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One of the best friends Kenyon College ever had was taken by death early February 3 when Major Fred Hoover Zinn, a matriculate of the class of '01, succumbed at his home in Toledo. He was 59 years old.

No alumnus ever left Gambier Hill with a firmer devotion to his alma mater, and none ever manifested it in so many practical ways. For almost four decades, every football squad which appeared on Benson Field has included some of "Fred Zinn's boys" who came to Kenyon because of his lifelong effort to direct toward Kenyon the steps of promising prospects.

Scholars, as well as athletes, were among the scores of freshmen who entered the College as a result of Fred Zinn's constant campaigning among high schools for prospective students.

What's more—and this was not generally known among the many hundreds of alumni who knew the Toledo broker as Kenyon's "ace recruiting officer"—dozens of worthy boys who were without financial resources went through college on funds from the generous pocket of the genial bachelor whose entire life was devoted to Kenyon.

They didn't have to star in athletics, either, for although most of "Fred Zinn's boys" were sturdy participants in sports of many forms, he steered to Gambier many whose activities were centered in their studies. Some of them have arrived on the Hill with no equipment except high school diplomas and the never-broken promise of the Toledoan to see that they would not suffer privation—and have risen to become leaders in their professions.

It would be difficult to enumerate the scores of alumni whose first contact with the College came through the activity of Major Zinn—but, because he placed his country, and his country alone, above the College in his affections, his own residence in Kenyon was brief.

After completing his preparatory course at Kenyon Military Academy, he entered the class of '01, but soon left the Hill to join the ranks as a private in the Spanish-American war.

It was as a boy in K. M. A. that he acquired his love of sports. In

those days, when canvas jackets and corymbium haircuts marked all football teams, and when gridiron tactics consisted of flying wedges and tandem bucks, the husky cadet learned to love the Autumn game with a fervor which he never lost.

Wherever Kenyon teams played, "Old Fred" was almost certain to bob up, rooting with the fervor of a freshman—and the day never came when he was not as loyal in victory as in defeat. No cheerleader ever inspired a team with such fighting spirit as he could instill, with a few words about duty and with his unflinching example of support in bad seasons as well as in good ones.

Fred Hoover Zinn was born in Sidney, Ohio, but until 20 years ago he lived in Sandusky. At one time he was head of a Masonic Lodge at Sandusky, and until his death he retained his membership in Grace Episcopal church at that city. For 17 years he was associated with Otis & Company, stock brokers, but two decades ago he removed to become vice president and manager for the First Cleveland Corporation. In his business life he made and lost several for-



MAJOR F. H. ZINN

tunes, and was always as cheerful on the rebound as on the slump.

His training in K. M. A. and his taste of real war in 1898 put him in line for rapid promotion when the United States entered the World War.

At Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe, Major Zinn was in charge of the work of mustering out the members of the Ohio Division after the armistice in 1918—and every man who passed his desk received, in addition to his discharge papers, a bit of "kidding" and a pat on the back. As an officer of the 158th Depot Brigade, his work brought him into closer contact with enlisted men than would have been the case if he had been attached to another branch of the service, and he enjoyed the friendship and respect of thousands.

But Kenyon was the lifelong interest of the Major. His advice and money were available to any form of college activity Collegian, Reveille, Hika and all others. When the old Puff and Powder Club or the Glee Club staged a performance in Northern Ohio, Fred Zinn was sure to be in the audience. He attended meetings of alumni associations in a half dozen cities between the Great Lakes and the Ohio, and no commencement seemed complete without him. His visits to Gambier were almost weekly until he suffered a paralytic stroke last October—his first and last serious illness.

Whenever Fred Zinn appeared on the Hill he was greeted by veterans of the faculty and by elderly alumni as well as by undergraduates whose presence on the roster was due to his efforts. He enjoyed strolling through all the divisions of the dormitories, for there was not one whose alumni roll did not include men whom he had sent to Kenyon. He served at times on the Alumni Council and in the General Alumni Association.

As an alumnus of the original Zeta Alpha, he became a charter member of Theta Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma when the local fraternity attained national affiliation. He also was an honorary member of several undergraduate inter-divisional organizations which existed on the Hill during his more than four decades of active interest in Kenyon and Kenyon men.

He was a Thirty-second Degree Mason, a Shriner, a member of the American Legion and of the Inverness Country Club at Toledo. His only near relative surviving is his mother, Mrs. Jessie Lind Zinn.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5, at the Flagler Mortuary in Toledo, with burial Monday in Graceland Cemetery, Sidney.

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RIDGELEY TORRENCE TO SPEAK TO P. B. K.

Noted Editor, Poet And
Playwright's Talk To
Follow Initiation

Mr. Ridgeley Torrence, Princeton, '97, a distinguished editor, poet, playwright, and educator will be initiated into Kenyon's Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, and address the members of the Kenyon Chapter on February 22.

Transferring at the beginning of his Junior year from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, to Princeton University, Mr. Torrence activated himself at Princeton in the Triangle Club and in the editorship of both the "Tiger" and the "Nassau" Lit.

Following two years as a school master and several more as a librarian, he essayed editorial work, serving on the Critic, and Cosmopolitan. From 1920 to 1933 he was lauded far and wide as poetry editor of the New Republic.

His authorship of "The House of a Hundred Lights," a century of quatrains, won him immediate acclaim.

As a part of his rich and sympathetic life, Mr. Torrence, later in life, turned to fresh and original American Negro representations on the stage. It is to this work, which has been described as "the most important contribution that has yet been made to the American stage," that he is now devoting himself in Cleveland.

Essentially, however a lyric poet, the flawlessness of his work is exemplified by the poems "The Son," "Eye Witness," "Evensong" and other favorites of the finely discriminating.

His lecture will follow the initiation of himself and seven undergraduates, Richard Stamm, Jack Warthman, Robert Legg, Paul Ayres, William Alexander, T. E. Terry, Jr. and Robert Sonenfield into the honorary scholastic fraternity.

TWENTY FOUR QUIT AT MID SEMESTERS

There are now twenty-one fewer men enrolled in Kenyon than there were last semester the registrar's office announced today.

Newly enrolled students in the college are: Alfred Harris (S. L.) of Cleveland, Ohio, Henry Edgerton (S. H.) of Schullsburg, Wisconsin, and Rupert Anderson, Jr., of Mt. Vernon.

Of those who are no longer enrolled, twelve failed in grades, eight transferred, and four were graduated.

There are now 281 students in the college.

Down Report Changed

The number of down periods per semester was reduced from three to two by a vote of the faculty at a meeting held Monday afternoon.

Under the new arrangement two deficiency reports a semester will be handed out, the first on March 18, the second on April 29.

KENYON OFFERS CREDIT FOR STUDY IN FRANCE

Junior Year At Cite Universite, Paris, Interests Many

Kenyon is among the nine mid-western colleges from which students may receive college credit for studying during their junior year at the University of Paris. It was announced by college authorities two weeks ago. The group is sponsored by the College of Wooster and is under the direction of Dr. Donald Lowrie, head of the United States House at the Cite Universitaire.

Courses will be taught in English, and later in French, by outstanding members of the University of Paris. The schedule will consist of courses in French grammar, international relations, and music and art appreciation, the latter being accompanied by field work to museums and concert halls. Chief among the special features of this plan is a two weeks' sojourn in Geneva for the purpose of attending sessions of the League of Nations. Several week-end trips to French cities of historical interest are likewise planned.

The most important single attraction of this unique plan is that it costs only about \$1200, little more than the cost of a year in an American university.

During his recent visit to Kenyon, Dr. Lowrie interested—Robert Moore, Sidney Watts, Bob Pringle, Jack McPherson, Jr., Sparkey Clements, K. C. Christianson, Robert Williams, David Feagans, and Chase Small in the Paris Plan of Study.

Singers To Toledo

The Kenyon Singers will present its first concert of the concert season at St. Mark's Church in Toledo Friday night.

It will be the third annual concert given in that city, and will include several selections by the entire organization of twenty-five or thirty men, as well as selections by the Kenyon Octet. The group will again be under the leadership of Dr. Edward Weist.

Dr. Paul Titus Speaks

Dr. Paul Titus, professor of economics at Kenyon college, was principal speaker at the February meeting of the Knox County Schoolmasters club, held Tuesday evening, Feb. 7, in the Gambier high school.

COMMITTEE PRESENTS ORGANIZATION PLANS

Outlines Competitive System For Press Appointments

Reorganization, with an attempt to establish more of a permanency than now exists in the organization of Kenyon College's three student publications, was the aim of a recently appointed student committee which met with dean Gilbert T. Hoag last Friday.

Composed of the editors and business managers of the Hika, Reveille and COLLEGIAN, and four members of the Student Executive Council, the committee discussed arrangements which could be made to assure the appointment of the most worthy men as successors to the six editorial and business posts.

With Dean Hoag as advisor, committeemen James McKinley and Robert Brown of the Reveille, Dave McDowell and E. J. Witcher of Hika, Robert Sonenfield and Robert Mitchell Jr. of the Collegian, Robert Legg, Arvid Laurila, M. L. Shaw, Jr. and Art Kohler outlined a program which will be presented to the executive council at a meeting of the council to be held Tuesday.

HAWKE TO REPRESENT KENYON IN CONTEST

Eric Hawke, recently winner of third place in the Kenyon oratorical contest, will represent Kenyon in the annual Ohio Intercollegiate Oratorical contest to be held at Kent State University, Kent, Friday, February 17 in the Main and Training School Auditoriums.

The business session of the association will be held at 10:00 a. m. with the preliminary contest at 3:00 in the afternoon and the finals at 8 p. m. Orators from 13 colleges will participate.

The contest last year was held at the University of Akron and was won by Tracey Jones from Ohio Wesleyan.

EBERLE TALKS BEFORE RIDING AND POLO CLUB

Members of the Kenyon Riding and Polo club were entertained last Friday evening when Captain Frederic Eberle related his experiences on a cruise through the Caribbean Sea with Count von Luckner.

Von Luckner is the famous World War blockade-runner whose daring feats Lowell Thomas described in his book "Sea Devils."

The cruise was made in a four-masted sail boat, and the passengers consisted of boys from fifteen to twenty-five years of age.

Captain Eberle accompanied the group as director of the boys.

Reveille Posts

As the school year draws to a close, activity on the Reveille will be heightened. At present there are openings for three sophomores on the editorial staff and five freshmen on the business staff.

Since the editorship and management of the year-book is assumed during a student's junior year, early activities on this publication are necessary to groom men for the openings.

"THE WOLVES" TO BE STAGED HERE MAR. 1

With Dr. John W. Black, professor of speech, at the controls, the program of spring plays presented by the Kenyon Dramatic club is rapidly being put into shape.

The initial offering is to be "The Wolves," best known of Romain Rolland's plays. This play has been successfully presented on European stages, on Broadway, and at the Pasadena Community Playhouse, as well as in various colleges and universities.

It deals with the universal and ever timely problem of leadership among revolutionary idealists and shows, against the kaleidoscopic background of the late years of the French revolution, the "popular" leaders turning upon an innocent suspect and sacrificing him to their lust for blood and power.

"The Wolves" will be presented Wednesday, March 1, with an excellent cast.

Other plays this season are the freshman play "Texas Steer," a comedy of 19th century politics, and Shakespeare's "Coriolanus," a drama of Roman statecraft, to be produced March 15 and March 29 respectively.

POWELL GETS GRANT FOR CLOUD CHAMBER

Gambier, Feb. 1 — Dr. Wilson M. Powell, assistant professor of physics at Kenyon college, has just received a grant of \$175 from the Rumford fund of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Boston for research in cosmic rays. This grant will make it possible for Dr. Powell to continue his work with the cloud chamber, which he began last spring and has been able to carry on through the generosity of Henry G. Dalton of Cleveland. Unless unexpected difficulties arise due to the unusual size of the cloud chamber, the grant will enable Dr. Powell to complete the construction.

Intramural Polo

Intramural polo will begin about the first of March it was announced this week. Divisions should now be making arrangements for representation in this new intramural sport if they wish to participate.

HARRY GRUNAU'S ORCHESTRA TO PLAY FOR FEBRUARY FROLIC SATURDAY

Annual Mid-Year Dance Organized By Senior Council—Classes To Be Held Saturday

Committee Of Three To Award \$25 Prize For Best News Story

A prize of \$25.00 for the best news story in The Collegian of the current year which President Chalmers offered to the Collegian a few weeks ago will be awarded by a jury of three. It was announced this week.

The chairman of the jury of awards is Professor Phillip Timberlake, once an editor of The Collegian himself. Two other former editors will also act as judges. Elrich B. Davis, '17, the Literary Editor of The Cleveland Press, and Mr. Charles T. Malcolmson, '31, of the Washington bureau of The Philadelphia Record.

All stories written by undergraduates during the current academic year up until the present Collegian editors go out of office will be considered by the judges. They will make their decisions between the time the present editors go out of office and Commencement.

BOB LEGG ELECTED FLYING CLUB HEAD

At a recent meeting of the Kenyon College Flying Club new officers were elected for the coming semester. The election, not a common practice since offices regularly held for a full year, was necessitated by the graduation of former-president Clark Henderson.

Replacing Mr. Henderson as president is Robert Legg, '39; Robert Sonenfield was selected to continue in his position as treasurer; the office of secretary, vacated by Mr. Legg, was given to Hallock Hoffman, '41. These men will continue in office until the end of this semester.

ROCKFORD GALS INVITE FORTY TO DANCE MAR. 4

Turn about being fairplay, forty Kenyon men have been invited to Rockford College for girls, Rockford, Ill., to attend a Kenyon dance there on March 4.

This invitation follows the Kenyon-Rockford dance held at Kenyon last year.

Expenses for the week-end excluding transportation and incidentals, will be taken care of by Rockford College.

Those interested in attending should see the heads of their divisions.

With customary finesse Kenyon men are drumming up trade and it is evident to all that Kenyon is in a dancing mood.

The February Frolic, inaugurated last year on the occasion of an invasion from Rockford, is to be held on Saturday this time without benefit of Rockford.

The dance on Saturday which is the highlight of the week-end will be presided over by Harry Grunau trumpet virtuoso.

According to reports Harry Grunau should prove eminently successful on his Kenyon debut. Grunau is the only Trumpeter who can hold a high note for seventeen minutes. Thelma Walters the singing artist's model is one of three featured vocalists who should make the evening interesting for all concerned.

Novelties are many in the versatile Grunau organization. A glee club, a brass choir, and a trombone choir are all expected to make appearances before the evening is over. In addition the crowd will be entertained by Bill Gannon who is a drummer of the Krupa style as well as a featured vocalist.

The dance is informal and will break up at two a. m. From there on the party will continue in the division till such time as someone admits that she or he is tired. Then it is assumed that they will go to bed.

Timberlake To Edit Collegian Alumni Supplement, Feb. 23

Mr. Guy W. Prosser, '16, of Cleveland, the President of the Alumni Council, has announced that the Alumni Supplement to The Collegian will be edited by Dr. Philip W. Timberlake, McIlvaine Associate Professor of English in the College and will be published the last week in February.

An alumni questionnaire has been sent to all Kenyon alumni to gather material to be incorporated in the supplement.

Francis Ginn, '32, of Gates Mills, Ohio, has been active in collecting alumni news for the last two months.

Beginners In Riding

Classes for beginners in riding will be held from 4:15 to 5:15 on Wednesdays and Fridays it was announced this week by Captain Frederic Eberle.

Those inexperienced in riding who wish to be able to spend on the bridle path this should enroll in these said Captain Eberle.

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Alcove Singers

Tradition is of varying importance in different schools; generally speaking, the more recently founded colleges have less tradition, the older colleges more. Today's Kenyon, as one of the oldest schools in this part of the country, has inherited many traditions from the legions of students of previous decades. Her traditions are an intimate part of her life.

Perhaps, however, our traditions should be examined to discover if they are of value to a present day, modern Kenyon. Perhaps, rather than adding to our life, they are horse-and-buggy habits which are holding us back.

Let's take, for example, the singing that has been done at meals, in the past. Kenyon is noted more widely for her singing than any other one thing. It has been recorded. It has been—IN THE PAST—an everyday part of our lives.

Now, however, the tradition is disappearing. As a matter of fact, it has been three weeks since even the "thrill" has been sung! This may be for any one of several reasons. The most obvious is that the students have come personally to the conclusion that the singing is too much bother, or no longer fun, or of no benefit, so that they no longer wish to sing. Or it may be that the Kenyon spirit, which has always been such a dominant influence on Kenyon tradition, is dying out at last.

But much more likely is the assumption that the seniors, now divided—since half of them have moved to the "exclusive alcove," simply do not start the songs, and that the rest of the students, in deference to the seniors, do not wish to overstep their traditional authority.

We are of the opinion that Kenyon's singing has been a fine and beneficial tradition. We are sorry to see it go.

H. B. H.

Polo Poor

If a man had a high priced car given to him he would indeed feel fortunate. If someone gave him the car and then took away the battery, the man would be rather foolish to allow the car and the benefits to be derived therefrom to go to waste, rather than buy a new battery for the car.

Kenyon has been graced with an outstanding polo facilities, an excellent string of ponies, adequate stables, an enviable field, and a host of polo enthusiasts—well trained under the tutelage of an able coach.

In the past the purpose of the stables has been two fold. Students have enjoyed the healthfulness of riding and the college has gained a widespread reputation as the small college which could offer a strong challenge to any collegiate polo team.

Now the college is cut off from the latter benefit when for a slight sum a new battery could be purchased.

R. S.

JOSEPH CASS, '68, DIES; WAS NINETY YEARS OLD

Joseph Kerr Cass, '68, chairman of the board of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company since 1909, died Nov. 1 at his home on Riverview Road after a year's illness. He celebrated his ninetieth birthday on Oct. 10.

Mr. Cass was born at Coshocton, Ohio. In 1869, a year after his graduation from Kenyon College, began work as a surveyor for the Rapid and Indiana Railroad with the Pennsylvania Railroad in Pittsburgh from 1876, when he became a member of the Morrison, Bare and

THE CHAPEL CAT

By Don Young

RESETTLEMENT PLANNED

LONDON, Feb. 14—

A private international corporation which will finance the resettlement of 600,000 German Jews during the next five years was authorized by the Inter-Governmental Refugee committee. The committee will probably depend on Jewish financial loans. The corporation's major problem will be to keep the Jews in Germany alive long enough to evacuate them.

FRANCE AS CAT'S PAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—

On the heels of extensive publicity concerning U. S. military aid to France resulting from the presence of a French observer aboard an army plane being tested in California, came an announcement that France has purchased 500 warplanes from American manufacturers. This is in addition to 100 ordered last year. We don't mind France pulling our chestnuts out of the fire but we would like to know just what our stake is. A powerful French air force certainly doesn't help us in South America where we have some very valuable chestnuts and which are now jeopardized by Nazi infiltration.

STREAMLINED DIVORCES

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 14—

Montana is now preparing to make its bid for the lucrative divorce industry, hitherto centered in Reno, Nevada. A recent law requires only 30 days residence for divorce action which is 14 days less than the Nevada statute demands. At this date we can see the day not far off when you can have breakfast with your wife, catch the morning plane, establish residence at one o'clock of the same afternoon, get your final papers at noon and have dinner with a new spouse at seven the self-same evening.

NEW POPE

BERLIN, Feb. 14—

"Das Schwarze Corps" official newspaper of Hitler's black shirts undertook to advise the new pope, whomever he may be to keep out of political affairs. Without specifically suggesting a candidate the newspaper took exception to several eligible cardinals including Mundelein of Chicago whom it termed a "German Hater." The paper stated that it would "unrelentingly pillory any misuse of religion for political purposes...even if the dictates are dolled up in encyclicals or pastoral letters."

The title of the firm was changed in 1881 to the Morrison and Cass Paper Company, and Mr. Cass continued as a partner until 1899, when he became a director of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company.

Mr. Cass belonged to Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, the University and Union League Clubs of New York, the Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh and the Sleepy Hollow Country Club. A son, Charles Anderson Cass, and a sister, Mrs. Bernon T. Woodie, survive.

Mr. Cass was the oldest living graduate of Kenyon College since August 31, 1938, the date of the death of a former oldest living graduate, the Rev. Samuel J. French, 1867 AB Kenyon.

High School Graduates Have Best Chance in Job-Getting Says "Fortune"

Those self-appointed arbiters of the American scene, the editors of Fortune, come to grips in their February issue, with the groaning spectre of higher education.

Using the tiresomely accurate method of extracting opinion from that part of the public which is always ready to get rid of it, the straw poll; they have compiled a knotty row of statistics purporting to prove that a diploma is no longer the magic carpet to a cushy seat in a panelled office. Apparently the great American public no longer swallows this dream whole either, which may someday prove embarrassing to the vast teaching fraternity.

"Fortune" sampled public opinion on the question: "Which do you think has a better chance of earning a living today—a high school graduate who has had four years of experience, or a man just out of college?" The serious thinking of the great American classes would seem to be singularly stratified in that the majority of negroes, and the prosperous classes both agree that a college education is highly desirable. Others believed the college man falls behind at first, because of his four years immurement in the ivy, but eventually leaps ahead of his high school competitors. Significant is the fact that executives, who do the hiring, give the high school graduate with four years of experience the best chance by a vote of 41 per cent, against 28 per cent for the college graduate.

Opinion varies greatly in different sections of the country. The Northeast is the most inclined to believe that an A. B. has the

Sonenfield, Hoffmen Elected Delegates TO N. I. F. C. Conclave

Journeying to Washington early next month will be a large proportion of the members of Kenyon's Flying Club, to attend the National Conference of the National Intercollegiate Flying Club.

The Conference, which is to be held on the 6th and 7th of March, will be attended by 50 or 60 delegates from the score of member clubs. During the conference, matters of policy for the coming year will be discussed, contest rules reviewed, and the location of the National Collegiate Meet decided.

Representing Kenyon as delegates to the conference will be Robert Sonenfield and Hallock Hoffman, who were chosen for the job at the last regular meeting of the Kenyon Flying Club. Almost the entire club has planned to attend the conference, however.

The party transporting themselves by auto, will leave Gambler on Sunday morning, March 5th, and expect to return Wednesday.

This year's president of the N. I. F. C. is Clark Henderson, late president of the Kenyon Flying Club, who graduated at mid-semester. Present Kenyon Club president is Robert Legg, who said recently:

"We hope that the National Conference will give Kenyon fliers a chance to arrange several dual meets for the coming semester, before the National meet in June. We know that, as it has been in the past, the National Conference will be very successful, and that we will meet many good fliers and fine men representing the other attending clubs."

OPERA SEASON OPENS MARCH 27 IN CLEVE.

A brilliant spring festival of grand opera is foreseen with the announcement of the members of the company and the eight operas to be presented in Cleveland by the Metropolitan Opera Association of New York, the week of March 27 through April 1.

Such notable stars as Lily Pons, Tibbett, Kirsten Flagstad, Melchior, Helen Jepson, Grace Moore, Pinza, and Martinelli will sing in Cleveland this year.

A colorful first night is in prospect with Verdi's "Othello," with Martinelli in the title role, supported by Helen Jepson and Lawrence Tibbett.

Tuesday evening, March 28, Grace Moore will make the first of her two appearances in the title role of Charpentier's opera "Louise" with incidental dances by Maria Gambarelli, new prima-ballerina of the Metropolitan Corps de Ballet.

The remainder of the repertoire is as follows:

Wednesday eve., Walkure.
Thursday eve., Thais.
Friday mat., Manon.
Friday eve., Lohengrin.
Saturday mat., Tosca.
Saturday eve., Lucia di Lammermoor.

The performances of the opera will be in the Cleveland Public Auditorium. Seats range from \$1 to \$6 in price for single performances.

greatest chance for success. The farther West we get, the less certain people become, until in California, where the sunshine is apparently considered enough for a young man starting out in the world, only 19 per cent will agree. No one came right out and said they considered an A. B. a hindrance, everywhere except on the high seas.

The weakness of the poll, of course, lies in the failure of the editors to distinguish between earning a living and a career. The distinction may seem over subtle until one is faced with the problem of adjusting the two on completing the higher education.

"MODERN UTOPIA" OUTLINED IN TALK BY "R. F. D." ALLEN GRANT

Allen Smart, one of the few not born to the land who has made a success of farming, gave an extremely thorough analysis of the importance of the rural community in the social pattern of the country, in a lecture here on Monday night.

Mr. Smart, a graduate of Harvard and the other of several novels including the widely read "R. F. D." worked for a publishing house and taught school in the East for several years before he came to Ohio and purchased a farm.

His topic was "Modern Utopias," and he demonstrated convincingly that a solid approach to the dream of philosophers lay in small, co-operative communities. The basis of these communities would be communal ownership of the means of production, and he stressed the point that such an arrangement was the logical working out of the common problems challenging a group of people who are gaining their living on the same few miles of land, and not the fearsome bogeyman of theoretical Communism.

Mr. Smart stated that he was a democrat, and that as such he was interested primarily in making it work. The best way to this, he feels, is to apply its principles within your own community, and try to make them stick. A purely academic interest in great political movements abroad, as reflected by newspapers and magazines, is a gilt-edged way of avoiding pressing issues in your own country.

Mr. Smart went thoroughly into the question of the practical organization of these ideal communities. The money necessary to found them he felt, with reason, would not be hard to raise. The government is particularly interested in resettlement projects, and has contributed heavily towards several. From a study of past co-operative communities in America he has concluded that they are only successful when they are sustained by some strong common passion, such as religion. The revival of some sort of faith would be necessary, and might be easier in a small community fired by the land.

The working core of the ideal rural community, he emphasized, consists of the farm, the shop, and the school. The farm and the shop

Be A Good Man Cries Chalmers

"Finding a Cause" was the subject of President Gordon K. Chalmers' address given before the Episcopal Church Club of Cleveland at the Cleveland Athletic club during mid term vacation.

"Bitterness," he said, "will do us no good in any future struggle against dictators, in behalf of democracy."

Dr. Chalmers stressed the importance of the American college and university as a means of "making us more generous and discerning beings."

"With liberties denied in many countries, the defense of democracy becomes for Americans a cause. The strife is an intellectual one. The best thing of all that one can do to promote a good cause is to be a good man, for the better educated we are, the more human we are, and the more real knowledge we have of God, man and nature, and the more valid for us any cause will become."

DR. R. D. CAHALL VISITS DR. WILLIAM F. PEIRCE

During the between the semester holiday, Dr. R. D. Cahall enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Foster Pierce at their home in Harford county, Maryland.

While there, Dr. Cahall was entertained by some of Dr. Pierce's interesting and hospitable friends living in Harford county.

Dr. Peirce has since his return from Europe addressed groups in Baltimore and Bellaire on international relations. He has been invited to deliver an address in March to a group in Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Kenyon alumni there.

Dr. Cahall stated that Dr. Pierce is in good health, and is enjoying his freedom from official duties. He lives much out of doors working around his thirty-acre estate.

After a three day stay with Dr. Pierce, Dr. Cahall called on his son Robert at Swarthmore, Pa., where he is a student in Swarthmore college.

Wall Switch Baffles "Cosmic Ray" Powell

Upon immediate reflection it might seem that the mastery of the intricacies of action of the elusive cosmic rays should presuppose a knowledge of the operations of a layman's house lamp. Dr. William (Cosmic Ray) Powell proves this is not so.

It is said that "Cosmic Ray" Powell had, since his first days at Kenyon, been delving into a problem more down to earth and yet much more complex than the cloud chamber. Briefly it concerned a light in the doctor's house which had remained dim for years these many years.

It had not been so because of any sacred rites or mystic sect which prohibited light rays nor even because of a complicated experiment nearby.

To use the vernacular, the dim thing wouldn't work. After exhaustive experimentation with new bulbs the doctor decided to amuse himself by watching an electrician writhe in agony over the light. The electrician came but did not writhe; he ignored the wall switch which had annoyed the physicist, and pulled a string hanging from the fixture. Doctor Powell's light works now.

Mr. R. Jarrell To Leave After Two Years Here

The Collegian herewith prints a letter received from President Gordon Keith Chalmers in regard to the dismissal of Mr. Rendell Jarrell of the Kenyon English department.

"For the past two years Mr. Randall Jarrell has been teaching two courses in English which otherwise could not have been taught because all the other members of the English Department were carrying such heavy schedules. The College has been fortunate in obtaining the services of a man of such ability as Mr. Jarrell to provide the extra teaching necessary. In laying out its curriculum for the next two years the English Department unanimously decided that while it would like to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Jarrell, the annual teaching load under the new program does not warrant asking for extra help.

The English offerings have been undergoing reorganization. The courses to be announced in the new catalogue describe a richer series of studies and a more comprehensive view of English and American Literature than heretofore. To make this possible the Department is proposing that a great many courses be offered only in alternate years. The result of this procedure is that though more courses will be offered in two years than in any recent two-year period fewer courses will be offered in one year than are offered this year. This being true, they could not recommend to continue the special appointment of someone to carry extra work.

I have received a communication signed by a great many students who are concentrating in almost all of the departments of the College urging the renewal of Mr. Jarrell's appointment and expressing their admiration of him as a distinguished practitioner and artist, an able teacher, and a man of alert and extraordinarily thorough knowledge of English Literature. Many similar things in praise of Mr. Jarrell's work recently been said by senior members of the College community as well.

While inviting Mr. Jarrell and in reinventing him last year it was clear that the engagement was year by year, I regret exceedingly that circumstances are such that the College would not be justified in asking him to stay a third year, for he has unquestionably provided instruction and an informal interest in the arts and letters which we look for in a vigorous and original teacher."

GORDON K. CHALMERS

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT UP 6.8% SAYS SURVEY

According to an article in School and Society written by Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati, the total number of students attending college this year is 1,250,000, or 6.8% more than in 1937. These figures are based on reports collected by Dr. Walters from 577 colleges and is the twentieth annual study that he has made of the subject. He attributes this large increase to improved economic conditions and to federal aid.

College Men Against War Survey Says

Only two college men out of ten would go to war today voluntarily, a survey by the Student Opinion Surveys of America reveals. These polls are taken by colleges all over the nation and the results tabulated. Resembling somewhat the Public Opinion Surveys of Dr. Gallup, these surveys closely approximate the results obtained by the Gallup polls.

According to sections of the country, the vote of those who said they would fight is: Far Western States, 31.7 per cent; Southern States, 21.5 per cent; West Central, 17.8 per cent; Middle Atlantic, 17.4 per cent; New England, 15.4 per cent, and East Central, 14.7 per cent. The nation as a whole voted 19.7 per cent in favor of fighting and 80.3 per cent against.

Typical comments from both sides included statements like the one from a Dartmouth sophomore who said, "I'd follow the U. S. anywhere—my country right or wrong." Opponents of war were quite as emphatic in their belief.

A Texas senior said, "I'd rather sit in jail than fight in any war."

GRANT, McLAGLEN, FAIRBANKS TEAMED IN KIPLING STORY

Appearing at the Veron theater this week-end is "Gunga Din," stirring drama of Kipling's India.

Teamed together for the first time, Cary Grant, Victor McLagen and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., are seen as three comrade sergeants whose adventures form the basis of the stirring screen version of the famous ballad by Rudyard Kipling. "Gunga Din" now playing at the Veron theater.

The three stars, each of whom has soared to new fame in recent months, portray a trio of British soldiers stationed at an army post in northern India. Their exciting experiences while trying to quell an uprising among a band of religious fanatics, who commit wholesale murder according to religious rites, provide the dramatic action of the story.

KENYON BOOKS 7 1939 GRID GAMES

Five Home Tilts Carded; Four New Opponents On Schedule

Coach Dwight L. Hafeli's 1939 Kenyon college football team will play a seven-game schedule — one more than was played in 1938 — Athletic Director R. J. Kutler announced today.

The '39 grid card calls for five home appearances and two on foreign gridirons, with four new opponents included in the seven-game list. The new opponents are: Bluffton, Heidelberg, Holbrook and Findlay.

Following is the schedule:

Sept. 23—Bluffton.
Sept. 30—At Capital.
Oct. 7—At Hobart.
Oct. 14—Denison.
Oct. 21—Heidelberg.
Oct. 28—Holbrook.
Nov. 4—Findlay.

SWIMMERS FALL TO PITT FOR FIRST DEFEAT

Upset for the second time this year, the Imel coached Kenyon natators were heavily dunked by a more powerful Pittsburgh squad 52-22. Nowatney and the Leiderstein shone for Pitt while Captain Bill Griffin and Sophomore Bob Tanner with Sid Vinnedge showed excellent form for Kenyon.

The score is no indication of the closeness of the meet. Griffin in winning the 150 backstroke defeated the Eastern Intercollegiate champion, Beacon, of Pittsburgh. Tanner won the breaststroke with little difficulty in beating Leiderstein and Shulness of Pitt.

The Kenyon natators hope to return to their winning ways against Concord Teachers and Oberlin both in Shaffer pool this week-end.

KENYON MERMEN DOWN CARNEGIE TECH HERE

The Kenyon Mermen churned their way to a 42-33 victory leaving Carnegie Tech in their wake last Saturday.

Traveling over to the Smoky City to meet Tech in their home waters, the Purple and White set three new pool records: 300 yds. medley relay, 150 yds. backstroke, and 200 yds. breaststroke.

Captain Bill Griffin led his team by giving the most outstanding performance of the meet. He eased himself to a new pool record leaving the two Tech men to finish in a dead heat—25 yards behind.

Also making a big splash was Dave Rowe's taking first in both the 50 and 100 yard dashes.

INTRAMURAL CAGE SEASON PROGRESSES

During the last week two more games were played in the intramural basketball league. Middle Kenyon overwhelmed a green West Wing quintet by the lopsided score of 23-5. Jack Berno, yearling basketball, was high scorer in this contest, piling up a total of twelve points. In the other contest East Wing eked out a victory over a fighting North Hanna team. Gab Pallozzi, freshman captain, joined Berno in the bucket brigade building up a total of nine counters which gave him scoring honors for the game. The score in spite of Pallozzi was East Wing 23 North Hanna 21. Interest in intramural circles was also centered on the squash tourney which gets under way this week. The draw for intramural bowling has also been posted and both these tourneys will proceed as scheduled.

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South Leonard Soccer Champs



Above is shown the South Leonard soccer squad which captured the intramural soccer crown early this year.
Kneeling, l. to r., Thomas, Hyde, Brouse, Johnson.
Standing, l. to r., Gerrish, Adams, Baker, Trainer, Alexander, Huggins, Bowen, Whitaker.

Middle Leonard Volley Ball Champs



Above is the Middle Leonard Volley Ball squad which walked off with the intramural volleyball laurels.
L. to r., Rudge, Listing, Reeder, Jenkins, Berl, Sonenfield.

HOOPSTERS LOSE TWO, KEEP SLATE CLEAN

Outfighting and outshooting Kenyon's weak quintet at all stages of the game, Denison's Big Red cagers handed the Lords their eighth consecutive loss of the season last Wednesday night, February 8, 54-33.

The "Big Red" were never headed, except in the first minute as Reeder opened the scoring with a long shot. The Granvillites led at half-time 24-13 following buckets by Myer, Harrison, and McNamara which sent them to the front.

Outstanding for the losers with ten points was Maurice McCullough playing his first collegiate game. The leading scorer of the evening was Joe Gordon, fast breaking guard, who caged eleven points.

On Saturday the Lords proved easy meat for the Capital University hoopsters as they fell 70-42. Chuck Amoto gained 15 points for the losers with Freeman hitting the meshes for 20 points in the forty-eight minutes he played for Capital. The Lords handed Capital the highest scoring record in its Columbus history. The old record for the Lutherans was 68 points.

MERMEN TO BATTLE IN TRIANGULAR MEET HERE

This coming Friday and Saturday Kenyon's mermen will attempt to start another string of victories at the expense of Concord State Teachers College of Athens, West Virginia, and the Oberlin mermen under their new coach, Walter Erdman.

The meet with the Teachers on Friday at 400 P. M. will give Coach Imel a chance to experiment with his men in preparation for the Conference meet. As usual, the Oberlin meet will be a nip and tuck affair testing the Imelmens to their utmost, for the Yeomen have virtually the same club that scored twenty-eight points on last year's undefeated squad. Both engagements will be fought out in the Shaffer pool, the latter meet at 2:30 P. M.

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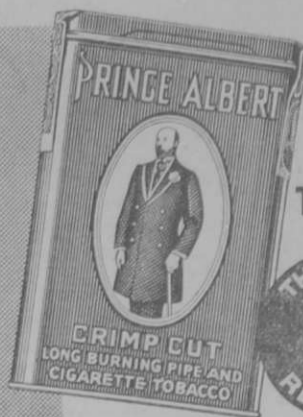
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Importance of Small Liberal Arts College Cited by P. B. K. Secretary

"Men and women with a thorough knowledge of literature and history will always hate dictatorships," Dr. William A. Shimer, secretary of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, declared (Feb. 9) in an address to members of the Kenyon College Alumni Association of the East at the University Club, 1 West 54th Street, New York City. Dr. Shimer spoke on the importance of the small liberal arts college in the educational system.

"Mainstay of intellectual freedom which is one of the roots of modern democracy is the independent college, for it trains its students without restraint in all the various branches of modern thought," Dr. Shimer said.

He described Kenyon College, which is located at Gambier, Ohio as "typical of the finest type of small educational organization."

"Each of its 300 men students has an opportunity," Dr. Shimer said, "to acquire the luxurious tastes of art and literature for his own enjoyment. Without them, his mental life is a true desert."

Refuting a recent remark by a prominent educator that the pre-medical B. A. degree has outlived its usefulness, Dr. Shimer said that the educational period of youth has readily increased in recent years, and that the degree of adult intelligence correlates with the length of youth.

"The doctor today must deal with the whole personality—even the whole body is not enough," he asserted. "And he must see the personality in its relationships to society and its creative interests. Only a thorough liberal education as a foundation for medical training can produce such doctors."

Says Personality Is Key To Job Getting

According to Dr. C. W. Hall, placement adviser at Western Reserve University, if you really want to get a job when you're through school, the thing to do is to develop your personality. In obtaining employment for Reserve graduates, Dr. Hall finds it easier to place the lowest part of the class than to place the mass of average students.

These students fill sales jobs very effectively because their per-

sonalities have been highly developed—usually at the expense of their brains.

The upper portion of the class obtains employment because of superior training, but the average student is left out in the cold.

Fencers Down Foes

In their initial meet the newly-formed Kenyon Fencing Club beat the Mansfield Amateur Fencing Club 10 to 7 last Friday evening at Rosse Hall.

With less than two months' practice at the sport, the Kenyon men performed admirably taking the foil and sabre bouts but losing the epee.

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CHALMERS SPEAKS AT PEDDIE SCHOOL, N. J.

Dr. Gordon K. Chalmers was the speaker at the morning convocation services at the Peddie School, Hightstown, N. J. on Sunday, February 12.

The Peddie School, last weekend, celebrated its 74th anniversary with traditional Founders Day exercises. Activities included a glee club concert, the annual Winters Prize Speaking Contest, receptions for parents and alumni, and the presentation of awards of merit.

Dr. Chalmers graduated from Peddie in the class of 1921.

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