

CONVERZASIONE

On gleaning some old Brunswick-ans, we see that the "Con" or Conpersazione sprang into existence in the Arts Building on Nov. 8th, 1872. It was sponsored by the Literary and Debating society and included a program of 19 addresses, readings and declamations. . . . the event terminated with the singing of Auld Lang Syne in the Hall.

Four months after the first another Con was held, but took place in the old Gymnasium with Fredericton folk attending, as this social event was to return hospitality offered to students by these kind people as there were so many movies or dances in those olden days. This social gathering took place on March the first, 1873 and the townspeople were delighted by the playlets, essays and refreshments served up by the students.

A tradition of sorts which has been associated with the Con is the saying that there is rain or some kind of a storm that night. On the night of the first Con, a raging gale swept across the moors of Fredericton and raged 'Up the Hill'.

Later on the Con began to limber up with the introduction of the intricacies of the old fashioned waltz, the quadrilles and the lancers. The scene shifted to the roomy halls of the Arts Building and decorations began to appear.

The first Co-ed up the hill was the cause of the Con being abolished in 1886. A stalemate over the question of whether this Co-ed was to be able to help with preparations was the cause of its cancellation. The year before, the Con was not held due to the death of Mrs. Thomas Harrison, wife of the President, early in the evening.

First indication of the splendour to be attained by later Cons were observed in 1896, when it was first recognized as one of the foremost social events of the province, when acceptance of 450 invitations were received and much hunting and evergreens and roses constituted the decorations. A blazing '96 in electric light greeted the pleasure seekers at the door.

Those present included the Lieutenant-Governor and party, mem-

bers of the provincial legislature, representatives of Mount Allison, Provincial Normal School, Fredericton High, ladies being predominant in numbers. Dancing was enjoyed in the lobby of the Arts Building and The Chapel (now the German Room) and cards were enjoyed in other rooms. Refreshments were donated, even the ice-cream was home-made.

In 1903, Dr. L. W. Bailey entertained those who did not wish to dance with 'magnificent lantern slides'.

The declaration of war in 1914 terminated the function until 1919 when the 'Victory Con' was held, much khaki was evident among the sombre black evening dress. This Con ended at the 15th dance, due to the death of the porter, Alfred Ford. This was the first year that seniors wore senior ribbons across their stiff-shirted fronts.

Up until 1931 the Con became bigger and bigger, the list of invitations reached 1000. Each class was responsible for decorating part of the Arts Building and the decorations were very extensive. A ban list was on hand to keep out undesirable. In 1928 the Con was held in the Memorial Hall for the first time, due to the large number of people and the fire hazard in the Arts Building. From then on to 1931, it became bigger and wilder until in 1931 it reverted to the old custom of reading and light entertainment. The annual spring dance was held at a later date designated by the name 'Spring Formal'. The old invitation lists were thrown away and students were allowed to entertain only their personal friends at this dance.

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Library Acquisitions

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- Judgment of the Nations
- Dawson Christopher
- The German Record .. Ehenstein W.
- The Japanese Nation Embree
- Cardinal of Spain
- Harcourt Smith S.
- Life in a Haitian Valley
- Herskovits M. J.
- Social Darwinism in American
- Thought 1860-1915 Hofstadter
- Six Thousand Years of Bread
- Jacobs, H. E.
- The Survival of Western Culture
- Flewelling, R. T.
- The French Revolution 1789-99
- Gershoy
- Jean Paul Marat Gottschold
- British Colonial Theories 1570-1850
- Knorr
- The Realm of a Rain Queen
- Krige
- Manchuria, Cradle of Conflict
- Lattimore
- Backgrounds of Conflict London
- History of Ethnological Theory
- Lowie
- Suleiman The Magnificent
- Merriman
- The Condition of Man ... Mumford
- Nikolai Gogol Nabokov
- A Short History of the Chinese
- Nourse
- George Bancroft—Brahmin Rebel
- Nye
- Calvinism and the Religious Wars
- Palm F. C.
- The Pageant of South American
- History Peck
- A Hundred Years of Anthropology
- Penniman
- M. Litvinoff Pope L. U.
- China and Britain Pratt, Sir J.
- No Compromise Rader Melvin

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Arts Dance

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language study; history to include the development of the sciences and their impact on the modern world. These various studies are not mere luxuries, he added, for "Where there is no vision the people perish."

An evening of dancing to recorded music was then enjoyed. Variety was added by an informal sing-song with Professor Smethurst at the piano, and the dance closed to the tune of "Thermistocles, Thermopylae."

The Eternal Ones of the Dream

..... Roheim G.

The Land of Prester John

..... Sanceau E.

Battle Hymn of China .. Smedley A.

The Age of the Reformation

..... Smith P.

A History of Historical Writing. 2

Volumes Thompson, J. W.

Science and Thought in the 15th

Century Thorndike, Lynn

A Study of History. Vols. 1 to 3

..... Toynbee

The Backwoods of Canada

..... Trell, C. P.

In the Forest Traill, Mrs.

Human Nature: The Marxian View

..... Venable Vernon

The Chinese Soviets

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Dramatic Society Elects Officers At Dinner Dance \$ 1,000 Raised By U. N. B. R. A.

Last Monday the U. N. B. Dramatic Society held a dinner dance at the Aula. This was the first time a dinner dance had ever been held usually only a banquet being the order of the day.

After the meal the annual elections were held. The new executive is composed of Eric Teed, president; Joe Kaplan, vice-president; C. J. McMillan, secretary-treasurer and George Robinson, Business Manager. The winner of the Catley Cup for the most work done in the society for the year was Bob Lawrence.

During the evening the Bally Cup was presented to Charlotte Vandine as the most talented actress for the year.

As the evening wore on the couples gradually dispersed until the dance floor was empty.

The International Relations club has elected the following for their executive: President, Bob Beach; secretary, Fred Cogswell.

This year the work of the War Effort Committee was taken over by the U. N. B. R. A. Various projects were undertaken and the main ideas brought forth the following amounts of money:

Football Dance, credits \$237.00; expenses, \$150.00.

Christmas Cards, credits, \$53.00; expenses, \$65.00.

Snow Ball, credits, \$300.00; expenses, \$480.00.

Basketball Tournament, credits, \$212.00; expenses, \$310.00.

Refreshments at games, credits, \$26.00; expenses, \$90.00.

Minor projects, credits, \$67.00; expenses, \$130.00.

Private donations from students, credits, \$9.00.

Totals, credits, \$1,004.00; expenses, \$1,225.00.

The Association wishes to thank all those who helped with both physical and financial aid and especially those students who have made direct contributions. There is still some time before the end of the term and it is hoped that the various societies will be able to donate some amount of money to the fund. The need is still as great as ever and every cent will help.

New Officers

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interesting and varied programmes.

The chaplain expressed a hope that there would be an increase of membership next year, especially as the club would need the whole-hearted support and co-operation of its members for the success of the Convention.

The meeting then adjourned to a banquet held at Castle Hall. During the banquet Miss Theresa Albert rendered several pieces on the cornet, accompanied by Miss Evelyn Bondreau at the piano.

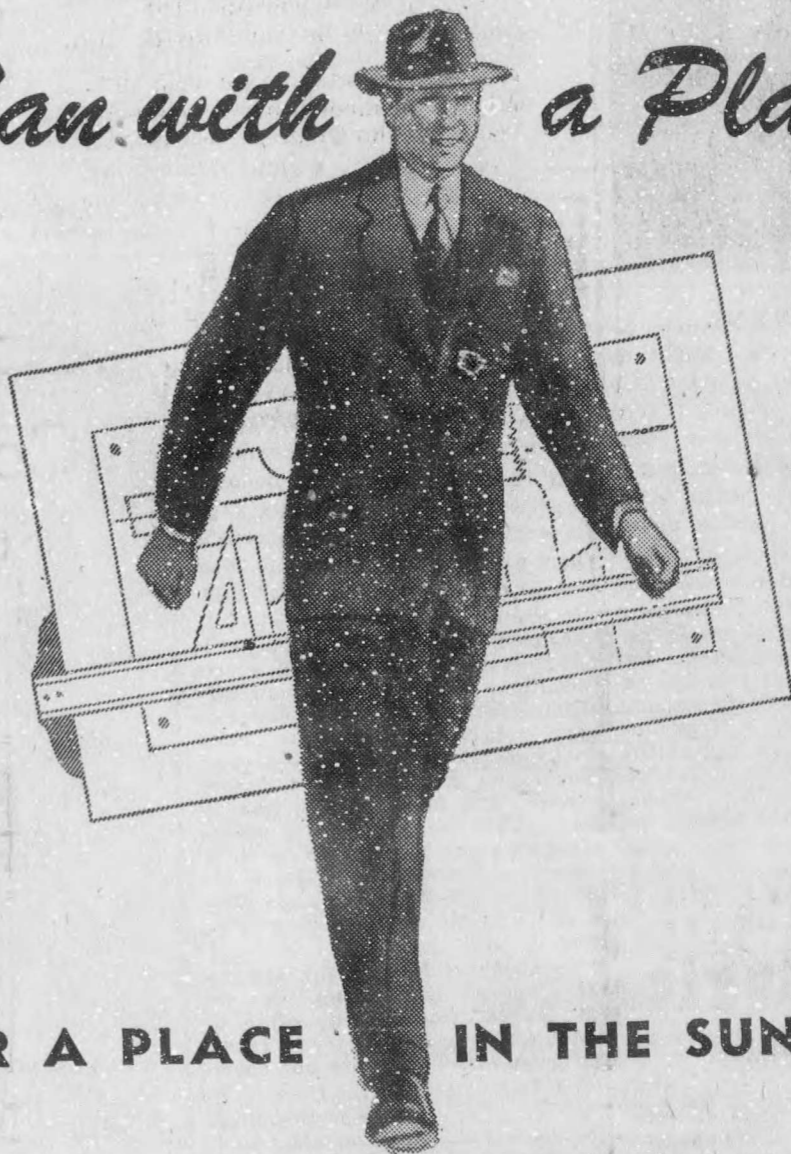
The guest speaker, Major R. H. Hickey, M. C., chaplain of the North Shore Regiment was introduced by Terry Dalton. Fr. Hickey, who had been overseas for some time, related many amusing incidents that occurred while he was in England. He stressed the value of religion and education in preparing for future life, and the necessity of living up to Christian ideals.

Stu McKay and his committee were complimented on their organization of the banquet.

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