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Fund Left for State Scholarships

Several New Scholarships Made Possible

Connecticut College has recently received a most generous bequest, the largest in the history of the college, the income from which is to be used for scholarships. In September 1943 four scholarships of $1000 each will be offered, which will be continued throughout each student’s four college years if her record warrants it. These scholarships are made possible through a bequest from Mrs. Virginie Migeon Swift, a former resident of Torrington, Connecticut, in the name of her sister, Mrs. Clara Migeon Swayze of that city. In accordance with the donor’s will, one scholarship will be offered to a resident of Torrington, one to a resident of Litchfield county outside Torrington, and two elsewhere in the state of Connecticut. Besides these, the fund will make available to girls in Connecticut four $400 scholarships and probably four smaller grants for freshmen, and aid for about 30 upper class students in amounts ranging from $100 to $500 depending upon the students’ needs.

These scholarships will bring to the campus outstanding girls who might not otherwise be able to attend college. But let us never forget that it is not only the recipients of scholarships who benefit from such aid, but the entire college community which is stimulated by the presence of superior students. The attendance of a large number of scholarship students is important for still another reason. Any small college is always in danger of drawing its student body from people of the same general background, and thus failing to provide for its students the opportunities for growth and development which come so surely from association with many kinds of people. Therefore qualified foreign students, and those in the United States from a wide variety of geographical, social, and economic backgrounds are greatly to be desired as members of the student body.

With these ideas in mind another important scholarship is being offered. Miss Blunt explained the details in the following letter to alumnae:

“I am writing to all of you who live west of the Mississippi to share the good news that the college will offer, beginning in September, 1943, a scholarship of $600 to an entering student from that part of the United States. We hope you may have, this year or later, some able student to suggest as a competitor for this scholarship. The grant would be continued throughout her four college years if the candidate’s record as a student and a citizen warranted it. I shall not give you a resume of admission procedures here, but any girl who is interested should communicate soon, probably by February 1, with Dr. Robert Cobbledick, Director of Admissions.”
The classes of '40, '41, and '42 and '21, '22, '23, and '24 are scheduled to hold reunions in June, 1943. The Executive Board of the Alumnae Association will meet on December 13th, when final action will be taken on the matter of reunions during the war, and notice of the decision will be sent to members of all classes scheduled to reunite. The matter was discussed at the Alumnae Council in November, it has been brought up at chapters, and talked over with members of the college administrative staff.

President Blunt recently made a statement for the student News on the current serious problem of acceleration of the four year college course. The purpose of the statement was that of giving the students more definite information concerning the possibilities which may be open to them. The statement follows:

"Acceleration in all probability will not be made compulsory. It might be compulsory if an overwhelming majority of the student body desired to accelerate. If any members of any class decide to accelerate, and if their grades are sufficiently good to enable them to carry an accelerated program, arrangements can be made so that these girls may graduate early by attendance at a summer session here or elsewhere.

If any girls of the present junior class desire to graduate next February, individual arrangements could probably be made to enable them to do so by attendance at a summer session here or elsewhere. It is necessary for some girls to work during the summer to finance their attendance here during the winter. If any such girls desire to accelerate and are unable to do so for financial reasons, scholarship aid would be considered to enable them to graduate early.

Connecticut College is not the first women's college to consider acceleration. Because the summer session held last year at Mount Holyoke was so successful, Mount Holyoke has decided to speed up its program and has arranged for concentrated class programs, shorter examination periods, reading periods at home, and long summer sessions. Pembroke has the truest program of acceleration, having speeded up its course to parallel that of Brown University."

The opinions of the student body are still being sought by the administration through the columns of the News. In the first series of interviews 44 of 69 students favored acceleration.

Three platoons of students who have taken military drill this fall under the direction of Lieut. (j.g.) Norman L. Horton, U.S.C.G., were reviewed recently on the campus by Miss Blunt, Rear Admiral Pine, superintendent of the Coast Guard academy, Capt. (E) Gustavus R. O'Connor, Comdr. Raymond T. McElligott, and Lieut. Joseph R. Scullion, all of the United States Coast Guard.

The hockey field overlooking the Sound served as the parade ground. The Coast Guard band played. The students, in gray skirts, dark blue sweaters, and white socks, executed commands with precision and uniformity which won applause from the large gathering of students, faculty, Coast Guard cadets, and others who witnessed the review. Elizabeth Middleton '43 of Montclair, N. J. was the company commander.

Lieutenant Mary Reynolds Danforth '37, member of the WAACs, spoke to the students recently on the WAAC organization and her work in the administrative section where she teaches fiscal ac-
counting and procurement procedure. In February 1942 Lieutenant Danforth received word that her husband, Lieutenant J. W. Danforth, had gone down with his ship off the coast of Newfoundland. As soon as the WAAC was organized she enlisted for officer’s training.

On November 14th the college entertained high school students interested in the college from schools in New London, Norwich, Groton, Stonington, and Old Lyme. The high school students were taken on a tour of the campus, visited classes, had lunch in a dormitory, met members of the student body, faculty, and administration. Several other High School Visiting Days will be held for students in the vicinity.

The kitchen of Emily Abbey House, the cooperative dormitory, is the training center for the Canteen course being given under the direction of Beatrice Dodd ’39, member of the Home Economics department. The canteen group meets every Tuesday and prepares food as they would for an emergency situation, using Emily Abbey supplies and, in return, planning and preparing dinner on Tuesdays for the dormitory. This course is part of the campus war service program promoted by the Red Cross. Training is being given in the setting up of canteens, the improvising of equipment, the planning, preparation, and serving of foods in large quantities with a minimum of time, effort, and money, and the management and supervision of canteen stations.

Connecticut students joined other colleges in many countries in observing International Students Day on November 17 at a program in Palmer Auditorium. Betty Gossweiler ’43 of Pelham, N. Y., president of the Student Government Association, presided. The speakers were Mary Lou Elliott ’43 of Philadelphia, and Heliodora de Mendonca of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The students told of the efforts of the totalitarian powers to stamp out free education in all the conquered countries, and of the courageous attempts of the youth of these countries to carry on education through underground organization. Miss de Mendonca stressed the mutual understanding gained when students study in foreign countries.

Julia Rich of Woolrich, Pa., and Marilyn Sworzyn of Washington, D. C., seniors, represented the college at a conference on “The Educational Crisis,” sponsored by the International Student Service at International House, Washington, D. C. Some of the topics of discussion were the Role of Universities in England and China Today, Students and the War Manpower Commission, the Responsibility of Education for the Future, Who Should go to College, Financial Aid to Students. Round table discussions of concern to women’s colleges centered on Education or the Production Line, and Liberal Arts or Technical Training.

An exhibition of paintings and etchings by Robert Fulton Logan, chairman of the department of fine arts, was formally opened on Sunday, November 15, in the Palmer library. Recent paintings and etchings which were done in Maine and in the New London vicinity, which have not previously been shown, were included. There were also several of Mr. Logan’s earlier works, many of which were done in France.

Mary Kent Hewitt, a member of the junior class, is the daughter of Rear Admiral Henry Kent Hewitt, who is commanding the naval forces of the United Nations’ north Africa invasion.

Frieda Kenigsberg ’43, who has held the Alumnae Scholarship since she was a Freshman, is a junior Phi Beta Kappa. That is, she was taken in during her junior year. “Frieda is not the first Kenigsberg Phi Bete,” according to the student News. “Her sister, Miriam ’38, is a member of Delta chapter also, and a brother
was elected during his college years at Wesleyan. A keen soc and ec major, Frieda likes to do her studying in the privacy of Emily Abbey with Oscar the lobster in full view, is most interested in her major subjects, naturally, but leans heavily to French and English lit. She wasn’t much help when I asked her secret of success—early to bed and late to rise; bridge addict, “I’m still in the beginning stage after two years;” goes weekly to the movies; has an aversion to Saturday evenings at home and usually manages to be absent. As for studying according to schedule, “around exam time” was her answer. During the week you might find her delivering snappy repartee (I did) or listening to Tchaikowsky. And in the summer her waitressing job at a summer hotel and its after-hour sports have kept her busy. A career after college is in her mind at this point, in administrative work with the federal government, preferably in labor relations and public welfare.”

Quite unsolicited, Frieda recently sent the following letter to the alumnae: “Dear Members of the Alumnae Association: Each year I try to tell you how very grateful I am for the help you have given me through your scholarships, and each year I find that just words cannot convey my heartfelt appreciation adequately. I hope that some day soon I can show in some material way how much I appreciate your making it possible for me to attend college. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

A treatise on Early Pythagorean Politics by Dr. Edwin L. Minar, Jr., assistant professor of classics, has just been published as the second of the Connecticut college monograph series. The work is a study of the Pythagorean society which flourished in the 5th and 6th centuries B.C. It shows how this philosophical school was involved in the politics of Greek colonies in southern Italy of that time, and lets the reader see the parallel between these early Pythagorean clubs and modern fascism.

Dr. Charles G. Chakerian of the economics and sociology department was elected a member of the New London city council on the Republican ticket. As chairman of the welfare committee he will handle all matters pertaining to health and welfare.

Dr. and Mrs. Erb have rented their home on Williams Street and have gone to Eugene, Oregon, for an extended visit with their son and his family. The younger Dr. Erb is president of the University of Oregon.

The Seniors recently presented for the benefit of the Sykes Student-Alumnae Building Fund “Saludos,” a delightful Walt Disney film of South America. Several other films were included in the program—a Julian Bryan film of Colombia, a National Geographical Society picture, and two other shorts. Edith Gaberman ’43, daughter of Dora Schwartz Gaberman ’20, was chairman of the Sykes Fund, and Jean Wallace ’43 of Washington, D.C. was responsible for the excellent choice of pictures. The Seniors voted to buy war bonds with the proceeds of the benefit and turn over the bonds to the Sykes Fund.

“Letters to Lucerne” is the Fall play of Wig and Candle. The play, presented by the Theatre Guild in New York last year, is set in a girls’ boarding school in Switzerland. The student body is international, and the plot is based on letters written by parents during the war.

Many war stamp corsages are sold on the campus. At the last college dance fifty of these corsages, costing $1.10 each, were entirely sold out. A group of twenty-five students is selling stamps and bonds. Each Wednesday a special booth is set up in Fanning Hall. The average sale on this day is between $60 and $70 in stamps. One $50 bond and four $25 bonds have been bought.
Children of the Okies and Arkies

By Susan Fleisher'

Sue Fleisher got the foundation for her nursery school work as a Child Development major in our own Nursery School, and last year studied in New York at the well-known "Bank Street School," the Cooperative School for Teachers. She is now working in a camp for migratory workers in California's San Joaquin Valley, in the very heart of the country about which not only "The Grapes of Wrath," but "Factories in the Field," and many sociological articles have been written.

The Woodville Nursery School, where I am employed as one of the two teachers upon whom rests the responsibility of running the school, is located within and derives its name from the government camp for migrant workers near Woodville, Tulare County, California. Officially the camp is known as the Woodville Farm Workers Community, Department of Agriculture, Farm Security Administration. Tulare County, one of the nation's wealthiest agricultural counties, is in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. The valley land is flat and dry but fertile, and under it lies the water which is tapped for irrigation. It is ideal for growing our many crops—fruits, olives, hay, alfalfa, grains, and cotton. The roads run straight for endless miles between orchards and fields and occasional pastures for grazing cattle and horses. To the east, rising to relieve the flatness, are the foothills, and beyond them the high Sierras, now a hazy shadow in the distance, but soon to be clear and sharp when winter rains clear the air. The rains which will overflow the long-dry river banks will soon begin. To the west, beyond the horizon, are more hills dividing the valley from the Pacific Coast.

The Woodville camp differs from other migratory camps in this section in that it is newer in its layout, and the nursery school likewise has a newer setup. The camp, however, is similar to other camps in its most important aspects. It serves as a housing project and home community for the migrant families who pick the crops in this fertile valley. It also performs the very important community service of helping these people, through the home management supervisor, the camp manager, the nursery school teachers, and the camp organizations, to manage their many problems of health and welfare, and to obtain the security which is so necessary if they are to move ahead in life.

Migrant families move in and out of camp daily. I see them pass our apartment and the nursery school, for the most part in shaky, decrepit cars bearing Oklahoma or Arkansas license plates. Most of them carry their family possessions tucked in among the children on the back seat, but often a mattress and bed springs—if they are lucky—and a table are strapped to the top. A few have trailers, though they are seldom of the house trailer variety seen along the eastern highways. They are home-made contraptions which serve for carrying household goods, not as living quarters.

On their treks across the country, where no FSA camps existed these families lived as squatters, in fourth-class roadside camps, or in tents erected in convenient fields, there to stay if there were crops to be picked, to move all if no work was available. They keep moving, according to the crops and the rumors of work, from peaches to prunes, to olives and grapes, then on to cotton.

So I see them enter camp and stop at the office where they are assigned a shelter. Our camp, one of the largest which has been set up, houses more than 250
families in shelters and almost 100 more in apartments and garden homes. Shelters are laid out in units of seventy-five, each unit having its own toilet and shower house for the group. One large community laundry serves all residents. A shelter is a one-room home, constructed of corrugated metal, without heat, light, or modern toilet facilities. Nevertheless its clean concrete floor and its sink and stove are a welcome sight to these farm laborers who are accustomed to so much less. There is also an iron bedstead, for which a mattress must usually be made. The materials and instructions can be obtained in the sewing room, thanks to surplus commodities and the home management supervisor.

Residents who get fairly permanent work near the camp, and who can afford to pay $8.20 per month rent, may apply for residence in an apartment or individual garden home. Garden homes are the same size as apartments, but are laid out like any single home and have larger gardens to be maintained. All campers, regardless of their living accommodations, are requested to keep their gardens under control, but standards are quite varied. There is also land available for gardening on a larger scale, as a community or individual project, and many vegetables are grown right here in camp. Chickens and cows are also maintained on the premises. Near the garden homes and apartments are the community buildings—the cooperative store, the office and warehouse, and the larger center building which houses sewing room, gym, auditorium, and the nursery and grammar schools. Two miles away is the crossroads hamlet of Woodville, and eight miles east is Porterville, a large main-street town. Two movies, several drygoods stores, and many drugstores attract the population for miles around.

The home management supervisor and I share an apartment. It is similar to an eastern row-house, since it is exactly like the five other apartments to which it is horizontally attached. Our apartment was planned to accommodate a family of six, and on the ground floor has a good sized all-purpose room for dining, living and cooking, and above has two small bedrooms with closets and a bath. The floor is cement, the walls are of plywood, the ceilings of beaverboard. We have an ice-box, a butane stove and separate heater, plenty of tables and hard chairs, and a comfortable couch. Upstairs we have a shower bath and single beds with inner-springs mattresses. We consider ourselves very lucky, for we obtained the luxurious beds only after moving out two double-sized bedsteads. Can you imagine my surprise when I discovered on my bedstead a black widow spider with whom I had been sleeping the first three weeks?

But to return to the job and life here in camp. Between the two teachers and all the parent help we can muster (it now averages one or two mothers each day, irregular but helpful, and wonderful for parent education) we carry a ten-hour program, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in two shifts for children up to five, the naughts to fives, as the British phrase it. We stagger our shifts, 7 to 2 and 10 to 5, with the teacher taking the earlier shift also carrying the administrative work. Shifts are rotated every two weeks. I have just finished a period of early shift during which I have had to cope with a new cook, a new sleeping room arrangement, now much bigger and more satisfactory than before, a new janitorial system, meal planning for the month with appropriate food purchases, plus the usual run of records and reports, building up the parent participating program, and caring for the children. Writing it down makes it seem a terrific task, but it really has been surprisingly easy. For that fact, I must undoubtedly thank my various masters and alma maters, among them the Bank Street schools of New York and Connecticut College.

The nomadic kind of life our children lead reflects itself everywhere in the nursery school. To the casual passerby the school must certainly sound like an institute of child murder rather than a substitute home where we try to make the children happy and secure. We have a constant
turnover of enrolment. Each morning I wonder how many of the children who came the previous day will return, how many will have moved out of camp, how many new ones will have moved in. There are new children every day, the majority of whom have never been separated from their parents, and oh, the accompanying tears, which in professional circles are not considered unusual in the first few days of adjustment. Previously, when their parents worked in the fields, these children went to the fields too, and played at the ends of the cotton rows or beneath the fruit trees. Because we do not whip or spank the children in nursery school we have gained the reputation of spoiling them. Adult education is sorely needed; few of our parents ever reached high school, many never finished the third grade. These parents, some of them at least, are proud and will not send their children to school if they cannot clothe them adequately. One little boy of five, asked what he would do if he could earn $100 every week, said he would buy a thousand pairs of shoes and give them to school children who did not have any.

I was talking only yesterday with a twelve-year old boy who had wandered into nursery school at closing time looking for work to do. He fixed the children's combs in the bathroom for me and exclaimed at the number we had. Foolishly, I explained that even with that large number we did not have enough. "I wish I had a comb," he said. "I use my mother's at home but if I had one of my own, I'd take it to school so I could comb my hair there."

Many of our children do beautiful art work and interesting dramatic play. Every day, groups of children load up all the domestic toys—dolls, beds, chairs, blankets—into a wagon, tie the wagon to a tricycle and "move." It is not surprising that they play at moving so frequently, for they are accustomed in real life to constant packing and unpacking, moving from one place to another. An odd game played by older children on our circular jungle-gym is a form of tag called "Black Widow." They know from experience that such spiders are to be avoided.

Many of the pictures painted in nursery school depict trailers and automobiles, and they frequently show drinking fountains (bubblers) or toilets with abnormally prominent "flushers" because we have flush toilets in the nursery school, and many of our children have never used them before coming to us.

As we look ahead to the coming months there is much work in view. We must find a good way to cut down our large army cots for the children to sleep on, find a better way to keep our meagre equipment in repair. We will need some sort of foot protection for the approaching rainy season, and toys for the youngest children. I must find some large packing cases for outdoor use, and we must construct one or two tables for our new playroom. We must get money from the camp council for material for bibs, for combs, and a hundred other items. We must start a parents club and plan a course in child care for the eighth grade girls.

It is difficult at times when we know what should be done and are unable, because of lack of personnel or funds or time, to do it. But when I think of the service we are able to give our parents and children, when I see a real gain in individual cases, and real gains in terms of my own experience and usefulness, I am reassured that this kind of war work is really worth while. And war work it is, permitting mothers to work in our crops, with children safe at home, and contributing to the health, energy, and morale of the whole family.
Alumnae Council Holds First Annual Meeting

“Only an informed alumna can be an intelligent alumna,” said Miss Florence Snow, general secretary of the Smith College Alumnae Association, in her opening address at the meeting of the Alumnae Council held on campus on November 7 and 8, 1942. Miss Snow’s statement might well become the slogan of the Council, since one of the important functions of Council is to inform the Councilors of all phases of college and alumnae activity. The Council membership is composed of one representative from each class and one from each chapter (chosen by the classes and chapters), the Alumnae Fund workers, and the members of the Executive Board. The membership of the Council will vary each year, as no chapter or class should send the same member for two years in succession. It is naturally desirable that as many alumnae as possible should participate in the Council meetings, therefore, beginning with the president, memberships should rotate among the various class and chapter officers.

In addition to Alumnae Council work Alumnae Association affairs can be divided roughly into three groups, those dealing with class, Alumnae Fund, and chapter activities. In planning the program of the first meeting of the Council guests from Alumnae Associations of other groups were invited to speak on the problems of these three different groups. Miss Snow opened the Council by outlining the aims and opportunities of Alumnae Councils. Her stimulating talk made clear to the Councilors the importance of a Council not only as a means of disseminating correct information about the college and the Alumnae Association, but also as a group which would undoubtedly initiate projects of importance.

Excellent addresses on chapter, class, and Alumnae Fund work were given in separate sessions by Miss Marjorie Shea, Executive Secretary of the Simmons College Alumnae Association; Mrs. Helen Mansfield, of the Wellesley Alumnae Office staff, and Miss Phyllis Merrill, an Alumnae Fund Class Agent of the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Association. Because of lack of space it is not possible to publish in the News the addresses of all the speakers. Miss Snow’s talk will be printed and sent to class and chapter presidents, and to Alumnae Fund workers. The general purposes of an Alumnae Council were so excellently outlined by Miss Snow that the address can be kept by the classes and chapters and lent annually to representatives who will attend the Council. Miss Shea’s talk on the work of chapters is printed in this issue of the News.

The dinner, with Miss Blunt as the guest of honor and speaker, was most instructive and most helpful to alumnae, every one of whom was deeply concerned about the effects of the war on the college. As usual, Miss Blunt answered questions freely and in detail. Such a meeting, when the president and the alumnae can talk informally on all manner of subjects, must surely remain a featured part of every Alumnae Council meeting.

The symposium, “The College Today,” at which one alumna (Esther Batchelder ’19) and four members of the faculty spoke on various phases of the college curriculum, was extraordinarily successful, because of both the brilliant chairmanship of Mrs. Morisson, secretary of the college Board of Trustees, and the excellent talks by the speakers. After the meeting Miss Snow showed some delightful colored pictures of the WAVEs in action at Northampton.

The Sunday morning business meeting
was also outstanding among business meetings in that practically all the fifty people present participated in the discussions, a fact which speaks well for the future of the Council as an active group.

Under most trying circumstances—the leaving of two cooks during the weekend, uncertain waitress service, the difficulty of obtaining food on time—Miss Harris gave the Councilors food that could not possibly have been better or more attractively served. The faculty, who generously opened their homes for overnight guests, also played a large part in making the Council, the first annual Council, a memorable event.

Each Councilor will report back to the group which she represented, and undoubtedly many interesting details of the meeting will be reported in the chatty and personal style which will be so welcome to alumnae whose thoughts invariably turn toward New London every Fall.

The following alumnae were elected officers of the Alumnae Council for next year: Chairman, Virginia Eggleston Smith '24, Cleveland, Ohio; Finance Chairman, Ruth Griswold Henderson '31, Philadelphia; Class Chairman, Janet Fletcher '41, Mount Vernon, New York; Fund Chairman, Jane Moore Warner '31, Rochester, New York; Chapter Chairman, Elizabeth Filding '38, Washington, D.C.; Council Secretary, Mary Anna Lemon '42, Providence, Rhode Island. Advisory: Rosamond Beebe Cochran '26, New York; Melicent Wilcox Buckingham '31, Southport, Conn.; Normah Kennedy Mandell '29, Cleveland; Carman Palmer '38, Maplewood, New Jersey. Ex Officio: President, Treasurer, and Executive Secretary of the Alumnae Association.

Program of the Alumnae Council
November 7 and 8, 1942

SATURDAY

Breakfast

Registration, Assignment of Rooms

Luncheon

Emily Warner Caddock, President of the Alumnae Association, presiding

"The Functions and Opportunities of the Alumnae Council"

Frank Loomis Palmer Auditorium, Room 202

Miss Florence Snow, General Secretary of the Smith College Alumnae Association. Kathryn Moss, Executive Secretary of the Alumnae Association, presiding.

Separate Sessions for Chapter, Class, and Alumnae Fund Representatives. Discussion. Auditorium rooms

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Miss Marjorie Shea, Alumnae Secretary, Simmons College, Virginia Eggleston Smith '24, Chairman.

"The Class and the Alumnae Association."


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Alumnae Office, 206 Fanning

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“The Class Agent’s Job”  
Miss Phyllis Merrill, Alumna of Mount Holyoke College, employed by the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Company of New York. Dorothy Feltner Davis ’30, Chairman.

Dinner for all Councilors. President Blunt, guest of honor and speaker. Dress informal.  
Faculty Dining Room, East House

Symposium: “Academic Aspects of the College Today”  
Faculty Lounge, East House

Mrs. James Morrisson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Chairman.

Speakers:

“THE SCIENTIST.” Mr. George Avery, Chairman of the Botany Department.

“The Social Scientist.” Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse, Director of the Institute of Women’s Professional Relations, and member of the Department of Economics and Sociology.

“The Historian.” Mr. C. M. Destler, Chairman of the Department of History and Government.

“The Musician.” Mr. Arthur W. Quimby, Chairman of the Music Department.

SUNDAY

Breakfast

Room 202, Auditorium

Dinner

The Engagement Calendar being sold by each Alumnae Chapter. Each calendar is 6x8, and contains 56 new, full-page photographs in warm gravure opposite a week-by-week reminder for your engagements. Further details will be found on page 31.
Present Day Responsibilities
Of Alumnae Chapters

By Marjorie L. Shea, Executive Secretary,
Simmons College Alumnae Association

Many times when I have had occasion to discuss alumnae chapters, their organization, function, and purpose, I have likened the chapters to the children in the alumnae family. When a chapter functions well, it is like the well-behaved child in the family circle; when it fails to function according to the accepted principles, it becomes a problem child. Falling into the latter category, it receives extra special attention from the parent organization; so a little misbehaving now and then is perhaps a good thing. Today, however, even the best behaved chapters present new and rather disquieting problems. One cannot enter into a discussion at any length on any subject without coming head on to the changed outlook which the present day world forces upon all of us. In your Council meetings this week-end, you will inevitably be presented with alumnae and college activities as they are related to the major concerns of every true American. The temptation is great for all of us to generalize—and the tendency is to confuse issues. My assignment is to discuss the present-day responsibilities of alumnae chapters. I shall endeavor to restrict myself to just that; but, before particularizing, let me say that I believe these responsibilities are fundamentally the same today as they were yesterday, or even last year.

A survey of the set-up of the Connecticut College Alumnae Chapters shows them to be parallel in most respects to the Simmons College Alumnae Clubs. You have eighteen chapters; we have twenty clubs. The membership of the chapters varies considerably; and, in our case, the activity ranges from two meetings a year in our state clubs to eight or ten meetings a year in our metropolitan groups. Because of these varying elements which go into the making of an alumnae chapter, in many respects, while each chapter is organized under the same constitution, each is permitted considerable latitude in its development. We recognize the necessity for this; and we also recognize certain dangers in this independence. Even in normal times these facts must be taken into consideration in the interests of the most effective development of the different chapters. In spite of the differences which we acknowledge must exist, however, the one fact which we must keep before us—today more than ever before—is the expressed object for which a chapter is formed. Your object is undoubtedly similar to the one which we express in our club constitutions, as follows: "To further the interests of the college, to foster a spirit of allegiance to college ideals, and to strengthen the feeling of unity among its former students and graduates." While the means for accomplishing this objective may be many, there can be no misinterpretation of so simple a statement as to what the objective is. And yet I wonder if many of us, though working with all sincerity, to be sure, have not at times either been tempted to—or actually have strayed away from this professed objective.

From my observations, the greatest danger to the continuing growth and effectiveness of an alumnae chapter comes from the tendency to make of that chapter a purely social organization; or to make it the instrument of some few of the members who, while in good faith, nevertheless use the chapter to develop a pet pro-
ject of their own rather than keeping the program in line with the actual purposes for which the chapter was formed. This may seem a sad commentary, but I believe it to be true, that an alumnae chapter rises and falls in direct relation to the wisdom and strength of its elected leaders. The frequency of change in boards of officers of chapters has its advantages and disadvantages, but in the long run the balance which results from this does seem to outweigh any disadvantages; and consequently, the terms of office prescribed by chapter by-laws should, but with very occasional exceptions, be adhered to in the election of officers.

There are certain fundamentals which may be used as guides by the officers in their conduct of the affairs of any well organized chapter. I suggest a few of these; and would welcome your further suggestions at the conclusion of this paper. In the interests of chapter development along the lines which will render the chapter most useful and helpful to the Alumnae Association and the College, I recommend for your consideration the following:

I. Club Membership
   (a) Ways and means of promoting club membership
      1. Contacting newcomers and really welcoming them
      2. Transportation of members
      3. Frequency of meetings (in normal times)
      4. Variety of programs
      5. Show of interest in individual members
      6. Good publicity

II. Club Meetings
   (a) Advantages of drawing up program for year in advance
      1. List of meeting places for each member
   (b) Division of responsibility for entertaining group
   (c) Variety of meetings
      1. Emphasis always on chapter-Association-college relationship
      2. Speakers from college

3. Speakers on related educational subjects
4. Speakers from the chapter membership
5. Social events (for members and friends; and for undergraduates from area, prospective students, and parents)

III. Club Objectives
   (a) To keep alumnae in touch with college activities
   (b) To assist the college financially with new projects
   (c) To promote favorable publicity for the college at all times
   (d) To assist worthy students through college by means of financial aid
   (d) To stimulate friendships of persons of same college background

If ever we needed to remind ourselves of the “reasons” for the existence of an alumnae chapter; if ever we should conscientiously re-dedicate ourselves to work for the fulfillment of the chapter’s objective, I repeat, that time is right now! “Business as usual” is out, we all know; but that does not give us license to disrupt established and proven practice; or to transfer our energies from the channels where they are desperately needed to the, perhaps, more glamorous paths, where, in reality, these energies become a duplication of other and better directed energies.

To illustrate my point: late last Spring we began to receive numerous letters from our club presidents, asking for suggestions as to how the clubs might do their share in the war effort. We had certain preconceived ideas on this matter, but we believed the clubs had the right to answer it for themselves; and so we asked one of our club presidents to make a survey of the clubs on the question of alumnae club participation in the war effort. The results of this survey, published in the summer issue of our alumnae magazine, confirmed our own convictions in the matter.

Mrs. Coffyn stated in her report:
"That our Simmons alumnae are doing their share in defense work there can be no doubt. Results of the Special Simmons Club Investigation on Defense Activities show that the various clubs, as units, have very little to record in this respect other than a display of interest in the present emergency through their choice of speakers on war work and, occasionally, a small donation to some defense group.

"The activities of the individual club members, however, tell a far different story. It is perhaps only natural that graduates of a vocational college such as Simmons should be especially valuable and useful at a time like this, yet I think you will agree that the variety of defense activities engaged in by our graduates is quite impressive and one of which to be proud.

Of all these clubs, the defense activities of the individual members in the midwestern clubs so far exceed those in our eastern coastal area as to be most noticeable. Whether this is due to our New England complacency or too much reticence, I do not know, but the record of the Cleveland Simmons Club is so fine that it deserves mention and, I am sure, will serve as an inspiration to all of us. Out of the fifty members of the Cleveland Club, forty have taken the twenty-hour Red Cross First Aid Course, twenty-five are Advanced First Aid Graduates, forty knit and sew for the Red Cross, thirty have taken nutrition courses twenty-five have been blood donors, all fifty are engaged in salvage work, and so it goes right down the list. Also on their report are apologetic little notes beside these figures, such as 'more will take later,' 'class just starting,' and 'so far,' so the spirit out there seems to be 100 per cent strong on all war work.

"Five clubs have had speakers on defense subjects while three have done Red Cross sewing and knitting at meetings. Two clubs have given donations of money to the U.S.O. and Red Cross thus far, and one club had invested in a War Bond.

In contrast with the work of the individual club members, that of the clubs may seem anti-climactic. However, the diversity of defense programs and the fact that so many club members have already entered into or are participating in various war projects have without doubt made for a poor showing of war work accomplished by the clubs as units.

"There is, too, the feeling so well stated by the Boston Club, as follows: 'Member comments indicate that already-established community centers should be used, and no attempt made to start new club units of work, although there might be a center for the distribution of knitting, or a definite sewing unit. Surely we should be very careful not to duplicate existing agencies.'"

With the myriad of special agencies set up in all our communities, it appears that our alumnae encounter no difficulty in contributing their utmost, as individuals, to the great war effort. While they may do their share as individuals, we have found in actual cases, that credit is directly reflected to their alma mater by the excellence of performance of their various assignments.

That there is a particular reason why alumnae chapters should continue to function primarily and exclusively in the interests of the college seems to be self-evident; that the need for the chapters to serve their college is greater today than ever before seems obvious; for who of us has not shuddered to read the editor's predictions and the columnist's dire threats as to the future of our colleges? Can we afford to let down in any single way, or divert our least energies from the course that will lend aid and sustenance—both in a spiritual and financial sense—to our particular alma mater in the days of uncertainty ahead? Truly, I believe that not in spite of, but because of the calamitous conditions about us today, our energies must be more forceful, our expressions of faith renewed, and our efforts to give tangible evidence of that faith greatly increased in behalf of our college. That is definitely our particular job; and there is no one else upon whom our alma mater can rely.
New Faculty and Administrative Appointments for 1942-43

The list of new faculty with biographical notes attached makes good reading, and not because it enables us to indulge in the well-remembered student pastime of calculating the ages of the faculty. It indicates so clearly the wide divergences in background and training of the faculty, and the consequent variety of experience and points of view from which our students will benefit.

Dr. Chester McArthur Destler, Professor of History and Chairman of Department

A.B., College of Wooster, 1925; A.M. and Ph.D., University of Chicago. Instructor in history, College of Ozarks; research assistant, University of Chicago; assistant professor, Albion College; professor and chairman of Division of Social Sciences, Georgia Teachers College; Elmira College. Summer school teaching, Tulane, North Carolina, and Cornell Universities. Research on Henry Demarest Lloyd on grants from Rutherford B. Hayes Foundation and American Philosophical Society. Senior author of Studies in Social Progress, Univ. of Ga. Press; many articles, including eight in Dictionary of American History. Mrs. Destler is a graduate of Newcomb College.

Mr. Arthur Westgate Quimby, Professor of Music and Chairman of Department

A.B., Harvard University, 1920; studied organ and theory with Nadia Boulanger, Paris; with Gunther Ramin, Leipzig. Assistant curator of music, Museum of Art, Cleveland; curator; associate professor of music, Flora Stone Mather College in Western Reserve University; professor. Mrs. Quimby is a graduate of Smith College; they have two sons 17 and 14, and a daughter 16.

Miss Dorothy Mateer, Dean of Sophomores and Lecturer in English

A.B., College of Wooster, 1922; A.M., Bryn Mawr; Bedford College, University of London. Instructor in English, College of Wooster; Brearley School; Dalton Schools; member, Central Staff, Cooperative School for Teachers, New York; head of English department, Dalton Schools; Director of curriculum and head of upper school; summer school teaching, University of Chicago and Claremont College. Spent 1940-41 in Brazil, Argentina, and Chile in travel and research. Book now in preparation on Brazil on a grant from Department of State.

Mr. Irving Cannon, Lecturer in Fine Arts

A.B., Antioch College, 1927; A.M., Columbia. Carnegie Foundation grants. Engaged in architecture and allied engineering branches, 1904-24; assistant professor of art and aesthetics and head of department, Antioch College; head of department of history of art, Rhode Island School of Design since 1932. Mrs. Cannon is a graduate of Barnard; they have a married daughter.

Miss Martha R. Alter, Assistant Professor of Music

A.B., Vassar College, 1925; A.M. in Musicology, Columbia; Mus. M. in Composition, Eastman School of Music. University of Rochester. Twice holder of the Vassar Alumnae Fellowship; Vassar 75th Anniversary Publication Award. Lecturer in music, American Laboratory Theatre School, New York; instructor and conductor of orchestra, Vassar; teaching fellow, Eastman School of Music; Instructor, Vassar; visiting lecturer. Composer of over 70 compositions, songs and symphonic works.
Dr. F. Edward Cranz, Instructor in History

Dr. Carmen Aldecoa Gonzalez, Instructor in Spanish
A.B., Oviedo Institute, Oviedo, Spain, 1921; A.M. and Ph.D., University of Madrid. Instructor in natural sciences, University of Madrid; Mieres Institute, Spain; professor, Menendez Pelayo Institute, Santander, Spain; Benicarlo Institute, Valencia; professor, Habana, Cuba; assistant in Spanish, Vassar College, 1 sem., 1941-42; instructor, Mount Holyoke College, 2nd sem. Married.

Mr. David Lincoln Hatch, Instructor in Economics and Sociology

Dr. Jean Vance Johnston, Instructor in Chemistry
A.B., Smith College, 1934; Ph.D., Yale. Teaching and research assistant, Smith College; instructor, Oxford School; asst. prof., chemistry, Woman's College, Furman University.

Dr. Ilda McVeigh, Instructor in Botany
B.S. in Ed., 1931, University of Missouri, M.A., and Ph.D. Assistant in botany, University of Missouri; instructor; research assistant; assistant professor, Northwestern State College; research assistant with Professor Burkholder at Yale. Author of numerous scientific articles.

Dr. Gina G. Racca, Instructor in Italian and French
Chateau Bienvenue, Lausanne, Switzerland; L.L.D., University of Rome, 1923. Teaching experience largely in Italy, where she has published many articles and translations from French and German into Italian. Married.

Dr. Alice Turner Schafer (Mrs. Richard D.) Instructor in Math.
A.B., University of Richmond, 1936; M.S. and Ph.D., University of Chicago. Instructor in mathematics, Glen Allen, Va., High School.

Dr. Vivian Ryan Sutton (Mrs. Walter), Instructor in English
A.B., Oberlin College, 1934; A.M. and Ph.D., Bryn Mawr College. Assistant, Ohio State University; part-time instructor.

Miss Ruth Thomas, Instructor in Physical Education
B.S., Simmons College, 1923; Bouvé School, Boston; M.A. in Physical Education, Teachers College, Columbia. Red Cross Nutritionist, Burlington, Vt.; instructor in physical education, New York City YWCA; Fermata School, Aiken, S. C.; Cornell University, Mississippi State College for Women.

Mrs. Martha Stewart Tupper, Instructor in Home Economics
A.B., University of Mississippi, 1926; M.S., Teachers College, Columbia. Instructor in home economics, Erskine College; Tennessee State Teachers College; Home Service Lecturer, Brooklyn Union Gas Company; Associate Foods Editor, Pictorial Review-Delineator Magazine; Instructor in Demonstration Cookery, N. Y. U. evening school; Director of Home Economics, Pendleton Dudley and Associates, New York, and Servel, Inc., Evansville, Ind. Her small son and her mother will be with her.

Miss Jane Worthington, Instructor in English
A.B., Wells College; A.M., Yale University, and candidate for Ph.D.

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Chapter Notes

Boston

We hope all alumnae are considering giving Christmas gifts of Connecticut College Glassware. Prudence Drake, Box 124, Cambridge, Massachusetts, will take care of your orders immediately. The Fall season opened with a meeting on October 19, with Miss Mateer, new college Dean of Sophomores, as guest speaker. A bridge party on November 16 was the first money-raising project for the Chapter.

Buffalo

Susan Vaughan, Secretary, reports that the Chapter has not yet completed plans for the year. The members do plan to keep together, and try to increase their membership.

Chicago

A tea was held on September 16, at the home of Evelyn Gardner ex '44, in Winnetka, for all Freshmen from Chicago and vicinity. The program for the year will include four luncheon meetings, semi-monthly gatherings for Red Cross work, and two benefits to raise money for the scholarship funds.

Cleveland

The opening meeting was held on September 16 followed by a tea for the undergraduates and incoming Freshmen. The speaker, Mrs. Arthur Shepherd of Cleveland College, discussed plans for the “Peace Table”—the Fall Lecture Series—in which Connecticut has joined Smith, Vassar, Wells, Wellesley, and Cleveland College for seven lectures. A business meeting was held in October to give reports on the progress of the sales of membership cards to Cleveland College. On November 2, Agnes Leahy gave a lecture as Connecticut’s part in the “Peace Table.” It was followed by a chapter luncheon meeting.

Fairfield County, Connecticut

Only two meetings will be held this year because of the difficulty of transportation. First meeting was a covered dish supper on October 5 at the home of Eleanor Harriman Baker in Riverside. Kathryn Moss, Alumnae Secretary, attended the meeting, and the guest speaker was May Bradshaw Hayes, critic and radio commentator, on literature. There will be a Spring meeting in the Bridgeport section of the county.

Hartford


New Haven

The first meeting of the year was held on October 27 at the Yale Faculty Club, when Kathryn Moss brought news from college. In the remaining time, the members made scrap books for some of the Day Nurseries in the vicinity of New Haven.
New Jersey

1941 graduates were in charge of the September 16th meeting at Margaret Stoecker's home in Maplewood, in honor of students entering college this Fall. The October 21st meeting was in Montclair, with "white elephants," brought by members, being auctioned off, in order to increase the Treasury. On December 14 Dean Burdick will be the guest at a dinner meeting in Newark.

New York

All regular meetings will be held at the Hotel New Weston, with dinner at 6:00 and meeting at 7:45. October 7—"We're Off to the War this Winter" Leader: Gloria Hollister Anable, American Red Cross and "Blood Bank." December 8—"They Also Fight for Freedom" Leader: Blanche Finley, French Information Center. February 10—"Our American Outposts" Leader: Emily Mehaffey Lowe. April 19—"Our Youth and the Future" Leader: Agnes Leahy, Girl Scouts of America.

Philadelphia

Previously unreported meetings include the Annual Tea last April. Dr. Cobble-dick brought the latest news from college, and moving pictures were shown while Barbara Estabrook '43 pointed out a few of the highlights of the college from the viewpoint of the student. In May the Chapter entertained Kathryn Moss at a luncheon meeting, and at this meeting the report was given on the fine success of the stamp sales. Nancy Smedley '33 was then awarded the $37.50 in Defense Stamps. The opening meeting this Fall was on September 12, with a luncheon for incoming students.

Providence

The chapter plans to have a meeting every other month, starting with a supper meeting at the Salad Bowl in Providence, on October 14. Mrs. Alfred Potter, Chairman of the Wartime Service Committee of Rhode Island League of Women Voters, was the speaker. A Christmas party, to entertain undergraduates in the vicinity, will be held at the home of Elizabeth Hamblin, President, when she will give a talk on her trip around the world.

Washington

The annual meeting was held in April at the home of John and Elizabeth Phillips. There was a May meeting at Jean Howard's home, and plans were discussed for the chapter picnic on June 18 in Jean Howard's yard, with Mary Mory Schultz and Jean Howard in charge. The opening meeting this season was held at the very attractive home of Margie Abell in Chevy Chase, Maryland, on October 6. Plans were discussed for the Christmas Tea, the chapter's large social event, which is given each year for undergraduates and prospective students.

Westchester

Kay Woodward Curtis reports that plans are under way for four meetings this year. The chapter has given up their usual methods of raising money, because of the emergency, and, instead, are buying a War Bond.

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Treasurer: Beryl Campbell '38, 98 South Morris Lane, Scarsdale, New York.  

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**New Appointments**  
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**Miss Mary Rebecca Old, Research Assistant in Botany**  
B.S., College of William and Mary, 1941; A.M., Radcliffe College. Instructor in summer session, College of William and Mary Norfolk Division.  

**Miss Mary Elizabeth Sanders, Research in Botany**  
A.B., Mount Holyoke College, 1938; M.S., Cornell. Research assistant, Carnegie Institution, Cold Spring Harbor; instructor, All Saints School, Sioux Falls, S.D.  

**Miss Dorothea Burton, Assistant and Secretary to Dean of Students**  
B.Mus., Converse College, 1929; A.M., Teachers College, Columbia. Private piano teaching and church music; secretary to dean and registrar, Asheville Teachers College; secretary, Medical Social Service, St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn; secretary, College Department, The Macmillan Company.  

**Miss Shirley Austin, Part-time Assistant in Chemistry**  
A.B., Connecticut College, 1942.
1919

Grace Cockings, Correspondent, 82 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, Conn.

Charlotte Keefe has just had the honor of being appointed head of the Dalton schools to succeed Miss Parkhurst, the founder, Lil Shadd Elliott reports several items: Rena Broderick Collins, who lives just around the corner from Lil, is with the Red Cross. Two years ago Lil visited Mad Rowe Blue in her charming home in East Liverpool, Ohio. Lil has heard from Hazel Woodhall Cline, who lives in La Jolla, California and sent snapshots of her “handsome son and good-looking daughter.” Mabel Torrey ex’20 and her grown up twin daughters live in Pasadena. Lil is active in U.S.O. and Y. work, plays bridge, keeps house, and owns an Irish terrier. Priscilla Ford Schenke and family spent their vacation at Lake Waramaug, Conn., instead of going to Vermont as formerly. Juline and her husband went to their Colebrook, Conn. camp for two weeks and visited relatives in Wisconsin. Dorothy Upton ex’19 spent two weeks at Lake Placid and took a course at Columbia in “Problems of Reconstruction after the War.” Sue Wilcox went to Maine for the month of August. Dorothy Gray Manion’s husband has been transferred to Lowell, Mass., after a year in Denver. Ev Bitgood Coulter writes that Jane had a job in a golf ball factory this summer. Jane has sent in her application to C.C. and will be ready to enter next fall. Prent has a fine new position with a famous settlement house in Boston. Ruth Potter has moved to 16 Evergreen Ave., New London.

1920

Betty Rumney Poteat, Correspondent, Sport Hill Pkwy., Easton, Route 1, Bridgeport, Conn.

Alice Gardner Crawford is now living at 24 Claire St., Great Neck, N. Y. and has two children, Steven 10 and Elizabeth 8. Leah Pick Silber and her daughter Janet spent six weeks at Bishop’s Lodge, Santa Fe, N. M. this summer. Leah is working two days a week at Red Cross as Staff Assistant. In June Mary Siegel spent a weekend with Teed. The Poteats were invited to the Baldwins’ for supper to see Brader, and we had a grand old reunion. In August Al Schell visited both Teed and me, and what a treat it was to see her! She is looking well and enjoying her new home in Akron. She spent two weeks with her mother in Colebrook and while there saw Billy Williams Baker, Dot Stelle Stone, and Feta Perley Reiche. Dave writes of the need to send in Class dues. Won’t you send yours now? Dave’s daughter, Eynon, is a senior in high school this year.

1921

We are delighted to learn that Marion Bedell has had three short stories accepted for publication in the magazine, Girlhood Days. Marion says, “They are boarding school and college stories, partly imaginary and partly true.” Their titles are “Never Again!,” “Enough is Enough!,” and “True to the Red, White, and Blue.” We are anxious to read them.

1923

Mary Langenbacher Clark, Correspondent, 62 Dryden Rd., Upper Montclair, N. J.

Louise Lindeman Landres has moved to West Springfield, where her husband is Executive Secretary of the Community Y.M.C.A. She keeps busy with P.T.A. work, Woman’s Club, and Woman’s Church Society. Louise writes, “We couldn’t have chosen a better place to live, though my life is much more hectic here than it ever was in New York. Anna, 11, entered junior high this fall; and Harriet, 10, is enjoying her small school.”

Mary Birch Timberman’s son, Tim, is now in his second year at Andover. Mary won the governor’s cup in golf at the Pelham Country Club and was runner-up in the championship.
Our sympathy to Ethel Ayers, whose father died suddenly at the end of September.

Jane Gardner has been very busy, teaching at the University of Delaware, exhibiting pictures in about six shows every year, and writing articles on art and art education. Last winter Jane had the honor of being elected to membership in the National Association of Women Artists.

Betty Moyle Gold's oldest son, “our class boy,” who was eighteen in June, is studying radio at the extension course of the University of Connecticut and working days at Station WDRC in Hartford. When he finishes his course, he intends to join the Signal Corps. Betty's second son is preparing to enter aviation as soon as he is eighteen.

1924

DOROTHEA CRAMER, Correspondent, 113 Pearl St., Torrington, Conn.

Hunken has turned the correspondent's job over to me along with the news she gleaned at a recent luncheon with Maddy Foster Conklin, Ellen McCandless Britton, and Merial Cornelius Carton. “Ellen visited Maddy for a few days, while her husband was North managing the All-Star Army football team. As soon as the series was over, he expected to join the Army Air Force. Neil's husband is in training in Miami, and is to be commissioned in the Army Air Force.”

Barbara Kent Kepner writes from Logan, Utah, where she has lived for twelve years: “Harold is Professor of Civil and Sanitary Engineering at Utah State Agricultural College. Janet, 14, is a sophomore in high school; Philip, 10, is in fifth grade; and Harry, almost 6, started first grade this fall. Besides my housework I have done knitting and sewing for Red Cross, entertained Marines, and made cookies for the U.S.O. This winter I'll be Worthy Matron of our Eastern Star chapter, take part in the ladies organization meeting at church, give a talk on health and recreation for children at a P.T.A. meeting, and be chairman of a church bazaar.” Two years ago the Kepners moved into their own home, a Cape Cod style house unusual in that locality. As there are no defense industries in Logan, Barbara says it is just about the most peaceful spot on earth these days.

Marie Jester writes from Northampton, Mass., where she is Executive Secretary of the Children's Aid Association in Hampshire County: “I keep busy planning for my 70 children and adjusting their problems and those of their families. Besides the regular work we have many new problems arising from the war situation.” Marie is on the Civilian Defense committee, has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Northampton Council of Social Agencies for two years, and is an enthusiastic member of the Zonta Club. She has a three-room apartment in an old fashioned house.

From Elizabeth Armstrong Hyde ex '24 in Harrison, N. Y. came a friendly note with the news that she has a six-foot, fourteen year old son who started boarding school this fall.

Doris Miner Chester in Wethersfield writes that her young son is nearly eight and loves school. Her step-son, who attended the Coast Guard Academy, is now a lieutenant in the Navy somewhere in the Pacific. Dot is a step-grandma, too. She is active in the League of Women Voters and enthusiastic about their war program. The August Readers Digest article, “Man-Salvage Clinic,” describes the work her husband is doing in placing the physically handicapped men and women of Connecticut in war industries. Dot says her husband is so busy that she almost has to make an appointment to see him.

Elizabeth Holmes is Chief of Social Service at the Judge Baker Child Guidance Clinic in Boston. Much to her embarrassment the Boston College of Social Work listed her as Assistant Professor of Field Work; so she feels that she has a lot to live up to. This summer Betty worked as volunteer assistant at the Travelers’ Aid Desk in the South Station, though she also had a little vacation on Gotts Island off the coast of Maine. Betty also reports that Aura Kepler works as a volunteer nurse at the Massachusetts General Hospital, that Jo Burnham Ferguson is the mother of two girls, and that Emily Mehaeffey Lowe and her husband are living in a charming garden apartment in Englewood, N. J.

From Catharine Holmes Brandow in San Diego came news of her Play Yard
Nursery School for ten children. "I work about eighteen hours a day, but enjoy being my own supervisor. Many of the daddies of the children are in the service, and some of the mothers are swing-shifters." Catts and her husband have bought a home on the highway leading through Mission Hills down to the Marine Base and airports, and are renting rooms to officers. Walt, her husband, has been teaching driving in his duo-control car and has instructed some ambulance drivers. Baird is in second grade and is already keen on science.

Harriet Warner had an unusual summer. She taught three education courses at the University of Oregon extension in Portland, and did some work at a Japanese internment camp.

1925

Catherine Calhoun, Correspondent, 44 Cook St., Torrington, Conn.

According to the newspaper, Dorothy Wigmore is teaching in her home town of Middletown, after being in Litchfield for several years.

Via a "grapevine" who prefers to remain anonymous, a few facts concerning erstwhile classmates are hereby revealed. Grace Demarest Wright's husband is in the Army, and she is moving to Arkansas to be near him. Betsy Allen is in New York, job hunting. Sally Crawford Maschal is doing Red Cross work in Norwalk. She and her family vacationed à la bicycle. Alice Barrett Howard is in Wayne, Pa. with her two children, Betsy and David. Janet Goodrich Dresser and her family spent the summer at Lake George, Wales, Mass.

Connie Parker was prompt in her reply to a request for news. I suppose she voiced the sentiments of many of you when she said, "Like everybody I'm very busy, but it wouldn't make interesting reading in the News." But, if you all feel that way, what is going to happen to the column? After all it's yours. Won't you all try to make at least one contribution this year?

1926

Katherine Colgrove, Correspondent, 47 Windsor St., Waterbury, Conn.

Birth: On August 14, a daughter, Joan, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Sis Angier) Thiel. Sis, who lives at 66 Parker Rd., Wellesley, Mass., also has a two year old son, Jerry. This brings '26's quota of babies up to 92—43 girls and 49 boys.

Betsy Linsley Hollis, who is living at South Shore Rd., Paget, W. Bermuda, writes of her two sons: "Anthony is two, and Stuart is five months, both tow-heads. Their daddy is of Danish and English descent, and the children look English. They have dual citizenship, as I have—British and American. Kay Bailey writes that she is keeping house for her father in Winona, Minn. She is also assistant in charge of a surgical dressing unit. Betty Lee is teaching English in the Windsor high school. Each summer she studies at Harvard University, where she has nearly completed the requirements for Master of Arts in the teaching of English. Kay King Karslake in spite of four children is a member of the Women's Republican Club in Kenilworth, Ill., is a war bond block worker, and is taking the Red Cross Home Nursing Course. Art Muirhead Kimball sends a newsy letter from Swampscott, Mass. She speaks of her two lively young daughters and says that she recently had a visit from Betty Phillips. Betty is at Jellif's in Washington, D. C. Peg Smith Hall has moved from Norfolk, Va. to the Coast Guard Training Station at Manhattan Beach. Jessie Williams Kohl, now secretary-statistician in the Medical Research Division of the Submarine Base in New London, "works with a group of doctors, psychologists, and psychiatrists on several projects of a confidential nature. I enjoy the work and the congenial group of associates as well as the feeling that I am having a part in the war effort." Among literary ex-members are Dot Ducas Herzog; Leo Oakes, co-editor of the Onlooker, a shopping column of the Hartford Times; and Mary Philip Alves, an editor of Life. Does anyone know the address of Louise Gunther Jenkins? Peg Sterling Norcross has received a letter from President Blunt thanking the class for its reunion gift to the Leib memorial scholarship. Fran Green spent a two weeks' vacation hiking in Vermont near the Canadian border. She reports that 15 of the class have sent in their $5.00 dues and 3 their war bond money.
BARBARA TRACY COOGAN, Correspondent, 236 Greendale Ave., Needham, Mass.

Officers elected at reunion are: President, Florence Hopper Levick; Secretary, Frances Williams Wood; Treasurer, Mary Jerman; Reunion Chairman, Elizabeth Fowler Coxe; Representative to Alumnae Council, Mary Crofoot De Gange. No doubt we all had good reasons for not appearing at reunion, but here are the two best ones to date. Born to Margaret Rich Raley, a son, William Franklin, on May 16 and to Esther Chandler Taylor, a daughter, Mary Hale, on June 12.

Although I missed reunion myself, I had a few individual reunions this spring that took the edge off my disappointment. On May day my two daughters and I descended upon Peggy Battles Barber for a weekend. The Barbers are enjoying a new Dutch colonial home in the country (89 Prospect Hill, Windsor, Conn.). Peggy’s children, Tommy 6 and Edith Mary 8, and my two had a glorious time together while their mothers talked back over 15 years. Harriet Taylor La Montagne drove over from Chaffee School for an afternoon. She spends her weekends in Palmer, Mass., where her husband is now purchasing agent for a glider factory.

On Decoration Day, Thistle McKee Bennett and her new family—including husband Toscan and sons John and Michael, who were visiting in Boston—picked with us. Helen was then a public health officer in Albany; but the Bennetts are now living at 24 Vernon Terrace, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Va. Toscan was called to Washington as head of the Gas Division of the W.P.B., and Thistle has taken over the pediatric practice of a doctor from Alexandria.

Word has just reached me of the marriage of Madelyn Clish to Max Wankmiller on Sept. 22. They will live in New Britain, Conn.

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

Marriage: Fran Fenton in July to F. MacMurtrie.

Skeets Ewing, the only one who has written about doing war work, has had a job since spring with the Army as computer at the Ballistic Research Lab., Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. She hopes to be transferred to the Public Relations Office of the Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Md., where “the work will be more in my line.”

Among those whose husbands are out of the country is Connie Jacobsen Cade, who, with her small son, is living with her mother in Glen Ridge. Mary Scattergood Norris wrote Fran Wells Vroom that she and her two daughters are well and happy except for the fact that her husband, Bob, is on a hospital ship somewhere. Fran had her usual summer vacation at Southold; and you will be glad to learn that her small daughter, Barbara, who had such a hard time getting her health built up, is fine now and cute as a kitten. Fran reports that Winnie Link Stewart is fine, Anne Carol, Winnie’s oldest, started nursery school this fall and loves it. Gertrude Reaske Bliss entertained Allie Russell Reaske ’32, her husband, and two children this summer. Mary Bond Blake and her family are fine.

PEG Burroughs Kohr keeps busy push-
ing the mop around, etc. She told me that Polly Seavey Lee has moved into her own home in Short Hills, N. J. Address, Polly? Peg saw Mary Walsh Gamache, who was ill last winter but is well on the gain. I heard indirectly that Kay Congdon Tupper ex ’29 is still in Southampton and is a member of the Board of Education. Nice going, Kay! Had a card from Zeke Speirs in September after she returned from a bicycle trip in New Jersey. As for myself I haven’t anything unusual to report except that we had a swell vacation at the Jersey shore and got plenty of sunshine to help us through the winter ahead.

1930

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

Mercer Camp Stone wrote a long letter while recuperating from a siege with all in infection. She spent part of her summer at an interesting island off Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Her family includes 2 daughters: Ann Gwendolyn, 10, who has dark hair and blue eyes and rates all A’s in school, and Carolyn Mercer, 5, who is blonde and has no use for school. Mercer keeps busy with a Sunday School class, a Girl Scout troop, and collections for various drives. She is also president of the Buffalo alumnae chapter. Fran Gabriel has two lovely daughters, and is as efficient as ever in her household and her entertaining. Ginny Williams and her young daughter are living with her family, and Ginny is working at Halles. Sunny Barry Hildebrandt is running in circles taking care of her house and two boys and working for the Red Cross. She said Dean had recently been in the hospital recovering from an operation. She also mentioned that Gwen and Betty were fine. Uffie Cooper Carroll spent the summer at Meredith Neck, N. H., where Betty Edwards visited her for a week. On their way up, they called on Mary Nichols Connell ex ’30, who has twins, a boy and a girl aged 8, and lives in South Norwalk, Conn. Uffie also stopped in Boston to see Benny and her twin daughters, Heidi and Wendy, who were a year old in October. The Manns have bought a house in Weston, near Wellesley, Mass. Betty Capron spent her summer in Baltimore recovering from an operation. She had heard from Marian Geer, who was returning to her teaching job this fall, and from Peggy Litch Redlack, whose address is 219 N. Race St., Statesville, N. C. Peggy’s son Kimball is now 5 feet tall. Helen Oakley is Mrs. Ralph Rockhold, has a baby, and lives in Montclair (details?). Kentie, now in England, has bumped into Dot Stevens ’32, who is a secretary at the hospital where Kentie is stationed. Hildegarde Harper, who lives in Great Barrington, Mass., had the misfortune to have her house burn with the loss of everything including a car. She has taken lessons and studied dancing in Memphis, Tenn., and received a degree. Your correspondent spent her vacation near Wolfeboro, N.H., enjoying the swimming and cool mountain air. I tried to call on Meg Jackman Gesen in Concord, but found that she was vacationing in New York. Evelyn Jerals and I meet for lunch occasionally, and help run the New Haven Public and Yale University libraries. Marita Gunther Williams has given up her job at the N. Y. Coffee Exchange to keep house for her husband. Penlla Langenau is a private secretary with the Bell Telephone Laboratories, where Kay Halsey Ripper’s husband also works. Gertrude (Dingbat) Kahne has a new job in the Sociology Division of the Cleveland Public Library.

1931

ACHSAH ROBERTS FENNEIL, Correspondent, 96 Sarles Lane, Pleasantville, N. Y.

Yvonne Carns Wofan writes from Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge that she lives on an old farm and spends most of her time trying to keep her two-year old daughter out of mischief. Bookie Mayo is Mrs. George Young and lives at 113 Grove Ave., Washington Grove, Md. Her husband is a pathologist with the Department of Agriculture. The first four years of her married life were spent in Ames, Iowa, where son Philip was born. Bookie reports that Eleanor Wirsing was married to Paul Usinger about three years ago and, when last heard from, was living at 128 Dunlap St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Does anyone know Gwen MacFarren’s present address? Jane Williams Howell (Mrs. John R.), 2930 Chadbourne Rd., Shaker Heights, O., has
a daughter, Delinda Jane, born in July. She occasionally sees Loie Truesdale Gasher, who lives outside Pittsburgh, also Kay Bradley and Caz Wood. Mary Reed Stewart of 20 Graham Terrace, Montclair, N. J. has a two-year old son. She says that Betsy Schabille Grimes has moved to Louisville, Ky. and that Betsy Junior, aged three, is "adorable." Dot Duff Smith was married in June, 1929 to Yale boy-friend, Mercer Smith. They live at 1506 44th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. and have two children: Duff, ten, and Elizabeth, seven. Dot keeps in touch with two other ex-members, Inez Frankman Lind (Mrs. Herbert) and Betty Clo. Esther Shepardson Clark has two sons: Lewis, aged 4, and Malcolm, born April 25. She lives on North St., Middlebury, Conn. Evelyn Whittmore Moods lives nearby in Watertown. Since August, 1941 Helen Childsey has been a companion to an invalid, and they are now in Miami. In July Dot Cluthe Schoof and family moved into their new home at 39 Macopin Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J. Marion Hopwood Kelly has a son, Denise, four years old. Betty Snowden Marshall has two children: Joan, six and a son, born in June, 1941. Elizabeth Metzger Brady's three children—John, 9, Dicky, 7, and Deborah, 3—enjoy playing with Izzie Rieley Armington's son, Chuck. Honey's father is head of sugar rationing in Painesville. Harriet Hickok Hardy spent her vacation in Hollis, N. H. As program chairman for the Cleveland C.C. alumnae chapter, she instituted the selling of stamps and bonds at the Statler Hotel, making C. C. the first group to sponsor a booth in Cleveland. Now other college groups have adopted the idea. Anne Ebsen Buckley's husband is going to be an Army aviator, and Anne says Jerry Smith's husband is stationed in San Francisco. C. B. Rice gave a fine display of portraits of children at the Pleasantville P. T. A., of which I am program chairman. Bonnie Bahney's little girl's picture drew "O's" and "Ah's" from those present—she is a beautiful child.

1932

Isabelle Bartlett Hogue, Correspondent, 113 Vesper St., Akron, O.
The old standbys have come through again! Jimmie Wyeth Jones' postcards are a revelation. I wish more of you would acquire the habit. Jimmie's husband is "slaving on problems involved in Aviation Medicine." Being in Washington, Jimmie reports on many of our wandering classmates. Ellie Roe Merrill is trying to keep up with her husband's many transfers in the Army Air Force. In one stop-over, she and Lois Saunders '32 saw one another frequently. Ruth Seaver Hubbell's husband is with W.P.B. in Washington. Let us know your address soon, Ruthie. Sue Comfort is back in the Capitol, where she is working with the British Purchasing Commission.

Ruth Baylis writes that Mary Kent has joined the Waacs and is in training at Des Moines. Faith Conklin Hackstaff with her husband and young son has returned to Huntington, L. I. after a year's residence in California. Peg Salter Ferris has moved to 97 Lincoln St., Montclair, N. J. While on vacation she and Charli visited Mary Butler Melcher, who now boasts a daughter, Lynn, born in May, and two sons, John and William. Since Peg's visit in July, Mary and family have moved to California. She told Peg about some interesting letters from Dot Stevens, who is serving with a medical unit in Oxford, England.

Marion Nichols Arnold writes that her husband is now with the W.P.B. in Syracuse, N. Y. Jean Williams Smith has moved back to Washington, D.C. (3985 Blaine St., N.E.). The balance of the news involves unconfirmed visits by the stork. Will all of you fond mamas please drop me a card with details as to the latest arrivals?

1933

Jerry Wertheimer, Correspondent, 6132 Kingsbury Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.
Marriage: Dorothy Krall to Sanford B. Newman at Takoma Park, Md. on August 2.
Births: To Anna May Derge Gilimer (210 McKinlee Ave., Annapolis, Md.), a son, Charles Voit, on July 30. To Alma Bennett Belknap, a son, John Paul, on May 28. A son, David Seymour, to Marjorie Seymour Martin on July 16.
Addresses: Janet Swan Eveleth, High Farms Rd., W. Hartford, Conn. Dot
Hamilton Algire, 403 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, Md. Susan Crawford Stahman, 496 Heckman St., Philipsburg, N. J.

Jessie Wachenheim Burack is now in Texas, where her husband is a major in the Army. I had a grand newsy letter from Ruth Ferree Wessels and Alma Bennett Belknap. Ruth's really been around and seems to be up on all Blackstone news. She's been to Detroit twice. Once she spent the day with Lou Cain Dalzell and Marge Miller Martin; and the other time she, Ginnie Schanher, and Winnie Coffin "had lunch together, noisily but with dignity, at L'Aiglon," after which they went to watch Winnie rehearsing in *My Sister Eileen*. Beano Jones and Ruth were the only living members of '33 at Class Day this June and must have just missed Gay Stephens, who was there in May at a conference. Thanks for all the news. It's been a real pleasure cutting this column instead of padding it!

Keep me cutting, please!

1934

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

*Marriages:* Mary Curnow to John H. Berger, June 29 at Little Rock, Ark. Betty Hershey to Walter J. Lutz.


Andy Crocker is having her "adult training" at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston. I worked this summer at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, Mass, on the obstetrical floors—the birth rate is certainly going up! Dody Merrill Dorman's husband is a doctor in the Navy. Martha Prendergast is doing Girl Scout work. Alice Taylor Gorham's husband is now Director of Vocational Guidance at the University of Rochester. Alice says she has "retired" to care for baby daughter, Nancy. She has, however, published no less than five learned articles in the last year!

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the following: Serena Blodgett Ashley, Anna Burke, Winifred Burroughs, Helen Lavietes Krosnick, Helen Laycock Olmstead, Elizabeth Keep, Jeanne Hunter, Grace Cavin, Barbara Meaker Walker, Mary McCroskey La Prelle, Fannie Rasin, Barbara Ross, Frances Way Weir, Margaret Worthy?

1935

**MARGARET WATSON O'NEILL, Correspondent, 92 Court St., Keene, N. H.**

*Marriages:* Joey Ferris to Julius C. Ritter on Dec. 20, 1941. Address: Apt. 20, 917-18th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Rushie Rush to B. J. Caldwell in Pasadena some time last spring. Bill is a UCLA graduate, librarian by profession and welder by trade. Mary Savage to Robert T. Collins on Sept. 12. Hughes Wasley, Bobby Rohrmayer Otis, and Hazel Depew Holden were in the wedding party. Mary and Bob's address is 159 Ashley St., Hartford, Conn.

*Births:* Jimmy Francis Toye has a daughter, Mary, born Aug. 26, 1941, and a son born October 7, 1942. Address: 241 Norwich Rd., Wisbech, Combs, Eng. She receives the *News* regularly and would be interested in letters from her classmates. Her husband is living at home and commuting to work. Ed Grubner Gilman's daughter, Faith Anne, was born Oct. 30, 1941, Ed's third wedding anniversary. To Pudge Sawettle Ehrlich, a daughter, Sally Stearns, on June 15. Pudge's new address is 50 Fayerweather St., Cambridge, Mass. We are very sorry to hear of the death of Pudge's father. To Babs Stott Tolman, a daughter, Nancy Sears, on June 14, just twelve hours after Babs had broken two ribs. All is well now, and the baby is fine. To Gert Park Fletcher, a daughter, Penelope Lee, on Sept. 17. Address: 1519 E. 21st St., Tulsa, Okla. To Gerry Fitzgerald Warne, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born March 11, 1941. Gerry is now in Yonkers. To M. T. Watson O'Neill, a daughter, Marcia Tilden, on Oct. 28.

Ginny Golden Kent is now living at 1140 N.W. 79th St., Miami, Fla. Don is now with the Army Medical Corps.
Hickham Fink writes of her two sons—Rudolph III, born Sept. 18, 1938 and Albert, born June 26, 1940. Her husband is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. Olive Birch Lillich is living at 523 Sprague Ave., Winnipeg, Can. Doris Merchant is living at London Terrace, 430 W. 24th St., N. Y. C. and is doing secretarial and advertising work for Brett, Wycoff, Potter, and Hamilton of New York. Polly Spooner Hays has moved to 2821 29th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. Connie Turner Rea is at Osterville, Mass., Box 433. Nancy Walker is now office manager for the Calvert Distilling Co. near Baltimore and is living at 5112 Rolling Rd., Relay, Md. Marty Warren Rankin, 192 Roseville Ave., Newark, N. J. Ruthie Worthington Henderson lives in Batchelder Hall, Loomis School, Windsor, Conn., where her husband is a teacher. Jan Paulson Kissling, 1 Bronxville Rd., Bronxville, N. Y. Becky Nims Troland, 843 Pequot Ave., New London. Petey Boomer Karr, 342 Champlain St., St. Johns, Que. Lil Greer Glascock, 252 Sisson Ave., Hartford. Millie Wanner Wilson has moved across the street to 15000 Woodland Drive, Dearborn, Mich. Bobbie Birney is in San Pedro, Calif. (1104 W. 10th St.), where she is senior clerk in the Ordnance Office at Fort MacArthur. After her appointment she spent two months at school at Rock Island Arsenal and two months more at Ft. Douglas, “studying far harder than ever at C. C.” Bunky Bronk’s new address is 704 Steamboat Rd., Greenwich, Conn. She is a case worker at the Greenwich Center. I’ve been back in Keene since early in July and expect to be here for the duration. Kay Cartwright has spent five months recuperating from an appendectomy with complications but hopes to return to her work at the Aetna Life Insurance Co. shortly. Send your dues now to Mrs. Henry Tolman II, 309 Olivia St., Derby, Conn.

1936

PATRICIA HALL STATON, Correspondent, 111 W. 11th St., N.Y.C.

Gretchen Schwan resigned her excellent position at Western Reserve University to go into war service with the Red Cross. She is now very busy and happy in Australia, and would like to hear from some of you. Her address is: American Red Cross, 13th Station Hospital, A. P. O. 924, Care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. Elise Martens has announced her engagement to Lt. Charles Wagenseil, U.S.N.R., an alumnus of N.Y.U. He is with the Naval Air forces. Had a grand letter from Betsey Beals Steyaart saying that she and her son, James Leonard, born March 14, 1940, have been living all over the country. Her husband is a regimental surgeon in the Army. She says that Marion Bliley Meacham ex’36 is living in Alexandria, Va. and that Marion’s husband is in Red Cross work in Washington. Janet Reinheimer Barton is living in Nutley, N. J. Rumor hath it that Lois Ryman is an Army nurse. Gertrude Weyhe Dennis has gone to Aberdeen, Md. to be with her husband, who is in the Army. Dody Letevre Powell, who is living in California, has a son, Carlton Powell. Shirley Fayette Langler has a daughter, Virginia, born last July. Will our president and treasurer please send their addresses to our secretary, Betty Bindloss Johnson, 53 E. Main St., Mystic, Conn.? Betty’s husband is a lieutenant j.g. in the Navy. Your correspondent leaves shortly for Boston to be with her husband, who is in the Navy and is doing some special work at Harvard. Mail will be forwarded from the above address. So please send me some news!

1937

LUCKY BARRERA, Correspondent, 54 School St., Manchester, Conn.

Marriages: Ruth Scales to Paul B. Marshall on August 28 in Hattiesburg, Miss. Paul is a staff sergeant in the Army. Dorothy Chalker to H. Bradford Sauer, Wesleyan alumnus, on September 5 in Hartford. They are living at 747 Mountain Rd., W. Hartford, Conn.

Births: To Ditzie von Colditz Bassett, a daughter, Marie Elizabeth, on July 25. Ditzie and Ralph are living at 826 Watertown St., W. Newton, Mass. To Emily Black Grandy, a daughter, Willetta Anne, on Nov. 18, 1941. Emily and Winston have bought a house at 80 Warrior Rd., Drexel Hill, Pa. To Martha Louise Cook Swan, a daughter, Linda Camille, on Oct. 3.
We hear that Shirley Cohen entered the officers' training school of the WAACs in September. She is probably a full-fledged officer now. How about it, Shirley and all you others who have entered the service? What's doing with everybody?

1938

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


Marriages: Janette Austin to H. Welles Strone, Yale '41, on Aug. 1 at W. Hartford, Conn. Betty Anderson to Jacob Verdin on July 3 at Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Births: To Augusta Straus Goodman, a son, Robert, on June 8. The Goodmans are living in Norfolk, Va. To Adelaide Lubchansky Slopak, a daughter, Sara Linda, on July 4 at Colchester, Conn. To Sally Kingsdale Lewenberg, a son, Stephen, on June 19. To Ruth Earle Britton, a daughter, Paula, on June 11.

1939

DEDE LOWE, Correspondent, 1156 W. Exchange St., Akron, O.

Marriage: Madelaine Cryder King and Chester A. Congdon II on September 16 in Washington.

I am in a sorry plight, for I have received no news. Won't you drop me a postcard once in a while so that we can keep track of each other? Here is a little local chatter: Doris Houghton Ott has a daughter, Nancy Brent, born June 11. Ellen-Jane Mayl Herberich ex '39 has a son, Richard Mayl, and is now living in Mississippi, where her husband is with the Army. Catherine Ake is going to business school with plans for a business career. I visited Chap and Jim Mathes in July and had lunch with Stelle Taylor and Jane Goss, who are still carrying on at their jobs. Caroline Neef has left the Providence Public Library for a position in the Dartmouth College Library. She is now able to live at home. Marjorie Mortimer has received her master of nursing degree from Yale. I am operating an experimental mill in the Synthetic Rubber Research Lab. of the B. F. Goodrich Co.—so far, it's a wonderful experience! Do send me some news!

1940


Births: A daughter, Madeleine Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Carlat Monser (Franny Baratz). A son, Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Butterworth (Mims Brooks) on July 4. A son, Karl Edward, born March 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Jacobi (Elise Haldeman). A son, Henry Britton IV, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Britton III (Peg Goldsmith). A son to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund R. Knauf (Teddy Testwuide). A daughter, Judy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cosler (B. Hoagland). A daughter, Kathie, to Ensign and Mrs. Henry Doerr III (Kay Warner) on Oct. 2.

Babsie Deane and Jeanette Beebe are both at Pratt Whitney in Hartford, Ginny Bell at Curtiss Wright in New Jersey, Glad Bachman is working for J. P. Morgan in New York. Helen Rudd Doriss, Franny Baratz Monser, Billie Klink McGibbon, and Peggy Budd McCubbin are all in Florida, Shirley Devereaux Kendall and Betty Gilbert Wild temporarily in Boston, Johnny Johnstone Gladfelter in Louisville, Ky. Dottie Gieg is somewhere in the ranks of the WAACS. In Washington are Franny Turner Dary, Bethy Anderson Lerchen, and Dottie Rowand (with the American Chemical Society). Marietta Luccock has returned to New London as Girl Reserve secretary at the Y. W.
ALIDA REINHARDT, Correspondent.
48 Stuyvesant Ave., Larchmont, N. Y.

Engagements: Lee Barry announced her engagement in August to Lt. Robert Wilderrotter. Peg Munsell Palmer, May Monte McLaughlin, Betty Rome, Mary Stick, Ginny Fullerton, Betty McNicol Kelting, Alice Hobbie, Dotty Day, and Dory Robinson Rome were all present at the announcement party. Betty Burford to John C. Graham.

Marriages: Jeanne Turner to Mickey Creed last December 27 in Jacksonville, Fla. They’re living in Charlotte, N. C. Ann Peabody to Lt. (j.g.) Leslie Robinson. Mary Jane Heft to Lt. (j.g.) John J. Miles in San Diego on June 13. Nancy Pequinot, who left us after freshman year, is married to Lloyd T. Williams, Jr. Doris Friars, also ex ’41, became Mrs. Kenneth R. Lee on September 11. Barbara Yohe was married to Frank Williams on August 8, with Gene Mercer as a bridesmaid. Peggy Patton married Douglas Hannah on September 5 with Donna Ed Reynolds as matron of honor. They will live in Washington, D. C. Last, but not least, Marjorie Wicoff was married to Edward W. Cooper on September 26. Their address after December 1 will be 5307 Baynton St., Germantown, Pa.

Phyl Sheriffs Harrington is now living at 179 Baltic Circle, Tampa, Fla., where Roger is in a shipyard. She sends very sad news. Their baby daughter, Sheila, born September 19, died two days later. The Class extends its heartfelt sympathy to Roger and Phyl.

I’m proud to announce that ’41 has three potential officers in the WAVES: Carol Chappell, Margaret Kerr, and E. B. Smith. Among others helping the government, Burf is with the Navy Department in New York. Marcia Wiley is working for the Army Intelligence (big secret stuff!). Mary Farrell and Hobbie worked for the Interceptor Command all summer; but Mary has gone back to Massachusetts State for her Masters, and Hobbie is going to secretarial school. Jane Whipple is in the office of the Signal Corps Supply Section of the Middletown Air Depot.

Lois Vanderbilt is studying at the N. Y. School for Social Service, Mary Jane Heft Miles is back at Yale Nursing School, and Buck Bidwell is working for her M. A. at B. U.

Sue Fleisher is head teacher in the nursery school of a camp for migrant workers. Address: Woodville Farm Workers Community, Porterville, Calif. Terry Strong Campbell is in the Advertising Department of the Youngstown Pressed Steel Division of the Mullins Manufacturing Corporation. Address: 1820 E. Market St., Warren, O. El Fuller is teaching ninth grade English in W. Hartford, after getting her Master’s degree at Smith last June. Estelle Fasolino is teaching chemistry and physics at Putnam High. Evelyn Salomon is now therapeutic dietitian on the staff of the New England Baptist Hospital, Boston. Norma Greene is a private secretary in the Plastics Department of the Du Pont Company in Arlington, N. J.

Fletch wrote President Blunt about our giving a memorial to Arline Pfizenmayer. Miss Blunt was pleased and is going to ask Professor Quimby, new Music Department head, what he thinks is needed. Fletch will report to us again.

NANCY WOLFE HUGHES, Correspondent.


Sue Parkhurst Crane reports that her
hubby is now co-director of the Anaesthesiology Department of the West Jersey Hospital. Their address is now 125 W. Browning Rd., Collingswood, N. J. Sue writes that Harriet Wheeler handles important documents at the American Cyanamid Company in Stamford, Conn., Ann Shattuck is an assistant in chemistry in a Delaware college, and Caro Wilde is in the Personnel Department at Smith College. Becky Green will study "harping" in New York this winter.

In the "expectant mothers" department we can list Sue Parkhurst Crane, Louisa Bridge Egbert, Grace Nelson Augé, and me. This brings up the time honored question of who will have the official class baby.

Sugar Kane came up to visit me this month and reported that '42 is well represented at the Aetna Life Insurance Company, Hartford, where she is working. Keeping Sugar company are Beth Tobias, Charlotte Craney, Muriel Prince, Audrey Mellon, Barbara Smith, and Jane Guiney. Jackie Clark is teaching phys. ed. in the West Hartford high school; Emily Park and Adelaide Knasin are at G. Fox and Co.; and Bobby Weld is attending secretarial school in Hartford. Lennie Tingle Howard is working for the N. Y. League of Women Voters, and rumor has it that Aggie Hunt is teaching history at Liggett in Detroit! Jean Staats and Peter Frey are directing W. P. A. nursery schools, Static in Charleston, W. Va. and Peter in Milwaukee. Frannie Homer is gunning for her Master's in phys. ed. at Columbia. Nance Pribe's Bill just got back from the Pacific and is to be an instructor in Florida. By the time you read this they will probably be married.

Next time, with everyone's help, I hope to bring my report up to date. Just drop a card, please, with all the news of yourself and your friends.

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