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yet with its future all before it.

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MEMOS

ALL friends of Rollins College will share with President Holt in deep sympathy the loss of his beloved wife who died February 10 of pneumonia, after a brief illness.

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The women of the faculty recently presented on the lake shore of the campus and in Recreation Hall a "Country Fair" which added greatly to the gaiety of the campus and netted several hundred dollars for the benefit of the College Library.

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The February issue of The Forum contained a poem entitled "Darky Boy Fishing in Heaven" by Alice Howey Booth, a freshman at Rollins. The February Review of Reviews carried an article by Bucklin Moon who graduated from Rollins last year. Scribner's Magazine for March has a poem, "Memory Recurrent," by Gilbert Maxwell who was a student at Rollins for the past two years. Mr. Maxwell's second book of poems, entitled "Stranger's Garment," has just been published by Dodd Mead & Company of New York.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT ROLLINS

PRESIDENT HAMILTON HOLT has announced that Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, has accepted an invitation to be the guest of Rollins College on Saturday, March 21.

This is the first time that President Roosevelt has had an opportunity to accept President Holt's invitation which was extended to him even before he became Governor of New York State. President Roosevelt will be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Rollins College will hold a special Convocation at which time President Roosevelt will deliver an address. At the conclusion of the program the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature will be conferred upon the President, and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Medallion will be bestowed upon Mrs. Roosevelt. This is probably the first time that both a President of the United States and his wife have received honors from an educational institution on the same occasion. All of the Colleges and Universities of the state of Florida have been invited to participate in the Convocation exercises and cooperate in greeting President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Three members of President Roosevelt's cabinet have already been guests of Rollins College. Secretary Roper and Attorney-General Cummings participated in Founders' Week in February, 1934, Secretary Cordell Hull was a guest and Founders' Day speaker in February, 1935. Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State under Coolidge, was a guest of the College during Founders' Week in February, 1934. Secretary of Labor Frances D. Perkins had accepted an invitation for the Founders' Week celebration last month but was compelled to cancel it because of Government business.

Following the Convocation President and Mrs. Roosevelt will join the presidential yacht, *Potomac*, for his fishing trip in Bahama waters.

ROLLINS "PROGRESS FUND"

TEN years ago the people of Orange County, in which Rollins is located, expressed their loyalty to the College and their faith in Hamilton Holt, its new leader, by subscribing more than \$300,000 to a "Development Fund."

The record of the past ten years has been one of remarkable growth and progress.

1. During the past ten years assets of more than \$2,000,000 have been added to the resources of the College—about one-third being devoted to endowment, one-third to building, and one-third to strengthening the faculty and helping worthy students.

2. Five permanent buildings in beautiful Mediterranean architecture have been erected at a cost of more than \$500,000.

3. Five new dormitories are now under construction, costing nearly \$300,000. These are made possible through a Government loan.

4. The student body has been doubled and the faculty more than doubled.

5. The oldest college in the state, Rollins was the first independent college to achieve full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as an "A Grade" institution.

Rollins needs are great. The classrooms for its English Department occupy an old frame dwelling. The Departments of History and Social Science occupy an abandoned gymnasium. The Conservatory of Music is housed in a three-story building—anything but sound proof. Two of the girls dormitories are 40-year-old frame buildings. The Art School is a combination of a bungalow and a garage. The College Library is stacking books on the rafters under the roof of Carnegie Hall.

In order to insure the continued growth of Rollins, the people of Orange County have undertaken to raise \$300,000, payable within the next three years, to serve as a "Progress Fund." This will be used in part to tide the College over this and three succeeding years until the Unit-Cost Plan comes into full operation and provides an annual balanced budget. It is no less an expression of appreciation and loyalty to President Hamilton Holt.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

THE annual winter Convocation of Rollins College occurred on Monday, February 24, and was held in the beautiful new Knowles Memorial Chapel, designed by Ralph Adams Cram.

Rollins was greatly honored by having as the principal speaker Owen D. Young of New York, the distinguished statesman and financier, who spoke on "Radio Responsibility." His address was broadcast over the NBC network. The second address was by Dr. Karl Reiland, Rector of St. George's Church in New York, who spoke on the subject, "Religion of the Spirit."

The following honorary degrees were granted by President Hamilton Holt:

1. OWEN D. YOUNG, Litt. D.
2. KARL REILAND, L. H. D.
3. JOHN MARTIN, LL. D.

An unusually large number of delegates from other colleges added to the dignity and impressiveness of the academic procession and also to the Convocation service.

A BACH FESTIVAL

A Bach Festival will be held on March 29 in the Knowles Memorial Chapel under the direction of Christopher O. Honaas, Choirmaster of the Chapel, and instructor in the Rollins Conservatory of Music.

During the evening concert a chorus of 80 voices will sing the "Magnificat" and part of "St. Matthew's Passion," accompanied by organ, strings, and wood-wind instruments.

FOUNDERS' WEEK

THE annual celebration of "Founders' Week" at Rollins has become an outstanding event. The program which this year extended from February 19-25 included the following:

1. "THE PRESENT PROBLEMS OF FRENCH YOUTH," a lecture by Baron d'Estournelles de Constant. (*In French*.)
2. "CAN THE UNITED STATES GO FASCIST?" A lecture by Dr. John Martin.
3. "CHILDREN OF THE MOON." A dramatic production by the Rollins Student Company.
4. TENNIS MATCH. The University of Florida vs. Rollins.
5. PROGRAM OF THE IRVING BACHELLER CONTEST.
6. FENCING MATCH. Georgia School of Technology vs. Rollins.
7. RECEPTION AND PRIVATE VIEW of London *Times* photographic views of "Picturesque England" and "The Flight over Mt. Everest."
8. FOUNDERS' WEEK MORNING MEDITATION. Sermon, "A Religion of the Spirit" by Dr. Karl Reiland, Rector of St. George's Church, New York City.
9. FOUNDERS' WEEK CONVOCATION. Addresses by Owen D. Young of New York; and Dr. Karl Reiland of New York.
10. APPRECIATION OF MUSIC SEMINAR. Conducted by Harve Clemens.
11. "ENGLISH AND AMERICAN DRAMA." Lecture by Dr. Richard Burton.

The "publication" of Vol. X, No. 1, of the "Rollins Animated Magazine," which has long been a delightful feature of "Founders' Week," was cancelled this year because of the death within 24 hours of Mrs. Holt, the wife of the "Editor" of the Magazine, and Mrs. Grover, the wife of the "Publisher." The Magazine will be issued as usual next year.

It is doubtful whether many colleges of the size of Rollins could present a more interesting and distinguished program in a single week.

"OPEN CAMPUS DAY"

AN innovation this year was Rollins "Open Campus Day" on February 29, with a program lasting from two in the afternoon until ten at night. Classrooms, dormitories, fraternities, sororities, the Annie Russell Theater, and the Knowles Memorial Chapel were open for the inspection of visitors. More than 1,000 visitors from all parts of the country took advantage of this opportunity to "see" Rollins.

Entertainment of every kind was provided. Experiments and demonstrations were conducted in the laboratories, a play was given in the Annie Russell Theater, a special Vesper Service of organ music was provided, two musical programs were given by the Conservatory of Music, water sports were held in Lake Virginia adjoining the campus, and the first issue of a "Student Animated Magazine" was presented in Recreation Hall.

A tennis tournament was held with St. Petersburg Junior College, in which Rollins was the victor. The Woman's Physical Education Department presented a colorful exhibition of girls hockey. The Rollins fencing squad also put on an exhibition. A series of delightful folk dances were given. There was also an intramural basketball game. Supper was served on the shore overlooking Lake Virginia.

The evening's entertainment opened with a debate between Rollins students on the question "Resolved: Women in Politics Are a Fiasco."

At eight o'clock the Rollins Student Dramatic Company presented in the Annie Russell Theater "A Sad Tale," or "The Fate of the Fair Hortense," which had to be repeated in order to satisfy the delighted guests.

All the events of the day were presented with the compliments of the College and were greatly enjoyed by the crowds of visitors, many of whom saw Rollins for the first time.

DR. MARTIN'S LECTURES

ONE of the outstanding opportunities of the winter term has been the course of lectures on "International Relations" by Dr. John Martin of the Rollins faculty. The interest which the lectures have aroused is indicated by the fact that although held in the largest auditorium in the city, scores have been turned away each week.

It is hoped that these lectures may be published in book form as were those of last year, which appeared under the title "Dictators and Democracies of Today." The titles of this year's lectures were as follows:

1. "The League, England, and the Ethiopian War."
2. "The Policy of the United States Toward the War."
3. "The London Naval Conference."
4. "The Philippines."
5. "Ireland."
6. "Mexico."
7. "Can the United States Go Fascist?"
8. "Can the United States Go Communist?"
9. "Foreign Policies of the United States."
10. "Domestic Policies of the United States."

DR. CHALMERS' LECTURES

Another stimulating course of lectures which has taxed the capacity of the Annie Russell Theater each week has been the series of ten lectures by Dr. Thomas Chalmers, the widely known historian, and Professor of History at Boston University. The ten tragedies touched upon were:

1. "Empress Eugenie's Part in the Blunder Which Produced the Franco-Prussian War."
2. "The Famous Near-Tragedy in 1898 Between France and Britain."
3. "Pre-War Russia and the Seething Balkans."
4. "The Blunders of July, 1914."
5. "The Doom of the Czar's Family."
6. "America at Versailles."
7. "The Failure of Communism."
8. "The Tragedy of Little Dolfuss."
9. "An Old Man and a King Die at Marseilles."

ROLLINS DEBATERS

SIX Rollins students will attend the annual convention of Pi Kappa Delta, the national debating society, to be held March 29 to April 3 in Houston, Texas.

Rollins is entering both a men and a women's debating team capable of taking either side of the question, "Resolved: That Congress should have the power by a two-thirds majority vote to override a 5-to-4 decision of the Supreme Court."

In addition to the debating team Rollins is sending one man and one woman to enter the oratorical contest which includes extemporaneous speaking. The teams will be accompanied by Professor Harry R. Pierce, professor of speech at Rollins College.



THE LONDON "TIMES" EXHIBIT

An exhibition of 150 large and very unusual photographs originally collected by the London *Times*, is now being shown by Rollins College. At the reception and private view Cecelia Beaux, the eminent American painter, who is spending the winter here, was the guest of honor.

The photographs were presented to Rollins College by Dr. William H. Fox, for many years Director of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Fox is now a resident of Winter Park and a trustee of the College.

The collection of photographs includes beautiful views of rural England, and remarkable aerial photographs taken over Mt. Everest. While a similar collection has been exhibited in many cities throughout the North, this is the first time it has been shown in the South.

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