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## CAFETERIA REOPENS AS WATER SUPPLY RETURNS; STATE COLLEGE GOES DRINKLESS FOR TWO DAYS;

The State College Cafeteria will be open today for breakfast and all other meals, according to Miss Laura F. Thompson, manager. The cafeteria had been closed for two days because of the failure of the water supply.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT ENDS FIRST ROUND

At the end of the first round of the tennis tournament, only seven contestants remain in the men's tournament, while there are but two girls who are uneliminated. There were 13 entries originally in the men's tournament, but a post entry brought this number up to 14.

Since three of the matches were not played until yesterday, complete results of the first round cannot be printed. It is expected that the second round and the semi-finals will have been played by Friday.

### RENEWAL EXAMINATIONS TO BE AUGUST 12 AND 13

According to an announcement from Ned H. Dearborn, director of the teacher training division of the state education department, examinations for renewal of college graduates certificates will be conducted Monday and Tuesday, August 12 and 13. Psychology will be given Monday at 9:15 o'clock, methods of English, History, science, mathematics, and foreign languages at 1:15 o'clock. Tuesday, Principles of education will be at 9:15 o'clock, and History of education at 1:15.

Final examinations schedule for the summer session will be posted Monday or Tuesday on bulletins.

The water was turned on yesterday in the college at 1:23 o'clock. At first, the water was rusty, but it is clear now.

For two days, the college went without water except for some spring water outside the cafeteria. No drinks could be obtained and all the lavatories were locked. There was a rumor that the college would not be open today, but this was unfounded.

### SNEAK THIEF TAKES SIX DANCE RECORDS

When the electrola used for dancing in the college gymnasium at noon hour was left unguarded last week, a sneak thief appropriated six of eleven records for his own use. He also took five phonograph needles. He was not apprehended.

Five records were left in the electrola, and an effort will be made to get more so that dancers may have a variety of music.

### VESPERS SERVICES TO BE DISCONTINUED

Because of lack of support by the student body, Sunday vespers services will be discontinued, according to Jean Gillespy, '31. The last meeting was attended by three people.

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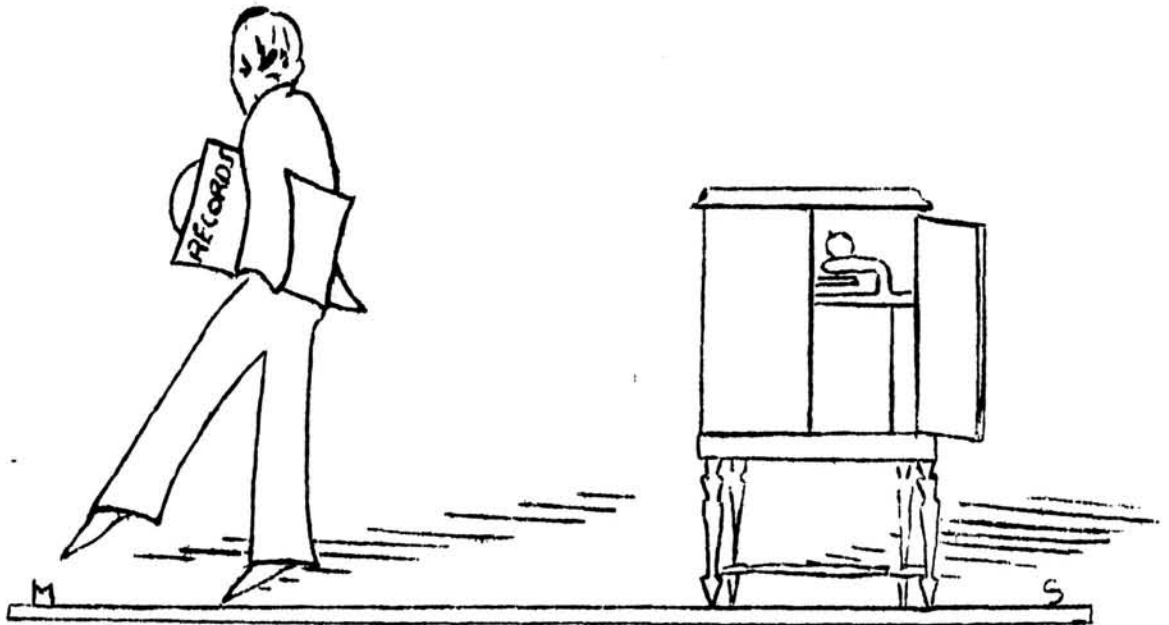
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### OUR GENTLEMAN BURGLAR

Six people attended the first vespers services, offered two weeks ago. Last week, three people attended. Of the three, one was in charge of the program, one was to play the piano, and the third came because he wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to hear an interesting speaker. Dr. Vruwink was entirely charming, the building was cool, and the four people stayed two hours, absorbed in their discussion. However in spite of the pleasure and value of such services, we can't blame the people who did not come. A Sunday in summer should be used for recreation, in our opinion, and probably swimming is more pleasant than sit-



ting and talking.

We can, and do, blame the people who so far took advantage of the kindness and generosity of the State College student association as to steal the records loaned the summer session so as to make noon hour dancing possible. Of course, probably only one person is responsible for the daring theft of six second hand records. There couldn't be more than one person so petty in college. Luckily, the thief (or should we say sneek?) proved generous and left five of the poorer records. If he should come to the SUMMERTIMES office, we should be glad of the opportunity to thank him personally for his kindness.

### JUST A GENTLE REMINDER

Four weeks of the summer session have passed already. It seems almost incredible, but in two weeks examinations will be with us, and we'll leave State College, temporarily or permanently.

While the work in most courses is not even nearly completed, the time is already here to begin the final drive toward a complete understanding of each subject, with consequent high grades.

ONE IMPRESSION - FROM ED. I  
By Professor Richmond H. Kirtland

My only contact with the summer session is by way of a course theoretically described as the history of education. What its actual description should be can only be known when the last bell has struck on August 15th, for we think of history in three tenses, and we think of method as controlled chiefly by the questions of students and by their own responses. We try to give them what they seem to need most.

A few traits in the summer people stand out in this procedure. There is very little marking of time among them. They want to make their days count. But since most of them are working teachers in the state of New York, they are likely to estimate values after high school or lower grade fashion. They like their assignments in definite, small doses. They are rather more eager for facts than for principles, for devices than for methods, for credits than for personal growth. It is no doubt to be expected in the system under which they work that respect for authority, or at least its docile acceptance, should be pretty deeply ingrained. No matter how logical or important a new bit of induction may be, their instant reaction springs to the syllabus and regents examinations. In general, any method demanding extra time in teaching is voted impractical, any conclusions contravening approved texts and standard authorities are off the line of march in a busy world. Over and over one hears them saying that they know how their bread is buttered. So while they are tolerant of new ideas, and even eager about them personally, one is fairly certain that the main question in their minds is not how will this matter affect the minds of my pupils, but how will it affect the retention of my job? Any distaste for this condition is more than offset by the necessity for earning a living under the system.

I should say, then, that added years and experience have made the summer school students, as a whole, rather more conservative than college undergraduates are likely to be. Like incoming freshmen, summer school people are about five sevenths fundamentalists, by test. Which fact, of course, bears out the general thesis of this document.

*R. H. Kirtland*

Editors' note: This is the second of a series of articles by members of the State College Summer Session faculty. Next week, an article by Professor Earl B. South, on tests and measurements, will be printed.

Professor Richmond H. Kirtland, A.B., A.M., is the author of "Freshman Dilemmas", a series of problems in thinking. He uses this book in Education 9, an orientation course for freshmen. He has several hobbies, including painting, pottery work, photography, dahlia growing, and coloring enlargements of photographs. At other times in his life, his interests have included music and fishing. He has been superintendent of schools at Houghton, Flint and Menominee, Michigan. He was professor of English at State College, and is now professor of education.

IS THE WATER TURNED ON YET?

Water, water everywhere,  
But not a drop to drink;  
Water in the streams and lakes,  
But nothing in the sink.

Prohibition agents,  
Watching from on high,  
Gaily smile and laugh aloud  
As Albany goes dry.

Water, water everywhere,  
But none for dirty faces,  
Unless it comes from wells or pumps,  
Or other distant places.

Dishes all are greasy,  
Can't get off the goo;  
Pots and pans and silver  
All are greasy too.

Wash your face in vichy,  
Never mind the soap,  
Lots of powder so the folks  
Won't notice it, you hope.

Since the main was busted,  
Since the pipe was spoiled,  
On figures and math tables  
The men have toiled and toil

Ginger ale's for shaving,  
Gin slicks down your hair,  
Sunback dresses disappear.  
(Should dirty backs go bare?)

Fixing of the conduit  
All depends on math.  
(Wish those guys would learn  
to add,  
So I could take a bath.)

Dirty faces 'round me,  
Dirty necks, the same;  
Dirty hands and dishes,  
Ain't it a dirty shame?

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## REGENTS BOARD WILL RAISE TEACHING STANDARDS

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Among the special courses named in the ruling of the board of regents are physical education, home economics, and drawing. A bachelor's degree or its equivalent will be demanded.

To comply with the ruling, the Cortland Normal School will change its three year course in physical education to a four year course. Among the other schools affected by this ruling is the Plattsburgh Normal School, which at present gives a three year course in commerce.

## LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS WILL BE TOMORROW

Written examinations for oral credit in French, Spanish, and German will be conducted tomorrow for all who expect to teach these languages by the State department of education. The examination will be in room 111 at 9 o'clock and will continue until 12 o'clock. Candidates for the examination should be punctual in making their appearance.

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She:-"If it weren't for the publicity, I wish you would."

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Young Lady (who has just been operated on for appendicitis):-"Oh, doctor, do you think the scar will show?"

Doctor:-"It ought not to."

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"What are all those trunks doing over by the stage door?"

"Why, those are the chorus girls' clothes."

"Let's go to another show."

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