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ALUMNUS DEFINES SCHOOL SPIRIT AS LOYALTY TO IDEAL

PROF. CRAGER IS SPEAKER

Group of Musical Selections
Given on Saw and Piano
by Association Men

The first Students' Association meeting of 1932, held yesterday at the chapel hour, rang a clarion call to a finer loyalty to Washington Missionary College as Prof. C. P. Crager, guest speaker, defined true school spirit. Professor Crager, an alumnus of the W. M. C. class of 1916, is now an associate secretary in the General Conference Educational Department.

Defining what school spirit is, the speaker quoted from Prof. W. I. Smith, former president of Walla Walla College, Walla Walla, Wash., who said "School spirit is an indefinable, magnetic influence which binds the hearts of teachers and students together as one. It is that power which impels each to contribute his best to the advancement of every worthy school interest. Its presence brings peace, satisfaction, cooperation and progress."

Professor Crager emphasized that loyalty to the principles of Christian education is the basis of loyalty to one's College and that love for one's school is another determinant. With these high ideals and a rightful pride, every member of the Association should back every campaign whether a denominational or a college project.

"Every one should be a booster of the school paper," continued Professor Crager. "Work for it and dig in your toes till you get the thing across. School spirit is not a yell, not a hurrah. It is a thing full of pep that keeps true to the ideals and traditions of W. M. C."

A group of musical selections was given by the Association by Horton McLennan who played on the saw, "One Fleeting Hour" by Lee, and Aaron Daugherty who interpreted Grainger's "Country Garden" and Strickland's "Impromptu" on the piano.

Nominations were due yesterday morning for the second semester officers of the Association and the staff of THE SLIGONIAN. Unexpected circumstances developed at the last minute which prevented the nominating committee from offering a complete list of candidates. Unless a special meeting is called for that purpose the new Executive Board and staff will not be considered before Jan. 20.

CALENDAR

Friday, January 8

9:15 a.m., Chapel—College Orchestra
5:03 p.m., Sunset
7:00 p.m., North Hall—Medical Seminar
8:00 p.m., Columbia Hall—Devotional meeting

Saturday, January 9

10:45 a.m., Sligo Church—Dr. D. H. Kress
5:04 p.m., Sunset
7:45 p.m., Clubs

Monday, January 11

9:15 a.m., Chapel—Miss Thelma Wellman

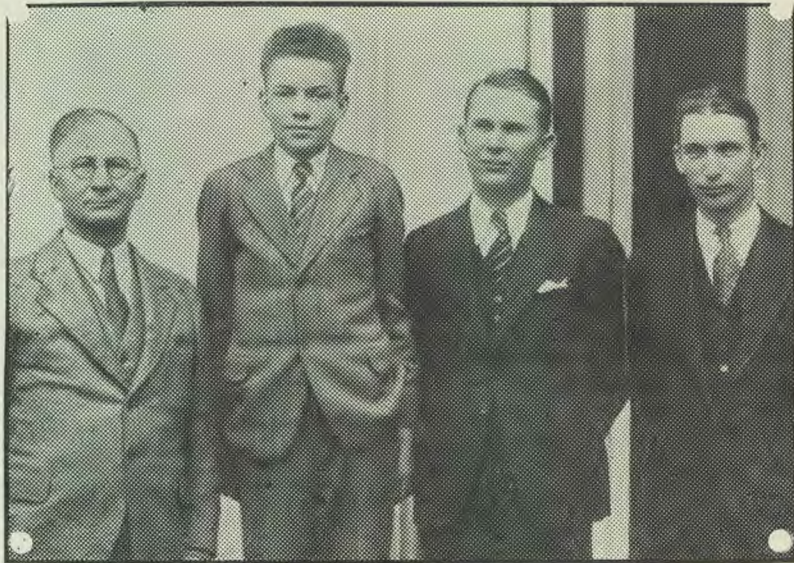
Wednesday, January 13

9:15 a.m., Chapel—Miss Florence Oliver

Coming Events

January 16—Motion picture, "Getting Personal with Mountain Lions," by William L. Finley (Lecture Course)
January 20, 21, 22 and 25—Semester examinations
January 23—Recital by Music Faculty,

GUESTS AT WHITE HOUSE BREAKFAST



The first four at the White House New Year's Day Reception were invited in for breakfast. Left to right they are: M. J. Bredvold, Walter Barrows, Otto C. Kafer and William Wilson. Mr. Barrows is an academic freshman at W. M. C.

B. G. WILKINSON WILL SPEAK SUNDAY NIGHT

"The United States in Prophecy"
to Be Topic at Mount Pleasant Temperance Rally

Next Sunday at 7:30 p. m., at Mount Pleasant Hall, 1813 Columbia Road, Dr. B. G. Wilkinson will speak on "The United States in Prophecy." Preceding the sermon Miss Esther Bergman of the Washington Sanitarium will give a health lecture on "The Uses of Water in the Home to Meet Common Ills."

"Control unbridled cigarette smoking and the untruthful advertising of it or the nation is ruined," was the keynote of the symposium entitled "The Cigarette Evil; Is the Nation Menaced?" which was given in the hall, Jan. 3. The speakers were Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, who is the district superintendent of the Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and former director of the District Parent-Teachers Association, Sinclair Bowen, a prominent Washington physician and Dr. D. H. Kress of the Washington Sanitarium.

COLLEGE ORCHESTRA WILL TEST AMPLIFYING SYSTEM

The public address system which is being installed by the Cosmic Ray Club will be tested in chapel tomorrow by a program by the College Orchestra.

The orchestra, under the direction of Professor Victor N. Johnson, will present four numbers: "Four Vassars" by Iobans, "Waltz," by Armand, "Twilight," by Laurendeau, and "Greeting Overture," by Mahl.

Four members of the orchestra, appearing as soloists, will supply special features of the program. Miss Martha Jane Ruble, violinist, will play "Adoration," by Borowski, Herbert McClure, trombonist, will play "Serenade Badine," by Gabriel P. Marie, and Dorothy Hoopes and Raymond Casey will give a violin duet, "Symphonic No. 4" by Dancla.

The organization is giving particular attention to orchestral effects and balance this season, and especial care is being given to phrasing and bowing. Included in the orchestra are 20 violins, one viola, one bass, two cellos, two clarinets, one flute, one trombone, two trumpets, two French horns, drums, bells and cymbals.

Academic Student Has Breakfast at Executive Mansion

Although he has been in the United States only four months, Walter Barrows, academic freshman, has already eaten breakfast in the White House at President Hoover's invitation. New Year's morning Mr. Barrows "thought it would be a good idea to see the President," so at 6 o'clock he joined three others who were waiting in the rain at the White House gates to greet the President in the annual reception. As reward for his ambition and perseverance he was, with the other three, invited in to breakfast with the President. Mr. Barrows is the son of Elder Henry Barrows, missionary to China.

COLLEGE CLUBS PLAN REGULAR MEETINGS

Meetings of all the clubs of the College will be held Saturday night, Jan. 9, instead of Jan. 2, which was the regular meeting night.

Members of the Spanish Club will meet at the home of Miss Martha Callicott, 917 Flower Ave. The group will be organized as a class with William Jones as the teacher. Various topics on Spain will be discussed. Special music by Miss Mary Louise Offley and John Warnell is also on the program.

"Missionary Activities in Our Church Schools" will be the subject under discussion at the meeting of the True Education Guild, at the home of Miss Lois Branson, 809 Davis Ave.

At the regular meeting of the Cosmic Ray Club in College Hall Saturday night, the nominating committee for officers for the second semester will give its report.

RADIO CONTEST WINNER IS VISITOR ON CAMPUS

Miss Lillian Meyer, who won fourth place in the finals of the National Atwater Kent Radio Audition Contest, was a recent visitor at the College.

Miss Meyer, who is the daughter of Henry Meyer, president of the North Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was awarded a cash prize of \$1,500, and a year's scholarship with any teacher she might choose.

While in Washington, Miss Meyer sang at the College and at the Sanitarium on several occasions, and Tuesday, January 5, she was guest artist in a broadcast over station WRC.

SLIGO CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Reports Indicate Income for 1931
Breaks All Previous Records;
Every Department Gains

A total income of \$62,772.99 marks the most successful year for the Sligo church as W. W. Bricker, treasurer, closed the books for 1931. Tithe and Harvest Ingathering receipts were outstanding in boosting the figures.

In face of all adverse conditions, \$37,974.27 tithe was received by the treasurer, and \$5,197.95 was the final figure on the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

Practically every department showed substantial gains. After the close of the year the operating expense fund was short \$182.65 of the amount on hand Jan. 1, 1931, but this deficiency appears because a \$600 rent item for 1930 was not taken care of until 1931.

Per capita figures are hard to get for the church because the membership varies widely with the beginning and close of school terms, and it is constantly inflated by members who have left the community and failed to transfer their letters.

With 585 as a fair estimate of the church roster, the per capita figures for tithe reached \$64.91 for the year. The 60-cent-a-week fund, the aggregate goal of each church member for missions from all sources, amounted to 70.1 cents.

During the year \$12,458.17 was given to missions through the Sabbath school. The thirteenth Sabbath of the fourth quarter at the Washington Sanitarium was "double dollar day," and more, too. Their offering amounted to \$365.79.

As a result of the annual Week of Sacrifice, the mission budget was swelled by \$1,223.56 from the local church.

Preceding Elder F. H. Robbins' sermon Sabbath, Jan. 2, Elder H. L. Shoup, pastor of the church, displayed the Harvest Ingathering goal device for the last time. The device which had been employed for the campaign was a picture of the New Jerusalem without the walls. The four church groups, College, resident, Sanitarium and church school—built the walls, adding one stone with each \$10 turned in on the campaign. The \$5,000 goal was exceeded by \$197.95.

HORTON MCLENNAN BEGINS MEETINGS AT HUNTSVILLE

"Prophecy is the acid test of God's divinity and the positive proof of the inspiration of the Bible," declared Horton McLennan in his sermon, "The Acid Test of Inspiration," Sunday night, Jan. 3. This was the opening meeting of the evangelistic efforts conducted by the Theological Department of the College, at the Oak Grove School, Huntsville, Md., in following up an effort in which Andrew Hansen, a former student of the College, converted two people.

Mr. McLennan is assisted in this effort by Matthew Vasquez.

Mr. McLennan will speak on "The Prophecies of Daniel 2" at the next effort, Sunday, Jan. 10.

Wilson Beall and Walter Riston are conducting a similar effort at Lewisdale, Md. In their opening meeting, Sunday, Jan. 3, Mr. Beall spoke on "Blasting at the Rock of Ages." Sunday, Jan. 10, Walter Riston will speak on "Is Jesus Coming Again?"

B. A. WOOD AGAIN TO EDIT "BOOK OF GOLDEN MEMORIES"

BETTER ANNUAL IS PLANNED

Staff Decides on Bicentennial
Theme, More Pictures and
Less Printed Matter

Again B. A. Wood will edit the "Book of Golden Memories." Elections were held in chapel the day that the Christmas recess began.

Associated with Mr. Wood will be another member of last year's staff, Mrs. Ruth Stanley, and Miss Beatrice Levine, who reoccupies the position she held on the staff of the volume published two years ago.

Stanley Hall, an experienced photographer, will take care of the pictures, and Raymond Montgomery, who drew the art work for Mr. Wood last year, will repeat at that post this year.

Donald Steinman and Jess Grisham are going after \$1,200 in advertising, and Eugene Evans will be business manager. He handled the business affairs of the yearbook two years ago.

Paul Eldridge, circulation manager, will launch a 1,000 subscription campaign soon.

Prof. Leo Thiel, director of the English Department, is the adviser of the staff, and Miss Margaret Mettler will do what stenographic work there is to handle.

"We guarantee a better annual than we put out last year," declares Mr. Wood, "and it will be delivered May 15." The first staff meeting was held Tuesday evening and in two hours plans were taking shape.

The staff was reluctant at giving details that are expected to be worked out, but it was learned that the theme of the book will harmonize with the Bicentennial Celebration of George Washington's birthday which will be an outstanding national event during 1932. The book will be printed in two colors again, as it was last year.

As far as printed matter is concerned, there will not be much, according to Mr. Wood. There will be "less than there was last year, although we will at least identify the pictures," he asserts.

Mr. Wood's four years' experience with yearbooks are important. This year's volume of "Golden Memories" will be the third for him to edit. He was business manager of two annuals, including the first volume of the "Southland" of Southern Junior College, Collegedale, Tenn., in '23.

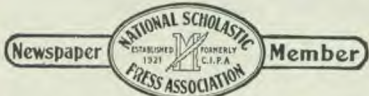
STUDENTS PRESENT RADIO PROGRAM CHRISTMAS EVE

Horton McLennan and the College quartet found broadcasting a profitable pastime for Christmas eve, and took it seriously. At 10 o'clock they put on a half-hour program over station WOL in Washington, and then went on again at 11 o'clock over the same station, assisting in the half-hour program of the Washington Times Hearst's local morning daily newspaper.

In the first program Mr. McLennan took the role of tenor soloist and musical selections were of a semi-classical type. He also substituted for Ethelbert Koch, second tenor of the quartet, who was spending the holidays at his home in Grottoes, Va.

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More Resolutions

If a New Year's resolution should burst forth into soliloquy it would probably arrest the attention of oscillating mankind with these words, "To be or not to be, this is the question!"

The importance of this question to Hamlet was as nothing in comparison to its importance to a 1932 New Year's resolution. Hamlet's preservation was a trifling matter in comparison to the preservation of New Year's resolutions, for New Year's resolutions are a symbol of all the aspirations of the race. It is the spark of the Divine in us that makes us long to be something more than we are, something more worthy of self approval. The noble beginnings and humiliating collapse of New Year's resolutions has been so much discussed in recent years that it has become a platitude, a national joke, in fact.

This is a lamentable fact. It is high time we awakened to the significance of resolutions and the shame and reproach we should feel because of their failure to outlive the first week of the new year. It isn't "funny" to break a resolution, or a page of them. It is a flippant admission of weak purpose and a weak will. In plainer words it is impressive evidence of the weakness of an individual.

We moderns, who pride ourselves on our strength, should be ashamed of not keeping a resolution, not proud of it. A few of the more serious-minded of us ask constantly, "Well, how is it done? How can anyone keep them for a whole year?"

First, keep yourselves physically fit, for on physical fitness depend mental acuity and moral discernment. So, if one is physically fit he at least gives his mental and moral powers a better chance to function.

Second, exercise your will power; prove to yourself you are not clay in the hands of just any situation that arises. Be willing to sacrifice something very desirable for an aim.

Will-power, like an acquired skill, such as playing the violin or touching one's palms to the floor without bending one's knees, will be lost unless persistently exercised. By all means, develop enough efficient habits to reduce your routine to the plan of automatism, but don't allow yourself to become such a machine that you never exercise will-power and conscious choice.

Lastly, accept this word of warning. Don't make so many resolutions that it will be a burden to remember them. Keep in mind that although there may be need of many resolutions, one definite one conscientiously and accurately kept will be of more value to you and to society in general than pages of broken ones in a solid gold frame.

To Meet the Need

The Sligo Bridge on Carroll Ave., over which many have run to and fro since 1907, is now being destroyed and is to be reconstructed to serve more adequately the need which called it into existence.

Although the original construction, of concrete reinforced with steel, was still firm and was quite strong enough to bear the weight of traffic, still it must be removed and give way to something more modern and more efficient. Only one thing was wrong with the old bridge; it was too narrow. A broader, more modern bridge must take its place.

The same thing happens often in human life; a person with firm foundation in principle and great moral strength fades from the picture, and someone with the same regard for principle and the same moral strength replaces him, because he has the added virtue of breadth of vision. A great many people are as the old Sligo Bridge—they are too narrow, they think that to be Mid-Victorian is to be good, to live for the common good of all. They are distrustful of new things and never become convinced that anything modern can be good. They never admit or permit new ideas, but unscrupulously enjoy the comforts and commodities which the modern regime has brought.

On the other hand there are people who think that the new thing is the best thing. Anything old is worthless—old clothes, old standards, old ideas. These people are narrow on the subject of being broad.

These two groups need to merge into a happy medium and evaluate a thing according to its worth and not according to its age. There are, fortunately, a great many of these moderate people who tend to neutralize the extremes, but there needs to be more of them.

The Sligo Bridge was 16 feet wide, and will be 30 feet wide, not 60. There is to be no waste in the construction and maintenance of what is not needed. It is to be broad enough to serve the needs of its time, no broader, lest its upkeep exploit public resources. It is safe to be moderate—not extreme in either direction.

An Example of Patriotism

How many "loyal Americans" would get out of bed at 5 on a cold, rainy morning and go and stand shivering through the hours—waiting to see even the President of the United States? That would take genuine moral courage backed by a real desire. This has been done by a 14-year-old academic student who has been in America only four months. What patriotism! Congratulations, Walter.

THIS AND THAT

PROMINENT Chicago physicians and surgeons have found anatomical similarities between the mummified body of a certain John St. Helen and the known deformities of John Wilkes Booth, the actor, assassin of Abraham Lincoln.

The Chicago investigator found through X-Ray examinations that the mummy had certain physical peculiarities that the dead Booth was known to have, such as a broken right foot, a crushed right thumb and a distorted eyebrow.

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COHNS, Cohens, Cohans—20 pages of them, in the Manhattan telephone directory, this year, outnumber the Smiths at last. The Smiths, who embraced the Smyths and the Smythes—not to mention the Smithes—failed to rally more than 19 pages.

The Levys ran a poor third with only 10 pages, and the Jones, once a close second, had only six columns.

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A NEW "racket" has been discovered over the holiday season, it appears. It is the stealing and hi-jacking of young pine trees and holly for the Christmas market in the larger eastern cities.

What a difference just a few days make. The ash man doesn't even want ours now!

The Eastern Shore Holly Industry reports an annual shipment of over 90,000 holiday wreaths to the northern centers of population.

Counting the three we had left over from last year, that makes at least 90,003 wreaths used this year.

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BUSTER, champion steer of the Los Angeles stock show, has been bought for \$1.40 a pound, live weight, by a Santa Monica food market owner. And Briarcliff Thickset, the Chicago champion, only brought \$1.25 a pound.

Each year, according to the rules of the stock show, the winning steer is auctioned and sold to the highest bidder—to be used for steaks and roasts. What price glory!

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LOST; 15,000 levas—by a Bulgarian peasant who recently had a very sad experience while returning from a market near Belgrade. He had sold two oxen and sat down on the way home to count his money—16,000 levas, which was in paper money. As he was engaged with the last 1,000, he heard a crunching sound, and turning saw the last of the other 15,000 levas, which he had put down beside him, disappear into his donkey's mouth.

A veterinarian's aid was of no avail, and the notes were gone forever.

DO YOU KNOW

That 42,000,000 lady bugs were released in one year in California to protect the \$100,000,000 citron crop of that state?

That the Red Cross was founded in 1863 by Dunant, a Swiss, in Geneva, Switzerland?

That the record for a person holding his breath under water is 6 minutes 29.8 seconds?

That the United States Forest Service estimates the number of Christmas trees sold annually at 10,000,000?

That there are 225 strings in a modern upright piano of seven and one-half octaves?

That the pull of these strings is equal to a strain of 20 tons?

That the 1932 telephone directories for Washington have been distributed?

That there are approximately 2,000,000 bicycles in Denmark, which has a population of 3,500,000?

The Rhythmic Optimist

Welcome, Happy New Year!
Enter thou and reign!
Bring God's boundless blessings;
Bring happy days again!
Oh let us see thy riches,
With just enough of grays;
To make life full of wishes,
And ever joyous days.

HAIL, 1932.



Courtesy of the Sunday Star

SOME JOB!

C. L. Woods, Former W. M. C. Professor,
Greets Students, Relates Trip to China

Editor's note: Prof. C. L. Woods, who left Washington Missionary College at the close of the last school year to accept a call to China, sends the following letter of greeting to the students and faculty of the College. In a letter to the editor accompanying this he stated that it could be cut to fit space, but there are many who will be interested to read his experiences thus far. Consequently we are publishing it all in more than one installment.

Greetings to all SLIGONIAN readers! Each one of our friends of Washington Missionary College is dear to our hearts. We think of you often, and only wish that we could employ a crew of stenographers to write to each one personally. That not being possible, we will talk to you a little through the columns of THE SLIGONIAN.

Our last memory of Washington is the farewell given us at the station by a number of our friends who came to the train to bid us a final farewell. One of the students, a Chinese, by the way, insisted on helping us with some of our baggage, and as the train pulled away from the station, ran alongside to be the last to tell us "Goodbye, and Bon Voyage," as we left to go to his people. I turned to Mrs. Woods, and said, "It won't be so hard to work for people who think as much of you as that, will it?"

Our trip had begun. Our first stop was in Collegedale, Tenn., to have a visit with my father, mother, and my only brother, whom I had not seen for three years. It was a real pleasure to be with my own people again, for after all, "blood is thicker than water." But the sad part of visiting is the inevitable parting. It was hard for my mother to see us take such a long journey where she would not be able to see us again for seven years, but the message is dear to my parents' hearts, and they are willing to make the sacrifice.

Next, we stopped at Hinsdale, Ill., where Mrs. Woods and I were on the Sanitarium Academy faculty for three years before going to W. M. C. We were glad to see old friends again.

In southern Illinois we visited my wife's people for a few weeks, and then we were off for the golden west. It was my first trip west of the Mississippi River. Perhaps I could use the rest of this issue telling of the scenery that we saw. I just about wore out the little camera that my Mathematics students gave me last spring, taking pictures of the wonderful things we saw.

Words are inadequate to paint the scenes in and around the Grand Canyon. I once read of an ignorant tourist, who gazed into the depths of the Canyon, and said, "My, that must be the Bottom o' Spit that the preacher is always talking about."

Stupendous in magnitude, the Canyon awes one who stands on its brink. At the same time it delights the eye with its ever-changing colors, momentarily different with the changes of lighting from the racing sun and shifting clouds. One must see it to appreciate it.

We left the Canyon in the evening, and we were awakened about three o'clock in the morning by a stifling hot wind blowing across us from the desert. Needless to say, Arizona is the place we were nearest, and the heat was intense. I wouldn't like to pass through there in the middle of the day.

Our stay for ten days in California was delightful. Friends at the Glendale Sanitarium made us welcome, and showed us many things of interest. Gay's Lion Farm was one place we visited. There were 186 lions on the farm at the time, the youngest of which were only three days old. We saw them fed in the afternoon on the following a fast day. The lions are fed only six days a week, and only once a day, but at that feeding they each received 17 pounds of horse meat. There was plenty of noise to satisfy any boy, as the lions roared, anticipating breaking their fast.

I was also privileged to go up on Mount Wilson where the greatest of telescopes is housed, but as the astronomers were using the telescope for photographic work that evening we were unable to get in to see it.

(To be continued next week.)

The Story 1931 Told

Highlights of Washington Missionary College Events for Past Year Pass in Review Upon Examination of Sligonian Files Financial Gains Made Despite Depression

That history cannot be written accurately for at least 50 years after the events occur is probably true because it takes about that long to discover causes and analyze and weigh effects. Even after they have been written they fail to command the interest of everyone.

Letting alone the "causes and effects" which are important in historical outlines, a near history story was made on the local campus during the past year. It may not be important 50 years from now—not important enough to demand a history then—but it commands universal appeal now to those who are interested in the school. With the aid of THE SLIGONIAN it has been possible to reconstruct this story.

Washington Missionary College closed its twenty-sixth consecutive year of operation and was nearly halfway through its twenty-seventh year when the dates on the calendar ran out and 1932 appeared on the scene. By no means could 1931 be considered unsuccessful.

Financial Gain Is Made

From the financial standpoint, it was another favorable year. Exact figures will not be available until R. L. Walin, business manager of the institution, presents his report to the College Board next month, but unofficially the College made a gain of \$15,000 during the past year. That was approximately \$5,000 less than the gain made in 1930, but even at that, in 1931 the world was steeped with depression and even natural conditions were so unnatural that the cherry trees behind College Hall were blooming the middle of October.

Much of this gain must be attributed to the work of the College Press and the mill. The press had a change in managers in April. G. A. Huse, after five years as manager of the shop, was transferred to the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn. He was succeeded by S. Arason, then superintendent of the press.

The success of Mr. Huse's direction was shown at his departure by a survey of the print shops in the Seventh-day Adventist educational institutions, which covered a period of six years. Of the \$45,000 total profit of all the shops, the College Press was responsible for \$34,000.

Press Work Increases

Since Mr. Arason became manager the work of the shop has been greatly aided by the addition of more equipment, chief of which is another model 14 linotype. Many new type faces have been added, enabling the shop to do a class of work which it was unable to do before. Were the paper which the shop printed last year spread out one sheet deep, it would cover the state of Maryland.

Early in the year an invention by Raymond Stockil, then a college sophomore, bolstered the mill work. Mr. Stockil invented a folding canvas chair that would rock without rockers, which he developed and patented by the first of March. He entered into a contract with the College which gave the College the patent and provided royalties on 75,000 chairs for the inventor. During the summer the mill kept 55 people busy producing and disposing of 14,000 chairs.

College to Be Accredited

One of the greatest events in the history of the institution had its beginning in October when the Autumn Council of the General Conference recommended that it, along with four other denominational colleges, should become accredited. The financial records of the school played an important part in the decision of the Council.

Registration was another consideration in passing the accrediting resolution. For the twenty-sixth year, which ended June 8, a new enrollment record was set for the school when 404 took classes. Already in the fall term there

are 382 students, indicative of a possible new record for the current school year.

An action by the faculty in October has changed the status of summer school graduates. Now those who must graduate by summer school courses cannot join the class until the following year. To guard against summer school graduates the requirements for Junior class eligibility were raised seven hours.

Another important action which the faculty took in the fall was that all drops after the fourth week of school shall be recorded as failures.

Life was eventful for the classes as the spring term drew to a close. The Senior trip to Winchester, Va., the Junior-Senior picnic at Great Falls, Md., President and Mrs. H. H. Hamilton's Senior entertainment, the Professional-Senior picnic at Chapel Point, Md., Prof. E. C. Blue's party for the Professionals, Senior and Academic preparations for class night programs, Academic picnics at Chapel Point and Rock Creek Park are events which made history for the members of those classes, not to omit commencement.

Glee Clubs Take Trips

Advertising for the College was a heavy proposition. Both the Ladies' Choral Club and the Men's Glee Club were used to good advantage. The Choral Club was used on three booster trips, one to Richmond, Va., one to Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Va., and one to Harrisburg, Pa. They put on half-hour radio broadcasts from WRC in Washington, and WCOD in Harrisburg. They also gave a program in Columbia Hall to help finance their trips.

Mrs. Verna Metcalfe was director of the club which was in its first year.

The Men's Glee Club trip was a circuit through Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Ohio. The trip covered the spring recess and eleven cities were visited. Another trip to Baltimore was made in March.

The Glee Club was still under the direction of Prof. Victor Johnson. Included in the list of appearances are broadcasts by the club over WOL in Washington, KDKA and WJAS in Pittsburgh, and WEAO in Columbus, Ohio.

The Potomac Conference borrowed the club for one week-end to assist in an evangelistic effort in Roanoke, Va.

When the two choral clubs organized at the beginning of the fall term, both directors were back at their posts. Early in December the Glee Club gave a banquet for the Choral Club at the Washington Sanitarium.

Academy Seniors Visit

Another episode which was classed under advertising was the visit of the Senior Classes of Shenandoah Valley Academy and Mount Vernon Academy (Mount Vernon, Ohio) in April. Typical college life was tendered to them while they were on the campus. Besides the chapel program they were shown the College, Sanitarium and as much of Washington as can be seen from a sight-seeing bus in an afternoon's cruise through the city. And the pictures of Byrd at the South Pole were held over another night in order that they might see them.

The campus that they saw has been continually changing by degrees. Many of the changes would not be observed readily. One of the most notable changes came with the building of the

new mill. The amount of business which the mill was handling demanded that more space be devoted to workshop purposes. Consequently at a cost of \$5000 a new concrete block building was erected behind the old mill and 4000 square feet of uninterrupted floor space was created for the work of the carpenters.

Another outstanding improvement which few would notice is the new private telephone system which connects the campus buildings.

There are a hundred and one little things which have been added from time to time: the lawn was reseeded, a stepping stone walk was built from the parking space by Columbia Hall to the corner of Carroll and Flower Aves., two swings were hung on the front porches of Central Hall, the culinary department received a fresh coat of paint, Columbia Hall corridors in the basement got a coat of paint, the registrar got a new bookcase, a new water cooler and a laundry were added to North Hall. South Hall, President Hamilton's home and the business manager's office were all redecorated, a macadam road was built from Flower Ave. to the mill, a hedge was set along the Flower Ave. front of the campus, a pulverized rock playground was built and the seat-numbering code of Columbia Hall was simplified—these are a few of the things that have been done during the year. And just as the curtain falls the first steps are taken to rebuild Carroll Ave. bridge.

Home Economics Experiments

As the year was just getting under way the Home Economics Department conducted an experiment that was watched throughout the country. Ten young women—the Misses Margie Luttrell, Louise Beaty, Anetta Truman, Edna Stoneburner, Edith Starr, Dorothy Sampson, Gertrude Baldwin, and Mrs. Mildred Griffin, Miss Anna Roedel, director of the department, and Miss Veda Marsh, of the College Health Service—subjected themselves to the trial.

Working under the auspices of President Hoover's Emergency Committee for the Unemployed and the Federal Bureau of Home Economics, the girls set about to find a new cost of living. The test covered one month.

At the close of the month the figures showed that each participant in the experiment had lived on 28 cents a day. Physical examinations of each of the participants revealed almost incredible results. Hemoglobin increased as much as 10 to 14 per cent; blood pressures, which in all but three cases was extremely low, came up six to 16 points, and in seven cases the color index of the blood increased from five to 19 per cent. Three participants who were overweight reduced from three to eight pounds while five who were underweight gained from two to four pounds.

Nation Wide Attention Attracted

The experiment attracted nation-wide attention through leading news agencies and even through the Pathé news reel. Letters of inquiry and newspaper clippings poured in from every quarter of the country. Hard times was an impor-

tant factor in the universal interest.

All the food that was used in the experiment was purchased at retail prices. For two weeks they coasted along at 25 cents a day per person.

Literary talent was given a great opportunity during 1931. Writing contests were the vogue, and W. M. C. students gained their share of the honors. Most of the contests were sponsored by the English Department.

In the seventh annual Watchman Magazine Writing Endeavor, a first, a second, and an honorable mention were awarded to W. M. C. students. Harold Voorhees, then a freshman, took the first place on his article, "The Calendar Change," and was given in reward six volumes. Mrs. Werner Wild took second place on her article, "Father Time's Unlucky Thirteen." She received a selection of four volumes.

Two academic students were victorious in the Academic Pen League, which was sponsored by the *Youth's Instructor*. Miss Martha Callicott and Sylvester Eastman each won \$5 first awards. Their achievements made the Academic Department of W. M. C. the only academy to capture two first honors.

In the College Pen League, two second award and two honorable mention articles were among the nine manuscripts sent in. Miss Josephine Davies and Albert Shafer each received \$5 for their efforts, and the Misses Lillie Stuart and Jean Crager received a year's subscription to the paper for their efforts.

Miss Estella Simpson—she is now Mrs. Olin Bray—entered the contest sponsored by the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, and carried off second honors in the Eastern Interstate Area, which meant a \$30 check for her. The contest essays dealt with the phases of "Alcoholic Drinks in Modern Society."

Mrs. Bray took another honor in the spring of 1931 which meant a great deal to her in more ways than one. She was a premedical graduate, and when she took the National Aptitude Test for Premedical Students (which became universal last year for all schools giving that kind of work) she made a mark of 96 per cent.

Prof. Blue Founds Scholarship

That extraordinary feat caused Prof. E. C. Blue, head of the Science Department, to establish a perpetual scholarship fund for the benefit of every premedical student who made a grade of 95 per cent or more in the Aptitude Test, and who showed evidence of a deep spiritual background. Professor Blue personally contributed \$1,200 in launching the fund. Mrs. Bray received

the first \$400 to help her through medical college.

That test gave a chance to compare W. M. C. with other colleges. The College average was 46 per cent, brought down to that from 51 per cent by two who are not members of the school. But even at 46 per cent, the school average was higher than the ten colleges nearest it who give premedical work.

The Medical Seminar began a new scheme during 1931. It was the conducting of Sabbath services principally in nearby Virginia.

The Theological Department and the religious activities were prominent during the year. Ten of the Senior Class that graduated in June got their degree in Theology. That was the most that have graduated from the course. They were the first class who made the four-year cycle since the courses were reorganized.

Evangelistic efforts were being conducted in four places besides Dr. B. G. Wilkinson's Mount Pleasant effort the first part of the year. In the fall term Dr. Wilkinson renewed his effort, but plans were not completed for student efforts to begin before 1931 had to be on its way.

Musical talent was given many opportunities to develop through the band, orchestra, Choral Club, Glee Club and private work. One week in May was dedicated to music by the College. Music was in every program and service that week.

Orchestra Gives Programs

Two major programs were given by the orchestra, one in March and one at the close of the school term. The College Band gave one big concert in the spring and the Review and Herald Band gave one Lyceum number. For summer work the two bands were combined, and a series of 20 concerts in Takoma Park and Hyattsville, Md., were given.

Music students gave several recitals, the music faculty gave one, and the juvenile department gave one.

THE SLIGONIAN had a rough course (Continued on page 4)

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Last night Dr. O. F. Parrett showed moving pictures of Yellowstone National Park in the parlor of the Sanitarium.

Winfred Spalding, landscape gardener, of the Washington Sanitarium, is doing some tree surgery on a large tree by the entrance to the campus, which was injured in a storm two years ago.

Ralph Steinman and Martin Bischoff spent part of the holidays recuperating from tonsillectomies they both underwent.

Mrs. Arline Pruette is visiting her daughter, Beverly-June, for a few days prior to a trip north.

H. Francis Meeker has joined his wife at the College. Mr. Meeker is preparing to enter the College the second semester.

Miss Dorothy Koeppen, normal graduate of '28, was a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eldridge of Garland Ave. during the holidays.

Robert Head and Eugene Anderson, former students of W. M. C., visited the College during the holidays.

Russel Krick of the class of '31 and former editor of THE SLIGONIAN, was a holiday visitor.

R. S. Walin, business manager of the College, is the owner of a new 1932 Chevrolet coach.

Visiting De Ette Alderman during the holidays were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alderman, and her two sisters Doris and Dorothy.

Mr. E. W. Jackson and daughter Marie, visited Richard Jackson over the week-end. Miss Jackson will enter College the second semester.

Miss Frances Mettler visited her sister Margaret during the holidays.

Percy Manual visited the College during the holidays. Mr. Manual, a former student, is now enrolled at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Elder Oscar Olsen, who has recently arrived from Persia, was the speaker at the prayer meeting of the Sligo church last night.

Fred Green reports the theft of several articles of clothing, \$200 worth of rare stamps and a number of books which were taken from his car while it was parked in New York City during the holidays.

Workmen were kept busy during the holidays cleaning and refinishing some of the College buildings.

The downstairs hallway in Columbia Hall was repainted and R. L. Walin's office has been "craftexed." The third floor hallway in North Hall has been refinished. THE SLIGONIAN office will be redecorated in the near future.

Miss Ruth Ellwanger visited friends at Tunkhannock, Pa., last week-end.

THE STORY 1931 TOLD

(Concluded from page 3)
for the year, although it was not without bright spots. The first step The Students' Association took was to try an experiment with the paper. They decided upon an "office by appointment and credit for labor" regime to work with.

The whole experience was one of those things it takes 50 years to appreciate. At any time short of that its value would be too debatable. At any rate the system was put back on the elective basis not long after the opening of the fall term.

Honor Rating Received

Financial troubles were a big problem, and publication was even suspended one week for that reason. However, one particularly bright spot was the First Class Honor Rating that the paper was given by the National Scholastic Association. Russell Krick edited the papers that the N. S. P. A. awarded the rating.

The "Book of Golden Memories" staff for 1931 was not elected until the middle of February, but B. A. Wood took the job and turned out a 134-page annual by May 25. The merits of his book are proclaimed by the fact that the day before the Christmas recess began, he was elected to edit the year-book for 1932. The annual last year was subscribed to by 1135 people.

Association Progresses

The Students' Association didn't mark time all year. It raised \$120 to apply on the inherited debt of last year by presenting the motion picture "Simba." It led out in every campaign for the church, the school and itself.

In May the Association provided a picnic and boat ride down the Potomac River to Marshall Hall, Md. The only thing that marred the day was rain.

And in the entertainment line the Association has been instrumental in not a few social events and marches. The faculty gave an entertainment for the students, and the Halcyon Club gave the Famous Fifty Club a lawn party they won't soon forget.

Both dormitories did considerable charity work in taking care of needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Men's Club Changes Name

North Hall was left in a quandary at the close of the year. The erstwhile Famous Fifty Club voted to change its name, but the name was abolished without a substitute. Many claim, "no name, no club." The outstanding accomplishments of the Famous Fifty were the presentation of Edgar C. Raine, explorer, to provide additional dormitory equipment, and the donation of \$50 for printing equipment for an African mission.

On the platform during the year there were presented many denominational leaders besides the Russian Kremlin Art Quintet, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, national president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Charles M. Newcomb, A. N. Pillsbury and Tom Skeyhill, lecturers. Elders M. N. Campbell and F. C. Gilbert, leaders of the spring and fall weeks of prayer.

A theological convention and a convention of the bookmen of the Columbia Union Conference met. The College Board members were presented in a symposium at the time of their meeting.

No Summer School Held

There was no summer session or teacher's normal for 1931 but classes were organized for 45 students.

An important event in the lives of some students occurred in December. There were 25 who were part of a delegation who carried the Youth's Roll Call, which was circulated by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to President Hoover. He received the delegation and a picture of the group was taken on the White House lawn.

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The contract to build the new bridge has been awarded to Jarboe and Houghton, who will erect it at a cost of \$39,637.25.

Because of recent heavy traffic conditions, the present structure has been found inadequate in width. The new bridge will be a three span, concrete structure with a roadway 30 feet wide, and will have walkways for pedestrians.

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