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Prologue Looking For Top Student Writers

Donald Strong, a Senior at Bowdoin and editor of the new intercollegiate magazine PROLOGUE, recently appointed Roy W. Nickerson, editor-in-chief of the MAINE ANNEX, as Editor for the Brunswick Annex of the U. of M.

Chosen to assist the editor were William Robertson and Emile Gennest, both staff members of this newspaper.

Strong emphasized that manuscripts from any of the students at the Annex are welcomed and, whether they are a member of the MAINE ANNEX staff or not, if they have any ability in the literary field and have any post-university writing ambitions, they should by all means submit their work.

It should be pointed out that submissions are strictly on a competitive basis. Besides the Annex, there are contributors at Bowdoin, Bates, Colby and the Orono Campus. However, anyone wishing to send in a manuscript of either fiction, non-fiction, sports or some other field, should feel free to do so. It will be the duty of the Annex editorial staff to accept these stories for appraisal and forwarding to the editor of PROLOGUE.

PROLOGUE is a quarterly that has already made its initial appearance. With this issue out, the editors were able to see how it was received by the students of the various Maine colleges and learn their likes and dislikes and they plan to make improvements in the March issue accordingly.

Among other things, there will be a shift from so many drawings to the publication of more photographs, including a cover photo.

Deadline for copy for the March issue is Jan. 25th. The next issue is for June.

Commuters Change Meeting Times

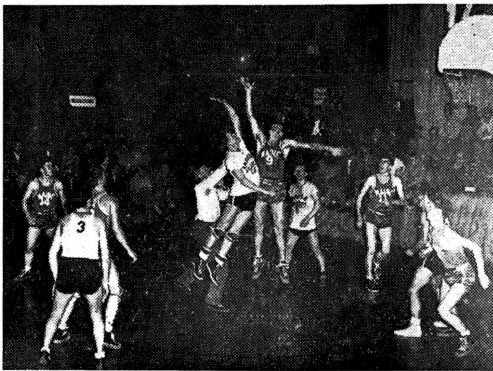
The Commuters Club held its regular meeting Monday evening at 5 o'clock in room 19d.

Errol Murphy was guest speaker and told of his doings in Washington as representative of the student veterans. Don Povich was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Ralph Niles. Mr. Niles (you may be interested to know) saw fit to join the peacetime army and so he is no longer with us.

Due to small number in attendance a discussion was held as to the probability of changing the time of the meetings. It was decided to hold an experimental meeting the following day at noon.

At the Tuesday meeting it was voted to hold two meetings each regular meeting week.

The meetings of the Commuters Club in the future will be held on both Tuesday and Wednesday of the regular meeting week at noon in the off-campus lounge on the second floor of the Adm. Building.



A TENSE MOMENT IN THE ANNEX-BRIDGTON GAME. With the score tied 35 to 35, Dentremond goes up for a jump ball for Maine. The Annex proceeded to outplay the opponent, winning 52-41.

(Photo by Norton.)

Pistol Matches

An active pistol group has been organized in conjunction with the ROTC and matches have already been arranged.

There will be two postal pistol matches this week, one with the University of Hawaii and the other with the U of Washington.

On Feb. 12 a shoulder to shoulder match has been planned with Bowdoin.

Five sets of numerals have been obtained from the athletic department to present to the five highest scorers of the year.

Sorry, fellows, but this four page edition just had to be! Last year the MAINE ANNEX was a four pager every week, so we think you can stand it this one.

The reason is simple: our best advertiser was doing his beginning-of-the-year book cleaning, and couldn't make any expenditures this week. Next week, we'll both be back, six pages full of news, features, stories, (and ads!).

Bear with us!

Scouts To Visit Annex Tomorrow

Lewiston Boy Scouts of the Order of Golden Arrow will tour the Maine Annex this Saturday evening.

The scouts will arrive at 6:30 and eat supper in the mess hall. At about 7:10 Mr. Crouse will formally welcome them, then they will start out on their tour of the campus.

They will start at the library and proceed to the arts building, the science building, Dawson Hall, the administration building, the chapel and the Student Union. With this itinerary completed, they will go to the gym where they will be extended the privileges of both the gym and the bowling alleys for an hour or so.

The Order of the Golden Arrow is an honor group chosen from the scouts at summer camps. About ten scouts are selected from each two-week camping group.

The scouts visit some institution of higher education every spring, and because until the last year, the U of M has been in the wrong part of the state for them to reach, this is their first opportunity to visit us.

CO-ED CAMPUS — BOON OR EVIL?

Has any one given serious thought to next year and what it will be like? I doubt it. By serious thought I mean looking beyond the bright aspect of having women around us all day, and into the darker aspect of women all week, all month, gawd, all year. Before you tie a ribbon around my left ear and toss me into the frozen wastes, hear me out, please.

Give a thought to speech: Joe Splokowitz steps to the front of the room and begins his A plus speech (Joe spent hours the night before in front of his pocket mirror). During the course of the speech, Joe happens to mention that while on duty in Japan he had gone out with a little Japanese girl. Squeaks, falsetto groans, shrieks of anguish and assorted flutterings are immediately heard from the rear of the room. Mary Gertenspluk has been violently ill in her home economics notebook; Maggie Oglahs weakly fumbles in her purse for her emergency vial of smelling salt-

and Annie Bleachwater scrambles about wildly between the seats in search of her eyelashes. Joe will do well to get a D on that speech.

Or shed a tear for lab. . . . The crucial moment is at hand. Charlie Edlheim is deep in his work — success at his elbow, when suddenly Hips Greerson hulks past. Charlie's seat is immediately empty, his work forgotten. However, Edlheim is not to blame. Such instances happen every day in every conceivable walk of life. I myself once rode a bicycle into the Charles River cars ago whilst watching a shapely leg trip by, and I'm sure that every man on this base had had, at one time or another, a similar experience.

While it is impossible to avoid instances such as these with women around, this problem can be turned about and given a shove in the opposite direction — that is, toward a blissful goal of no women. However, until that happy day arrives, I ask one small favor: if you must

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March of Dimes Variety Show Makes Big Hit

Shower Room Boys of Bldg. 17 Cop First Prize; Osborn Ellis and Cola Cut-ups Close Seconds

After an hour and a half of fun and entertainment at the Variety Show Wednesday night for the benefit of the March of Dimes, the judges handed in their bitterly debated decision of the winners of the first three places. Ten dollars went to the Shower Room Boys of Bldg. 17, a variety act presented by Robert "Gas" Gascoigne, Jay Cobb, and Bob Hutchinson.

String Quartet In Bowdoin Concert

A note to lovers of serious music, Monday evening at 8:15 in Bowdoin's Memorial Hall, the Pro Arto Quartet will present a concert. There is no admission charge and Maine men are welcomed to attend.

The Pro Arto is a string quartet sponsored by the University of Wisconsin, where they give a course every year in music. When not occupied with instruction, they tour the country.

The group is composed of Rudolph Kolisch, an Austrian, 1st violinist; Albert Rahier of Belgium, 2nd violin; Bernard Milofsky of Baltimore, viola; and Ernst Friedlander, of Austria, playing the cello.

The latter two have appeared at Town Hall, New York City, which is in some respects more exclusive than Carnegie Hall in its choice of artists.

Photography Club Meets Tuesday Eve.

The Camera Club will hold its usual meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, in the conference room of the Administration Building at 7:00 o'clock.

It was decided at the last meeting that new members would be admitted to the club upon a two-thirds majority vote of approval by the club. Sincerely interested prospects are invited to attend the meeting and apply to the treasurer, Sid Folsom, for membership.

Dues for the club have been established at \$1.00 for the year, payable upon acceptance as a member, and before use of the dark room will be extended.

A plan was approved whereby club members who have had no training in dark room procedure may receive instruction from one of the experienced members in small groups of two or three. These informal classes may be arranged at the mutual convenience of all concerned.

At the Tuesday evening meeting, Roy W. Nickerson, Annex editor-in-chief and a member of the club, will give a talk illustrated with his Kodachrome slides taken on his trip last year to South America. He will describe his experiences in Ecuador, where he stayed several weeks in that country's capital, Quito, located 80 miles south of the equator, high up in the Andes, and photographed local city life, bull fights, etc., and his three week jungle trip up the tributaries of the Amazon.

Second prize of \$5.00 went to Osborn Ellis for his take-off on the Yankee farmer who makes a living of constructing privies. He got in all the gestures and mannerisms that go with it and everyone agreed it was a swell job.

Third prize went to the Cola Cut-ups, a black face act of the old days. It would seem that these boys forgot nothing and without a doubt put on the best demonstration of group showmanship of the entire evening. They had some keen competition, though, and it would be difficult to debate the judges' decision. Everyone seemed happy with it.

It should be noted that, however small, the Cola Cut-ups made a fine gesture. Rather than dividing the two bucks among their six members, they contributed it to the March of Dimes, for which the show had been sponsored.

Bob Maroon served as MC, and the judges were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mazlish.

The Bowdoin Polar Bears made an early appearance and provided opening music in the true "sweet" fashion.

Among other acts worth mentioning were the Near Sighted Doctor; a take-off on a southern senator by Charles Lewis; and Lana Lamour, a daring strip tease that had us wondering for a while. This last one was accomplished with the aid of a screen and spotlight.

There were two enjoyable singing acts and accordion and violin solos. The baton twirling was unusual and well executed. The show ended with a specialty number contributed by the Misses Louise and Lorraine Bonaime, who did a three-legged tap dance.

This variety show was sponsored by the student senate.

PRISM Staff Makes Thorough Coverage

For the past week various reporters and photographers have been covering the Campus from one end to the other. Every club and group has been photographed and stories and articles have been compiled. All this has been for the Brunswick Campus section of the U of M yearbook PRISM.

The deadline for this reminder of your days on the Brunswick Campus is Sunday. Be sure and see your senator before then, if you haven't already signed for it. You don't pay cash, it's added on your bill next semester.

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CAMPUS CURRENTS

By Dave Macken

The snow had begun in the morning and busily all the day, etc. Well, out of the tall tales of tall white drifts, our Aroostook friends make news again by firmly insisting that their "country" has more snow than we Southerners will see in a couple of winters. I thought Paul Bunday roamed the Minnesota woodlands . . . Speaking of Paul, this may not be the winter of the blue snow, but it certainly is one of mildness. We'll get one of those Aroostook winters before many years probably . . . Van Betuw, or whatever they call it, Beaker Breaker Perley, the Chem whiz, and "Jigger" Page are going to form a class all their own for misunderstood individuals . . . A day of mourning was proclaimed in Orono after Colby disrupted affairs with a rude jolt in Maine's hoop plans . . . This column was written before the variety show, but we hope there was a good turn out. A worthy cause and a chance to see your mates perform. **Thoughts While Showering:** Have you ever been in a class where there wasn't a blaring, blatant person somewhere in the group to hinder proceedings? . . . some who saw "Out of the Past" the other night think that the picture was just that. They haven't pieced it together yet . . . In the popularity department, Mr. Pitt leads Ivan by a considerable margin . . . Could it be that one of the citizens of twenty wrote a theme on leveling the earth in reference to the assignment on "The Danger of Leveling"? . . . Stranger things never happened than those that occur on some of the themes . . . Well, this is an abbreviated edition so we'll just say that with finals coming up it looks like an obscure on Brunswick. In closing it may be said that it will take more than a four leaf clover or your own grandpa to get an acceptable mark on those mid-years. A little luck may be involved, but grandpa or your next aisle neighbor won't aid you in the showdown.

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FACULTY FACTS

By John L. Borodko

This week as guest reporter for "Faculty Facts" I had the pleasure of interviewing genial Edgar McKay of the Social Science Department. After a conversation consisting of home-town gossip, education, and marriage, I gleaned the following facts from him about his earlier life.

Mr. McKay was born in Boston, Mass. When asked for the date, he just said, "A long time ago." He attended elementary schools in Boston but while he was still in his youth he went to Nova Scotia and he found the fish so plentiful and the conditions so perfect that he neglected his school-work somewhat. Later, after most of the fish had been caught he decided to return to school and migrated to Winslow, Maine, and graduated from Winslow High School in 1925. After working for a year he entered Colby College and worked his way through the first three years by doing odd jobs and in his senior year was an assistant in the Psychology Department. While at Colby he was a member of the Delta Upsilon, Kappa Phi Kappa (National Educational Fraternity), Pi Gamma Mu (Social Science Fraternity), and Phi Beta Kappa. In 1930 he graduated.

In 1931 he went to teach at Winslow High School and he remained there until 1946. The last five years he served as principal. At Winslow he coached track and junior varsity football both of which hold his interest. Mr. McKay has been doing graduate work toward his Master's degree at Harvard in the field of Secondary School Administration.

He is married and has a daughter five years old who, he says, goes fishing with him. Next to fishing he likes hunting when done with a camera. He owns a small place in Nova Scotia and in the summers, when the heat is terrific in these parts, Mr. McKay is up there catching those trout that don't get away.

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Mr. Graham explained that until the extension of this liberal opportunity to reinstate lapsed G. I. insurance, a veteran may submit application for reinstatement without taking a physical examination, usually, provided his health is good when he applies as it was when the insurance first lapsed.

In addition, Term insurance (a plan of insurance first issued in service) may be reinstated by the payment of only two monthly premiums, regardless of how many months the Term insurance has been unpaid. Furthermore, the amount of the two monthly premiums paid for the reinstatement only for as much insurance as the veteran wishes to retain — the entire amount of insurance held in service does not have to be reinstated unless the veteran desires.

Complete information and the simplified short reinstatement form may be received at the Veterans Administration Office at the Administration Bldg., University of Maine, Brunswick, Maine, each Tuesday — 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. In addition, contact representative visit the following committees upon itinerant services: Bath, Brunswick and Biddeford, Maine.

Mr. Goud would like to see all vet students here on campus who have pensions but are not attending school under public law 16. See him as soon as possible; very important!

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THE EDITOR'S DESK . . .

This week we tried to find the facts and figures on the University Store. We knew everyone on the Campus thinks the prices are high, to say the least, and our Editorial Board decided that it should be investigated.

Unfortunately, our investigation bogged down. For one thing, the person that is in charge of the store is at Orono, and we couldn't make good enough connections with him for an interview.

The store here is managed by Mr. Ryan, who is on a payroll, and does not work on a commission basis.

Mr. Ryan was unable to give any figures to shed light on the prices of the books. They do seem to be high, but it should be remembered that technical books such as required in College are high priced to begin with, and within the last three months, there has been an increase in book costs all around.

Cokes are seven cents, for one reason, because last year, before the price was upped, there was too much of a loss on bottles not being returned. This year, a reporter quoted Mr. Ryan as saying, it would be necessary to charge ten cents for coffee if cokes were a nickel, because prices in coffee and the cream (from the Ryan Dairy!) have gone up. Mr. Ryan reasoned that we would prefer seven cent cokes and five cent coffee to five cent cokes and ten cent coffee.

The University does not run the store — it is a private concern — however, a board of directors at Orono does supervise it, and one University spokesman said that the U of M realizes all profits from it.

We cannot vouch for this statement, however, we do know that last year the University Stores of Orono and here combined put \$10,000 in the Student Union fund. (This was a fund started last year to build a Student Union Building at Orono.)

Mr. Ryan also said that much of the profits goes into the University athletic department. A reporter interviewed a member of our athletic department, who preferred to remain anonymous, that said he knew of no such donation. The answer seems to be that the money all goes to Orono.

In conclusion, we'd say that the University Store, though it does make profits, undeniably, that for he most part it is justified. The stores do have an overhead, clerks must be paid high wages, and no one is in business for their health. The University of Maine does get much of the profit, and the only fault we can find with that is, that profit goes to Orono rather than here. An impartial writer would add that there is little use in putting money into a temporary structure at the Brunswick Annex, and that we'll be in Orono the greater part of our University careers anyway.

We are going to interview the owner himself at Orono, and will bring you up to date in a later edition. If there are any questions in the meantime, put them in the PX Suggestion Box. R.W.N.

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S P O R T S . .

Ski Team Goes to N. H.

The Maine Ski Team travels to Hampshire today to take on Holderness School at Plymouth. Coach Curtis has his team ready for action in this first meet of the year. Several events will be staged on Saturday when the two teams meet. There will be four downhill events, two slaloms, and cross-country runs. The team will take the guests of the school Friday night.

The following men will be making the trip:

- Robert Eastman
- Craig Wark
- Robert Spencer
- Emil Winter, Capt.
- Sterling Pierce
- Daniel Butler
- Richard Knowlton
- Francis Lawrence
- Robert Cormier, Mgr.
- Coach Curtis

Open Letter

Dear Student:
A few weeks ago you donated nickels and dimes to send representatives to Washington from Orono and one from Brunswick. Purpose: Increased veterans subsistence. Maybe you'll get out right now all you have are wishes.

It seems that the bill providing the increase is a touchy thing to debate — nobody wants to vote against it, but then nobody wants brought up to a vote. Until the bill is brought out of committee to the floor of the House, brother, you can whistle for that dough. You'd like to stay in college. I've just about used up the surplus you had saved while in the service (if you had any in the first place) and the cost of living hasn't stopped skyrocketing. What are you going to do about it?

Well, you're one guy, but there are a lot like you, and you each have friends and relatives. Add them up and you'll count a lot of us.
You can do something about it if you want too. It's the old story about writing to your Representative in Congress. It is old, but if you actually do it, you'll get results. Don't request that he do nothing — demand it. It is a bill that bill out of committee to the floor, and once he gets it there, you're in, because then it would be "political suicide" to vote against it.
Remember, it has already passed the Senate; it has only to be

Outing Club Plans Skating Party

The Maine Annex Outing Club had a brief meeting on Tuesday night with President Don Barber presiding. The meeting was dismissed at 7:30. Tentative plans were made for a skating party to take place either the last of February or the first of March. Records will be played in the Student Union Building for those who want to dance. Committee members will be chosen at the next regular meeting so it is important that all members attend. Plans also include girls to be invited for Outing Club members who want them. Keep posted for more information on the next meeting.

Ticklish Situation

The loquacious British colonel was trying to prove to a group of World War II veterans how much harder the fighting man of his day was.

"Gentlemen," he sighed expansively, "I'll never forget the time during the Boer War when I was surrounded by 500 natives. Well, my chappies, in half an hour I liquidated all but 50. The blighty beggars soon re-formed their ranks and rushed me. They clawed at my face, pounded my chest, beat me about the head and shoulders, and then, propping me against a tree, three of the natives ran their spears right through me.

"I was left for dead — and there I remained, gentlemen, against the tree for ten days."

"Goodness," interrupted an awed listener, "the pain must have been excruciating. Didn't the spears hurt you terribly?"

"Only," admitted the colonel, "when I laughed!"

brought to the floor of the House. Write your Representative: Robert Hale (First Congressional District), Margaret Chase Smith (Second Congressional District), Robert Fel-lows (Third Congressional District), c/o Office of the House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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O. C. and Ski Team Trip

By Barnaby McAuslan

A joint outing at Bridgton was enjoyed Sunday by the combined ski team and Outing Club. The weather wasn't quite as cold as it had been at Andover, but there was a strong wind.

Four members of the team entered the downhill race — Wark, Noltton, Lord, and Winters. Wark was the only one from the Annex to finish the race; the rest of the boys took bad spills at various intervals on the hill. Wark placed seventh among the fifteen entries. Emily Winters, president of the ski team, fell head first and turned over several times, but fortunately was not seriously injured.

Time trials were held for the members of the ski team in preparation for the coming meet on Saturday with the Holderness School (Plymouth, N. H.). A team of eight men will be selected from the results of this and previous time trials.

CO-ED CAMPUS

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continue to spout those disgusting, cheerful prophecies about Orono and next year, will you please address your remarks to any of the numerous commodores in Weller Hall? W.R.

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Sports Sidelights

The Maine Annex hockey squad opens up its season on Saturday afternoon at the Annex rink. They tackle the Bowdoin JV's at three o'clock. The hockey rink has a surface as smooth as glass. It is expected that a large following will show up to witness this first battle.

The Annex basketball squad has a tough week ahead. On Tuesday they face the MCI club at Pittsfield. Then on Saturday they take on Farmington here at the Annex. Eddie Gott of Bucksport has been playing great offensive ball of late. He has been a key man in the Annex defense and a good man to have around for rebounds.

All men interested in playing in the ping-pong tournament and pool tournament are urged to sign the list that is posted in the gym.

Highlight of the home basketball season will be the battle with Coburn who stopped the Maine JV's. The Bates JV's also stopped the Maine JV's which helps us to think that the Annex will avenge its defeat in February at Orono.

Don't forget to sign for your copy of the PRISM, the U of M's yearbook. Thirty big pages of stories and photos of the Brunswick Campus, as well as the regular sections on Orono, Jan. 25th is the deadline. Sign now!

CAMPUS CUTIES



By Alvan Mersky

She answers to the name of Anne Welts and is registered as part of the population of Guilford, Maine. At present she is a senior in Guilford High School. Her interesting statistics run something like this: 17 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 115 lbs., etc., etc., etc.

Here's some bad news for you happy hermits! Anne's proud brother, Roger Welts of Seitz Hall, informs me that Anne has been going steady with a Mr. Danny Currie for 356 long days. Danny, by the way, is a sophomore at that (rumor has it) CO-EDUCATIONAL school, the University of Maine.

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DAY DREAMS . . .

By Sid Folsom

All this may have been just a figment of my imagination, brought on by an overdose of chemistry homework, or it may have been real. I hope it was real, because I'd hate to think that I was cracking up so early in my college career. Anyway, as I turned on the radio a few weeks ago, right after returning from a chemistry lecture. I heard the following:

"And now, ladies, we bring you that new and exciting radio serial, **The Home Life of the Halogen Family**, the popular, true-to-life story of the Halogens, those folks who could be your own next-door neighbors, but aren't; and thank your lucky stars for that! The Halogen family consists, as you all know, first of all, of that lovable homey couple, Ma and Pa Halogen, married nearly twenty years ago in a lovely double bond ceremony. Ma and Pa now have their own home, a converted atomic power plant (housing shortage) you understand, and have begun the raising of a beautiful family. Their first child was little Fluorine. Everyone calls her "Flo" for short. She's nearly sixteen now, and very headstrong. Her rashness always leaves a definite impression of her character etched in your mind. Next in line on this family tree is Chlorine. She's just passed her twelfth birthday now, and already has developed

a wonderful personality. Probably this was due to the fact that while her older sister Fluorine was always gadding, poor little Chlo was given the responsibility of taking care of the younger children, and she also learned much about housework in the two years she spent taking care of the household affairs while Ma was laid up in the hospital. Seems that Ma was out on a binge one night and was dancing on a table (Periodic), when she came too close to the edge and fell, spraining her back. But as for little Chlorine, the experience molded her character remarkably, and she possesses many reformative instincts, especially in the way of health conditions. She assures everybody that she's going into the field of welfare work when she's older. In fact, she's quite a purifier already.

"Little Bromine, the third child, is really what you might call the black sheep of the family. If not black, at least dark brown. It seems that he's always trying some new stunt that will end up by giving everybody a headache. Perhaps it seems odd, but he's very different from the rest of the family. About the only thing that can be said about him, without going into too much detail, is that he's really a little stinker. And the youngest member of the family is Iodine. He followed in his brother's footsteps some-

what, and has turned out already to be a strain on the family honor. It seems that at the tender age of three he fell in with some very starchy youngsters at kindergarten. Now whenever he gets together with them, they talk him blue in the face, but he seems to get along all right with them, and is very starchy in his relations with others. "So there they are, ladies; Ma, Pa, Flo, Chlo, Bromine, and little

Iodine. They're glad to know you, and we're glad to have you know them. We have no doubt in our minds but that you'll get along wonderfully with them, and you'll be glad that you've made their acquaintance. But now to the present. In just a moment we'll look in on the Halogen family, seated around their breakfast table. As is their usual practice, they'll be engaged in a friendly discussion of some topic

which holds a deep interest for us. As sort of a sneak preview, I can tell you right now that, morning they'll be seriously talking about the recent change of atom number of their neighbor, Fluorine, a change which may play a great part in deciding the future of the little family, and possibly the future of their entire world. "But first a word from our sponsor . . ."

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