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HERALD COMMENTS UPON
WELLESLEY HEELS

Wellesley Heels and Mannerisms Received Notice in the Boston Herald

An article in the Boston Herald for January 27, follows:

Wellesley Heels Sensible Height Test Shatters Theory About Higher Education

Miss Margaret W. Haddock, of Cornell, Wis., president of the Student Government Association at Wellesley College, to meet the charge that the higher the education the higher the heels, has just completed a thorough survey of all heels worn at Wellesley. The average height is 1.01 inches. The heels of 376 freshmen were measured. In no case did the height exceed an inch and a quarter, the standard advocated by Miss Mary S. Haagenen, who conducts a course in remedial gymnastics.

While none of the students question the scientific reasons of the department of hygiene, the real reason for the low heels is a purely matter of fact one, according to Miss Haddock. The Wellesley buildings are widely scattered so each girl must walk at least two miles a day between classes. Even style is not sufficient to counteract this.

WELLESLEY CLIPPINGS WANTED

Help the Semi-Centennial Fund

Does your family send you clippings about Wellesley in their letters? If you never knew before what to do with these gleanings from your home paper, here is an opportunity to dispose of them. The News has recently received the following appeal from Miss MacAlarney, Chairman of the publicity Committee of the Semi-Centennial Fund:

"I wonder if the News will help me in a scheme for getting more clippings for our campaign publicity record, and at the same time of awakening interest of many folks in Wellesley. This is the idea. I should like the News to insert in its next issue a notice requesting all students to write home to mother, father and the family, asking them to clip articles about Wellesley they may find in the papers they read and send them to daughter at college, always marking the name and date of the paper. Then those girls are asked to send such clippings directly to the Publicity Department at 375 Lexington Avenue, or, if they wish, to turn the clippings over to the News for sending. This may seem a small matter but it is another link in the chain of Wellesley loyalty and something else to rouse and stimulate enthusiasm."

PLANS FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE MAGAZINE FAILS

Colleges are Unwilling to Sacrifice Nationalism for Internationalism

Although the News did not achieve everything it set out to achieve at the conference held in New York at Christmas time, the meeting was by no means fruitless. It is our private belief that psychology of "college spirit" had a great deal to do with it, and that it worked in this wise: while the different editors, business managers, and other representatives of the college Magazines of Smith, Vassar, Mt. Holyoke, Bryn Mawr, Barnard and Wellesley got together they felt as though they were there to uphold the honor and glory of their respective colleges at any cost, so they concentrated their attention on the virtues of their respective Magazines, until the idea of giving them up for the Intercollegiate Magazine became positively unloyal. But the success of the Intercollegiate idea depended on the other colleges admitting that their magazines were no more successful than Wellesley's, and (we do not hesitate to say that Wellesley's does not suffer extremely by comparison) and in cooperating on a magazine that would combine the virtues of the present system with the hopes of the Intercollegiate idea.

Among the objections raised it was said that the student body would not evince great interest in a magazine partly written by people of other colleges. We pointed out the interest generally aroused by intercollegiate rivalry. It was said that the business arrangements would be difficult, but Wellesley proved that they would, on the whole, be simpler than they are now.

The result, as we have said, was not so bad. It was agreed to publish one intercollegiate number a year—in the spring—and that for this year Wellesley

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A. A. HOLDS NOVICES' DAY ON THE LAKE

Beginners Put on Skates and Test the Ice

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WANTED

A TOPICAL SONG FOR GLEE CLUB

To the best music and original words a prize of $5.00 will be awarded.

Songs must be handed in to Dorothy Avery before February 19, 1921.

DORMITORY DANCING TO

CONTINUE UNTIL ELEVEN

Plans for the week-end of Junior Prom have been completed, and 1922 waits impatiently for February 11. The Prom itself will occur on the night of Friday, February 11, at Mary Hemmenway Hall. The gymnasium will be decorated in lavender and purple, the Junior class color. The following patrons and patronsesses have been invited:

Miss Pondleton
Miss Tufts
Miss Waite
Miss Vivian
Mr. and Mrs. Macdougall
Mr. and Mrs. Wellman

SUNDAY MOVIES BANNED BY HOUSE

In a short meeting of the House Representatives, January 27, consideration of Sunday rulings was finished with a vote that no student be allowed to go to the movies on Sunday. The chairman of the Gray Book Committee recommended that “riding trips of not more than one hour’s duration be permitted without registration, except in the evening and such a motion was passed. An amendment to a previous rule in the Gray Book passed the House, and the statement now reads, “A student must not be in any unapproved place after 6:20 on week days or 6:40 on Sundays without an approved chaperon.”

ICE HOCKEY TO BECOME ORGANIZED SPORT

"If the ice lasts long enough," said Maude Ludington, President of the Athletic Association, when she was asked the other day about the prospects.

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DR. MERRILL TO LEAD WEEK OF PRAYER

Dr. William P. Merrill of the Brick Presbyterian Church of New York City will be in Wellesley for the Week of Prayer, February 14 to 19. He is the brother of Miss Helen Merrill of the Mathematics Department, and is very well known among college circles. Dr. Merrill knows student problems not only from his contact with them in college, but because he has attended many student conferences, both at Silver Bay and elsewhere. He spent last summer at the Peace Conference abroad.

It is just such a man who can help us, one who knows young people and whose judgment is widely recognized. Watch the News for notices.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT AT BARN

The Wellesley Glee Club will give a concert at the Barn, on February 21. It will be followed by dancing. A competition will be held for the words for the topical song.

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PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION
AS A VITAL PART OF INDUSTRY

Dr. Henry C. Metcalf of New York, scene director of the production of the labor problem in "personal administration." Dr. Metcalf, who is now devoting himself entirely to this field of work, gave a talk in Room 24, Founders Hall, on Tuesday, January 25.

Personal administration, called the scientific co-ordination of all sides of industry. The work of the personal administrator is to promote human talents, recognizing the significance of organic mass and the significance of work environment. Man's greatest right is the right to initiate and this is what many working men do not have. In the future, Dr. Metcalf says, personality is going to predetermine industry. Profits will become not the end of production but merely a by-product, as a result of the emphasis which personal administration gives to the human being.

This man would expect a fair knowledge of his employer, the right to be fairly accepted for the position, to learn the business to be justly remunerated and to be given a chance to become a leader. The employer wants that type of employee and so does society.

Dr. Metcalf showed many slides of his diagrams illustrating the field of work of the personal administrator. This man connects the various departments of Research of Health and Sanitation, Employment, and of Education. The ideal placing of the administrator is on a par with the sales manager and production manager, so that all three, with the President, may mold the policy of the company. Dr. Metcalf and one of the associates in this work, Dr. Tead, have written a book, "Personal Administration," which covers the subject so completely. There are schools for training such administrators, both men and women, and the demand for those who have taken the training is steadily growing.

FEMININE FOOTBALL?

The following was clipped from the New York Sun. It may arouse agitations.

Some time ago, when a cartoon appeared showing a football team of burly women undergraduates administering a sound defeat to an aggregation of men's subjects the public exclaimed. This is not the way men and women should play football. They play basketball, and basketball is by no means a gentle sport. Only recently, England was defeated by a Rugby match between women teams representing Great Britain and France. No doubt the rules of the rougher American game would have to be modified to suit the mood of the gentle sex, the contest would have to be less one of brawn and more one of skill and brains. But such a change is feasible. Once it is made there is no reason why the race of young Dianas which now peoples the campus of the women's colleges should not disport themselves on the gridiron as well as the men.

We may never live to see Vassar pit against Yale, or Bryn Mawr against Princeton, but annual Vassar—Wellesley, or Bryn Mawr—Smith contests are well within the range of possibility.

MISS GAMBRILL, FORMERLY OF FRENCH DEPARTMENT, DECORATED

It will be of interest to the members of the Faculty who knew Miss Louise Gambrill during her years in our French Department, and to the scores of alumnae who remember their days in her classroom, to hear that she has recently been awarded a decoration by the French government, the Palmes Académiques, by which she becomes an "officer" of the French Academy. This is the same corporation worn by the late Madame Colin, former head of the Wellesley French Department, designated by a small purple rosette, and given to those whom the French government desires to honor in recognition of successful and influential teaching.

Miss Gambrill taught at Wellesley for five years, from 1910-1915. Since that time she has been the head of the French Department of the Brookline Schools. She has spent the last six months in Paris and environs, but will return to Brookline for the opening of the second semester.

H. S. J.

WELLESLEY HILLS MOVES GREAT SUCCESS

College Well Represented at Opening

Half of Wellesley and most of the Babson Babes were enthralled by the films shown last Saturday afternoon at the new movie theater at Wellesley Hills. The Wellesley girls, who had heard rumors of a new theater and had trooped over without any idea what to expect were agreeably surprised. The auditorium is a large, airy, well-equipped room in the new Babson building, the attendants are unusually pleasant, and what is more—the movies are good! The program Saturday afternoon contained Pathé News, a very amusing comedy, and a story in which everything from the baby to the heart was caught fire and was immediately extinguished, and an excellent feature, "The Man Who Lost Himself," with William Haveress. Performances are given in addition of both Friday and Saturdays. It is expected that on account of its proximity, cheap rates, and the high quality of its films, the new movie theater will become very popular.

EXCHANGES

The alumni day celebration to be held at Columbia on February 12, will be in honor of the students who gave their lives in the World War.
How is a Wireless Message Received?

EVERY incandescent lamp has a filament. Mount a metal plate on a wire in the lamp near the filament. A current leaks the space between the filament and the plate when the filament glows.

Edison first observed this phenomenon in 1883. Hence it was called the “Edison effect.”

Scientists long studied the “effect” but they could not explain it satisfactorily. Now, after years of experimenting with Crookes tubes, X-ray tubes and radium, it is known that the current that leaks across is a stream of “electrons”—exceedingly minute particles negatively charged with electricity.

These electrons play an important part in wireless communication. When a wire grid is interposed between the filament and the plate and charged positively, the plate is aided in drawing electrons across; but when the grid is charged negatively it drives back the electrons. A very small charge applied to the grid, as small as that received from a feeble wireless wave, is enough to vary the electron stream.

So the grid in the tube enables a faint wireless impulse to control the very much greater amount of energy in the flow of electrons, and so radio signals too weak to be perceived by other means become perceptible by the effects that they produce. Just as the movement of a throttle controls a great locomotive in motion, so a wireless wave, by means of the grid, affects the powerful electron stream.

All this followed from studying the mysterious “Edison effect”—a purely scientific discovery.

No one can foresee what results will follow from research in pure science. Sooner or later the world must benefit practically from the discovery of new facts.

For this reason the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company are concerned as much with investigations in pure science as they are with the improvement of industrial processes and products. They, too, have studied the “Edison effect” scientifically. The result has been a new form of electron tube, known as the “pliotron,” a type of X-ray tube free from the vagaries of the old tube; and the “kenedtron,” which is called by electrical engineers a “rectifier” because it has the property of changing an alternating into a direct current.

All these improvements followed because the Research Laboratories try to discover the “how” of things. Pure science always justifies itself.

EXCHANGES

Tufts College has had recently a valuable gift of the English collection of the late Professor Edwin Court Weight. The collection will be placed in the college library. Many rare books and pamphlets on historic London containing fine engravings of noted English buildings are a part of it. Besides books, the collection boasts valuable autographs, coins, and the Great Seal of England of James I.

Harvard has just announced that two instead of three years of Latin will be accepted as an admission requirement. More credit is also to be given for elementary algebra. These changes affect those entering the Engineering School. Two years of Latin may also be substituted for two in a modern language.

Smith and Amherst have apparently become reconciled since it has been announced that the two colleges are to join in presenting “The Great Divide” in February.

The Triangle Club of Princeton will give its annual music show at Jordan Hall on February 18, for the benefit of the Harvard Endowment Fund. During Christmas vacation the show was given in ten middle western cities.

Cambridge University has definitely refused to award degrees to women, in spite of the recent action of Oxford admitting them on equal terms with men.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE LIBRARY CLOCK?

At intervals of about an hour all day long there is a marked increase of whispering in the library reading room. In spite of frequent attempts at discouragement from the desk it persists. What can be the cause of this hourly repeated disturbance? Listen to what the whisperers say, “Have you got a watch?” “Are you going to class next hour?” “What time is it, anyway?” As they speak they cast their eyes upward as if seeking something. By following the eyes one sees the source of all the trouble—a round black box, a circle of numbers from one to twelve—a clock that isn’t a clock. The whispering reaches its height and dies away as the seers-after-knowledge don their coats and so’othes and clank out of the room.

A BIRD’S-EYE VIEW OF PALESTINE

A stereopticon view of the course of Hebrew history as it can now be traced in Palestine, was given by Miss Louise Smith, of the Bible Department, in her lecture at Billings Hall, Friday evening, February 28. The pictures shown were taken by Miss Smith on her trip from Egypt through Palestine, and were so arranged as to follow the route of the Exodus to the time of the Prophets.

The lecture was given especially for the students of Biblical History, being intended as a general review of the first semester’s work in the Old Testament.

Ice Hockey to Become Organized Sport

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pects of ice hockey, “we ought to make ice hockey an organized sport.” She went on to say that nothing definite has yet been done, but that there is to be a meeting in a few days to discuss the question. Those who have played are expecting to organize teams and to teach those who want to learn the game. Preliminary try-outs will probably take place during Midyear, and if the ice lasts long enough there is every prospect of making ice hockey an organized inter-class sport.
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February 6, 11 A. M.—Houghton Memorial Chapel, Preacher: President B. Hiddings Bell of Saint Stephens College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y. 1:30 P. M.—Vesper Service.

MR. ROBINSON TEACHING AT NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

During the absence in France of Mr. Wallace Goodrich, Dean of the New England Conservatory of Music, Mr. Raymond C. Robinson, of the Music Department, is carrying part of his work including organ teaching and the class in choir training. Mr. Robinson will give a recital on the new Jordan Hall Organ at the Conservatory, March 30, and a recital in Billings Hall, Feb. 23.

COLLEGE NOTES

President Pendleton was one of the teachers at a conference held Janu-
ary 28, in New York City. The sub-
ject of the conference was the contri-
bution which college women, graduate and under-graduate, can make to in-
ternational understanding through the International Federation of University Women.

On Thursday, January 27, Miss Per-
kins' division of English Composition, 205, had the unique experience of see-
ing the entire process of the printing and publishing of the "Christian Science Monitor" for Friday.

Last Wednesday evening Pomeroy gave a farewell dinner for Miss Baker who is leaving soon to take a course of graduate study at Columbia.

On the last Tuesday afternoon at 4:40 in Billings Hall, Mr. Sigmund Spalth gave a talk on modern music to the pupils of the Music Department. In illustration of his points, Mr. Spalth played selections on the Ampico, the perfected form of player-piano.

Doris Gunderson, '22, has been elected Barn Treasurer to replace Emilie Weyl.

MARRIAGE

Miss '22, Louise Hutaler Strouse to

Mr. J. Ernest Steen on January 27.

EXCHANGES

On Saturday, February 12, the last
day of examination period, Radcliffe will give the annual mid-year mas-
querade and dance under the direction of the Idler Club.

Princeton has already raised over $8,000,000 of the $14,000,000 Endow-
ment Fund, for which the University is asking.

The senior class at Mt. Holyoke last week elected its speakers for com-
 mencement and also the editorial board for the "Lilamarada," the col-
lege year book.

On February 10, the Tufts Engi-
neering School and the School of Liber-
al Arts will hold an inter-school de-
bate on the question of the restriction of European Immigration.

Stephen Leacock will be one of the speakers at the Brown Alumni re-
union, to be held in Boston, Feb. 8.