

## Dr. James Francis Cooke Is Speaker

### Graduation To Be Held On June 5

On Monday morning, June 5, the 1944 Class of Queens College will receive their diplomas. At this time Dr. James Francis Cooke, of Philadelphia will address the class.

Dr. Cooke was educated under many teachers in both Europe and America. In 1919 he was given an honorary music Doctorate by Ohio Northern University, by Capital University in 1927, Cincinnati Conservatory in 1929, and by the University of Pennsylvania in 1930. Ohio Northern University conferred upon him the LL.D. in 1925, Ursinus College in 1927, and the University of Michigan in 1938. His L.H.D. was given at Bethany College, and his Ed.D. at the College of Emporia.



Dr. James Francis Cooke

For a number of years Dr. Cooke has been a teacher of piano and voice, an organist and conductor in New York and Brooklyn, where he was assistant to Professor Franklin W. Hooper at the Brooklyn Institution of Arts and Sciences. During his life he has visited numerous European musical conservatories and American Colleges to study teaching systems. He is a public speaker on humanistic, business, and artistic subjects, with addresses also in French, German, and Italian.

Dr. Cooke has been editor of the *Etude Magazine* since 1907 and of the Theodor Presser Foundation since 1918. From 1925-36 he was president of the Theodor Presser Company; 1930-36, John Church Company; 1931-36 Oliver Ditson Co., Inc.; 1910-27, Philadelphia Music Teachers' Association; 1916-17, Writeabout Club; and many others.

As an author Dr. Cooke is noted for his *Standard History of Music*; *Mastering the Scales and Arpeggios*; *Great Pianists on Piano Playing*; *Musical Playlets for Children*, *Music Masters, Old and New*; *Great Singers on the Art of Singing*; *Great Men and Famous Musicians*; and several others. In his versatile line he has published many poems, short stories, a novel, songs, pianoforte pieces, and plays, four produced professionally. In 1930 he was decorated by the Chevalier Legion of Honor of France.

Dr. Cooke is married to Betsy Eleanor Beckwith and has one son, Francis Sherman Cooke.

With the election of our May Queen, Jean Brown, and Maid-of-Honor, Eleanor Biggers, we looked forward to May Day.

And now we come to the last lap of our college life rather regretfully, yet with the realization that we are about to step over the threshold of another new adventure. What lies ahead we do not know, but we are grateful to Queens for preparing us for whatever it may be.

### Seniors' Best



Virginia Prunty



Marjorie Bastien



Virginia Nell Smith

### Valedictorian, Salutatorian Are Appointed

On June 5, Virginia Prunty and Marjorie Imbody Bastien will be officially recognized as valedictorian and salutatorian respectively of the Class of 1944. Virginia Nell Smith will serve as Chief Marshal.

Virginia Prunty has been a member of Queens-Davidson Orchestra and Queens-Davidson Little Symphony during her four years here at Queens. In her senior year she was president of Sigma Mu, vice-president of Alpha Kappa Gamma, a member of S. C. A. Cabinet and class poet. She was also chosen for *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges*.

Marjorie Imbody Bastien was a member of the Business Staff of the *Coronet*, co-advertising editor of the freshman issue of the *Blues*, and a Queens Scholar during her freshman year. During her sophomore year she was treasurer of the Day Student Organization, vice-president of the Sophomore Class, a member of Valkyrie, *Blues* Business Staff, and the Spectator Club, assistant advertising manager of the *Coronet*, Rat-Day chairman, co-gallery chairman of Stunt Night, and a member of I. R. C. and Alpha Iota. During her junior year she was secretary of Day Student Council, a member of I. R. C. and Alpha Iota, and was on the *Coronet* Staff. This year she has been vice-president of the Student Body, treasurer of Alpha Kappa Gamma, a member of Sigma Mu and of Legislature. She also was selected for *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges*. She has been a member of Phi Mu during her four years here.

Virginia Nell Smith, Chief Marshal, was during her freshman year a member of S. C. A. Fellowship and was Freshman Marshal. During her sophomore year she was on S. C. A. Cabinet and was Sophomore Marshal. This year she is on S. C. A. Cabinet, Legislature and is a member of Sigma Mu.

### Award Day Honors Groups Of Students

Friday, May 19, in the chapel exercises Dr. Blakely made the awards given each year to those organizations and individuals who have made outstanding achievements during the year.

The Sorority Leadership Cup given by Mrs. W. H. Belk went to Phi Mu Sorority with 501 points. Alpha Gamma Delta came second with 439 points.

The Pan-Hellenic Scholarship given by Pan-Hellenic Council also went to Phi Mu which had a 1.6 average. Alpha Gamma Delta came second with a 1.5 average.

The Alpha Iota Scholarship Cup given by John M. Little to the member of this honorary business sorority who has maintained the highest scholastic average was presented to Marie Sitton.

The loving cup given by Athletic Council on Stunt Night was given

### Last Will And Testament Of Seniors

We, the class of '44, knowing that our hours of completed work, fulfilled plans, and realized dreams are near at hand, believe that we have accumulated certain treasured talents, worthwhile qualities, and valued possessions which we would like to place for safe-keeping in the hands of our followers in years to come. Thus, as we plod forward with a never-ending zeal to whatever goal tomorrow holds for us, we do enact, ordain, and establish this our last will and testament, declaring null and void any previous documents of this type.

*Article I. To the Student Body*  
To the Junior Class we leave our devotion to Queens College with the hope that they will do their part to make it an even greater Queens.  
To the Sophomore Class we leave  
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to the Junior Class. Carolyn Hobson received the cup given to the person selected by the Council as the best-all-round athlete. The following girls received letters or stars: Helen Blair, one letter, two stars; Betty Carolyn Hobson, one letter; Ruth King, two stars; Ruth King, one letter, one star; Thelma Martin, one star; Annelle McCall, one letter, two stars; and Ollie Meadows, one letter.

The cup given by the Athletic Council for the campus basketball tournament was awarded to South Dormitory. Annelle McCall, house president, accepted the award.

The cup given for the best creative writing in connection with the *Quill* was awarded to Jane King for her short story *Guinea* and for general editorial ability. Honorable mention went to Betty Barber for her poem "Desire," and to Dean Colby for her epistolary story "To Johnny."

Mrs. Cameron Morrison, in cooperation with the W. C. T. U., each year awards three prizes for the most outstanding essays on temperance. The subject this year was: *Arguments for Abstinence from the Use of Alcoholic Beverages*. The prizes went to India Boozer, Charlotte; Shirley Warner, Greenville, N. C., and Virginia Scott, Charlotte.

### Four Years Of Work And Play Revealed In History Of Class

Way back in September, the year 1940, a group of eager yet timid girls became the Freshman Class of Queens. Never to be forgotten is that wonderfully exciting period known as Orientation Week. During this week we were rushed from one party to another—in between handbook classes—becoming acquainted with the faculty and administration, our fellow freshmen, and those upper classmen who made up Orientation Committee. It was at this time, too, that we were introduced to the Honor System, which we immediately began to respect as the highest type organization to which we had ever belonged. Indeed, we were convinced by the end of our first week here that every phase of life at Queens is ideal.

Our second week at Queens was quite as exciting as the first—yes, Rush Week! It was not however, quite so free from care, for during this week we had to make the momentous decision "Which one shall I join?"

With the business of pledging out of the way, we got down to the real purpose of our being here—that of learning. What Queens' Senior does not remember the hours spent making a family-tree from *Genesis* for Dr. Gettys? or learning chemistry formulas? or writing and re-writing themes? Yes, we soon found out that we were here to work, too.

Early in the year we elected Frances Moseley, now Mrs. Mitchell, our Class Chairman. Under her leadership we survived the horrors of Rat Day and made plans for Stunt Night. After first semester, Judy Scholl, Mrs. Magill, was chosen Class President and President of the Freshman S. C. A. Cabinet. Eleanor Lazenby Biggers was made Secretary-Treasurer of the group. One of the highlights of the year was our winning first prize in the *Blues* contest, beating the Sophomores.

As Sophomores ourselves we had the pleasure of committing the poor Freshmen to a terrible Rat Day, with Marjorie Imbody Bastien as Rat Day Chairman. Doubtless, the Queens teachers have never before or since (they hope!) seen such a profuse chewing of gum and wearing of makeup as by the Freshman Flappers, under our jurisdiction!

The honored six of our class who were chosen as members of Valkyrie were Judy Scholl Magill, Frances Moseley Mitchell, Lib Lael Morrison, Marjorie Imbody Bastien, Rosemary Vincent, and Mabel Beach. During Senior Week of that year our class entertained the Seniors, our sister class, at a breakfast.

During our Junior year, with Eleanor Lazenby Biggers as president, we participated in a number of money-making projects. We sold candy in the dormitories, sold Christmas cards, sponsored a fashion show in cooperation with Ivey's, and began what we hope will be a tradition at Queens—the Sorority Sing. The silver cup was won by Phi Mu the first year and by Alpha Delta Pi this year.

Due to the shortage of men, evening clothes, and transportation, we were not able to entertain the Seniors at the traditional Junior-Senior formal banquet. We gave the Seniors an informal supper and presented each girl with a sterling silver bracelet.

The last event of our Junior year was the making of the daisy-chain for class day, and it certainly gave us a feeling of exhilaration to don the caps and gowns offered by the outgoing Senior Class.

When we began this, our Senior year, it was with the feeling—"Is it possible that we are really Seniors?" Early in the year we found ourselves the center of attention on Senior Day, when we wore our caps and gowns to chapel to a program especially for us, presided over by our president.

In November came Stunt Night, and our stunt won second place—first place going to the Juniors.

Those of our class who are among the scholastically elite (the members of Sigma Mu) are: Virginia Prunty, Lib Henry, Eleanor Biggers, Marjorie Bastien, and Laura Smith. Chosen as members of Alpha Kappa Gamma, leadership fraternity, are Anne Hatcher, Mabel Beach, Peggy Benoit, Marjorie Bastien, Eleanor Biggers, Laura Smith, Virginia Prunty, Mary Kate Kornegay, and LaRue Allison.

In *Who's Who Among Students* we are represented by Anne Hatcher, Marjorie Bastien, Peggy Benoit, Virginia Prunty, Eleanor Biggers, and Mabel Beach.