

NEAL WOODSIDE ALLEN, of the Class of 1907, graduating *summa cum laude*, a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Delta Phi. Finding his livelihood in the family business of his Portland birthplace, by the highest standards of business ethic and conduct, he has remarkably served all of Maine. Happy on his native heath but never complacent, as an early advocate of the city manager form of government he was in the forefront of the campaign for municipal reform, and was elected Chairman of the first Portland City Council. Equally foresighted for city planning, seeing the need for anticipating and controlling municipal problems, he helped to organize the Portland Planning Board, served on it for seventeen years, and in that time participated in many of its roughest, toughest, and most vital decisions. In the heated controversies where his leadership spontaneously carried him, he kept ever calm, was never petty or prejudiced, and always retained the respect of his antagonists. Unselfishly generous of his time and vigo in all community demands, he has been outstanding in his service to his church as well, being an original Director of the First Radio Parish Church of America, and later its President, and a fifty-year member and Moderator of the First Universalist Church of Portland. He has contributed with equal generosity to this College, serving on the Alumni Council and since 1941 as an Overseer, siring three outstanding graduates, one now a Trustee and College Treasurer. Such intelligent, enlightened, and selfless community leadership is an indispensable ingredient among a free democratic people, in a world too largely swayed by materialism and manipulated by intrigue and deceit.

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