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Mrs. Lowry and Miss Meyer Give Chapel Musicale

First Program of New Semester Features Both Piano and Vocal Music

The Assembly committee has arranged a musicale for the first program of the second semester on Wednesday, February 3. At that time students will have the opportunity of hearing Miss Pauline Meyer and Mrs. Mary Louise Lowry in a program of songs and piano compositions.

Mrs. Lowry, Artist in Music and Art Fields

Mrs. Lowry is the wife of Mr. E. E. Lowry, head of the Art department at Cortland. Although she is kept busy as a homemaker and mother of two small children, she finds time to continue active work in the fields of music and art. She was an honor student at the Georgia State college for women at Milledgeville, Ga., and upon graduation was retained as an instructor of music, art and English at that institution. Later she became supervisor of music and art at Columbia, South Carolina and before her marriage was on the faculty at Converse college, Spartansburg, South Carolina, where she did a great deal of organ work. For her part of the program she will play three piano compositions by modern composers, and themes from two famous piano concertos by composers of the 19th century.

Miss Meyer Interested in Both Fields

Miss Meyer needs no introduction to students at Cortland, since she is head of the Music department. She received her training at Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, New York university and Teachers college of Columbia university in New York. Before coming to Cortland she has been supervisor of music in several New England communities and director of music at the State Teachers college in New Britain, Conn. She is also interested in art, but, unlike Mrs. Lowry, has pursued it only as a hobby. Miss Meyer will furnish the vocal part of the program. Her first offering will be a miscellaneous group of songs in Spanish and English. For her second group, she will sing by special request, several songs set to the verses of A. A. Milne in his book, *When We Were Young*. These are delightful expressions of child life and thought, and have been given equally delightful settings by E. H. Shepard.

Patriotic Song Written by Mrs. Lowry

As a finale, Miss Meyer and Mrs. Lowry will present a patriotic song composed by Mrs. Lowry on July 4, 1942 as an expression of her faith in the future of America.

Kappas Plan to Maintain Skeleton Organization; No New Members Accepted

After some months of discussion, the remaining members of the Delta Kappa fraternity have decided on an arrangement which will provide for the continued existence of their organization.

Officers' Posts Filled

Under the present plan, the present membership and four members of the faculty will fill the officers' posts acting as the organizational nucleus, about which a new fraternity may build when conditions have assumed some degree of normalcy. All the club's records and documents will be handled by Dr. Brown who will be acting as co-president with Joseph Latino.

Under this unique arrangement the club will continue its membership in the grand chapter and reassume its position and title when deemed advisable.

No New Members

No new members are being pledged or initiated at this time, it was decided last week. Though there had been an enthusiastic request on the part of students for re-organization now, conditions are such that this will be impossible.

PROGRESS ON THE DID

It's news to many that in spite of all hindering circumstances Cortland is really going to have a yearbook this year. The 1943 *Didascaleion* is well in progress although still a great distance from the book as it will be seen on Honor Day. Senior pictures are complete and a great effort is being made to get as many group pictures as possible finished before many of the men go into the service. About 55 organization pictures have been taken to date and about 85 pictures have been collected of our recent Cortland students in the service. The *Hilltop Press* will keep students posted from time to time on the *Did* progress.

Francis J. Moench Presents Navy and "Keep Fit" Films

Interview Stresses Role of Education in National Physical Fitness Program

Introduced by Mr. Francis J. Moench, formerly director of Cortland's physical education department, the War Council of Albany presented two films. This chapel program for January 13, 1943 was arranged by the assembly committee.

Cortland's Students Featured

In the first "Fit to Fight on All Fronts," many of Cortland's P. E. majors took part. Included were camping pictures from Tanager, gymnasium tumbling, boxing and marching tactics.

The picture was compiled for various programs of physical fitness taking place throughout the state in high schools and colleges, by women in war industry and men in home guard training. "We as a nation must *keep* physically fit."

Navy Films Shown

The second film introduced was the Navy pre-flight course at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Here the student pilots toughen up before going on to their classroom studies of such things as mathematics, navigation and weather conditions. The average cost for training one of these boys is $40,000. The physical training given them is, of necessity, the most rigorous of any in the armed services.

Mr. Moench Interviewed

Following the chapel program, Mr. Moench, now deputy director of the office of physical fitness, New York State War Council, held a meeting with the majors. To them he expressed his view that he did not feel the women should be fearful of handling boys' programs. He also stressed the use of out-of-door facilities. "If education does not take care of physical education then it will be taken out of the hands of education. It will be taken over by another organization that will see to it."

The following interview was granted the *Hilltop Press*. It should be read by every student of Cortland.

"Any physical fitness program which can be defended now must show, first, definite contributions toward the practical and early solution of the needs of this war, and, second, permanent lasting contributions.

"We are in the midst of total industrial operation. Our armed forces are pyramiding rapidly toward the eight million mark. Our annual war budget has reached the 100 billion mark. Unusual and almost impossible demands are being made of all civilians, as well as of the personnel of the armed forces. The length of time that it will be necessary to take to win this war . . . and it won't be a short one . . . places a grave responsibility on the shoulders of every citizen—the responsibility of being fit for the task.

"Ultimate success and victory depend on sustained efficiency of manpower. It is a simple but often forgotten deduction that the efficiency of manpower, in any endeavor, is in direct proportion to the status of the physical qualities of the man. A machine is no more efficient than the man or woman who controls it. The war training physical fitness program must develop and conserve these physical qualities of man, to guarantee the lasting power for sustained activity in order to produce, to fight, and to serve in any capacity on the home front. This is a primary and fundamental program for victory in war and success in peace.

"Physical fitness is the ability to accom-

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A PROBLEM

The ration books allow a coupon per week good for 1 1-2 gallons of gas. Assume that there will be no change for the next 52 weeks and that gas costs 22 cents per gallon. If your light car averages 16 miles to the gallon, find the cost per mile for driving during the year when the costs are as follows:

License plate	$14.00
Federal stamp	5.00
Insurance	31.70*
Filling oil	
5 qt. oil	1.50
Greasing	1.00
? gal gas at 22 cents	— —

(No charge for repairs or depreciation.)

What would be the cost of a trip to Syracuse and return if the police permitted (32 miles)?

*Includes property damage, personal liability, fire and theft.

Students may submit answers to the box outside the *Hilltop Press* room. No help must be obtained from outside sources. Correct answer and names of students submitting such will be published in the February 11 issue. Proof must be furnished that no outside help was given or received.

Answer will be printed next week.

School Party Offers Students Relaxation At Exam Weekend

Spiegle to Play for Both Round and Square Dancing

To relieve the strain caused by cramming, black coffee and late hours or all night sessions of exam week, the Recreation committee has planned a school party for Saturday evening, January 23.

Students to Lead Novelty Dances

The atmosphere will be jolly and informal with gay relaxation as the sole theme of the dance. Decorations will be omitted and clothes may range from overalls to skirts and sweaters. Spiegle Willcox has been engaged to play for both the round and square dances with plenty of jitterbugging and Pennsylvania polkas.

Certain prominent members of the student body will be called upon to lead the evening's activities. Doug Brown will commence the gaiety by calling a "John Brown." and leading a "Paul Jones." It is hoped that John Pratt will show us how they "swing their honeys" in the Adirondacks and that Tom Yukie and Pete Corey will be among the leaders.

Guests Welcome before 9:30 p. m.

More than ever, students are urged to come and enjoy an evening's fun. Guest cards will not be issued in advance, but guests will be welcomed if brought before 9:30 p. m. The party should serve as an excellent refresher and stimulator in the midst of a busy week.

Clios Hold House Dance For Naval Aviation Cadets Stationed at Cortland

Last Saturday night, January 16, the Clios were hostesses to a group of Naval Cadets, our college students, of the War Training Service, at an informal party held from 8-11:30 at the Clio House. The rugs were pulled up, the house was brightly lighted, Goodman and Dorsey issued forth from the vic, and a huge bowl

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Ski Club Enjoys Cross Country Trip Last Two Weekends

Urge Others to Participate; "One Last Run" Typifies Exhilerating Winter Sport

In keeping with the thought that the skiers won't be able to travel for their skiing this winter and with the government's encouragement for a "keep fit" program, the Ski club of Cortland State has turned out for new adventures in "trail blazing" around the city of Cortland.

Cross-Country Skiing

It's thrills and spills, and a lot of fun in cross-country skiing. The club has had two eventful Sunday trips. The first trip was one of finding new unexplored trails on the mountain south of the city. Many of Cortland's skiers will remember Slalom trails at Virgil. These could not compare with the natural trail found on this trip.

As for climbing this is a "keep fit" program in itself. How many of you could climb a seventy-five degree angle mountain using side, step, kick turn and back steps around trees that grow only five feet apart, all the way up a three-hundred foot embankment? All of you could and it would be great sport, too.

The "One More Run"

Then comes that "One More Run" at the close of the day, that could go like this:

The best run is that "one more run" at
the day's end
As the shadows lengthen
And the world turns cold with the western
sun,
You rest a moment, and look down on the
floor of the valley
Or upon the range beyond.
Even as you watch the light changes.
You tighten your binding swiftly
And with a thrust of your shoulders start
on down.
The air is colder now and your eyes are
weeping
And your cheeks ache as the hiss
Of the dry flakes beneath your skiis grows
louder.
You sweep across the snow, trailing a
plume
Of powder in your wake, plunge down the
steepening slope,
And in a few short moments it is over.
Down in the valley you lean on your poles,
Gasping for breath, knees shaking,
And wish there were time for "still another
run" with the thrills of the former
run."

With the thrills of the former adventure in mind the members of the Ski club started out again last Sunday. This time the club had more than Mr. Holloway's helpful hints and sound ski advice. This time the club had more than a quest.

Fay Welch needs no introduction to the phys ed majors. Yes, we could build a fire with one match and how good those sandwiches taste, toasted over an open fire."

More Trips Planned

The club is planning more and different trips. Many will say, "I'd like to go on cross-country trips and I like skiing but I'm no expert. " The only way to be an expert in by practice and by the right teaching. Through Mr. Holloway one can't go wrong. Whether one is a phys ed major or a g. c.; a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior; a non-professional, professional or a "zitsmarker," he can't go wrong. An invitation is issued to "come out and join the fun of the Ski club."

After finals the plans of the club will go on. Note the lower bulletin board for

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Office Publishes Mid-Semester G. C. Schedule

No Student Is to Leave Before Organizing His Next Semester Program

We recognize that there is a natural desire for students to take advantage of the break between semesters for a lengthened weekend at home. Often times this has embarrassed the adminstration a great deal because that free time is used for the organization of the work for the second semester. That the maximum advantage may be taken of all free time, the following schedule is given so that all may know how to plan

Schedule Given

Examinations will end Wednesday, January 27. Grades will be ready for distribution at 9 o'clock, Friday morning, January 29, in Dr. Brown's office. Immediately after the distribution of the grades, students will have the opportunity to meet the scholarship committee. No student should take any chances with absenting himself on Friday if there is the slightest doubt as to the need for meeting the scholarship committee nor should one assume that because his marks are not low he should not meet the committee. The whole purpose of this conference is to advise and help the student and in many instances this conference has proved helpful to students who otherwise may have dismissed themselves from the school.

Monday, February first, will be for registration and payment of fees. At this time the official program card for the general course students should be obtained from Dr. Brown's office. Tuesday, February second, regular classroom instruction will begin.

G. C. Meetings

To facilitate the making of individual programs, the following meetings for general course students are called:

Freshmen:
Tuesday, January 26, 10:00 room 231.
Sophomores:
Tuesday, January 26, 3:00 room 231.
Juniors:
Tuesday, January 26, 2:00 room 231.
Seniors:
Tuesday, January 26, 1:00 room 231.
Seniors (now teaching):
Friday, January 29, 8:00 room 231.

The physical education students will follow the program announced by the Physical Education department. In all cases a second meeting will probably have to be called and no one is to leave town until he is certain that he is no longer needed for organizing the program.

Masquers Plan Party For Feb. 4; Will Cast Major Play Feb. 1

With two of their own group providing the speeches for the occasion, the Hilltop Masquers held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 14, 1943

Members Speak

Doris Johnson, club historian, discussed the designing, constructing and erecting of scenery. Barbara Humes, technical director, spoke to the members on the directing of the play from castings through rehearsal.

At the business meeting a social meeting was planned, the date, February 4, 1943. The club also discussed joining the national dramatic fraternity. Action will be taken on the matter by the executive council.

Play to Be Cast

It is announced that the Masquer spring production, *Two on an Island* will be cast on February 1, 1943. The tryouts are open to all.

Curse You, Jack Dalton and *The Pot Boiler* are now in rehearsal and will be presented at an early assembly date next semester.

CALENDAR

January 20, Wednesday:
Assembly—One act burlesque comedy by the Hilltop Masquers, *Shoot the Authors*.
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January 21, Thursday to January 27, Wednesday:
Examinations—See page two for schedule.

January 29, Friday:
Junior-Senior Ball.
First semester ends.

January 30, Saturday:
Basketball—St. Lawrence.

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Bloomers and Middies Were Shocking in 1912! Dr. DeGroat Writes Reminiscences of Thirty Years Ago

I have been asked to write some reminiscences of the school as it existed 30 years ago when I first came to it as its third principal. As reminiscences involve personal experiences, one who writes them will be pardoned if he employs now and then the pronoun of the first person.

If one of our 1942 students could be put down today in Cortland as it was in 1912, he would find a good many changes on Main Street. The present post office had not been built, an old landmark known as the Messenger House stood where that elaborate filling station at Main and Port Watson street invites patronage from the passing motorist. Montgomery Ward's place of business had not yet been created and the old Randall estate was inhabited and intact, tempting the passer-by to enter the tall iron gates that gave access to the shaded grounds behind the high stone wall. The Savings Bank and the Second National Bank buildings were primitive and located farther down Main street. But far greater than all these changes are the names that appear above the stores today. I recall on Main street between Clinton avenue and Port Watson streets only nine names that appeared in 1912, and several of these are in different locations today, some with changes in the management personnel. The largest movie house was where the Sears Roebuck store now stands. The silent movies were then in process of development and did not make a strong appeal to student patronage.

The state roads gave no easy approach to Syracuse, Binghamton or Ithaca since only short stretches of surface highways existed. A trip to Syracuse as taken by car might well require the greater part of a day. Most people preferred to make the trip by train. Getting up Virgil in second was considered a pretty fair accomplishment but there were few cars in town that could make it on high. I remember an auto trip to Albany in 1917. The start was made early in the morning and the arrival in Albany carried into the city a thoroughly weary and dispirited crowd. We had six punctures on the way, every one of which had to be fixed on the spot. No such thing as a spare wheel in those days was carried.

Those were the days when the approved gym costume for girls was bloomers and middies. Even then this costume was considered quite extreme. It is told of a former teacher of science at Cortland who became the principal of another normal school that one day when he was showing a visitor through his building, they came to the door of the gymnasium. The host opened it slightly (and very carefully) to see what was going on within. He turned to his visitor and said in a hushed voice, "I'm sorry, we can't go in. The young ladies are at their exercise." I wonder what this very fine example of the old school would say if he could be suddenly thrust into our swimming pool room when the girls are "at their swimming." Doubtless some of the girls might be called on to rescue him from the pool or to carry him out in a dead faint!

Shortly after I came to Cortland there descended on the community the vogue of the "slit skirt." This was looked on as very daring and just a bit naughty. One of our students, on a certain day in early autumn, created a sensation and nearly scandalized the town by appearing on Main street *wearing a slit skirt*. The aforesaid skirt was reported to be somewhat narrow and ankle length with one side of the skirt showing a side seam unsewed about half way to the knee! Doubtless that same skirt if seen on Main street today would create a far greater sensation that it did back in the pre-twenties.