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# The Maine Campus

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## "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE"

On Saturday evening, March 2nd, the Ben Greet Players of the Ridpath Lyceum Bureau presented "The Merchant of Venice" in the Assembly Hall to a very appreciative audience. The players under the lead of Grace Halsey Mills, as Portia, presented the comedy with acting that approached perfection and again and again the audience sounded their approval of the individual members of the company. Altho the plot was familiar to all the picturesqueness of the costumes greatly aided the development of the plot. Below is the cast:

### CHARACTERS

Shylock, Erskine Sanford; The Duke of Venice, Elwyn Eaton; The Prince of Arragon, George Hare; Antonio, a Merchant of Venice, David Munro; Bassanio, his friend, suitor to Portia, Lynn Starling; Salanio, Salarino, Gratiano, Friends to Antonio and Bassanio, William H. Morton, Ross Grant, Wells Watson Ginn; Lorenzo, in love with Jessica, Albert J. Carroll; Tubal, a Jew, friend to Shylock, Elwyn Eaton; Lancelot Gobbo, the clown, servant to Shylock, George Hare; Old Gobbo, father to Lancelot, Albert J. Carroll; Balthasar, servant to Portia, Katherine Sayre; Jessica, daughter to Shylock, Nancy Vermell; Nerissa, waiting maid to Portia, Agnes Elliott Scott; Portia, a rich heiress, Grace Halsey Mills.

The scenes are laid partly at Venice and partly at Belmont, the home of Portia.

### CAMP DEVENS

Thru the efforts of the Civil Engineering Club, the students and faculty of the university are to be given a real treat Thursday, March 7, 1918 at 8:00 P. M. in 14 Wingate. Mr. V. T. Goggin, representing the F. T. Ley Contracting Co., of Boston, will give an illustrated lecture about the building of Camp Devens, at Ayer, Mass. It is something no engineering student should miss.

The Maine Masque play, "A Pair of Spectacles" will be produced during the Junior Week on Thursday, April 25.

The preliminary debating trials for the Freshmen were held last Friday, March 1st in 1 Estabrooke Hall. The following men will constitute the debating squad: W. L. Blake, W. P. Schwietzer, F. L. Foley, and R. Cohen.

Roland Coney '20 has left college to teach French, German and Algebra at Coney High School in Augusta.

## MAINE'S MACKMAN

It has been a question on the campus whether "we are going to have Monte Cross" this spring as baseball coach. For the benefit of the underclass men we give below a brief account of Cross's record.

In 1916, the first year Cross acted as coach at this university and incidentally the famous "clean-up" year, Monte turned out a team that no other college in the state could stop so that State Baseball Championship came to Orono. In that year Cross developed such men as Jerry Reardon, last year's star catcher and captain, Jack Frost, the main stay in the box last season, and Otis Lawry. Monte Cross himself was formerly a player on Connie Mack's World Champion Athletics and at the present time is connected with that outfit as a scout.

Last year only a fair team was turned out due to the lack of funds and the war conditions which robbed the team of all of its crack players. This year the season is short and early in opening while the veteran players are lacking but with the abundance of material in the lower classes Monte Cross can be depended upon to produce a winning team for Maine. Cross desires every man who played baseball on any prep. school team to come out for this year's 'Varsity team as an entire team must be built up.

## INSPECTION TRIP TO BE GIVEN UP

It is highly probable that the usual spring inspection trip annually taken by the seniors of the College of Technology will have to be omitted this year due to the very prompt refusal of the large industrial plants of the Atlantic States to allow inspection of their plants which are largely engaged in war work for the United States government.

## FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE DEBATE, APRIL 17

The annual debate between the Freshmen and Sophomores will take place Wednesday, April 17, 1918. The question: Resolved: That there should be Government ownership of railroads after the war, is live and interesting at the present time, and consequently the debate should be a good one. All those interested should see Prof. Daggett before March 6, 1918.

At Boston University all the senior class men hold class office as there are only five men in the class with five class officers to be elected.

## MANY HERE FOR FARMERS' WEEK

Farmers and others from all parts of Maine arrived on the campus during the day, Monday, in readiness for the twelfth annual Farmers' Week which is now in session. The visitors found accommodations in Bangor, Old Town and at the Commons, on the campus. Every effort has been made to make this week of the greatest possible value to Maine farmers and the railroads have cooperated with the University by allowing special rates.

Practically the entire college of Agriculture and the Extension department are giving their aid and the program consists of lectures and demonstrations in all branches of agriculture. The meeting was formally opened on Monday evening with an address in the assembly hall, by President Aley. Special meetings of the Maine Pomological society and Maine Seed Improvement Association are to be held during the week.

In addition to the above program there will be held a "Victory Meeting" in assembly hall on Wednesday evening, at which Donald F. Snow and Dean Leon S. Merrill will tell of the work of the State Food Production Committee and Food Administration.

## JOINT PRODUCTION BY COLLEGE ACTORS

The students and friends of the university will be given a pleasant surprise in the form of a joint performance by the Maine Masque and a troupe of the young ladies of the university, to be given at the Bijou, March 27th.

The Masque will play "A Pair of Spectacles", which was so successfully produced last week in Deering; while sixteen of our fair co-eds (under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A.) will produce a pantomime to music.

This pantomime cannot possibly be missed by any of the lovers of art and beauty as it will be represented by Maine's finest. It is a distinct novelty, as it is original in plan and execution, and illustrates many ideas that belong to the new art of the theatre. In fact the influence of Gordon Craig and Granville Barker are evident in the stage setting, costuming, etc.

"Into the Nowhere" is a color scheme in black and white, in which the Pierrot, Pierrette, the villian, lover, coquette and the widow give a forceful representation of life in the "land of the nowhere." It was written for the Red Domino Dramatic Club of the University of Wisconsin, and took first prize in a contest in which high class

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## THETA CHI WINS MEET

Again in the second of the three interfraternity track meets held Saturday, March 2, the members of the local chapter of Theta Chi piled up a grand total of 35 points which put their house over the top. The Delta Tau Delta aggregation were the only threatening opponent of the winners with a total of 24 points. A good crowd watched the events and liberally cheered on their favorite athletes or friends. The Freshman 40 yd. dash opened the meet and was won in fast time by Oakes, Sigma Nu, with Pratt, Delta Tau Delta, a close second, and Pinkham, Theta Chi, third. In the following free-for-all 40 yd. dash, Donovan, Theta Chi, nosed out Powers, Phi Kappa, for first place while Pinkham, Theta Chi, again finished third. In the Freshman relay the Delta Tau team composed of Pratt, O'Malley, Staples and Castle won from the other houses. Steadman easily won the mile, with Eames, Phi Eta, a good second, and O'Malley, Delta Tau, a third. In the famous fatman's race, Shoemaker, Theta Chi, won from his only rival, Lewis, Sigma Nu. The sack race was "walked" away with by Kelley, Theta Chi, with Libby and Hopkins, Alpha Tau Omega, second and third. In the 390 yard dash Donovan, Theta Chi, won in a fast race from Pratt, Delta Tau, with Burns, Phi Kappa, third. Libby, Delta Tau, Caswell, Delta Tau, and Perry, Phi Eta, finished in the order given in the snow shoe marathon. The 780 yard was a close race with Haggarty, Dorm., finishing first pressed by Steadman, Dorm., and Pratt, Delta Tau. "Si" Stewart, Alpha, with a mighty heave won the shot put with Shoemaker, Theta Chi, second and Sturgis, Sigma Nu, third. In the high jump Wood, Phi Eta, went a little higher than his rivals, Shoemaker, Theta Chi, and Small. "Pop" Wentworth, Sigma Nu, took the broad jump with Sewall, Sigma Nu, second and Shoemaker, Theta Chi, third. In the pole vault Bagley, Theta Chi, won first place from Merrow, Alpha, and Moulton, Theta Chi, third.

The grand total for the winning houses was as follows: Theta Chi 35, Delta Tau 24, Sigma Nu 17, Dorm. 13, Alpha 9, Phi Eta 9, Phi Kappa 4, and Phi Gamma 1.

President Aley at the Monday Chapel exercises urged all students to be vaccinated because of the threatening smallpox epidemic in the town of Orono. Many students accepted his advice and with "Safety First" as their motto caused the physicians of Orono an unusually busy Monday afternoon and evening.



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## EDITORIAL

## AMERICAN CITIZEN!

No title the world can bestow is more splendid! And, never has it been as resplendent as now. It stands symbol to the world for peace! Freedom! There is nothing better! The world yearns for it. For ourselves we need not now a "new birth of freedom," as Lincoln said we did in 1863. We then learned again, and finally, its value. But, the rest of the world DOES need a new birth of freedom. And it is for this, and this alone, that we fight and shall continue to fight until it is achieved. For the world's liberty we have armed two millions of beautiful young men—such as Saul said Absalom was. We are sending them over the sea to battle.

We shall send as many millions as are needed to paralyze autocracy. We have spent twenty billions of money in a few months, and shall spend as much more as is necessary to write Freedom on the gates of the world. Our splendid boys go to this world-battle for Liberty with gay songs on their lips. Many will be mangled. Many never return to us! Yet they go singing. Their mothers and sisters and wives—yea, the stranger among us!—remain and keep the deserted gates! And they, too, sing. It is all beautiful beyond words. There is, there can be, no more splendid theme than this we are chanting: For the Liberty of the World!

Perhaps we stop sometimes to wonder why a good God makes all this to

be. Trust Him. Some time we shall know. It may be that He means this "heaven-rescued land" to strike the finishing blow to the Destroyers and proclaim liberty throughout all the world as it once did throughout all this land. That all this horror of blood has been permitted that WE may be made ready for this glorious stroke. For, God cannot have meant the most benignant government his world has ever known, to become the accomplice of monsters who fatten up on world-loot. He cannot have meant that a people who ask nothing of the world but to share its priceless peace with it, shall stand idly by while the rest of the peoples are despoiled of theirs. It may be that this is the price we are to pay humanity for a hundred and fifty years of liberty unsullied.

If the Destroyers are right and we are wrong, then must we face the conclusion that all of God's creations were made only that the Destroyers might sate their gluttony in destruction. Their system or our must now perish. That two can no longer survive together in this world. I believe this to be the judgment of Almighty God.

American Citizen, which is best for the beleaguered world? Answer. And upon your answer act. Answer with your money, your hands, your head, your heart—with all you have and are!

This is being an American Citizen!

John Luther Long

## DELTA DELTA DELTA

The past week was a busy one for the Tri Delta girls. Monday night, Feb. 25, at their new home, they gave the "Trident Degree" to seven initiates, and Friday, March 1, at midnight the "Stars and Crescent" degree.

Saturday evening the annual banquet was held at the Bangor House. The pansies and jonquils, with the gold-colored candles for light gave a most pleasing effect. Kathryn Hitchings was toast mistress. It was an event never to be forgotten by the members of Delta Delta Delta.

Ruth Clarke '21 who is at home on account of illness will be initiated later.

## BALENTINE NEWS

Miss Blanche Jennys has returned to college.

Miss Julia Littlefield of Brewer was the week end guest of Cora Phillips '20.

Miss Hattie Connors has been the guest of her sister, Irene Connors for the past week.

Marguerite Roberts returned Tuesday after spending a week at her home in Dexter.

"Spike" Spear '19 and "Billie" Haskins '19 returned Tuesday from Portland where they spent the holiday.

Isabel Dyer '20 is at her home in Portland.

Mary Pulsifer '20 spent the week end at her home in Auburn.

Edith Deering '21 returned Wednesday

day after spending the week end at her home in Hollis.

Miss Hilda Smith, a student at Leeland Powers, Boston, was the guest of Kathleen Snow Friday night.

Miss Clara Sargent, Pi Phi of Boston University, is the week end guest of the Beta Phi sorority.

Mrs. Harrington attended a birthday luncheon given in her honor by Mrs. N. M. Jones, Bangor, Friday afternoon.

The Beta Phi sorority gave a tea at Mrs. G. W. Stevens Sunday afternoon in honor of Miss Clara Sargent.

## MOUNT VERNON NOTES

Miss Ella Wheeler '19 is sick at her home in Bangor.

Miss Mary Robie '18 spent the week end with her parents in Gorham.

Mrs. P. J. McCrystle is here for a short stay with her daughter Kathleen '20.

Mrs. Estabrooke, who has been confined to the house for the past two weeks, is much better.

Mr. Abbott, Mr. Burke and Mr. Butterfield were guests at lunch Sunday night.

U. SEDIT'S COLUMN  
HE MEANS YOU, GIRLS!

My case is sad, you must admit  
Yes, and its tough you bet—  
Tho I've been "knocked down" quite a bit  
I haven't fallen yet.

Fresh Co-ed: What's the shape of a kiss?

Bashful Freshie: Er—it's sometimes elliptical (a lip tickle).

Fresh Co-ed: Give me one and I will call it square.

Math. Prof.: "Miss Twentywon, how would you do this problem in one step?"  
Miss Twentywon: "No, thank you; I don't dance."

There are meters of measure  
And meters of tone  
But the best of all meters  
Is to meet her alone.

## WHY HE FLUNKED MATH.

Little Jack Horner  
With his book in the corner  
Couldn't think of the value of Pi  
He put his thumb  
On the page of the sum  
But alas the professor was nigh.

A HINT TO THE ENGLISH  
DEPARTMENT

Why not include oat-meal and corn-flakes in your courses and note an improvement in serial stories.

If you see a polite fellow on the campus you can bet it is a Civil Engineer and if he is honest he must be a straight chemist.

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## WAR NOTES

H. N. Robbins '19 in writing of the life at the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Devens (Mass.) makes special comment on the interesting features of the new bayonet manual.

G. H. Jordan '20 who went to Europe with the 103rd U. S. Infantry Band is at present in London, England.

C. M. Winter '19 has successfully passed the physical examination for the governmental aviation service and is awaiting a call to a ground school.

C. S. Johnson '20 is attending the Third Officers' Training Camp at Fortress Monroe, Virginia.

L. B. Johnson '18 was recently graduated from the Harvard Ensign School.

F. T. Norcross '15 has been appointed to the Army Candidate School, Somewhere in France.

A. B. Joyce '19 and R. H. Howell '20 of the 54th Field Artillery have left with their regiment for foreign service.

Billy Ballou '15 is Captain of Co. G, 56th Pioneer Infantry, stationed at Spartansburgh, S. C.

H. P. DeCoster '19 and Ralph Kendall '19 are attending the Aviation School at Cornell University.

"Buck" Erswell '17 has received a commission as a captain in the infantry and is stationed at Hampton Roads.

"Stan" Phillips '17 is with the United States Engineers, Somewhere in France.

Ensign Claude Gibberson '18 is now on the flag ship Pennsylvania.

C. H. Champion '19 and J. H. Howard '19 are attending the Ensign's School at Higham, Mass.

Charles Jortberg '18, Ralph Ranger '19, Clifford Ohnemus '19, Phillip Burnham '19, Thurlie Whitehouse '19, and Clyde Benson '18 will complete their studies at the Officers' Training Camp, Fortress Monroe, before the first of April.

Harold N. Jones '18 left Saturday morning for a training camp in Virginia.

W. C. Harper '18 has reported at the coast artillery school at Fortress Monroe, Va.

S. E. Page '17 is stationed in the Naval Aerial Gunnery Corps at Fort Worth, Texas.

F. G. Bisbee, ex '18 who is stationed on the U. S. S. Mexican as radio-electrician was on the campus for a few days last week.

W. J. Boothby '17 is stationed at Memphis, Tenn. in the government's aviation corps thre.

H. E. Watkins '17 is ranking lieutenant in Troop "H" of the 11th Cavalry which is at Camp Forrest, Ga.

N. E. True '19, 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps, is quartered at Quantico, Vir.

E. C. Melcher '19 has been promoted to Sergeant in Battery C, 4th Field Artillery at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss.



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## U. SEDIT'S COLUMN

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And still can't reason why—  
Maine can have a Brewer  
And still call herself bonedry.

## "COLLEGE MEN MAKE GOOD AS AVIATORS"

says a newspaper headline. Why shouldn't they? They have had experience in dropping at college.

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## HECK CLUB MEETS

On Wednesday evening last Prof. Brown addressed the regular meeting of the Agricultural Club upon farming methods and results in California stating that tho the Pacific state was unusual in its productivity it owed much of its reputation to promoters and propaganda.

Following Prof. Brown's remarks, Farmers' Week plans were discussed and refreshments served.

About the middle of May the State and Federal Government expects to start a search simultaneously in three or four sections of the state, for the White Pine Blister Rust. This offers a good opportunity for employment during the summer vacation and it is work in which a number of college fellows ought to be interested. This search is an attempt towards the eradication of this disease which is destroying so many trees in the state.

W. C. Harper '18 has left college to go to Fortress Monroe having enlisted in the engineers corps with the rank of first class sergeant electrician.

## RESULTS OF SENIOR VOTE

The Senior Election for members of the commencement committees and for commencement parts was held in Alumni Hall on Wednesday afternoon, February 27. The following were elected:

Historian—Donald B. Perry of Hallowell.  
Presentation of Class Gifts—Charles N. Merrill of Bangor.  
Chaplain—Weston S. Evans of Windham.

Poet—Walter J. Creamer of Bangor.  
Address to Undergraduates—Ralph C. Wentworth of Denmark.

Oration—Lee Vrooman of Greenville.  
Prophecy—Albert W. Wunderlich of Arlington, Mass.

Valedictory—Simon W. Moulton of Sebago Lake.

Commencement Week Committee—Sumner A. Hall of Portland, Francis Head of Bangor, and Herbert S. Lemont of Bath.

Ivy Day Committee—Winburn A. Dennett of Hopedale, Mass., Frank D. Libby of Gardiner, and Thomas F. Shea of Bangor.

Class Cane Committee—Harold C. Swift of Auburn, Aubrey J. Spratt of Bar Harbor, and Roscoe S. Lewis of Lewiston.

## NOTES FROM FARMERS' WEEK

The Farmers' Week issue of the Practical Husbandry is now on sale with several articles on the feed situation that are of great practical value to the agricultural reader. Besides this there is a Home Economics section that appeals to the women of the country. Another feature is a short write up of the doings of all the agricultural graduates of the class of 1917.

This paper because of war conditions has only appeared twice this year and will probably come out only once a semester for the duration of the war. Sam Collins will be in charge of the editorial end from now on.

In preparation for Farmers' Week, March 4-9th, the Department of Agriculture has had a huge banner, twenty by forty feet, hung from the third story of Winslow Hall. Upon this huge banner are the words "Food will win the War" and below this motto of the National Agricultural Department is the official seal of the Food Administration. This design is very appropriate as it covers the office windows of Dean Merrill, the State of Maine Food Administrator.

The monthly meeting of the Maine Menorah Society was held Thursday evening, March 1 in Coburn Hall. Prof. C. Colvin gave a very interesting lecture on "The work of Disraeli and the present war". After the formal lecture informal discussion was held which proved very interesting.





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## SMILEAGE BOOKS FROM FRATERNITIES

The different fraternities have entered into a plan by which it is proposed that the members of each house raise a sum of money which will be used to purchase "Smileage Books" for their fraternity brothers who are now in the National Army training camps. This movement is under the direction of Registrar James A. Gannett who will furnish each chapter house on the campus with the addresses of the different chapters' members. All the fraternities have agreed to give up a few movies at Orono in order that their members at Camps Devens, Upton, Greene and elsewhere may visit the movies at the Liberty Theatres in their cantonment.

## DR. EASLEY ON "FUEL"

Dr. C. W. Easley delivered the third lecture of the General Lecture Course on Wednesday, February 27 in Aubert Hall. He spoke on the timely subject of "Fuels", tracing the chemical advancement in the improvement of fuels. An unusual amount of interest is being shown in the General Lecture Course this year as shown by the registration of over two hundred.

President Aley returned Monday from a speaking trip through New England which ended with his attendance at the meeting of the National Educational Society at Atlantic City, N. J. He was accompanied by Mrs. Aley.

The M. C. A. requests that all students having ideas as to the betterment of the coming fall Handbook, issued annually to all the student body, should communicate with Francis Friend '20.

Since so many of the members who were to take the leading parts, have left college, and because of the shortening of the Spring Semester, the French Club has decided not to give the annual French play this year. It was also voted at the last meeting to hold the club every other Wednesday evening instead of Thursday as has been the custom.

Professor W. P. Daggett announces that all students eligible for the Junior Prize Speaking Contest should observe the following dates: Feb. 25, all subjects should be approved; March 25, written orations should be handed in; April 5, preliminary oral contest; April 21, final contest. The length of the orations should be between one thousand and twelve hundred words.

Dean Merrill of the Department of Agriculture announces the resignation of Ralph P. Mitchell, state leader of the boys' and girls' agricultural club work, in order that Mr. Mitchell may take up residential education work at York.

## JOINT PRODUCTION BY COLLEGE ACTORS

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vaudeville pieces were presented. This joint production of the two companies is unprecedented and should be a good drawing card.

## NOTICE

Trials for the pantomime "Into the Nowhere" are to be held in 1 Estabrooke, Wed., March 6, 1918, at 7:15 P. M. As there are no speaking parts all preparation and practicing is to be done at the rehearsals. All Co-eds eligible (as far as scholarship is concerned) are asked to report.

With Maine men in large numbers serving in all branches of military and naval service it is inevitable that the time will come when Maine men and women will be saddened by the news of the death of alumni and former students. According to available records four men have thus far lost their lives in service. Maine honors the following:

Harold T. Andrews ex '18 was a member of the Engineer's Corps and was one of those killed at the Battle of Cambrai after a gallant defense against a surprise attack by the enemy. Andrews was very popular in college and was a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Ira M. Bradbury '14 died of pneumonia while at a southern training camp. He was a graduate of Bridgeton Academy and while at college was a member of the musical clubs, sergeant his sophomore year and manager of class basketball his junior year. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Donald E. Campbell ex '20 died of pneumonia contracted while serving in the Naval Reserve Force at Bumpkin Island, Hull, Mass. He died at Island Falls after being sent home on sick leave. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Ray I. Goding ex '20 left college during his freshman year to enlist. He died at Camp Meade from pneumonia.

The CAMPUS has a rival for student patronage on the campus in the "University Inn Top-Notch", a snappy paper published by the residents of the fourth floor at the University Inn. The latest issue was the Washington Birthday number and contained an original cut of a B. R. & E. electric car stuck in a snowdrift. The price is six cents (payable in advance) and the press used is an Underwood.

At the Y. W. C. A. meeting held at Balentine Hall on Thursday night Miss Bernice Smith '21 acted as leader and spoke on "Phases of Social Service Work." She sketched in a brief way the work of Jane Adams at Hull House and emphasized the value of the Y. W. C. A. work as a form of service. After sentence prayers and a solo by Miss Achsa Bean '21 the meeting was closed with the mispah.

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