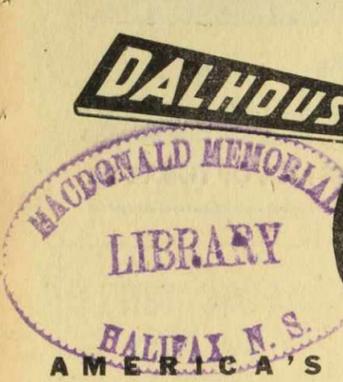


MUSICAL COMEDY DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

Good Luck in the Exams, Dal . . . and Merry Christmas!



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To Attend Conference



LARRY SUTHERLAND

President, and another member of the Students' Council to attend N.F.C.U.S. meeting in Montreal.

Cercle Francais Has Entertaining Program; Many Students Attend

UNDER THE genial direction of Miss LaFeuille, the first term meeting of Le Cercle Francais Society was held last Thursday afternoon at Shirreff Hall with a large number of students in attendance.

An informal and entertaining program including a variety of French songs and games was topped off with delicious refreshments served by the Hall girls. Each and every member contributed to the success of the proceedings which were conducted entirely in French. Jim Saunders, president for the '45-'46 season, was in the chair and gave a short address of welcome to the many members present.

Plans next term call for more frequent meetings of the club and the possible presentation of a comedy farce by Moliere.

Chemists at Dalhousie Hold Initial Meeting

A MEETING of the Dalhousie Student Chapter of the Chemical Institute of Canada was held on October 30, with R. M. MacDonald, Chairman, presiding.

Officers elected were:

Stirling Whiteway—Secretary

Jean Noffle—Treasurer

Alex Stewart—Member at Large

Tentative plans for the coming year include visits to the Mersey Pulp and Paper Company plant at Liverpool and the Imperial Oil plant at Imperoyal; A series of moving pictures showing the various phases of Chemical Industry and also a mutual address system which will commence in the second term.

IT HAS BEEN brought to our attention by Miss Prickler, the librarian, that the Library will be open for the next two Sundays from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. At present the library is open every week night from 7.30 to 10 p.m.

Spirited Arguments Varied On Glee Club Presentation For Post-Xmas Term

AN OPEN AND SPIRITED discussion on Glee Club plans and problems highlighted yesterday's forum meeting in the Chem Theatre. An overwhelming vote of confidence was voiced in the present society executive, but there were many dissenting opinions on the Glee Club's ambitious program for next year.

Some felt the inclusion of an operetta in the post-Christmas schedule would be beyond the time and talent of Dalhousie students. Others felt the dates of presentation should be advanced to allow for more rehearsals.

However, President Zappler expressed confidence that, backed by wholehearted support from the student body, the program would be an immense success.

Proceedings closed with a motion "that next term's Glee Club program be supported by the student body, provided that the Glee Club Executive is convinced after careful consideration that the program can be put through successfully."

This motion rightly places entire responsibility in the lap of the society executive.

Government Fails To Realize Necessity Of Program For Housing

AFTER listening to the rather unusual Citizens Forum Broadcast Tuesday, 27th on, "Where Are The Houses Coming From", the Dalhousie Forum discussed this vital national problem.

It was believed that there was not the feeling of emergency that should accompany such a national crisis. Since 1931, Canada has not been building enough houses to meet the needs of its population, and since 1941 this need has become acute. According to a Gallup Pole taken recently, 22% of the population hope to build their own homes as soon as possible. This means, that, perhaps, 500,000 homes will have to be built, and built quickly.

Low-Cost Housing

It would appear, however, that the cost of a house even at pre-war levels is too great for a large percentage of the population, in the low income brackets to undertake. The answer to this question is not one of increased income alone; it is one of building cheaper houses. Houses, forgetting the present inadequate prefabricated types, are constructed in the same manner as they were a hundred years ago.

Recent developments in the house building industry have shown that by mass producing prefabricated houses, not to be confused with the present models, a reduction of 1/3 the cost could be made. This may be the answer.

National Problem

This is a national problem and should be undertaken by the government using a scheme much the same as the Wartime Housing Incorporated. It is too important to be left in the hands of private business and the need has gone too far to depend upon the Law of Supply and Demand. Unless some scheme of this sort is undertaken a large percentage of our population will be without permanent homes, we shall not be fulfilling our obligation to the veterans of World War II and the slums of our large cities will persist.

Warm Feeling Toward Alma Mater At New York Dal Club

DALHOUSIANS IN NEW YORK CITY and New York area have a great devotion to their Alma Mater", said President A. E. Kerr in an interview following his return from the metropolis where he spent several days with Dalhousie graduates and visiting Foundations.

Addresses Dalhousie Club

While in New York he addressed a meeting of the Dalhousie Club. Dal graduates from as far west as Pittsburg journeyed to New York for the meeting, held in the Canadian Club in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The President was accompanied in New York by Lt.-Col. K. C. Laurie, head of the Board of Directors. Both expressed their delight in discovering the warm interest in Dalhousie that prevails among graduates in New York. Honorable C. J. Birchall, K.C. (Class of '99) and former High Commissioner to South Africa, was also present.

The first evening in New York was spent with several members of the executive of Dalhousie Club. The following morning, November 21, a visit was made to the Rockefeller Foundation, which has made

gifts of more than \$250,000 to Dalhousie since 1920. In that year a donation of \$500,000 was made for the Medical School. "We found the officials of the Foundation very interested in the welfare of the Maritime community", the President said.

Visits Carnegie Foundation

Following luncheon with John Dunlop, (Class of '22) and several other graduates, Carnegie Foundation was visited. This corporation has contributed almost \$2,000,000 to the University, including \$500,000 in 1918 for damage to the buildings in the 1917 explosion. At one time, Dr. Kerr said, the Carnegie Corporation appropriated 1-15 of the annual income of institutions of higher education on the continent, but through increased enrolments, the appropriation has been reduced to 1-140.

I. S. S. Appeal Made By Former Professor of Queen's University

A SMALL, BUT INTERESTED group of Dalhousie students gathered in the Murray Homestead on Tuesday last, to hear an appeal by Mr. John Coleman. Mr. Coleman who was on the faculty of Queen's University, is associated with the Students Christian Movement, and is here on behalf of the International Student's Service.

Work of I. S. S.

Mr. Coleman's address was very interesting and instructive, explaining the I.S.S. work in Europe and Asia. This society provided the means whereby many prisoners of

war in Europe continued their education, and it was not uncommon for these prisoners to receive a degree in Arts while being interned. "You have no idea of the great spiritual uplift this service gave these men" he said. The speaker went on to say that the men were appreciative that there was something concrete like this at which they could work, and it made them feel that people had not forgotten them. In all, men of eighteen different countries were aided in this venture.

The three point program of the

I.S.S. was next explained by Mr. Coleman. Firstly, it was formed for the physical help of students, secondly, for the promotion of international understanding, and lastly, for the improvement of university life and help in determining what our tasks as students should be.

From the 45,000 Canadian University Students the I.S.S. hopes to receive a \$50,000 bequest to be distributed for the aiding of students in other countries by the World Student Relief Committee in Genoa.

CRITIC PSYCHOANALYSES 'DREAM OF LOVE'

'Dream of Love' Failure In Spite Of Hard Work; Direction Is Inadequate



Charming chorus in musical includes: Pat MacKinnon, Nancy Mac-Dermid, Nancy Colquhoun, Renee Garrett, Jean Bowers, Frances Jubien, Jessie Morrison, Jean Leslie, Vivian Lusher, Lilo Brown, Peggy Rundle.

by MORTON NORMAN

CONSIDERING ALL THE HARD work that went into the production of "A Dream of Love", I felt that no matter how badly it might turn out to be (and I had heard advance reports) I'd still find something nice to say about it. But I had no idea how slim the pickings would be.

"A Dream of Love" might have been called more appropriately "A Labour of Love" (considering all the hard work again), but it would still have been just as big a nightmare.

Nevertheless, nightmares can be psychoanalysed, if not reviewed. At any rate, it was obvious last Friday night that Mr. Zappler's patient was a very sick patient, and should never have had visitors.

Had I seen the patient a month ago, I might have recommended immediate hospitalization. It must have been a sickly thing even then. But it was nursed along, coaxed, and generally hammered into shape, and finally met the public last November 23. It was in no shape to stand that sort of excitement. I expected to hear reports of a nervous breakdown on Saturday, but I'm told it rallied slightly and made a fair showing. However, I didn't see that, and can only report on what I saw, which was very disappointing.

It would be pointless, and even spiteful, to review at length all the little things that contributed to the show's dismal failure. Besides, I can't forget all the hard work that went into it. But in fairness to the cast and orchestra, who tried desperately hard, it should be made perfectly clear that no amount of effort would have saved it. It was a bad play, and it was bound to flop. Which it did with an audible thud.

Responsibility

The responsibility obviously lies in the hands of Mr. Zappler, who exercised very poor judgment in lavishing so much time and money on such rapid material. The idea was weak through and through. Supposedly a musical-comedy, it was more like an extravagant fashion show in a funeral parlor. And the approach was just as solemn. In fact, I have never seen such pure froth taken so seriously before. The real comedy lay in the spectacle of such pretended grandness falling to such abysmal depths—and that, I'm sorry to say, was rather bitter humor.

Added to the choice (or the writing) of a very bad play, was the still greater crime of Mr. Zappler's direction and poor organization. The music—and I am referring to the orchestra and the band—was

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Controversy Over Glee Club Name, On Agenda Of Student's Forum

AN IMPORTANT student forum will be held in the Chemistry theatre next Tuesday at 12 noon. The subject of discussion will be the proposed changing of the name of the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society to Dalhousie Music and Dramatic Society.

This means that the constitution of the present society must be changed and this new name substituted.

Larry Sutherland, President of the Students' Council has stated that the chief objection to the proposed change is the loss of tradition which would ensue upon the changing of the name.

Makes Suggestions

Harry Zappler, President of the Glee Club, has put forth the following points:

(1) That the use of the Glee in the title was misleading. As defined by the dictionary it meant three or more voices, one to each part, etc.

(2) Strongly feels that the Glee Club does not properly convey the range of activities aimed for by this year's executive.

(3) That the new title D.M.D.S. is more eye-catching to the public and is more easily abbreviated than the old name.

(4) Now that the society has created a good reputation with circles outside the college, they feel it would be detrimental to have their name changed back to the Dalhousie Glee and Dramatic Society.

Attention All Veterans

THERE WILL BE a general meeting of all veterans in the Chem. theatre, Tuesday, December 5th, at 1.45 p.m. It has been suggested by McGill, and most of the large universities in Canada, that a national veterans' society be organized, and that a conference be held in Montreal on Dec. 27, 28, 29.

It must be decided whether or not we wish to join this organization, and in order to do this, we must have a full representation at this meeting.