

Students Urged To Contribute To Red Cross

Chapel Program Will Initiate School Drive For Student Pledges

Students! Give to the Red Cross Fund. Every student in Cortland State Teachers college will have a chance to do his share on Monday, March 1, 1943. This is a worthy cause to which all should subscribe.

On this date a chapel program will be given following which students will be expected to make a pledge to the Red Cross. Cortland County's quota last year was \$22,000. This was topped as the county subscribed, \$29,000. This year the amount requested by the Red Cross is \$34,300 from Cortland County.

Typical of the Red Cross work this year is their slogan, "You can't go to your boy, the Red Cross can." This tells the work that this organization is doing. Over 70 per cent of all the Red Cross funds are used for the men in service.

Because of the lack of modern machinery, the Red Cross needs to roll 70 per cent of all the surgical dressings used. Many women throughout the country roll bandages along with students and others from the community who do this work at the local chapter.

The Red Cross needs the support of every student in Cortland State Teachers college. The returns from drives in former years have been good; this year the response must top all previous records.

Dr. Ethel Little New Physician Takes over Duties of Dr. Wheeler March 1

Dr. Ethel E. Little, physician and director of health at Eastern Illinois State Teachers college, has been named physician at Cortland State Teachers college. She succeeds Dr. Roxie Weber who resigned last fall.

Dr. Little is expected to begin her duties at the college on Monday, March 1. She is a graduate from the University of Illinois, and was a member of the faculty of that institution for several years.

Cortlandites Called By Many Branches Of Armed Services

Approximately 280 Students of Varying Ranks and Positions to Be Found at Home and Abroad

Today some of the men that are the soldiers, sailors, and marines, who are taking part in warfare on foreign soil or here at home were once friends and students of this college.

The branches of the service that have been chosen by approximately two hundred eighty of these same students have been the army, navy, coast guard, marines and air corps.

On U. S. A. soil there are ninety-four, who are privates, enlisted men, cadets and reserves; eighteen staff and technical corporals, seventeen staff and technical sergeants, the second lieutenants count ten, the first lieutenants twenty-two, one captain, ten specialists, the ensigns count three, and the navy and coast guard C. P. O's count twelve.

The United States, however, doesn't have all the men that are from Cortland college on her own soil, for some thirty-two of them are abroad. There are eleven privates and enlisted seamen, five corporals, four sergeants, two second lieutenants three first lieutenants, three captains, one specialist, one ensign and two C. P. O's.

Although there aren't as many women from Cortland college taking part in this type of service, there are eight who have chosen the WAAC's, nursing and pharmacy. Note: Statistics above have changed even since article was written.

Colgate Survey Shows Study Habits Unmixed Groups for Best Results Is Recommendation

Colleges accelerating their programs might do well to have their men and women students study in unmixed groups to avoid time-wasting.

That is the opinion of Dr. F. Kenneth Berrien of Colgate University, who draws his conclusion from a psychology department report on "How Quickly Do Students Start Studying?" as compared with a similar survey conducted by D. C. Troth of the University of Illinois.

Studying the behavior of 100 students, 50 men and 50 women, during the first ten minutes after they had seated themselves in the University of Illinois library reading room, Mr. Troth learned they spent 40 per cent of the time conversing, aimlessly leafing books, using vanity cases, writing or reading letters and "just looking around."

The Colgate study, based on observation of 75 men under conditions as similar as possible to those at the University of Illinois, showed that only 11 per cent of the students began concentrating on their studies as soon as they were seated in the library.

Dr. Stube Addresses School

Dr. Stube spoke during Bill of Rights Week for an assembly program at the Cortland High School, pointing out to the younger students of this city how a Bill of Rights guarantees personal freedom in England and the United States.

Linnehan Continues Story of Christmas Army Style; His Account of Visit to Mexico Is Vividly Described

Editor's Note: This letter was received from Mr. Linnehan during examination week. It will be continued in the next issue of the Press.

I hurried to put hospital corners on my blankets while "Silent Night" made a shambles of my emotional defense. For a moment or two I thought I would have to call on the corporal to fashion me some stockings and a fireplace. I quickly tightened the blanket over my pillow, dusted off my shelf and the window sill, stole an admiring look at the polish on my shoes and set out to salute my way to the office.

The air was electric with congeniality, conviviality and fraternity—with, of course, a pleasant touch of sorority. Betty Jean invited me over to the PX for coffee and doughnuts (rolled in nut meats). Her father and mother recently gave me an opportunity to enjoy a Texan's idea of hospitality in an atmosphere of quiet dignity and simple elegance. We dined in characteristically Mexican style—enchiladas, tortillas, frijoles, guacamoles and Mexican rice. It is all no substitute for chicken a la Maryland, angel food a la Voorus or corn fritters, but it was an experience. But here I am acting like an officer—wandering off—and on a corporal's pay! Betty, by the way, personi-

Charles M. Dale Outlines System Of Ski Patrol

National Chairman Gives Procedure for Mountain Troops

Even though a questionnaire is approved, there can be no guarantee that the recommendation will be accepted by the adjutant general's office. If after assignment to the mountain forces an individual proves unfit, he will be reassigned to another army unit.

Procedure for Volunteers

Men not of draft age, and others who prefer to enlist at a recruiting office rather than be inducted through their draft boards, should submit their questionnaires to the National Ski Patrol office before enlisting. Each applicant will be notified if his questionnaire is acceptable, and the questionnaire will be sent to the mountain training center as advance information.

The adjutant general's office will notify each approved applicant to report at a particular recruiting office which will have been instructed to accept his enlistment specifically for a mountain unit. The National Ski Patrol office is notified when these instructions are issued.

Procedure for Inductees and Voluntary Inductees

Men about to be inducted, those who intend to become volunteer officer candidates, and others of draft age who in order to join the mountain forces wish to ask their draft boards for immediate induction (by waiving deferments, etc.) should submit their questionnaires to the National Ski Patrol office as long in advance as possible. Each applicant will be notified if his questionnaire is acceptable. The questionnaire will be sent to the mountain training center as advance information.

When the induction date of an approved applicant is known, the adjutant general's office will issue an order assigning him to the mountain forces. This order will reach the authorities at the reception center to which the inductee is sent; his draft board will not be notified. A copy of the order is sent to the applicant, and another to the National Ski Patrol office.

The association may be able to help especially qualified men already in basic training camps to secure assignment to the mountain forces, if they have not already been assigned to other units. Such men should submit questionnaires to the National Ski Patrol office as early in their basic training as possible.

Enlisted men who are already assigned to other units must make their own requests for transfer, through regular military channels. We can do nothing to help men secure such transfers, beyond sending approved questionnaires to the commanding officer of the mountain training center, for his information on the applicant's qualifications.

Choice of procedure: For a man who has not been called for induction, it is a personal matter whether he enlists at a recruiting office or goes in through his draft board as a voluntary inductee. His chances of being accepted are the same, as is the term of service (duration, plus six months).

Physical requirements: These are merely those of the regular army physical examinations. Men classed as "limited service" may be acceptable, if they have excellent eyesight.

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Aquatic Mermaids To Present Annual All-Water Pageant

"Alice in Waterland" to Be Given March 26; Entire Club Participates in Event

The Women's Aquatic club has long been hard at work on their annual water pageant. The pageant is to be presented March 26 at 8:00 p. m. in the school pool. Part of the story is already told in its intriguing title: "Alice in Waterland."

The story has the lovely Alice following the white rabbit into a new and strange waterland. Here she meets many strange and eccentric characters, such as the mad hatter, the duchess, the queen, and many others. New sights meet her eyes as varied aquatic animals frolic about in this new waterland. Much of the story is told in beautiful formations, and intricate diving scenes. Here for the first time Alice sees the game of water croquet played between the queen's and the duchess' teams.

This pageant was written by a senior of last year, Frances Tappan. It is under the direction of Doris Pope, president of Aquatic club, and Miss Harriet Rodgers, faculty adviser.

Among the members taking part in the pageant are: Dorothy Arthur, Margaret Biggs, Gladys Billings, Lucille Cary, Eleanor Cole, Eleanor Dana, Betty Dwyer, Barbara Feucht, Jessie Hillman, Doris Johnson, Dorothy Jorgenson, Dorothy King, Marjorie Kinsman, Carol Kirkpatrick, Yrsa Kolding, Virginia LeClair, June McKenna, Carol Monin, Mary Lou Paley, Elsa Putman, Jane Schmidt, Blanche Snyder and Ruth Weigel.

Airplane Company Seeks 250 Women

Curtiss Wright Corporation To Train Female Engineers

The engineering profession is no longer reserved "for men only", it is emphasized by G. W. Vaughan, president of Curtiss-Wright Corporation, in a statement explaining how this organization is now seeking approximately 800 American college women for special training as engineers in eight universities. This project is especially significant, he said, since less than 20 women throughout the United States received engineering degrees in the past year.

According to plans made by Curtiss-Wright Corporation, America's largest producer of warplanes, engines and propellers, the women candidates, to be known as "Cadettes" were enrolled February 1, 1943 as engineering student employees of the company in custom-built aviation courses of 10 months. In December, 1943 the "Cadettes" will enter various plants of the corporation in the East and Middle West to take over engineering positions, thereby releasing already overloaded engineers for more creative duties. The corporation announced that "Cadettes" will receive tuition, room and board free, plus a salary of ten dollars per week. They will be registered as special students living in special sections of college residence buildings and will receive all benefits and privileges given regular students.

Recognizing its inability to send representatives to all the schools for interviewing prospective "Cadettes", the organization has set up temporary district offices. Students on this campus who are interested in the program are urged to contact by letter, telegram or telephone.

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Dr. D. V. Smith New Head of Cortland State

Former P. E. Teacher Will Take Office On Next September 1

Dr. Donald Vore Smith of Albany was named new president of Cortland state teachers college by the state board of regents meeting in Albany Friday, February 19.

At the regular meeting of the board of visitors, January 27, Doctor Smith was unanimously selected by the local board as the applicant to recommend to the commissioner of education and the Board of Regents as the choice of the local board for president. The commissioner of education has already approved the nomination of Doctor Smith.

Active in Many Fields

Doctor Smith is 42 years of age. Well known throughout New York State as a scholar, teacher, author and speaker, he is chairman of the board of directors of the Albany Y. M. C. A., and is one of the city's foremost workers in Red Cross and War Chest activities. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany and is educational director of the church school.

Besides being chairman of the board of directors of the Albany Y. M. C. A., Dr. Smith is active in many other activities of that city. He is author of a number of publications and has collaborated with Charles A. Beard, and James Harvey Robinson, historians.

Teacher and Coach

Dr. Smith began his career in professional education in the field of physical education, having taught for five years in the state of Ohio. For three years he taught and acted as coach in the Bloomdale, Ohio, public schools. He has had actual experience in teaching in the elementary grades; and, for two years, he was principal of the Delta (Ohio) high school.

From 1927 to 1929, Dr. Smith was an instructor at the University of Texas. He transferred from there to Albany state teachers college. He advanced from assistant professor to professor of history and head of social studies, a position he still holds.

In 1936 he was given a leave of absence at the request of the State Education Department to carry on a research project preliminary to the organization of the new social studies curriculum.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith from West

Dr. Smith studied physical education at the University of Illinois and received his master and doctor degrees in history at the University of Chicago. He won the \$1500 Henry Milton Wolfe scholarship in 1929. He was pronounced one of the most brilliant students in a decade at the University of Chicago at that time.

His wife was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and was a teacher and director of physical education prior to her marriage. The Smiths have three young sons, Donald Jr., Charles, and Philip.

Dr. Smith succeeds Dr. H. DeWitt DeGroat, whose resignation takes effect at the close of the school year. The new president is expected to take over September 1.

Spelling Study Will Interest G. C.'s

California Survey Uses Eye Camera to Test Efficiency

Berkeley, Calif. (ACP) Spelling, like other subjects in elementary education, has come a long way from the little red schoolhouse.

A scientific study of eye movements in training for speed and accuracy in spelling, made by Dr. Luther C. Gilbert, professor of education in the University of California, and his wife, Doris Wilcox Gilbert, has been published by the University Press.

The study indicates that learning speed can be increased, at least in fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils, by determining the optimum study rate of students and limiting accordingly the time spent in visual examination of the word.

"The practice of assigning words to be studied for an unlimited period is not only unprofitable but undesirable," the investigators write.

Teaching of good perceptual habits is the most efficient method of gaining the mastery of words. By teaching at the "optimum study rate" the pupils increase their rate and efficiency of learning and can improve perceptual habits.

An aid in the study was the use of an eye-movement camera. Eye movements were photographed as they studied a group of words in a given period of time, and their efficiency was tested at the end of the period.

CALENDAR
March 2—Tuesday: Hilltop Press—3:20 Newman club Aquatic club—4:15 Recreation committee—3:20
March 3—Wednesday: Assembly—Movie: "Cannons on Wheels" Dance club—3:20 Sketch club—7:15
March 5 and 6—Friday and Saturday: Two in an Island
March 9—Tuesday: Hilltop Press—3:20 A. C. E. evening Aquatic club—4:15 Recreation committee—3:20
March 10—Wednesday: Assembly: Music council program Next issue of Hilltop Press will be March 11, 1943.
Answer
The answers to the gas rationing problem of the January 20 issue follows:
Cost per mile of driving \$.056
Cost of Syracuse trip \$1.79