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The Visiting Teacher

By Marenda E. Prentis ’19*

Mary, an attractive fourteen-year-old American girl, doing well in Grade IX, had to leave school. The teacher, quite distressed, asked the Visiting Teacher to see what could be done.

Jerry, an overgrown Italian boy doing honor work in the classroom, was developing the habit of appropriating school property, bundles of pencils, erasers, paper, a basketball or two, shop tools and, to cap the climax, the master key of the children’s lockers. After talking with Jerry the principal was unwilling to take any action until he knew something about Jerry and his home. He asked the Visiting Teacher to go and talk things over with the parents and to ask his father to come to the school.

Tom, an undersized and extremely shy boy, wouldn’t make any responses in school to his teacher. Could the Visiting Teacher try to find out something about Tom? Was he backward or just shy?

Carmella, recently arrived from Italy to live with an illiterate aunt and uncle, was put in Grade II. With her language handicap she was self-conscious with such little children. An understanding teacher asked the Visiting Teacher if she could help Carmella in any way.

Just who is this Visiting Teacher who is supposed to be the person to suggest just the right thing for these four children? She is a professionally trained social case worker, a member of the school staff who has had teaching experience, too. She knows what it is to face a classroom of children a few of whom may be out of step. Further she knows that no constructive plan can be made without getting at the causes back of the child’s particular difficulty. She is informed of each child’s school health, progress and scholarship. She meets the child before she goes to his home and he knows she is going. It isn’t a disgrace to have the Visiting Teacher know you. She’s a friend who talks with you alone and quietly about your problem. The child does have problems, you know; alas sometimes they are parents and sometimes teachers!

With her equipment the Visiting Teacher has knowledge of school and community resources available to help the child and his family. In short, she studies the whole child and tries to help him in order that he may get all he can from his school experience.

Now it happened that Mary’s father had deserted the family. Her mother had a job in a factory. Mary was to stay at home to care

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for the three younger children, two boys who were in school and Jane who was only three years old. A discouraged mother was glad the school was interested in Mary. She was relieved to know that the Day Nursery would take the three children, Jane for all day and the boys for a noon meal and after school. The Family Welfare Society would supplement her earnings with fuel. Mary completed Grade IX. That was just the beginning of a series of contacts for the family. Physical, recreational, medical needs came. Mary went to work in a department store and worked right through the hard times. Mary's mother has done day work for several years and the family are financially independent. Their standards have gone up as Mary has grown older and the Visiting Teacher was the one who encouraged the mother to take a better flat as Mary wanted to have her friends come to her home. Mary was contributing a generous share of her earnings to the family budget and the new flat and furniture brought their reward. The children are proud of their home and the Visiting Teacher is a close family friend. Jane, now ten, went with the Visiting Teacher to see "Alice in Wonderland" this fall. They both loved it.

*A Grand Adventure*

What of Jerry? His father was made to see that petty stealing was serious and that he needed the help of a child guidance clinic to understand Jerry. Jerry told the Visiting Teacher that his father and mother never agreed on what he could do. He wanted to be a scout. His mother said, "Yes." His father "No." "It's that way about everything and my father beats me, too." He was the leader of a gang. They came into the school after it was closed—a grand adventure!

The clinic recommended wholesome recreation and the Visiting Teacher persuaded the parents to permit the scouts. The clinic recommended transfer to a trade school away from the old associations as Jerry had marked mechanical ability. The Visiting Teacher persuaded the reluctant principal to give Jerry a chance in the new school. When the parents saw improvement they gradually changed their attitude. Now after four years Jerry is to graduate in June with a splendid record. He's an assistant in the scout troop. He's crazy about airplanes and has flown a bit. He fibbed about his age last summer and joined the National Guard!

*Children Have Problems*

Tom was underweight and all run down physically, sleeping with four brothers. The Visiting Teacher got funds for extra milk and eggs and a single bed for Tom which had to be stowed away in the daytime. The school psychologist said he needed encouragement and recreation. The Visiting Teacher gave both, encouragement daily in her office in a friendly talk and later in the year a summer at camp. Tom is now in Grade II and is responding, taking part in the classroom activities, and is thinking about joining a settlement club.

Carmella was tutored by a volunteer at a settlement house near her home where her aunt and uncle were glad to have her helped. She was given practice in conversation and in two months was promoted to Grade III. A little later in the year she took arithmetic with Grade IV and soon went into that grade. This fall she had a double promotion and is in Grade VI with children her own age—all that in a year because of friendly attention and understanding.

Sometimes children are problems but more often they have problems. What a saving to understand children and their needs early in their lives and help them make adjustments to life situations as they meet them in this process of growing up. We Visiting Teachers call our work preventive, and we are sure we are right.
Another Loss to Connecticut

By Irene Nye

Once more Connecticut College is visited by bereavement and death—Mr. Bauer, associate professor of music and a member of the faculty since the College opened in 1915, died April 14, at the New Haven hospital. He was taken acutely ill on Easter Sunday and collapsed after playing the organ with unusual brilliance at St. James’ church through two morning services. His illness, manifestly grave from the beginning, and marked by extreme nervous exhaustion, was ultimately diagnosed as a kind of encephalitis. Mr. Bauer is survived by his widow and four children, Cary, William, George, and Edward.

William Bauer was born in New York City, September 26, 1880, the son of John and Dorothy Bauer. He received his early education in the public schools of New York and while still a very young boy was taken to Wurzburg, Germany, for five years of training at the Koenigliche Musikschule. He was the pupil of Henry Van Zeyl, the Dutch pianist, pupil of Liszt; of Rafael Joseffy, Melane de Wienzskowska, and Sigismond Stojowski. He played his first public concert in Wurzburg when he was fourteen. After his return to this country Mr. Bauer toured America with Leonora Jackson as soloist and as accompanist for that talented violinist. During one season Mr. Bauer played in over 200 concerts, performing in every state in the union.

Instructor for Many Years

He gave instruction to students of the piano for many years, first at the International Conservatory in New York, later in the Weil Conservatory in Halifax, N. S., and at the Eilenberg-Lindner Conservatory in Montgomery, Alabama. From 1911 to 1915 he directed the Bauer-Seibles Conservatory in Alabama. From there he came to Connecticut College, and since then has served the college with distinction. In recognition of his faithfulness and his eminence, Connecticut College conferred upon him at Commencement in 1925 the honorary degree of master of arts.

New London has lost a public-spirited citizen of great personal charm and of unusual attainments. The public knew him best as the organist of St. James’ church. For fifteen years the music lovers of the city have been in the habit of attending in large numbers the brilliant organ recitals frequently given by Mr. Bauer and the annual Good Friday musical services sung under his direction.

Best Known As Pianist

At the college, it was as a pianist that he was best known. His able and charming public recitals, his informal musical performances, generously given at the wish of faculty or students, his faithful attendance and assistance at the daily chapel service, as well as his private and class instruction, will long be remembered.

Though duties at the college and the church taxed his time heavily, Mr. Bauer found leisure for composition. Among his recent compositions are a Te Deum, written for the 200th anniversary of St. James’ church, New London; a prize-winning National Anthem; “Inamorata” for violin and piano; and, still unpublished, “Waves” for the piano. The community of New London has lost a really fine musician.

To many members of the college, the loss is more personal. From those who have worked with him during many years, his engagingly frank and extremely appreciative nature, his sensitive devotion to his art in its highest form, and his consideration for others, and unusual modesty, have won warm and lasting affection and esteem.

This year of 1934 has taken from us through death two men of creative endowment—Mr. Bauer and Mr. Selden. Each possessed the delicate sensitiveness, insight, and power of expression of the genuine artist.
Among the Chapters

New Jersey

Monday evening, March 19, was an exciting time for the members of the New Jersey Chapter. That was the appointed date for the drawing of the lucky number which would give two people a trip to Bermuda. There were about 40 members at the meeting and eight prospective students.

After Miss Dorothy Cluthe, the president, had given a short address of welcome, Kathryn Moss spoke about some of the recent developments at the College. A discussion of Alumnae Week-End and the proposed change of the college name followed. Then Miss Katherine Harrison of the Fetterolf Travel Bureau in Montclair spoke about the Kungsholm and Bermuda trips.

The moment that everybody awaited had finally come, when 2,600 stubs, each representing a 25 cent chance on a wonderful five-day Easter cruise on the S. S. Kungsholm in a B deck cabin, with twin beds, were placed into a large basket. The eight prospective students each drew one number out of the basket, and the eighth one drawn was the winner! And when she read number 1515—Miss Matilda Belcher of New London, Conn.—there were envious sighs of pleasure.

This plan of raising money was a most successful one. The Alumnae and Scholarship Fund is the richer by $400.

Waterbury

At the February meeting of the Waterbury Chapter Dorothy Cannon '26 gave an interesting talk on publishing. At the March meeting the members enjoyed a travel talk and moving pictures given by Judge Harry J. Beardsley of this city.

March 25 witnessed a very successful tea at the home of Harriet Stone Warner, when the guests were the C. C. students who were home for vacation. At present plans are being made for a luncheon early in May, when Dean Nye will probably be the speaker and guest of honor.

A number of new members have been added to the chapter, and are all enthusiastic and full of plans for next year.

New York

A very impressive-looking engraved card carries the following impressive-looking announcement:

The Connecticut College Club of New York announces a Spring Fashion Show by Best and Company, to entertain its prospective Alumnae, at Therese Worthington Grant's, Two Ninety Park Avenue, March thirty-first, Nineteen thirty-four, three o'clock; Tea, Cocktails.

Reports indicate that the affair was very successful. Connecticut students modelled with much eclat.

Reunion Plans

A code hearing on the NRA (Normous Reunion Activities) of Connecticut College was held during Alumnae Week-End in February.

Marenda Prentis, Irma Hutzler, and Mildred Keefe Smiddy represented the interests of the class of 1919; Dot Stelle Stone, Helen Collins Miner, Mildred Howard, and LaFetra Perley Reiche those of 1920; Louise Avery Favorite, 1921; Helen Peale Sumner, 1922, in absentia.

These administrators of the first four classes of C. C. are forehanded in their planning for this reunion to be held in June, 1935. Committees were named to make more detailed codes for costumes, a dinner, a picnic, a show, publicity, and finances. With such organization, a perfect code satisfactory to all concerned is assured.
February or October?

On the week-end of February 24 and 25 the temperature was low, the campus was a glaze of ice, and a vengeful wind pursued or rushed to affront all who made their perilous way between buildings. Certainly the alumnae who returned for Alumnae Week-End were animated by very great interest and deep loyalty, and the consensus of campus opinion is that they should at least be granted special degrees in June in recognition of their fortitude and devotion to the college. No doubt those who returned, and those who wanted to but did not, believing wisdom to be the better part of valor, are united in the opinion that February is not a propitious time for the Week-End.

The number of alumnae who returned this year was smaller than it has been in recent years, and while the discouraging weather conditions certainly account in part for the reduction in numbers, the Alumnae Week-End Committee feels that perhaps other reasons also exist. Numbers of alumnae have written that they considered the 1933-34 Week-End highly successful, but others have said with equal force that they considered it a futile waste of time and money. Because of these diverse expressions of opinion, the Committee is anxious to have the assistance of individual alumnae, as well as of the chapters, in planning the 1934-35 program.

Alumnae Week-End represents an effort by the college, not primarily by the Alumnae Association as many erroneously believe, to set aside a special time when alumnae can return to renew old associations with the college, and, if possible, to catch the spirit, the tenor, of present-day life on the campus. There is opportunity at the luncheon for renewing old friendships among the faculty and alumnae, and for meeting at the tea, in a very hurried and superficial way, it is true, students and new faculty. The conferences are planned to interest those who would like to reconnect themselves with the intellectual life of the college, while the basketball game offers a brief illusion of recaptured youth to the one-time athletically superior. The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta exemplifies a phase of current student talent.

This type of program has developed by request, as it were. That is, the Alumnae Week-End Committee has tried to offer a program in which alumnae have indicated they would be interested. Ideas and needs change, however, and unless there is convincing evidence that the present type of program is of value and interest to alumnae, the college cannot afford financially or intellectually to continue it.
The New Jersey Chapter has already expressed itself as being in favor of holding the Week-End in October instead of in February. Many people are anxious to return to college in the Fall when the campus and countryside are far more inviting than in mid-Winter, and when weather and road conditions are more favorable. June, of course, is not a suitable time, since the interest is centered then, as it should be, on the students.

Some alumnae think that there are too many conferences, dealing with too varied subjects, and have suggested the alternative of several short conferences, all dealing with the same general subject, and held in the same room, or at least in the same building. Instead of the conferences, one featured lecture, given either by a member of the faculty or a well-known outsider, has also been suggested. As a change from the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, a faculty play has been requested.

The Alumnae Week-End Committee for 1934-35 is composed of Dean Nye, Chairman, Dr. Morris, Miss Harris, Alice Ramsay, '23, Kathryn Moss, '24, and Alma Skilton, '33. The members of the Committee believe the suggestions mentioned above are intelligent and feasible, and they are anxious to have the opinion of the alumnae, both individually and by chapters, regarding them. In order to avoid the very considerable expense of sending out questionnaires, the Committee is asking you to fill out and return the blank on page 7 to the Alumnae Secretary. The 1934-35 Alumnae Week-End will be planned largely as your replies indicate, so please express your opinions freely, firmly, and promptly.

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**Highlights on Campus**

By Edna Grubner '35

From the ashes of Forum has arisen an International Relations Club, which, unlike Forum—a jack-of-all-trades from poetry to religion—will be master of one field: national and international affairs. The change is made first, because the new status will enable the club to secure more and better speakers to whom an International Relations Club is a recognized organization; and second, because it is one of the chief purposes of the club to create a better atmosphere on campus for foreign students. To assist the latter purpose the club desires to have more than one foreign student here each year, although there has been to date never more than one a year. Wasting no time, on April 28 the club will hold a benefit “weight” dance for the Student Friendship Fund to secure foreign students.

We don’t burn our bridges behind us, but they are fuel on our campus fire nevertheless. Putting their vacations to good use, C. C. students conducted bridges on March 28 for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund in various cities between Maine and California.

Another idea for increasing the Scholarship Fund will be carried out on April 27, with the presentation of three one-act plays under the direction of Miss Mary Cockrill, instructor in English speech. Susan Glaspell’s “Suppressed Desires,” a two-scene comedy, will be given by the faculty, with the roles taken by Miss Catherine Oakes, Miss Alice Ramsay '23, and Mr. Donald Kinsey. The titles of the play suggests that the psychology department representative, Mr. Kinsey, should be the star. The student presentation will be “Overtones” by Alice Gerstenberg, in which the parts will be played by members of the class in oral interpretation. The third play will be acted by students of the Coast Guard Academy, and fittingly will be Eugene O’Neill’s “In the Zone.”

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QUESTIONNAIRE

*Fill Out and Return to the Alumnae Secretary*

Do you prefer October as a date for Alumnae Week-End?

If not then, when?

Do you wish the conferences to be continued?

Would you be interested in several brief conferences dealing with different phases of the same subject?

Do you prefer no conferences, but one outstanding speaker?

Do you think there are too many events on the program?

If so, what would you eliminate?

What social events would you include? The tea?

The luncheon? Operetta?

Faculty play?

Laurel Walk to Arboretum.
Highlights on Campus
(Continued from page 6)

The Freshman Pageant, which will be given early in May, will be the first theatrical presentation in the new outdoor theatre in Bolleswood. There was no freshman pageant last year, but the traditional spectacle is being resumed this Spring, and in the beautiful new setting it should rival all past performances.

Spring sports as well as the arts are in full stride, and neglected sports are being resumed. In baseball, which had been left to the great Babe for three years, C. C. once again may steal the spotlight, or at least a base. Riflery, too, is being offered this year, perhaps with an eye to providing some of us with jobs as governess-bodyguards to young Dietriches and other poor little rich girls. Tennis, archery, riding, golf, hockey, natural dancing are all "over-subscribed," and the playing fields, ranges, and bridle paths are fairly alive with little spring-fevered athletes. The Freshmen, wearing their colorful new-type gym outfits of light blue rompers, can be readily distinguished from the three upper classes in sombre navy and white.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Mary Harkness House, south of Knowlton, have been held, giving an air of reality to the prospective dorm on our fast-growing campus. Knowlton will wake up one day to find itself flanked on one side by Windham, on the other by Harkness.

The new three-point second semester course in the problems of marriage and family life, though it may have been elected by students out of curiosity, is being followed by them with much interest. The initiation of the course received rather wide publicity, and, judging by the success of the study, it may influence the establishment of similar courses elsewhere. The instruction is given jointly by the college physician and the department of home economics.

Mascot hunt this year saw several changes in the hunt rules to the end that the Junior committee be less of a closed corporation and the Sophomores be given more of a chance, so that both classes should get more fun out of the hide-and-go-seek than before. Of course, you want to know what the mascot was; can you make a better guess than the Sophs?

Given several clues: a clothes tree in a bathtub, a copy of Joyce Kilmer's "Trees," a note "Meet me in the arboretum," and signed "L. M.," a C. C. school ring. What do you think? But don't blame the Sophs for not guessing right—they didn't recognize the clues. Nevertheless, there were more original tricks and better sleuths than was to be expected, though the faces of the Juniors glowed triumphant when their mascot was announced to be the one thing lacking from the library as it was originally planned, two elm trees to be placed in front of the building.

Winthrop Scholars

At the regular meeting of the Winthrop Scholars held directly after chapel in the Palmer Library on February 24 President Mary Crofoot DeGange '27 welcomed the new Winthrop Scholars to the group. They are Mildred Dougherty '34, Olga Wester '34, Sylvia Dworski '35, and Letitia Williams '35.

After the business meeting President Blunt spoke to the group about the Phi Beta Kappa situation. Dr. Leib addressed them on the significance and importance of the name Winthrop. He felt that the name was too significant a name to drop if Connecticut should obtain a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, and stated further that the Winthrop Scholar distinction requires a higher scholastic standing than that required for admission to Phi Beta Kappa.

It was decided to arrange a luncheon for Winthrop Scholars, to be held on Class Day at the Home Port. Another topic discussed was the possibility of doing some work that would make the group and title a greater force on campus.
Beyond College Halls

(Condensed from an article by John D. McKee, former president of the American Alumni Council)

The realization that he is a part of a college often does not come to an undergraduate until his last week on the campus. Or it may be in that most difficult first year out. But whenever it arises, it brings to him an acute understanding of what it is that keeps alumni so close to the college and so much a part of it. They can't get it out of their systems. They may graduate but they can never go. "The Dartmouth man is never out of college" is an old saying at Hanover—it is the epitomized expression of a life-long relationship.

We turn now to the other side of the sheepskin. What experiences await one beyond college halls? I refer, of course, to the continuation of college interests in adult life. If I have a thesis in regard to the whole subject, it is this: the articulation of alumni interests in valid, constructive, and genuinely educational enterprise is the high task of the alumni organization and no other function is so fundamental and necessary as this.

It remains a fact that alumni life is much different from undergraduate life. It was therefore natural and normal that alumni would seek to perpetuate the friendships of college days through organization. The young gentlemen of Williams College who formed their "Society of Alumni" in 1821 were the first organized group of that which has since become a universal attribute in colleges and universities.

Social and Financial Ages

The Social Age, it might be called, and in thus designating it we must mean both a period of time and a philosophy of life. Chronologically the Social Age in alumni organization flourished universally until the close of the nineteenth century. A great many organizations have never advanced beyond this rudimentary stage.

A great many alumni never outgrow the Social Age, although their own colleges may have alumni associations which have developed to a sturdy maturity. These are the alumni who are so pitilessly lampooned by the intellectual writers in the periodicals. No jibe is so bitter and no invective so poisoned as the one which is aimed at Lo, the poor alumnus, who never grew up.

In defense of college reunions, alumni dinners, and the like, it might be said that they only furnish the background for the flowering of friendships and the quiet sense of comradeship. It is a quickening impulse to grow up with one's college contemporaries.

The next stage in development after the Social Age is the Financial Age. In a study of alumni achievement recently completed by the American Alumni Council, it was discovered that one-half of all the activities have to do with money-raising. The college presidents of the country have not been unaware of financial aid of this character, ninety per cent of them crediting the alumni with material assistance. It should also be said that when questioned as to what type of alumni assistance is desired by college officers, first place in order of importance was given to financial aid.

We come now to the most striking development, as it is the most interesting, in the chain of alumni relationships. This we shall designate the Educational Era because more fully than any other it embraces a series of projects which indicate that alumni have at last come of age.

The Educational Era

Educational relations with alumni are projected on the idea that the graduate is a member of the college for life and that, as such, he is concerned in the development of the college in its finest and most constructive aspects.

Practically concurrent with the development of the alumni magazine, which was primarily an alumni gesture, came a friendly welcome from the college. It decided to invite alumni
to sit on its governing boards and actually thereby to share in the policies and councils of the institution. This rapprochement has been openly sought, for the most part, and has accomplished most excellent results.

In recent years the colleges have made serious efforts to establish a broad boulevard over which might pass the mutual interests of college to alumni as well as of alumni to college. The colleges have become conscious of their obligation to establish ties other than sentimental and financial ones.

"Has the college a definite responsibility for continuing education after graduation?" The asking of this question with all of its implications has provoked more thought on the general subject than any other question in alumni relations. A large number of college executives and teachers have agreed that such a responsibility does exist.

Academic commentators, however, have not viewed the average graduate as a very promising subject for adult education. William McAndrew has been severe enough to say that "The Alumni do not consciously form a living nucleus for the American ideal. Our educated hordes are not numerous, going higher. Like the educated Indian, they step out from the higher institutions and go back to the blanket."

Of course, this question cannot be raised without involving the colleges. If the educational vaccine doesn't take, is it altogether the patient's fault? We know that is not not and we admire the frank way in which Professor Newlin and Committee G of the American Association of University Professors admitted their culpability in the matter.

In appraising the alumni movement, they pointed out that "the problem of interesting the alumni in the intellectual life of the college is primarily a problem for the institution itself, to be worked out through its own active agents of intellectual propaganda, the members of the faculty. Unless they, at the heart of the whole situation, so overflow with enthusiasm for intellectual growth and achievement as to be a persistent source of genuine inspiration to those with whom they come into contact, very little and nothing permanent, can be hoped for from casual meeting and occasional messages."

Belief in Institution

Only as the alumni have a belief in the validity of the institution's educational processes can any satisfactory and permanent relationship be established. Without this factor only non-educational and even anti-educational influences may be established.

The fundamental aim of alumni education must be the encouragement of the personal, intellectual life of the individual alumnus. Thus the projection of the college's interests into the lives of its alumni depends upon strong foundations, sound techniques and genuine understanding.

In its finest conception the loyal alumnus is loyal to the educational program which he not only found valid when he was an undergraduate but which has been the sustaining force of his life. Viewed from the inclusive angle that education should cover the whole of life, the true loyalist sees education in its synchronized setting. It is a large and intelligent and inspiring conception.

On this basis the relationship of alumni to our first-class institutions becomes understandable. They are implicit believers in the educational soundness of their college; they are zealous of its standing in education; and consequently they lend their efforts to its advancement. Alumni relations at their highest potential deserve the kind of respect which alumni bring to their college when they have begun to grow up.

And just as the college must ever look out to its alumni for the final evaluation, so must the alumni ever look back to the college. Each complements the other, neither is complete without the other, and only as they advance together may the institution become truly great.
Away from the Hilltop

1933

Correspondent—Alice L. Record,
208 W. Rock Avenue, New Haven, Conn.

Engaged—Alice Louise Record to A. Gifford Hooper of Leeds, England, who is finishing his second and last year as a Research Fellow at Yale University.

Married—Cathrine Lloyd Porter to George Theodore Hodell on February 17 at Dobbs Ferry-on-Hudson; Louise Sales to Dr. Max Bornstein on March 11 in Louisville, Ky.; Winifred De Forest to Dean Fiske Coffin on April 7 in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, address—11535 Byron St., Detroit.

Born—To Adria Cheney Clemmer, a daughter, at Pensacola, Florida, in February; to Edith Grosbeck West, a daughter, in February.

Other News—Frances Greco, Jean Pennock, and Natalie Ide are all doing social service work in their respective home towns. Susan Crawford is working for the New York Edison Company in New York City. Barbara Mundy has been taking a secretarial course and is now doing volunteer work for Cornell hospital.

Muriel Behrens, ex-'33, is working in Macy's, and Jane Benedict, also ex-'33, is working in Macy's book department. Jessie Wachenheim is at Teachers' College, Columbia. Frances Field is working in Loft's Candy Store in Meriden, and Victoria Stearns is taking a business course at Simmons College. Jean Marshall is secretary to the president of Long Island College, and Betty Bocker is with the U. S. Rubber Co. in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Harriet Kestter is studying stenography, and Kay Bonney is teaching English in her home town, Stamford. Gertrude Ragin is doing substitute teaching in New London schools, and Teresa Keating is teaching science at W. M. I., New London.

Eleanor Adams is a Secretary at Calhoun School for Girls in New York. Marjorie Green is taking graduate work in sociology at Syracuse University and doing some practical work with the Associated Charities and running some clubs in a recreational center. All of which sounds like quite enough for one person.

Betsy Palmer is teaching history at W. M. I. in New London. The Fife twins are studying for nursery school work at Columbia. According to Dot Bascom, Sis Bronstein and Helen Hubbard are both taking courses at Teachers College, Columbia, and Mary Prudden is at home doing some charity work. Dot herself is a lady of leisure.

Nancy Smedley, ex-'33, is, according to Eleanor (Beano) Jones, doing a rushing business in a yarn shop, of which she and two others have charge in Philadelphia. Beano herself is Assistant Physical Ed. Director in the Friends Select School in Philadelphia and is enjoying it very much.

Ruth Rose is an assistant in the Bronxville schools. Helen Smiley and Charlotte Terhune are studying at Katherine Gibbs in Boston. Margaret (Peg) Royall is Glen Ridge Correspondent for the Montclair Times. She handles all the society, club, church, and school news. Alice Kelly is in Des Moines, Iowa, learning the insurance business in preparation for becoming a big executive in that line. She will later be at the Detroit branch of the business.

Ruth Hawkins is commuting to Chicago to the Art Institute, where she finds plenty to keep her busy.

Dorothy (Doder) Tomkinson is a provisional member of the Junior League in Akron and is doing social service work there. Betty Miller is teaching in the Farmington High School. Marjorie Miller and Mary Mead are both at their respective homes, and Betty Bocker is working in New York.

Marjorie Seymour is apprentice teaching English composition at the Park School in Cleveland working for her father also. Jane Griswold is a student at the Western Reserve School of Applied Social Sciences and doing regular work for the Cleveland Associated Charities. Dot Hamilton is a member of the Biology department at Western Reserve University.

Virginia Vail is working at Kinney & Levan's department store in Cleveland between trips east. Kay Bonney is teaching at the St. Christina School in Cooperstown, New York, and Helen Bush is at the Orthopedic clinic of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester, Mass.

Trellis Epstein is in Phoenix, Arizona, as a case worker for the Maricopa County Board of Public Welfare. Dorothy Krall is at the Yale Graduate School, studying sociology. Erika Langhammer is assistant in the Natural

Catherine Porter is complaint correspondent for the B. C. Forbes Publishing Company of New York, and Katherine Bruce is working in New York. Sarah Buchstane is doing substitute work in Bulkeley High School in New London. Dorothy Stokes is taking lessons at the Yale School of Music twice a week, and Abbie Usher is teaching music in the Plainville schools.

Peg Hunter is working for the Rex Cole Company, and Adelaide Cushing has a part-time job at the Earp-Thomas Laboratories in Bloomfield, as a Bacteriologist. She is also studying shorthand and typing. Lou Cain is working in the Cleveland Clinic, assisting the doctors on the “Medical Corridor.” Elsie Waldecker is doing volunteer work for the Red Cross, and Ruth Norton is working in a bank in Winsted.

Betty Lathrup is working in a Norwich hospital, and Catherine VanDerlyke is doing bookkeeping. Rose Gillotti, who had been teaching in night school in New London, is now at home, as is Alice Gordon. Martha Sulman is working for her father in his office. Adalisa Bronstein is studying at Columbia, and Barbara Elliott is studying at the Boston Art School. Ginny Shanher, Evelyn Carlough, Gay Stephens, Elizabeth Stone, Esther Tyler, and Betty Zerwick are all at their respective homes.

Because I am planning on being married in June and then leaving for England, I am resigning my job as class correspondent in favor of Esther (Red) White. She will take charge of the last issue of this year in June, and if you have any news, send it to her at 17 Fenwood Road, Summit, N. J.

1932

Correspondent—Gertrude S. Butler, 7105 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Engaged—Mary Butler to John E. Melcher of Englewood, connected with the airmail business; Dorothy Bell to Larry Miller, who plan to be married in the autumn and live in New York; Priscilla Dennett to Kenneth C. Willard of Cambridge and Northampton on January 20.

Other News—Peg Coelho, ex ’32, is now working in Philadelphia. After having been graduated from Deland University in Florida in June, 1932, Peg spent six months in Europe on a student cruise. Last winter she was back in Poughkeepsie, where she tried teaching school and reporting. Now she is giving the business world a try.

Elly Sherman had her appendix removed this winter and has been recuperating in Florida. Sue Comfort entertained Connie Bennett Crail at luncheon recently. Connie was on her way home to California with her small son and her husband.

Peggie Leland is at Dramatic School in Cleveland. Deborah Roud is working at Jordan Marsh in Boston, as is Phil Dennett.

Ellen Shold has a secretarial position in Boston. Kay Cooksey has a temporary job at the National Gallery of Art in Washington. Pat Patterson is doing very well in New York with free lance work and designing Butterick Patterns. Joyce Burt, whatever her New York occupation, has had a promotion.

1931

Correspondent—Melicent Wilcox Buckingham, Mill Hill, Southport, Conn.

Engaged—Lucia Deardon to Alexander S. Watt of Redding, Conn., graduate of Trinity in 1932; they plan to be married in the summer.

Married—Wilhelmina (Billie) Brown to Dr. Ernest Seyfried on January 18 at Lancaster, Penna., where they are planning to live.

Born—To Elizabeth Metzger Brady, a son, John, Jr., on July 8.

Other News—Dorothy Cluthe is also planning for a spring or summer wedding and is busy apartment hunting. Cluthe is president of the New Jersey Alumnae Chapter.

Alice Kindler has a job in the administration office of the Fieldston School. Beatrice Whitcomb is athletic instructor at Westtown Friends School, and, we understand, she is a huge success.

Bethel Dean has a splendid job as occupational therapist in a hospital for crippled children outside of Cleveland. Caroline B. Rice is hard at her photography. She recently did Governor Lehman’s niece’s children.

Achsah Roberts Fennell is living in New York. Jerry Smith is doing tutoring in French and also some teaching in schools about Montclair, N. J. Dorothy Johnson is doing relief work. Anne Ebsen has been taking a secretarial course.

Please ’31-ites, let me know about your big news items—especially new jobs, engage—
ments, weddings, and blessed events! Just a scribble on a penny postcard will do it.

1930

Correspondent—Jane Murphy,
89 West Street, Danbury, Conn.
Marion Ransom has been with the Prudential Insurance Company in Newark, N. J., for the last three years, where her work has been "dictating letters on the subject of a Prudential policy versus a policy issued by another company."

She writes, "Occasionally I meet Constance Smith in New York for an evening together. Constance is with the Herald-Tribune, and has been there for over two years."

1929

Correspondent—Muriel S. Kendrick,
115 Bellevue Street, Newton, Mass.
Marg Anderson Pielage's new address is 43 Hampton Terrace, Orange, N. J.
Pat Hine has a new job building up a library in the Home Life Insurance Company in New York.

Early in March I spent a week-end with Dot Adams Peabody in South Norwalk. Ruth Ackerman was there, too; and although it was a grand reunion, I don't seem to have gleaned much news from it, except that Greeny has a baby.

1928

Correspondent—Dorothy Davenport Voorhees, Alpine Drive, Brighton Station, Rochester, N. Y.

Engaged—Henrietta L. (Honey Lou) Owens to James Gamble Rogers, Jr., graduate of St. Paul's School and of Yale University, class of 1931.

A letter from Elmo Ashton Decherd tells of the interesting work her husband is doing on a government project. Evie Davis is giving up her job in a tea shop in Boston to go back to the old Thatcher place on the cape where she was last summer.

Joan Hoge is working night and day, drawing ads in the daytime and making lamp shades and drawing at night. She and her apartment mate have quite a lampshade business.

Elma entertained the C. C. Alumnae Association Meriden Chapter on March 15.

On some very important looking stationery with the very impressive heading of "Jean Robert's, Inc., Exclusive prints and fine fabrics," comes word from Eleanor Mann. "E" has worked with Jean Robert's for three years doing color combinations and designing for printed silks, which she claims is grand work and never monotonous.

"E" was married June 24 in New York to Arthur Cheney Hawkes, who also works at Jean Robert's, "selling a grand collection of imported hand-blocked silks; at night he interviews and teaches at the Cartier Dance Studio at the Roosevelt."

Karla Heurich King spent her three weeks of "furlough" in Washington, D. C., accompanied by her husband, Lieut. Charles B. King and their small blonde daughter, Jan. The Kings left Washington on Palm Sunday for Fort Schofield, Hawaii, where Lieut. King will continue to be stationed for another year and a half.

Saturday, June 9, is the date set for Honey Lou Owen's wedding.

1927

Correspondent pro tem.—Edith T. Clark,
182 Valley Road, Montclair, N. J.

The class of 1927 extend their sincere sympathy to Lois Penny Storer in the death of her husband, Charles Drinkwater Storer, and to Mary Storer Brooks in the loss of her brother, on January 26.

Here I am a pinch-hitter again (I am quite sure that pinch-hitting is my life work!) and there's nary a one, two, or three-bagger in this arm of mine. To be quite honest, I have no news and very little gossip for you.

I ran into Sally Pithouse Mathias in a manicuring establishment recently, and over bowls of soapy water and bottles of magenta nail polish we prattled. Sally is living (with her husband and her dog) in South Nyack, New York, on the banks of the Hudson River. She was gay in her white wool socks, golf shoes, and raccoon coat, but couldn't give me an ounce of news.

I called Flivver on the phone, and she told me that Lib Fowler's husband was fast becoming famous as a writer of detective stories. And so watch out for the name of George H. Coxe! You may meet Lib in the form of the heroine in your favorite hair raiser!

And have you heard about our Nubs? You remember her passion for snow and ice? Well, she set sail last summer with the Grenfell expedition for St. Anthony, New Foundland, to be gone four months. Well, it "got" her and there she still is. And what's more—she is working in the Orphan Asylum this winter and loving it. She hoped to be sent out on
social service cases, which means traveling from post to post via the dog sleds.

Alice Owens gave up her job as executive secretary of the New Jersey League of Women Voters last year and has spent this winter with her family in Atlanta, Ga., while taking courses in political science at Emory University for her M. A. degree. She expects to complete her thesis early this summer.

1926

Correspondent—Rosamond Beebe, 232 Park Street, Montclair, N. J.

En route to the Fashion Show, courtesy Best's, which the New York Chapter gave on March 31, I was gently and firmly chided for my bad sleuthing on behalf of the News for 1926.

Who wants to take the job over? I retorted with an urgent plea for some interesting dope. I did get a bit, too. Why don’t some of you let me know what goes on? You can mail a postcard for 1 cent, an unsealed letter for 1½ cents, and a regular lengthy epistle for 3 cents. You can reach the correspondent at the above address, at 60 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or at my new permanent city home at 32 Bank Street.

During the taxi ride to the aforementioned destination I gleaned that Larry Ferris Ayres has a daughter, Patricia, born on March 20. Her husband is the Resident Doctor at the Greenwich Hospital. I also discovered that Peg Smith Hall came down to New York during March and could not get passage on a single ship because the cruise business is evidently back to pre-depression heights—that Pete Cogswell Harvell is perfectly fine and reports that her children and herself have successfully weathered the bad Maine winter—that Harriet Tillinghast Glover claims that her youngest daughter is a perfect divil—that Maddie Smith Gibson has rapidly recovered from an appendicitis operation.

At the Fashion Show we saw Marij Thompson looking very smart indeed. Harriet Heile was with her and told us that she is at present an industrial designer. "Oh, I design everything from trucks to diamond rings," she said. She is a member of the firm of Heile and Pike, 75 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.

The recently formed Waterbury Chapter is doing big things under the leadership of Kay Colgrove. Harriet Stone Warner entertained the chapter at tea, and at one of the other meetings Dorothy Cannon spoke on publishing.

During the mad scramble to sell chances on a trip to Bermuda which the New Jersey Chapter sponsored for the Alumnae Fund I saw Helen Farnsworth Schneidewind and Chick selling the town of Montclair the idea.

Millie Dornan Dean was a big help to the cause too. I had lunch with her up at the New York Hospital. If anybody wants a glimpse into that marvelous new medical center over on the East River at 66th Street, just drop by and ask for Miss Dornan in Room F 044. You’ll have to get a guide to direct you to her room.

Irene Petersen Caterson is happy as can be combining teaching and married life in an enviable way in New York. Fran Green has been spending a busy winter doing graduate work at Clark University in addition to her regular job.

At the last dinner meeting of the New London Chapter at the Norwich Inn Connie Clapp told about the CWA teaching she is doing in Norwich. Gertrude Noyes 25 and Edna Smith, ex-26, have returned from a glorious trip to Miami and points north in Florida.

1925

Correspondent—Grace Demarest Wright, 1225 Park Avenue, New York City.

Gertrude Locke has recently returned from a trip to Mexico.

Virginia Lutzenkirken writes that she is now secretary to the Chief of the Income Tax Division of the Internal Revenue Service in Chicago and is crazy about the job.

In a letter from Idell Godard Redway of Warehouse Point, Conn., we have the news that Aileen Fowler Dike has a son.

Miriam Chadeayne, ex-25, has been spending part of the winter in Florida; she is back now doing tutoring in Ossining.

1924

Correspondent—Helen Douglass North, Maple Avenue, North Haven, Conn.

Gladys Westerman Greene writes that she and her family are living on Highland Terrace, Aspinwall, Penna., and that she has become very much interested in the Woman's Club there, has joined the Garden Club, the Home Economics Group, and the Literature and Art Group, and that in preparing a paper for the latter she practically had to live at the Carnegie Library.

Mickey Lawson Johnson writes, "We moved to Greenwood, which is a part of Wakefield, Mass., the last of June. Having
taught here once, it seems quite like home to me. We have a darling little bungalow, and David loves the pine woods right next to us and the lake which is just a short way from the house.” Mickey adds that she and Mac Mehaffey Lowe and Katie Hamblet represented '24 at the first meeting of the Boston chapter this fall.

Aura Kepler had a grand visit with Glo Hollister who was speaking in Dedham recently and says that Glo returned from Bermuda in December and is thrilled at the thought of going back in the summer to carry on the work which was made possible by a grant of money from the National Geographic Society for an expedition at that time, particularly stressing deep sea diving in the Bathasphere.

Genie Walsh, Hazel, Converse, Joan Crawford How and her family, and I and my tribe had a most enjoyable visit at Peg Dunham Cornwell's in Unionville recently and incidentally hashed over the plans for reunion. Our "tenth" comes only once in a lifetime, and the committee urges every member and ex-member of the class to make the most of it this June. In a recent letter Genie characteristically writes, "Bring all the children, and if enough are present, provision will be made to have someone remain with them the night of the dinner. Entertainment promises to be of a reminiscent nature; start to save your money and keep the children healthy. Reducing and face-lifting take time, and one can't begin too soon." Snapshots are beginning to come in for the "Tentypes," and I wish to urge you all to be prompt in forwarding yours to Helen North. Remember—a glossy print suitable for reproduction!

I dropped in on Katy Wells Duncan the other day and also had an opportunity to see the new member of the Duncan family—Grace Wells, who arrived on March 5.

Kay says that Edie Langenbacher is employed at the Hotel Allerton in New York and proves a very charming hostess.

1923

Correspondents—Virginia P. Eddy, 35 Otis Street, Newtonville, Mass.; Edith B. Goldberg, 32 Beverly Road, West Hartford, Conn.; Helen H. Bunyan, 435 Webster Avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y.

"B" Boynton from Iowa City sends us "a two year autobiography" and we are so appreciative of news of her that we publish the ensuing paragraph with joy and gladness:

"Last year I spent here at the State University of Iowa working for an M. A. Said process has been continued this year and I got the degree at mid-semester. Along with this I am a Research Assistant in the Child Welfare Station (my degree was taken in Child Welfare, majoring in Physical Growth)—and do all sorts and kinds of research work along the Child Development line. Yes, I'm working toward a Ph.D., but the day for acquiring that seems very far distant.

"The set-up here at Iowa is very good. There are five pre-school groups serving over 100 children, and all these are available for research of many kinds. Right now I am working on a problem of 'Ambidexterity' and hope at least to be able from it to formulate an idea of what ambidexterity really is—so far no one seems to know. Also I am carrying out some of my physical education training that I got at C. C. in working on a posture study—if I can prove a hunch I have concerning it, that kind of study with preschool children as the subjects will be the basis for my doctor's dissertation."

"Wedding bells over White Plains"—Ruth Wells was married to Frank E. Sears of Putnam, New York, at Ruth's home on Saturday, February 17. Abby Hollister was the maid of honor, and Harriet Woodford Merriman’s brother, Henry Woodford, played the nuptial march.

Rheta Clark heralds the birth of a son to Willard and Betty Dickinson Clary of Newark, New Jersey, on March 10. He is named Edward Frank in honor of his two grandfathers. Rheta saw Marjorie Knox Rice chauffering the Milford High School Debating Team to Wallingford. Marjorie’s team quite defeated Rheta’s.

Louise Linderman Landres stops in the midst of practicing her child psychology on her two wee daughters to write us that aforesaid theories are not entire successes in her case (Amens—from '23 mothers and ahems from our good psychology professors). Harriet, aged one and a half, is devoted to pulling out pots and pans and Anna, aged three and a half, loves to roll on sidewalks when gently reminded that lunch is ready. All these contrary actions quite horrify Louise, who for seven years advised others how to bring up their children.

Helen Barkerding Neuberg drove across the bridge in February for a bit of tea with the New Rochelle member of the trio of correspondents. We learn that Dorothy Hubbard Bell’s twins are quite enchantingly alike and that they live in a cute house on a wooded hilltop in South Norwalk. Rae Tiffany Into’s
daughters are “high yalla” from their winter at Miami Beach. They will soon be in Lyme, Connecticut, for the summer. Helen Neuberg is still working on the Executive Board of the Women’s Metropolitan Golf Association and lives in a lovely new Dutch Colonial home in Westwood.

Marlis Berg writes, “I am now working in Lausanne with the High Commissioner for Refugees coming from Germany. The High Commissioner, appointed by the League of Nations, is supposed to undertake negotiations with governments to solve, if possible, all the technical difficulties arising from the fact that all these people have left Germany and are at present in the surrounding countries. This means great complications in the way of passports, settlement, re-orientation, etc. I am hoping that some solution will be found to all these problems in spite of the great difficulties encountered. . . . I spend most of my Sundays in the mountains skiing and skating. My mother is here with me and we have just taken a tiny apartment where we hope to be quite comfortable.”

1922

Correspondent—Anne Slade Frey,
35 School Street, Hanover, N. H.

Dorothy Wheeler writes that Wrey Warner has just returned from a trip around the world and at present is working at a “Y” in New York.

Claudine Smith Hane is coming East this summer. Her family has recently moved from New London to Putnam.

Mildred Duncan drives almost every weekend to Cleveland to see her father and mother.

Eleanor Thielen Wunch lost her mother last spring. In July Eleanor had a very serious operation.

Perhaps you may have heard by this time that Mr. Towson died—in the middle of March. Dr. Marshall came down from Worcester to preach the funeral sermon.

Gertrude Trauring is still teaching in the Waterbury High School.

The arrival of Jackson Peale Sumner last September seems to be one of the highlights of the class news, and Helen further adds that a third son arrived in September to grace Betty Hall’s home.

1921

Correspondent—Dorothy M. Pryde,
Race Brook Road, Orange, Conn.

Married—Dorothy L. Henkle to Anthony Kemble Cooper, who is now playing on Broadway in “Mary of Scotland.”

1919

Correspondent—Grace Cockings,
82 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol, Conn.

Julie Hatch is taking a three months’ course at the School of Social Work in New York City and is living at Christadora House, where Margaret Ives and Miss Sherer are also residing.

Irma wrote that the usual 1919-ers were in attendance on Alumnae Day: Prent, Mid Keefe, Chippy, Mid Wells Colby, Sue, Priscilla, Sadie Coit Benjamin, Marion Rogers Nelson, and Rosa.

Florence Carns has had a full winter. She played the organ for church meeting, took part in a play which was given also in nearby communities, and taught a Sunday School class. Florence went down to North Haven to a Chapter meeting held at Marion Adams Taylor’s home, where Helen Douglass North’s mother spoke on her Mediterranean trip.

Helen Gough and her father have opened a branch office in Poughkeepsie, exclusively for orthodontia. They divide their time between the new office and the one in Brooklyn.
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