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ANNUAL MEETING

The Associated Alumni of Rhode Island College of Education will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, May 18 at 8:00 P.M. in the Reception Room at the College. Although there will be no election of officers at this meeting (the By-Laws provide for election to be held in even years), there is much important business to be conducted.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. This provides a wonderful opportunity—one which arises all too infrequently—for getting together with your former classmates and fellow alumni.

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DUES

As June 1st is rolling around again we remind you that dues for the current year expire on June 1, 1953. Enclosed is a blank which provides space for the necessary information and which we request be returned with your payment. If you prefer you may pay dues at the Annual Meeting on May 18. Any payments made between now and June 1 will be counted for the year beginning June 1, 1953 and ending on June 1, 1954.

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If your membership card is marked "June 1, 1954", please disregard renewal form.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

As Commencement time approaches (this year it is Saturday, June 13) the pace of both College and Alumni activities is stepped up. Since Alumni have always been interested in these colorful college functions here is a list of dates to keep in mind:

Tuesday, May 12—May Day exercises on State House lawn. This year's pageant is based on Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite", and students from all classes will participate. Feature attraction will be the crowning of this year's May Queen, Patricia Pagnano of Bristol, Barbara Peterson of North Smithfield, and Loretta Vaz of Cumberland are the candidates, one of whom was elected Queen by vote of the student body last month. May Day ceremonies will begin at 2:00 P.M.

Monday, May 18—Annual Meeting of Associated Alumni at College—8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 10—Alumni Tea for Seniors—4:00 P.M. in College Reception Room. Further notice will be sent to alumni, but keep the date!
Friday, June 12--Class Day exercises

Saturday, June 13--Commencement

This year's Commencement address will be given by T. M. Stinnett, head of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards of the National Education Association. This Commission is responsible for a nationwide program of educational improvement in the fields of teacher recruitment, selection, preparation, certification, and the advancement of professional standards.

Dr. Stinnett was appointed executive secretary to the Commission in 1951 and is the editor of The Journal of Teacher Education. He is a native of Arkansas and is a graduate of Henderson-Brown College, Arkansas, the University of Arkansas and received his Doctorate from the University of Texas.

As in the past all alumni of R. I. C. E. are invited and urged to march in the traditional academic procession from the College to the Veterans' Auditorium where the exercises will be held. We hope this year to have the largest alumni representation ever witnessed at Commencement!

An interesting item we read recently in the "Accountant's Weekly Report" published weekly by Prentice-Hall, Inc. (April 27, 1953) may have some bearing on R. I. C. E. alumni who are teaching and taking courses when income tax time comes around next year. In referring to recent court decisions the report states, "the doctrine of Hill and Coughlin (Hill is a teacher-Coughlin, a tax partner in a law firm) is that the cost of basic education (presumably including post-graduate work) is personal and non-deductible, while the expenses of maintaining one's professional qualifications are deductible. It may not be easy to draw the precise line as to where acquiring qualifications ends and maintaining them begins."

SUMMER SCHOOL

Bulletins for the 1953 Summer Session at Rhode Island College of Education are now available. For the benefit of those alumni who do not receive one here are some of the highlights of the summer program.

Dr. Wallace R. McConnell, former head of the Geography Department at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, will offer two courses, "Materials and Methods-Geography of Middle and Western North America" and "Regional Studies from a Social Point of View."

Dr. Frank W. Wadsworth, Assistant Professor of English at the University of California, is giving two courses in the field of English. "Shakespeare" is a study of Shakespeare's challenge to the Man of Action, the Social Man, and the Man of Reflective Thinking. The second course is "History of the Drama", which traces the development of the drama from the Greek Religious rites through the Miracle Mystery and Morality plays to its highest form of expression in Elizabethan times.

Classes begin on Thursday, June 25 and continue through thirty class sessions, each meeting one hour a day. Registration is at the College June 20, 22, 23, 24 from 9:30-5:00 on weekdays and from 9:00-12:00 on Saturday. There will be no registration by mail or phone. Teachers currently employed will be given preference in registering on Saturday, June 20. There is no tuition for legal voting residents of the state or for teachers in the state for bachelor's degree courses. The tuition rate for master's courses is $15 for two semester hour credits or $7.50 for one hour credit.

A recent step toward stimulating friendly relationships with our sister institutions in the state was taken recently by the Dramatic League of R.I.C.E. Upon its invitation the University Players of the University of Rhode Island visited the College for a performance of "Little Foxes". The Dramatic League hopes to return the call next year.