Hood & Sons. He says that being a milkman has its ups and downs, but you do meet some interesting people that way. I asked him if all those things you hear about milkmen, etc. are true. He declined to comment.

When I questioned Dick about his hobbies, he said that he had no one particular hobby, but that he liked just about everything and everybody. When I insisted that he must have some special likes and dislikes, he thought a moment, and then I noticed a strange light creep into his eyes. "I like girls," he said simply. Then when he noticed my apparent dismay, he quickly added, "I like to play tennis, I like to dance, and I like to read."

"Now we're getting somewhere," I told him. "What especially do you enjoy reading?"

"Well," he replied, "I always liked the poetry of Edgar Guest."

This immediately gave us a common bond, as I, too, am an ardent disciple of this great American poet. "Tell me," I asked expectantly, "is there any particular one

of Guest's poems you like above the others?"

Dick thought a moment and replied with that ever-ready smile of his. "Well, there's one I especially like, because I feel the same way Guest does about it. That's the poem which goes like this: 'Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to woman-kind.'"

As to his ambitions and aspirations, Dick says he isn't sure now just what he wants his life work to be, but what he hopes to get out of school is a well-rounded education. I might add here that with all his extra-curricula activities Dick found time to make the Dean's List for the first semester which in itself is no mean accomplishment.

A student, a champ, at right guy—here's to the personality of the week.

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