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Two Press Groups To Visit Maine

Student Editor Receives Grant To Go To India

A government grant for nine months' study in India has been awarded to Roland Mann, retiring editor of the Maine Campus.

Mann, who receives the bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Maine in June, plans to do research in comparative journalism and international relations at Mysore University in southern India.

He will be one of approximately 750 American students to go abroad this year under the terms of the Fulbright Act, which Congress passed in 1946.

Mann, the first U. of M. student to receive a grant under the act, is from Hancock, Maine. After war service with the 66th Division in France and occupation duty in Austria, he entered the University of Maine in the fall of 1948.

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LAWRENCE D. PINKHAM, former editor of the Maine Campus, is on the commencement honors list of the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University, as winner of the Sackett award for proficiency in newspaper law. After getting his master's degree in June, he will join the staff of the Providence (R.I.) Journal.

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JOHN GOULD, editor of the Lisbon Enterprise, will deliver the commencement address at Ricker College on June 11.

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JAMES D. EWING, co-publisher of the Bangor Commercial, is the speaker for the Memorial Day Assembly at the University of Maine.

AP Executives And Circulators Plan Meetings

BY ROBERT F. LORD

Maine will be host to two of New England's major newspaper associations Sept. 5-7 at the Rangeley Lakes Hotel.

Sharing the resort at that time will be the New England Associated Press News Executives' Association and the New England Association of Circulation Managers.

John M. O'Connell, Jr., managing editor of the Bangor Daily News, is regional chairman of the news executives' group.

Robert E. Kiah, News business and circulation manager, heads the committee on arrangements for the circulation men.

Maine's hospitality to the two associations will be extended by the Maine Daily Newspaper Publishers Association. Russell H. Costello, general manager of the Lewiston Daily Sun and Evening Journal, is MDNPA's president.

Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press, and other top AP men from New York are expected at the news executives' sessions, according to Mr. O'Connell.

Early estimates indicate that about 200 delegates, wives, and guests will attend the meetings of the two groups.

Although the associations will meet separately on Sept. 5 and 6, plans are under way for a joint session on the (Continued on Page Three)

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WILLIAM A. LOUBIER will join the staff of the Waterville Morning Sentinel upon graduation from the University of Maine in June.
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Summer Staffers

College journalism programs have no exemption from the workings of supply and demand. Maine's staff training program, which operated so successfully last summer, is a case in point.

Under that program, six students earned a small amount of college credit through work on Maine newspapers during the 1950 vacation period. They received compensation, individually negotiated with their employers, which amounted in most instances to a minimum subsistence wage.

Practical experience was the main objective, and the students who participated felt amply rewarded. Reports from their employers indicated that performance was generally satisfactory, and in some instances, even outstanding.

This spring, calls have come from several newspapers that would like to have staff trainees for the summer. Unfortunately, no candidates are now available.

Two factors are involved:
(1) This year's junior class includes fewer students who are majoring in journalism. (Next year's group will be larger, barring military exigencies.)

(2) Those who would otherwise be available cannot afford staff training because of their personal economic difficulties.

The high cost of living is bearing heavily upon college students from homes of average circumstance. Many must earn day laborer's wages during vacation in order to remain in school, even though it is at the immediate sacrifice of training in their chosen field.

Somewhere In Maine

By Stanley B. Attwood

It seems rather strange, after 131 years of statehood, that all Maine maps continue to repeat errors of omission in the designation of numbered townships. Let us suppose we learn through a news dispatch that an airplane has crashed in Township 1 Range 3. Nothing could be more ambiguous. There are at least six civil divisions now or previously so numbered.

Nor is it sufficient to give the county. Piscataquis county has two townships numbered T7 R9. One is North of the Waldo Patent, the other West of the Easterly Line of the State. The correct names, therefore, are T7 R9 NWP and T7 R9 WELS. Without the designation of township, the township, the village in the town, or the island itself. Just to add to the confusion, Maine has two “Swin’” islands.

The researcher will run into difficulties unless he is familiar with Maine geography and nomenclature. If he seeks data on Madawaska, is it the town, the former town, the village, or the old Fice of Madawaska?

If he notes that the Piscataqua River is 12.25 miles long, is the reference to the stream formed by the confluence of the Cochebo and Salmon Falls Rivers, or is it the one that rises in Windiam and flows into the Presumpscot River?

The genealogist, frequently working with discontinued township names, has his special troubles. Sheppardstown could be either of the present-day townships of Hebron or Palmyra. Bakerstown could mean the township of Moscow; more likely it is Poland.

Repetition of names leads to further difficulties in identification. Though it might seem the supply of appropriate names is inexhaustible, Maine has 65 Mud Ponds, 47 Meadow Brooks, 46 Long Ponds, and so on. Goose Cove seems to be an apt name; too apt, there are half a dozen of them. In between the figures of 65 and six are scores of other repetitions.

There is no doubt that thorough reference work will produce the correct name, whether it be of a person, a place, or any other thing. Lack of accuracy is a sign of sloppy work.
Belleau Is Elected Program Chairman For AP Gathering

Next gathering of newsroom representatives from Maine’s Associated Press papers will be under the chairmanship of Vincent F. X. Belleau, city editor of the Lewiston Evening Journal.

Mr. Belleau’s election was announced after the AP business session at the University of Maine on May 17. Editorial men from eight Maine dailies were present.

Mutual problems of handling wire news were discussed. Francis R. Murphy, Maine correspondent for the AP, reported on steps that had been taken for improvement of the service.

After the meeting, the editors were luncheon guests of the University of Maine Press Club. Al Mersky of Portland, Press Club president, introduced President Arthur A. Hauck, who welcomed the visitors.

Capt. Walter E. Shotwell, public information officer of the 132nd Fighter Wing, now at Dow Field, was luncheon speaker.


Other participants included:

George Davis, Portland Evening Express; Bart Motherwell, Portland Press Herald; Earl Barron, Lewiston Evening Journal; Ray Siegler, Daily Kennebec Journal; Clayton LaVerdiere and Cy McMullen, Waterville Morning Sentinel.

Warren B. Randall and Bob Slosser, Bangor Commercial; Delmont T. Dunbar, Kailil Ayoob, and Elmer S. Ingalls, Bangor Daily News; Howard A. Keyo, John Manchester, and Wayne Jordan, University of Maine.

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NEW PROPRIETORS of the Bar Harbor Times are Dr. Raymond E. Weymouth, president, and C. Edward Shea, managing editor. They purchased the capital stock from the estate of Asa V. Wasgatt.

NEW PRESS AND PLANT. Mrs. Fred D. Jordan, publisher of the Bangor Daily News, presses button accelerating new Hoe press. At left are Richard K. Warren, assistant publisher, and son Ricky (the publisher’s grandson). At right is Frank L. Ames, general manager. The press is in a new brick building, with distribution facilities, at Main and Buck streets.

Two Press Groups Will Visit Maine

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7th, Mr. Kiah reports.

Contests in news photography and typography will be included in the AP group’s program. The photo competition will be run in three classes: spot news, sports, and features.


Richard Blalock, Portsmouth (N.H.) Herald, is chairman of the regional AP group’s continuing study committee. Herbert S. Stanger, Christian Science Monitor, is contest chairman.

Officers of the New England Association of Circulation Managers are: Earle B. Fuller, Rutland (Vt.) Herald, president; Hilding C. Peterson, Worcester (Mass.) Telegram-Gazette, first vice-president; Frank J. Heinrich, Burlington (Vt.) Free Press, second vice-president; Guy W. Mersereau, Christian Science Monitor, secretary-treasurer.
Historical Classic On Presidency Is Reporter's Legacy

For many newspapermen, "A History of the Presidency" by Edward Stanwood has long been a faithful helper, especially in presidential years. Many, it may be suspected, have used that reference classic without knowing that its author was a Maine reporter.

Stanwood was six when he saw his first President. That was when James K. Polk visited Augusta. Later Stanwood served in turn as a reporter for the Kennebec Journal, the Boston Atlas & Bee, and the Boston Courier. He became an editorial writer for the Boston Advertiser and then its editor.

In the winter of 1863-64, Stanwood was in Washington as secretary to James G. Blaine.

The first of the many editions of Stanwood's work on the presidency appeared in 1884 as "History of Presidential Elections." After four editions under that title, it reappeared in 1898 as "A History of the Presidency from 1788 to 1897."

The work went into its two-volume phase in 1912, and revisions and additions have continued.

Stanwood died at Brookline, Mass., in 1923.

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LT. (jg) SAMUEL N. MAYO, Jr., former sports editor of the Bangor Commercial, is CIC officer and ship's secretary of the USS James C. Owens (DD-776). The Owens has been participating in exercises at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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WAYNE JORDAN, University of Maine journalism professor, will work on the International Air Edition of the New York Times for the summer.

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RICHARD W. SPRAGUE, reporter-photographer, has been assigned to the Orono-Old Town beat by the Bangor Commercial.

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DANA TASKER, a native of Gardiner, Me., has been appointed executive editor of Time.

** In Memoriam **


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EASTERN GAZETTE of Dexter is one of nine weekly newspapers that received honor award citations from the National Board of Fire Underwriters because of their Fire Prevention Week activities. A "Fire Quiz Bee" for school children was a feature of the Eastern Gazette's program.

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2ND LT. WILLARD NISBET, Jr., former business manager of the Maine Campus, is with the 877th QM Service Co., 14th QM Battalion, at Fort Bragg, N. C.

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FRANK C. FERGUSON, University of Maine class of 1918, is associate editor of the Spokane (Wash.) Spokesman-Review.

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SID FOLSOM will join the reporting staff of the Biddeford Daily Journal in June.

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ELBERT G. MOULTON, Jr., is chief of bureau at Calais for the Bangor Daily News.

** Namesake Journal Has Room Devoted To Franklin's Life **

BY EMMA M. MAHONEY

The semiweekly Franklin Journal is published in Farmington in a trim, red brick building whose colonial entrance is dominated by a swinging, white sign bearing a silhouette of Benjamin Franklin. Further perpetuating the memory of the American patriot and printer is the Journal's building on the second floor, reached by winding white stairs.

The Franklin Room, which serves as a library and editor's retreat, has resulted from the lifelong interest in American history of the late Henry P. White, the Journal's founder and its editor until his death in 1937.

The room's white wainscoted walls are hung with more than a score of reproductions of Franklin's portraits.

The Duplessis portrait first meets the visitor's eye as he crosses the threshold, and a big steel engraving illustrating some of Poor Richard's admonitions is on the opposite wall. On a third wall, in drab colonial attire, still another Franklin is seen, surrounded by the gorgeous ladies of the court of Louis XVI.

The Journal's collection of Franklin pictures and statuettes increased during Mr. White's lifetime until it filled all suitable spaces in the room.

Prominent on the white mantel which tops a big brick fireplace is a framed first page of the February 4, 1723, issue of the Hartford Courant, once published by James Franklin, to whom his brother Benjamin was apprenticed as a boy.

A proofreader's black, broad-armed chair stood until recently on a braided rug at one side of the fireplace, companioned by an 18th century Windsor. Capacious white cupboards protect files of old Franklin County papers.

As some old houses seem to hold surges of past happiness and sorrow, so does the Journal's Franklin Room seem charged with memories of Henry P. White and his admiration for the great dean of American printers and newspapermen.