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Connecticut and the War

Mass Meeting

For the second time in its history Connecticut finds itself in a world at war and, like all colleges and universities in the United States, already it has been profoundly affected by events occurring on far-flung battle lines. For many years college students have been growing increasingly international-minded, and campuses have become far less remote than formerly from affairs outside their gates. Now world affairs have taken on for all of us a grim aspect of actuality and immediacy which cannot remain unrecognized by even the youngest freshman. After Pearl Harbor, students at Connecticut, as elsewhere, were impatient of what they regarded as academic theorizing, which in their minds seemed to have no connection with present reality. Like all of us they wanted "to do something," and we should have been disappointed in them if this desire had not been openly expressed. Upon the faculty, so keenly aware of the urgency and the depth of student problems that they have sometimes felt presumptuous in offering advice, has fallen the task of helping the students to understand the value of a trained mind, of sound preparation for the years ahead when untrained people will be valueless to themselves and to their country. Speaking to the entire student body on December 9th Miss Blunt said:

"Throw yourself into your education. You can grow up faster in college than you can outside. I hope you can believe this—you are important, and your education is important. Think, furthermore, of the long life ahead of you. Our country needs and will need educated, not half-

educated women. Most of all there will be a great need for women with fundamental firmness of mind, that is, with character. Have courage then to keep on with your education."

Enrollment and Admission Figures

That the advice of Miss Blunt and of faculty and parents has been understood and appreciated by the students is shown by the fact that the college enrollment, showing second semester figures, has dropped surprisingly little. Since the beginning of the first semester in September 1941, twenty-four students have withdrawn, nine of them to be married (most of the nine to service men). In the face of the extraordinary circumstances it seems remarkable that only twenty-four girls have left college. In 1940-41, a year with an unusually small number of withdrawals, ten dropped out during the entire year. It is an interesting fact that several girls recently dropped out, only to return to the campus after a few days. Four students are married, and three of them are living on campus. The number of applications for admission to next year's freshman class has also kept up well. There are 487 applications as of February 2, 1942, compared with 527 of the same date in 1941.

Student Activities

Two students, Nancy Wolfe and Patricia King '42, editor and associate editor of the college *News*, have commented for us on students' points of view:

"We expect the unexpected. That, in general, is the present attitude of Connecticut girls toward today's world conflict

and the possible perils of tomorrow. No one is fearful that a catastrophe will actually occur, but all are serious in their efforts to prepare, should they be called upon to do their part. In a collegiate world where once the events and conflicts beyond our boundaries seemed strangely far away, there is no one now who feels herself untouched and unaffected. Many of us have fathers, brothers, or friends in active service, and that, combined with the national movement for united civilian defense and high morale, convinces us that there is a job for everyone today. New London itself is a center of industry and there are constant reminders that we live in a world at war.

It is perhaps unwise to generalize, to say that apathy has been replaced in all cases by a genuine and active concern; for there are still many among us who drift along on a wave of passive unrest, content to accept the inevitable with little or no evidence of active concern. However, that particular group is a definite minority. As the days and weeks pass there is increasingly clear evidence that the attitude of 'muddling along' has become completely outmoded. In almost every phase of college activity there is a vital awareness of the problems that lie ahead.

On December 9, two days after the disaster at Pearl Harbor, the attitude on campus was revealed through the broadcasting of the false air raid warning. At first few paid heed to the news. Then, when reports continued to pour in, the possibility of actually imminent danger became more plausible. This was not a true test, but it did serve as an indication of the general attitude during those first few days when war loomed large on the horizon, when anything seemed possible. There was a good deal of excitement among the students but no hysteria. It is true perhaps that even now war is still something to be talked of and thought about as distant from our own shores, but today we recognize the invaluable qualities of calmness and courage.

An important activity of the college defense program is the organization of weekly discussion periods, when informal groups gather with a faculty sponsor for talks on current events, on present national and international problems, and on pos-

sible settlements of the post-war peace. On the weekend of February 14, 15, and 16, the college acted as host to foreign students from other eastern colleges, and the three days of the International Weekend were spent in discussing with girls from England, South America, and Germany different attitudes and problems of the international crisis. Though the results of all these discussions led to no spectacular conclusions, still we feel that in some small way we may hope to contribute to a more lasting settlement.

Thus we serve, perhaps, 'by standing and waiting and working undramatically.' Oftentimes we feel how ineffective is the place of the educated woman in the world today, but further thought enables us to see that the women's colleges may prove to be oases of learning in the days ahead. We know that we shall have to make great sacrifices, but we hope that by doing the job at hand, by keeping our heads, and by serving as best we can, we too may become defenders of the heritage we are learning to prize so highly."

Defense Activities

Under the direction of Miss Blunt and Miss Marjorie Dilley of the history and government department, and chairman of the college defense committee, an excellent campus defense program has been organized. On January 11 at the request of the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association Miss Dilley gave a complete report of college defense activities to the Board. Since that report was given all members of the college community have been registered to serve in definite positions in civilian defense work on the campus and most of the activities reported have been strengthened and expanded. The report as it was summarized in the minutes of the Executive Board meeting follows:

"The defense committee consists of two groups, one of faculty and one of students, which were formed during the academic year 1940-41. Until the fall of 1941 the duties and purposes of the committee were rather general and of an educational nature, but since the outbreak of war the activities of the committee have been im-

mentally increased and have necessitated much detailed work. In the beginning efforts were made to interest and educate the college community in opportunities to be of service. The committee has tried to relate campus activities to those which are being carried on in the home communities and make it apparent that service need not terminate with the extreme emergency, that the entire program can and should be planned on a long-time basis.

Several specific projects have been undertaken under the direction of the defense committee. The college has raised money for orphans in Britain and in China. Seventy children in Bristol are now being supported by the college, both faculty and students. A Red Cross drive for members met with success and a work-room for knitting and sewing garments, and for making surgical dressings for the Red Cross has been established on campus. Last spring clothing was collected and donated to the British War Relief Society. Defense stamps are being sold at the Bookshop. Newspapers are collected and the money from their sale contributed to war charities.

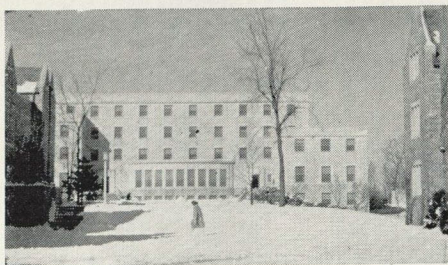
A campaign was started last spring to urge the students to make intelligent use of their summer vacation. Students were encouraged to find jobs in their home communities, and many interesting opportunities developed in hospitals, libraries, laboratories, summer camps, municipal governments, etc. Careful records were kept of the undertaking and it was found that 65 per cent of the students did some kind of work. It is planned to continue and develop this project this year.

Last summer a Latin American Institute was held on the campus, and a summer course in secretarial work was also offered. A gratifyingly large number of people took advantage of the courses.

Safety Measures

Since the declaration of war the committee has devoted much time to organizing a campaign of safety.

Our students, four at a time, assist from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on two-hour shifts, at the



GRACE SMITH — EAST HOUSE

official Aircraft Warning Station for New London. The post is manned twenty-four hours a day under the direction of the American Legion.

The fire captain in each building has been appointed Air Raid Warden for her building and required to take the course for Air Raid Wardens. All House Fellows and some students from each building are required to take the Red Cross First Aid course, and these groups comprise the First Aid Corps. There is also a property protection corps composed of men of the faculty and Miss Harris's staff. A messenger service and a motor corps have been organized to operate in case of necessity. The physical fitness and recreation corps exist to provide physical activity and recreation when needed.

Each building has been examined and its safest place determined and marked with large signs. Pails of sand have been placed on every floor of every building. Tests of evacuating buildings have been made successfully and in a remarkably short time. The college has ordered very complete fire-fighting equipment.

Discussion Groups

The committee has drawn up and distributed a questionnaire designed to create discussion on democracy. Small discussion groups are held in faculty homes."

Thus, as is being done at colleges throughout the country, Connecticut is trying quietly and inconspicuously to be of the greatest possible help to its students and to serve the country with zeal and intelligence.

Miss Blunt to Continue as President

At the meeting of the college Board of Trustees held on February 12, the trustees requested Miss Blunt to continue as president of the college for another year. Members of the board felt that the situation created by the war would make a change in administration at this time unwise. Miss Blunt has consented to remain for another year, but has asked that the committee appointed to choose her successor continue its work of finding another president.

The *Connecticut College News* for February 18th contained the following splendid editorial concerning Miss Blunt's decision to remain on the campus for another year.

"The student body has received the news of President Katharine Blunt's "unretirement" with gladness and relief. The request made of her by the Board of Trustees that she continue as president of the college, and her decision to do so, coincide with our often expressed wishes and hopes. Having long recognized her abilities, her

achievements, and her devotion to the college, we were fully aware of the difficulties involved in trying to find a successor who could even begin to carry on her important work. With the entrance of the United States into the war, the demands and responsibilities of her position increased, as did our awareness of President Blunt's immeasurable value as an executive.

Now that the direction of the college is to remain in her hands, we have come to other realizations. Her position will be much more difficult than ever before. The load of responsibilities and duties is tremendous, and will demand even more of her time and will tax her energies to the utmost.

We know that she will remember the importance of her own health at this time. We want to cooperate by doing everything we can to lighten her task, and we hope that she will call upon us to act in whatever capacity we are able. The college counts itself fortunate indeed that President Blunt is to be here another year, and we repledge to her our loyalty."

Summer School Plans Announced

TO THE ALUMNAE,

We are planning to offer an eight weeks' summer session as a contribution toward defense. Possibly some of our own students may use it to "accelerate." It is planned for any properly prepared women, our students and alumnae and those of other colleges. I think you know that 18 colleges were represented in our secretarial group last summer.

We have conferred with Commissioner Grace of the Connecticut State Department of Education and with many industrial firms including United Aircraft Corporation, American Cyanamid, and others in an effort to fit our course offerings to the war demands. While plans are still tentative, and a printed announcement will be sent to you later, I believe now that we shall offer to high school and college graduates:

Accounting; Chemistry, special course with a prerequisite of one year of Chemistry; Nursery School Teacher Training; Secretarial Training; Statistics. A few regular courses for our own students who may wish to accelerate. The dates are probably July 6 through August 29.

The responsibility for continuing the teaching of children, for maintaining the social services, and for qualifying for places in industry are, we believe, a vital part of the college woman's defense job.

March 1, 1942.

KATHARINE BLUNT, *President.*

Henry Wells Lawrence, 1879-1942

By Frank E. Morris

In the death on January 23rd of Henry W. Lawrence, Connecticut College communities on the campus, in New London, and elsewhere have sustained an irreparable loss, one that adds another dark thread to the variegated skein of human life. Yet of such is life. Countless men and women, fine as Henry Lawrence was fine, useful as he was useful, admirable as he was admirable have lived their day, done their work, and departed. Life goes on as it must and should; but we, as many others before us on similar occasions, stand aside from living now and again to pause, to meditate, to give thought. But it is well to give thought not so much to our loss in his death as to our gain in his life. For if the one is a dark thread, the other is a very bright one.

Dr. Lawrence had something of all the human virtues; he had many of them in high degree. Quiet, unassuming, with a sunny and contagious sense of humor; entirely unselfish; competent and untiring in his work; genuine and generous in his relations with his colleagues; loyal and profoundly devoted to his family; friendly, conscientious, and exacting in his attitude towards his students, he had something to give to all with whom he came into contact. His scholarship was unexceptionable. His writings were widely influential. Long experience in phrasing his thought made him extremely apt at clear, terse, and arresting expression. His was a stimulating mind and a rewarding personality.

I like to think of him at Hampton Institute, helping the Negro citizens of America. I like to think of him at morning chapel, presenting in his careful way the important issues of that world of living men he was so honestly and so eagerly interested in. I like to think of him in his class-room, in his office in Fanning Hall, in pointed discussions with alumnae groups in New York or Boston or New Haven.

Why should we not think of him thus, now and in the future? The spirit he put into these activities remains, a living force. His presence is still felt in these places. And this spirit and this presence will continue on, a part of the stream of life.

Dr. Lawrence had a quality valuable to all men, invaluable to the scholar and teacher—intellectual interest. He wanted to know, to understand. He also had another quality that helped to motivate the first and sustain it—a deep love and compassion for his fellowmen. He wanted to help men—in the spirit of one whom he thought of as his own greatest teacher, Jesus of Nazareth. This desire to know, to understand, and this desire to use knowledge and understanding in the service of human life were, I think, his philosophy, his morality, and his religion.

In the death of Dr. Lawrence we who knew him have lost. But in his life we have gained. He increased the sum of value in the world; that is, he was a good man. And we who think of him, now and in the days to come, say as Socrates said, "No harm can come to a good man either in life or in death." And we are grateful for him.

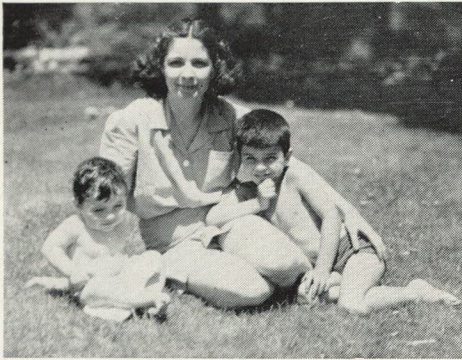
Editor's Note: Dr. Lawrence, born in 1879, was graduated from Yale university in 1906. He received his master's degree in 1907 and his doctorate in 1910, both from Yale. In 1909, he studied at the university of Paris. In 1910-1911 he was temporary professor of history at the university of Vermont, and from 1911 to 1917 he was instructor in history at Dartmouth college. He became assistant professor of history at Middlebury college in 1917, and attained a full professorship the following year. He became professor of history and government at Connecticut college in 1920.

They Stand Out

Alumnae Poet--Bianca Bradbury

By Jane Towey '30

A name that is appearing with steadily increasing frequency in the poetry sections of newspapers and magazines is that of Bianca Ryley Bradbury, Connecticut '30. Bianca wrote a few poems during her college course, but it is only in the past two years that she has seriously undertaken writing poetry as a career. Anyone who



BIANCA, MICHAEL AND BILLY

has studied the place of poetry in the current literary world realizes what a very small number of poems the editors accept for publication. Since there is so much competition the poems which finally appear in print have to be the best.

Bianca can feel that she is coming into that class—the best. Her poems have appeared in the *Ladies Home Journal*, *House and Garden*, *Yankee*, *Parents' Magazine*, the *Oregonian*, *Driftwind*, *American Weave*, the *New York Herald Tribune*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *New York Times*, the *Denver Post*, the *M. E. Board of Education*, the *American Agriculturalist*, *American Forest*, the *American Poetry Magazine*, *Silver Star*, *Poetry Presents*, and the *Washington Post*. In 1940 one of her poems won the

gold medal for the state of Connecticut in the World's Fair competition run by the Poetry Press of America. This poem will be contained in a collection called "Star-Shooter" to be published in the Fall of 1942.

Because Bianca is a graduate of Connecticut, alumnae will be interested in knowing something of her personal life. She came to college from West Haven and while taking a course in creative writing with Dr. Jensen became seriously interested in poetry, especially in the work of Edwin Arlington Robinson. One of her poems is printed in the 1930 *Koiné*, and another in the *Connecticut College Anthology of Poetry*.

The summer after graduation Bianca was married to Harry B. Bradbury, who is an attorney-at-law, and they made their home in New Milford, Connecticut, where they are still living. A visit to their comfortable colonial house, built around 1780, and named "Little Farm," is indeed a treat. Located three miles outside the town on the Aspetuck river, Bianca says they first called the place "Mortgage on the Aspetuck" but it has since risen above this financial handicap. Inside one finds lovely rooms with wide open fireplaces, hand-hewn beams, and bookcases overflowing with all kinds of reading matter. This atmosphere presents a charming background for Bianca's kind hospitality, her most cordial husband, and her two lively sons, Billy, six, and Michael, two and a half. There is also an animal department which includes two dogs, three cats, and a horse. At present all interest is centered on a printing press which Brad gave Bianca for Christmas. On this was printed a paper-bound collection of Bianca's poems entitled "Of Wind and Weather." Brad

is now running off legal forms and soon they hope to carry on a business under the name of "Little Farm Press."

Both the senior Bradburys keep busy with many interests and hobbies. They did a great deal of painting, papering, and carpentry when they first got the house, and have improved the grounds with a stone terrace and vegetable and flower gardens. Brad is talented at etching and also has a collection of guns and old toy banks. Bianca collects antiques, does all the housework, takes entire charge of the children, writes poetry, and is an accomplished musician—until recently she played the organ in one of the local churches. In addition she is active in defense organizations, has done much work in organizing a Red Cross Motor Corps, collecting money for the Red Cross, and finding homes for evacuees.

Writing poetry that sells means working steadily and working hard for many hours. The chief prerequisite is a natural talent for poetic thought and expression, but after the poem is written there remains the important job of sending it out into the world and finding an editor who will print it. A poet must possess the dual character of a dreamer and a practical businessman. Bianca says she has found that writing and selling at the same time make the product a healthier one. There is not so often a tendency toward undue flights of fancy.

Since she has found so much pleasure in her writing, Bianca is glad to pass on to beginners hints which she has learned along the way. There are three rules which she keeps constantly in mind. First, the art of writing as expressed in the old saw of applying the seat of the pants to the seat of the chair. She has certain hours when she makes herself sit at her desk and not get up until she has completed the task set.

The second rule to follow is "keep your birds in flight." Keep sending out everything as soon as you write it and every time your work is rejected send it out again to another place. You have to pass from the period of depression caused by re-

jections to the "don't care" stage. Bianca got back fifty rejection slips before her first poem was accepted.

The third lesson is that a smaller amount of talent and a greater degree of persistence will more often bring success than a greater degree of talent and less persistence. This statement is no doubt true, but the fact remains that in order to surmount the heavy competition among verse writers as Bianca has done one must be gifted with outstanding ability.

In the words of Robert Frost, writing experimental or freak verse is to Bianca "like playing tennis without a net." Her subjects center around human interest descriptions. She has never been inspired to become effusive over Nature,—“Maybe because out here in the country we live a little too close to it.” Below are two of her poems reprinted with the permission of the New York Herald Tribune:

NEW ENGLAND WOOD

This little sunlit copse might be
Any swept and tidy English wood.
Gay King Henry might have stood
Beneath this royal beech, impatiently
Waiting, shadows on his head,
For word to come, that Ann Boleyn was
dead.

Richard might have hunted here.
Elizabeth, with Leicester at her side,
Have joined in laughter, to outride
The fugitive and velvet-hidden deer.
Strange, this drowsy stream that hems
Our fields, is water-brother to the Thames.
And strange that time has turned the page,
To join these Englands, in their heritage.

FOR THE QUAKERS

Theirs is the gentle finger on the pulse
Of War's old woe.
Persistent, with the clear, unrancored eyes
Of faith, they go
Where disillusion lost the charted way.
Unerringly,
They reach across the desperate long miles,
The sullen sea,
And find the thin small fingers in the cold,
And touch, and hold.

An Educational Adventure

By Henry W. Lawrence

We asked Dr. Lawrence to write an article for the Fall issue of the Alumnae News on his work at Hampton Institute. He willingly consented and sent us the article printed below. Meantime he became ill, and because we hoped we could persuade him to add more material later concerning his own work at Hampton which we knew had been distinguished, we delayed publishing the article. As he wrote it, however, more an account of Hampton than of his own work there, it is a splendid article which we are privileged to print in this issue of the News.

Again this fall, as for numerous years in the past, the Hampton Institute Quartet visited Connecticut College and received a hearty welcome. During the summer just past, and during the fourteen preceding summers, the writer of this article has been a teacher in the Hampton Institute Summer School. For these two reasons, no doubt, Kay Moss has judged that our alumnae might be willing to read a few words about Hampton Institute, famous pioneer in the education of Negroes.

There is, moreover, an unsuspected and frivolous bond of union between Hampton Institute and Connecticut College, dating back to the year 1934. In that year, on October the twenty-first, at a C.C. Alumnae reunion held at the Hemlocks (not yet hurricaned), there was solemnly founded and established the Hemlocks Graduate School in Nutmeg University, closely patterned after a recreational institution named Beach Nut University, founded some years earlier at Hampton Institute by the writer of this article.

But now let us return to sobriety and the history of Hampton Institute. In 1940 was published "The Negro In Virginia From 1619 to the Present Day," a Virginia Writers' Project, sponsored by Hampton Institute and largely prepared by its graduates; the first state history of the Negro ever published. From this excellent work much of the first part of the following account was taken.

In 1866 General Samuel Chapman Armstrong, who had commanded a regi-

ment of Negro troops in the Civil War, "envisioned Hampton as the strategic spot for a permanent and great educational work," and at his suggestion the American Missionary Association purchased the 125-acre estate of "Little Scotland" on Hampton Creek and converted the government hospital there into a temporary school. Classes were begun in April, 1868, with General Armstrong as principal, two teachers to assist him, and fifteen ex-slaves as pupils.

The motto, "Training of the hand as well as the mind," attracted many ambitious Negroes. One ragged boy set out from West Virginia for Hampton on October 1, 1872. On reaching Richmond, footsore and dirty, he passed the night beneath the planks of a sidewalk. The next day he earned enough by helping unload a boat to carry him the rest of the way to Hampton. There disappointment met him. He was told that the fifty cents he had in his pocket was not sufficient to admit him. The lady principal, however, as a test, led the boy into a class room and directed that he clean it. Later he wrote: "I think that I must have swept that room over as many as three times, and dusted it, and when Miss Mackie rubbed her handkerchief on the table and benches, not a spot of dust or dirt could she find." She told him, "I guess we will try you as a student." That boy was Booker T. Washington.

The purposes of Hampton Institute, as specified in the charter granted in 1870, were "the instruction of youth in the va-

rious common-school, academic and collegiate branches, the best methods of teaching the same, and the best mode of practical industry in its application to agriculture and the mechanic arts . . ." Hampton Institute continues to emphasize the training of teachers and workers in agriculture, home economics, and the mechanic arts. As the desire for education has become more general, the conception of education for "practical" purposes has been enlarged to include the training of business men and women, building contractors, cafeteria managers, and skilled artisans in many trades. The Institute gradually expanded to include the following divisions and services: The Collegiate Division, under which were schools of agriculture, business, education, home economics, library, nursing, summer school for teachers, and trade school. The trade school carries on laboratory instruction in automobile mechanics, brickmasonry, plastering, cabinet-making, carpentry, electricity, forging and welding, machine shop practice, painting and decorating, plumbing and heating, printing, sheet metal and roofing, tailoring and dry cleaning, upholstering. There is an extension service reaching out to serve those who cannot come to Hampton. Very noticeable to summer residents on campus are the numerous and varied conferences. This summer, for instance, a profound odor of sanctity pervaded the atmosphere with the presence of half a thousand ministers, all more or less black. It seems that whatsoever group of Negro workers needs a conference for its guidance and uplift is ac-

commodated at Hampton: miscellaneous social workers, county agricultural agents. Once they had, quite inadvertently no doubt, a kind of Alpha and Omega relationship, with a conference of midwives preceding one of morticians.

Hampton Institute is situated at the southern end of the peninsula which lies between the James River and the York River. The "city" of Hampton ("village," to you Northern Yankees) borders the Institute and is two miles west of Old Point Comfort, and south of Williamsburg by forty miles. The school campus of



LIBRARY WITH NEW WINGS

seventy-four acres, with its one hundred thirty-nine buildings, fronts on Hampton River ("creek," to you). The auditorium, Ogden Hall, has a seating capacity of two thousand; the library has shelf-room for a hundred and fifty thousand volumes (not fully occupied), five seminar rooms, and reference rooms with seats for three hundred students. The total enrollment is somewhat more than a thousand. On August 15, 1941, the degree of master of arts was conferred on seven candidates. Hampton Institute has received academic recognition for its work by being rated as a Class A college by the Southern Associa-

tion of Colleges and Secondary Schools (1932-1933). It has also been rated as a standard college by the Virginia Department of Education (1933). In 1935 it was accepted as a member of the Association of American Colleges.

With regard to human relations in a great democracy, the Hampton campus is an oasis of Christian liberalism in a vast desert of traditional prejudice—prejudice, however, that has softened up a good deal in recent years. Hampton's idea about "keeping the Negro in his place" is, indeed, very different from the one still prevalent in the South, but it does not demand for the Negro immediate possession of every right which it believes he should ultimately enjoy. In Hampton Institute very little is said about "Jim Crowism" and similar indignities; but there is eager discussion and intelligent action concerning recent Supreme Court decisions requiring equal pay for Negro and white teachers. Rather naturally friendships spring up between pupil and teacher, and among the teachers, without regard to the blackness, brownness, or whiteness of their complexions. In the dining room, no separation of the races is attempted or desired. Occasionally one plays bridge with one's Negro friends, in their homes or in one's own. The present writer has never seen, however, Negroes and white persons dancing together in Hampton Institute.

At the moment, Hampton is undergoing a revolutionary change, in the direction of extreme progressivism. Its new president, Malcolm MacLean, founder of the General College of the University of Minnesota, is a daring innovator, eager to sally forth and meet half-way whatever crises, educational and other, seem to impend. A glimpse of him and his policies is offered by the following extracts from a letter to President MacLean and his reply thereto, both written last June:

"Dear President MacLean:

This letter is apropos your pamphlet, "Higher Education and the Ne-

gro," which was enclosed with our class instructions for the summer school.

Dutifully I began to read it, risking anticipated boredom; but I continued in a state of increasing excitement. Has this educational tract-for-the-times had a wide circulation? Does it not arouse resentment and alarm? Or has, indeed, the uneasiness about things in general at last made educators and others ready to listen even to fundamental and shockingly anti-traditional proposals in the field of Negro education in the South? Inter-racial co-education seems hardly mentionable, despite its rational soundness . . .

All things considered, I spent a very profitable hour reading and re-reading your dangerous thoughts. While Hitler and others are forcing a largely new set-up upon us, too few of our readers are taking serious steps toward preparation for it. Nobody, of course, is anywhere nearly adequate for the task, but somebody must try."

The reply:

"Dear Professor,

I much appreciated your letter of yesterday. As to sticking out my neck, I have never discovered any better use for a neck than to stick it out. In that way you see farther and more clearly. As to my thinking being perilous in its challenges, these are perilous times, and 'I like to look upon the bright face of danger.'

Inter-racial co-education is going on in larger northern centers with, to be sure, the Negro group in the very great minority but, nevertheless, quite successfully at such colleges as Oberlin and such universities as Minnesota."

Meanwhile, Hampton gasps in astonishment and wonders how its newest adventures will result.

Among the Chapters

NORMAH KENNEDY MANDELL '29, *Editor*,
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Chicago

With the large city and suburban area covered by this chapter, locale of meetings is important and so far this year three luncheons have been held, two in Chicago and one in Evanston. A successful ten cent raffle was held to raise money for the Alumnae Fund. Peg Bear Gardner, ex '40 is chairman of the newly organized Red Cross group which will be discussed with other chapter reports in the Spring News issue. A new procedure is used to collect funds this year—small individual contributions are taken at each meeting instead of once-a-year dues.

Cleveland

Bringing the chapter meetings up to date: September—Tea for new students, undergraduates, transfers, and alumnae at the home of Jane Hutchinson '38. October—Betty Miller Parkhurst '33 entertained. There was a short business meeting at which Sally Tremaine ex '41 was named Dance Chairman, to be assisted by Susan Parkhurst Crane ex '42. An interesting talk on silver was followed by tea. November—This month Mary Leu Wycoff ex '40 was hostess for an evening meeting. The business meeting was conducted by Marjorie Miller Weimer '33, Vice-President, and the speaker was Richard Peters of the Cleveland Press, giving a presentation of newspaper columnists he has known. December—Fund raising project in the form of the ninth annual dance at the University Club, December 23. January—Normah Kennedy Mandell '29 entertained for an afternoon meeting; Frances Ernst Hallaran '36 conducted the business meeting at which it was voted to send \$200 to the Alumnae Fund.

Philadelphia

On December 6 the chapter held its Christmas meeting at which time, inspired by another luncheon group singing carols, Dot Gould '31 led those present in "May God Bless All Friends Here." Arrange-

ments were made to provide Christmas for an unfortunate family through contributions from members. Since the group was small, election of officers for this year was conducted among those present and ballots mailed to all other members in good standing.

Providence

On October 22 there was a short talk and general discussion led by Miss Hettie Marra, Executive Secretary of the Red Cross in Pawtucket and the Blackstone Valley, Rhode Island. On November 25, one of the members, Nanci Walker '35, told of her experiences while living in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, where she worked with a construction company and later for the West Indian Company. December 29 marked the annual Christmas party to which undergraduates living in and around Providence were invited.

Washington

Kathryn Moss, executive secretary, spoke at the February 3rd meeting giving detailed news of campus happenings. The meeting was held at Margaret Abell's home and was attended by a large number.

Waterbury

The February meeting was held at the home of Grace Nicoll McNiff '34, and it was decided to undertake a large bridge party to raise funds. Sixty-five calendars were reported sold for the Alumnae Association, bettering 1940 by twenty-five calendars. Mr. Balthazar, who planned the Harkness Tower at Yale, spoke on Art and his conception of its meaning as an expression of greatest individuality and originality.

Maine

Marian Cogswell Harvell '26 is working on a Portland or Maine Chapter and would be delighted to have those interested contact her—Mrs. Ralph B. Harvell, 18 Florence Street, Portland, Maine.

Class Notes

GERTRUDE NOYES '25, *Editor*, Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut

1919

GRACE COCKINGS, *Correspondent*, 82 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, Conn.

I received many cards at Christmas, from 1919ers and other C.C.-ites, and quite a few had notes written on them. Here are some items.

Dot Gray Manion is liking Denver very much, and has already made many friends. Each week she meets with a group to do Red Cross work. The same group took care of two large families at Christmas.

Ruth Anderson is very busy with her profession, but found time to write me a Christmas letter. Her father was very ill a while ago, but finally recovered so that he and Ruth were able to spend Thanksgiving in Poughkeepsie with her sister.

Irma and I were in the South at the same time, last Fall—she visiting her aunt in Baltimore, and I on a trip to Virginia and over the Skyline Drive.

Juline sent me an original card—a picture of herself and Mr. Comstock, dressed in Gay Nineties costumes. It was quite a picture.

Prent has a new car and hopes to tackle Boston traffic soon. Good luck, Prent!

Anna Buller is still housekeeping for her father and reports they are both well.

There was a clever card from Clem Jordan Goulart—a silhouette picture of Clem playing the violin (Remember how well she used to play?), her husband playing the flute (which he does well, also), and Joanne and David singing Christmas carols.

Alison sent her annual snapshot of her two daughters, Sally and Tiny, taken with their spaniel, and George, the cat. Both daughters are in eighth grade in school and are growing up fast.

I was surprised and thrilled to learn that 1919 has three daughters at C.C.—Amy Kugler Wadsworth's Barbara, Mid Wells Colby's Janet, and Jake Wells

Lawrence's Marjorie. That's something to be proud of.

Come on, the rest of you 1919ers! How about some news from you?

1920

BETTY RUMNEY POTEAT, *Correspondent*, Sport Hill Pkwy., Easton, Route 1, Bridgeport, Conn.

New Addresses: Alice Horrax Schell, 1344 Jefferson Ave., Akron, O.; Eleanor Seaver Massonneau, 486 Brooklyn Blvd., Brightwaters, Long Island, N. Y.

A good letter from Emma Wippert Pease, who is living in Hamilton, O., tells of a lovely trip she and her husband recently took to the Great Smokies. Her son, a student at Miami University, is doing outstanding work scholastically and wants to be a physicist. Emma's hobby is collecting old glass.

Dave writes that very few have paid class dues. Won't you cheer her up by sending in your dues today?

Dottie Stelle Stone and her husband dropped by to see us one golden day in October. We had lunch at the Red Barn and went for a beautiful drive in the country. She and Wadsworth were looking tip-top and we had such a good visit!

Helen Collins Miner tells me she and Waldo had a delightful visit to Florida in November—golfing, swimming, and partying. They drove down via the Skyline Drive and returned by boat. She says New London is a booming war-town again. Shades of our college days!

1921

CHARLOTTE HALL HOLTON, *Correspondent*, 121 E. Kendall St., Corona, Calif.

A long, newsy letter from Bobbie Newton Blanchard came as a glad and sweet surprise shortly after Christmas. Bobbie had lunch in Worcester during the holidays with Miss Orie Sherer, who is enthusiastic over her new job in Gimbel's in Milwaukee. Ruth Newcomb and Margar-

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et Ives '19 were there, too. Bobbie's daughters and Jeanette Sperry Slocum's sons, all living in Winchester, seem to see something of each other. Bobbie's daughter, Roberta, spent some time in the Hanover hospital last summer, following a slight injury incurred in a horseback accident. Ann Slade Fry '22 and her daughter, Janet, helped the hours to pass cheerfully. There was also a report of a visit last May with Agnes Leahy in her delightful New York apartment and a visit with Marion Keene Hawes en route south last year. The Hawes have two sons, one a sophomore in college and the other eight years old, with "lots of personality and a smile just like his mother's!" Bobbie says Ray Smith and her family have moved to Cranford, N. J. Bobbie's Roberta hopes to be ready for college next fall. Joan and Sally are "busy with Scouts and music lessons, Red Cross and dancing school." Bobbie herself is still taking music lessons and enjoying her playing.

Dot Pryde writes of a trip to Wisconsin and Michigan last summer. She is president of the Women's Choral Society of New Haven this year. Dorothy Wheeler '22 visited her not long ago.

Gertrude Foster Howe ex'20 lives at 804 Ridgewood, Ames, Iowa, where her husband represents the Connecticut General Insurance Co. She writes that Helen Taylor Hungerford ex'21 is in West Los Angeles.

Hattie Rosoff writes of multitudinous Red Cross and First Aid activities involving the whole family.

The Holtons had a marvellous trip to Yellowstone last summer, and aren't we glad now we went! We enjoyed the geysers and the bears especially, though we didn't appreciate the small fat black one who got into our food box and ate fruit with abandon. Now the war is much in our thoughts, and all of us are involved in phases of its activity. I can say, however, that there is no hysteria on this coast, only a determination to see the thing through to a successful conclusion.

1922

MARGARET BAXTER BUTLER, *Correspondent*, 775 Loraine Ave., Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Several months ago Dorothy Wheeler

bought a house in Hartford, Conn. at 120 Ansonia Street.

Eleanor Thielen Wunch's oldest son, Jack, is a freshman at the University of Michigan this year.

Betty Hall Wittenberg's husband went to a new position in Illinois last fall. Betty and Bob found a house at 765 Foxdale Ave., Winnetka and then sent for the three boys, who flew from New York to Chicago.

Mildred Duncan sent sad news of Grace Fisher Weil's children. Both of Grace's children were badly burned in a motor boat explosion during the summer. The little boy, aged 13, died after ten weeks; and Susan, aged 11, was still in the hospital in New Haven in the fall. Blanche Finley suggests that we might write Susan notes or send games, because she was to be laid up for over a year. Grace's address is R.F.D., Ridgewood, N. J. Our deepest sympathy to Grace and her husband.

The last report of receipts of contributions from 1922 to the Leib Memorial Fund indicates that we have not yet responded as fully as we surely want to. May this remind you to send your check to Miss Louise Potter at the College.

Here's hoping there will be more news next time. As you have noted, there has been nothing about 1922 in the last three issues. Your correspondent has no clairvoyant powers; therefore supply some notes, please!

1923

MARY LANGENBACHER CLARK, *Correspondent*, 62 Dryden Rd., Upper Montclair, N. J.

Several of our members are active in the Fairfield Alumnae Chapter. Marjorie Knox Rice was chairman of the successful bridge given by this chapter at the Shoreham Golf Club in East Norwalk. Jeanette Sunderland and Ruth Stanton Reynolds belong to the group. Ruth has a boy and a girl. Catherine Dodd is teaching Spanish as well as French this year at the Milford High School.

Ramsay reports that 16 members of 1923 have contributed \$162 to the Leib Memorial Scholarship. Our average contribution is above that of the whole alumnae body, and if the other 69 classmates

would make some response we could be justly proud of 1923.

Speaking of being proud, Daddy Doyle is still loyal and interested in '23. He is now working part-time in the library and never fails to ask for the members of the class.

Dorothy Stevens is now Mrs. Fred E. Keck and is living in Albany.

1924

ELINOR HUNKEN TORPEY, *Correspondent*, 83-73 Charlecote Ridge, Jamaica, N. Y.

From Virginia Hays Fisher, who is now living at Highfields, Ansonia Road, Woodbridge, Conn., I have a grand bit of news. On November 19 Virginia had a second son, Philip Hays Fisher.

A card from Amy Hilker reported her on a trip south over the holidays.

Mossy reports that Peg Call Ladd, whom she saw at a recent meeting of the Washington alumnae chapter, is still with the National Geographic Association, and is looking well and very attractive.

Luke Wittke Morgan saw Kay Hardwick Latimer, who now lives in Wilmette, Illinois, when the Latimers were in New London for a short visit last summer. Luke says the entire family is charming, and gave especially enthusiastic reports of '24's class baby, Ann.

The rest of you are probably too busy with defense work to write me about your doings, but don't forget we're all interested in your activities.

As of December first, I had a report from the Leib Memorial Scholarship Fund that the total contribution of our class was \$39 from nine members. Perhaps you've contributed to this fund by now. If you haven't, it's not too late.

1925

CATHERINE CALHOUN, *Correspondent*, 44 Cook street, Torrington, Conn.

The Class extends sympathy to Elinore Kelly Moore, whose thirteen year old son was killed while riding his bicycle, in November; and to Dot Wigmore and Marion Walp Bisbee, whose fathers died in December.

Marion Walp Bisbee reports that her husband works in the Consolidated Airplane Plant in San Diego, and she keeps

house for her mother-in-law and her 93-year old mother. Marion also knits and makes dressings for the Red Cross. Address: Jamul, California.

Cay Meinecke Crawford keeps occupied with her family and substituting. Evelyn Avery Lawson is living in East Orange with her husband and three daughters. The Lawsons were in Mexico for five years, until the oil difficulties sent them home.

Betsey Allen writes enthusiastically from California: "I am now in my sixth month at North American Aviation. The only thing I don't like about my job is rising at 6:30 and driving fifteen miles to punch a time clock before 8. I never get home before 5:30 and give up two evenings a week to First Aid. I live in the cutest little redwood house stuck in the side of a hill. It looks out into hills and trees, and yet within five minutes I can walk to the Hollywood Bowl or Grauman's Chinese Theatre."

Dot Kilbourn sends news of Mullie Barker Eastman. Mullie's husband, Ted, is a lieutenant commander now, and Mullie is living in her great-grandfather's old homestead near Wellfleet on Cape Cod. Berkie is at Mt. Hermon, Roger and Donald are in the fourth and eighth grades, and Erich apparently is not yet in school.

Olga Gennert Green and her husband have purchased a house and 175 acre farm near Putney, Vt. as a summer home. The house was built during the Revolution and "modernized" during the Civil War, and has an unfinished ballroom on the top floor. Their son, Jimmy, is attending the Kent School in Connecticut.

Kathleen Boyle reached home from a cruise on the Kungsholm just a week before the war started.

Billie Bennett Nuveen sent a very fine picture of her family, who had just returned from spending the holidays at Lake Placid. Her children, two boys and two girls, are aged 12, 9, 7, and 5; and Billie says they are "all healthy and apparently normal." Billie does "a little Girl Scout work, some Y.M.C.A. begging for funds, sewing at the Church Guild, and attending lectures."

Shades of March 15! Virginia Lutzenkirchen is an income tax auditor in the

office of the Chicago Collector of Internal Revenue. She has been working in the same department since 1933 and was promoted to her present position last year.

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1927

BARBARA TRACY COOGAN, *Correspondent*, 236 Greendale Ave., Needham, Mass.

Marriages: Thistle M. McKee and Martin Toscan Bennett on the fourth of November in New York City. Helen writes, "Toscan is an engineer with the Public Service Commission and has two boys aged 13 and 11—which is good measure for one who should have started a family long since. I had to give up the hospital job (at Haverstraw, N. Y.), as geography got in the way; but I am working in the State Department of Health here in Albany." Her new address is 203 Delaware Ave., Elmsmere, N. Y.

Born to Esther Vars du Busc a son, Richard Bentley, in April, 1941. I saw snapshots of the little fellow last fall when Esther accompanied her husband to Boston, where he attended the national meetings of the Society of Pediatricists.

Connie Noble Gatchell writes of her many club activities in Bronxville, where she is Chairman of the Literary Department of the Women's Club. Rosamond Beebe Cochran '26 was speaker on one of her recent programs.

Grace Trappan has been appointed head librarian of the Portland, Maine, Library.

Peg Woodworth Shaw, hopeful of having visitors, sends her new address: 3001 West 75th St., Los Angeles, Calif. The Shaws have been back in the East only once since they went West in 1933. They enjoyed one year in Portland, Oregon.

Marjorie Halsted Heffron and family are now at home at 24 Fales St., Franklin, Mass.; and Midge is anxious to contact her New England friends. Her husband has recently become manager of a printing plant and editor of a weekly newspaper.

Harriet Eriksson Esselstyn also has a new home. Dr. Esselstyn has taken over a surgeon's practice in Hudson, N. Y. Last fall they abandoned New York City and established themselves on the large old family farm in Claverick, where they

have, among other attractions, a big herd of black Aberdeen Angus cattle. It has long been a dream that their vacationland should become their permanent home. What a fine place for the four young Esselstyns!

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1928

BETTY GORDON VAN LAW, *Correspondent*, 3 Glenn Rd., Larchmont, N. Y.

DEBORAH LIPPINCOTT CURRIER, *Correspondent*, Las Barrancas, Oracle Star Route, Tucson, Ariz.

Gal writes that she hasn't much college news but will rack her brains for the little she knows. Aren't there more who could do with a little brain racking for such good results?

Gal's news—"Emily Warner Caddock stopped here in Chelmsford for lunch in November, and I drove her into Boston for the College Club meeting at which she and Kay Moss spoke. Prue Drake '28 was also there; she is now Major Drake and very active in defense work. Elly Tyler '30 spent the night with us early in December. Her new job at a country inn in Connecticut gives her the month of December off, and she was on her way to Athol from a visit in New York and with Dot Feltner Davis in Cambridge." Gal ends: "Our family are all well. Allan is enjoying his nursery school, and Helen is growing fast and getting to be quite human."

Karla Heurich King and her family spent Christmas in Washington.

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1929

ELEANOR NEWMILLER SIDMAN, *Correspondent*, 11 Victor Ave., Glen Ridge, N. J.

My holiday mail was most enlightening. A card from Jamaica, B.W.I. had a very cute snap of Connie Jacobsen Cade's young son, Carl Robert. He looks quite a lot like Connie.

Zeke Speirs keeps busy with Red Cross work, knitting for the British, and taking several courses besides her own teaching of math.

Betty Williams Moody has moved to Warwick Neck, R. I.

Carolyn Terry Baker has moved to a new six-room house (162 Eastwood Rd., Torrington, Conn.), which they just purchased this past spring. She reports that all are well and that her two boys keep her on the go.

A voice out of the dim ages past—Bunky Howlett Navarre ex '29 sent me a newsy card telling of her five children: Joe, 10; Bobby, 8; Maxlo (girl), 6; Billy, 4; and "Jiminy Crickett" (James), 21 mos.—and a cocker spaniel! Whew! I think she takes the class record for a full house.

Ann Heilpern Randall is doing big things in her own studio for Dramatic Art in Hartford. I was much impressed with the article—"Moving Toward a New and Vital Theatre"—from the Sunday *Hartford Courant* magazine section. Not only was there a swell picture of Ann and her two assistants but also a very interesting report on her work as the director of this group of Dramatic Art students. Ann believes that "the Broadway Theatre of the past two decades must be superseded by a new form—a theatre of revelation rather than escape." Well, more power to you, Ann. We always thought you were good in our C.C. casts, and now we know it.

I ran into Margaret Anderson Pielage. She hasn't changed in looks, but she has changed from a married to a single woman again. She said, "Oh! don't feel bad. I am better and happier than I have been in a long while."

Gertrude Reaske Bliss came to one of our N. J. chapter meetings recently. Her sister-in-law, Allie Russell Reaske '32, had just had a baby. Gert looked well and seemed very much the same.

Don't forget to send me news and any change of address.

1930

RUTH BROWN, *Correspondent*, 71 Church St., West Haven, Conn.

Born to Kay Bailey Hoyt, a daughter, Priscilla, on June 6.

The Class wishes to extend belated sympathy to Juliet Phillips on the death of her mother last April. Phil wrote that she and her sister, Elizabeth '26, have an apartment at 3900 Cathedral Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. and that Phil is working hard in the O. P. M.

Sunny Barry Hildebrandt's new address is 2724 Harrison St., Evanston, Ill.

Peg Brewer Bunyan has been taking a First Aid course, and had a chance to use her knowledge when she stopped at an automobile accident recently. She had an announcement from Elizabeth Avery Hatt of the birth on Dec. 3 of William Avery Hatt. The Hatt family live in Grenville Center, Mass., where John is minister. Peg also heard from Grace Reed Regan '31 of Wallingford, who has two daughters, Betsy and Joyce. Peg and Alden stopped in Florida, N. Y. and surprised Helen Hayden Villamil, who has two little girls, Mary Florence and Suzanne.

Jane Murphy Towey (Mrs. Floyd Towey), Maple Terrace, New Milford, Conn. wrote that she has been seeing Elly Tyler and Bianca Ryley Bradbury. Elly is in Sherman, Conn., breaking in as manager of the Timber Trails Inn, a large real estate development with stables, a lake, etc. Bianca, according to Jane, is very successful in her poetry writing, and is having her poems published in the *Herald Tribune* as well as in several magazines.

I had a fine visit with Bianca during Christmas week. On Christmas day we sandwiched in news during a family dinner, and an evening chat before New Year's gave us a chance to catch up a bit. Bianca and Brad have a new hand printing press on which they printed stationery for their friends for Christmas. Also they made up a small booklet of a few of Bianca's poems. Their two young sons, Bill and Michael, plus a large old home outside New Milford, keep Bianca on the move. (See page 8).

Gertrude ("Dingbat") Kahne ex'30 is back working in the Akron Public Library after a year at Columbia. Her new address is: 233 Bodine Court, Akron. She wrote that the library has been in the throes of moving for months and that her disposition is suffering from seeing stacks of books piled up everywhere and having patrons blithely remark that it looks as if they were moving.

Uffie's husband, Capt. Paul Carroll, was in Iceland at last report. A recent issue of *Life* gave an account of the army base there and included a picture of the officers, among whom was Paul.

Another article in *Life* magazine on the

navy at Portland, Me. was about Lt. Comdr. Carl Gesen's unit.

1931

CAROLINE B. RICE, *Correspondent*, 129 East 82nd St., N.Y.C.

Marriage: Elizabeth Norton on December 12, to Larz Neilson at North Wil-
mington, Mass.

Kay Bradley Wallace and Iz Riele-
y Armington were among the many out-of-
town shoppers who came to New York be-
fore Christmas. Edna Martin reports see-
ing Iz, and I had a pleasant luncheon visit
with Kay at the Yale Club.

'31 was represented at the reception for
President Blunt given by the New York
Chapter just before the Christmas holi-
days. Edna Martin, Al Kindler, and I
were delighted to find that Irmgard
Schultze was there. None of us had seen
her for quite a while. She still has her in-
teresting job with the Dwight Winman
family.

Lorna McGuire reports that at Christ-
mas time she and Bonnie Bahney Wylie
met unexpectedly at five in the morning on
the ferry from Cape Charleston to Nor-
folk.

1932

ISABELLE BARTLETT HOGUE, *Correspon-
dent*, 113 Vesper St., Akron, O.

Marriage: Brownie Chalker to Dr.
Carl Wharton Maddocks on December
24.

Greetings to you all in this New Year.
May we hope its ending may be more
peaceful than its beginning. Since Dec. 7
my thoughts have been for Ricky Kend-
rick Daggett and Jean Stimson Wilcox,
whom we believe to be in Honolulu. A
card dated Dec. 1 was received by Gerrie
Butler from Ricky, but further news is
hard to get. Anyone with information
please let us know.

Gerrie Butler is my chief source of in-
formation this time. She and Ray Tyler
had their third annual meeting in New
York a few weeks ago. Both are actively
engaged in Red Cross work. First Aid and
Home Nursing courses and collecting con-
tributions seem to keep them busy. That
goes for a lot of us, I guess. New Year's
eve Gerrie met Kay Warren Coles ex'32,
who told her of seeing Dot Stevens off to

England on a medical mission to help es-
tablish a hospital there. Her safe arrival
has been reported. Sue Comfort is work-
ing in Washington, D. C. for the British.
It has been reported to Gerrie that Ade-
laide Bristol Satterthwaite has a second
offspring. Details please, Adelaide.

A letter from Marjorie Stone Donald-
son reveals a new address: 50 Clay St.,
Tiffin, O. She writes that her two boys—
Mike, aged 5 and Pete, aged 2—keep her
well occupied.

Gert Yoerg Doran has recently moved
into her brand new home at 149 Central
Park Dr., Holyoke, Mass.

A card from Allie Russell Reaske an-
nounces the birth of a son. Sorry, his name
eludes me, and the card has been mis-
placed. Another birth announcement
comes from Faith Conklin Hackstaff—
Roger Wilson, born Dec. 24.

Teddy Thompson Smith wrote of her
second offspring—Barbara Jane, better
known as Bonnie, born Sept. 21, 1940.

Pree Moore Brown was at Christmas-
card time in the throes of moving to
Louisville, Ky.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of
Debby Roud, please let me know. Also, all
you married gals, please write a post card
to me giving me names and birth dates of
your children, as I'd like to bring my re-
cords up to date.

Please don't forget Alumnae Fund con-
tributions. If we all contribute at least
two dollars, the Fund will be richer by
\$224; and every one of us will automatic-
ally receive the *News*. Do it today!

1933

JERRY WERTHEIMER, *Correspondent*,
6132 Kingsbury Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.

Births: To Pegor Royall Hinck, a
daughter, Christina Royall, in May. To
Jane Griswold Holmes, a daughter, Re-
becca (Becky), March 9, 1941. To Mary
Mead Siegenthaler, a daughter, Sarah
(Sally), November 11.

New Addresses and New Homes: A
swell letter from Sunny Ray (Mrs. John
Stewart) describes the new house she and
Jack bought at 1612 Highland Ave., Wil-
mette, Ill. The Stewarts took a grand mo-
tor trip last August through Canada and
the New England states, stopping to spend
the night with Barbara Mundy in Cam-

den, Maine. Mary Mead Siegenthaler and her husband, Pat, spent the summer enlarging their house (641 Forest Hill Rd., Mansfield, Ohio) and building an 18 foot sail boat. Dot Hamilton (Mrs. Glenn Algiers) is now living at Rockville, Maryland. Doder Tomkinson (Mrs. Robert Fairbank) and her husband have been transferred to Grand Rapids, Mich.; and the R. F. Dalzells (Lou Cain), to Coleridge Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Also living in Michigan are the Dean Coffins (Winnie De Forest) at 977 Gordon Court, Birmingham. Although reluctant to leave the East, they (and that includes twin sons, and daughter Cella, aged 6) will be glad to get into the house they built but never had a chance to live in. Winnie also writes that Janet Swan Eveleth and Skip are building a new house. And then Winnie goes on (in a note you'd all enjoy had I room to quote verbatim): "Sue Crawford I haven't seen for a coon's age. We got ship-wrecked with them a year ago, and we've never been the same since."

Other News Bits Gleaned from Christmas Cards: Peasley and Bob Comber are living in Philadelphia and liking it much better than New York, for Phillie is quite a C.C. reuning spot these days with Tempie Gilbert, Ginny Lavino, Harriet Browne, Dody Merrill Dorman '34 living there, Tessie Nelson in Washington, and Anna May Gillmer in Annapolis, where her husband Tom is teaching at the Academy. Eleanor Husted has been visiting in Philadelphia and Ruth Hawkins in Annapolis. Husted's been doing work with the Red Cross with emphasis on the Motor Corps.

1934

ANNE SHEWELL, *Correspondent*, 230 Canton Ave., Milton, Mass.

Marriage: Serena Blodgett to Donald Gardner Ashley on June 21. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and affiliated with Dun and Bradstreet.

New Additions: A daughter, Paula Eleanor, to Alice Galante Greco on Nov. 17. A daughter, Louise Wyckoff, to Jean Stanley Dise on Nov. 30. A second son, Richard Baylis, to Florence Baylis Skelton on Dec. 10. Miriam Greil Pouzzner and her husband have adopted a four months

old baby boy named Johnny. Mim has been doing case work for the Home Service Dept. of the Red Cross in New Haven.

Addresses: Millie Waghorn Cass, 309 Center St., Manhattan Beach, Calif. Mary Louise Ellis Dunn, 83 Beechwood Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y. Louise Hill Corliss, 221 E. 56th St., Savannah, Ga. Louise is doing social service work. Emily Benedict Halverson, Creek St., Brighton Sta., Rochester, N. Y. Lucille Austin Cutler, 6442 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Gertrude Teter Young, 5400 Fieldston Rd., Riverdale, Bronx, N. Y. Betty Devlin has moved into a small apartment at 227 Union St., Schenectady, N. Y. She is working part time at Union College and part time on a defense course sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education.

Camille Sams Lightner and husband have a 350-acre citrus fruit and potato farm in Texas. Cait Lewis raises, sells, and exhibits gourds and also lectures on them. Mildred Felt Gordon is working in the office of the Registrar of Drew Univ., Madison, N. J. Red Curnow, who continues with her social service work, is near enough to visit Jan Townsend Willis and watch her family grow up. Virginia Case Byrne is doing some private duty nursing in Vermont. She is moving to Pittsford, Vt.

Back in October I had a card from Lena Waldecker Gilmore from Ketchikan, Alaska. She has been there for some time, as her husband is the U. S. District Attorney there. She says that the climate is mild but rainy, and life is pretty much like that in the States. She is the only representative of C. C. in the A.A.U.W. chapter there.

Thanks to all you classmates who have written lately. Please, everyone, let me know your news and changes of address.

1935

MARGARET WATSON O'NEILL, *Correspondent*, Casa Blanca Bldg., Apt. 3-A., 2 Refugio St., Stop 11, Santurce, Puer-to Rico.

Marriage: Marty Martin to Robert Johnson on Oct. 10. Address: 3 Birch Circle, Bradley Woods, Hingham, Mass.

New Addresses: Ginny Golden Kent's address is 36 Duncan Ave., Jersey City,

N. J. and not Newark as previously reported. Becky Nims Troland's address is 136 Peninsular Ave., Ridgewood Park, Waterford, Conn. instead of New London; 500 feet make all the difference! Subby Burr Santoorjian, 112 S. Whitney St., Hartford, Conn. Jill Backus French and her husband are living in their summer cottage, which is being remodelled for a year-round home. Address: Secret Lake, Avon, Conn., Box 386. Skippy Wall McLeod, husband Jack, and their two sons are now living at 21 School St., Hatfield, Mass. Gatha Zimmerman Schmid and family have bought a house at 20 Atlanta Ave., East Williston, Long Island. Becky Harris Treat, R.F.D. 4, East Hartford, Conn. Lil Greer Glascock is still at home, but as soon as she can find a place in Hartford she will move up there. MT Watson O'Neill is now in Puerto Rico, address above. Gertrude Park Fletcher is living at 1212 E. Court St., Kankakee, Ill.

After a month's siege with mononucleosis, Dickie Wormelle Patten is back in Framingham trying to get caught up with things. Betty Farnum Guibord is teaching a Home Defense course and knitting for the Red Cross. Sylvia Dworski has her Ph. D. from Yale and is now collaborating with Prof. Feuillerat on the chapter on Paul Bourget for the forthcoming *Critical Bibliography of French Literature*. Mary Blatchford is now assistant dean as well as science teacher at Lasalle Junior College. Ruthie Worthington Henderson was obliged to resign as teacher at Chaffee on account of ill health. She will continue as dietitian, however. Jimmy Francis Toye has moved into a house at 241 Norwich Rd., Wisbeck, Camb., Eng. Harriet Webster is very busy at Tucson, Ariz., with her tea room, a new house, and a new puppy.

Thank you for all your letters in answer to my questions. Won't you others please just drop me a post card with complete information about yourself, so that I can start work on the class roster?

Our class is not responding very well to the memory of Dr. Leib. We would like to have 100 per cent in honor of our beloved classmate. Won't you please send some contribution, no matter how small, to the Memorial Fund?

Also we have a treasury crisis. Just

think, only 16 have paid their full class dues of three dollars for five years and seven more have paid one or two dollars. Out of a class of 116 that is a very BAD average. Babs Stott Tolman (Mrs. Henry Tolman, II), 309 Olivia St., Derby, Conn. will gladly receive all dues, so send them in right now.

Meanwhile don't forget—information for class roster, Dr. Leib memorial fund, and class dues!

1936

PATRICIA HALL STATON, *Correspondent*,
42 E. 9th St., N.Y.C.

A long letter from Bunny Dorman Webster brought news of Jo Merrick (Mrs. F. D.) Mock's long and serious illness. She has been in the hospital for many months but is recovering now and would love to get some letters from the gals in her class. The address is Epworth Hospital, South Bend, Indiana. Her home address is 2732 Hartzler St., South Bend. Also, Jo is trying to replace her class ring which she lost. If anyone knows the address of the manufacturer or jeweler, will she please let me know or send the information direct to Jo?

Liz Wallis was married in June to George Ballantine in Youngstown, Ohio. Bunny was there and stayed with Bill and Marney McKelvey Renner. Jody Bygate and Jan Hoffman Echols were bridesmaids. Liz is now living in Cleveland.

Bunny has been traveling since her marriage, but is settled now at 57 S. Forest Rd., Snyder, N. Y.—Mrs. Wm. O. Webster. An heir is expected in the spring.

Patty Burton Kemper has a boy, J. Burton Kemper, Jr., born in July; and we hear he has as much mileage as the proverbial traveling salesman. Thanks so much for the news, Bunny.

Gertrude Weyhe was married on December 27 in New York to Seth Dennis, who is with the *Herald Tribune*. They are living at 20 E. 11th St., N.Y.C.

From Ernie Manson (Mrs. Camberne C.) Cole comes word that she is living in Bristol, Conn. at 27 Sigourney St. She has a daughter, Phyllis, who is 20 months old. She tells of Sally Kimball's marriage on November 8 to Drarveaux Bender.

Maggie Waterman Miller writes that she and her husband have bought a huge

old house in South Yarmouth, Mass., and have been very busy doing it over. She sends a blanket invitation for you all to drop in whenever you are on the Cape. Her address is Bridge St., South Yarmouth, Mass.—Mrs. William A. Miller, Jr.

1937

LUCY BARRERA, *Correspondent*, 54 School St., Manchester, Conn.

Marriages: Lee Gilson to Robert A. Williams of Cleveland, Amherst '37, last Oct. 14. Grace Smyth Weisenbach ex'38 was a bridesmaid, and Kax Griswold Spellman and Betty von Colditz Bassett were present. Grace Bosco ex'37 to Francis J. Cunningham on June 14. They are living at River Park in White Plains, N. Y. Janet Miller to Cameron Mitchell, a former badminton champion of Atlanta, Ga. They are living in Birmingham, Ala. Ann Ford became Mrs. Logan (first name?) on Feb. 8, 1941. Ann is active in Junior League and Bundles for Britain work in Schenectady, N. Y. Jane Flannery to Joseph H. Jackson on June 25. Jane took her master's degree from Brown in 1938 and has been psychologist of the New Britain public schools. Dr. Jackson is a graduate of Middlebury College, attended Cambridge University, England, received his doctor's degree from Brown in 1940, and is now professor of philosophy at the University of Idaho. They will make their home in Boise, Idaho. Petey Mendillo to Alton Forrel, Jr., last April.

Births: To Ginny Peterson Sarles, a daughter, Dorothy Elise, last June. Jib Mapes Hamel's Christmas note brought the news that our class baby has a brother, Charles Leland, a year and a half old already. As though these two lively lads weren't enough to keep her busy, Jib is also active as an Air Raid Warden. Jib sees Joan Blair Hoye occasionally in New York and says Joan has a lovely little daughter, Sheila. To Adelyn Gitlin Wilson of 222 South Marshall St., Hartford, a daughter, Sheila Mariam in December.

A letter from Ellen Cronbach Friedman brings the news that she is now a settled married lady. Ellen also tells us that Jukie Forgey, our class president freshman year, added the name of Deckert to hers last year. I'm sure you all remem-

ber our popular Jukie, even though she was with us but one year. Helen Block, also ex'37, became Mrs. Pick about a year ago. Bobbie Haines Werbe writes that her little daughter born August 31 answers to the name of Ann Morris. Bobbie is living at 634 Holgate Ave., Defiance, O.

Jerry Webb has a new position doing secretarial work at the State School in Orange Co., N. J. Clover Beckwith-Ewell is enjoying the sunny weather at 1356 N. Franklin St., Gainesville, Fla. Betty Carson McCoy has moved to 64-40 99th St., Forest Hills, N. Y.

Betty Adams Lane is certainly busy! She is "playing badminton, taking a provisional course for the Junior League, serving on the Y.W.C.A. Board of Directors, doing volunteer case work for the Family Service Bureau, acting as study group chairman of the A.A.U.W., taking care of my husband (between meetings), and attempting to raise a cocker spaniel puppy." Betty's address is 1038 Glenwood Blvd., Schenectady, N. Y. Norma Bloom Hauserman and her John are also badminton fans. Norma's little Dianne is growing right up—she's way past the six months stage now.

Betty Corrigan is chairman of our fifth reunion in June, if conditions warrant it. More about this later. Many thanks to all who sent in news. I enjoy your letters and hope you'll pardon me if I don't find time to answer individually, as I'd like to.

1939

ELDREDA LOWE, *Correspondent*, 1156 W. Exchange St., Akron, O.

Engagements: Janet Jones to Fahy E. Diehl of Rochester. Elizabeth Mulford to Aviation Cadet Edward V. de Graff, Jr. Mary Winton and Robert Dickgiesser plan to be married in June, after Mary receives her Ph. D. from Yale.

Marriages: Barbara Shepler to Charles Colfelt Dallas on Nov. 29. They are now living in the Northwood Apartments, Baltimore. Martha Murphy to Ensign Robert R. Russell on Aug. 30. Gwendolyn Knight to Anton S. Nevin, ensign in the Naval Reserve, on May 31.

Other News: While Nancy Weston Lincoln's husband is in Yale Medical School, she is secretary to the master of Calhoun College of Yale and is president

of a group of medical students' wives called "Yale Medical Dames." Margy Abell and Phyl Rankin Burgess have finished a First Aid course and spend two days a week at the Red Cross. Margy "re-joined" with Cay Warner Gregg, Betty Bishard, Ray Homer, and Pinky King after Christmas. Marge Abrams passed her Master's exam. in December and is working in the Food Research Laboratories in Long Island City, N. Y. Caroline Neef is assistant librarian in the Information and Reference Dept. of the Providence Public Library. Hannah Andersen is enjoying teaching Spanish, her college major, at East Hampton High School. Rose Lazarus has a wonderful job in an interior decorating studio in Columbus. This fall she was given her first chance to look over the New York markets to "pick up the latest ideas" for the shop. Kat Ekirch took time off from her portrait photography to visit Nancy Tremaine DeWoody during the holidays. Helen Gardiner, having attended the International Business Machine Corporation training school, is enjoying her job doing system service work and instruction in the Columbus office of the firm. Bernice Hecht is still with an accounting firm in New York and hopes to become a volunteer ambulance driver. Eunice Titcomb is having fun taking care of a pet goat but is seriously working in the Dept. of Genetics at the local Carnegie Institution on Long Island. After a wonderful trip west, Jane Goss is "pavement pounding and penniless," looking for the right job.

Marthe Baratte, besides teaching at Elmira College, is working for her Master's at Cornell. Louise Newman is a copywriter in an advertising agency. Pokey Hadley, after a wonderful summer in Honolulu, is teaching first grade at the Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia. After acting as chairman of a very successful Christmas dance for the Hartford College Club, Agnes Savage had a grand ski trip to Stowe, Vt. over New Year's. Slingy Barberi is teaching in a nursery school in San Diego. Mary Driscoll is a chemist in the research laboratories of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Medical Center, N. Y. C. M. E. DeWolfe Campbell, besides being happily married, is doing Red Cross work and is registered to do pub-

licity for Civilian Defense. Dotty Clements is a "visiting teacher" in the public schools of Waterville, Me.; she does no teaching but acts as a social worker on school problems.

Phyl Harding, assistant buyer in Filene's coat department, reports that Phyl Brown Rickson is living in New York and that Janet Dill was married to Warner Morton on Feb. 7. Jean Ellis is now attending Ballard Secretarial School. Ruth Wilson Cass went to Philadelphia for Christmas and Youngstown for New Year's, but bad weather prevented our seeing each other. Catherine Ake is busy with volunteer work for Red Cross, the hospital, and Civilian Defense—and does figure-skating in her spare time!

Dede Lowe (thass me) thanks you all for sending in so much news. I worked as a personal shopper in one of our department stores during the Christmas season, went to Virginia for the holidays, and am now back to volunteer work in various organizations.

1940

MARY E. GIESE, *Correspondent*, 34 Livermore Rd., Wellesley Hills, Mass.

At this point Winter and War occupy most of our attention. The news this time is very brief because the correspondent has been lax about corresponding.

Patsy Tillinghast, Darby Wilson, and Polly Frank are the latest brides. Patsy, now Mrs. David Shaw, is living at 26 William St., Westerly, R. I. Darby was married on December 20 to John Loudon Umpleby; and Polly Frank was married to Lt. John Martin Shank of the U. S. Army Air Corps on January 24. Liz Gilbert also has joined the married group; she is Mrs. Laurence Chandler Wild, and her new address is Box 146, Forest Glen, Maryland. Snooky Rowley and Mickey Rice were both Thanksgiving weekend brides. Mickey became Mrs. Richard Holt on November 22 and is living on St. Mary's St., Boston; and Snooky was married on November 21 to Haynes Harold Fellowes, Jr. down on Cape Cod.

Another class child, Master Christopher Robert Pekoc, son of Bob and Irene Kennel Pekoc, appeared on December 24; and the report is that all three are doing well.

1941

ALIDA REINHARDT, *Correspondent*, 48
Stuyvesant Ave., Larchmont, N. Y.

Engagements: Mary-Lou Gibbons to Hugh McMullen, Ethel Moore to Theodore Wills, Mary Reisinger ex'41 to Albert E. Oelschlaeger, and Janet Graham ex'41 to William M. Bullock. Janet plans to be married in February. Mal Klein also announced her engagement to Tracy Pratt, and Lee Barry reports that Phyl Grove has announced hers to Sidney B. Slocum.

Marriages: Mary-Lou McKisson ex'41 to Haines R. Merritt, Jr., in May; address: East Aurora, N. Y. Frances Swan was married to Warren W. Upson on Nov. 22 with Uffie DeYoe as a bridesmaid. Allayne Ernst to Douglas Weak on Jan. 3. Mary Walsh finally met a man who "understands" her and was married to Silas Burnham Yates in January. Margaret Kingston was a bridesmaid. Lorrie Lewis was married to Robert J. Hampton on June 21. They are living in California, where Bob is an industrial engineer with Lockheed Aircraft. Address: 5432 Allott Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. Terry Strong was last seen riding west to be married to Ensign "Soup" Campbell. Eleanor ("Taff") Mitchell ex'41 was married to William W. Wilde, brother of Caroline '42, on June 21. They are living in Essex, Conn. Her twin sister, Elaine, also ex'41, was married to Albert House on Oct. 4; address: 60 Lovely St., Unionville, Conn. Jane Rogers dropped me a line at Christmas to say that she and Tyler Dennett hope to be married in February.

The graduate schools are still reporting. Doris Goldstein is going to the University of Chicago and living at International House. Harriet Leib is starting at Yale Law. Her address is 121 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, Conn. Eleanor Fuller is working for her Master's in Education and History (or is it bridge, Ellie?) at Smith.

The working girls are still holding their own. I stopped in at Altman's during the holidays and chatted with Jane Kennedy and Mary "Sniffy" Stick. I didn't see Peg Lafore, but I understand that she's there, too. She and Jane are on the Flying Squad.

Betty Holmes is working as the Society Reporter on the *Democrat* and the *Chronicle* in Rochester. Carol Chappell is also writing. Chap is in charge of all the publicity for the New London Red Cross. This includes arranging for radio interviews and lectures. Quite a job! Other news up New London way tells me that Connie Bragaw is in charge of all Girl Reserve activities. Meg Robinson is a field consultant on the Greater New York Council of Girl Scouts.

People have been flocking into New York. I had lunch with Peg Ford, Millie Loscalzo, and Marge Toy during the holidays. Toy was on one of her flying trips from Pittsburgh. She hopes to work in the city after the New Year. I also saw Anita Kenna, who is now an account executive with the Marlin Razor Blade Co.

By the by, if any of you have changed your address, please let Margaret Stoecker know. Her address is 26 Yale St., Maplewood, N. J.

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1919	66	29(1)*	\$ 93.50	43%	\$1.41	\$3.22	2	\$ 4.00	31	\$ 97.50
1920	62	25	79.50	40%	1.28	3.18	3	7.00	28	86.50
1921	44	14	46.50	31%	1.05	3.32	2	4.00	16	50.50
1922	40	11	38.00	27½%	.95	3.45	1	3.00	12	41.00
1923	82	20	119.50	24%	1.45	5.97	1	2.00	21	121.50
1924	74	18	56.50	24%	.76	3.13	1	1.00	19	57.50
1925	66	29	104.50	43%	1.58	3.60	2	4.00	31	108.50
1926	77	28	96.50	36%	1.25	3.44	4	11.00	32	107.50
1927	103	27	75.50	26%	.73	2.79	4	22.00	31	97.50
1928	127	43	111.00	33%	.87	2.58	3	6.00	46	117.00
1929	102	28	75.50	27%	.74	2.69	1	2.00	29	77.50
1930	106	25	73.50	23%	.69	2.94	—	—	25	73.50
1931	130	32(1)*	98.50	24%	.75	3.07	1	2.00	33	100.50
1932	113	27(1)*	72.00	23%	.63	2.66	1	2.00	28	74.00
1933	109	25	75.50	22%	.69	3.02	—	—	25	75.50
1934	116	28	84.00	24%	.72	3.00	2	3.00	30	87.00
1935	114	37	96.00	32%	.84	2.59	—	—	37	96.00
1936	129	35	112.50	27%	.87	3.21	1	2.00	36	114.50
1937	137	36	97.50	26%	.71	2.70	2	10.00	38	107.50
1938	129	44	122.50	34%	.94	2.78	5	23.00	49	145.50
1939	127	45	110.00	35%	.86	2.44	2	4.00	47	114.00
1940	148	35	87.00	23%	.58	2.48	4	21.00	39	108.00
22	2201	641	\$1925.50	29%	.87	\$3.00	42	\$133.00	683	\$2058.50

* Number of members contributing more than once

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Classes 1919 thru 1940	\$2,058.50
Class of 1941 at Commencement	392.50
One subsequent gift	2.00
Ex-Members of Classes 1941, 1942, 1943	9.50
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	\$2,462.50
From Chapters, classes, and miscellaneous	637.50
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Total receipts	\$3,100.00

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