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# Connecticut College Alumnae News

## A Notable Year

THE college year 1938-39 is for reasons other than the natural violence of its beginning a notable one for alumnae of Connecticut College. Among the 235 freshmen who registered in Dr. Leib's office, furrowed their brows as they consulted advisors and decided upon courses, regarded seniors with awe, and the faculty as exponents of ineffable wisdom were four daughters of alumnae. We are interested in these four girls as individual members of the college community regardless of whose daughters they may be, but to us their presence on the campus has additional meaning. It means that we have reached another period in our development as a college. We have passed through twenty-three years which, disturbed by the World War and by violent social and economic changes, have been hazardous ones for individuals and educational institutions, as well as for nations. But we have not merely survived this period. During these years, perhaps in part because of them, we have developed a vitality which might not have been achieved had our early years been spent in a period of greater calmness. Now with gratitude and pride we are able to pass on to our daughters for their benefit and enjoyment the tradition and actuality of liberal education which exist at Connecticut College.

As alumnae we have helped pave the way for the granddaughters of the college,

and it would be pleasant at long last for us to take our ease. To do so, however, would be to risk loss for the college and for ourselves. No system of education and no institution will remain democratic and liberal simply because certain groups of people wish them to do so. Even the most intelligent and active efforts to preserve and extend the liberalizing influence of education may be defeated. Therefore, our interest in education in general, and in our own institution in particular, cannot safely remain passive.

Education follows the dominant social system. That is, education is for the hunt, the priesthood, the soldier, the citizen, depending upon whether society is primitive, theocratic, military, or democratic. The Communist and Fascist dictatorships, with well established precedent, early seized control of their educational systems with the openly avowed intention of instilling their principles of government into the minds of students. That indoctrination is an effective method of education for certain purposes is undeniable, but that it is a highly precarious one is also undeniable. The method which makes use of repression and exclusion carries within it the seeds of revolt and violence.

In a democracy there is an interdependence between the social system and education. In democratic liberal education curricula are unrestricted and the findings of students are not suppressed, theo-



retically, even when they indicate weakness in the social structure. Education may and often does point the way to compromise, adaptation, and change in the State. Conversely, only in a democracy can such free education exist. This interdependence is the first step toward the correction of conditions responsible for the sufferings of many unfortunate citizens for whom democracy is meaningless. It is also the best insurance against violence and abrupt and destructive changes which mean the loss of past achievements and future advances.

It is desirable, if inevitable because of the changing social structure, that the social sciences should receive much attention in schools today, but it is vital that the knowledge necessary for understand-

ing and judging the principles and proposals of social scientists should be deep and sound. Connecticut College, we know, feels keenly and is endeavoring to accept its responsibility as an institution of true liberal education. It is attempting, we believe with some success, to give its students a background which will enable them to live now and later with benefit to themselves and to society. As alumnae, as mothers, teachers, and friends of students in the college, and as individuals living in disordered times, it is our privilege and obligation to give the college the support of our constant personal interest and assistance. Thus, we may help maintain and further the influence of liberal education.



*The Governor's Lady and Her Family.* Left to right, Raymond, Jr., 11; Edith Lindholm Baldwin, C. C. '20; Lucian, 13, Raymond Baldwin, recently elected governor of Connecticut, and Tyler, 8.



## The Secretary of State

*As the result of the November elections alumnæ and friends of the college will assume important positions in the State government in January, 1939. Edith Lindholm Baldwin '20, is the wife of Raymond Baldwin, newly elected governor of Connecticut. Mrs. Sara B. Crawford, long-time friend of the college, is the new Secretary of State. Sara Crawford Maschal '25, is representative to the General Assembly of Connecticut from Norwalk. Mrs. Crawford is the mother of three alumnæ,—Janet Crawford How '24, who has served as an Alumnae Trustee and as Alumnae Association President for two terms, and is now a member of the Executive Board of the Association; Sara Crawford Maschal '25, and Susan Crawford '33. Mr. Baldwin is a graduate of Wesleyan and of the Yale Law School. President James L. McConaughy of Wesleyan is the newly elected Lieutenant Governor. Below are printed impressions of Mrs. Crawford by an alumna.*

BY ETTA M. STRATHIE VAN TASSEL, ex '24

"I AM a very average person, not specially gifted in any way, but I am willing to work for good government."

Thus did Mrs. Sara B. Crawford, known in Connecticut as the new Secretary of State, and to Connecticut College alumnæ as the mother of Janet, Sally, and Sue, sum herself up in a recent interview. "I have simply been sincere in my interest in government," she went on to say. "It is literally true that I have never sought any office."

No one, not even a stranger talking with Mrs. Crawford for the first time, could fail to get a lift of the heart from such a use of the word "average." "If this woman is average," you say to yourself, "this woman whose personality apparently holds power and gentleness, intellect, and sympathetic understanding in a steady balance, then the general run of human kind certainly must be looking up."

But you know, talking with her, that, in spite of her humility, she is one of the rare people with the strength to shoulder responsibility and the courage to fight for causes in their weak beginnings. Her history speaks for itself. Her early years in Westport, after the three girls had passed the baby stage, were devoted to

efforts toward better schools and better sanitary conditions. She joined the Equal Suffrage movement while Sue was still a baby. "I was not one of the militant ones," she said, "but I did march in parades. It was hard marching in New York but much harder in Westport!"

For eighteen years she has been active in Republican affairs. For the past twelve years she has served her town as representative in the General Assembly, and her concern has always been for progressive and humane legislation. It is plain to see, also, that the under-privileged and the handicapped are close to her heart. For three years she has served on a commission appointed by the Governor for the building of an institution for the mentally defective. When this project is completed, as she hopes it will be in another year, a great need will have been filled.

"It will not be simply a place to put these people away in," she said. "It will be a training school and hospital combined. Those who are able will be trained to take care of themselves, to do some useful work and to go back to their homes. The others will be taken care of."

She reserved her own chair in the General Assembly for Sally, who was





MRS. SARA B. CRAWFORD

recently elected representative from Norwalk. She is very proud of her three daughters and deeply interested in the college which gave them their training. In 1928 she organized the Fairfield County Committee for Connecticut College for the purpose of educating the people in the interests of the college, and to raise funds for a new dormitory which would be called "Fairfield House." Because of the depression no large donations came in and the plan for a dormitory had to be postponed, but for the past seven years the committee has devoted its efforts to raising money for scholarships for Fairfield County girls, and to adding little by little to their dormitory fund. Some day Mrs. Crawford hopes that dream too may become a reality, and that the last girls



SARA CRAWFORD MASCHAL, '25

off campus may be housed in Fairfield County House.

Mrs. Crawford is the first woman ever to hold the office of Secretary of State in Connecticut, and she is the only woman secretary at present in the forty-eight states.

"I did not accept the great honor of the nomination as a tribute to myself," she said, "but I felt that I had to accept it for the honor of all women."

These simple but heartfelt words were thrilling to hear. It is at the touch of such women as Mrs. Crawford, in the noble tradition of Jane Addams, women fearless, far-seeing and sincere, that the heavy and stubborn gates swing back and there follows greater growth, greater opportunity, greater honor "for all women."



## Infinite Variety

*C. B. Rice established her studio in New York shortly after graduation, and soon achieved an enviable reputation as a photographer. Her pictures, chiefly of children have received much favorable comment. The illustration shows the likeness of Cornelia Patterson Rogers, daughter of Henrietta Owens Rogers '28, in a moment of relaxation.*

BY CAROLINE B. RICE '31

ONE often hears that photography is too mechanical to rank as an art. It is true that the camera does have certain limitations. An artist may change the position of a house or tree on his canvas to achieve any desired effect, whereas the photographer, because of the chemical and mechanical nature of his medium, must see and arrange every detail of his subject through the ground-glass. The entire composition must be decided on before the exposure is made, for once made, it cannot be changed. But this limitation can be turned into an asset. It offers a challenge to the imagination and demands creative expression. With a given assignment to photograph no two photographers, each working with identical materials, will achieve the same result. By the arrangement and use of light the photographer is able to emphasize what most interests him in the subject.

There is an element of surprise and interest in every job, and going to the homes of children to take pictures always means encountering a new problem. No two jobs are exactly alike, except the preliminary step, that of furniture moving. Little did I realize while at college that my many experiences moving "flats" and furniture for Wig and Candle plays were to be useful in my work. I have yet to go on a job without upsetting at least one room so completely that it is almost unrecognizable to the owner! Plain back-

grounds give the best results, and this is my reason for rearranging.

A typical day finds me at work in the dark-room. The telephone rings. "This is — Studio. Won't you let us take your photograph—of course, without obligation . . . etc., etc." This goes on for at least two minutes, and meanwhile, I am unable to get in a word. When I do manage to tell them what I do, their surprised, "Oh!" . . . quickly ends the conversation. Presently there is another call. "Can you take my baby's picture today at three? It's the only day I can have it done this week, and I'm afraid to wait until next week because she's starting to teethe," or "She's going to be vaccinated." When I tell people that most of my work is done with children, they invariably ask, "Oh, aren't they very difficult to photograph?" and "I should think grownups would be much easier to do." My answer is always the same. I prefer to take children. They are always natural and unposed, and of course without set ideas as to how they wish to be photographed. Occasionally an older child is stubborn and unreasonable—says he does not want to be photographed. In such cases much patience and ingenuity is needed before I am actually able to get down to work. One method I have found very useful in bringing around such children is to give them my camera and let them take a picture or two themselves of a sister or brother, or even some of



their toys. They never fail to be fascinated by the procedure, and when they have had enough (my Graflex camera weighs nine pounds) they are generally ready and willing to let me do a little picture-taking. Small babies who have not reached the crawling stage are, of course, the easiest of all to take. They can readily be induced to smile or coo in the best Hollywood manner. But once a child has discovered the fascinating art of crawling, or is taking her first steps, the problem becomes less simple. With their boundless

energy, they tear all over the room followed by me with my camera snapping at odd intervals. It is my aim to take unposed shots for they are by far the most interesting.



Not all my work is confined to children, however. Besides grownups I've taken pictures of animals, houses, and cigar boxes, to mention only a few subjects. Once, in connection with a legal case, I had to photograph an entire apartment which was only partly furnished, yet had to appear "live-in." Again, furniture moving was necessary to fill in bare spots in the various rooms. During the September hurricane I happened to be visiting on Fire Island and had a thrilling time taking pictures while the storm was in progress.

That day, a strong wind did all the furniture moving!

There is always variety, you see, and I can imagine no more fascinating occupation.

## ALUMNÆ ACTIVITIES

CLASSES which will hold reunions in June, 1939, are 1919, 1920, 1921, 1937, and 1938. Officers of 1929 are making tentative plans for their tenth.

Commencement dates for 1939 are: Class Day, Saturday, June 10th; Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, June 11th; Commencement, Monday, June 12th.

The new reunion plan, operating last year for the first time, was phenomenally successful. More people returned than ever before, not only from the reunion classes, but also from 1911, which includes all non-reunion classes.

Present building progress indicates that the new auditorium will be ready for the graduation exercises of the class of 1939.

## ALUMNÆ WEEKEND

Alumnæ Weekend was especially important this Fall, because at that time the first daughters of alumnæ enrolled as students at Connecticut College, and the students who hold the three scholarships awarded by alumnæ were formally introduced to the alumnæ.

On Saturday evening after a buffet supper for alumnæ and student guests



greetings were given by President Blunt, Eleanor Harriman Baker, president of the Alumnæ Association, and Kathryn Moss, Alumnæ Secretary. The students were then introduced, and made delightful extemporaneous responses. The daughters of alumnæ and the scholarship students now on the campus are:

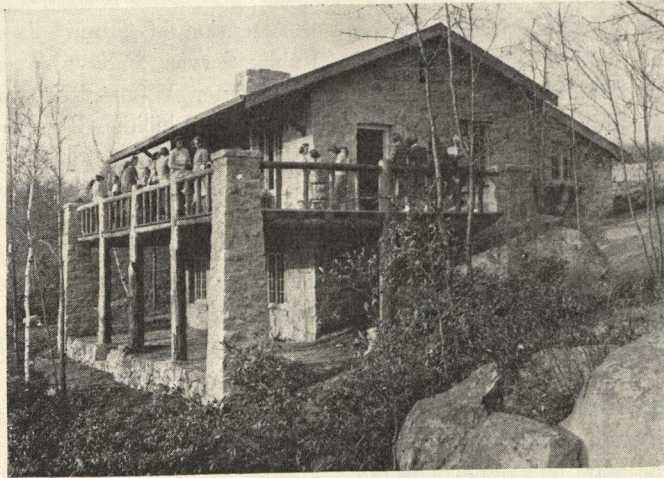
Virginia Martin '42, holder of the Cleveland Alumnæ Chapter Scholarship.

Carolyn Seeley '41, daughter of Emetta Weed Seeley '19, niece of Mildred Seeley '23, and this year's holder of the Alumnæ Scholarship.

Marilyn Morris '42, daughter of Mary

near the lake and Outdoor Theatre in the Arboretum, and made possible by the gift of Mr. Nelson Buck, father of Frances Buck Taylor '32, is a perfect setting for such gatherings, and many miniature reunions were enjoyed as cider and doughnuts were consumed.

Miss Blunt's talk on college affairs, Dr. Erb's lecture on "Music—What Every Woman Should Know About It," and Dr. Laubenstein's sermon at the Sunday morning religious service completed the program for the Weekend which seemed to be enjoyed by many alumnæ, even though the results of the



ALUMNAE AT BUCK LODGE

Chipman Morris '19, and Dr. Frank E. Morris. 1919's Class Baby.

Ann Small '42, daughter of Helen Harris ex '20.

Ruth Stevens Symington, daughter of Ruth Lois Stevens ex '19.

Mary Belle Kelsey '39, holder of the Sykes Memorial Scholarship.

Other events during the Weekend in which students participated were the get-together in Buck Lodge, and the Sunday morning breakfast which Student Cabinet gave for the members of the Executive Board of the Alumnæ Association. Buck Lodge, the beautiful stone house located

hurricane were still all too visible, and the customary brilliance of autumnal foliage was missing.

Marenda Prentis spoke at the first meeting of the Boston chapter on the joys and sorrows, or pain and pleasure of being an alumna trustee. Since she had recently returned from New London, she gave a graphic account of the hurricane damage. Mr. Federico Sanchez, associate professor in Spanish at the college, was the speaker at the November meeting. His subject was "Some Considerations of



the Spanish Character," and both the address and the question period afterward were unusually interesting.

At Cleveland's first meeting of the year it was decided to send \$50 to the college, the money to be applied to the rehabilitation fund started after the hurricane instead of the amount being used to send a representative to Alumnæ Weekend. The northern Ohio meeting was held at the Mid-Town Club on December 3rd when Kathryn Moss, Alumnæ Secretary, gave recent news of the college. Plans were discussed for the Christmas dance.

Meetings of the New York alumnæ group are being held at Therese Worthington Grant's, 284 Park avenue. Mrs. George Arthur Smith, dramatic reader, read from *Hamlet* and *Macbeth* at the first meeting, and Mr. Geoffrey O'Hara, composer and critic, presented an evening of music and musical criticism at the next meeting. A Town Hall recital by Miss Grace Leslie, teacher of voice at the college, will be announced later.

Iveagh Hunt Sterry, ex 1919, is co-author of "They Found a Way," delightful book on the State of Connecticut and its people.

At Hartford chapter's October meeting Dean Burdick spoke on "What's New at the College," and Mrs. Gilbert Ashley of Wethersfield at the November meeting on "Guatemala." The annual Christmas

dance was held at the Wampanoag Country Club, West Hartford.

A picnic; an evening of politics preceding the November election when two New London lawyers debated informally; the presentation of a magician, Osram the Great (A. Everett Austin, jr., director of the art museum of Hartford); and a Christmas party when the drawing for a \$25 merchandise certificate was held, have made the meetings of the New London chapter unusually popular this year.

#### FELLOWSHIP

Attention of alumnæ is called to the Public Service Fellowship established by the former Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform.

This fellowship for 1939-40 should be of interest to all recent women graduates of colleges. It offers a sum of \$1400 for a year of graduate study at an approved college in one or more of the related fields of economics, government, history, and sociology. The award is made annually by the faculty of Barnard college to a woman having graduated during the past five years who shows promise of usefulness in the public service (ordinary fields of teaching not included).

Request for further information and for application blanks should be addressed immediately to Professor Jane Perry Clark, chairman of the faculty committee, Barnard college, Columbia university, New York.

## On Campus

#### NEW FACULTY

Several additions have been made to the faculty this year. Dr. Vera Butler, associate professor of education, replaces Dr. Frances Clarke, who resigned because of the illness of her mother. Dr. Butler was graduated from Teachers'

College, Columbia, and received her Ed.D. from Temple university. She has taught at Temple and at the State summer school at Yale.

Dr. Avis Borden, instructor in physics, received her A.B. from Vassar, her M.A. from Yale, and her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. She has been teach-



ing for three years at the Westover School in Middlebury.

Mr. John W. Gardner, instructor in psychology, is a graduate of Stanford university, and will receive his Ph.D. during this year from the University of California.

Mr. Frederick Harrison, instructor in economics, received his A.B. from the University of Maine. He spent three years with the Bureau of Business Research in New York, and taught at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for three years. He is now completing work for his Ph.D. from New York university.

Dr. Charles Hock, instructor in botany, has a B.S. from Franklin and Marshall, and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Malcolm B. Jones, instructor in Spanish and French, received his A.B. and Ph.D. from Harvard. He has been assistant professor of classical languages at Kenyon college.

Dr. Florence Warner, professor of social science, and acting chairman of that department, holds an A.B. from Oberlin and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. She was for four years director of the department of public welfare of the State of Arizona. Dr. Warner left Arizona a year ago, and since that time has been teaching and doing research at the University of Chicago. She has worked with Professor James Field of the department of economics of the university as assistant statistician for the Shipping Board in England; has made a study of juvenile detention in the United States sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation, and has served as superintendent of one of the district offices of the Emergency Relief in Chicago. In addition to her teaching and work as chairman of the department of social science at Connecticut, Dr. Warner will study the situation in the State in order to determine the advisability of the establishment of a graduate school of social work on the Connecticut campus.

Other additions to the faculty are: Miss Marjorie Bennett, graduate fellow and assistant in history; Miss June Carpenter, graduate fellow and assistant in psychology; Miss Margaret Chase, nursery school teacher; Miss Frances Gregory, home economics assistant and house fellow in Mosier; Miss Barbara Shalucha, Dow research fellow in chemistry; Miss Faith Packard, English assistant; Miss May Nelson, secretary in the admissions office; Miss Katherine Walbridge, secretary in the personnel bureau.

#### HURRICANE DAMAGE

Shortly after the hurricane Miss Blunt sent the following letter to all parents of students:

"We have tried through the friendly radio and wire services of the Associated Press, Western Union, and the U. S. Coast Guard to send you parents messages of reassurance.

"I am happy to say to all of you that with three minor exceptions, students, faculty, and staff are unharmed. We have been in touch with the parents of the two students who were slightly hurt. The morale of the students both during and after the storm has been most heartening. We started classes at 8:00 a. m. on Thursday and have kept to our schedule. Students have been volunteer messengers at college and have served in other useful capacities.

Great credit goes to the service men of the college who have worked through the nights erecting a temporary stack to replace our heating plant chimney which fell during the storm. By Friday noon the college buildings had heat, water, refrigeration, and some lights. The off-campus houses have not been without water at any time. Arrangements were made for trucking food and milk so that there has been no food shortage. All drinking water is boiled.

Considering the destruction by fire, wind, and water in the city and the sur-





STUDENTS IN BUCK LODGE

Alumnæ are invited to attend convocation lectures, which will be given on the following dates:

January 10th. George Boas, professor of philosophy, Johns Hopkins university, "The Foundation of Modern Taste."

February 7th. Roy D. Welch, professor of music Princeton university. "Convention and Revolt in Music."

February 21st. Alice Salomon, author, educator, and social worker.

"World Progress in Social Work." March 21st. Hans Kohn, professor of history, Smith college. "Prospects of Democracy."

Bertha Damon, author of the current best seller, "Grandma Called It Carnal," was the guest of the college bookshop for an afternoon when she autographed copies of her book, and talked informally with a group of freshmen on building up a personal library.

#### CLASS NOTES—GERTRUDE NOYES, '25, Editor, Connecticut College, New London, Conn.

*(We thank the Class Correspondents for the generous amount of their news. Notes which could not be printed in this issue because of lack of space will appear in succeeding issues. Ed. of News.)*

1919

CORRESPONDENT: Grace Cockings, 82 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, Conn.

1919's sympathy goes to Helen Gough and Marion Rogers Nelson for the loss of their fathers last summer.

Gertrude Espensheid went to Williamsburg, Va., on the Eastern Steamship Line and also took a trip to Montreal, Quebec, and the Gaspé Peninsula. She

saw Evelene Taylor Peters at a New York chapter meeting recently.

Margaret Maher was in California all last winter and now has an apartment at Long Beach. She drove over to Sunland about ten miles away to see Miriam Pomeroy Rogers.

Frank Otten Seymour had her mother with her last summer in Seattle.

Sue Wilcox spent several weeks in Maine this summer.



Dorothy Dart finally chose California as her vacation spot. On the way out, she stopped at the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone Park. While in California she took trips through Hollywood, Santa Monica, and San Francisco, where she had lunch with Sarah Lewis.

Alison Hastings Porritt and Florence Carns both came to see me last summer on the same day. Alison's two children were at camp in July, and the entire family spent August at Black Point.

The *New London Day* describes the rescue of Mildred Keefe Smiddy, who was alone in her home on the shore when the hurricane reached its height. After her husband applied for aid at the Billard Academy, two officers "donned life preservers and rigged life lines and swam against the seas over Pequot Avenue to the house. They brought back Mrs. Smiddy safely."

1920

CORRESPONDENT: Fanchon Hartman Title, 79 Belknap Rd., W. Hartford, Conn.

*Marriage*: Clarissa Ragsdale to Thomas Q. Harrison. Marjorie Carlson Munns and her husband were the witnesses. Mr. Harrison organized the first World Congress of Youth for Peace, which was held in Holland in 1928. Address: Carltondale, Ringwood Manor, N. J.

Raymond Baldwin, husband of Edith Lindholm Baldwin, is Republican governor of Connecticut.

You will all be sorry to hear of the death of Helen Collins Miner's mother. She was so lovely that many of us felt we had a second home with her in New London. Helen writes that her Nancy is taller than Helen herself. Helen seems to be the same busy, gay person and is still active in Red Cross work.

Joan Munro Odell was in St. Louis for the summer.

Leah Pick Silber summered in Ogunquit, Maine.

Jessie Menzies Luce writes that she was ill during the spring and early summer.

Your correspondent is on her way to a Girl Scout convention in Kansas City. I hope to see lots of C. C.-ites there and expect to assist at two round tables on Public Relations.

1922

CORRESPONDENT: Margaret Baxter Butler, 775 Loraine Ave., Grosse Pointe, Mich.

NEW ADDRESSES: Blanche Finley (Finesilver), 102 West 85th St., N. Y. C. Grace Fisher Weil, R.F.D., Ridge-wood, N. J.

Helen Clarke, from June to December: Chateau Maulney, St. Soupplais, Seine et Marne, France; the rest of the year: Villa Lucioles, Rue des Giroflées, Monte Carlo, Pté. de Monaco.

We are indebted to Virginia Hays Fisher '24 for Helen's address. Virginia writes that Helen has not been back to the U. S. A. for six or seven years and that she expects to spend the rest of her life in France.

The class extends its sympathy to Gertrude Traurig, whose father died last winter, and to Constance Hill Hathaway, whose father died very suddenly of a heart attack in June.

Some time ago Mary Damerel wrote me the good news that Anne Graham had recovered from her illness and had been substituting occasionally in the Stonington schools.

Ann Slade Frey saw Jeanette Sperry Slocum and Dorothy Gregson Slocum frequently during the summer, when they drove to and from their new farms, of which they are very proud. Our class baby, Janet, at the time Ann wrote, had just returned from her fifth summer in camp and was looking robust, weighing 125 pounds and being an inch taller than Ann. Janet is attending the Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., this year.



Millsie's son, Richard, 13, is a student at Ottawa College this fall. As there are only six boys in his dormitory who speak English, he is bound to learn French promptly.

Our class reunion in June was somewhat disappointing, as only Dorothy Wheeler, Augusta O'Sullivan, Blanche Finley, and I were present. Perhaps it was too close to our last good reunion of 1935. We had a good time together but hope that circumstances will permit more to return in 1943 for our next reunion. Instead of dining at the Norwich Inn, as planned, we joined "1911" at the Mohican and were glad to renew our contacts with many whom we had known in college and other more recent graduates.

### 1923

CORRESPONDENT: Mary Langenbacher Clark, 215 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.

Jane Gardner had an unusual vacation, spending some of her time in Ottawa and the rest in Mexico. So enthusiastic was Jane about Mexican arts and crafts that she returned with "loot" enough to hold an exhibition in the Women's College Art Gallery at Newark, Delaware. She writes, "Just as we were starting for home, floods in the mountains made the Pan-American Highway impassable; but in spite of sitting in the Mexico City freight yard two days in an endeavor to get the car shipped to Monterey, our delight in Mexico was not lessened." To prove this, Jane is studying Spanish this year.

Peg Heyer exhibited a water color in the Mystic Art Gallery this summer.

From Camp Edith Macy, Pleasantville, N. Y., Judy Warner writes of a good summer with the Girl Scouts. She was to be there until the first week in October.

Down at New Hope Emily Slaymaker Leith-Ross and her husband spent the summer gardening, painting, and playing

tennis. Harry is one of a group of New Hope artists exhibiting at the Gallery of the Paper Mill Playhouse, Short Hills, from November 14 to January 4. In the midst of a tournament one day last summer, Jessie Bigelow Martin paid Emily a brief visit on her way back to Washington after placing Nancy in camp. Jessie has an interesting government job, which we expect to hear more about soon.

Carmela Anastasia Grenquist took a course in Education last summer at Montclair State College, and is continuing her work there this fall in order to get a New Jersey teacher's certificate. She is doing splendid volunteer work with the Bloomfield Day Nursery.

Anna Buell is doing social settlement work at Olean, N. Y.

### 1924

CORRESPONDENT: Olivia Johnson, 32 Adams St., Oyster Bay, N. Y.

Word has been received of the death of Myrtice Tryon on July 20 after a long illness. The secretary in the name of the class sent a note of sympathy to Mrs. Tryon.

At the time of the death of Senator Royal S. Copeland, Gloria Hollister sent a telegram to Mrs. Copeland representing the class.

Kay Hardwick Latimer acknowledged the receipt of the Class Baby Fund in most enthusiastic terms. She will save the money until Anne is old enough to enter college.

Early in August I had a very pleasant reunion for two with Dotha White. She is enjoying her work as first assistant in the New Britain Library, and she and her mother have recently moved into a very charming apartment overlooking a meadow and pond. Dotha and I had a grand time matching enthusiasms and comparing notes on our trips to Mexico. She had been back only a few weeks, and had been to many of the places that I visited last year.



Hunken is planning an executive committee meeting for mid-October, the results of which you'll hear later.

1925

CORRESPONDENT: Emily Warner, Girl Scouts, 14 W. 49 St., N. Y. C.

It is a foregone conclusion that every one of us is waiting with hearts tripping to see the results of the broadside which went out in August. The response has already been breath-taking—and let us say right here, it is a most fascinating business, this finding out about contemporaries. Here's how, gals:

Madam President, Dr. S. Parks (Parkie to you) McCombs practices in New York City; has published "a medical article on gall bladder disease"; travels the length and breadth of the city streets—even ventures on ferry boats; recommends for another reunion that each class member submit 10-25 feet of film of self and family to be shown at dinner.

Connie Parker, turned dude last July 4, rode (grimly, we suspect—speaking for ourself) 84 miles in two days, ate from the mantelpiece for the following two weeks (we guess!). You can't just pick that up, Connie, and get away with it, now can you? Again, sailed (no dude this time, dears) up the Maine coast learning to luff it or something, night watch and all the works. Good stuff, Connie. Only she lost ten pounds, and the fish—well, you know how it is in a blow!

Gertrude Noyes, now an assistant professor at C. C., spent the summer in England, studying at Oxford and traveling.

Virginia Lutzenkirchen works for the Income Tax Division in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue, First District of Illinois. That's enough about that—anyhow, she's pretty well away from us. Do you suppose she whistles while she works? She retired to Mexico City and Vera Cruz in June, saw all, and was enchanted.

Stella Levine Mendelsohn is married to the Chief Resident Surgeon of the Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland, and is otherwise occupied with fashion advertising and publicity; visited—or should we say studied at?—the Amos Parrish Fashion Clinic in New York this summer.

Eleanor Tracy Adam is married to a physician (Is this a medical directory?), has three children, operates a nursery and kindergarten, "The Orchard School," at Canaan, Conn., and sent us a very neat prospectus describing progressive education methods dispensed in said institution by the same Mrs. Adam and an equally able colleague. Those interested may apply for orange juice at ten, followed by rest at 10:20—a routine which appeals to us in our advanced age.

Catherine Calhoun is high school librarian in Torrington, with summers off, we presume. Little does she know how fortunate she is to have time for motoring to Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and Gaspé. We know a fisherlady who harpooned a 652 pound tuna there this summer. Any other good fish stories, Kay?

Charlotte Lang Carroll is pretty adept on skis; we know because "Fair, thank you" is just a bit of that admirable modest quality. We confess to a plaintive envy and wish we could manage as well. Charlotte is learning to paint in oils, along with the business of keeping the little family together. Yes, it's Acres of Diamonds all over again.

Our next effort we plan to devote to greetings from and bits about ex-members. We have a fair start, thanks to many of you, and hope for more before our next dead line.

1927

CORRESPONDENT: Barbara Tracy Coogan, 206 N. 7th St., Newark, N. J.

We extend our sympathy to Margaret Moore Manship upon the death of her father in August. Peg lives in Akron, where her husband is Adjustment Man-



ager of the M. O'Neil Co., a department store. The third member of their family is "Bean Monk Manship," a lively black Scottie.

Florence Hopper Levick is now working in her husband's office and enjoying the chance to get to New York daily. Bony, her husband, and seven-year-old Bobby spent much of the summer on Long Island Sound in their cabin cruiser. John is a marine photographer, photographing private yachts, sailing races, etc. Last winter the Levicks took a trip to Florida. At Fort Lauderdale they bumped into Dosia and Don Clute, also on vacation.

Dosia Sanford Clute lives way up north in Ausable Forks, N. Y., where her husband is the Methodist minister. Dosia is enjoying her share of missionary meetings and church circles!

## 1928

CORRESPONDENT: Deborah Lippincott Currier, Peterboro, N. H.

*Births:* To Abbie Kelsey Baker, a daughter, Janet Eloise, on August 4.

To Lainie Beiderbecke Marquardt, a daughter.

Abbie writes that she has seen Helen Boyd Marquis, who has moved into a new home in Short Hills. Helen now has two daughters and a son and a doctor husband.

Ginnie Hawkins Perrine, Peg Merriam Zellars, and Say Say Brown had a jolly week end together before Say Say escaped from the Summer Theatre and went off on the *Normandie* "along with the cattle and the ewe lambs." She and a friend visited the Scandinavian countries.

May I take this opportunity to make a suggestion for your gifts—give Siamese kittens! The lucky six who order first may acquire registered kittens at low cost. Yes, I'm advertising, and assure you any orders will receive prompt attention.

## 1929

CORRESPONDENT: Winifred Link Stewart, The Embassy, 555 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

*Births:* A daughter, Barbara Wells, to Frances Wells Vroom on June 2. Barbara was a darling blue-eyed, black-haired little girl at the ripe old age of one month when I saw her one afternoon in July. I had driven over to Montclair from Princeton, and was so delighted to have a nice long visit with Fran and to see the lovely baby. I learned from Fran that Mary Scattergood Norris has a little girl born in May. Have written to Scat for more details but have not yet heard.

Norm Kennedy Mandell sent on some interesting suggestions for our tenth reunion (if there is one) which I am forwarding to Jan Barnard and some more news from the vicinity of Cleveland. Under Norm's guiding hand the Alumnae group seems to be thriving, and already this fall a tea has been given for the undergraduates and a first meeting has been held. Some 80 or more come from far and near for meetings. Norm and her family had just returned from their vacation in northern Michigan. Kate Aikens Van Meter has recently moved to 749 Millbrook Lane, Haverford, Pa. Dot Thayer White visited her sister in Cleveland this summer.

## 1930

CORRESPONDENT: Dorothy Feltner Davis, 95 Du Bois Ave., West Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y.

A plump young lady, curled in the height of fashion, is assistant, these days, to the head of Talks and Education at Columbia Broadcasting on Madison Avenue in New York. Her greeting is entirely bereft of the Calvin Coolidge accent so acute in days of yore. Her interview with you is gracious, a pleasant casualness covering any show of efficiency. However, she still will come late to the Casino



where she is to dine with us and our bachelor friend, rather than leave work unfinished.

These three past months having been devoted, in part, to careful shopping and interior decorating, the young woman will, I suppose, be spending more evenings at home. Her Greenwich Village apartment is warmly colorful, long-windowed, and, of course, book-lined. There is still an absence of the politico-scientifico volume, however. A guest at her fireside may hear the ups and downs of eight post-college years over a smoky scotch and soda.

Except when she is definitely Auntified over special class-connected nephew or niece, the lass might be debonaire twenty-two. Chief among her pictures will be those of dark-eyed Johnny, handsome, twinkling son of Doris Ryder. Doris and Johnny left to our regret, on a return trip to California last spring.

Occasionally Kentie, R. N. of prestige, at the Babies Hospital, and Edwards in town for the day from Stamford meet the lady from C. B. S. Somehow, without particular planning, she manages to see others; i.e., a pleasant visit with Loretta Murnane somewhere in Connecticut last spring. In February when Gwen was here with daughters Sally and Ann, our classmate, under discussion, was present at a gala Sunday dinner with Connie Green, Oak, Kentie, Dot Harner and Babe Barret.

As for me, gradually recovering from five long years in the deep South, the availability of my good friend is as important as the return to Greater New York.

The plump young lady, the executive with delightful diction, our playmate at the beach and companion for theatre is Elly Tyler.

### 1931

**CORRESPONDENT:** Caroline B. Rice, 129 East 82nd St., N. Y. C.

**Engagement:** Evelyn B. Watt to Walter M. Daniels of Forest Hills, L. I. Evelyn is executive secretary to the librarian at the Yonkers Public Library. Her fiancé is a graduate of Brown, and is now on the staff of the *New York Times*.

**Marriage:** Jane G. Moore to Karl De Witt Warner, Sept. 17, in West Hartford. Mr. Warner, a graduate of Mt. Hermon and the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, is connected with the Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester.

**Births:** Harthorn Haines to Jane Haines Bill on July 21.

Stephanie Harcourt to Carol Swisher Williams on Aug. 5.

### 1932

**CORRESPONDENT:** Isabelle Bartlett Hogue, 142 Vester St., Akron, O.

**Marriage:** Ruth Paul to Donald S. Miller on August 20. Ruth Raymond acted as bridesmaid. Mr. Miller, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is associated with the research laboratory of the U. S. Steel Corporation in Kearny, N. J.

**Births:** A daughter, Susan Ellen, to Teddy Schneider Snyder, on June 12.

A son, Roy Gerald III, to Nat Clunet Fitzgerald, on September 5.

Sophie Litsky is starting her second year at the Graduate School of Jewish Social Work and the New York School of Social Work.

Leah Savitsky is still teaching at the High School in Shelton, Conn.

Mickey Solomon Savin is very busily engaged in taking care of her two children.

Billie Pratt Megginson's new address is 7634 Carrswold Drive, Clayton, Mo. Her daughter, Barbara Ann, is two years old.

### 1933

**CORRESPONDENT:** Ruth Ferree, 22 Lexington Rd., West Hartford, Conn.



*Engagement:* Sophie Gordon to Attorney Norman S. Coyne of Boston.

*Marriages:* Elizabeth Stone to Robert Kenyon on September 10. He attended Cornell and is now assistant secretary of the Berkshire Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsfield.

Helen Smiley to William Bowman Cutter in Virginia in June. New address: 19 Garden St., Boston, Mass.

*Birth:* To Tempi Cairney Gilbert, a daughter, Barbara Nagle, on July 19.

Erica Langhammer Grimmeisen, whose new address is 76 Shefford St., Springfield, Mass., was married on November 20, 1937, to Erwin Grimmeisen formerly of Stuttgart, Germany.

#### 1934

*CORRESPONDENT:* Betsy Turner, Idlewild Lane, Media, Pa.

*Engagements:* Betty Archer to John G. Patterson of Evanston, Ill., a graduate of Harvard.

Alice Taylor to Thomas J. Gorham, alumnus of the University of Rochester and Yale. Mr. Gorham is doing research work in the University department of personnel study at Yale, and Alice has been doing research at the Yale School of Medicine.

*Marriages:* Virginia Case to Sydney S. Byrne. Address: 100 Howe St., New Haven, Conn.

Frances Rooke to David Robinson in June. Address: Port Chester, N. Y.

*Births:* To Elise Williams Beckwith ex '34, a daughter, last November.

To Camille Sams Lightner, a son, Carl Sams, July 25, in New Rochelle, N. Y.

To Ethel Russ Gans, a son, Donald Russell, June 6, in Norwalk, Conn.

To Margery Thayer Bidle, a daughter, Barbara, on May 29.

Ethel Russ Gans has been spending a busy year studying elementary schools with an A.A.U.W. group in an attempt to improve Norwalk-Westport schools.

Even with two children Ethel hopes to continue her work this next winter.

#### 1935

*CORRESPONDENT:* Margaret T. Watson, R.F.D. 3, Silverside Rd., Wilmington, Del.

*Engagement:* Ruth Worthington to James Henderson, Jr., Trinity College. The wedding will take place in June. Mr. Henderson is on the faculty of St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H.

*Marriages:* Elizabeth Betz ex '35 to Hollister Sturges, Jr., graduate of the University of New Hampshire, and editor and publisher of the Ulster County Press. They spent their honeymoon in England.

Maylah G. Hallock ex '35 to Richard Bartlett Park on October 1. The latter is a graduate of Princeton and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is affiliated with the United Aircraft Corporation. After a wedding trip to Bermuda, they will live at 691 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, Conn.

*Births:* A son, Rudolph III, to Martha Hickham Fink, on September 18.

A daughter, Catherine Comfort, to Jerry Fitzgerald Warne on August 29. Beginning October third Dorothy Krinsky will work with the Henry Street Visiting Nurse Association in New York City.

#### 1936

*CORRESPONDENT:* Patricia Hall, 51 W. 12th St., N. Y. C.

*Engagements:* Helen Goldsmith to Edward J. Grunebaum, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

Janet Reinheimer to Robert Allen Barton.

Eleanor Snyder to John W. Scott, magazine illustrator.

Muriel Husted ex '36 to John Francis Deely. They will be married in April.



Caroline Stewart to Robert H. Eaton of Worcester. Mr. Eaton, a graduate of Dartmouth and the Amos Tuck School of Finance, is on the faculty of Nichols Junior College of Business Administration.

*Marriages:* Marion Pendleton to the Rev. Victor Obenhaus. They will live in Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

Mary Griffin to Henry Conklin, June 25, in the Choate School Chapel. They will live in Wallingford, Conn., where Mr. Conklin is a master at the Choate School.

Ruth Norton ex '36 to Robert Kuhl, September 24, at Eastern Point, Conn. They will live in Flushing, L. I.

1937

*CORRESPONDENT:* Lucy Barrera, 54 School St., Manchester, Conn.

*Birth:* Our Class Baby. A hearty welcome to this new member of our class, Peter Hamel, born last July to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hamel (Jibbie Mapes). Rumors have it that little Peter is "perfectly adorable," and Jibbie and Hank are indeed the proudest of parents. We're all anxious to hear of Peter's progress, Jibbie. Do give us a detailed description of this young man, first to enter the sanctity of our midst. The Hamels are moving from their Forest Hills apartment to their new home, which has just been completed in Manhasset. What's the new address, Jibbie?

*Engagements:* Fay Irving to George Robert Squibb of Cincinnati, a graduate of the University of Michigan. Fay has been studying art and doing Junior League work.

Betty Gilbert to William F. Gehle of Mt. Vernon, announced September 10 at a dessert bridge with several '37-ites present.

We know that Ruth Pierce and Cookie are engaged but have been unable to get the names of the lucky

men. What say you, Ruthie and Cookie?

*Marriages:* Bunny Parker to William E. Meaney last winter. They're living in Bridgeport. Hope you'll pardon this late reporting, Bunny, but I just didn't know.

Martha Louise Cook to Earle J. Swan on July 6 at Groton Long Point.

Mary Dolan to Simon N. Sterns of Demarest, N. J., on September 3 in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Elsie Morton was maid of honor. Mary and Buddy are living at 37-20 83 St., Jackson Heights, L. I.

Janet Thorn to Ensign Russell Waesche, Jr., in July. After the wedding they drove to Seattle, Washington, from which point they sailed to Juneau, Alaska, where Ensign Waesche was then stationed. After October 1 they will live in Astoria, Oregon.

Joan Blair to Bartholomew Hoyer, Jr., of Seattle, on September 3 in Warren, Penna. Peg McConnell was maid of honor, and Dot Haney was one of the four bridesmaids. After a wedding trip to Quebec and across Canada by motor, the newlyweds settled in Washington. The groom attended Santa Clara College and Georgetown Law. Their temporary address: 219 South Division Street, Auburn, Washington.

Libby Peirce to Frank Cummings Cook, Jr., on September 9 in Washington, D. C.

1938

*CORRESPONDENT:* Katherine Walbridge, Connecticut College, New London, Conn.

Four illustrious members of the class are striving for their Masters. Mildred McGourty at Wesleyan, Winnie Nies at Columbia, Elizabeth Fielding at the American University in Washington, and Hazel Davenport at the University of Michigan.



If you happen to be in New York any time this winter you might drop in at Macy's to see Bobby Lawrence and Judy Waterhouse, Fran Walker at the New York school for social work and Mory at Columbia.

Our class seems to be notorious for its desire to help mankind judging from the number at schools for social work. Marjorie Mintz and Sally Kingsdale at Simmons in Boston, Helen Pearson and Myrtle Levine at the Smith school, and Wilhelmina Foster at the Pennsylvania school.

As usual the secretarial schools have taken their toll. Ruth Hollingshead is at Drake's in Montclair. Emmy Lewis and Marie Capps are attending the Washington school for secretaries. Ellen Curtis is going to Katharine Gibbs in New York and Sylvia Draper in Boston.

As you probably know Ruth Earle is teaching physical education at the Brearley school in New York.

Jean Pierce and Lee Walser are off in the wilds of Hanover working in the personnel bureau at Dartmouth.

Jeanette Dawless and Jane Swayne are trying their hands with the kiddies in nursery schools in Hamden and Kennett Square respectively.

Bethy Anderson was lucky enough to get a job teaching in a college. She is at Carleton College in Minnesota teaching Botany.

Marcella Brown and Bessie Morehouse are at the Yale school of nursing.

Greta Anderson is translating and abstracting biological literature for "Biological Abstracts."

M. C. Jenks is at the Massachusetts school of art.

Beth McIlraith is studying business, and advertising at Northwestern.

Betty Butler and Winnie Frank are studying in France, G. Backes and M. Hanson in Germany.

*Marriages:* Marjorie Beaudette to Thomas Hunter Wilson in Pontiac, Michigan, July 13.

Hazel Sundt to Allen Brownlee in Willington, Conn., July 23. They will live in Hartford.

Emily Allyn to James Allyn in Mystic, June 18.

Margaret Talbot to Henry Smith. Now living at 48 Berkley Pl., Buffalo. Martha Cahill is attending Miss Farmer's school of cookery.

Beatrice Enequist is teaching Art to crippled children at St. Giles, Garden City.

Evelyn Falter is assistant Dietitian at Russell Sage College.

Barbara Griffin is taking a graduate course in Food Clinic at the Boston Dispensary.

Mary Hellwig is doing volunteer work in the medical clinic at Lakeside Hospital and at the Cleveland Society for the blind.

Jean Keir is a contingent sales clerk at Hovey's department store in Boston.

Eunice Morse is working at G. Fox and Co. in Hartford.

Margaret Myers is acting as research secretary for her father who is a Professor at Princeton.

Doris Olin is doing research work in the office of the secretary, Yale University.

Elizabeth Wallace is taking courses at the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Doris Bacon is teaching French and Latin at the Robert Fitch High School in Groton.

Dorothea Bartlett is a student dietitian at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Barbara Case is very active in the League of Women Voters in Cleveland.

Harriet Cherry is at Tuft's College studying medicine.

Carol Moore has a job with an advertising agency in New York.

Margaret Sixx is an apprentice in an Investment House in New York.

Ann Crowell, Jeanette Austin, Alice Scarritt, and Kay Walbridge spent the summer traveling around Europe.



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