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The Challenge of Danger

Commencement Address, June 14, 1942

By Mary Foulke Morrisson

Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Connecticut College

ABOUT a hundred years ago, at the end of another period of dislocation and change, Matthew Arnold wrote, a bit self pityingly,

But we, brought up and reared in times
Of change, amaze, surprise,
What shelter to grow ripe is ours,
What leisure to grow wise?

Actually, in retrospect, the period of his life is one of the most secure and stable in history, but the shattering effects of the American and French revolutions still ruffled the surface of the quiet English countryside and that disturbance was all of which he was aware.

If you, as members of the Class of 1942, were disposed to feel sorry for yourselves, which you emphatically are not, you could use Arnold's words far more justly than he. He was entering a long period of stability, a period which came to an end with the First World War, before any of you were born. You know those times will not come again, you know the only certainty on which you can count is the certainty of change.

Some of us worked very hard in the past thirty years, trying to build out of the ruins of the world of our youth a new one which should be as stable, as creative, as the one which followed the great revolu-

tions of the eighteenth century. We even hoped it might be a better world, with justice, order, and peace as its cornerstones, in which the words of the Prophet might at last come true, "Nation shall not go up against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

The bombs of Dunkirk and Pearl Harbor shattered that dream, woke even the most complacent isolationist to a realization of the terrible fact that the law of the jungle still holds, that the necessity of fighting for all we hold dear, even for our very lives, is laid upon us just as inescapably as it ever was upon our forefathers.

We face this supreme challenge weighted down by the handicaps that did not trouble our ancestors. They rarely had doubts as to the necessity or usefulness of war, even though they were as aware as we of its horror. War, through the ages has been *the* way to get wealth, land, resources, workers, and even in a fight for freedom like our own Revolution there was a definite realization that victory would better our fortunes as well as liberate our souls.

But under the conditions of modern trade as directed by the system of free enterprise, perhaps the major part of our effort goes to distribution rather than production, and we have learned that war

crashes into intricate arrangements with results almost as devastating to the victors as to the vanquished. The last war and particularly the depression drove that lesson home to most of us, finally convinced us of the futility of war as well as of its evils. We did not want anything to do with it, could not believe that anyone else did.

What we forgot was that under a state whose economy is completely controlled by its government, war becomes enormously profitable. When all conquered territory and resources belong to the State, when all conquered peoples are permitted to live only on condition of working for the State, then victory brings wealth, though it still remains to be shown whether the complicated processes of modern technology can be effectively operated by recalcitrant slave labor. The hard learned logic of our will to peace is no longer valid, unless we can maintain a system of free enterprise, which must have peace in order to function. To preserve that system, to establish it on a better, sounder basis, we have left only the tool we thought we had laid aside forever, war.

Our efforts are far harder because we have become so aware of the defects of our tool and do not yet sufficiently realize that it is the only one we have.

The British learned that lesson at Dunkirk. They know, every one of them, that their islands can support only a fraction of their present population if the Empire goes; that for them victory or death is not a romantic phrase, but the grimmest of realities. And it is this knowledge that gives them down to the least and lowest, their superb courage and endurance, gives them also, they tell us, an inner peace that steadies them to meet anything.

We have not yet come that far. Pearl Harbor woke us up but we are still far from being keyed to the British pitch. Too many of us still try to wangle extra gas or a spare tire, hope we can get by without very greatly disturbing the normal pattern of our lives. We have seen too many movies, some movies of real war, many

movies of sham war, till we don't know which is which and the grim tragedy unfolding before us has taken on more of the movie quality of unreality.

Please God we can wake to full alertness before the story of Bataan is repeated in California or Connecticut.

Another thing that hampers our efforts is our strange misgiving as to the justice of our cause. In a very interesting book, "The World of Tomorrow," the author, Raoul de Russy de Sales, points out the curious effect of the War Guilt clause of the Treaty of Versailles. This effort to hold the German people responsible for the acts of rulers they had repudiated, undermined the moral bases of the Treaty and the League, which pre-supposed equal and equally innocent peoples banded together to establish a new world order of law and justice.

The reaction against it was swift and had some quite dreadful results. It gave Hitler his strongest argument for bending Germany to his will, it gave our isolationists justification for their claim that we had been bamboozled into supporting a bad cause and that we should never deal with Europe again. It so completely disillusioned the liberals and intellectuals of all lands that they turned to de-bunking everything—history, economics, social order—till "the ideas which had given birth to Democracy were lost sight of or discredited by those whose normal role it was to keep them alive."

Since, as de Sales points out, "the chief function of an élite is to strengthen and exalt the beliefs and hopes of the common people," the people seeing their leaders no longer believed, lost faith in them. And when the leaders fail the door is open to the demagogue.

Our guilt complex led us "into the strange intellectual game in which the effort to justify the opponents' point of view became an end in itself, to the destruction of all moral standards." We seemed to feel a queer moral obligation to prove that because we did not always live up to our ideals we were as bad or worse than na-

tions that utterly denied them and glorified ruthless force as the only rule of life. If we are really to get back of this war we have got to recapture our sense of proportion, remember that, whatever its defects, the democratic way of life is the only one that does not spell the death of the individual soul.

What do you suppose happened to the souls of the men who turned the clock back two thousand years in Czechoslovakia? They put the men to the sword, sent the women and children into captivity, and razed the town. That was the pattern of the Trojan war, and it is a wicked lie to say that men who do such things now are no worse than we.

Why do I speak of the war to you, members of the Class of 1942? It has filled your college years. You came in with Munich, when people still believed it took two to make a quarrel, that if one honestly wanted peace, peace could be had. Your four years end with Hitler master of all Europe, Japan master of practically all of Eastern Asia, at the threshold of India and Australia. They won't stay there; we will drive them out, but they are there now.

You have seen the terrible drama unfold with the inexorability of a Greek tragedy. Press and radio have given you the day by day detail, the best minds in the world, and some decidedly less good, have interpreted the significance and the strategy. Your professors, Dr. Lawrence and the others, have helped you put in historical perspective. How have you found time to learn about anything else? And you have had your own emotional strains. The boys who are fighting this war are your boys, what happens to them matters vitally to you. Why aren't you all demoralized, blown hither and yon by these strong winds of feeling?

They tell me you are known by the endearing name of the "Hurricane Hussies, the class that blew in with the hurricane and out with the draft." You had hardly reached the Hill before we were all of us in the grip of one of those cataclysms of

nature which, like the war, we thought could never happen here. Completely unexpected, very shattering, but you met it with steady courage, excellent discipline, cheerful good will and kept right on with your new tasks. You perhaps added to your learning a new awareness of what William James meant when he talked about the "battle with nature on which our life on this planet depends," a battle masked for most of us by modern technology, but eternally there. In spite of the steadily growing stresses and excitements of the great developing world tragedy and your increasing personal problems you have kept at your jobs, gotten the best out of what we had to give you, and because of your courage and steadiness, ended not only with increased learning, but with a far better equipment than most, of mental training and character with which to face what lies ahead. You have begun to experience in your own lives, though perhaps you do not realize it, what William James was talking about in his marvelous essay on the "Energies of Men," which we all need to read and ponder in times like these.

He speaks of the phenomenon of "second wind," how "on usual occasions we make a practice of stopping occupations when we have reached the first 'effective layer' of fatigue. That amount of fatigue is an efficacious obstruction on this side of which our usual life is cast. But if an unusual necessity forces us to press onward, the fatigue gets worse up to a certain critical point when gradually or suddenly it passes away and we are fresher than ever before. We have tapped a level of new energy, masked until then by the fatigue obstacle usually obeyed."

James emphasizes that while, of course there are limitations to our capacities, "the trees do not grow into the sky," all of us have these reserves of power, power not only physical but mental and moral. When we tap those deeper levels we find not only a quantitative but a qualitative increase of power, we think more clearly, act more nobly. And he shows further

that just as the same man can be in nutritive equilibrium, neither losing nor gaining weight on very different daily supplies of food, so we can be in efficiency equilibrium, neither gaining nor losing power on astonishingly different quantities of work.

He goes on to show that men reach these higher levels because "either some unusual stimulus fills them with emotional excitement, or some unusual idea of necessity induces them to make an extra effort of will. Excitement, ideas, and efforts in a word are what carry us over the dam."

Then he analyzes some of these effective ideas. He quotes John Stuart Mill, who says that women excel men in the power of keeping up sustained moral excitement, citing as proof "the thousands of poor homes where the woman keeps the family together by taking all the thought and doing all the work." He lists cases of almost incredible endurance and heroism in the face of danger, though these pale before the tales of Wake and Bataan.

He tells of the methods of training devised to stiffen the will to greater efforts, Loyola and his Jesuits, the different forms of Yogi, which fantastic though they may seem do "unquestionably awaken deeper and deeper levels of will and intellectual and moral power." He also shows how great emotional crises may unlock those reserves in a very short time, without the years of practice; how great ideas will release them—witness St. Paul on the way to Damascus; shows too how the energy which could be released by great ideas "may be sealed up by the critical atmosphere in which we have been reared."

If we substitute for "critical atmosphere" what de Sales calls "the kind of modern sophistry which has tried to undermine democracy under the pretense that there was no standard by which men could prove that freedom was better than tyranny . . . that the doctrine that might makes right is not just as sound as the notion of abstract justice," we get perhaps the greatest barrier today to that release of the energies we must use in order to

win the just peace after this war, to make of this world one in which rational and justice loving people can live—to make of ourselves people worthy to live and work in such a world.

The American people throughout their history have at times blundered and gone astray, but can anyone who has seen their magnificent response in times of national danger doubt their deep underlying faith in democracy?

And you whose college years have spanned a period when the moral bases of society have been attacked and in other countries defeated, when the defects of democracy have been exaggerated, when human rights have elsewhere successfully been destroyed, to whom the present seems doubtful and the future threatening—what about you?

You have a cold start on your job, for much of the enthusiasm which is the strong armor of youth has been undermined by the cynicism and sophistry which has filled the world during your formative years. But perhaps you are the stronger for that. You lean on no illusions whose loss will leave you stranded.

We hope and believe that we have helped you to value your reason, to use it more easily, to think straighter, and that the learning and skills you have acquired here will make it easier for you to take your place in our great effort where the part of women will be steadily more varied and more important. We hope that you will remember James' words and that with the challenge of danger upon you, you, who have already broken through fatigue barriers that might have stopped you four years ago, will more easily draw on those deep reserves of energy which lie within all of us.

We hope and believe that you have learned to see through the doubts and sophistries that have beset us to the clear realization that this democracy of ours, with all its faults, is the "last best hope of earth," and that we must preserve it if the world is to be worth living in for us and those who come after us.

New Officers Announced at Meeting

Nominating Committee Composed of Philadelphia Alumnae

Announcement was made at the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association on Saturday, June 13, 1942, of the election by mail of the following officers for the term September 1, 1942 to September 1, 1944:

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Charles T. Caddock, Jr. (Emily Warner '25), Naugatuck, Connecticut

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Barbara Hervey '35, Needham, Massachusetts

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Carol L. Chappell '41, Waterford, Connecticut

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Harry E. Davis (Dorothy Feltner '30), Cambridge, Massachusetts

TREASURER

Mrs. Frank Kohl (Jessie Williams '26), Mystic, Connecticut

CHAIRMAN OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eleanor Jones '33, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs. Draveaux Bender (Sally Kimball '36), Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Charles S. Arms (Elizabeth Parcells '39), Shaker Heights, Ohio

Mrs. Shirley S. D. Spragg (Jane Trace '34), Flushing, New York

Barbara Hervey, present chairman of the Nominating Committee, announces the appointment by the Executive Board of the following members of the Nominating Committee for 1942-44:

Dr. Margaret Milligan '20, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Charles Becker, Jr. (Sarah Pithouse '27), Haverford, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Knox Henderson (Ruth Griswold '41), Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Robert H. Stern (Charlotte Harburger '35), Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

Mrs. James W. Gibbs (Mary Helwig '38), Germantown, Pennsylvania

Mrs. A. Stover Landes, Jr. (Kathleen Kirk '40), Wycombe, Pennsylvania

Mrs. William E. Silver (Ruth Battey '27), Darlington, Maryland

Class Finances Discussed

Plan of '24 Suggested as Model

THE annual meeting of the Connecticut College Alumnae Association was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 1942, in Room 106, Frederic Bill Hall. Emily Warner Caddock, president of the Association, presided.

It was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The reports of the Executive Secretary (page 9); Chairman of the Alumnae Fund (page 16); First Vice President (page 16); and Nominating Committee Chairman (page 5) were presented and accepted.

Mrs. Caddock reported on a recent meeting of the Finance Committee of the Association. The committee is preparing a statement of the general policy of financing the Alumnae Association. A sub-committee to review investments has been appointed as follows: Jessie Williams Kohl, Treasurer of the Association, Chairman; Janet Crawford How; Virginia Clark; the Executive Secretary, the Chairman of the Alumnae Fund, and the President of the Alumnae Association, ex officio members.

The tentative budget for 1942-43 was presented by the Treasurer, was discussed and accepted. The reports on the Sykes Fund and the Alumnae Scholarship Fund were also approved.

The Executive Secretary presented the report of the Nominating Committee in the absence of Barbara Hervey, Chairman. She announced that the slate of officers as listed on the ballot sent out had been elected with a total vote of 220.

The question of ways and means by which various classes raise funds was discussed. Several class officers reported they had found the dues system unsatisfactory. The plan of the class of 1924, as explained

by Janet Crawford How, was discussed and generally regarded as an excellent one. At its last reunion the class voted a fee of \$5 per person, the amount to be paid before the next reunion, in a lump sum at any time, or in annual instalments, or in any way desired.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted

MARY CROFOOT DEGANGE,
Secretary pro tem

Present at the Annual Meeting of the Association: *Class of 1925*: Catherine Meinecke Crawford, Grace Ward, Dora Milenky, Margaret Meredith Littlefield, Parks McCombs, Constance C. Collins, Gertrude Locke, Constance Parker, Eleanor Harriman Baker, Emily Warner Caddock. *Class of 1926*: Jessie Williams Kohl, Helen Hood Diefendorf, Margaret Sterling Norcross, Rosamond Beebe Cochran, Amy Wakefield, Edna Smith Thistle, Marjorie Thompson, Margaret Smith Hall, Eleanor Whittier Abbott, Elizabeth Damerel Gongaware, Frances Green. *Class of 1927*: Sarah Pithouse Becker, Edith T. Clark, Amy Ferguson Crouch, Ruth Hitchcock Walcott, Nathalie Benson Manley. *Class of 1928*: Elizabeth Gallup Ridley, Margaret S. Crofoot, Prudence Drake, Ruth Shultis Wurth, Emma Jean McDonald, Elizabeth Gordon Van Law. *Class of 1919*: Irma Hutzler, Marenda Prentis, Marion Rogers Nelson. *Class of 1921*: Agnes Leahy. *Class of 1923*: Alice Ramsay, Jane Gardner. *Class of 1924*: Janet Crawford How, Kathryn Moss. *Class of 1930*: Elizabeth Hartshorn. *Class of 1933*: Eleanor Jones. *Class of 1941*: Carol Chappell.

English Composition

By Gerard E. Jensen

BILLY PHELPS once told me that when he was first appointed to his job at Yale he had asked to be excused from teaching English composition and had been engaged on his own terms. Billy is the only professor of English now alive who has not at some time been compelled to teach composition. However much they may hate it, all new instructors in English at all our American colleges and universities expect to teach Freshman composition, and nearly all look forward to the happy day when they will be freed to devote themselves exclusively to teaching literature. A very few, however, seem to be glad to go on endlessly with composition, and whatever their colleagues may say of them they continue to tend the ugly duckling without worrying very much about the day when their duck may turn into a man. For English Composition (with two capitals) is by majority opinion an ugly bird in the academic nest, and like the parent bird in the fable most instructors of higher learning do not know what to do with it. They see the appalling deficiencies of the students in their command of their mother tongue; the instruction force marvels at the patience of their unwilling victims under year long compulsion; and a bad time is had by all. The ugly duckling never seems to grow up, but it refuses to die. Take away the compulsion and it remains composition, or to carry the figure to its desperate and illogical conclusion—take away the *ing* and the duckling remains a duck. The pedagogic motto seems to be "Let them as loves it nuss it."

I have been teaching courses in English composition since the days when Connecticut College was only a dream in the mind of our Bursar and English composition was by common consent the booby prize in the academic game of getting on

to the dizzy heights of a professorship. Freshman English absorbed the greater part of my time in the first ten years of my "career"; Advanced Composition and a still more advanced course for Juniors and Seniors have taken half my time for twenty-one years. Argumentation has been my sorrow. Three students only three times in twenty-one years have elected that admirable subject; but every year one or two students flirt with the idea of taking the course and keep me in happy suspense all summer. Several thousand students have darkened my doors. It has been great fun and I am sure that some of my students have shared the fun with me; but there have been dark moments when a few of my victims have turned like the worm. I remember one amiable brown-eyed lass whom I unwittingly reprimanded. She came to me half way up the stairs in New London Hall, eyes blazing, and tongue sharp. Very little was left of me that time; but in the end she forgave and we both forgot. Just how much I have done for them and they for themselves no one can say definitely. Nearly all have survived (including the teacher) and those who have been most annoyed with me or the subject have usually been the first to write me after their graduation those comforting words of appreciation without which we teachers can not go on. I think that nearly all have been grateful for the discipline. A very few have gone out to write books or articles or just plain news. One has done a novel with a Russian scene; another has done an exciting murder story of novel proportions; one writes potboilers for pulp magazines; and so it goes. Some have worked on *Time*, one on *Vogue*, several on local newspapers. One, believe it or not, went onto the *Parents' Magazine* shortly after graduation and got away with it. Another edits a house organ (not

musical) in Boston and still another does the publicity for a large city museum in the Middle West.

Almost any discipline is good for students; but English Composition is especially good, for it is good stiff training in the fundamentals of an art that we are all obliged to use daily all our lives. It is therefore a normal requirement and it should be available every year for four years to all our undergraduates. Our students elect advanced courses in composition in surprisingly large numbers, and every year a small group of advanced students comes to me and asks for a fourth-year course to supply one more year of dis-

cipline in that art. Last year some ten or a dozen presented a petition to the English Department asking for one more advanced course for Seniors only, but owing to several reasons, good and bad, their petition was not granted. Composition is valuable for other reasons. It is more than a discipline. Without self-expression a woman is only half alive. Few men or women can create or perform in the other arts. Few of us can master even the rudiments of the art of poetry or the drama. But all of us can master the rudiments of the art of simple expository prose composition—and all of us should. There is no mystery about prose exposition.

Dean Park Addresses Winthrop Scholars

Officers Reelected

With newly elected members as their guests of honor, the Winthrop Scholars Association enjoyed their annual luncheon meeting at the College Inn on Commencement Day.

Miss Rosemary Park addressed the group on her duties as dean of freshmen, outlining the new freshman adviser system and the problems which it has attempted to solve. Stating that the college had aimed to adjust all new students to their academic life as soon as possible, she called for discussion on added opportunities that might be offered to the superior freshman students.

Gertrude Noyes, president, and Minnie Watchinsky Peck, secretary-treasurer, were unanimously reelected as officers for the coming term of three years. Frances Norris of Waterford, recipient of the scholarship given by the Winthrop Scholars for the past two years, was one of the three guests of honor as a new Winthrop Scholar herself. The others present were Shirley Austin of Norwich, Vt., and Palmina Scarpa of New London.

Gertrude Noyes announced that although there would not be an official campaign this coming year, any gifts for a scholarship would be most welcome.

From the Alumnae Office

Report of the Executive Secretary, June 13, 1942

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.

ANNUALLY when I write my report I wish that I could give the alumnae an idea of what really goes on in the Alumnae Office, of some of the situations on and off campus in which the Executive Secretary finds herself an observer or a participant. But many of you are just as well acquainted as I with the rewarding and often surprising ramifications of alumnae work, and even better acquainted with the progress of the academic procession, and I think at this time you are entitled to a factual report of what has happened in the Alumnae Office in 1941-42.

Roughly, the work of the Executive Secretary falls into five divisions: Alumnae Office work; Alumnae News; Alumnae Fund; Chapters of the Alumnae Association; general work of the Association for classes, individuals, the Executive Board, committees, etc.

1. The *Alumnae Office* work includes all the work with records, keeping an up-to-date alphabetical, class, and geographical file of all alumnae, both graduates and non-graduates or ex-members. From the office this year three Alumnae Fund notices have been sent, and class letters have been mimeographed and envelopes addressed for the Alumnae Fund Class Agents. Five statistical reports of the Alumnae Fund have also been compiled for the agents and others working on the Fund. Envelopes have been addressed for mailing three issues of the Alumnae News; Alumnae Weekend and Com-

mencement notices have been sent to all graduates and active ex-members. In addition many letters have been sent to all class and chapter presidents, and a great deal of miscellaneous clerical work has been done.

As you can understand, this skeleton outline of the work of the office adds up to a great deal of work, dealing as it does in most instances with large numbers. Most of this work has been done by our able Alumnae Office assistant, Sadie Coit Benjamin of the class of 1919, who, fortunately for us, is working full time in the Alumnae Office this year.

2. The *Alumnae News* is published four times yearly, the first issue being sent to all graduates and active ex-members, and succeeding issues to contributors to the Alumnae Fund. The News is one of the chief means of keeping alumnae informed of college and Association affairs, and through the class notes of keeping in touch with the personal activities of individual alumnae. The News is published in Stonington, Connecticut. There are many advantages in being near the printing establishment, since doubtful matters can always be clarified by a visit from the editor to the printer. We are grateful to our assistant editors of class and chapter notes, Gertrude Noyes and Normah Mandell of Cleveland, who is the retiring first vice president. We hope to be able to expand the News next year and to publish additional articles about alumnae, their work, experiences, and ideas. When you know

of alumnae whose activities would be of interest to the entire group, will you please get in touch with me.

3. *Chapters.* Perhaps the most enjoyable phase of the work of the Executive Secretary is with the chapters, through visits and by correspondence. This year I have visited the Boston, New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Waterbury, and Westchester chapters, and have had charge of a meeting of the New London chapter. When visiting chapters I attempt to give as much information as possible about alumnae and college affairs—academic changes and developments, financial and physical growth. Through the chapters the influence of the college can be extended almost indefinitely, and it is a pleasure to work with these various groups of active alumnae who unquestionably have accomplished so much for the college.

4. *Alumnae Fund.* The Alumnae Fund chairman, who will give you her own report, handles the voluminous correspondence entailed in keeping in touch with the Class Alumnae Fund Agents, in corresponding with new Agents, in reporting Alumnae Fund Committee meetings, and in general, keeping the Fund going and growing. The Alumnae Office keeps on file the records by class of all contributions to the Fund, keeps in touch with the Treasurer regarding the progress of the Fund, and also with the bookkeeper for the Association at the National Bank of Commerce. The office also sends out statistical reports to the Class agents, and, as previously indicated, mimeographs class letters for most of the Agents. Some extraordinarily efficient Agents write all their letters by hand.

5. *General Organization Work.* The Executive Secretary is an ex officio member of the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association, has a part in planning the meetings of the Board, and in preparing material to be presented to the Board. She is also an ex-officio member of various committees of the Association. In this capacity during the past year I have at-

tended meetings of the Nominating, Alumnae Fund, and Finance committees.

Many of you have been informed of the organization of the Alumnae Council, the first meeting of which is planned for the Fall of 1942, and I shall not go into detail concerning the Council at this time, but shall merely say that the success of the meeting held on campus on May 2 and 3 augurs well for the future success of the Alumnae Council. The May meeting was

The responsibility of all alumnae is now great. It is unnecessary for me to tell you that educational institutions must not be merely kept going. They must be kept going in a manner which will enable them to train students well for an uncertain present and future. This is a tremendous task, but the colleges are meeting it, and the alumni are helping them to meet it. I have been proud many times this year of the response of Connecticut alumnae, of their immediate realization of the fact that their work for the college is of the first importance.

There are specific ways in which we can continue to be of assistance to the college. Most of these ways are completely unspectacular, but I can assure you that they are effective. We can:

Return to the college when possible.

Attend chapter meetings, and help to keep the meetings concerned with interesting and vital subjects.

Support the Alumnae Fund as generously as we can.

Interest promising prospective students in the college.

Keep informed about educational affairs in general, remembering that we are not an isolated institution.

There are other things we can do, but these activities present a beginning, a beginning which has great possibilities.

In closing I should like to thank the outgoing officers of the Alumnae Association, who have worked long and hard as your representatives, for their unflinching and constant help to the Alumnae Office.

Respectfully submitted

KATHRYN MOSS, *Executive Secretary*

Report of the Treasurer

July 1, 1941 -- June 30, 1942

Reports of Alumnae Fund, Alumnae Scholarship, and
Sykes-Student Alumnae Building Fund Included

THE financial returns for the year have been quite satisfactory. The alumnae made a sizeable contribution to the Leib Scholarship Fund (\$3,193.00) during this fiscal year, and made additional contributions to the Alumnae Scholarship, Class, and Chapter Scholarships of \$1,531.50. In spite of these totals the receipts for the Alumnae Fund show an increase over those of last year of approximately \$25.00.

Our actual income for the Alumnae Fund during the year exceeded our estimated income of \$5,065.00 by approximately \$20.00. Our actual expenditures were \$169.30 less than the amount set up in our budget. The budget for 1942-43 adopted at the June 1942 meeting is printed herewith, as well as a statement of the estimated income for next year.

This year all but three chapters contributed to the Alumnae Fund, and one of these three participated in the sale of calendars and sent in good returns. Five chapters did not contribute last year. The response from classes in making their annual contribution of \$10 to the Alumnae Fund was better this year, returns coming in from all but four classes. Last year six classes did not contribute.

The calendar project went very well again this year, largely due to the untiring efforts of Caroline B. Rice and the efficient work of the calendar chairmen of the

chapters. The profits amounted to \$195.75 this year as against \$166.68 last year.

Since under the new banking regulations no interest is allowed on savings accounts of over \$1,000, we withdrew \$3,256.00 in August, 1941, from the savings account of the Sykes Student Alumnae Fund and invested that amount in Series F Defense Bonds—four \$1,000 and four \$100 bonds. The current value of our bonds and the statement of our savings accounts printed herewith show that our present assets in the Sykes Student Alumnae Building Fund total well over \$14,000.

The statement of the Connecticut College Alumnae Scholarship Fund, as furnished by Miss Elizabeth Wright, Bursar of the college, who handles this fund for the Alumnae Association, accompanies this report. This fund now totals \$11,188.83.

The newly organized Finance Committee of the Alumnae Association was set up in February 1942. The treasurer of the Association, Jessie Williams Kohl '26, is chairman. The present members of the committee are: Virginia Clark '40, Caroline B. Rice '31, and Janet Crawford How '24. The president of the Alumnae Association, the executive secretary, and the chairman of the Alumnae Fund are ex officio members.

JESSIE WILLIAMS KOHL, *Treasurer*

Report of Treasurer of the Alumnae Association for 1941-42

July 1, 1941 through June 30, 1942

REPORT OF THE ALUMNAE FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand as of July 1, 1941 \$ 280.01

From INDIVIDUALS:

Classes 1919 thru 1940	\$2,619.75	
Class of 1941 at graduation ..	\$393.50	
plus subsequent gifts ...	10.50	404.00
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Ex-members of '42 and '43	7.50	3,031.25

From CHAPTERS:

Boston	150.00	
Buffalo	1.90	
Chicago	100.00	
Cleveland	200.00	
Fairfield	44.00	
Hartford	150.00	
New Haven	25.00	
New Jersey	150.00	
New London	75.00	
New York	100.00	
Philadelphia	21.43	
Providence	30.00	
Washington	35.00	
Waterbury	25.00	
Westchester	150.00	1,270.33

From CLASSES:

1919	\$10.00	1928	\$10.00	
1920	10.00	1929	10.00	
1921	10.00	1931	10.00	
1922	10.00	1932	10.00	
1923	10.00	1935	10.00	
1924	10.00	1937	10.00	
1925	60.00	1938	10.00	
1926	10.00	1939	10.00	
1927	20.00	1940	10.00	240.00

From MISCELLANEOUS:

Calendars:

Boston	6.79
Buffalo	8.10
Hartford	10.00
Meriden	16.60

New Haven	3.35		
New Jersey	33.65		
New London	17.25		
New York	29.51		
Philadelphia	16.07		
Providence	4.80		
Washington	13.35		
Waterbury	24.66		
General Sales	11.42		
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	195.75		
Refunds	54.98		
Special Fund (Lawrence)	13.00		
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Total Miscellaneous	263.73	263.73	
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TOTAL ALUMNAE FUND RECEIPTS		4,805.31	\$4,805.31
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Less DISBURSEMENTS			\$5,085.32
(as itemized below)			4,895.61
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1942			189.71
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DISBURSEMENTS:

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Expended</i>
Salary	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
Office—Assistance	800.00	919.91
Tel. and Tel.	60.00	61.53
Supplies	60.00	104.39
Postage, Printing, Paper	800.00	703.34
NEWS	1,000.00	887.15
Travel	300.00	185.15
Petty Cash	25.00	1.00
Dues	30.00	20.00
Conferences	50.00	25.00
Miscellaneous*	40.00	88.14
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	5,065.00	\$4,895.61
	4,895.61	
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	\$ 169.39	
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* Miscellaneous:

Bank Charges	\$13.59
Alumnae Weekend (costumes and cartage for play)	15.00
K. Moss (Entertainment, Assoc. guests)	3.50
Fellman & Clark (Flowers, Dr. Lawrence)	10.00
Sec. of State, Conn. (Registry of Corporation)	2.00
C. B. Rice (Prepayment of Calendar Expense)	31.05
Safe Deposit Box	6.00
Scott's Greenhouse (Flowers, Mr. Freeman)	7.00
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	\$88.14
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ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1942-43

	<i>Estimated</i> 1942-43	<i>Actual</i> 1941-42
Alumnae Fund, from		
Individuals	\$3,650.00	\$3,031.25
Classes	140.00	240.00
Chapters	1,200.00	1,270.33
Miscellaneous (Calendars, Advertising, etc.)	350.00	263.73
	<u>\$5,340.00</u>	<u>\$5,085.31</u>

BUDGET FOR 1942-43

SALARIES:

Executive Secretary	\$1,900.00*
Alumnae Office Assistant	900.00
Recorder at Bank	100.00
Treasurer	50.00

OFFICE EXPENSE:

Telephone and Telegrams	60.00
Supplies	100.00
Postage, Printing and Stationery	800.00
Alumnae News	1,000.00
Travel	375.00
Dues (American Alumni Council)	30.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
	<u>\$5,265.00</u>

* This amount is supplemented by the college in the amount of \$500.

REPORT OF SYKES AND STUDENT-ALUMNAE HOUSE FUND

BONDS:

	<i>Market Value</i>
\$2,000 Atlantic City Electric Co. 1st mtg. 3¼s, due January 15, 1964	\$ 2,120.00
\$2,000 Dominion of Canada 3¼s of January 15, 1961	1,990.00
\$2,000 Morris & Essex R.R. 1st refund mtg. 3½s due 2000	740.00
\$2,000 U. S. Treasury 33/4s of 1956	2,190.00
	<u>\$ 7,040.00</u>
Series F—Defense Bonds due August 1, 1953	
4—1,000 (no change in value first year)	2,960.00
4—100	296.00
	<u>\$ 3,256.00</u>
	<u>\$10,296.00</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

Mechanics Savings Bank No. 88858 (Hartford)		
Balance June 6, 1941	\$1,767.03	
Interest	45.24	
Sykes Fund benefit	106.00	\$1,918.27
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National Bank of Commerce No. 9469		
Balance June 6, 1941	4,278.52	

Withdrawn to purchase Defense Bonds	3,256.00		
	<u>1,022.52</u>		
Interest Nov. and May	10.00		
Coupons from Bonds	275.00	1,307.52	
	<u>1.00</u>		
National Bank of Commerce No. 12069 ...		1.00	
Savings Bank of New London No. 151635			
Balance June 6, 1941	922.11		
Interest	18.53	940.64	4,167.43
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TOTAL			<u>\$14,463.43</u>

REPORT OF CONNECTICUT COLLEGE ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BALANCE JULY 1, 1941	\$10,362.17
GIFTS:	
Chicago Chapter C.C. Alumnae	13.00
Westchester Chapter	50.00
POOLED INTEREST:	
Not known until after June 30	
TRANSFERS DUE TO DATE:	
Repayments Blanket Tax fund	349.00
Repayments and Interest, Class of 1931 Fund	414.66
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TOTAL	<u>\$11,188.83</u>

JESSIE WILLIAMS KOHL, *Treasurer*

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION GIFTS TO THE COLLEGE SINCE JULY 1, 1941

SCHOLARSHIPS*—(Alumnae Scholarship, Class, and Chapter Scholarships)	
Class of 1919—In memory of Louise Ansley Knapp	\$ 509.00
Class of 1920	200.00
Chicago Chapter	61.00
New Jersey Chapter	400.00
New London Chapter	101.50
Washington, D. C., Chapter	35.00
Westchester Chapter	225.00
	<u>\$1,531.50</u>
THE DAVID D. LEIB SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Contributions from individual alumnae	\$3,008.00
New Haven Chapter	20.00
New Jersey Chapter	50.00
Class of 1926	75.00
Class of 1928	40.00
	<u>\$3,193.00</u>
ALUMNAE FUND (used for maintenance of Alumnae Association)	\$5,085.32
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TOTAL	<u>\$9,809.82</u>

* Cleveland Chapter (\$300 raised, to be awarded in 1942-43)

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDIVIDUALS TO ALUMNAE FUND

July 1, 1941 — June 30, 1942

CONSTANCE C. COLLINS, *Chairman*

Class	No. in Class	No. Con- tribs. in Class	Receipts July 1 to June 30	% of Class	Average per Member	Av. Amt. per Contrib.	Ex-Members Contribs. No. Amt.	Total No. Gifts	Total Amount
1919	66	33(1)*	\$ 102.50	50%	\$1.55	\$3.10	3 \$ 10.00	36	\$ 112.50
1920	62	30	94.00	48%	1.51	3.13	3 7.00	33	101.00
1921	44	18	65.75	40%	1.49	3.65	5 10.00	23	75.75
1922	40	20	62.00	50%	1.55	3.10	1 3.00	21	65.00
1923	82	24(1)*	148.50	29%	1.81	6.18	1 2.00	25	150.50
1924	74	25	77.50	33%	1.04	3.10	1 1.00	26	78.50
1925	66	34(2)*	144.50	51%	2.18	4.25	3 6.00	37	150.50
1926	77	34(1)*	118.50	44%	1.53	3.48	4 11.00	38	129.50
1927	103	34	98.50	33%	.95	2.89	4 22.00	38	120.50
1928	127	58(1)*	145.00	45%	1.14	2.50	4 8.00	62	153.00
1929	102	35	97.50	34%	.95	2.78	2 5.00	37	102.50
1930	106	36	111.00	34%	1.04	3.08	3 10.00	39	121.00
1931	130	38(1)*	112.00	29%	.86	2.94	1 2.00	39	114.00
1932	113	35(1)*	92.00	30%	.81	2.62	2 4.00	37	96.00
1933	109	34(1)*	101.50	31%	.93	2.98	1 5.00	35	106.50
1934	116	35	99.00	30%	.85	2.82	3 5.00	38	104.00
1935	114	46	122.00	40%	1.07	2.65		46	122.00
1936	129	45	135.50	34%	1.05	3.01	4 7.00	49	142.50
1937	137	48(1)*	130.50	35%	.95	2.71	2 10.00	50	140.50
1938	129	50	136.00	38%	1.05	2.72	5 23.00	55	159.00
1939	127	51	121.00	40%	.95	2.37	4 7.00	55	128.00
1940	148	52	126.00	35%	.85	2.42	4 21.00	56	147.00
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22	2201	815	\$2440.75	37%	\$1.10	\$2.99	60 \$179.00	875	\$2619.75

* Members contributing more than once

Chapter Activities Reported

Washington Membership Greatly Increased

Dear Alumnae:

I should like to thank all those chapter officers and members with whom I have worked over the period of the past two years for their cooperation and interest. A fine new group of officers is taking over, and they start with enthusiasm and understanding; they are promising action and

accomplishment with the Alumnae Council taking shape next Fall. It is up to the chapters and their leaders as well as to individual alumnae to give every support and response in this fine work.

Sincerely yours

Normah Kennedy Mandell,
First Vice President

Chicago

A Red Cross unit has met semi-monthly in members' homes, with the chairman collecting small contributions each time to accumulate funds for the Alumnae Association. Thus war work and college affairs have been successfully combined. The chapter has had a fine year, and was able to make splendid contributions both to the Alumnae Fund and the Alumnae Scholarship Fund.

Cleveland

Jane Wyckoff was hostess in April when the alumnae entertained Mr. Cobblestick, college Director of Admissions, who brought the latest news from the campus. Mr. Arthur Quimby, the new chairman of the Music Department, was also a guest. In May Nancy Tremaine DeWoody invited the members to her new country home for a picnic luncheon. Election of officers resulted in the following slate for 1942-43: Frances Ernst Hallaran, president and Marjorie Miller Weimer vice president; continuing to serve for their two-year term; Jane Griswold Holmes, treasurer; Harriett Hickok Hardy, program; Harriet Ernst Veale, corresponding secretary; Irene Kennel Pekoc, recording secretary; Norma Bloom Hauserman, publicity. At this meeting Virginia Eggleston Smith and Normah Kennedy Mandell reported on their trip to the alumnae meeting held at New London in May. Trumana Foote Denison announced that the Cleveland Scholarship of \$300 had been awarded for next year to Ann LeLievre, who will be a sophomore next year. The scholarship group has plans under way for its Fall fund raising event, and the committee expects to hold meetings during the summer.

New Haven

At the final meeting of the season on June 2nd the following officers were chosen: Betty Kenna Lynch, president; Elizabeth Dutch, vice president; Marilyn Maxted, secretary; Mercia May Richards, treasurer. The chapter voted to send contributions to the Alumnae Fund and the Leib Scholarship Fund.

New Jersey

The annual luncheon was held in May

at Pal's Cabin. Emily Caddock, Association president, gave much interesting news of alumnae affairs. In spite of gas rationing, twenty-eight attended the meeting. The June meeting, held at the home of Katherine Hammond Engler, was a tea given in honor of the 1942 graduates and New Jersey students now in college.

Philadelphia

Officers for the current year are Ruth Griswold Henderson, president; Kathleen Kirk Landes, secretary; Gertrude Butler, treasurer; publicity and entertainment, Charlotte Harburger Stern.

Providence

The group again contributed as a chapter to the Red Cross fund, continuing its yearly practice.

Washington, D. C.

This chapter has made the most of its rapidly increasing membership and strategic location, and the officers have been outstanding in their interest and enthusiasm. There has been a great increase in attendance and keen interest is taken in all chapter endeavors. Thirty-five members are active, and twenty others attend occasionally. Monthly meetings have been held in homes, and money has been raised by selling calendars, by magazine subscriptions, and by selling name labels. Individual members have agreed to be taxed to save time and effort in a busy city. Contributions have been made to both the Association and the Alumnae Scholarship. Members of the chapter took catalogs and view books of the college to every preparatory school in and near the city. The tea for prospective students was highly successful. The chapter president has met regularly with presidents of the alumnae of Wellesley, Mount Holyoke, Smith, Wheaton, Pembroke, and Sweetbriar. Officers for next year are: Elizabeth Fielding, president; Mary Mory Schultz, vice president; Althea Smith Latham, secretary; Marion Anello Jurgens, treasurer; Ruth Rusch, program chairman. At the May meeting Esther Batchelder, college alumna and trustee, and chief of the U. S. Division of Nutrition, was the speaker.

Class Notes

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

1919

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

Lucy's husband, Dr. Haskell, is now a major in the Army. Lucy drove over from Troy in May to spend the day with me.

1919 will remember B. Ashe, Mr. Weld's star student in Voice. She is back in New London after having lived in the West for many years. I believe her husband is in the Navy.

Evelyn Bitgood Coulter writes that her husband is busy as an official of the booming Goodyear Mills in New Bedford. Jane, Ev's daughter, is a senior in high school and is a tall girl of 5 feet 9 inches.

Irma, her sister, and her niece went to C.C. to attend the French Bazaar in April, which she said was lots of fun. The proceeds went to the Red Cross. Irma has a new nephew and is mighty proud of him.

Sadie Coit Benjamin has a position in the Alumnae Office on the campus, and likes it very much.

From Florence Lennon Romaine comes the news that Helen Gough and three friends have bought a farmhouse in Pennsylvania, where they spend most of their spare time. Helen is knitting helmets by the dozen, and Florence has been taking a nutrition course and expects to do canteen work. Stephen is in high school now and plays the trumpet very well.

Marion Kofsky Harris recently attended her niece's graduation from Pembroke.

Dorothy Dart was ill in the hospital in December and January, but is back on the job now. Her library is very busy with calls for books on the last war. She says an interesting thing in Washington right now is figuring out what the different uniforms mean and what nationality they represent.

1923

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

Helen Hemingway Benton and family

spent the winter at Jokake, Ariz., but are now back in Connecticut.

At lunch with Judy Warner, I heard a little about her interesting trip to a Girl Scout convention at Aberdeen, S. D., during the first week in May. As Personnel Director from the National Board, Judy also spoke at the Des Moines convention. She is very busy but very enthusiastic about her work.

When I heard from Maya Johnson Schmuck in April, she and Nancy were planning to attend a Connecticut College luncheon in Waterbury.

I had to miss our Chapter luncheon, as that was the day of the Orange Dog Show for the Navy Relief.

Our president, Alice Ramsay, represented the class at the alumnae meeting held on campus in May.

1924

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

No doubt you have already heard about the meeting on campus the first weekend in April to start off the Alumnae Council. '24 was well represented. Virginia Eggleston Smith represented the Cleveland Chapter, Helen Douglas North was our Class Agent, Gladys Westerman Greene represented the Westchester Chapter, and I was there as Class President. All of us feel that this Alumnae Council will be a very worth while addition to the Alumnae Association and that as a class we should do all we can to foster it. With Mossy on campus, our class always has a friendly welcome when we go back.

I gleaned the following items that weekend. Dougie's two children are well established in school; so she is now "working." She is secretary to her husband, who is Vice President of the National Association of Insurance Agents. One afternoon a week she gets home in time to act as leader of a Girl Scout troop, and she is also Clerk of her church. Gladys Greene is devoting every available minute to de-

fense work. Right now her main efforts are in the Victory Garden movement and the First Aid unit of the Defense Council. Ginny Eggleston Smith moved into a lovely new home recently. She, too, is doing a good bit of defense work, and that, together with taking care of her two young children, more than fills the days.

1925

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

Fergie (Dr. Helen Ferguson!) writes: "I have a little shack in the country by the sea. It was great fun building it, as I had no plans. It started as a dream house and then was changed here and there as we went along."

Geegee Delap Speer reports: "With first aid and nutrition classes I really feel as if I were a college gal once more. I never worked as hard for any exam as I did for nutrition, and was quite set up when I got a good mark. One of the older ladies in the class remarked, 'No wonder you did so well! Young girls like you fresh out of college know how to study'." Right now Geegee is working hard to keep up with Judson, aged 11. "He has had French since the second grade, and I have a strenuous time competing with him."

Helen Hewitt Webb writes: "I saw Sally Dodd Murphy when I was in Troy summer before last. Her girls were away at the time. In Washington in the fall, Jack and I stopped to see Kitty Sembrada Couse '27. She and her husband are editing a small town newspaper in New Jersey. Adelaide Morgan Hirsche is in Washington, where her husband is in the public health service. She has two boys, 12 and 15. Adelaide is busy with A.W.V.S. She has a snappy uniform and teaches classes in civilian protection. As for us, we are back in the Navy. Our youngsters are growing up fast. Rufus is 14, and the twins, Sue and Hugh, are 7. Sarah Jane Porter is living in Wellesley. She has twins, too." The Webbs now live at 5209 38th St., N. W., Washington.

Reunion Notes. Those who were present had a very fine time and want to express their thanks to Parkie for general co-ordination, to Connie Parker for her artistic (and incredibly inexpensive) ideas

for costume, and to Peg Cort Palmer, who among other things wrestled with dollar bills and checks, and nonchalantly produced a mountain of good food for us hungry reuners.

Present besides those mentioned were: Emily Warner Caddock, Eleanor Harri-man Baker, Betsy Allen, Winnie Smith Passmore, Miriam Chadeayne, Giddy Locke, Spud Ward, Kay Meinecke Crawford, Peg Meredith Littlefield, Connie Campbell Collins, Dora Milenky, Jessie Josolowitz, and Gertrude Noyes.

Items gleaned from general gossip. Giddy Locke is now an expert in vitamins as well as cosmetics, and hopes she is a living example of the vim which she dispenses daily at Jordan and Marsh's. She is! Olga Gennert has bought a 175-acre farm at Putney, Vt. Her son is at Kent School, and her daughter is at school in Summit, N. J. Spud is a fine and busy physiotherapist in East Orange. Emmie Warner Caddock expects to spend the summer at the Vineyard. Betsy Allen is looking for editorial work in New York City. Winnie's husband, a lieutenant colonel in the infantry, regular Army, is Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Connecticut. She has two sons, Hunter 14 and Edwin 11, and one daughter, Kendall, 8. Peg Meredith Littlefield has two children—Jane, 10 and Peter, 5. They are looking forward to boating in the Sound this summer. Peg's husband divides his time between the Quartermaster General's Office in Washington and New York. Miriam has been busy running a household, taking care of her brother's child, and finishing a strenuous motor corps course. Dora, who teaches in the Leavenworth High School in Waterbury, has become a chronic rationer. She knows all about sugar and gas, and is ready to take on anything else that comes.

Midge Field expected to attend reunion but telegraphed that she was "caught on the Cape without gas!" Alice Taylor now has her M. A. in nutrition and is assistant hostess and manager of the grill in the Recreation Center at St. Luke's Hospital, N. Y. C. Orpha Brown Mitchell and her little girl, Sallie, were seen recently at a Hill-Hotchkiss game, looking well and happy.

1926

KATHERINE COLGROVE, *Correspondent*,
47 Windsor Street, Waterbury, Conn.

The lion roared mightily as 26 members of the class of '26 arrived on campus to spend Commencement weekend. It was a gala occasion and one long to be remembered. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be present lamented that the other 50 of you could not have been with us. We thought of you "scattered o'er the land" from Pete Cogswell in Maine to Peg Durkee in Florida and from Harriet Gillette in California to Betty Linsley in Bermuda. We were housed in Grace Smith, newest and most modern of the dorms, and how we loved the full-length mirrors and the ironing rooms.

Our president, Peg Sterling, did us proud with her inspiring speech at the Trustees' luncheon. Our class gift was presented by Peg to be added to the David Leib Memorial scholarship fund. Later in the day, clad in white dresses and red turbans, we followed '25 to take our places in the Class Day procession. Judy Crouch, daughter of Barbara Bell Crouch and only '26 daughter present, led the class.

The big event of the day was banquet. How it reminded us of "days of yore"—Light House Inn—our red and white nosebags—Peg Sterling our charming toastmistress—Helen Hood the capable executive as always—Marge Thompson ever ready with a clever quip—Maddie Smith shouting "Let's really *sing* and not mumble"—Harriet Stone voted the most "unaged" person present—Annette Ebsen and Frances Green winning a quiz program instituted by Rosky Beebe—a telegram from "Sis" Angier and letters from Grace Parker and Betty Alexander—dozens of messages from members and ex-member of '26.

We learned that Grace Parker is still in Wisconsin and Harriet Tillinghast in Pennsylvania. Hazel Osborne is now in Buffalo, but is expected back in New York soon. Lois Gordon is in Alexandria, Virginia.

Annette Ebsen works for the British Broadcasting Company.

Charlotte MacLear teaches in Westport, Betty Lee in Windsor, and Connie Clapp in Dayton, Ohio.

Helen Hood, her husband and their four children have rented their home in Summit, N. J., and are at their farm.

Helen Edwards ex'26 is living near Greenwich and has three young sons.

"Tommy" Rider, another ex-member, who spent a number of years in Hawaii, is now living in Watertown, N. Y.

Class officers were elected at the banquet and are as follows:

President: Madelyn Smith Gibson

Vice President: Eleanor Canty

Secretary: Katherine Colgrove

Treasurer: Frances Green

Member of Alumnae Council: Edna Smith Thistle

1927

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

We are grateful to Pat Clark for the following gay write-up of Reunion.

The Reunion—A Comedy in One Act Edited, with notes, by Pat Clark

Dramatis Personae

Committeewomen: Pat Clark, Barbara Tracy Coogan (in absentia, with mumps), Lib Fowler Coxe, Mary Crofoot DeGange

Old Faithfuls: Edna Linz Barnes, Sally Pithouse Becker, Eleanor Chamberlain, Amy Ferguson Crouch, Jerry Jerman, Natalie Benson Manley, Eleanor Vernon Murdock, Minnie Watchinsky Peck, Ruth Hitchcock Walcott

Children of Old Faithfuls: Averill Linz Barnes, Judy Watchinsky Peck

Honorary Members: Dr. Gerard Jensen, Mrs. Gerard Jensen

Setting: The Campus (very beautiful)

Scene I. Campus Dormitory. Time: Friday Evening

Two Committeewomen at their posts.

Two Old Faithfuls enter.

Committeewomen (in unison) "Welcome, welcome, welcome! Thrice welcome!"

First Old Faithful. "Cut the number down, Committeewomen, there are but two of us."

All (in unison). "Long live 1927!"

Exeunt All—Very late.

Scene II. Thames Hall. Trustee-Alumnae Luncheon.

Committeewomen and Old Faithfuls (in unison). "We giveth our small gift to the David D. Leib Memorial Scholarship Fund."

Scene III. Alumnae Parade. En Route.

First Committeewoman (reading sign manfully shouldered by children). "1927 Unsheathes Its Sword for Victory!"

First Old Faithful. "Doth my green and grey shield become me?"

Second. "It doth indeed. How about my crusader's sword?"

Third. "It doth, too."

First Child. "Mama, where do we go-eth?"

Second. "Mama, 'tis hot!"

Two Children (in unison). "Mama, is this College?"

Eight Old Faithfuls and Three Committeewomen, wiping their brows (in unison). "Sh, my pets!"

Scene IV. Lighthouse Inn. A Banquet.
Committeewoman. "Welcome, Honorary Members!"

Honorary Members (in unison). "When doth the honorable Class of 1927 ar-riveth?"

Committeewoman. "It hath arrived!"

All (in unison). "Long live the Class of 1927 and its honorary members! May our twentieth reunion be bigger—it couldn't be better!"

Exeunt all—into New London fog.

1928

ELIZABETH GALLUP RIDLEY, *Correspondent*, 22 Westford St., Chelmsford, Mass.

I am sure the guests gathered in the Outdoor Theatre on Class Day must have thought the Class of '28 the smallest in the history of the college, for there were just seven of us bearing the class banner down the grass steps between the blossoming hedges of laurel—Prue Drake, Peg Crofoot, Grace Bigelow Churchill, Betty Gordon Van Law, Ruth Shultis Wurth, E. J. MacDonald, and myself. However, there were many more there in spirit and the response to Shult's letter was really wonderful. Many of us answered by letter, and a great number of those who

couldn't return sent a contribution toward the class gift. Shult wants me to thank you all for your interest and cooperation.

We were housed in Grace Smith with '25, '26, and '27, and very lovely it was, complete with a spacious game room in the cellar. The Alumnae Association meeting progressed speedily on Saturday morning under the expert chairmanship of Emily Warner Caddock. The Trustees' Luncheon was a great occasion with Agnes Leahy making a most gracious and charming toastmistress of whom we could all be very proud indeed. The Outdoor Theatre made a beautiful setting for Class Day exercises, and to many of us, that, and the new Library were the most impressive spots on campus. We gathered with '25 at Buck Lodge for a picnic supper, which was a great success, thanks to the tremendous efforts of Peg Cort Palmer '25, with Shult as her able assistant. There we sang the old songs, and ate quantities of Peg's baked ham and salad, and hamburgers cooked over the open fire. We had Sunday morning breakfast at the Mohican, and parted at noon, with hopes of meeting again and in greater number in 1946. It would be worth the trip, folks, just to hear Betty Gordon's tales of being a bride in Peru!

News gleaned here and there concerning our class. Prue Drake is a Major in the Mass. Women's Defense Corps, and doing a wonderful job. It's the first and probably best organization of its kind in the country, and many women from all walks of life are learning defense work in daily classes.

Louise Towne is at Abraham and Strauss and writes that Penny has a new son aged one year. Elizabeth Ann Irwin is in the bacteriology department of Stanford, and her new address is 1221 Byron St. Palo Alto.

1929

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

Since my last news I have been back to dear C. C. where I had a grand time and stayed right in Windham with the young fry. Bibbo Riley Whitman and Normah Kennedy Mandell were also back as members of this group to meet with Miss

Blunt, see college developments, and take news back to the different chapters. I saw many of our old friends—Miss Ernst, Miss Oakes, Dean Burdick, Susy Warner Caddock, and others, and even attended an eight o'clock class Saturday morning. Roddy Holmes Smith came over from Mystic and took me sightseeing. We went to Ocean Beach, which is very swanky now. No more Izzy's! It was good to see Bibbo all the way from Maine. She is fine and seemed to be still in clouds of bliss. Zeke Speirs took Bibbo and me for a drive Sunday morning, and you can imagine how our tongues wagged about '29ers. This visit to the campus did things for me, and I recommend a similar trip as a tonic for everyone.

I hear that Jennie Copeland received her Master's degree in English at the University of New Hampshire in May. Congratulations, Jennie.

1930

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

Whitney Pray Foster was born on March 11 to Pete Brooks Foster. Pete wrote that he was 10 pounds of howling green for Dartmouth, but much relaxed as compared to his riotous sister, Robin, aged 2. Pete's husband is a doctor at the Lahey Clinic in Boston. Pete met Connie Green Freeman and Dot Davis Feltner recently, and said they caught up on a few laughs.

Evelyn Utley has a job as a biochemist with the American Cyanamid Research Laboratories in Stamford after six years in Tennessee. She said Betty Edwards has persuaded her to be treasurer of the Fairfield Alumnae chapter, of which Betty is a charter member and active organizer.

Kay Halsey Rippere is kept busy with her house, garden (she does the flowers, and her husband the vegetables), a dog, and her two sons—Bob, aged 4 and Kenneth, aged 2. She has also found time to take a First Aid course and to help her husband, who is a Senior Warden. She wrote that Ruth Harrison Street and her daughter, Sally, and Alice Goodale had promised to call on her, but so far hadn't had a chance to. She has seen Jean Crawford, who works with Farrar and Rinehart.

1931

ACHSAH ROBERTS FENNELL, *Correspondent*, 96 Sarles Lane, Pleasantville, N. Y.

Margaret Fishburne McKown has moved to 15 Staples Pl., West Hartford.

Rae Kardas Wachino has moved to 47-21 162nd St., Flushing, N. Y. Rae has a son, Billy, a year old.

Katherine Lowe Streiferd has a daughter, Barbara, two years old.

On April 27, Katherine Buckley was married at the chapel at Camp Edwards, Cape Cod, to Frank A. Vargas, Jr. The bridegroom is a graduate of Rhode Island State and taught business law and administration before his induction into the Army last July.

Elinor Wells Smith has an eight year old son, Sherman.

Connie Ganoe Jones has her hours occupied what with three children, painting greeting cards, and doing defense work. She first aids, and her husband patrols the highway three nights a week—they are in the dim-out area.

Jane Moore Warner had to apply to Washington for priority to buy a stove. Hope the red tape is untangled by now. What is your new address, Jane?

Fannie Bixler is married to Professor Charles Murphy, who teaches Greek and Latin at Princeton. The Murphys have two sons, Thornton and Arthur.

Kay Bradley Wallace's Jean and Mardy are now 3 and 6. Her husband is chief air raid warden for Longmeadow, Mass. Kay has completed the instructors' course in first aid and is teaching it now.

Caz Wood Bregenzer writes that one-year-old Sally "has the most enormous blue eyes you ever saw, is enormous herself, precocious, and completely out of control." Caz' husband is head of a 100 per cent defense industry.

1932

ISABELLE BARTLETT HOGUE, *Correspondent*, 113 Vesper St., Akron, O.

As usual when news is scarce, it is of super quality.

Gert Yoerg Doran's second child is a daughter, Katherine Diane.

It was good to hear from Jean Richards Shramm ex'32 of Chappaqua, N. Y.

She has a family of no mean proportions: Ken, 9; Dick, 7; Don, 2; and Martha, born March 12. To quote, "Not that we like to boast, but can any 32-er beat us in number, or are we pikers?" No, Jean, you and Gus are the winners as far as I know. Congratulations!

As Class Agent for Alumnae Fund, I want to thank the 35 contributors in our class for doing their share. How about the rest of you?

A happy summer to you all, and send me lots of news for the fall issue before October 1.

1933

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

Marriage: Eleanor Husted to Lieut. James W. Hendry, U. S. Naval Reserve, on June 1. Address: 1226 Nashville Ave., New Orleans, La.

Births: To Red White Cornish, a second son, Charles Alonzo, on May 18. To Dot Hamilton Algire, a daughter, Anne Catherine, on April 15.

Sorry that this column apparently features Branfordites exclusively, but somehow they seem to be the only ones who take pity on my plight. How about a really representative collection of news for the fall issue? Write me all about yourself and your friends before September!

1934

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

Engagements: Betty Hershey to Walter J. Lutz of Harrisburg, Pa. Cait Lewis to Frederick J. Witkowski.

Births: A daughter, Prudence, to Betty Archer Patterson on April 30. A second daughter, Joan, to Dorothy Bard Derry on April 29. A daughter to Elsie Hoffman Bangs in April. Lou Hill Corliss and her husband have adopted an eighteen months old boy. A daughter, Dorothy Ann, to Libbie Blumenthal Jacob on May 17.

Addresses: Catherine Baker Nordstrom, East Ave., East Norwalk, Conn. Libbie Blumenthal Jacob, 42 Jackson St., Ansonia, Conn. (Care of Blumenthal). Marion Bogart Holtzman, 51 Prospect St., Hummelstown, Pa. Nancy Clapp Quigley, 647 W. Market St., York, Pa.

Mildred Doherty Buxton is back in New London, living at 846 Montauk Ave. Mary Lou Hays Ferguson, 4712 River Rd., Washington, D. C. Harriet Isherwood Power, 15 Sunnybank Rd., Watertown, Mass. Martha Lubchansky Freedman, 25 Pomona Rd., Worcester, Mass. Alma Nichols White, 365 Monmouth Rd., West Long Branch, N. J. Gladys Russell, 1507 Franklin St., Wilmington, Del. Mary Seabury Ray, 112-12 202nd St., Hollis, L. I., N. Y.

1935

M. T. WATSON O'NEIL, *Correspondent*, Casa Blanca Bldg., Apt. 3-A, 2 Refugio St., Santurce, Puerto Rico.

Marriages: Olive Birch to Frederick Lillich, Jr. on May 16 in the Pequot Chapel in New London. Olive met Mr. Lillich while she was teaching in Iran, where he was sent on an expedition from the Oriental Institute of Chicago. They are now living in Winnipeg.

Birth: A daughter, Susan, to Virginia Golden Kent on May 12. Address: 36 Duncan Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

New Addresses: Olive Birch Lillich, 1454 Weelington Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

1936

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

Birth: A son, Truman Manson, to Ernie Manson Cole on April 14 in Bristol, Conn.

Marriage: Agatha McGuire to Philip B. Daghlion on June 22 in New London. Philip received his Doctor's degree from Yale last year and is now an instructor in English at Yale.

1937

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

Marriage: Phoebe Nibbs to Lieut. Donald G. Baer, U.S.N. on June 18 in New London. They will make their home on the west coast.

1938

MARCELLA BROWN, *Correspondent*, 3095 Lincoln Blvd., Cleveland Heights, O.

Engagement: Janette Austin to Her-

bert Welles Steane on May 24. The wedding will be in the fall.

Marriage: Jane Hutchinson to Dr. E. J. Cauffield of Akron, O., on June 27 in Lakewood, O.

1939

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

Engagement: Madelaine (Pinky) King's engagement to Chester Adgate Congdon II was announced on March 7.

Marriages: Mary Winton to Robert Dickgiesser on May 16, with Carol Prince Allen as matron of honor. Carol Lehman and Dr. E. Warren Winfield were married on March 29 and are living in Tarrytown. Mary Belle Kelsey was married to Clifford C. Balcom on May 18. Mr. Balcom is now a physical instructor in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Birth: Virginia Tabor McCamey has a baby girl named Eleanor Perry, born last spring.

Sis Ake and I went to a Cleveland alumnae meeting at Nancy Tremaine De Woody's lovely home. Her child, Toby, and Bets Parcel's Ronnie were admired by all the girls, among whom were Day, Mogs, Adele Hale, Harriett Ernst Veale, who has moved back to Cleveland, and Doris Houghton Ott, who is now living in Cleveland.

Estelle Taylor is a secretary in an "underwear firm" in New York City. She sees Jane Goss, who is working for the Mathes Advertising Agency. Estelle also visited Rachael Homer and Betty Bishard in Washington.

During my trip to the A.J.L.A. Conference in Kansas City, I had dinner with Ruth Wilson Cass, who has a darling new home outside Chicago. Saw Libby Mulford in K. C. and Charlene Bush Schmelzer ex'39, who came up from her home in Dallas, Texas.

Just heard that Middy and Charlie Gieg have left Columbus for Washington, but I haven't their new address.

1940

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

Marriages: Libby Barron ex'40 was married in July, 1941, to J. Gage Dingnean and is living in Malden, Mass.

Doris Hart to Robert J. Zimmerman on May 23. Anahid Berberian to Dr. Harold M. Constantian on June 6. Carol Thompson to Lester D. Crandall. They are living in Baltimore. Ruth Rusch to Lt. A. John Alberti on June 6 with Fran Turner Dary, Betty Walker Estes, and Dorothy Rowand attending. They will live in Washington. Peggy Budd in March or April to John McCubbin, U.S.C.G. Krin Meili to David Anderton in June. Roberta Kenney to Philip K. Dewire on June 6. They are living at 51 Thames St., New London. Both Roberta and Philip are employed at the Electric Boat Co. in Groton.

Births: A daughter, Patricia Ward, to Ensign and Mrs. Warren Kendall (Shirley Devereaux) on April 28. A daughter, Cynthia Coburn, to Mr. and Mrs. Morison Bump (Franny Kelley) on June 7. Twin boys to Mr. and Mrs. John Meecham (Peg White ex'40).

Connie Buckley has just taken a new job as secretary to the Director of Admissions at Wesleyan. Address: 156 Wesleyan Sta., Middletown, Conn. Polly Brown has a very interesting position with Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. Irene Willard, also in Boston, is working for the Jackson Folding Chairs Co. Doris Hassell is in the Advertising Dept. of the American Viscose Corp. in the Empire State Building. Helen Bruckheimer has a government job in Washington. Also living in Washington are Alice Mendenhall, Mary-Ann Scott Johnson, and Betty Anderson Lerchen.

Will everyone please send in news of herself and her friends?

1941

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

Engagements: Anne Peabody to Lt. (j.g.) Leslie Robinson. Mary Jane Heft to John Miles, Midge Wicoff to Edward Cooper, and Dotty Cushing to Ted Redington, Jr. There seems to be no slackening of the pace!

Marriages: Connie Hillery was married on May 2 to Charles W. Murcott. Address: 5 Hawthorne Lane, Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y. Beebe Berman finally took the step and married Irving Levy on March 31. They are living in Boston.

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Reunion: Our first reunion has come and gone—and a mighty good one it was too, thanks to "Chap's" perseverance! A few people arrived Friday night but the majority came early Saturday. In spite of gas rationing and transportation problems, we had 85 people back-breaking all records for reunion attendance. Saturday morning was spent in hurried unpacking and shrieked greetings, but by afternoon everyone was settled enough to "take-in" the President's garden party and talk some more. On to class day where we held up the whole procession while Fletch disappeared with the banner. The arboretum never looked more beautiful, and Seniors fainted right and left because of the hot sun. From class day to banquet at Howard Johnson's, where Helen led us in song, and I must say that we haven't lost the knack or forgotten the words. A sorrowful note to the festivities was the announcement of the death of Arline Pfizenmayer last March. Fizzie wasa true friend to all of us and we shall miss her. After banquet Dr. Sanchez escorted all 85 of us to the Crocker House, where, finding no tables available, we sat in the lobby, partook of "light refreshment," and were stared at by all the various and sundry types of military that only New London can produce. Back to a black, fog-shrouded campus—gloomier still because of the severe dim-out. Staying up all night to talk and play, the pounding of feet along the corridor, the slamming of doors, and even a few people to say "Quiet, please," made it seem that we had never left college. Our resolve to explore the new wings of the library and the new faculty dining room and soda fountain (the latter still under construction) wasn't dampened by the familiar sight of rain on Sunday. Then back to husbands, jobs, etc. after a very wonderful and successful reunion. To those who couldn't come we say, "Missed you and hope you'll be with us the next time."

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