

# AURORA ENTERTAINS 300 VISITORS FOR COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT EVENTS

## Ivy Planting Held Today, 26 Classes Hold Reunions, Baccalaureate Is Given

With blue skies and a wealth of sunshine making a perfect setting, the various activities in connection with the 50th commencement of Wells College, Aurora-on-Cayuga, today were in full swing. About 100 alumnae and between 200 and 300 other guests are in Aurora for the festivities.

At 9 o'clock this morning the traditional ivy planting exercises took place in front of the main building of the institution. Some 100 young women, representing each of the four classes, took part in the program. The procession was headed by the 48 members of the graduating class, attired in caps and gowns, while the juniors, sophomores and freshmen, in the order named, followed. The undergraduates were dressed in spotless white.

The ivy planting was preceded by carrying of the ivy chain by the undergraduates. The procession, led by the seniors, proceeded slowly to the spacious lawn in front of "Main" where the letter "W" was formed. After all had taken their respective places, the ivy chain was dropped by the undergraduates, and this, too, formed a "W."

**Singing Class Song.**  
At the conclusion of this formation the procession, class by class, moved slowly to the entrance of the main building for the planting. On the way to the entrance each of the four groups in the makeup of the procession sang its class song.

After the ivy had been planted a brief address explaining this particular phase of commencement activity was given by Miss Florence E. Watkins of Winona, Minn., president of the Class of 1927. This was followed by the singing of the Ivy Song.

At this point the trowel with which each class plants its ivy was presented by Miss Louise Warren of Chicago, Ill., a member of the graduating class, to Miss Louise Rexford of St. Louis, Mo., president of the junior class, who responded appropriately.

The Ivy Poem was read by Miss Janet F. Williams of Montclair, N. J., its author. The exercises were fittingly concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater.

Following the ivy exercises, at 10:30 o'clock, the Board of Directors met in the Blue Room for its annual session. At the same time the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association was held in the auditorium.

**Alumnae Luncheon.**  
The alumnae luncheon was held at 1:15 o'clock in the college dining room. From 4 to 6 o'clock this afternoon Dr. Kerr Duncan Macmillan, president of Wells, held a reception at his home. The faculty, members of the senior class, their parents, alumnae and trustees were his guests.

While the Board of Trustees and Alumnae Association were convening this morning, the seniors, undergraduates and guests enjoyed dancing in the reception room. Music was furnished by a seven-piece orchestra of Auburn led by Edward Adams, violinist.

Shakespeare's As You Like It will be presented by the senior class at 8 o'clock this evening. It will be given out of doors, on Barney Field, and with perfect weather and a moon, the play should lend itself excellently for the outdoor setting.

The cast is as follows: Duke, Miss Clara Taylor; Frederick, Miss Louise Barrin; Amiens, Miss Frances Beardlee; Jacques de Bois, Miss Florence Watkins; Oliver, Miss Doris McLaurry; Orlando, Miss Helen Taylor; Jacques, Miss Beatrice Boggs; Le Beau, Miss Janet O'Hara; Touchstone, Miss Louise Warren; Silvius, Miss Ethel Shilcock; Adam, Miss Caroline Woodward; William, Miss Gabrielle Pinchon; Charles, Miss Esther Hines; Rosalind, Miss Janet Williams; Celia, Miss Josephine Cooke; Phebe, Miss Marian Lounsberry; Audrey, Miss Barbara Swift; Lord, Miss Louise Froment.

The ushers for the play are to be

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## PARIS FINDS THE LATEST STYLES AT RACES



Left to right—Kasha topcoat and pull down felt hat; imitation serpent coat with fox collar; race dress of black lace and georgette; basket hat seen at Longchamps.

By HAZEL REAVIS.

(Associated Press Fashion Editor.)  
Paris—As the Summer weather becomes a certainty these days, the grandes toilettes which make the Paris race courses famous for something other than races, appear. For

French women to go to the tracks as much to see the mode displayed as they do to see the horses run or to bet on the entries.

The most important dressmakers of Paris send mannequins attired in their newest race course models to the Auteuil and Longchamps courses. Earlier in the season sport clothes

with appropriate wraps were worn, among them many serpent skin and serpent print fabrics. But dresses for the next races are of a summery style, and like the Ascot frocks of English society, run to lace and frills. Bigze lace, chiffon and large hats are conspicuous in this season's display.

Following is her original poem written especially for the occasion:

A flaming torch they bore on high,  
Those youthful pioneers,  
Who started forth from ancient Greece  
In far-off golden years.

In every distant colony,  
The Grecian fire burned;  
And to the high hills of Greece  
Their hearts were ever turned.

The long low line of beacon lights  
Meaned fellowship and pride,  
The flame they cherished from Greece  
They cherished till they died.

Today we go, and leave behind  
These cherished walls of peace;  
The ivy lives within our hearts  
As fire did in Greece.

That symbol of youth's hope and dreams  
Through all the world is known;  
The fellowship of friends and books  
The ivy claims its own.

We plant the ivy here today—  
May others inspire;  
Before us stretch the colonies  
That wait the sacred fire.

After Miss Williams had finished speaking, Miss Louise Warren of Chicago, with trowel in hand, arose and addressed the guests. Her speech was made for the Junior Class who will take over the next year the responsibilities of interpreting the spirit of the college. Miss Warren's speech in detail is as follows:

"Faculty, students, friends of Wells College and especially you of the Class of 1928. It is with rather mixed emotions that I consider this trowel, and all that it typifies. I am, at once, a trifle sad and tremendously happy. Sad to relinquish this trowel, our last hold on college days, but happy to be able to pass it on to such a class as yours. It would be impossible for me to convey to you the deep love and appreciation that we of 1927 hold for you of 1928. Our attitude toward you is, and always has been, one of profound respect and admiration, for the earnestness of your purpose, and the efficiency of your every act. I think we both have the same interest and the same love of putting into practice the certain new ideas and methods that in itself has strength and the bond between us. In all fields of activity, we have engaged in the keenest competition, but have always maintained a friendly spirit of rivalry. I sincerely believe that the priceless friendships between our two classes have been rather above the ordinary. We go far beyond that respect and admiration for you, to a deeper and more lasting friendship, which 'words cannot measure' and 'gold cannot buy'.

"It is because of this feeling of ours for you, that we are more happy to pass to you, this trowel—the symbol of what has gone before us, and what is to come after. This trowel typifies all that is dear to the heart of every Wells girl: the persistence and attainment of certain intellectual and cultural ends, those delightful customs and traditions peculiar to these ivy-covered walls, and the high ideals and standards of thought and action, which have been handed down to us by every class that has loved Wells. We have earnestly endeavored to attain the high standards set before us, but no doubt, we have failed in many respects. These unfinished efforts we feel sure, you will complete, thus making whole the pattern of the achievements of your class and of ours. It is with complete confidence that we present you with this trowel, certain in our hearts that you will carry on the ideals for which it stands, and make the most of the infinite possibilities accompanying it.

"May I wish you the best of luck in everything you undertake. And may your senior year be full of happy experiences, worthwhile achievements, and complete happiness. And please remember that the class of 1927 is forever with you in spirit. Let our meeting be remembered and frequent with your silent prayers and renewed friendships. Let us be as comrades, but rather, and under each other's wings.

## HERE IS PORTLAND'S "ROSE QUEEN"



DOROTHY MIELKE

Portland, Ore.—(P)—Miss Dorothy Mielke has been chosen queen of the 1927 Rose Festival and Pageant "Rosaria" at Portland, Ore., which

one main thought that we want you to know with all the assurance possible when you leave college. It is that we love you. More than we ever dreamt of loving another class and more than we shall ever love one again—and we mean every word of it. It is easy to make pretty speeches and to say them with passable sincerity, but you of 1927 can never begin to realize what you stand for in the hearts of 1928. Your ideals have been so full—not empty words, at all—your example of service, your companionship in work and play, mean so much to us. We came to college prepared to love the seniors, and we did love them; to adore our Juniors, and they more than made an ideal sister class; to be seared to death of Sophomores—and we were.

Today it is to you who were our Sophomores that we speak. But our fear of you is gone, and we have in its stead a tremendous respect that dates back to that awesome Sunday night when we first crawled up stairs. We have been very close, the classes of 1927 and 1928. We ourselves realize it in a way impossible to express and much of it is due, of course, to the self-respect, admitted and cherished by each of us. What you have, also, and have always had and what we hope to keep too is your spirit. A class typically and wholeheartedly Wells—distinctly in Wells and of Wells—a class that every student is proud to see added to the chain of Wells Alumnae. May we of 1928 next year at this time be able to feel that we are as glowing and alive a part of Wells, worthy to follow and we will not see good-bye up for it. It is not only for us, but this opportunity to tell you again that you are as securely a part of 1928's heart as ever, that our love will not be changed by graduation, or wedding, or flight to Paris, and that counting back, you will find that you have been with us all the while.

## WILLIAM RAMAGE, VET, DIES AT 84

William A. Ramage, 84, one of the best known veterans of the Civil War in Auburn and vicinity answered his last roll call at the home of his son, William G. Ramage, 45 Lewis Street, early this morning. Mr. Ramage had been ailing for some time but attended the state encampment of the G. A. R. in Syracuse last week. In fact he was present at a meeting of Seward Crocker Post Saturday afternoon and told the comrades some of the high lights of the state gathering.

Years ago Mr. Ramage was engaged in the bakery business. He served in the Civil War with Company G, Third New York Light Artillery and was secretary and treasurer of his regimental association. To know Mr. Ramage was to like him. In late years he had made his home in Syracuse but visited Auburn frequently. His funeral will be held from the home of his son, William G. Ramage, 45 Lewis Street, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Frederick's Episcopal Church, will officiate. G. A. R. and Masonic services will be held. Burial will be in Fort Hill Cemetery.

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## MORGAN CHOSEN AS CHAIRMAN OF WELLS TRUSTEES

### Several Resignations from College Faculty Are Announced.

William Fellows Morgan of New York City was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wells College to fill the vacancy caused by the death of N. Lansing Zabriske, at the annual meeting of the board held this noon in the Blue Room of the main college building. Mr. Morgan, who is a nephew of the late Lewis Henry Morgan, noted anthropologist and one of the early trustees of the college, is president of the Merchants' Association of New York and the Y. M. C. A. of that city.

Five new trustees were chosen. They are: Leonard B. Bacon of Rochester, Albert C. Koch of Chicago, A. H. Lamborn of Montclair, N. J., Fred Nymeyer of New York City and Mrs. N. Lansing Zabriske of Aurora, widow of the late N. Lansing Zabriske, who served as chairman of the board for 50 years.

The resignation of Prof. Emily Hickman from the faculty was accepted. Miss Hickman, professor of history for 16 years and formerly acting dean is leaving to accept a position in the new college for women at New Brunswick, N. J.

Other resignations are: That of Prof. Frances A. Foster, professor of English, who leaves to accept a similar position in Vassar.

Prof. Thomas F. Fowler, professor of German, who is resigning for personal reasons.

Prof. Christopher Thomas, head of the Department of Music, who has accepted a position in the new country day school at Chicago.

Miss Helen McParlin, superintendent of the house, who is leaving because of her mother's poor health.

The Board of Trustees also accepted the resignation from its membership of Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, Jr., formerly Mrs. Gover Cleveland, of Princeton, N. J. Mrs. Preston had served as a trustee since 1887, a period of 40 years. The board ordered a special committee to draw up a minute telling of her splendid work to be placed in the official records.

Mrs. Preston, whose maiden name was Frances Folsom, was graduated from Wells in 1885. The following year she was married to President Grover Cleveland, in the White House.

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