Dr. David D. Leib, greatly loved member of the Connecticut College faculty and administrative staff, who as professor of mathematics, registrar, and director of admissions had served the college devotedly for nearly twenty-five years, died suddenly at the college last night just before the Commencement exercises in which his daughter Harriet-Ellen was to receive her degree.

Dr. Leib, who had been ill for about a week, fainted while the academic procession was forming on the campus west of the Palmer Auditorium. His death was due to a brain injury sustained as he fell.

Dr. Leib's position at the college was unique. As director of admissions, tireless in the pursuit of his duties, he annually interviewed hundreds of applicants for admission to the college. As registrar he came to know every entering student. He had a rare gift for friendly human relations, and his contact with the students was such that there is probably no alumna of the college who does not have a feeling of personal loss in Dr. Leib's untimely death.

Dr. Leib came to the college during the academic year, 1916-17, the year after the college opened, serving first as assistant professor of mathematics and physics, later as associate professor of mathematics, and from 1918 until his death, as professor of mathematics and chairman of the department.

A graduate of Dickinson college in 1903, Dr. Leib later won his degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Science at Dickinson, and his degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University in 1909. Before coming to Connecticut College he was a member of the faculty in mathematics at Sheffield Scientific School at Yale University.

Dr. Leib was born in Allen, Pennsylvania, in 1879, the son of Mary Deitch and Samuel Leib. He was married to Hazel Patten of Baltimore, Maryland, who survives him. They had five children, David, whose death occurred several years ago; Amos Patten, an instructor in Honolulu; Harriet-Ellen, who was a member of the Connecticut College graduating class; William Thomas, and Gilbert Middleton, all of whom survive.
New Officers Presented At Meeting

President, Treasurer, and Alumnae Trustee Announced

**President**

**EMILY WARNER CADDOCK '25**

The annual meeting of the Association held during Commencement Weekend was ably presided over by Emily Warner Caddock, the new president of the Alumnae Association. Emily succeeds Elizabeth Gallup Ridley who, because of an expected addition to her family, found it necessary to resign.

As class correspondent, efficient, successful, and enthusiastic chairman of the Alumnae Fund since its beginning in 1938; member of the Executive Board of the Association; active member of the Connecticut College Club of New York, and pioneer chairman of the combined New York-New Jersey-Westchester Theatre Benefit in New York in 1940, the new president brings an invaluable store of experience and information about Alumnae Association affairs to the No. 1 alumnae job.

The Association will also benefit from Emily's experience as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts for eight years, and as Convention Manager for the Scouts for four years of that time. Emily is married to Charles T. Caddock, Jr., who is on the staff of St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire.

**Treasurer**

**JESSIE WILLIAMS KOHL '26**

Jessie Kohl succeeds Catherine Van Derlyke Cawley '33, who also resigned her position as Treasurer because of an expected arrival in the family. Jessie is treasurer and class correspondent of the class of 1926, has held many offices, including the presidency, in the New London Chapter, and on more than one occasion has been chiefly responsible for the successful participation of the chapter in the annual combined bridge of the chapter and the New London A.A.U.W. She has worked in many of the offices on the campus, including the Alumnae Office, and is thoroughly familiar with the financial affairs of the Association. She is married to Frank Kohl, who is employed in the college powerhouse. The Kohls live in Noank in a very old and charming house. Judy and Pat, their young daughters, are future students of Connecticut.

**Alumnae Trustee**

**CHARLOTTE KEEFE '19**

Charlotte Keefe has extraordinary qualifications for serving on the Board of Trustees of the College. She is Associate Director of the Dalton Schools of New York, and has been a lecturer and founder of schools on the Dalton Plan in China and Chile under the auspices of the Chinese and Chilean governments. She has traveled in England, Europe, and the Far East studying modern methods of education. We feel sure that her long experience in the field of secondary education will prove of great value to the college and the Association. Alumnae who have heard her speak will look forward to her reports at the annual meetings of the Association.
THE Connecticut College Alumnae Association was called to order for the twenty-third annual meeting by the First Vice-president, Normah Kennedy Mandell, in Fanning Hall at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 14, 1941. Mrs. Mandell introduced the new president Emily Warner Caddock, who was appointed by the Executive Board to finish the unexpired term of Elizabeth Gallup Ridley.

A motion was made and carried that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be omitted. The minutes were accepted as printed in the Summer 1940 issue of the ALUMNAE NEWS.

Mrs. Caddock announced the resignation of Catherine Vanderlyke Cawley, treasurer, and the appointment of Jessie Williams Kohl, as the new treasurer.

Kathryn Moss, executive secretary, presented her annual report which is printed in the 1941 Summer issue of the NEWS.

Normah Kennedy Mandell, first vice-president, reported that the final draft of the first handbook to be presented by the Alumnae Association to the chapters is in the hands of the executive secretary. A new alumnae group in Kansas City is holding informal meetings, and the Buffalo Chapter has been reorganized. There are now 18 chapters of the Alumnae Association with a total of 1,916 eligible members.

The report of Dorothy Stewart, second vice-president, was read by Miss Moss. Miss Stewart reported that in cooperation with the Personnel Bureau it was hoped that next year a number of alumnae representing various fields of work might be brought to the campus for the benefit of students interested in the different vocations.

In the absence of Katherine Boutwell Hood, chairman of the nominating committee, the report of the chairman was read by Miss Moss. Mrs. Hood reported that meetings had been held for the purpose of recommending a presidential appointee to the Executive Board, and for choosing candidates for the alumnae trustee election. She reported the election of Charlotte Keefe as alumnae trustee for the term 1941-46.

Mrs. Caddock, formerly chairman of the Alumnae Fund, gave the Fund report, since the new chairman had not yet been appointed. She pointed out that it is encouraging to note that the percentage of alumnae contributions has increased from 29% in 1940 to 37% in 1941.

The treasurer, Jessie Williams Kohl, presented the treasurer's report and the budget which are printed in full in the Summer 1941 issue of the ALUMNAE NEWS. It was moved and voted that both reports be accepted.

Marion Nichols Arnold presented a recommendation for the organization of the Alumnae Council to be added to the constitution under Article IV, Section 4. The purpose of the Council shall be to strengthen the relations between the college and its alumnae, and between the Alumnae Association and its local chapters by obtaining and disseminating accurate information about the college; to assist in formulating alumnae policy and indicating lines of alumnae activity. It shall serve as an advisory body to the Association.

Rosamond Beebe Cochran, retiring alumnae trustee, gave a résumé of her five years' work as a member of the Board of Trustees of the college.
Janet Crawford How, chairman of the committee on the revision of the constitution, reviewed the proposed revisions. Mrs. How explained that a copy of the constitution with the proposed revisions had been mailed to all members of the Association prior to the meeting. It was moved and voted that the following changes be made in the proposed revisions:

1. Article III—the word “associate” to be omitted.
2. Article IV, Section 1. The word “councillors” to be changed to “members-at-large.”
3. Article II of the By-Laws, Section 1, a. Same as 2.
4. Article II of the By-Laws, Section 7. Same as 2.
5. Article III of the By-Laws, Section 4. Alumnae Council provisions to be inserted.
6. Article VI of the By-Laws, Section 1. “Ballots shall be sent to all members of the Alumnae Association,” to be added.
7. Article VII of the By-Laws, Section 1, b. “The secretary shall be appointed (instead of elected) for a term of one year.”
8. Article VII of the By-Laws, Section 1, a. “Ten or more members (instead of six members) of the Alumnae Association desiring to form a chapter, etc.”

It was moved and voted that the proposed constitution with these changes be accepted.

Miss Moss made the following announcements: The Boston Chapter is selling Connecticut College glassware. The senior class is selling a victrola record of class songs. A summer session in secretarial studies is being given on the campus this year. A Latin-American Institute will be held on the campus from June 23-28, 1941.

Miss Caroline Keller, representing the American Red Cross Nursing Service made an announcement concerning the Bryn Mawr Summer School for Nursing. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA JOHNSON STEARNS,
Recording Secretary.

Those present when the attendance was taken were:
1919—Irma Hutzler, Marennda Prentis.
1923—Jane Gardner.
1924—Janet Crawford How, Gladys Westerman Greene, Kathryn Moss.
1925—Emily Warner Caddock.
1926—Jessie Williams Kohl, Rosamond Beebe Cochran.
1927—Mary Crofoot DeGange.
1929—Normah Kennedy Mandell, ElizabethSpeirs.
1930—Elizabeth McCusker White.
1932—Gertrude Yoerg Doran, Mary Sturdevant Nye, Virginia Stephens on, Kathryn Cooksey Dimmitt, Marion Nichols Arnold.
1933—Grace Stephens.
1934—Barbara Johnson Stearns.
1936—Dorothy Stewart.
1937—Mary Stewart.
1938—May A. Nelson.
1940—Louise A. Flood.

NOTE: A complete copy of the constitution will be published in the Fall 1941 issue of the ALUMNAE NEWS.
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, JUNE 14, 1941

Following the precedent established several years ago the Summer issue of the News is used to report Alumnae Association activities of the past year. Thus not only the minutes of the annual meeting, but the report of the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, the Alumnae Fund Chairman, and the First Vice-President are made available in detail. The report of the Executive Secretary is chiefly a detailed description of the work which takes place in the Alumnae Office.

SOME of my work is incorporated in the plans and recommendations which are being presented today in the reports of other officers. For that reason I shall not attempt to speak here of the Alumnae Council, the revision of the constitution, and chapter development, but shall tell you in some detail what has been and is going on in the Alumnae Office.

FILES

There are 2,383 graduates of the college and 1,830 non-graduates, usually called ex-members. In the Alumnae Office the names of these 4,213 alumnae are filed in several different ways:

- Graduates filed alphabetically under maiden and married names.
- According to classes.
- Geographically.
- Non-graduates filed in the same three ways.
- A mechanical addressograph file by classes.
- Alumnae Fund contributors according to classes.
- We also have a file of children of alumnae, and one of former faculty.

Because of the exaggerated inclinations of Connecticut College alumnae to move and to marry, the address files are in a constant state of change, and the sun never sets on a completely correct file. We do our best to keep up with you, however, and we have several sources of information concerning your changes of name and address. They are:

Direct communication from the alumna herself. (This is the only source of information which can be considered absolutely reliable.)

Communication from the alumna also includes information taken from Alumnae Fund slips which she has filled out.
- Alumnae Weekend slips.
- Commencement reservation slips.

The information which comes from Alice Ramsay's Personnel Bureau.

Slightly less reliable, although helpful sources are:

- Class secretaries.
- Chapter secretaries.
- News Class Correspondents.

The most exasperating source of all is the Post Office, information from which we have learned is often both unreliable and illegible.

From these sources, and from a few others, such as the newspapers, we are constantly attempting to correct our information about you. When we get a new address we make the change in alphabetical, class, and geographical files, and also send for a new addressograph stencil.

We have difficulty with ex-members. It is plainly impossible and unduly expensive to try to keep in touch with all ex-members, many of whom have long ago been graduated from other colleges, and others of whom are not, for various reasons, interested in Connecticut. In the Fall we send out a double postcard to all ex-members requesting those who
### REPORT OF CONNECTICUT COLLEGE ALUMNAE FUND

July 1, 1940–June 30, 1941

Emily Warner Caddock, Chairman

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* Number of members contributing more than once.

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- Chicago $6.00
- Cleveland 250.00
- Fairfield 94.50
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- New Jersey 125.00
- New London 50.00
- New York 200.00
- Philadelphia 50.00
- Washington 50.00
- Waterbury 25.00
- Westchester 200.00

**TOTAL AS OF JUNE 30, 1941** $4,779.44

### CLASS CONTRIBUTIONS:

- 1919 $10.00
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**TOTAL AS OF JUNE 30, 1941** $4,779.44

### MISCELLANEOUS:

- Calendars $166.68
- Advertising in News, etc. 145.65

**312.33**
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# REPORT of the TREASURER, JESSIE WILLIAMS KOHL

**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT—July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941**

**Receipts**

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<th>Alumnae Fund:</th>
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**Miscellaneous**

| Prints $4.28 |
| Bank Charges 8.31 |
| Pamphlets 2.53 |
| Alum. Magazines 1.25 |
| Alumnae Dinner 9.90 |
| Exec. Bd. Meeting 5.00 |
| Alumnae Fund Drawing 3.00 |
| Entertainment 3.00 |
| Safe Deposit Box 5.55 |
| Refund on Room Money 3.00 |
| Petty Cash Items for Office 2.50 |
| **Total $48.32** |
### TREASURER'S REPORT (Continued)

#### REPORT OF STUDENT ALUMNAE HOUSE FUND AND SYKES FUND

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#### CONNECTICUT COLLEGE ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Total June 5, 1940** | **$10,114.28**

**Gifts during the year:**

- Boston | 7.00
- Buffalo | 5.00
- Class of 1933 | 100.00
- Westchester Chapter | 50.00
- New York | 20.00
- Repayment on Loans | 50.00

**Total as of June 6, 1941** | **$10,346.28**

**Received June 14, 1941**

- Washington | $50.00
- Class of 1930 | 51.00
- Class of 1932 | 50.00

**Total** | **$10,497.28**
Graduate Work On Main Street

BY MARGARET CULKIN BANNING

Mrs. Banning, alumna and trustee of Vassar, addresses a challenging appeal to all alumni of privately endowed colleges. Her article, which first appeared in the Survey Graphic, October 1940, has been the subject of much discussion and is being reprinted in many alumni magazines throughout the country.

The story is that when someone asked a certain college graduate where he was going to have his son educated, he said bitterly: “At a correspondence school. Then he won’t have to belong to an alumni association. My wife and I are now being hounded to contribute to four separate drives for funds—two for preparatory schools, two for colleges.”

Sour as he was, most alumni have at least a glimmer of sympathy for the driven man.

These requests often come to graduates on days when obligations are piling up. They sit side by side on the desk not only with the grocery bill and the insurance premium but they jostle urgent pleas for the local hospital, for help for starving Chinese and persecuted refugees, and all the other demands for voluntary contributions which beset men and women of standing and of conscience and whose names are on lists.

There are, as we all know, people who throw such letters into the wastebasket feeling—and sometimes saying out loud—that the appeals constitute no genuine claim upon them. Others are troubled, not only by the expressed needs of their old colleges but by the exposure of their own predicaments. Embarrassment at not being able to come across with a sizable check often brings about a defensive state of mind which seeks to divert attention from incapacity to give by challenging the purpose and management of the drive for funds or even of the college itself.

I was listening less than a month ago to two boys who were talking quite by accident on this subject. Both of them were college seniors, both had previously attended preparatory schools, though not the same one. They were half-chuckling, half-resentful about letters which had been sent to them requesting contributions to the alumni funds of their respective schools.

“I don’t know why I should give anything,” said one of them. “My father paid my way through school. I’m out. They’ve got all they’re ever going to get out of me.”

The other boy resented a falsely cordial approach from a person whom he hadn’t known well in preparatory school.

“I might have given them something if I had it,” he said, “but the fellow who asked for it is such a heel. He wrote me this chummy letter all about whether I remembered this or that. But he didn’t remember how to spell my name so that didn’t go over so big.”

The two boys were not yet out of college but already they were developing a negative attitude toward contributing to institutions where they had gained part of their education, and it is probably the way they will treat appeals which may be coming to them from such sources during the next forty or fifty years. Neither of them had gone to the bottom of his own resistance, or taken up seriously the reasons for contributing, if any. I have seen such an attitude harden among both men and women graduates until it finally formed a
serious barrier between themselves and the colleges of which they were once fond and proud.

The thing goes so far sometimes that the sight of any letter from a school or college in the mail is unwelcome, because it always is expected to contain a “dun.” There are graduates who will not go back to reunions for fear of being “stuck for a contribution.” Something is wrong with this state of affairs. For one should be able to revive memory, to go back to his or her campus, without feeling that it is necessary either to hide one’s purse or to conceal the fact that there is very little in it.

The average college graduate is not rich. There are plenty of well-to-do and wealthy college graduates. But the great majority who attend a meeting or reunion of alumni will be teachers, doctors, small businessmen, secretaries, housewives stretching their husbands’ incomes as far as they can. Certainly most of them will not be in the higher income brackets. The college group in any community is rarely synonymous with the fashionable set. Yet to these people who have attended all those private colleges whose names are traditional in American educational life there come, regularly or sporadically, requests to make contributions to the expansion or the endowment of the college at which they received their education. In the majority of cases the drives for such funds are successful. Sometimes great single or multiple munificence puts them over and sometimes success is the result of clever organization that leaves unturned no stone under which there might be a dollar.

But will this formula continue to solve the money problems of the privately endowed colleges and universities, and of the private supplementary endowments for those universities which are maintained largely by public funds? Will it solve them especially in that world which we can see practically around the corner?

If the great fortunes of this country are continually to be pruned and perhaps cut back to the roots, and if the great foundations either reach an exhaustion point or voluntarily decide to leave certain phases of education alone, will the right approach to them do any good? Is it the “organization” of individual graduate bodies which is most important, or the conviction distilled through all college men and women that, if they think their college is worth it, they must expect to share in its support after graduation?

There are one hundred and thirty-four colleges and universities in the United States with endowments of $2,000,000 or over. It is very much over in some cases. A consideration of the figures results in astonishment, to think that in so young a country such vast sums have been laid aside voluntarily for education. But there is probably not one of these one hundred and thirty-four institutions which does not have its financial problems.

It is so obvious that it hardly needs restating that all well organized colleges are living on the income of their endowments, and that with shrinking interest rates the incomes of practically all great institutions have been cut. At the date of writing these are slightly on the mend and there are some colleges and universities which, by exceedingly clever and watchful management and advice from the best financial quarters, have managed to beat the game so far.

But every board of trustees knows that safe investments, no matter how superbly handled, will not yield the same rate of interest that could be expected in the past, unless very remarkable things happen in this country. The future of money, as it can be tied up for educational endowments, is so grave that we find in the report of the General Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation for 1938 the following foreword by Raymond B. Fosdick:

"Ever since 1920, the trustees of the General Education Board have deliberately spent from principal as well as income, in the belief that promising opportunity in the development of education
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When people as temperate and as conversant with national financial affairs as the trustees of the General Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation indorse such a statement as that, it is obvious that there is, to put it mildly, doubt as to what will happen to the great foundations and what their policies will be. In the main, their appropriations today are for special fields of research in the medical or social sciences, for public health, or other well defined projects. Often the money itself is a temporary ‘grant-in-aid, to start the work which the university or college or another benefactor must carry on. Such a guarantee is sometimes asked of the college which is given the money for a “foundation project.”

These gifts and grants have spurred on and completed some of the finest research in the world, but they do not solve the college problem. New buildings and campus expansion can wait for donors; must wait in times like these. But the college which is to progress needs increased educational endowment; some of it to increase the number of faculty, to get finer teachers, to provide time for faculty research and writing; some to improve departmental work by providing better equipment, from libraries to microscopes. Finally a large proportion of endowment must go to scholarships for students, a use for which there is never money enough in any college or university.

The question of scholarships is perhaps not fully understood by the general public nor even by college graduates. There is in many minds a feeling that if these scholarship students cannot go to one college they can go to another, and perhaps a cheaper one. That is all very true. The point is that the colleges cannot do without scholarship students. There is a mental urgency and a brilliance in the minds of those young men and women who are on scholarships which gives an undergraduate body something necessary to it, if it is not to be only a patterned or class school. Every educator knows this. President Conant of Harvard has pointed it out to his alumni more than once.

The graduate of moderate means is sure to ask: “Why don’t they go to the rich alumni for funds?” The answer is, of course, that they do go to the rich graduates. They get a great deal of money from rich individuals. But with the mounting income tax, the average rich man is not always able to relinquish for his college large amounts of cash or fluid securities; and with the inheritance tax cutting down what he can leave to his family, he often is not able to leave great bequests. This is not a statement for debate, but a fact. Any person with a large income today must earmark a substantial share of it to pay his income taxes of the next year, particularly if it is questionable whether his income will remain the same or not. His attitude toward large educational contributions is affected by this, just as is his attitude toward contributions to charitable institutions. The rich are sometimes far more frightened about money than people who live on small budgets. When they fall, they fall harder. Many of them still make generous and even munificent gifts to educational institutions. But they are not as sure a source of income as they used to be and the colleges are not fooling themselves about this.

So trustees and endowment committees and fund-raising groups must come back in the end to what may be called “popular support” for their institutions. If colleges are to continue to be endowed, and if the money for this is not available, either set aside by large educational foundations or coming from the occasional but formerly-to-be-relied-upon gifts of rich men, there is no future resource but endowments coming in small pieces, from many small incomes.
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The question of scholarships is perhaps not fully understood by the general public nor even by college graduates. There is in many minds a feeling that if these scholarship students cannot go to one college they can go to another, and perhaps a cheaper one. That is all very true. The point is that the colleges cannot do without scholarship students. There is a mental urgency and a brilliance in the minds of those young men and women who are on scholarships which gives an undergraduate body something necessary to it, if it is not to be only a patterned or class school. Every educator knows this. President Conant of Harvard has pointed it out to his alumni more than once.

The graduate of moderate means is sure to ask: “Why don’t they go to the rich alumni for funds?” The answer is, of course, that they do go to the rich graduates. They get a great deal of money from rich individuals. But with the mounting income tax, the average rich man is not always able to relinquish for his college large amounts of cash or fluid securities; and with the inheritance tax cutting down what he can leave to his family, he often is not able to leave great bequests. This is not a statement for debate, but a fact. Any person with a large income today must earmark a substantial share of it to pay his income taxes of the next year, particularly if it is questionable whether his income will remain the same or not. His attitude toward large educational contributions is affected by this, just as is his attitude toward contributions to charitable institutions. The rich are sometimes far more frightened about money than people who live on small budgets. When they fall, they fall harder. Many of them still make generous and even munificent gifts to educational institutions. But they are not as sure a source of income as they used to be and the colleges are not fooling themselves about this.

So trustees and endowment committees and fund-raising groups must come back in the end to what may be called “popular support” for their institutions. If colleges are to continue to be endowed, and if the money for this is not available, either set aside by large educational foundations or coming from the occasional but formerly-to-be-relied-upon gifts of rich men, there is no future resource but endowments coming in small pieces, from many small incomes.
Otherwise, sooner or later the colleges will have to be taken over by the government and maintained, wholly or in part, out of taxes, if they are to be maintained at all on their present scale. This is the reason for what might be called graduate work on Main Street. The colleges can draw in their belts for some time yet. But according to all the best authorities, the ultimate situation is inevitable. On the campuses the students discuss this question, as do the members of the faculty: where is the money going to come from forty or fifty years hence? The inevitable argument arises as to whether privately endowed and supported colleges should be maintained at all, or should be allowed to pass into the discard as institutions which belong to the past. And should existent private endowment come under public management?

Case for the Endowed University

This, I think, takes the endowment drive rather deeply into educational and sociological philosophy, into a consideration of what we want the future to be, not only in our educational institutions but in the life which will result from them. Will the Brave New World, when it comes, if it comes, have a place for the private college?

The worst things that have been brought up in criticism of the modern private college are its costliness and its snobbery. But if the unit cost means that its students are getting not merely finer living accommodations but actually better instruction, under more competent teachers, the cost is justified. Criticism of the expense of colleges comes when one feels that students are housed in ways which are unsuitable and unnecessary. Perhaps this problem has been better solved by the private, supposedly rich colleges than by the great, semi-public universities, where fraternity houses often set up a scale of living which is out of proportion to anything many a student has or is likely to have in his home.

As for the snobbery of the modern private college, this is passing swiftly because the colleges themselves are no longer willing to give house room to a play-boy or a play-girl who merely wants an “education” as a social asset.

But what has the endowed college to offer which a publicly supported university has not? One does not have to whip up a case for family tradition in college attendance, though tradition as attached to colleges has more substance to it, and perhaps more validity, in the present than in the past. For now the family home is less likely to be a permanent place. It may be an apartment in New York this year, an apartment in San Francisco or Miami another year. I know myself of many cases in which the only sense of “belonging” that many women in America have is definitely attached not to a house or homestead, but to a college. Of course this tradition probably could exist in a publicly maintained institution. But the universities are very large, and it is certainly not true at the moment that the great universities which are maintained by the states give (at least to all their students) that same sense of roots as the privately endowed college does.

Dismissing all that kind of sentiment, however, not because it has no value but because it is too intangible to qualify as a major reason for maintaining private colleges, we still have two great points in favor of such endowed institutions. The first is freedom from political pressure. The second is that a privately endowed college has an opportunity to develop with greater selectivity and, at its discretion, to place special emphasis on one phase of research or plan of study.

On these two points, freedom and flexibility, I think that the privately endowed institution can and should make its case for continuance and development.

The freedom from political control of the private college is immensely important, and not only to the college itself. At this hour it may not be needed as a deterrent to an over-formalized educa-
tion in the United States. But it is safer
to preserve that independence and to
strengthen it.

That it may be immeasurably important to preserve in this country, not only for the benefit of the United States but for the benefit of the entire world, institutions which are free from the dogmatic influence of a political state is clear to every wise mind in this country. It makes the question of contributing to a college endowment fund more important, even if one does not consider that second and possibly even more vital reason for the continuance of the private college: its chance to develop lines of inquiry and research which may take a disproportionate amount of academic attention.

But who is to do the preserving? Who is to pay for it? If a graduate agrees that it is advisable and still cannot afford to help support his college, there is nothing more to be said. Endowment is, of course, a matter for the solvent. But if this endowment must rest ultimately on a great body of small contributors there is something to be done in developing a special responsibility in them.

I have heard graduates of a woman's college boast in one breath of their connection with the college and say in the next that they see no reason why they should give it a cent. But college graduates often do not realize how much wear they get out of a degree from a well known private college in America. With any care it lasts them as long as they live. It can be used in going to a new city, in crossing the continent or the ocean among strangers, in making a business connection, or in applying for a job in the professional world. It proves one has been acceptable in a good group. It should be worth something. It is—usually far more than the graduate realizes.

The Lord and Lady Bountiful attitude toward a contribution to a college has survived longer than that attitude in other financial relationships to the community. It has been broken down in regard to contributions to welfare services. These have become a matter of conscience and wise social judgment. Something of the same thing must be done before private colleges can look forward to even as sure and safe support for the future as private welfare agencies have now.

The fact that this may not be imminent this year or next, and that great funds still can be raised for college endowments, from individuals and foundations, should not put off the day when there begins to develop in every community an aware body of graduates who will take care of their own special institutions, if they wish them to survive and as long as they do. This can be done only by making it clear that these are not occasional appeals or extraordinary appeals, but a kind of natural and proper tax which rests upon the college graduate.

If I could be granted a wish for a short required course in every college and university it would be a course of lectures on the cost of an education and the management of college funds. The majority of students now become alumni without any feeling that the expenses of a college are part of their business. They should be taught that future contributions to needs and perhaps maintenance will be asked of them now and then without any beating about the bush, without any apology or persuasive slap on the back.

Naturally the contributor will expect to see results. If education is over in four years, done and paid for, there is not much reason why one should go on contributing to education. But if, on the other hand, education continues all through life, and if every college graduate maintains an interest in the results of education, whether they come from his college or some other, there is every reason why he should contribute to something so valuable to the body politic and to himself.
Chapter Handbook Being Compiled

REPORT OF NORMAH KENNEDY MANDELL, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

If mine were a full-time job, and if time and distance were more easily controllable, much more could be accomplished. There are endless possibilities in working with the chapters, and the following things have been undertaken this year:

A final draft of the first handbook to be presented by the Alumnae Association to the chapters is in the hands of the Executive Secretary. An estimated fifty letters have been written to the chapters, and to Alumnae Association officers. A new group in Kansas City, Missouri, has been advised and encouraged. The Buffalo Chapter has been reorganized. Up to date statistics, obtained from chapter officers and the Alumnae Office, have been compiled. These statistics show that there are 18 chapters of which there are 1,916 eligible members, of whom 743 are active.

With financial help from the Alumnae Association and the Cleveland Chapter I was able to attend the meeting of the Executive Board in January.

In closing I should like to quote from my letter printed in the Spring 1941 issue of the ALUMNAE NEWS, in which I summed up reports on the various chapter activities:

"There are a few points which are generally interesting,—groups vary from 8 to 275, and it seems to be the quality of leadership, not the size of the chapter which governs the progress. Fund raising varies from individual projects to large dances, theatre benefits, bridge parties and raffles. Hartford, Providence, and New Haven seem to be especially active in community affairs. Cleveland, Hartford, and Westchester have adopted the idea of having a set time for meetings. Most chapters agree on the great value of visits from members of the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association."

I am looking forward to my work in 1942 with even greater interest.

THE BOSTON CHAPTER OF THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION IS SELLING COLLEGE GLASSWARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ALUMNAE FUND

Write the Boston Chapter, Connecticut College Alumnae Association, Box 124, Cambridge, Mass., for details, or see Spring 1941 issue of the ALUMNAE NEWS.
Clem Jordan Goulart and family are at their cottage in South Dartmouth, Mass., for the summer. Joanne, Clem's daughter, graduated from junior high this June.

Marion Rogers Nelson recently underwent an operation but has recovered by now.

Lucy Marsh Haskell was chairman recently of Hospital Day in Troy, N. Y.


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Dave writes me that few in our class have paid their class dues. Won't you please send your $2 to her pronto?

Teed gave a lovely luncheon in May, which was attended by Alberta Lynch Sylvester, Jessie Wells Lawrence, Joan Munro Odell, Ruth Wilson Chaffee, Lill Shadd Elliott, Marion Lyons Jones, Eleanor Seaver Massonneau, Justine Brockett Hjort, Dorothy Hubbard Bell, and yours truly.

I hear that Al Horrax Schell is coming to visit her mother in Colebrook, Conn., this summer. It will be a treat to see her again.

Doris Patterson Boas was visiting her mother in Brooklyn in May and drove up to see me. It was my first glimpse of her in twenty years, and she looked stunning as ever. We drove over to Greenfield Hill to see the beautiful display of dogwood for which the town is famous. Pat has moved to Alabama.

Billy Williams Baker and I had luncheon at the Red Barn two weeks ago, and we had a fine visit.

Please, dear Classmates, write me news of yourselves in the fall,—and in the meantime have fun this summer.

1921. CORRESPONDENT: Charlotte Hall Holton, 121 E. Kendall St., Corona, Calif.

The Class will be shocked to hear of the death by drowning of Mildred Pierpont Hazard's little son, Willet E. Hazard, on April 4. We send our deepest and sincerest sympathy.

1923. CORRESPONDENT: Mary Langenbacher Clark, 62 Dryden Rd., Upper Montclair, N. J.

From Norwichtown comes news of Helene Wulf Knup, who spent the winter in St. Petersburg with her husband, who was recovering from a serious illness. Helene writes: "Last year we bought a very old Georgian type of house, beautifully situated, built in 1785 and pegged together. We had fun remodeling it, and moved in a year ago in May."

Betty Dickinson Clary belongs to the Nutley chapter of the A. A. U. W., and enjoys the meetings. She finds time for little else with two active boys, five and seven years old.

On May first Marcia Langley moved back to New London, where she has taken a position with the Connecticut Power Co. in the statistical department. Class dues may be sent to her in care of that company.

After a summer in a Vermont camp, Lucy Whitford Heaton's daughter will enter high school.

Rheta Clark is busy attending library conventions, as she is an officer of the American Library Association.

The war prevents Lavinia Hull Smith from paying her dues. "I am not allowed to have a checking account in the States and cannot buy dollars here in Nassau, as all dollars are wanted for war materials. I don't know how I shall get the News (Editor, please note!). It's most upsetting, as I always pored through each number from cover to cover. Ethel Kane was here for two weeks, just as I was leaving for a Miami Beach visit."

1924. CORRESPONDENT: Elinor Hunken Torpey, 83-73 Charlecote Ridge, Jamaica, N. Y.

Clara Cooper Morton is living in Connecticut again, at Noroton Heights. As Clara puts it in a note to me, "After hibernating on the farm for nine years, we decided to come back to circulation, and I must say the children are doing the circulating. They didn't have many playmates up in Maine, but now they are making up for lost time."

And from Aura Kepler I've had a grand letter telling me all about her work and play. "As Public Health Nursing Supervisor in Massachusetts, I am assigned to a county, the fine old North Shore. I act as adviser to the various agencies which carry public health nursing services. I try to do what I can to interest boards and committees in new activities, so that they may become better acquainted with the many new developments which science is bringing. It is challenging to work with these agencies, many of which were started so long ago, when scientific knowledge was very limited and the nurse's function was largely a matter of caring for the sick. Now, of course, there is so much information available for use that the nurse not only gives bedside service in the home, but must act as teacher and community health leader as well. It is my function to work with the nurses themselves and their employing agencies, to assist in the development of the new conception of community nursing service." For hobbies Aura has gone in for water color painting, and finds the creative outlet it gives her most inspiring.

*(Note: Editor has noted, and will send News with great pleasure!)*
And as an opposite to this, she took lessons in ice dancing last winter. To quote again, “All of these experiences plus a busy social life have developed a certain abandon and joie de vivre that have surpassed anything I could possibly have imagined.”

And now, you other ’24ers, do drop me a card during the summer while you’re on your vacation, and save sending out some eighty odd to all the members of the class.

1925. CORRESPONDENT: Emily Warner Caddock, 219 Hillside Ave., Naugatuck, Conn.

Dora Milenky who has been the president of the Waterbury (Conn.) Chapter for the past two years, is now retiring in accordance with the plan of rotating offices. She teaches English in the vocational high school.

The class was represented at Commencement and reunion activities by: Gertrude Noyes, Alice R. Taylor, Emily Warner Caddock. The weather did not favor, with the exception that the dense fog lifted to permit an excellent view of the Red and Blue rowing regatta from many vantage points.

Change of address for Charlotte Lang Carroll: 73 Locust Road, Winnetka, Ill.

Members of the class will be interested, if they are not already familiar with the fact, that Parkie McCombs has accomplished an outstanding piece of research work on the disease known to lay persons as Shingles. Her paper covering the findings was published during the past year in a medical journal.

Helen Ferguson established a practice in New London several years ago which is currently reported as “growing by leaps and bounds.”

Due to additional alumnae activities, your correspondent has relinquished (effective with the fall issue) her duties in connection with this column. A new correspondent will be appointed by the class president very soon. Emily Warner Caddock has also resigned her job with the Girl Scouts in New York and after September 15, will be living at St. Paul’s School, Concord, N. H.

1926. CORRESPONDENT: Jessie Williams Kohl, Connecticut College.

The Class extends its sympathy to Ruth McCaslin Eager, whose husband, Gordon Eager, died suddenly on June 19, while on a fishing trip. Mac’s home is at 91 Center St., Concord, N. H. She has two children, Charles, aged eleven and Sandra, aged eight.

1927. CORRESPONDENT: Barbara Tracy Coogan, 236 Greendale Ave., Needham, Mass.

Summer vacations again! Betty Leeds Watson is having a fine trip of two months to the west coast—going by bus via the southern route, spending three weeks with her mother-in-law in Portland, Oregon, and returning over the northern route. On the way back she plans to visit Lois Abbott and Sally Barber Pierce in Connecticut and Mildred Beardslee Stiles in Potsdam, N. Y. Mildred’s husband teaches radio and light communications at Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam. Mil herself is much interested in play production and has coached plays and musical shows at the local Crane Institute of Music. The Stiles have two daughters—Nancy, aged six and Elizabeth, aged two and a half.

I thought of Sarah Carslake when I read in the New Yorker about the playground constructed on a deck above the East River Drive for the Brearley School girls. Perhaps we have been driving under Sally and her gym classes! Last summer Sally chaperoned nine girls to a dude ranch in Wyoming. Mary Storer Brooks also saw the west last summer, when her husband taught summer school in California.

Our class children seem to be having their share of ailments, and we rejoice to hear of the recovery of two very serious cases. Annise Clark Hill’s five-year-old Connie spent five weeks this spring in the Boston Children’s Hospital with spinal meningitis. She is safe now and at home regaining her strength. Donald Peck, eleven-year-old son of Minnie Watchinsky Peck, has almost completely recovered from an attack of infantile paralysis which occurred nearly two years ago. Minnie celebrated his partial recovery that winter by having pneumonia, but now all is serene at the Pecks’. The second child, Judy-Anne, is four years old. Mitzie substituted at W. M. I. in New London for over three months this spring. Alice Grane has just recovered from a serious illness and she gets an occasional glimpse of Gertrude Johnson Harris, who leads an active social life and has one lovely daughter, Carol.

Speaking of children’s diseases, Dr. Thistle McKee has a fine and interesting new posi-
tion. She is in charge of the cardiac division of the New York State Reconstruction Hospital in Haverstraw, N. Y. This children's hospital was built for victims of infantile paralysis, but now a section of it has been turned over to cardiac cases, most of them due to rheumatic fever. Helen has been working on the plans since early in the year. She hoped to have the hospital open in April, but the defense program has made it difficult for her to fill her medical and nursing staffs and has delayed the arrival of equipment so that the opening had to be postponed until June.


At the C. C. benefit performance of Mr. and Mrs. North, I (Betty) saw Ruth Shultis Wurth, Emma Jean McDonald, Dorothy Bayley, and Honey Lou Rogers. Say Say was to have joined our group but at the last minute developed a mean case of measles.

A letter from Hilda Van Horn Riekenbaugh says: "Last spring we finished building a house. Rick and I designed it ourselves, and I was foreman and architect on the job. Financially I guess it did not pay, as I was in bed from April first till July first with pneumonia and pleurisy; but I believe in spite of that next time we would get our own contracts without a builder. It is lots of fun, and one learns so much. Sunday, April sixth, Toots Foote Denison came from Cleveland for the day with her eight-year-old son, Bob, to see the Detroit Flower Show. I met them, and at the Show we saw Katherine Ruddiman, at the Woman's National Farm and Garden Booth.

"You may be interested in some work I am doing. I am Chairman of the Roadside Improvement of the Birmingham branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. In January I began our Arbor Day program culminating in a civic ceremony next Friday dedicating the planting of 1149 flowering crab trees. This plan of mine seemed very simple but seems to have created a stir outside of Birmingham. Good Housekeeping has asked my permission to send it on their club service to 22,000 women's clubs and is considering it for a future editorial. A representative is flying out next week to proofread the Club Service article.

"Today I am taking my nine-year-old daughter Ann and a high school boy in for script reading of a program on the school angle for a broadcast next week over Station CKLW. So I am busy these days with this garden club work,—and besides Ann I have a three-year-old boy, Kent."

Mickey Webb Dumby also sends some news: "My dad died just before Christmas, and we have come back to Lisbon, N. H., to live. Lewis has gone into the business; and I am still very busy with Sara Ann, aged three, and Paul Henry, aged one. We were in Detroit for three years, where I saw Paducah Wheeler '27 once and quite a bit of Reba Coe Ehlers, as Flint was only sixty miles away. Reba has a dear little girl six months younger than Sara Ann, so we had plenty to talk about and compare. She and Russ have built a house in Flint, which gives them roots in the mid-west."

Margaret Tauchert Perry ex '28 writes from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on March eleventh: "Judy, my daughter, had a perfectly miserable summer with asthma. She was in the hospital in Stamford for three months and consequently was in no condition to stand the winter. So in November we packed up on three days' notice and drove down here. It has been a great success. She's gained twelve pounds and has had no asthma. . . . The biggest thrill came last Saturday, when Gert Salzer Gordon arrived from Wisconsin with her husband and son, Sandy. I hadn't seen her since 1930, so it's been wonderful. She's scarcely changed at all, and we've done some talking."

Estelle Harmon Pardee ex '28 has been quite ill with undulant fever. The last we heard from her, she was in bed but improving.

1929. CORRESPONDENT: Eleanor Newmiller Sidman, 11 Victor Ave., Glen Ridge, N. J.

Neither Bibbo Riley Whitman nor myself could be present at Commencement; but, thanks to Zeke Speirs, I have some news of the weekend.

Normah Kennedy Mandell, Marion Vane, Willie Fountain Strickland, Fran Hall Staples, Polly Seavey Lee, Ethel Cook, Jennie Copeland, and Dot Adams Peabody were the representatives of '29. Zeke, however, saw only the first three girls and reported that nothing unusual happened at any of the meetings she attended.

Jan Boomer Barnard and her husband
came down for the boat races. Jan is fine
and had pictures of her very attractive new
low white house at 30 Standish Ave., Wellesley
Hills, Mass. Mary Slayter Solenberger
is reported well and doing volunteer social
service work in Harrisburg.

Hellie Reynolds was married to Murray
Smythe on June 27 in a church in the
country near her family’s house at Worthing-
ton. Good luck, Hellie! You picked our
wedding date—but we celebrated our ninth
anniversary this year.

Zckc is going to Columbia for the summer
session— anybody nearby do look her up.

Winnie Link Stewart sent greetings to
’2gers in a letter to Bibbo. On account of
the recent death of her father-in-law, she
could not get back for reunion. She also
sent a cute snap of her two adorable chil-
dren— John, aged 6, and Anne Carol, aged 2.
She hopes to get back for our twenty-fifth
reunion, and I guess that is something to
work for.

I expect to be here in Glen Ridge all
summer. My two young daughters have a
new gym set, and “the man on the flying
trapeze” has nothing on them. If there is
anything left of me by October, maybe I can
collect all the news you gals send in for a
very peppy report. Here’s hoping!

1931. Reunion, by Melicent Wilcox
Buckingham.

I don’t know how the rest of ’31 felt but
I suspect that the same pre-union misgivings
lurked in their bosoms as did in mine.
Everything would be so different. The new
dorms—the auditorium—the chapel—our
pride in them would be dimmed by our
feeling of strangeness. We wouldn’t belong
any more. It would be grand to see every-
body again but surely they wouldn’t be the
same—grey hairs, bulges fore and aft, a ten
years’ veneer of sophistication. We would
feel definitely TEN YEARS OLDER.

But it wasn’t like that at all. It was won-
derful. We are sure that there has never
been a 10th reunion like it. Either the new
buildings fit so beautifully into the old cam-
pus that there isn’t any difference or ’31
brought its own atmosphere with it because
in no time at all we were perfectly at home.
The new Grace Smith House where we were
all bunked is the last word in dorms. We
gasped in admiration at its perfection—the
lovely downstairs decor—the game room—
the closets marked “skiis” (did anybody
know a slalom from a Turkish courtesy ten
years ago)—the marvellous completeness of
it all. But after the first gasps we settled
down in familiar comfort.

And the most wonderful part of all was
that nobody had really changed. Everybody
looked, acted and was just the same. We
talked and talked about it. It was remark-
able—it was unbelievable—it was swell!
And the young class of ’41—serious solemn
faces marching in a hushed silence on Class
Day—that amazing modern dance—and not
one of them out for Senior Sing in the murky
drizzle Saturday night while we old-timers
of ’31, ’30, ’32 and ’29 came out over thirty
strong and sang for a half hour all the old
songs under the lights of their class numerals.

Most everyone was back for Trustees
luncheon—Thames slightly rejuvenated but
essentially the same even to cauliflower and
cheese sauce—greetings and embraces every-
where—old faculty all there remembering
even our first names—new faculty to stare
at—reports from all reuniting classes, pride in
our fifty or more back and in our class gift
of $140—good speeches, grand to hear
President Blunt—the thrill of singing Alma
Mater once again. Back to Grace Smith to
change into white dresses and the clever
green and white checked Scotch bonnets and
sashes for Class Day—much interchange of
pictures of offspring and spouses and attend-
ant exclamations—pride in our snappy look-
ing class marching to Palmer Auditorium—
awe at the magnificence of the building—and
the modern dance! Off in groups to eat
here and there, some to the races, some to
Bullards Corners and town and a gang off
to Norwich Inn. Cluthe meeting Homer
reuniting at Norwich with Brown ’31—much
hilarity—back to the campus in the rain and
fog and off to Senior Sing only to find no
seniors so see gave the Senior Sing. Back to
the dorm to double with laughter at Jerry
Smith attired in nightie and house-coat bur-
lesque the modern dance. Down to the game
room—Kay Bradley playing the piano—
’29ers drifting in—Gimmy Hinman render-
ing a nerve-shattering request performance
of the Indian Love Call off key. Up to our
rooms—pajamas and negligees—groups gab-
bing here and there—icebox raided for
cubes—Edna Martin had brought her album
I unrolled the old class prophecy scribbled on a yellowing roll of Johnny paper—much laughter where we prophets had hit close to the mark.

In the morning it was still raining but off to Buck Lodge in Bolleswood for our class breakfast—a perfect spot even in the downpour. Wood smoke—orange juice, eggs, bacon and coffee—much chatter—slacks and sweaters—new '31ers who couldn't make it Saturday—Dr. and Mrs. Leib and Dean Burdick—class meeting with Jane Moore leading—Jerry Smith elected reunion chairman for 1945—cheers for Edna Martin who had done such a swell job on this one—all in all it couldn't have been nicer.

From noon on, group by group we were off again—home to the “wife and kiddies” and the job Monday morning—promises to really write this time and “see you again in '45.” It was all over. For two days we had turned back the clock and functioned as a class again. We missed everyone who couldn't be there (poor Betty Matlack with the mumps at this stage of the game) but those of us who were in New London this week-end will never forget it. It was a wonderful 10th reunion.

1932. CORRESPONDENT: Marion Nichols Arnold, 62 Jordan St., Skaneateles, N. Y.

Eighteen '32ers checked in during reunion as follows: Peg Salter Ferris, Betty Lin-scott, Mercia May Richards, Mary Cullen Chappell, Sue Comfort, Kay Cooksey Dimmitt, Ginnie Stephenson, Mary Sturdevant Nye, Earleen Fairweather Whitmarsh, Dot Friend Miller, Gert Yoerg Doran, Pree Moore Brown, Mary Butler Melcher and her two darling sons, Marion Nichols Arnold, Jane MacKenzie, Mabel Barnes Knaufl, Ruth Caswell Clapp, and Louise Bunce Warner. In the parade we sported the cutest red and white striped pinafores with blue 32 on the front. Nice going, Teddy. At the class meeting Sunday morning new officers were elected in the persons of Marion as president and Cullen as treasurer, replacing Peg and Billy who had resigned. It was also voted to cooperate with the Alumnae Association plan for reunions, which makes our next one not our tenth next year, but our thirteenth in 1945. Many of you will be disappointed because you were planning to come next year—come ahead! When you do come, you will enjoy it even more because the Dix plan makes it a reunion of four classes that were in college together and you see many more friends than just the few in your own class. So start planning now and let's outdo 1931 who had over 50 back this year.

1933. CORRESPONDENT: Jerry Wertheimer, 6132 Kingsbury Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

The Class wishes to extend sympathy to Sue Crawford Stahman upon the death of her father this spring.

Marriages: Jo Garver to Joseph J. Morri-son, attorney, on April 14. Ruth Ferree to William W. Wessels on April 26. Quite a C. C. reunion it was, too, with Ginny Schanher maid of honor, Janet Swan Eveleth and Mary Fishburne McKown '31 in the bridal party, and the following comprising the out-of-town C. C. guests: Sue Crawford Stahman, Winnie De Forest Coffin, Alma Bennett Belknap, Beano Jones, Nancy Smedley, Gay Stephens, Dot Wheelen Spaulding, and K. J. Jackson ex '33.

Birth: To Jo Eakin Despres, a daughter, Lani, on May 5.

Ex '33: Jane Benedict is executive secretary of the Book and Magazine Guild, an affiliate of the United Office and Professional Workers of America. K. J. Jackson is working in New York, too, and living at the Allerton on 37th Street.

New Addresses: Winnie De Forest Coffin's new address is 14 Ellison Ave., Bronxville, N. Y., and Jo Garver Morrison's 2809 V St. S.E., Washington, D. C. As yet Anna May and Tom Gilmer don't know where they'll be stationed. Tom has been ordered back to sea duty.

Somehow this Alumnae News deadline has a way of creeping up on me before I know it. Won't some of you respond to my perpetual plea—Penny Postals.


Please note the change of address of your correspondent. I have left New Haven and am taking the summer off before looking for another job.

Betty Waterman was married to Gordon Hunter in June. Address: 705 Hillsborough Blvd., San Mateo, Calif.


Information Please: full married names and addresses of Muriel Dibble Vosilus, Alma Nichols, Elise Williams; and addresses of Lucille Austin Cutler, Jane Baldauf Eager, Mary Louise Ellis Dunn, Jane Petrequin Hackenburg. If you can offer any information, please drop me a card.

1936. CORRESPONDENT: Patricia Hall Stuton, 42 E. 9th St., N. Y. C.


Birth: To Dorothy Kelsey Rouse on Feb. 7, a son, Wesley F. Rouse, Jr.

Pete Spaulding Zachar and her husband have bought a house in Philadelphia. Alys Griswold is working in Washington, D. C.

1937. CORRESPONDENT: Lucy Barrera, 54 School St., Manchester, Conn.

Engagement: Estelle Campbell to David W. Leetch of Baltimore, alumnus of Lafayette.

The rest of our news for this issue seems to concern the cradle. Our younger set is hectic but wonderful weekend together. Thanks, Millie, for the letter. Millie tells me that Jeannie Shingle is working in Cafe Lafitte, 941 Bourbon St., New Orleans, La.

Bonnie Lynn, born to Bunny Parker Meaney on May 13.

Donald, Jr., born to Millie Garnett Metz on Nov. 24. Millie’s Susan is now two years old. Thanks, Millie, for the very welcome letter. Millie tells me that Jeannie Shingle has a son, Peter, three months old and that Chim Calwell Stokes has a son, Frankie, fifteen months old. They all spent a hectic but wonderful weekend together recently. Since Don has been called to active service with the Reserves, Millie’s address at present is 2900 Dunkan Rd., Dundalk, Md.

George Irving, born to Fay Irving Squibb on June 1.

1939. CORRESPONDENT: Dede Lowe, 1156 W. Exchange St., Akron, O.

Engagements: Edith Frey to J. Walter Higle, U. S. Naval Reserve, in May; Bea Dodd to Frederick Davis on May 24; Carol Prince to Lewis F. Allen on April 6.

Marriages: Dorothy Barlow to Dr. Victor F. Albright on April 2. Address: 2258 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Patricia Pope to Robert A. Fairbairn on May 24. Address: 18 Upland Rd., Wellesley, Mass. Virginia Taber to Ben Franklin McCamey, Jr., on June 7. Dottie Leu to F. Kimball Loomis on June 14, with Marian Chandler ex ’39 as maid of honor. Address: 46 Maple St., South Hamilton, Mass. A bit late, but I hear Margery Armstrong has been married a year to Edward M. McNally. They are living in Rhinebeck, N. Y. Marie Whitwell to Lt. Robert F. Gilkeson on April 26. Address: Penridge Apartments, Baltimore, Md. Nini Cocks is Mrs. Stanley R. Milford and still loves her job as receptionist at Canada Dry. Elizabeth Fessenden to artist Richard Kenah on March 17. They are living in Washington, D. C. Ellen Marshall ex ’39 to Addison Gilmore on April 19, with Peg McCutcheon Skinner as bridesmaid. Mary Stewart Kurtz ex ’39 to Gordon Hall on May 10. Saw Mary Kuhn ex ’39, who has a gift shop in Indianapolis, and Joan Metzger—who is happily married but I don’t remember the name—at the wedding.

Births: Helen MacAdam (married name?) has “an infant (?) six months old.” How about full information and your address, Helen? Doby Whipple Robinson has a six-months-old boy.

Other News: Gerrie Storm Kremer ex ’39 now lives in her own cute house at 71 Harrison St., Verona, N. Y. Ruth Brodhead Heintz ex ’39 lives at 1513 Haeley Drive, Webster Groves, Miss. Jane Krepps Wheeler has a new home at Ridgeway Circle, White Plains, N. Y. Butt Patton hopes to be living in an apartment on Sutton Place with another gal and plans to have a part-time job with an advertising agency this summer. Rachel Homer is back from California.

Edie Frey is very busy with landscape work and representing the Knight and Bostwick Nursery of Rochester in Westchester County. Cay and Hugh Gregg are planning to live in Wilton, N. H., this summer but hope to spend a little time in Maine, too. Marian Chandler has a grand job in the
personnel office of the Burdett Business College in Boston. Janet Mead finished Katherine Gibbs in New York this June and plans to job hunt till September. Marge Abrahams spent five months working in a botanical laboratory this winter and now plans to have “a last fling at Cornell summer school.” Jane Goss plans to be in Betty Ide’s wedding and then go on to California—maybe Hawaii—this summer.

Sue McLeod no sooner finished running her winter nursery school than she made plans for another one this summer—but just for a month, then she plays! Marie Kaim Blum is living at 565 West End Ave., N. Y. C. Lou Newman visited Gassy in Montgomery, Alabama. Helene Feldman is teaching Psychology and Sociology at the New London Junior College and is looking for the topic for her Ph.D. thesis! Aside from going to weddings and engagement parties, Bobbie Myers is a private secretary in a private school at Mountain Lakes, N. J. Agnes Savage is working in a law firm in Hartford and loves her job. Pokey Hadley taught kindergarten at Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia and is now spending three months in Honolulu!

Polly Salam has a wonderful and interesting job as a pathological technician in Research Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Mim Cooper is now working at the Norwich State Hospital, getting experience in the care of psychiatric patients. Dot Clements attended the National Conference of Social Work in Atlantic City and is now taking charge of her group at the New Haven Children’s Center. Phyl Ranken Burgess and husband have returned from California to live in Washington, where he works for the F. B. I. Ginn Walton is putting her courses in Radio to work in a position in a radio station in Washington.


Reunion began on Friday the thirteenth with many of the class returning. Senior Prom and “Remember when?” occupied the time of the early arrivals until Saturday, when the majority of the 66 filtered in. Ollie’s speech at the luncheon showed some phenomenal statistics: 36 of our graduates are married, 18 more are engaged, over 75 are working, 25 studying. And more phenomenal still, half the class returned to our first reunion, some even from so far away as Chicago (Betty Morton) and Cleveland (Betty Lamprecht, Nat Klivans, Alice Porter). To those who could not come, the rest of us say that a fine time was had by all and we wish you had been there.

The noise of arrivals, departures, and comings to and fro in Knowlton, our headquarters, all weekend was reminiscent of college days. Even a class meeting anent finances was nostalgic, although the hour, immediately after breakfast on Sunday, was most unusual. Our class procession to class day exercises in our different colored sunbonnets, Mickey Rice playing the piano, a shower in the small hours for a future bride, bull sessions, mingling with the crowd at President Blunt’s tea, peering through the fog to where the race should be, even being taken for seniors by some of the faculty—all these things stand out as part of a successful reunion amid familiar drenched surroundings.

The careful planning on the part of Ollie and Billie Bindloss brought good returns so we can not blame them for the bad weather; we must lay that to the class of ’41.

Again we have to introduce a group of newly married members to the class: Mrs. Thomas Ross Aldrich, Jr. (Evie McGill), Mrs. William Gladfelter (Irene Johnstone), Mrs. Wilbur Baratz (Frances Sears), Mrs. C. F. Scharfenstein, Jr. (Veronica O’Connell), Mrs. H. Lessee (Priscilla Yozell), Mrs. Robert Schofield (M. J. Yale), Mrs. B. Russell Henry (Deborah Curtis), Mrs. Otis Tillman Estes, Jr. (Betty Walker), Mrs. Colin Marr (Margaret Schultz), Mrs. Warren Kendall (Shirley Devereaux), Mrs. Lawrence Hastings (Kay Wheeler), —and coming in July, Mrs. Hayden Streeter (Betty Gehrig) and Mrs. Robert M. Kenyon (Betty Kent).

Weddings, however, are not the only events which fill our time. We also have an unusual number in the field of study with Nat Maas at Columbia Law and Darby Wilson also at Columbia working for an M.A. Billie Bindloss is just out of Radcliffe with an M.A. in French, Muffy Hack is studying philosophy in Cincinnati, Laura Sheerin is about to start graduate work in the fall, and Sue Carson is busy on her M.A. at Brown while working as an assistant in psychology at Pembroke. The rest of the students may be found in secretarial and art schools for the most part and soon will be joining the over 75 in the grand army of the employed.
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