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## Memos

HE dedication of the Dyer Memorial on April 14 added another beautiful structure to the Rollins campus. The new building is a memorial to Miss Susan F. Dyer for many years director of the Rollins Conservatory of Music. It is dedicated to an appreciation of music and is equipped with 1,000 records of great symphonies and other classical music, with an excellent reproducing machine, which were the gift of the Carnegie Foundation of New York.

The new "Fred Stone Laboratory Theatre" was the scene last month of the presentation of five clever one-act plays written, directed and produced by Rollins undergraduates. Playwriting is now competing with play production at Rollins.

Mrs. Thomas A. Edison recently presented to the college an ebony tree as a living memorial to her distinguished husband who was an honorary alumnus of Rollins. President Hamilton Holt presided at the planting of the tree and Mrs. Edison spoke in tribute to Rollins College and of the work of her famous scientist husband.

Fifteen Rollins students out of the college quota of thirty were recently awarded private license certificates after meeting the rigid requirements of the Civil Aeronautics Authority following the nine months training at the Orlando Municipal Airport. This was the best record of any Florida college or university. The Rollins students also received the highest general efficiency rating.

Seven Rollins students recently won cash prizes in playwriting, the short story and poetry offered by the Allied Arts Society of Florida. The Ponce de Leon prize of \$100 was divided among three Rollins students. Many cash prizes in sculpture, painting, design and interior decoration were also won by Rollins undergraduates.

Honorable W. R. O'Neal of Orlando was honored at a dinner on April 12 in recognition of his completion of fifty years of continuous service as a trustee of Rollins. President Hamilton Holt, Irving Bacheller, Judge D. A. Cheney and others paid tribute to his devotion and fruitful service.

A Memorial Service for Dr. Richard Burton was held in the Knowles Memorial Chapel on April 17. Dr. Burton was for seven years a distinguished member of the Rollins English faculty, and was widely recognized as one of the leading critics, essayists, poets and lecturers in the United States. He was for twenty-two years a member of the Committee for the Award of the Pulitzer Prizes.

### Rollins 1940 Commencement

Rollins spring Convocation occurred Sunday and Monday, June 2 and 3.

The Baccalaureate Service which was held in the Knowles Memorial Chapel was reverent and inspiring. The theme of the sermon was "Forward — to the Past?" and was delivered by Rabbi Morris Samuel Lazaron of Maryland.

The Commencement exercises were held on Monday, the address being given by Dr. John Adams Kingsbury, the noted social welfare leader of New York City, whose daughter was a member of the graduating class. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia were represented in this year's senior class.

The last event of the ceremony was the recital of the following Commencement Pledge by the members of the graduation class:

We, loyal sons and daughters of the graduating class of Rollins College, now at the parting hour of the last day that we shall all ever assemble together, do pledge ourselves—each to all and all to each:

To cherish as the years go by the happy memories of Rollins;

To foster throughout our lives the ties of friendship here begun;

To advance always the welfare of our Alma Mater;

To strive ever to live so as to serve, and thus honor ourselves, our College, and our country.

We call to witness to this pledge our parents, teachers, college mates and friends here assembled in this Temple, dedicated to Youth, and consecrated to God.

# Rollins Young Scientists

OLLINS outstanding work in the field of science has received further recognition in connection with two of its stu-

dents who graduated this month.

Two years ago Walter Dandliker did some original research work on his own initiative in the relation of Vitamin B to the germination of pollen. When he published his results in "Science", they attracted wide attention and he received letters from scientists in this country, Japan and Switzerland.

Upon graduation from Rollins on June 4, Mr. Dandliker was offered research fellowships at the following universities: Harvard, Illinois, Chicago, California Institute of Technology, Wisconsin, University of California and Johns Hopkins. He has chosen the California Institute of Technology where he intends to specialize in bio-chemistry as applied to human physiology which includes problems of allergies, disease resistance and hormone action.

For the past year John Rae another Rollins senior has been doing original research on the spectroscopic determination of sugars.

Upon graduation on June 4, he was offered a fellowship at the University of Florida. He was also offered fellowships at the University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University, the University of Pittsburg and the University of Illinois. He chose the University of Wisconsin where he will specialize in organic chemistry with emphasis on plastics.

Rollins has been fortunate for a number of years in having placed many of its graduates in the larger scientific schools of the country.

#### The Beal Shell Museum

OR more than fifty years Dr. J. H. Beal of Merritt Island, Florida, has been accumulating one of the most extensive and one of the finest collections of shells in the United States. This collection which represents all parts of the world is internationally famous.

For a number of years this remarkable collection of shells has been sought after by several of the leading natural history museums of the North. Rollins was signally honored when Dr. Beal recently announced his desire to present the collection to Rollins. Dr. Beal was formerly Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Illinois and at the University of Pittsburgh.

Following this announcement Dr. Beal's friend, Mr. B. L. Maltbie of Newark, New Jersey and Altamonte Springs, Florida, announced the gift of a museum building to house this large and valuable collection of shells. The building is expected to be ready for the installation of the collection next fall. Mr. Maltbie was the founder and is at present the Chairman of the Board of the Maltbie Chemical Company of Newark, New Jersey. He was at one time President of the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association.

The acquisition of this remarkable collection of shells, and the gift of the building in which to house it, adds another unique and useful structure to the Rollins campus. The "Beal Shell Museum" promises to be an outstanding attraction not only to scientists but also to the general public as well.

# Famous Portraits of Indian Chief

HE latest addition to Rollins collection of Floridiana is a series of ten rare and valuable portraits of Seminole Indian chiefs. A few years ago President Hamilton Holt discovered in New Orleans a framed copy of the famous Catlin colored lithograph of Osceola. These ten new portraits were published in Philadelphia from 1838 to 1842, during the period of the costly and futile Seminole War. They were the gift of Mr. George A. Zabriskie of New York and Ormond Beach, Florida.

Perhaps the most interesting portrait in the present collection is that of Micanopy who was the chief aide to Osceola. Micanopy was one of the five Seminole chiefs who refused to sign the treaty calling for their removal. Another portrait is that of Foke-Luste-Hajo, one of the seven chiefs appointed to visit the proposed reservation west of the Mississippi. Another portrait is that of Nea-Math-La, one of the head men of the Seminoles, who was bitterly opposed to the removal of his tribe from Florida. A notable portrait is that of Yaha-Hajo, one of the principal war chiefs of the Seminoles, and one of the deputation of seven chiefs sent to examine the country west of the Mississippi.

A further item of Seminole history presented by Mr. Zabriskie is a photostatic copy of the Treaty of Fort Gibson in 1835. In the center of the Treaty is a cut which is said to represent the stroke of Osceola's dagger as he brought it down in evidence of his refusal to sign or be bound by the treaty.

#### Rollins New Dean of Women

PRESIDENT HAMILTON HOLT recently announced the appointment of a new Dean of Women who will assume her duties at the opening of the college next fall.

The new Dean is Marian Van Buren Cleveland. Her husband, Dr. Stanley M. Cleveland, was for a number of years Chapel Rector at the University of Wisconsin and later at Princeton University. For several years, Mrs. Cleveland has been connected with Phillips Andover Academy.

Mrs. Cleveland's daughter graduated at Vassar in 1937. One of her sons has a degree from Harvard University where he held the Shaw Traveling Fellowship. Another son graduated from Princeton and received an appointment as Rhodes Scholar. Her youngest son graduated this year from Phillips Andover.

Mrs. Cleveland spent the winter in Winter Park where she made many friends and her appointment as Dean of Women at Rollins is an auspicious and happy choice.

# Rollins Instructor Honored

Iss Constance Ortmayer, instructor in sculpture at Rollins College, recently won the Henry O. Avery Prize at the exhibit of the Architectural League of New York at the Whitney Museum.

More than 2,000 pieces were included in the exhibit. Miss Ortmayer's prize-winning entry was a feminine bathing figure thirty inches high. Miss Ortmayer studied at several American colleges and universities and spent five years at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna.

### Education in Times Like These

Someone has said that "Education is the only political, industrial and individual safety. Outside the Ark of Education all

is deluge."

Probably never before were these words more pregnant with meaning. While Old World democracies are fighting for their very existence, it is doubly important that higher education in the United States should be given every opportunity to increase its influence and continue to search after truth.

In a recent article in the Saturday Evening Post, President Hutchins of the University of Chicago wrote, "Education is the only hope we have — democracy puts a greater strain on the intelligence of the people than any other form of government. If we want to keep democracy, we must keep education. If we want to keep education, we must keep the endowed colleges and universities; only that can lead the way to the kind of education that will keep America free."

To help meet this need, the U. S. Government permits an exemption of 15 per cent from an individual's income tax in order that he may make gifts to this extent to charitable and educational institutions.

A man of large income paying a tax at the rate of 69 per cent could make a gift of \$25,000 to a college at the cost of only \$8,500, and still use only 10 per cent of the 15 per cent exemption allowed.

Rollins Number one need is endowment for

student aid!



