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Winter In Bolleswood
Alumnae Week-End At Connecticut

The program offered for Alumnae Week-end this year should lure many to the hilltop on February 18 and 19, when Connecticut will play the hostess with a variety of activities.

At the chapel exercises on Saturday morning there will be announcement of the new Winthrop Scholars by President Blunt, followed by a meeting of all those who bear that distinction in the Palmer Memorial room of the library.

A novel feature of the early afternoon will be an interclass elimination basketball tournament for the alumnae, following which the victorious team will line up against the seniors in the annual alumnae-senior basketball game. President Blunt will entertain at tea in Knowlton salon from four to six o'clock, at which time moving pictures of college events will also be shown.

The popular “Pirates of Penzance,” which will be presented by the Glee club under the direction of Frederick S. Weld, will attract alumnae and undergraduates on Saturday evening.

Arrangements have been made for a special breakfast at the Mohican hotel from nine to ten on Sunday morning. The rest of the morning will be devoted to interesting conferences and discussions at the college. Alumnae may find the suggested reading lists on page 16 helpful in this connection.

A conference on the Nutritional and Psychological Aspects of Child Development led by Dr. Margaret S. Chaney and Dr. Frances M. Clarke of the home economics and education departments respectively should attract mothers, educators, and psychologists. At the same time there will be a roundtable discussion on Current Problems in Mathematics under the leadership of Dr. David D. Leib.

A lecture-conference on recent books conducted by Dr. Morris Roberts of the English department should prove of universal interest. For the benefit of the artistically inclined, Miss Marguerite Hanson of the fine arts department will lead discussion on household decoration.

The luncheon for alumnae and faculty at Thames hall will climax the day’s activities. At this occasion President Blunt, Marion Hendrie Milligan ’20, Mildred Howard ’20, Dorothy Feltner ’30, and William B. Doyle will address the group, and Lydia Marvin ’21 will sing.

Alumnae have been invited to visit the Lyman Allyn museum, where the Cleveland Watercolor exhibition will be on view; the new United States Coast Guard academy, where competent guides will conduct the party around buildings and grounds; or the Connecticut arboretum.

The Reverend Arthur Lee Kinsolving of Boston will be the speaker at the vespers service, for which special music is planned by the college choir.

The committee in charge of arrangements for Alumnae Week-end consists of Dean Irene Nye, chairman; President Blunt, Miss Elizabeth C. Harris, Dr. David D. Leib, Alice Ramsay ’23, Gertrude Noyes ’25, and Dorothy Feltner ’30.

Memorial Gift of Prints
To Be Displayed At College

A group of interesting prints, the collection of our late alumna, Martha Bolles Ramus ’24, has been deeded to the Alumnae Association and the college by her husband, Charles Ramus of the Cleveland Museum of Art. A number of the prints will be on exhibit during Alumnae Week-end.

PRESIDENT’S GREETING

To the Alumnae:

We at the college are looking forward, as usual, with pleasure to Alumnae Week-end and hope that many of you will be able and interested to return. We trust that you will not only renew acquaintance with each other and the faculty but also discover for yourselves any new developments in the current life of the college, in classrooms and elsewhere.

It is probable, though not certain, that the plans for the new Windham House will be far enough advanced for a definite report to you. Also we may be able to tell you definitely about the recent bequest toward an assembly hall or chapel in the will of Mrs. Frederic Bill of Groton.

Warm welcome to you for February 17-19.

KATHARINE BLUNT, President.
Teaching and Marriage Offer
Best Resistance to Depression

Latest Alumnae Statistics Indicate Increase In Number of Graduate Students

Teaching and marriage seem the two occupations most depression proof, according to the tabulation of alumnae statistics compiled from the questionnaire sent out by the Personnel Bureau. An increase in the number of graduate students and the indication of wider vocational choice are normal reactions to the current employment situation.

Although preference is still being shown for teaching, social work, library, and secretarial work, there is an appreciable increase in the number of laboratory workers and other technicians in the various science fields and in the group of those undertaking department store training for executive positions.

Individuals have found their way into the professions of law and medicine, with its allied fields of psychiatry, physiotherapy, osteopathy, occupational therapy, dentistry, and orthopedics. In larger numbers the graduate body is represented in the fields of advertising, banking, dietetics, dramatics, horticulture, insurance, journalism, museum work, nursing, personnel, and management of tea-room, gift and book-shop management.

To date there have been 843 replies to the first questionnaire from the Personnel Bureau—a 68% return.

Marie-Louise Berg '23 Urges Support of Disarmament Work

In a recent letter Marie-Louise Berg '23, now with the Disarmament Committee of the Women's International organizations at Geneva, urged Connecticut students to help raise funds for continuing the work of disarmament.

A call has been sent out to all those interested in international peace. President Woolley began the drive at Mt. Holyoke, Vassar, and Wellesley, and now Connecticut is starting her drive.

The students plan to raise money by the sale of postal cards depicting the room which contains the twelve million petitions presented last year. A free moving picture entitled "Must War Go On?" and sponsored by Service League was scheduled for February 8.

Are You Lost or Found?
Return Your Questionnaire!

Lost—395. Found—843.
It is very misleading to have to answer with partial figures the many inquiries that come to the Personnel Bureau, and for this reason I am urging the 395 alumnae (approximately one-third of our graduate body) who failed to send in their annual questionnaire card last October to respond now.

We are constantly asked for statistics by agencies, newspapers, magazines, other college offices, conference groups, etc., and some reply must be sent in in order not to seem unco-operative.

ALICE RAMSAY,
Director of Personnel Bureau.

Alumnae Address Students On Training For Positions

Believing that the advice professionally inclined alumnae can give to undergraduates is most valuable, Personnel Director Alice Ramsay '23 recently arranged for talks to students by Dr. Helen Ferguson '25 and Elinore Hunken Torpey '24.

The former spoke to a group of prospective medical students on December 15, outlining the necessary pre-requisites for medical training and suggesting the specific C. C. courses that she had found most helpful. The girls asked many questions in reference to the cost of medical training and the standards and requirements of the different schools. She suggested a summer tryout experience in a hospital as a very valuable asset.

On January 18 Mrs. Torpey met with the art majors to discuss some possible commercial art fields that are open to the energetic and original person who more or less makes her job for herself. She called attention to the demand for originality in decoration, illustration, design, and advertising copy. She stressed a neat portfolio of work as a good entrée medium.

Treasurer Florence (Hopper) Levick's new address is 141 South Irving Street, Ridgewood, N. J.
ON RETURNING

Research in the files reveals that the year 1924 marked the first official alumnae publication as well as the first Alumnae Day. In an editorial of The Connecticut College Alumnae Annual (as the first magazine was called) Editor-in-chief Juline Warner '19 said of Alumnae Day:

"It is a great thing for all of us to get back to Alma Mater as often as we can, know what is happening in the campus world, make friends among the present students, and renew our friendships with other alumnae. May next Alumnae Day with all modern improvements surpass even our first! And it surely will, so we must all begin planning to be part of it."

The above message is still an appropriate one for this, our tenth annual winter homecoming. It is a great thing for us to leave our various tasks here and there and come to one place where there is a common bond. The common bond is contained in the four years that did more to mould our lives and characters than any other four years in our existence. Of them were born lasting friendships, valuable associations, worthwhile attitudes. They are essentially years of ideals and dreams. It is a great thing for us all to get back to Alma Mater.

There may be some alumnae who prefer to come back to campus for the commencement activities. But it has been pointed out that the Washington Birthday Week-end reunion is more than a June reunion can be. It is at this time that we may best get to "know what is happening in the campus world." College is in session, with classes, lectures, and regular campus activities going on as usual, and with all the freshmen present—as is not the case in the last days of June. It is at this time that we alumnae are once more back at college.

SHELLEY THOUGHT SO, TOO

As winter comes with stealthy cold,
The cloudy beech trees downward cast
In a drift of tarnished gold
The hoardings of a summer that is past.
They have forgotten, if they've known,
That a world bereft of beauty cannot last.
—MURIEL S. KENDRICK '29

IN MEMORIAM
Dorothy Lochridge Parker
Of the Class of 1928
Who passed away on January 5
Connecticut As An American Melting Pot

Connecticut College as an American melting pot in which 25 different nationalities are represented, is revealed in an interesting ethnic survey of the college made by students in the sociology department.

Last year's student body was the subject of the survey. Data was gathered on the parents and grandparents of each girl in the college. The nationalities of each and the blending of these nationalities in marriage were observed. The number of parents and grandparents born in this country and those of foreign birth were noted.

About half of the group of 549 students were what the survey specifies as old American stock, both parents and all four grandparents having been born in America. About a quarter of the number were old American in part, almost qualifying for the old American designation. The remaining quarter was almost evenly divided between students whose parents and grandparents were all foreign born and those who have a mixture of foreign and American born ancestors.

In the old American group three-fifths of the students were of British origin. In fact, by far the greater proportion of the student body in general was British. Of the 549 students included in the survey 237 or 43.2% were of pure British descent. That includes those of recent immigrants as well as old American stock. The fact of this predominance of the unmixed British strain in the student body does not mean, however, that British have not been absorbed at all into the melting pot. Of the grandparents studied 61% were British. The fact that only 43.2% of the present generation are entirely British indicates that approximately one-third of the British progenitors have married other nationalities.

Fifty-five of the students or 10% were Jewish. The British and Jewish are the only large divisions of unmixed nationalities, although there are eight other unmixed strains representing 18% of the total. Some of the students are by descent entirely Italian, others entirely Swedish, others German, and so on. A large proportion—38.8% to be exact—are of mixed blood in varying degrees.

The blending of nationalities in the college is fairly representative of the process of Americanization which is constantly going on in this country. There are, of course, some striking differences between the results of this survey and the probable results of one national in scope because of certain conditions such as geographical location and the selective factor which prompts some groups to send their daughters to college to a greater extent than others.

Photography - An Expression of Individuality

Asked for a statement on photography, Caroline B. Rice '31, who is doing work in photography in New York city, submitted the following:

"Photography now has a firmly established place of its own. It has unlimited possibilities, for it is really still in its infancy. It is widely used for commercial purposes; glance through the pages of any magazine and see the large percentage of photographs which are used for advertising purposes. Large New York department stores are employing photographs because they are a convincing and accurate means of increasing sales.

"But it is the point of view or approach which determines whether or not a photograph belongs to the modern school. The result must be arresting; it must catch and hold the viewer's attention. Composition, of course, plays an important part, whether the picture be a "still life" or a portrait. In the field of portraiture there are still many who cling to the out-dated idea that the draped black figure is "the thing." This is a great mistake.

"There is more to it than the mere opening and closing of the shutter. A good portrait is not one which makes you look like every other photographic sample which the photographer has on display in his studio. A successful portrait should express the individuality of the sitter—his or her own particular characteristics."
Graduate Addresses Convention Of Painters and Decorators

Representing the Wallpaper Association of the United States, Elinor Hunken Torpey '24 was one of the principal speakers at the joint convention of the Master Painters and Decorators associations of Connecticut and Rhode Island held in New London last month.

Mrs. Torpey has distinguished herself in the fields of interior decoration and designing. For three and a half years she was an assistant decorator in the studio of the Good Housekeeping magazine. She has broadcasted on interior decorating for several years over some of the leading radio circuits. She has also been connected with the Taylor system and with the Sears, Roebuck & company.

Monsieur Soupaout Speaks At C. C. For Second Time

Philippe Soupaout, French novelist, poet, and essayist, who spoke at college last spring, again addressed a large audience in Knowlton last month on the subject "From Anatole France to Marcel Proust."

M. Soupaout showed the way in which Anatole France and other writers of his time have lost their popularity and have been replaced by the three great modern writers, Andre Gide, Marcel Proust, and Paul Valéry. The change, he said, is due to the change in the French people whose attitudes and tastes are different from what they were a generation ago. The war and the economic difficulties following it have caused these changes. In his discussion of the three contemporary writers, M. Soupaout said that it is necessary to know something of their lives to appreciate their work. He showed the way in which Proust's life has influenced his clear pictures of humanity in his work, how Gide's work illustrates this author's belief in sincerity in one's art as well as in life, and how Valéry's criticism is a cruel one. M. Soupaout knows these writers personally, and he used some illustrations from his experience.—C. C. News.

Connecticut Receives Bequest For Chapel or Assembly

Groton Woman Makes College Residuary Legatee of Estate; Not to Exceed Sum of $300,000

At last the hopes of alumnae for a college chapel may be fulfilled! Announcement has been made that Connecticut has been bequeathed a large sum of money with which to build a chapel or assembly hall.

The late Mrs. Frederic Bill of Groton, Conn., in her will made the college residuary legatee of her estate, the residue not to exceed $300,000, with the stipulation that the money be used in building either a chapel or assembly hall according to the needs of the college. The new building will bear the name of the donor's husband.

Throughout her life Mrs. Bill showed her great interest in Connecticut. In 1921 the Frederic Bill Memorial Scholarship, the principal of which is $8,000, was established through the bequest of her husband. She increased the income of this by three additional sums of $200 each.

The announcement of this gift recalls to mind the increasing number of gifts in the past few years, which have testified to the steady growth of the college. In 1929 by the bequest of the late Mrs. Rienzi Robinson of Danielson, Conn., the Marinda C. Butler Robinson Scholarship of $34,529.16 was established. In the same year came the Anne Rogers Miner, the Agnes T. Graves, and the Mary Elisabeth Holmes Memorial Scholarships.

About the same time the Allyn Professorship was established through the bequest of the late Mrs. Lucretia Allyn of New London. The latest gift was that of a sum of money from the inhabitants of Windham County, Conn., which will be used for building a new dormitory in the near future.

OFFER OF PRIZE

A prize is offered for the best film of college scenes taken before July 1 by returning alumnae. There will also be a competition open to undergraduate students.

Further information about the contest may be obtained from Dorothy Feltner, alumnae secretary.
AMONG THE CHAPTERS
By Rosamond Beebe '27

During the approaching Alumnae Weekend there will be a meeting of chapter representatives. Several outstanding plans will be discussed, and we sincerely hope that all chapters will appoint somebody to be present.

Cleveland Chapter Active

News from Cleveland shows promise of a very interesting and active year for the chapter. An informal gathering to introduce new members took place on September 26. A picnic luncheon at the home of Mrs. Robert Myers (Gip Freeman, ex-'28) was followed by bridge. The first business meeting was a luncheon at the Women’s City club. The new officers elected are:

President—Trumana Foote Denison '28 (Mrs. Robert B.); 3362 Grenway Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio,
Vice-president—Elizabeth Arthur '28
Secretary—Josephine Lincoln Morris '31 (Mrs. J. H.)
Corresponding secretary—Virginia Williams ex-'30
Publicity chairman—Caroline Bradley Wallace '31 (Mrs. Andrew)
Entertainment chairman—Mary K. Bell '29

After luncheon bandages were made for St. Luke's hospital. The girls were so enthusiastic about doing their helpful bit that they met informally on December 9 to work for the hospital again.

We hope that all the chapters will include in their year’s program some similar kind of social community work. Each member of the New Jersey chapter has been asked to contribute two articles of infant’s wear to the Needlework Guild. Numerous organizations exist in every town and city which will welcome any small amount of aid from our chapters. This year, more than ever, we should try to do our share.

Boston Group Plans Reception

The Boston chapter met for dinner and a business meeting on November 29 at the Brittany Coffee shop. The following election of officers for the ensuing year took place:

President—Eleanor Fahey ’29; 96 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass.
Vice-president—Ruth Anderson ’19
Secretary—Evelyn Clarke ’30
Treasurer—Ellen Shold ’32
Publicity chairman—Muriel Kendrick ’29
Entertainment chairman—Jean Howard ’27

Twenty-eight members were present to discuss the plans for the year, which include a theatre party, bridge, lectures, and Pop’s concert night.

The Boston chapter is making plans for one of the most important functions of every alumnae group, on March 4. Dr. Ruth Anderson ’19, newly elected president, and the members of the chapter will be hostesses at a reception for President Blunt at the Boston College club. Guests at the reception will be principals of public and private schools sending students to Connecticut, prospective Connecticut students, and their parents and others interested. A reception of this kind is an ever-growing means of contact between the college and the president and future students. Among our alumnae the experiment proved a highly successful event as inaugurated by the Chicago chapter last year.

Dr. Blunt In Philadelphia

President Blunt was entertained at a tea held by the Philadelphia chapter at the home of its president, Frances Williams Wood ’27, 2928 Rising Sun Road, on January 14.

Ruth Battey ’27, a teacher at Westtown School drove Miss Blunt to the meeting. At the tea were Rosemary Brewer ’31, Gertrude Butler ’32, Nancy Smalley ex-'33, Dr. Margaret Milligan ’20, Gladys Gummere ’24, Susan Comfort ’32, Lois Bridge Ellis ’27, Eleanor Wood Frazer ’28, Ruth Barry Hildebrandt ’30, Katherine Van Meter ’29, and Margaret Reimann Roberts ’28.
President Blunt talked about developments at college this year, mentioning the increased enrollment over other years. She urged alumnae to make as many contacts as possible with prospective college students. It is her belief that college graduates may play an active and valuable part in directing the right kind of girls to their Alma Mater. The plan also provides an opportunity for girls contemplating enrolling at Connecticut College to learn about it through personal acquaintance with graduates. President Blunt said she found Philadelphia alumnae ready to co-operate in carrying out this plan of making contacts with future students for C. C.

New York Chapter Reorganizes

In New York chapter members will meet on Saturday, February 4, at Hotel Barbi- zon, for the first big rally of the year since the time their president, Esther Batchelder, left for the University of Washington. Besides the election of a new chairman, thus distributing the work among a large number of members.

Dr. Lawrence addressed the October meeting and gave a very interesting discussion of some of the problems in connection with the coming election. The November meeting took the form of a banquet supper. Dr. Helen Ferguson '25 told something about her medical course, following which all present explained briefly their present occupations and activities. Dorothy Henkle '21 entertained at the December meeting with the reading of a Christmas story. Everyone brought a ten-cent toy to be donated to the Learned Mission for distribution among the needy children of New London.

Plans are now under way for the bridge which is given annually in conjunction with the New London Chapter of the A. A. U. W. to raise money for a Connecticut College scholarship.

Cleveland Entertains Alumnae Head

Cleveland alumnae of Connecticut college will make quite an event out of the visit here next week of Mrs. Mary Hendrie Milligan of New York, president of the National Alumnae of Connecticut college, who is making a tour of the United States, visiting the chapters and organizing new groups.

Mrs. Milligan will be tendered a tea next Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. J. Colin Smith, 3565 Normandy road, which will be followed by a dinner given by Mrs. Robert B. Denison, president of Cleveland chapter of the alumnae, at Mrs. Denison’s home in Grenway road.

Following this dinner there will be held a reception at the home of Mrs. Hugh Haldy, 2830 Sedgwick road. Mrs. Haldy will be assisted as hostess by Misses Norma Kennedy and Virginia Williams.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Dr. Morris Addresses Hartford Club

Dr. Frank Morris was the guest speaker at the Sunday afternoon tea held by the Hartford chapter on January 30, at the home of Katherine Russell ’30.
Chapel on every Tuesday morning presents a most gratifying sight, just "slews" of people attending—row upon row occupied, balcony overflowing, and quite a standing audience. Why? Tuesday chapels are devoted exclusively to informal talks by President Blunt, and the interest aroused by her various, applicable comments is tremendous. Possibilities of a new dormitory were discussed, and the student body, cognizant of the pressing need for the accommodation of more students on campus, received with enthusiasm the information that adequate funds have been obtained to assure the erection of the building in the very near future. On another occasion the reorganization of the curriculum was discussed with particular emphasis on its relation to the desires of the students.

"Marriage" was the subject of a parley held at Wesleyan, December 8 and 9, which, under the chaperonage of Dean Burdick, caused a large number of our prospective wives to cut classes and take a little jaunt over to Middletown. From all reports, the discussions that arose were of vital human interest, and one freshman who attended was heard to remark emphatically upon her return, "It was worth cutting a week's classes for!"

The fall play, Noel Coward's comedy, "The Young Idea," was enthusiastically received, but the general consensus of opinion both among the students and the faculty was that either Wig and Candle is indiscriminate in assigning roles, or else there is a dearth of good dramatic talent on campus. We are hopefully awaiting "new faces" to criticize when the competitive plays are produced in the spring.

The promise of an interesting and amusing debate was fulfilled when the Oxford Debaters, who are traveling through the United States and visiting scores of colleges and universities, stepped forth on the stage of the good, old C. C. gym and talked Socialism pro and con. The forces were divided; that is, each side was upheld by one Oxfordian and one C. C.-ite, and all did so well that no decision was rendered. The Englishmen were delightfully informal, seemed to have an inexhaustible amount of spontaneous repartee, and spoke with just the right touch of that "chawming" accent.

Weeks before Christmas the art and music departments were busily engaged in the infinite number of arrangements that always attend Christmas pageants. All their efforts were amply repaid, and the beautiful representation of "The Madonna" of Giotto and "The Four Angels" of Fra Angelico, in charming combination, was immensely impressive. The members of the faculty who took part were Mr. Bauer, Dr. Kip, Mr. Kinsey, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Weld. Mr. Selden directed the pageant, and Dr. Erb was in charge of the musical program.

An innovation in winter sports is swimming "by the book." Ever since Thanksgiving, you see, those enrolled in this gym class have been doing "theory" work, because the new Coast Guard Academy pool, which was most generously offered for our use, is not yet completed. You should see the bathing suits one is required to don—why black stockings and tunics are heavenly in comparison! And no longer do the natural dancers trip the light fantastic in filmy, pastel chiffons—the new costume is a straight simple affair of opaque wool crepe—but oh so effective! And pink-toed, bare soles must have been offensive to Knowlton's polished floor; hence the appearance of tricky little sandals.

Ski-suits have invaded the campus again, in spite of the fact that snow, when it does condescend to blanket New London, invariably turns to rain before it touches the ground! However, no one can deny that their bright colors do "lend a ray of cheer" to a sombre landscape.

Following Mount Holyoke, Wheaton, Radcliffe, and others, the C. C. Personnel Bureau has organized a travel bureau to centralize and make more convenient all travel solicitation at the college. The student travel bureau is an independent service aided by the Advisory Travel Bureau of New York
City, and it acts as a protection against the many travel representatives who besiege the campus. Bookings on any line are made, and special attention given to individual choice of cabin location and other steamship accommodations. One or two selected tours will be advertised and backed by the organization.

In collaboration with the anti-cold campaign, the physical ed department is once more offering sun-ray treatments. So, down to that famous, tiny room in the gym the girls flock by the dozens in an effort to get a tan. On a few lucky individuals the effect is almost as good as a trip to Bermuda! Well, midwinter formal is on its way, and it is no secret that bronzed backs have a peculiar fascination for the masculine eye!

The representatives of fifteen colleges met in Philadelphia on January 14 to confer with prospective college students, their parents and teachers, on their respective college curriculums, tuitions, and all other phases that were of interest to the group. President Blunt presided over the session devoted to the cost of a college education. Alumnae of twelve different colleges spoke, giving expert advice to high school students desiring to learn facts about a college education.

College Students Organize

- Industrial Democracy League

Connecticut College is showing an active interest in the movement for industrial democracy. Thirty students have signed up for the purpose of starting a League for Industrial Democracy, an organization corresponding with liberal clubs found at nearly all other colleges.

The project is sponsored by the New London L. I. D. committee, which has arranged an interesting group of "Thought in Action" discussion lectures held every Monday evening in Bulkeley auditorium. The league was formed by people interested in "helping America get on her feet again" as an aid in finding an expert presentation of facts as well as constructive solutions.

The lectures include "The American Scene, 1932"—Paul Blanshard; "Breaking the Breadlines"—Leroy E. Bowman; "Men and Land"—Karl Scholz; "What Price Power?"—B. C. Vladeck; "Trends in the Labor Movement"—John C. Kennedy; "Behind the Bank Failures"—Harry W. Laidler; "America in an Interdependent World"—Devere Allen; and "The Program for Action"—Reinhold Niebuhr.

Fireplace, Knowlton Salon
End of Rasputin

In 1916, the Russian Imperial Court, confronted with reverses at the Front, restless conditions throughout the country, needed a great leader, drew instead a charlatan, Grigori Efimovitch Rasputin.

Combination medicine man, "mughik," priest, petty politician and lecher, Rasputin had literally lifted himself by his own boot straps from a lowly palet in a sod cottage in Pokrovskoe, Siberia, to the most ornate and elaborate beds in Imperial Russia. Endowed with an amazing personal magnetism, and an almost supernatural power over women, both bodies and souls, he is reputed to have repeatedly cured the puny hemophilic Tsarevitch, thereby gaining complete control over the Czarina. Russia, guided from behind the scenes by the miracle worker from Pokrovskoe, steadily sledded down hill, while opposition to Rasputin crystallized in a powerful group of the nobility.

As TIME, had it been printed in December 1916, would have reported subsequent events: As most Russians were on their way to bed one night last week, a closed car came to a stop at the side entrance of Prince Felix Yusupov's palace. Two heavily wrapped men hurried inside. One, tall, with unkempt beard and hair, dirty stained cloak, was Rasputin, Russia's mysterious power behind the throne. The other, slight, dapper, well dressed, was Prince Yusupov, husband of Grand Duchess Irina, most beautiful woman in Moscow.

For many months, lecherous Rasputin had heard of the beautiful Grand Duchess Irina, was especially delighted at the possibility of a private meeting with her. As the two entered a small downstairs dining room the Prince explained to Rasputin that his wife was entertaining friends, would join them soon.

While Yusupov listlessly strummed a guitar Rasputin consumed a plate full of small cakes, and in them enough cyanide of potassium to fell a squad of cossacks. Every minute expecting to see the Siberian priest pitch headlong onto the floor, Yusupov became unnerved, excused himself saying he would bring his wife.

Quickly getting a revolver from a friend upstairs, the Prince returned, shot Rasputin through the chest, immediately rushed back to his friends to revive his ebbing courage with a strong drink. Returning later with his friends, he found the room empty. In the middle of the snow covered court yard they found Rasputin, crawling, a trail of blood behind him. Frenzied, they shot and pummelled him into unconsciousness, tied his hands and legs. Throwing him into a car they drove to the Neva River, unceremoniously dumped the body in.

Three days police searched for the body while Yusupov at first protested innocence. Finally the body was recovered, the lungs filled with water, showing that Rasputin was alive when thrown into the water.

Yusupov finally admitted, then proudly boasted, of carrying out the assassination, and many rejoiced, but on the lips of Rasputin's followers is his oft repeated statement: "So long as I live, the Imperial Family will live, when I die, they will perish."

So, too, would TIME have reported how Yusupov was dismissed without punishment by the vacillating Czar; how, 5 months after Rasputin's death, Imperial Russia ceased to exist; how chaos followed turmoil, the Bolshevik coup d'etat followed chaos.
MEDICINE AS I SEE IT

Dr. Helen K. Ferguson '25 Traces the Development of the Medical Profession and Reveals Personal Impressions

I HAVE no literary inclinations. I am not a humorist, and my experiences as a physician have been limited by a few brief months. Yet, I have been asked to write "an article" about "some phase of medical work, experiences, impressions, etc., or advice to college graduates planning to enter the medical profession." My brief experience would not justify my singing out "a phase of medical work" for discussion. It would not be authoritative. My "experiences" would be apt to be egotistical, my "impressions" worthless, and as for "advice to students planning to enter the medical profession," a mammoth responsibility. Therefore, I am forced to write just "an article." I should stop here, but I shall pretend that I am speaking to each and everyone of you individually, at tea, or over the back fence.

The medical profession is a subject multicolored. It has passed through stages—philosophic, poetic, and scientific. It began as an art, and the scientific is an addition rather than a replacement.

It is one of the oldest of professions, dating back to the time of Hippocrates. Not long ago it was considered the proper education for the young gentleman with classical inclinations. Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci were among the best known anatomists of their time. Galen and Galileo were both philosophers and physicists. Oliver Goldsmith and Goethe, if we may consider them together—and perhaps we have some justification, as they lived during the same period and Goethe translated Goldsmith's "Deserted Village"—both at one time or another had medical interests. Goethe's chief scientific interests were in comparative anatomy. Goldsmith's medical aspirations apparently did not materialize. Oliver Wendell Holmes is today considered the father of modern obstetrics in this country. Perhaps we can say that anything which is old cannot fail to be rich in historical interest.

The story of women in medicine dates back to the old heathen mythology, when Hygeia, the daughter of Aesculapuis, god of medicine, was associated with her father later. Upon being graduated these women could find no hospitals that would admit them, and as a result they founded the New York Infirmary for Women and Children. In 1868 they founded a medical school in the country to require three years of graded courses of lectures for a medical degree, and the first school to require seniors to attend maternity cases before graduation. It also provided the first chairs of hygiene and pathology in this country. In 1899 Cornell Medical school received a million and a half dollar endowment with proviso that women be admitted on equal terms with men. The New York Infirmary for Women and Children then transferred its interests to the Cornell school in accordance with the wishes of the founders, who believed a coeducational training advantageous. Today nearly all the best medical schools, both in this country and abroad, admit women on the same basis as men.

But for those who may be adventurous, I might state that even today the pioneering flavor has not entirely disappeared. Out of one hundred and sixteen students in my...
own class, three were women. As members of the faculty of medical schools and as visiting physicians in the large hospitals, they are still so scarce as to give one the impression of occasional. There are still members of the faculty of medical schools who firmly believe that woman’s place is in the home sitting in a rocking chair patiently knitting. These professors voice their opinions to this effect with astonishing freedom.

As for the work itself, it is more difficult to express. After four long years one finds oneself merely at the beginning. Being a student in a professional school was for me an entirely new type of experience, and one of the first adjustments which I had to make in my personal philosophy, if one may call it such, was that there is no limit to the quantity of facts which one can absorb in mere hours, and as one plods onward and we hope upward—it seems doubtful at the time—a new axiom is born in the form, “I am thankful that I am not starting to study medicine one thousand years hence.” But this is not a scientific spirit, so may we forget it. One loses oneself for the moment in the jumble of facts, each of which has been added after decades of endless toil to the slowly ever-growing but still inadequate list of scientific accomplishments. One sees time-honored “facts” altered, rearranged, discarded, replaced, or snatched back from antiquity so many times, even within one’s own experiences, that one can hardly help wondering whether there really are any facts, or whether we are just lost by the way now and then. Much has been done, and much is still to be done. This may lure the scientific.

Perhaps one of the gentlest charms of the entire field is that of human relations. One meets people in all walks of life; one finds friends in the gangster and in the Bowery tramp. These devastated creatures in the face of utter failure (for that is how society judges them) can teach us much. I might cite one—an elderly negro of almost pigmy proportions, poor, friendless, and so ill that his remaining life could be measured in hours—a medical text book of rarest quality, for was it not edited in the world’s most renowned print shop, that of human suffering and destruction? I came into contact with him daily in one of the hospital wards. “Hello, Joe; how are you this morning?” And the answer, “I’ze all right, ma’am.” I have yet to see a sweeter smile, a softer, gentler, more contented voice, and a greater courage! This may lure the philosophic, the poetic, and the humanitarian—I am not quite sure. It is all so intangible.

But perhaps this is not what you wish to hear. If you are a prospective medical student, you would prefer to hear something more materialistic, more commonplace, such as early impressions and problems of the medical student. One of my earliest remembrances in my medical school career was to climb six long flights of stairs to the anatomy laboratory (medicine begins historically and pedagogically with anatomy) to procure a box of bones, which I was told I should cherish and make every furrow and promontory my own. This I did; that is, I procured the box of bones. It was a queer contraption, a long, narrow box with a door in the side and filled with impressive, rattling, rustling curiosities. But meditation halt! The door flew open, and the bones in their eager enthusiasm awaited me at the foot of the stairs or at various stations along the way. Thus was I introduced to osteology, and my medical education had begun.

Classes began. There were hundreds of us. I felt infinitesimal. Surely I should have no identity for weeks, months perhaps. I would have plenty of time for adjustment to the new situation. I felt very secure. Suddenly I heard my name. Yes, it was my name! I stood up. I loomed miles above my companions. I gazed into the pit far below. There the professor paced impatiently back and forth, transfixing an occasional piercing glance in my direction. I turned my eyes about me for relief. Countless eyes were upon me. I seemed to speak, but I could not hear my voice, and mercy be upon me! I suddenly lacked the ability to sum two and three. I sat down. It seemed clear, I had much to learn.

Two and three years of dusty text books, laboratory procedures, and choice reprints. Then behold! The fourth year—a patient of my own! I wonder if I shall be able to make a diagnosis! Certainly not, if I stand here in the doorway of the hospital ward and scan him from a distance. I approach the bedside. What will I say to him? Will he think I am a doctor? But here I am. “Hello, doctor,” says he. And “hello,” returns I; “what brings you here?” The answer: “I tried to make a gin-ricky out of carbona.” The diagnosis?
WITH MRS. WESSEL IN RUSSIA

Bessie Bloom Wessel, Associate Professor of Sociology, Describes Life as it is Lived in Russia

OUR editor asks me to write a message for you on my recent trip to Russia. This reminds me of a letter I received from a good friend which read in part: "It is surprising how a short visit to Russia sets one up as an authority. When you come to visit us, I too will have to arrange for a meeting and ask you to address a group of friends. They are all clamoring to hear about Russia from you."

And now the alumnae inquire about my trip to Russia. "What, Russia?" someone will say. "Are you sure you have it right? She still owes us something on Mexico." It is real fun to choose the exotic countries, those where social changes are performed almost while you wait. After four weeks of contact with the bewildering and vital experiment which is going on in Russia, one is in danger of becoming loquacious—the release is so complete. There are so many different facets to this revolution, that it is difficult to make sure one has given an objective picture. And so I find myself saying to my erstwhile hearers, "What impression did you get from my address, a positive or a negative one?" Last time one of my colleagues answered, "Russia does not sound half so bad, from your last lecture." Others in my audience decide under no circumstances to go to Russia. I should like to go again; most students of social life do.

I have before me two newspaper abstracts of talks I have given on Russia, and I think I cannot improve upon them in my message to you. I submit these two clippings because the first summarizing my address before the Zonta club of New London gives a bird's eye view of the whole situation and my first analysis of it; the second address was given before the Phi Beta Kappa of New London and dealt more particularly with the educational aspects of present day life in Russia, a phase of Russian civilization in which the alumnae may be particularly interested.

From the New London Day of November 7:

"Mrs. Wessel went with a Seminar group to study social conditions. She visited the northern cities, Leningrad, Moscow—the large industrial centers, Nizhni Novgorod and Stalingrad, where the large tractor plant is located. Tractors were being turned out here at the rate of one every five minutes. Both men and women were seen at work in the foundries. Workers' homes were visited, also their recreation centers, libraries, children's clinics, etc.

"The group spent four days on the Volga, stopping at different centers and traveling on boats where thousands of peasants were migrating from one town to another. In the Caucasus and in the eastern city of Tiflis the most outstanding characteristic was the mingling of many races, dark races as contrasted with the light haired Russian of middle Russia. The trip across the Black sea—Mrs. Wessel left her party and traveled alone here and into some of the Ukrainian towns—brought one in touch with the holiday crowds of the Crimea and the health resorts, where castles and palaces were being used for sanatoria for the proletariat.

'If We Were in Russia'

"Mrs. Wessel chose not to discuss at this time the various social problems which were truly vital, both for Russia and for the world at large, but spoke instead on the subject If We Were in Russia now. She then indicated what, in all likelihood, the women present would be wearing, the food they would be eating, the homes they would be occupying, and the occupations they would be engaged in. Also, the pleasures that they could purchase with their income, the manner in which they could be married and divorced and the status their children would have.

"Since most of the women present were professional women, they had 'qualification' for some task and probably would qualify as 'workers' in this land where prestige belonged to the laborer and to no one else. Those who were engaged in business for profit, would have joined the emigres by now, would have qualified as workers—or if still engaged in business for profit would belong to the declassed group and would live a sorry life. On the other hand, some of the finest social care given to children anywhere was to be found in some of the institutions she visited, where the children of this same declassed group were being cultivated for the new order.

Saw Much Suffering

"Mrs. Wessel said she saw much suffering—the shortage of food was apparent everywhere—people did not pretend to ownership of clothes other than those that..."
were in tatters, or personal goods. The educational system she described as being superb; there was sufficient moneys for the arts, for theatres, for education. The highest and finest care for children was well-nigh universal. Russia is armed to the hilt, and has produced a body of young people who are attractive and live in high hope. The lack of material goods does not seem to trouble this young generation as it does those who have possessed beautiful things in the past, and they are quite ready to go forth to battle to protect this new order 'which we are building,' singing their way, whether or not they had sufficient food and clothes—as we define sufficient."

From the New London Day of November 29:

"Professor Wessel took her point of departure from the educational system of Soviet Russia, dwelling upon its aims, organization, agencies employed and its methods.

Education For Three Classes

"Fundamental to the system are the teachings of Marx and Lenin; its emphasis upon the doctrine of evolution; the instruction given in physiology, hygiene and sex; and the disdain for capitalism, religion and the bourgeois. Education is planned for three classes: Children, adults and soldiers; this is supplemented by instruction at the Red corners, in clubs, movies and over the radio. The political bias of all Soviet schools is openly acknowledged—education for citizenship—in Soviet Russia really beginning at the age of two months. The greatest possible uniformity in educational theory and procedure exists.

"The method is essentially that of 'learning by doing,' involving the combining of projects into a specific 'complex' for each season. An important educational slogan is 'the liquidation of illiteracy by 1936.'"

"Professor Wessel referred to Russia as a land of bewildering contrasts: the hunger, despair and poverty of multitudes on the one hand coexisting with the glowing optimism of the youth being trained according to the new Soviet system."

Suggested Reading

A list prepared by Dr. Morris Roberts, Department of English, for reading to keep abreast of best contemporary literature:

Woolf: The Waves
Gide: The Counterfeiters
Huxley: Point Counterpoint
O'Neil: Mourning Becomes Electra
Chesterton: Chaucer
Richardson: Fortunes of Richard Mahoney
Millay: Fatal Interview
Jeans: The Mysterious Universe
Strachey: Portraits in Miniature
Chase: Men and Machines
Eliot: Poems
Robinson: Nicodemus
Burns: Leisure in the Modern World
Maesfield: A Tale of Troy

Reading on child development as suggested by Dr. Frances Clarke, Department of Education:

Arlitt: The Child from One to Twelve
Strange: Psychology of Childhood
Strange: Introduction to Child Study
Swift: Psychology of Childhood
Blanton & Blanton: Child Guidance
Gesell: Guidance and Mental Growth

Dorothy Feltner Attends Conference at Wellesley

Wellesley was this year the headquarters for the regional conference for alumnae and alumni secretaries of the leading New England colleges and schools. Director Sydney Hayward of Dartmouth college, and Kathleen Elliott, executive secretary of the Wellesley alumnae, planned a two-day program, the center of activities at historic Wellesley Inn.

A few speakers particularly experienced in certain phases of alumni work outlined systems which they had found successful in alumni office organization, magazine editing, in which the question "to advertise or not to advertise" was prominent, and finally methods of fund raising. The conference, with the additional opportunity for the fifty-four delegates to consult on their respective problems and solutions, was a valuable key to alumni projects and possibilities for the next year.

DOROTHY FELTNER, Alumnae Executive Secretary.
(See preceding pages for names)
Correspondent—GRACE COCKINGS, 82 Bellevue Avenue, Bristol, Conn.

Batch wrote that she was to spend Christmas in Steilacoom, Washington, with Marion Warner Hovey. She was much delighted to think she was to be with the "home folks." They planned to go up Mt. Ranier and play outdoors as often as possible.

Frank Otten had a fine trip to the coast last summer. She stopped at Tacoma, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, and also at Palo Alto, where she visited Doreas.

We hear May Buckley has opened her own shop, but the rumor is unconfirmed. Frank and May spent a week-end with Margaret Maher recently.

Juline penned an interesting letter telling about the Comstock camp in Colebrook, Conn. One of the main features is a brook which surrounds their two and a half acres of land. They plan a rustic path along the edge, a tennis court, the trimming and spraying of nearly 20 apple trees, changes in the house, and have already made a swimming pool in back of the house.

Priscilla and Sue Wilcox are still taking the Phelps lectures at Yale, and Priscilla is doing club and church work. At present she is chairman of the American Home department of the Whitneyville Woman's club.

Sue has returned from another visit to Dot Gray Manion's in Montclair. She writes that little Bobbie is traveling about under his own horsepower now.

It was nice to hear from Marion Pomeroy Rogers at Christmas time. We are glad that she was well enough to write the welcome note on her card.

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Correspondent—JOAN MUNRO ODELL, 166 Farrington Avenue, North Tarrytown, N. Y.

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(Correspondent to be Appointed)

Correspondent—ANNE SLADE FREY, 35 School Street, Hanover, N. H.

From 28 cards sent out in request for information concerning the members of our class I have received ten replies. To those ten I send my thanks through this column. After one more effort on my part to pry loose some news I think I shall pass over this job to one who lives nearer the center of 22's activities.

Here goes for the news. I'll start in order of the appearance of the letters. Harriet Byron was promptness itself, but added nothing to our knowledge of her. She insists, as heretofore, that nothing of vital interest occurs in her life and lets it go at that.

Ruth Bacon lives in Hanover, Indiana, where her husband is a college professor. It is a co-ed college of about 350, two hours' ride from Indianapolis or Cincinnati. Ruth says that until this year she has attended courses, choosing what appeals to her, but this year she has been teaching one instead—and its name is etiquette! Shades of Emily Post and Thames Hall dining room!

Her last lesson consisted of a "laboratory" dinner presided over by her husband and herself and with her little colored maid serving in fear and trembling that everything would not be just right. She hopes to be in Florida for part of the winter, and as usual will leave hot Indiana for the summer and be in Connecticut and other parts of New England.

Mary Damerel sends me the brief news that she is teaching in Ashaway, R. I. She sees Dorothy Wheeler quite often.

Betty Hall is now at 53 Rhodes street, New Rochelle. She has learned to drive and hopes to see lots of people who live near her. She has two boys (and remarks that Evelyn Gray has called her attention to the custom of members of our class to have two boys).

Dorothy sent me her usual newsy letter. (She is the logical one for this job.) She has her usual line of jobs in addition to teaching, such as vice-president of the Connecticut Vocational Guidance association, and president of the Connecticut Valley section of Teachers of Mathematics in New England.
England. This all sounds very formidable to me.

Dorothy goes on to say that Gertrude Avery is at home for a while, and that she has heard in a roundabout way that M. P. Taylor has been ill. Margaret Baxter is in Detroit with the juvenile court as clinical psychologist in the Wayne County clinic for child study.

Alice Hagar Schoffstall writes that her husband is a reporter for a morning paper, and that they live at 810 North Fifth street, Reading, Pa. She bemoans the fact, as do I, that she lives far from college friends and chapters.

I wonder if you know that Anne Graham has been ill for four and a half years? I had a fine letter from her which sounded very cheerful, but she still lacks strength in her right arm and leg. She became ill just before her marriage was to have occurred. She says, "I had a brain tumor and have had three operations, but now I am feeling fine and am improving every day." Best luck to you, Anne, and may you soon be in perfect health again.

Marjorie Smith has moved to 20 Congdon street, Providence, where she has gone to "housekeeping" with a vengeance, apparently. She is so enamored with it that she has to tear herself away to report to work. Marjorie is in the reference department of the library, and her job is to take care of questions. She finds it never fails in variety, and her library has felt a great increase in reading upon the part of the public. Marjorie reports a beautiful trip to Montreal and Quebec during the past summer. At this point I wish to ask a question. In Marjorie's letter and also in Dorothy's a reference is made to the fact that at reunion plans were laid regarding the issuing of the Totem Pole, which was to come out shortly after the reunion. The question I ask is this: Where is it? Have I been omitted, or has there been no Totem Pole?

From Abby Carley comes a letter from the Kingston hospital, where Abby is bacteriologist. Abby says, "Just think, Ann, I have a daughter graduating from The Castle at Tarrytown this year, all ready for college next year." "Tis indeed hard to believe. Abby goes on to say that Mary is doing splendid art work and has already studied widely. Last summer Abby, Mary, and Mid White took a 5,000 mile auto trip visiting friends and relatives. She stayed a night with Marguerite Mills Murphy in Canada and visited 12 states besides traveling in Canada, and not even one flat tire!

A letter from Eleanor Wunch tells us that her husband has just returned to sea duty, commanding the U. S. S. Bernadow, a destroyer now at Charleston. Eleanor was delighted that he was not ordered to China or some such place, for she is able to stay on in New York to be near her mother, who has been ill for months and whom she hopes to have with her when she is stronger. Eleanor apparently drove to commencement with her whole family, consisting of three boys, now aged ten, eight, and five.

Alice Hagar referred in her letter to the fact that Blanche Finesilver is still in Paris.

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Correspondent—VIRGINIA P. EDDY, 35 Otis Street, Newtonville, Mass.

In order to impress the other classes with our versatility, I am going to list a few of the many activities which we publicly flaunt. To say that further items will be acceptable is much too mild a way of expressing my sentiments.

GOLF—Helen Barkerdine Neuberg is on the executive board of the Women's Metropolitan Golf association. It is a well-deserved appointment, as last summer she won the championship of the Hackensack Golf club and went to the semi-finals in the New Jersey State championship. Having a little energy left, she organized the Bergen County Women's Golf association and, as president, presented the cup to her own club (Hackensack).

RIDING—Ethel Ayers has gone in for horsemanship with such verve that she has won several ribbons at the Brooklyn Riding academy. Sorry, I don't know the color—but probably blue.

CHILD WELFARE—Bernice Boynton spent last year in Washington, D. C., at the National Child Research Center, and that stimulated her to such an extent that she is studying toward an M. A. in child welfare in the department of anthropometry at the University of Iowa. In other words, she is back in Cedar Rapids (2355 Blake boulevard) and not wasting a bit of time.

CONTRACT BRIDGE—Helen Barkerdine Neuberg is giving contract lessons. If she plays contract the way she plays golf, it would be worthwhile to look her up—at Rivervale road, Westwood, N. J.

MUSIC—Al Holcombe is spending the winter in Boston again, taking more cello lessons at the New England Conservatory of Music and getting rather blasé about appearing in recitals.

DOMESTIC—Have we ever announced that Mary Birch Timberman now has two youngsters, a boy and a baby girl, and lives
in Bayside, L. I.? Ray Tiffany Into has two little girls, and I have it on good authority that all four of these children are superior in looks. Ray came on from Toledo last summer and visited Helen Neuberg.

Helene Wulf Knup returned on January 21 from a three months’ trip to Europe.

TENTH REUNION!

Now that 1933 is here we can think of only one thing—our tenth reunion! It is none too early to brush the cobwebs from the old suitcase and look up train schedules for June 10 and 11.

In order to be frivolous then, we must be very practical now. We want to be able to keep you posted as plans develop, so please send your latest address to Alice Ramsay at the Personnel Bureau—or the address of anybody else if it differs from the one in the register.

The executive committee has annexed a few helpers to assist in the big event, and they are all just pinning for encouragement and ideas. If you can furnish either, please write to Helen Borkerdin Neuberg, chairman of entertainment (including banquet); Mary Langenbacher, costumes; Helen Avery Bailey and Marcia Langley, class gift; Betty Moyle Gold, the next generation; Marion Johnson Schmuch, secretary; Virginia Eddy, publicity; and Alice Ramsay, general arrangements.

And don’t forget that your class president, Helen Avery Bailey, is always grateful for suggestions in regard to reunions or anything else.

Tenth reunion comes once in a lifetime; so don’t miss it!

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Correspondent—HELEN DOUGLASS NORTH, Maple Avenue, North Haven, Conn.

Born—To Ellen McCandless Britton, a daughter, Joan, on June 12. Ellen’s cousin, Janette Warriner Cleaver ’31, and her husband from Cincinnati were Christmas guests of the Brittons at their home, which is now located on Forest Hills boulevard, Knoxville.

Other News—Genie Walsh, Jane How, Peg Cornwell, and Anne Frauer represented ’24 at a meeting of the Hartford chapter held at the home of Helen Avery Bailey ’23 and had a grand gossiping time.

Jo Burnham Ferguson writes from her home in Belmont, Mass., “Last year I fool-

ishly (but enjoyed it nevertheless!) accepted the presidency of our Women’s club, which took a lot of my time, thought, and energy. But this year I am leading as quiet a life as my two lively daughters—Barbara, aged six and a half, and Shirley, aged five—and my home duties will allow.

“Emily (MacMehaffey) is busy, happily and very successfully, with her social service work. Aura Kepler fell from her horse this summer and injured her back so that she was laid up for about a month, but she seems to be all right once again and is very happy in her work; she gets home to Brookline quite often for the week-end.”

In September Glad Westerman Greene and family spent two weeks in New London with Doane’s family. Glad writes that the rabble and crowd had departed from the beach and that she took Joan and Stephen down there every morning. They met Helen Ferguson ’25 promenading here one day. Joan, who will be three in March, likes the water and boats very much and is planning to swim next summer; it isn’t at all surprising that she is such a water-baby, for her great-grandfather Greene was a sea captain who would go off whaling for years at a time. Joan is a very sturdy little girl.

Bob Hamblet has furnished a small apartment in Boston and is taking a course in physiotherapy at Harvard. Smudge Grumman saw Bob in New London last spring when they both attended a meeting of the Connecticut Abbot club. Lillian herself is most active in girl scout and church work. She spent a wonderful summer in Maine and followed it up with a grand trip to the Delaware Water Gap, Philadelphia, and Atlantic City in October.

The sympathy of ’24 is extended to Wee Hall Spring and Betty Hall Wittenberg ’22 in the death of their sister, Lucia, last July. Betty is now living at 58 Rhodes street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

When in Westport this summer, Jane How basked on the beach with Dot Hubbel, Luke MacDonald Anderson, and Gretta Carlson Benjamin, ex-’24, who had just come from California.

Dot Bradway Roberts may now be located at 49 Roxbury street, Hartford.

Doris Miner has been holding out on us; for about a year she has been Mrs. Edward P. Chester and is living in Newington, Conn.

I had a lovely but very brief visit in October with Marion Vibert Clark and her two youngsters when she stopped here en route to 3 Orchard drive, White Plains, N. Y., where she and her family are now making their home. Her husband is teaching in one of the schools in that vicinity.
“Bugs” writes that she and Al Ferris Lewis ’23 take swimming lessons at the Y every week—“beginners, of course, and very much beginners, too,” she adds.

Mickey Lawson Johnson and her family are now living at 20 Foster street, Arlington, Mass.

Marion Armstrong “spent every spare minute with a bunch of kids painting scenery” in preparation for a play which her school youngsters were putting on in assembly before Christmas; and her Classical club had a Roman banquet, done à la Roman with menus in Latin, Roman costumes, etc. Marion writes that Grace Church is employed at Long Lane farm.

Amy Hilker is back in Patchogue, L. I., teaching this year after having taken several courses at Columbia.

Sarah Gordon spent the summer touring Europe, having sailed from New York on the maiden voyage of the S. S. *Champlain*. Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Interlaken, Lucerne, and Venice were the high lights of her trip—not to mention swimming at Juan-les-Pins in southern France and winning the equivalent of $10 at roulette at Monte Carlo. She was accompanied by Katherine Grann ’29.

The trip, Sarah says, was so glamorous and fascinating that it has taken tremendous effort to get back to earth again to teach school, and that only the thought of going again stimulates her to action.

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1925

Correspondent—GRACE DEMAREST WRIGHT, 1225 Park Avenue, New York City.

BORN—To Lieutenant F. G. and Mullie Burke Eastman their third son, Roger Alden, November 22; to Jo Perry Weston, her second son, Perry, November.

OTHER NEWS—Helen Nichols Foster received her M. A. degree in education at New York university.

Virginia Lutzenkirken is working in the Trust department of the Straus National bank in Chicago, where, as she wrote Charlie Frisch Garlock of New York, “all the bad little bonds go.”

Charlotte Lang Crandall is back in Chicago after spending several months in Arizona and California.

Phyllis Jayme had a reunion luncheon for several members of the class of ’25 at her home in Bronxville on November 2. Peg Meredith Littlefield, Charlotte Beekwith Crane, Eleanor Harriman Baker, Olga Gennert Greene, and your correspondent were there.

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1926

Correspondent—ROSAMOND BEEBEE, 232 Park Street, Montclair, N. J.

MARRIED—Edith Low to Alan Hovey at Winchester, Mass.; address—43 Linnaean street, Cambridge, Mass.

BORN—To Elizabeth Platt Rockwell, a son, Fulton Platt, on Hallowe’en; to Kitty King Karslake, a son; to Helen Farsworth Schneidewind, a daughter, on Christmas eve; to Harriet Tillinghast Clover, a daughter, Joan, on Hallowe’en eve (and therefore often referred to as “Pumpkin.”)

It looks as if the class of 1926 is running and will be running a grand “Blessed Event” column. The honor falls for the second time to each one.

Somebody in the class wrote not long ago, “Don’t dare write you a longer letter anyhow, as I’m afraid you might print portions of it. These newsgatherers have that habit.” Habit or no habit, I wish I did have more to quote. Next time there will be some snappy statistics and lots of short news (no quotations), for I am mailing each and every member a questionnaire that I beseech you to fill out and return at once.

Pet Sterling Werntz is proud to say that little Bim now attends kindergarten and adores it too. Since he is the oldest child of our class, we may rejoice to know that our younger generation has now started its education.

Helen Hood Diesendorf has left for a few warm months in Florida.

Gertrude Koetter is up at the Presbyterian Medical center in New York city training to be a nurse.

Polly Warner is still working for the New York Tuberculosis association. She is at present living in Jackson Heights, L. I., after a series of jumps and moves from New York apartments to suburban houses and back again. She and Betty Linsley had a fine trip together on a Canada-Bermuda voyage this last summer. Betty is so very busy at her job as a member of the staff of St. Thomas’s Church in New York, that not many of her friends see her often.

Elizabeth Platt Rockwell and family now reside at 15 West 11th street, New York city.

Errata in last NEWS—Madelyn Smith Gibson’s address is 23 West 10th street, New York city, not 12th street.

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1927

Correspondent—ESTHER CHANDLER, 14 Worcester Street, Boston, Mass.

ENGAGED—Ruth Battey to William E. Silver of Aberdeen, Md., who was grad-
uated from Haverford in 1922 and is now in business in Aberdeen; Marjorie Millette, ex-'27, to Dr. Philip Auguste Chenevert of Lawrence, Mass., a graduate of Tufts Dental college in 1922 and a member of the Massachusetts Dental society.

Born—To Lillian Dauby Gries, a son, David, during the summer; to Mary Wilcox Cross, a daughter, Judith Wilcox, on December 4.

Other News—Marian Lamson writes that she is at home in Marlboro, Mass., this winter doing substitute teaching.

Helen McKee says (and we believe her) that she is working hard at Cornell Medical school.

Coral Lutz has been appointed associate professor in Latin and Greek at Judson college, Marion, Alabama.

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1928

Correspondent pro tern—HENRIETTA L. OWENS, 10 East 16th Street, New York City.

Engaged—Mary Wolcott to John Ford Quereau, in San Antonio, Tex.


Born—To Karla Heurich King, a daughter, Jane, on December 23.

Other News—We saw Edna Somers in New York the other day. She was here on a flying trip from Boston, consulting various style advisers and specialists in reference to her work at Jordan Marsh, where she is herself style adviser.

Enthusiastic word comes from Betty Gordon Van Law from Lima, Peru, where she has been living since her marriage last fall. "We had a glorious trip down," she writes, "flying from Cristobal, Canal Zone, to Lima in one day—a distance of 2,000 miles in 19 hours! We covered four countries and the equator in that stretch of time! The night flight from Talara, Peru, was a thrilling event—with a full moon lighting up the countryside perfectly. Lima is fascinating. I love it, and I am having a grand time."

Lucia Gay is working in the office of the dean of the George Washington University medical school.

The class of 1928 extends through this column their very deep sympathy to the family of Dorothy Lochridge Parker, who died suddenly on January 5 during a brief visit at her parents' home in Springfield, Mass.

1929

Correspondent—MURIEL S. KENDRICK, 115 Bellevue Street, Newton, Mass.

Engaged—Betty Williams to Arthur M. Moody, Jr., of Boston, wedding date set for January 23; Winifred Link to Dr. F. Gilman Steward.

Married—Margaret Burroughs to Robert Boyle Kohr; Beth Houston to Alanson David Murch; Carolyn Terry to Robert Baker.

Other News—Betty Williams wrote that she and her husband plan to go to Bermuda and later will reside in New York City. Winnie Link writes that Dr. Steward is a friend of Dr. Bill Kingsbury, Helen Hergert Kingsbury's husband. He is practicing osteopathy in Brooklyn; they will be married in May.

Beth Houston Murch, on a Christmas card to you all, wrote of her wedding last April in New London. Dr. Erb played her wedding march. Her husband is a construction superintendent employed by the family concern of Murch Brothers Construction company of St. Louis. Their present address is 311 Kohlhenag Apts., Roseburg, Oregon, where they have been living since May.

Margaret Burroughs Kohr is living in Madison, N. J. Carolyn Terry Baker was married November 12 at a simple home wedding. Pat Hine, Dot Thayer, and Dot Adams Peabody were there. Terry and Bob are living at 29 Euclid avenue, Waterbury, Conn.

Liz Lanctot is in her second year of teaching at Kemper Hall, Kenosha, Wisconsin. It is rumored that she also contemplates marriage within the year.

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1930

Correspondent—JANE MURPHY, 89 West Street, Danbury, Conn.

Scattered throughout this noisy, self-asserting world—hiding themselves in odd, dark corners—are the silent, voiceless members of the class of 1930. Stealthily and mutely they live from day to day, year to year, with the one great aim in their modest souls of cunningly keeping their actions to themselves. With their sly and crafty master minds they artfully conceal weddings, babies, and jobs. When they read the ALUMNAE NEWS, they grin with glee at the blank space under the 1930 column, and each one in her silent, introspective way whispers to herself, "They didn't get me!"

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1931

Correspondent—MELICENT WILCOX
BUCKINGHAM, Mill Hill, Southport, Conn.

ENGAGED—Edith Schneider to Edward Gordon McGlashan of Hartford, Conn.; Evelyn Whittemore to Foster Woods of Boston; Virginia Yancy to Dr. Doran Stephens of Rochester, N. Y.; Mary P. More to Frederick Harriff of New York city; Josiphine Lincoln to Joseph Howard Morris, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio.

MARRIED—Dorothy Birdsey to Rolland Manning, December 27; address—Lebanon, Conn.

BORN—To Alta Colburn Steeger, a son, Harrison Theodore.

OTHER NEWS—Carol Swisher Williams and Dwight are spending the winter at Fort Myers, Florida.

Winifred Beach is now Mrs. Valmore B. Bearer, South Fallsburg, N. Y.

Ruth Canty is teaching sixth grade in the Bellerica, Mass., schools.

Lucia Dearden is teaching in Leicester, Mass.

Catherine Lynch is working in Bristol, Conn., in connection with the Girls' club.

Evelyn Whittemore is secretary to the export manager at the Whittemore Brothers company.

Gretchen Shidle is working at the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft company in Hartford. Constance Ganoe has a job in the library at Wellesley.

Katherine Steele is secretary to the head of the astronomy department at Yale.

Barbara Pollard will begin to teach in the Willimantic high school in February, transferring from the Norwich Free academy.

Everybody else with a job to hang on to is hanging on to it, and a number of us are at home—social butterflies and props to our families.

1932

Correspondent—GERTRUDE S. BUTLER, 7105 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

ENGAGED—Earleen Fairweather to Harold C. Whitmarsh of Newport, R. I.

MARRIED—Mary Elizabeth Wyeth to Dr. Benjamin Franklin Jones in Paris on December 22; at home after February 15 in Cambridge, Mass; Jay Schuyler, ex-'32, on October 29.

BORN—To Jean Richards Schramm, a son, Kehnraith, on November 21; to Mary

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Colton Ingraham on November 2, a son, Lawrence Theodore.

**OTHER NEWS** — Helen McGillicuddy is teaching English in the high school at Turners Falls, Mass. Jane MacKenzie is teaching English and civics in the high school at Willimantic, Conn. Because of several requests for information be it also known that Gertrude Butler is an assistant in English at the Stevens school in Germantown, Philadelphia.

Margaret Cornehlsen is doing volunteer social service work in Brooklyn. Joyce Burt is going to business and secretarial school in New York. Peggy Leland is doing volunteer work in a Boston dispensary. Leah Savitsky is doing laboratory work in the Laurel Heights sanitarium in Shelton, Conn. Drusilla Fielding is working for her Master's degree, while serving as research assistant in the home economics department of the college.

Ellen Shold is working for the Hoover Vacuum Cleaner company in Boston. Mary Sturdevant has a job as secretary to a scientist at the Roerich museum in New York. Alice Van Dusen is in Bloomington's. Virginia Stephenson has a job at the American Federation of Arts in Washington as secretary. Kathryn Cooksey is studying. Evelyn Warren is studying music. Mary Butler is teaching music at the Dwight school in Englewood.

Martha Tobin Hoke, ex-'32, and Virginia Wilcox, also ex-'32, spent a day with Isabelle Ewing Knecht at her home in Warren, Ohio. Martie is reported as being as vivacious as ever. Iz has now moved to a six-acre estate at 3240 Youngstown avenue, Warren. Charlotte Nixon on a trip to Philadelphia spoke of the Holyoke group being well and happy. Nick works as a "special" in Filene's and says the date of her marriage is scheduled for 1950.

Carolyn Hincks, Ruth Caswell, and Margaret Rathbone apparently hold open house for all of 1932 in their apartments in Boston. Margaret Hazelwood is struggling with the creation of "puffed Elizabethan pants" at the Yale School of Drama. And Laura Emily Taft, to whom we are indebted, for a great deal of information, is "giggling in six Cleveland libraries" while pursuing her studies at Western Reserve, instead of confining herself to the Palmer library.

Dr. Wells Publishes Fifth Supplement to His Manuel

"The Fifth Supplement to a Manuel of the Writings in Middle English" by Dr. John Edwin Wells has just been published under the auspices of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences by the Yale University Press, for America; and the Oxford University Press, for other countries.

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