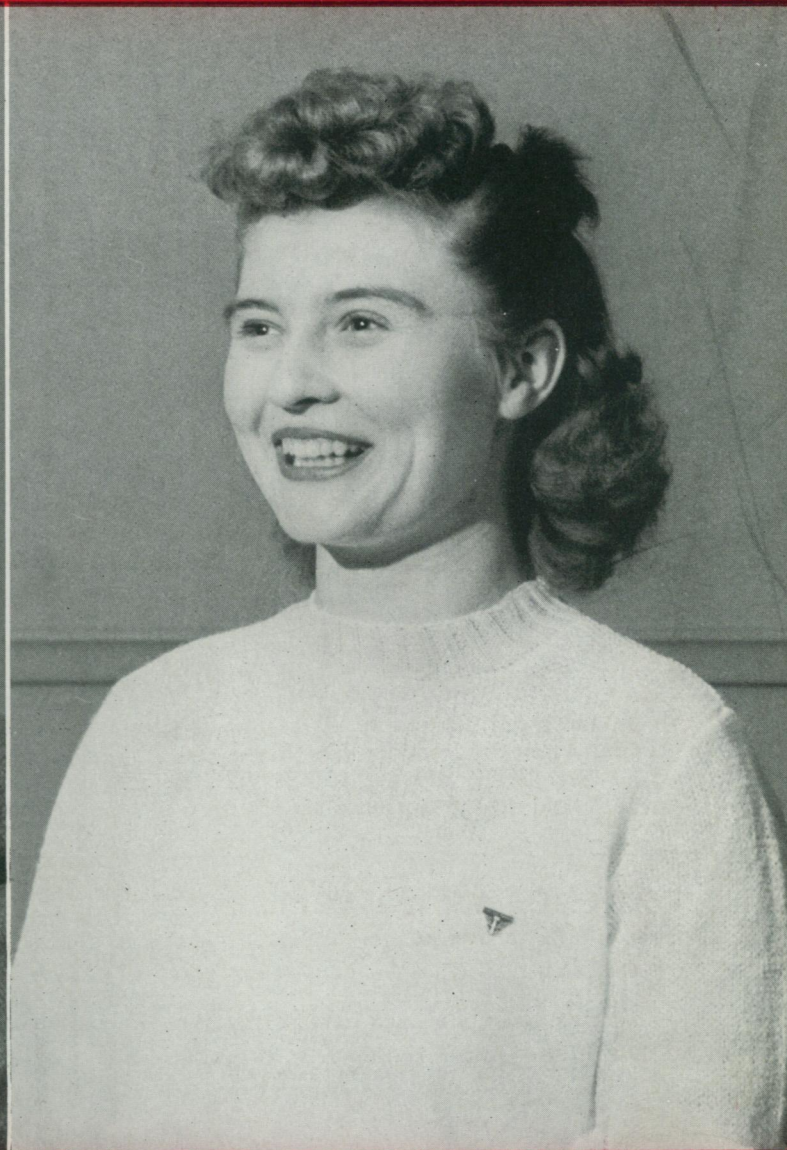


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Do You Know?

Trihydroxypropane to the chemist is *glycerine* to us.

Colombia, South America, is one of the world's chief producers of *platinum*.

Canada's *tobacco* products are now made almost exclusively from Canadian-grown tobacco.

Eleven and a half billion yards of *cotton* rolled from the looms in America's mills during 1942.

The use of *platinum* in jewelry is prohibited by the government because the total available supply is needed in war.

Coffee substitutes and coffee blends may contain chicory, soybean, roasted barley, Mexican chick peas, roasted rye cereal, rolled wheat flour, molasses, or corn meal.

Plywood has come into its many new uses because of modern synthetic resin glues, and impregnating and densifying compounds, which make it practically a new product.

Beekeepers are asked by the government to expand their production of *bees* as more are needed to produce honey and wax, and to insure pollination of clovers and other legumes.

In three and one-half years *Atlantic Clippers* have made nearly 1,200 transatlantic crossings, carrying 45,000 passengers and 2,500,000 pounds of cargo.

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Women *chemists* three years ago were largely in teaching and medical research; today large numbers are in the industries.

Scientists predict that *radio trails* will soon cross the continent like highways and aviators will see their way in three dimensions by radio vision.

The *peanut* contains more protein than beefsteak and half a small peanut holds all the extra calories needed for the energy demands of an hour of brain work.

● RADIO

Saturday, March 20, 1:30 p.m., EWT

"Adventures in Science," with Watson Davis, director of Science Service, over Columbia Broadcasting System.

Dr. Norman H. Jolliffe, of New York University, will discuss "Vitamins in Treatment of Disease."

Monday, March 15, 9:15 a.m., EWT; 2:30 p.m., CWT; 9:30 a.m., MWT; and 1:30 p.m., PWT

Science at Work, School of the Air of the Americas over the Columbia Broadcasting System, presented in cooperation with the National Education Association, Science Service and Science Clubs of America.

"The Forces of Heredity" will be the subject of the program.

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