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yet with its future all before it.

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## Memos

**P**rofessor A. J. Hanna and Dr. Rhea Smith, both of the Rollins Department of History, have recently issued important publications. Professor Hanna's "Flight into Oblivion" tells the little known story of the flight of the members of the Confederate cabinet after the fall of Richmond. The book is illustrated by John Rae of the Rollins Art School. Dr. Smith's scholarly volume is published by the University of Pennsylvania Press and is entitled "The Day of the Liberals in Spain."

The City of Winter Park has presented to Rollins College the building and three acres of ground of the Aloma Country Club. It is planned to move the Baker Natural History Museum to this building which will make it possible to enlarge its activities.

Dr. John Martin's course of ten lectures on "International Relations," and Dr. Thomas Chalmers' course of ten lectures on "History of Today—Retrospect and Prospect" have attracted audiences of 1100 twice each week.

## Rollins Student Union Building

A SPONTANEOUS movement originated a short time ago in the Rollins student body, for a "Student Union Building".

It is a student project—conceived and directed by students. President Holt and the Administration, however, have given the project their unqualified approval.

Probably no building is more needed at the present time. The students have no recreational meeting place on the campus, and are forced to go "down town" for many of their meetings and pleasures.

Every student now at Rollins, without a single exception, has contributed to the building fund, and the faculty are following their example. Approximately \$15,000 has already been raised in cash and pledges. An additional \$35,000 is needed to complete the building. President Holt has said:

"There is no building more needed on the campus at this moment than an attractive, homelike structure where students can congregate for recreation and for what is perhaps the greatest intangible asset of any college, the strengthening of friendship's ties. At present our students have *no central gathering place* where they can meet to discuss student affairs, and where they can participate under the most wholesome conditions in such needful recreation as browsing, informal singing, playing games, dancing, etc. Indeed, such a building would do for the *human side* of Rollins what our chapel is already doing for the religious life and our theatre for the dramatic life of the College."

Parents and friends of the College are invited to join the 400 undergraduates and the Alumni in making this dream of a "campus home" come true.

## Rollins Student Players on Tour

THE PERFORMANCES of "Lightnin'" in the Annie Russell Theater with Fred Stone, fresh from his Broadway success, as the Star and Director supported by the Rollins Student Players, brought out a capacity house for each of the eight performances.

In answer to wide demand it was arranged to take the play on tour for a series of performances in the leading cities of Florida, under the management of Jack Potter, Manager of the John Golden Theater in New York City.

The tour opened in Daytona Beach, where the company played before a large and appreciative audience. They also played in Tampa, Sarasota, Clearwater, Jacksonville, Ocala, Deland and St. Petersburg.

Both Mr. Stone and Mr. Potter were enthusiastic in praise of the work of the Rollins Student Players, commending particularly the work of Caroline Sandlin, who played the part of Mrs. Jones, "Lightnin's" brave and loyal wife, with such dramatic art that Mr. Stone publicly declared her interpretation of this difficult part as more perfect than that of the professional actress in the New York cast. Miss Sandlin is a nineteen year old Sophomore at Rollins.

Two recent graduates of Rollins are now playing on the Broadway professional stage.

The four remaining plays to be presented this season by the Student Players are "Wappin Wharf", "Craig's Wife", "The Music Master", and "The Torchbearers".

## Rollins Winter Convocation

**R**OLLINS 54th Anniversary was commemorated in its Winter Convocation on February 27.

Among those receiving honorary degrees were the following:

CHARLES SEYMOUR, President Yale University, *Doctor of Humanities*.

ARTHUR HAYS SULZBERGER, publisher *New York Times* and President New York Times Company, *Doctor of Laws*.

MARJORIE KINNAN RAWLINGS, author of "South Moon Under", "Golden Apples", and "The Yearling", *Doctor of Literature*.

SIDNEY HOMER, composer and author of "My Wife and I", *Doctor of Music*.

LUIS DE FLOREZ, New York engineer and inventor, *Doctor of Science*.

WILLIAM S. BEARD, Former Assistant to President Hamilton Holt, *Doctor of Laws*.

JESSE FEIRING WILLIAMS, Professor of Physical Education, Columbia University, *Doctor of Science*.

ISABELLE DWIGHT SPRAGUE-SMITH, humanitarian, Winter Park, *Doctor of Humanities*.

The "Rollins Decoration of Honor" for distinguished service was conferred upon Mrs. Paula W. Siedenbug, New York City, and Mrs. Henry Alvah Strong, Washington.

To Fleetwood D. Peebles, for many years Director of Aquatics at Rollins, went the annual award of the Algernon Sidney Sullivan Medallion, for character and service.

## Rollins New Out-Door Sport

**P**ROBABLY the most rapidly growing out-door sport at the present time is "Skeet". Rollins Skeet team has the honor of having as its captain Patricia Laursen of Akron, Ohio, who at present holds the title of both National Champion and National Woman's Champion. Miss Laursen is a freshman at Rollins.

She won the Woman's Championship at the Great Eastern meet at Lordship, Connecticut by breaking 95 out of a possible 100 targets. She later won the National Championship at Tulsa, Oklahoma, by breaking 96 out of a possible 100 targets—the highest score ever posted in the history of national championships.

Paramount Pictures recently sent John Hermann, one of their star photographers who accompanied Admiral Byrd to the South Pole, to photograph Miss Laursen for a Paramount news reel.

## "The Aristocrat of Sports"

**A**FTER try-outs with southern colleges, Rollins fencing team leaves March 15 to compete with teams of ten of the leading educational institutions in the North. These include the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, the United States Military Academy at West Point, Princeton University, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Yale University, Fordham College and the City College of New York.

## Spanish Institute of Florida

UNDER the leadership of Professor A. J. Hanna, Rollins has taken a commanding position in the study of Spanish history as related to Florida, as well as in the collecting and cataloguing of all Floridiana.

The Spanish Institute of Florida was organized in 1933, and Professor Hanna is this year serving as President. Professor Angela Palomo Campbell, Assistant Professor of Spanish at Rollins College is serving as a Director.

The recent session of the Institute held in Winter Park attracted many noted Spanish historians, and literary artists. Among these were Dr. Pedro Salinas, Visiting Professor of Modern Spanish Literature at Wellesley College and Johns Hopkins University, one of the distinguished poets and essayists of Spain; Dr. J. Fred Rippey of the University of Chicago; Dr. Doris K. Arjona, Professor of Spanish at Stetson University; and Miss Eleanor L. Turnbull, the translator of Dr. Salina's poems.

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*"Education is a conquest, not a bequest— it cannot be given, it must be achieved. And the value of education lies not in its possession, but in the struggle to secure it."*

## It Is Now "Vol. XII, No. 1"

THE "Rollins Animated Magazine" is now 12 years old, and still retains the distinction of being the only magazine that *comes alive*.

The latest issue was "published" as a "literary vespers" on Sunday afternoon February 26. An audience of more than 5000 were gathered in a great amphitheater on the College Campus. The following speakers appeared *in person*.

*Foreword* by the Editor, Hamilton Holt, Formerly Editor of *The Independent* and *Harper's Weekly Leading Editorial* "A Responsible Press", Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Publisher, *The New York Times* "The Debut", Sidney Homer, Composer and author of "My Wife and I"

"On the Air", Mary Margaret McBride, Author, "London is a Man's Town". Broadcaster as "Martha Deane" of "The Woman's Hour"

"Intellectual Freedom and Spiritual Devotion in the University Atmosphere", Charles Seymour, Historian and President Yale University

"The Fat Man Whistled", Thomas Dreier, Author, "Silver Lining", "Sunny Meadows"

"Life With Skeezix", Frank O. King, Cartoonist and Creator of "Gasoline Alley"

*Two Poems*, Jessie B. Rittenhouse, Author, "The Secret Bird", "The Lifted Cup"

"All About Music" (From "My Wife and I"), Madame Louise Homer, Metropolitan Opera Company (19 seasons)

"The Schools for Living", Jesse Feiring Williams, Professor Physical Education, Columbia University. Author, "Health and Happiness", "Health and Physical Education"

"The Poetry Page" by Rollins Alumni. Contributors—Gilbert Maxwell and Maxeda Hess

"Education", Prestonia Mann Martin, Author, "Prohibiting Poverty", "Is Mankind Advancing"

"Children's Page", Elvira Garner, Author, "Ezekiel", "Ezekiel Travels"

"A Tall Tale", Irving Bacheller, Author, "Eben Holden", "The Man for the Ages"

## Give Youth Its Opportunity

**A**LL of us have had—or are having—our opportunity to build a life of achievement and of service.

Some of us have achieved greatly—most of us have lived usefully—and the “Play” will soon be over. Behind us is a keen, ambitious throng of young people who are eager to prepare themselves to take our places when Life’s Curtain really goes up for them. They are not afraid of hard work. They are ready to make sacrifices. They need understanding—and *they need help*.

The greatest gift to Youth is an adequate education—one which will develop their greatest talent whatever that may be.

Rollins is more than a “mind factory” It not only informs, it also inspires. It endeavors to meet society’s demand, “which expects not only intelligence from College graduates, but also civilized attitudes, matured emotions and cultivated character.”

There are 400 Rollins undergraduates drawn from 31 different states, working together toward this high aim. Fifty-nine per cent (59%) of the students can and do pay the *full cost* of their education. The remaining 41% of them (or 164 worthy students) require some “Student Aid” in order for them to remain at Rollins.

*Why not help give these youth their opportunity?* Your check should be marked for “Student Aid”.

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