

**JOHN WESTON WALCH**, of the Class of 1925, publisher, teacher, and debate coach of the first rank. A native of Brunswick, he was from 1926 to 1953 debate coach and social studies teacher at Portland High School. While an undergraduate, he was one of the finest debaters Bowdoin ever had, and his undoubted expertise in the field continued to be reflected in the record of his Portland High School teams which won eight New England championships and many state titles. His talents are not restricted to the technique of debate but are wide ranging. The breadth of his interests is shown in part by the fact that he was the author of a book on the birds of Brunswick, a text used in ornithology classes at the College for many years, and by the fact that he taught a course in economics at Portland Junior College. He has continued to demonstrate his breadth of interest in recent years as a publisher. Starting with a secondhand duplicating machine, he founded a small publishing business to distribute his widely acclaimed notes on debating topics; since his retirement, it has grown into a nationally known textbook publishing company bearing his name and issuing over 80 education oriented publications annually for schools in the United States and Canada. As if this were not enough, he has been vigorous, as well, in the execution of civic duties, having served six years as a member of the Portland City Council and twice been its chairman, the position now called mayor. From his early days in Brunswick until the present, he has sought to help his students, his community, and indeed schools all over the country. He has demonstrated his commitment to others as a way of life.

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