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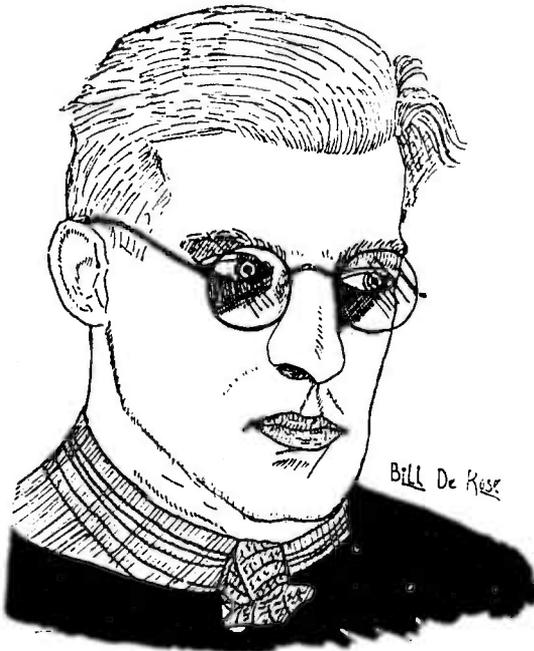


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"OUR NOBLE SELVES"



WALTER THOMAS

Walter Thomas, fondly called "Shorty," was born in Wilkes-Barre June 4, 1915, but moved to Kingston when he was seventeen. He graduated from Kingston High School in 1935. He took an active part in student affairs in High School athletics, cheer-leading, dramatics and in the activities of the Latin Club.

Last year Walter entered Bucknell Junior College and soon took an important part in the activities of the Dramatics Club, taking a role in one of the three one-act plays presented in the early part of last year. Later in the year he took an important part in "Broken Dishes." "Shorty" starred as a guard on the basketball team, his gameness being a constant source of encouragement to his teammates.

When baseball season came around Walter tried his hand at pitching and hurled his team to two fine victories, defeating the strong Pennington

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ELIZABETH Y. DAVIES

"Bideth" lives in a little back-woods settlement known to geographers as Forty Fort. When she graduated from Forty Fort High School in 1934 it was prophesied that she would succeed best as a giggler. Has she lived up to that reputation? We ask you!

Graduating from Forty Fort with honors and a deep interest in libraries (she belonged to the Library Club), "Bideth" attended Wyoming Seminary for a year. It is recorded at the Seminary that the year 1934-35 was the liveliest in its history. Last year she entered Bucknell Junior College as a timid and retiring freshman (?). Our "Bideth" immediately entered into the spirit of the college. Besides acquiring a good scholastic record she took part in most of the extra-curricular activities. She was secretary of the Glee Club and a member of the control board of the Dramatics Club. This year she holds the position of president of Beta Gamma Chi. More power to you "Bideth"!

OUR CAMPUS WIRE

The campus of Bucknell University at Lewisburg this year has assumed a distinct, Junior College atmosphere. There are over fifty former J. C. students and four former J. C. professors now on the campus. Professors Stillman, Godcharles, Gold, and McCrossen have joined the faculty and once again have many Wilkes-Barre students in their classes. But this Junior College atmosphere is far more than merely a matter of numbers.

Cast a glance at the personnel of the next Cap and Dagger play for proof of this statement. The director of the play (Noel Coward's *The Young Idea*, scheduled for production on Saturday, December 5) is Joseph Salsburg, who is still receiving praise for his interpretation of the difficult role of Prince Sirki (Death) in the Fathers' Day play, "Death Takes A Holiday." Joseph Lord, another star of the Bucknell Junior College Players, is assistant director. One of the leading roles is being played by Eleanor Scureman, whose work in "Three Cornered Moon," last year's Spring Festival play, is still being favorably commented upon. Miss Scureman was president of the Junior College dramatics society. Also in the cast are James Ramsey, fresh from the Junior College this year, and Ambrose Saricks, a member of the pioneer freshman class at the Wilkes-Barre institution. Robert Renville, another of this year's batch from the Junior College, is head of the publicity department for the play. Dora Eleni and Frank Alexander are handling the business end of the production.

A further note of interest is that this play, "The Young Idea," would have been presented at the Junior College three years ago, if the Bucknell Players had not run short of the necessary cash. Now, this is a bit of confidential information. It was the result of the efforts of the Junior College students who were connected with the ill-starred production of three years ago and who were disappointed at the "folding up" of the play at Wilkes-Barre that made possible the campus production of this Coward drama.

We hope to see many more Junior Collegians in Cap and Dagger next year. Best wishes to Miss Sanguiliano and the J. C. dramatics organization in their work this year.

Two of the Junior College students, now seniors on the campus, hold office in the honorary Engineering Society the Beta Epsilon Sigma. Albert Rohlf's is president this year and Anthony Yodis secretary. Rohlf's and three other Junior College men at Lewisburg, William Beiswinger, I. R. Schumaker and Freas Semmer, all hold positions as Physics Assistants at the University.

FACULTY SECRETS

The professors in the Junior College seem to be ordinary people, (Is that a statement of fact or a dirty dig? Editors) but beneath their outward appearances lurk some astounding peculiarities.

Dr. Tasker, who teaches a course in Health, hardly ever wears a hat, even in the coldest weather. A case of do as I say, not as I do, eh, Doctor?

Mr. Disque's hobby is dogs. He has two little dogs that look like German sausages. . . you know, dachshunds.

The absent-minded professor can be found in the Junior College on Mondays and Fridays. Professor Godcharles, from the Campus, buys tickets for banquets, and then buys his dinner in a restaurant.

Dr. Crook can't enjoy life in a metropolitan skyscraper every day, but he can fix up an attic room to resemble a penthouse.

Who would think that Dr. Churchill would have any interest other than English? We found out that he delights in refinishing old furniture.

THANKSGIVING DANCE

The Thanksgiving Dance will be sponsored by the Beta Gamma Chi, with Bideth Davies as general chairman, assisted by the Social Activities Committee headed by Andrew O'Malley. The following students will cooperate: in publicity—Elsa Feigenbaum, Judith Beecher, Julia Levine, Virginia Murdock and Marian Clark; in decorations—Ruth Rosner, Ilaria Sterniuk, Anne Reinecker, Margaret Evans, Betty Fenton, Nan Richards and Gladys Grushetsky.

Music will be furnished by Ray Keating's Orchestra. The regular price of one dollar a couple will be charged. Many former Junior College students are expected to attend and a large number of our present sophomores and freshmen. Tickets may be obtained from Mary Ciesla or Bob Bohn.

Y. M. C. A.

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CAN YOU BEAT IT?

'Pun my word.

It has been suggested that Edith start an "Advice on the Lovelorn" column—you know, she knows Basta.

Who's always Romaine in Forty Fort and Bide-aching her to come out—not Shafer, oh, no.

Judy is contracting a Wayning smile.

Davis is with her Moss of the time.

Leave it to Bill—he can say it without DeRose.

Feigenbaum always eats her Hershey bar or Elsa she'd get hungry.

She's on the Louce in Tunkhannock.

Tonks, a million.

M. C. talks oodles and oodles to Joe B., I wonder if we have something there?

The tea (cider and pretzels) dance was perfect. The orchestra wasn't bad, not bad! Dr. Farley was pal take it from me he sure made all the girls feel popular. And by the way we had one guest escorted by our student council president. Privileged? Sure, he is!

Our champion woman-hater thinks B. Schlingman's dancing is pret-ty nice. Lucky girl(?)

Jean Moss holds open house every Friday nite. Let's go boys.

THE cornetist called on our petitest sophomore at ten o'clock a few nites ago. Why so late Dave, couldn't you find the place?

We have another name to add to the long list of the sophomore Shawnee blonde. (We have an awful time distinguishing between the blondes on account of because we are blessed with two sophomore blondes and two freshmen blondes) Charles Steinhauer has fallen, too, men.

There is a blood-thirsty Pre-med. woman in our midst—Dimitra scours alleys for stray cats—who, knows, you may be next.

One can't lose sight of Costine these days with that brilliant sweater, can one, Edith?

J. S. has fallen at last!! Is he Glad, is he?

Current movie at B.U.J.C. "Three men after Pauline." Cast: M.R., SZ., and N.T.

Now Beat It.

ASSEMBLY SPEAKERS

Rev. Fred M. Sellers of Shavertown spoke to over a hundred students in Assembly on November 10. Mr. Sellers, who spent some time in a German prison camp during the war, most realistically described some of his hair's-breadth escapes from death as an aviator in order to give his hearers an inside view of the horrors of war.

Principal J. H. Super, of Coughlin High School, gave an illustrated talk on his trip to Scandinavia this summer, on November 17. Mr. and Mrs. Super had a son at Oxford, and found that an admirable excuse for a most interesting trip to Europe and the land of midnight sun, glaciers, good food and courteous Scandinavians.

PHILADELPHIA TRIP

The first large-scale college trip was successfully carried out on Saturday, November 7. The Franklin Institute at Philadelphia was the goal and some 35 students and faculty members took part. Engineers, Pre-Medics, and the Physical Science Class provided the student body. Professors Hall, Schuyler, Tasker, Miss Jones (of Kingston High School) Miss Brown (of the Wilkes-Barre Institute) the faculty members.

The party drove to and from Philadelphia and one car load of adventurers returned by way of New York City!

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Mr. McDonald is president of the Foreign Policy Association, and an editor of the *New York Times*. From 1933-1935 he served on the League of Nations Commission on Refugees from Germany. Before entering newspaper work he taught in the history departments of Harvard, Radcliffe and the University of Indiana, and studied in France and Spain as a traveling fellow from Harvard.

Tentative arrangements have been made to have John Winant, Chairman of the Social Security Board, and former Governor of New Hampshire, discuss "Social Security" on Thursday, December 10.

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ARMISTICE DAY

"If you wish for peace prepare for war." This was the psychology practiced by many nations up to present times. The more logical slogan seems to be "If you want peace prepare for peace." But how shall we prepare for this peace? Education of our people is the most forceful method of advocating and spreading the peace movement. One of the means of educating our people is through our schools and colleges. It is essential that we influence the youthful mind toward peace and away from war. However, our institution of learning, in which these young minds are being molded, did not in anyway celebrate Armistice day. The day on which the GREAT WAR ended. The day which symbolizes the hopes of men that from that day onward there should be no more strife between men in which blood should be shed and lives lost.

Another way in which we can educate our people toward peaceful trends is by supporting the peace movements. We may not agree with some of the methods used by our peace organizations to bring about this ideal, but we should cooperate with them. Perhaps a parade isn't the best means of spreading a peace movement, but Bucknell as a body should have cooperated. It should have proved to the people of Wilkes-Barre that the youth of this vicinity are in favor of peace and are going to DEMAND it in the future.

—B. T.

"To Dance or Not To Dance"

Do not fret,
You cannot get
The girls of France
To come to the Dance.
But ours will!

—Elsa Feigenbaum

DEAR EDITORS:

Since the last dance the question has become prominent as to whether it is correct for the girls of Bucknell University Junior College to ask their gentlemen friends to the college dances.

The girls argue that it is not ladylike for them to ask men. If this be the case the girls of Vassar, Wellesley, and Miscircordia are not ladylike. For while the girls of these colleges do not make it a regular practice to ask the men, at certain times during the year they assert their prerogative in extending invitations to young men. But the girls of Bucknell say that the young gentlemen whom they would bring will not know each other. We might add that the men of the college often bring into their groups girls who have previously not been acquainted. These girls do not seem to be violently disturbed by this fact. It might be suggested that the girls get together and arrange dances to be exchanged within the group. We do not believe that the men whom they bring would seriously object to their doing this.

Many of the men of Bucknell escort to the dances girls who do not attend our school. These girls have been very kind to the Junior College men in inviting them to parties and outside dances, and it would be considered impolite not to respond with return invitations to these same girls.

Remember girls, only 37 days until Jan. 1 and your leap year opportunities will be gone for another four years. So—"Gather ye escorts while ye may."

—Andrew O'Malley

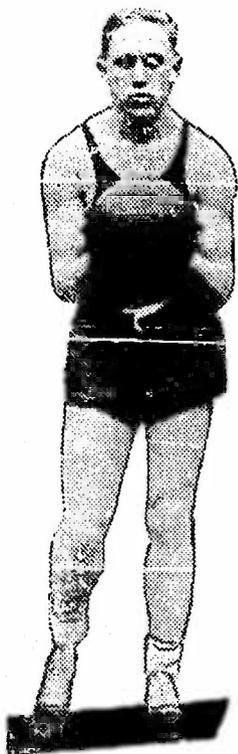
EDITORS OF THE BEACON:

In answer to the arguments advanced by Andrew O'Malley, I wish to present the opinion of the girls. The girls have no serious objection to inviting gentlemen friends to the school dances if, and only if, they are not students at the Junior College. If any objection has been voiced by the girls it is certainly not because they feel it would be unconventional, but because they believe that friend from outside would have comparatively few acquaintances and consequently be unable to exchange many dances since this custom has always been handled by the men of the College.

As for inviting men from the Junior College, which has been suggested by some, we absolutely believe that we have not the conventional right.

—Elizabeth Davics

SPORTS



EDDIE DAVIS

Edward Davis, captain of the 1936-37 quintet, is a native of Newport, where he played varsity basketball for two years. Last year he was the highest scorer on the team as well as a great defensive player.

The remaining members of the varsity squad have been chosen by Coach Peters as follows: Donald McHugh, William Atherholt, Walter Thomas, Dave Smith, Joseph Wesley, William Thomas, Edward Johnson, Frank Sgarlat, Francis Ford, Francis Walters, Charles Roman, William De Rose and Clarence Jones.

The following schedule for December has been drawn up:

Dec. 5 Y. M. C. A. at Wilkes-Barre.

Dec. 17. Syracuse Frosh at Syracuse.

Dec. 30. St. Thomas at Scranton.

Intramural sports are going at a fast pace with handball games and the basketball league led by Dave Smith's Colgate team. On Dec. 5, the College will trot out its new team in natty new uniforms. There should be a large turnout for the game and for the dance afterwards.

BEACON STAFF

The *Beacon* staff which appears upon our "masthead" this issue have been asked by the Faculty adviser to serve for the remainder of this semester as regular staff members of the *Beacon*. At the close of this semester all who have in any effective way cooperated with the staff members in producing the *Beacon* will be called upon to elect from such active workers a permanent staff for the second semester. By that time it should be possible to have a pretty good knowledge of those who are best fitted for the various posts by their actual accomplishment in the present semester.

Remember Christmas Dance — Monday, Dec. 21

SOCIAL NEWS

On Sunday, Nov. 1st, the class in Advanced German went on a hike from Kitchen Creek to the mountain top, on which is Leigh Lake. A hot supper of hamburgers comforted the weary climbers before their return to town.

A very successful Social Science Luncheon was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Nov. 5th with over sixty-five students and faculty present. Rabbi Samuel Wolk gave a clear, challenging description of the social conflicts in Palestine, their background and their possible future.

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, Miss Deimler and Miss Kreusen were hostesses to the German students at a party given in the Nurses' Home at the General Hospital. Mrs. Schuyler and Miss Kreusen poured and refreshments were served. Dancing added to the pleasure of the evening. About fifty students were present.

In the Pre-Med. Club Dr. Beckley of Nanticoke addressed the members on Oct. 29, and on Thursday, Nov. 19, Professor Nelson Davis of Bucknell was the Club's guest speaker.

The Economics Club, for C. and F. students, held its first meeting on Nov. 11. W. Atherholt was elected president and Marie Kopicki vice-president, with Albert Shafer as secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

LETTERMAN'S CLUB

The Rev. Wm. Herbert Sugden gave an interesting talk on books and travel at the first luncheon meeting of the club at the Y.M.C.A., Nov. 12. The next luncheon will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3, when Mr. Joseph McCracken of Kingston will be the speaker.

To
FELLOW ALUMNI
REMEMBER OLD MAIN!

Greetings to the Bucknell Beacon

An Alumnus

BY FREIGHTER TO EUROPE



●
 Doctor
 and
 Mrs.
 Churchill
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After a hard winter trying to impart some knowledge to Bucknell students, Dr. and Mrs. Churchill sailed for Europe the day after Convocation. To heighten the adventure they travelled on a freighter, with some twelve other passengers. . . all officially signed on as "crew."

A delightful crossing brought them close to their port of Antwerp, but a dockworkers' strike in that city compelled them to disembark at Flushing and proceed to Antwerp by train. While in Belgium they visited Brussels, Waterloo, the Belgian Ardenes and Bruges, a quaint old place filled with canals and high-arched bridges.

When they entered France they found a general strike in progress. They saw idle factories from which the red flag was flying, and cafes in which the employees had shut themselves, on a "stay-in" strike. "Every Frenchman" remarked Dr. Churchill, "seems to regard American travelers the way

cannibals do a missionary, as sent from Heaven expressly to be set upon and devoured". . . from which we gathered that if you wish to travel in France at a reasonable expense you must be wary and speak French!

In Rheims, the Churchills were impressed by the great evidence of war destruction. As Rheims is the center of the champagne district they were afforded a marvellous opportunity to see the wine cellar of Pommery and Greno. This consisted of sixteen miles of cellars hewn out of the solid limestone and filled with millions of bottles. By good fortune they happened to visit the Palace of Versailles on the one Sunday in the month when the famous fountains were in full action.

In London, Dr. and Mrs. Churchill saw the parade of the King's Guard, on the very day when a fanatic attempted to shoot the King. At Oxford they enjoyed an outdoor performance of Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland." The setting for the play was a lake with shrubbery as background. At intermission ice-cream and soup was sold. (Better refer to the play at this point!)

In Holland the national costume was more prevalent than elsewhere. In Oxford the travelers found that their rooming-house. . . one of the approved lodgings for students. . . had no bath-tub or electricity, and even the gas line was out of order! Which might seem to imply that if "cleanliness is next to godliness" an Oxford education enables a student to get along without either.

Our illustration portrays Dr. and Mrs. Churchill in Dutch costume. We wonder if it was taken after their visit to Rheims?

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you told mE to get the most out of col. so i joined the Phi beTTa Chic; the sigma pie, & the cap-and-gamma sigh. (don)t ask me what these all stand 4 because their in Gr. & nobobie studies Gr. any more||

The other a.m. the deen called me up to his off. and then called mE down for what he called Gen. neglect% He told me about the Fine Record you made here & how inspirerig it out to be To me.... ¼ ¼....well, i can tell you, it certainly stirred me deep. . .—then I went out and had a Coke.

it"s quiet the thing to balanse l's college-Budget. . evrybody's doing it? My wouldn)t balanse this mo. so I'm sacrificsing that 6\$ hat I had my I on.-Now i)m sqware. . Except that, as long as i'm doing without the hat you might send me some mo. for a new wave|||that will be 10\$\$\$\$.

He)s a 6ft. blond, daDDy, & the handsomest thing S.T. (since Taylor) & the only reason i'm not out with him this p.M. is because he wanted to see "ahhh, Wilderness" and I destest jungle pictures.

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YOUR lovly daughter, beTTY coED

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TO BUDDING POETS

It is gratifying that at least one Junior College student enjoys writing poetry that is worthy of publication in the *Beacon*. A further opportunity for would-be poets to get their work into print is offered by *Bucknell Verse*, a booklet of poems by Bucknell University students, published each spring on the Campus by the English Department. The Junior College Librarian will be glad to show prospective poets a file of back numbers of *Bucknell Verse*. Student poets who wish to contribute should notify Dr. Churchill as soon as possible.

WALTER THOMAS

(Continued from page 1)

Prep nine 4 to 3 in an eleven-inning game at Artillery Park. Incidentally "Shorty" won his own game with a single in the last half of the eleventh inning.

This year, besides being Student president, Walter is president of the Letterman's Club, co-editor of the *Beacon*, member of the Dramatics Club, the Choral Club and of the Varsity Basketball Team.

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Spurr: "I answered a question in history class today."

Stryjak: "What was it?"

Spurr: "Present."



Dr. Gage's latest ambition is to play opposite Maureen O'Sullivan as Tarzan.

Dr. Miller still thinks a prism is a home for criminals.



Dr. Tasker: "What animal is closely related to man?"

Student: "The flea."



J. Boyle (In dentist's chair): "Ah-h-h-h-h"

Dentist: "Am I hurting you?"

Boyle: "No, I'm singing the new College Song."



Dr. Farley: "I'm afraid I'll have to see your father about your work."

Bud O'Malley: "Better not; it costs two dollars."



Has someone removed the letter A from the college typewriter?



Some of the Mid-semester records make us ask that question.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

Plans for the December Assemblies will include the following features: On December 1, the Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Norma Sanguiliano, will present a one-act play.

Miss Eliza Martin, Librarian of Bucknell University, will lecture on "Chinese Drama" on December 15. Miss Martin gave this address at the Convention of the Pennsylvania Library Association in Erie, last October.

A special Christmas program is scheduled for December 19. The Dramatic Club will present Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and the Choral Club will offer a program of Christmas carols.

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