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## Summer Courses Announced

ALL ALUMNAE will receive notices giving information about the Summer Session to be held on the campus for twelve weeks, from June 21 to September 10, 1943.

The session is planned for college students who wish to earn credit toward their degrees, for teachers, and for adults qualified to profit from the courses, particularly those developing skills for wartime jobs.

Two courses, carrying twelve points of college credit, will be considered the normal program for an undergraduate student during the session.

Freshmen may begin their college work

in the Summer Session and earn nearly a semester's credit toward their degrees.

Courses will be taught by regular members of the college faculty. All library, studio, laboratory, and recreation facilities of the college will be available. A program of informal social events will be arranged.

Three regional groupings should be noted:

Latin American History with Spanish or possibly Portuguese.

Modern French History with Present-day France (lectures in English and readings in French).

Intellectual and Social History of the United States with American Art.

### COURSES OFFERED

Chemistry: General, Quantitative, Physiological

Economics: Accounting, Labor Problems

English: Introduction to English Literature, Chaucer

Fine Arts: American Art, Line and Form, Mechanical Drawing

French: Intermediate

History: Intellectual and Social History of the United States, Latin American History, Modern French History, Present-day France

Mathematics: Introduction to Mathematical Analysis, Analytical Geometry and Calculus, Special six-weeks Industrial Course

Physics: General Course, Meteorology

Portuguese: An elementary course may be offered

Psychology: General Course, Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence

Secretarial Studies: Shorthand, Typewriting, Office Practice

Spanish: Elementary, Intermediate\*

*(Additional courses may be offered if demand warrants. Courses for which the registration is insufficient may be withdrawn.)*

Fees: For twelve weeks: Tuition \$150, Board and room in a college dormitory \$200

For six weeks: Tuition \$75, Board and room \$110. Laboratory fees additional.

Further information may be obtained from the President's Office, Connecticut College, New London. Registration should be completed by June 1.

\* A Spanish House will be organized if a sufficient number of students wish it.



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# Alumnae in Action

*We are proud to print below parts of letters and reports which have come to us from alumnae in the services and in defense plants.*

## **Ensign Carol Chappell '41, U.S.N.R. W.R., Boston, Mass.**

A FEW DAYS ago a friend of mine was stopped on the street by a lady who said, "My Dear, many of us civilians are going to wear our skirts longer this year because you WAVES look so nice in yours." This remark, although meant kindly, made us shudder a bit as longer skirts and lisle stockings were not exactly what we might have chosen to wear had the choice been given us. We are not, however, nor were we at Northampton in the Midshipmen's Naval Training School creatures of our own desires, as we once had been. We had come out of college into the cold, hard world and had found that we were in a more sheltered but nevertheless more strenuous existence. None of us knew what we would be called upon to do, but we all knew we would be ready to do it so far as we were able.

At Northampton there was no staying in our double decker beds once the bell had rung in the morning. At 6:35 sharp the halls became a confusing thoroughfare with everyone asking everyone else what the uniform of the day was. When and if this question was ever properly settled, the day really began. Square corners were folded on the beds, in each room brooms and dustpans were scuttled back and forth, Navy blankets were folded according to the diagram on the bulletin board, and finally rooms were ready for inspection.

There were two battalions, the campus comprising one, the hotel the other with approximately four hundred and fifty in each one. The campus battalion of which I was a member did a little more walking as we had to march down to the hotel for

our meals. In the mornings it was difficult, at noon we had become used to it, and at night we liked it because it meant an end to the marching for the day.

It did not take us long to become people of habit in the Navy way. Each morning we had classes until one o'clock. We studied Navy law, history, personnel, ships and aircraft, administration, and rank. We learned naval customs and traditions, how to stand up straight, how to salute, and we learned how to take orders and carry them out. Drilling played a great part in our schedule as did a physical fitness program. Each weekday afternoon was spent marching, doing calisthenics, or swimming.

After exercising there followed one more class. Then came an hour of relaxation known as liberty. This was our own time to do with as we chose. The time was usually spent in the town either shopping or eating, the latter being the most popular entertainment as our appetites were enormous.

Our prelude to dinner was the usual half mile hike but it was well worth the effort. The food was wonderful and there was plenty of it, enough to satisfy the most gluttonous of appetites. This was the conversational meal of the day as we had time to sit, smoke, and talk before the march back and study hour in our rooms until 9:30.

Taps were at ten o'clock and the last half hour was often the most strenuous of the day. We had a cigarette before undressing, we put up our hair, we took showers, we cleaned our rooms, and yet we were in bed when the time came.

We worked hard but with enthusiasm. Some of the work seemed hard to take at the time, but we were all in it together



and we had a definite goal ahead of us, one that was worth giving all we had and more besides.

We feel that we still are not doing all we can and are ready for extra work. Through our instructors and the people with whom we worked side by side at Northampton, we have become proud of the Navy, and prouder still that we have some small part in the war effort. The happiness and enthusiasm of the midshipmen at Northampton are above realization, their purpose a great one. If in any way we can help bring the men home from the vast fronts to a more sane and peaceful world, we shall feel that we have not failed in what we are so earnestly trying to do.

**Auxiliary Elizabeth Merry '24, 8th  
WAAC Filter Center, Portland,  
Maine.**

“... We're mighty proud to be  
*Behind* the man behind the gun  
*Behind* the Army's fighting sons,  
The W.A.A.C.”

THERE are no better words with which to convey the purpose of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps than these lines from one of our own songs. For each Auxiliary knows, no matter how thankless her job at the moment, that she is very definitely *behind* the armed forces of the United States. Though we are proud to be enrolled in the Women's Army we are never under any illusions of grandeur or feel that there is glamor in wearing a uniform. One needs a sense of humor and the ability to laugh at oneself.

It is an amazing feat which the officers of the Corps accomplish in the four weeks of our basic training. We are changed from raw recruits in civies who do not know right hand from left and emerge by the thousands, trained in military courtesy and discipline; knowing the spirit of co-operation, essential to living in groups,

four weeks packed full of action and fun too.

Even preparing for inspection can be funny. I recall standing at attention with the horrible realization that the pockets of the enlisted man's gigantic overcoat I wore (we wore them until our own were issued) were bulging with clothespins which I had neglected to hide, somewhere! And the mud! It always rained before formal inspections, when our barracks were scrubbed to perfection. Newspapers were spread on floors and someone stood guard lest muddy overshoes spoil our efforts.

Gigs! The nemesis of every WAAC! Gigs are given us for dust, for unshined shoes, for untidy beds, a button on the floor. It is amazing with what accuracy our officers, and sergeants too, find dust. They never miss, if it's there.

A parade at Fort Des Moines is a sight never to be forgotten, genuinely thrilling. A thousand women marching, trained women, led by women, their own band, absolute perfection in drill. To participate in Retreat parade at least once during Basic is something each company strives for. Though the last ten days we were not required to stand either Reveille (to our great joy) or Retreat, as a company, many a girl deliberately left her warm barracks to be out of doors in rain or snow, to stand Retreat, alone.

Once in the Corps one forges ahead on one's own. Letters of recommendation, necessary before enrollment, for everyone is carefully checked, are useless. Each individual is rated only on her behavior as a soldier and advanced accordingly.

And now with basic training behind us and good-byes said to our friends, we scatter—to Administrative, Specialist, and Officer Candidate schools, to camps and cities, a few lucky ones to go overseas. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, we are proud when the Army comments on our good work, on our “smart and snappy” salutes. They're good because we mean them sincerely. We're in this because we want to be—volunteers, all.



If the Army had not felt that we were needed and could be of help, it would not have taken time, money, and effort to train us to man the jobs we hold. If the Army has faith in us, we must make good.

**Barbara House '42, Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company, East Hartford, Conn.**

**D**EFENSE WORK doesn't always mean overalls and a machine. My part in defense work entails an office, a very busy telephone, and a fleet of vehicles and drivers.

Transportation is now a problem everywhere and is probably most important when it involves the transportation of personnel and equipment necessary for the production of war materials.

At Pratt & Whitney we have a fleet of company vehicles with which we run scheduled trips to the shadow plants, chauffeur executives of the corporation, and make emergency production trips with workers and materials. We have started using chauffeuses dressed in attractive uniforms to do a great deal of the driving, but the heavier work and the trucks are still handled by men.

It is my responsibility to arrange all necessary company transportation. I devise and publish all mail and passenger routes, help plan for inter-plant shipment of freight, and supervise all the drivers in their work. I am handling also the train reservations and many air reservations and priorities for our personnel, and the moving of the household effects and families of our personnel who are transferred to the new Kansas City plant. It has been my duty to handle for the corporation all Office of Defense Transportation regulations affecting the operation of our company vehicles. My week is a long one with plenty of mental work.

I am grateful to have even this small part in the war effort.

**Mary Thomson Shepard '22, Cuno Engineering Company, Plantsville, Conn.**

**M**Y WORK as a time-keeper in the Cuno Engineering plant is intensely interesting and satisfying. My day begins at 5:30 a.m. when I go to work with a very young looking grandmother who does a fine job operating one of the machines in our department. At the gate guards examine our lunch boxes for bombs, and of course we are wearing our identification buttons. Everyone is very friendly and cooperative. Occasionally soldiers or sailors who were former workers in the plant come in for a brief chat with old friends. Other visitors are not allowed. The noise from the machines in our department seems terrific at first, but we soon grow accustomed to it and even come to enjoy it.

My particular job consists of keeping time tickets for three shifts in our department as well as the personnel department. I keep an exact record of all the work of each operator and the time spent on each particular job on each machine, as well as tickets for idle equipment. I also keep a record of the stock which comes into our department, of the production running, and the amount of production on each machine. One person may work on several machines and jobs during the day. In addition I route the work produced in our department to the various departments in the factory for the next operation, make out requisitions for supplies needed, keep an attendance and punctuality report for the press room, personnel, and inspection departments. Staying out of work unless it is absolutely necessary is frowned upon, as it slows up production.

There are three shifts. I work on the first, from 7 to 3 o'clock, and this time almost corresponds with the time my daughter is in school. The teachers are extremely cooperative and let the children of defense workers take their lunches to school. My daughter always has hot soup or a hot drink from a thermos bottle, and my



training as a dietitian helps to make me more certain that she is properly fed.

Many of the girl workers wear slacks or overalls, especially those who work on machines, but I wear ordinary wash dresses and cotton stockings which get very oily. As I wear size 20 dresses, I quickly decided against overalls or slacks.

We have a twenty-minute lunch allowance and can buy sandwiches and drinks such as chocolate milk, tomato juice, and even coffee at the mobile canteen. We also have a few minutes in the morning and afternoon during which we may buy food. This custom is to the company's advantage, as about five minutes of relaxation renews one's energy and probably increases production.

The job which I have was a man's job, and the tendency seems to be gradually to replace the men who are called into service with women. Apparently the women are able to do most of the jobs very satisfactorily.

**Shirley E. Cohen '37, 3rd Officer,  
WAAC, New York.**

**M**Y DEAR MISS MOSS: No doubt everyone knows by now just what the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps is. My life in it has proved to be an experience which I would not exchange for anything in the world. The fact that everyone is in it for the same purpose seems to give us a common ground on which to meet. As a result, the women I have met from all parts of the country have been unusual, and it has been a privilege to meet and know them.

My training took place at Fort Des Moines, an old cavalry post. In a way the post is reminiscent of our campus at Connecticut—particularly at night when you stand on the steps at Post Headquarters overlooking the parade ground surrounded by lighted barracks. It is just as though you had stepped out on the library steps at Connecticut and looked down over the hockey field.

Our training and discipline is set up along military lines, in fact, we live and work exactly as the men do except that we do not carry arms, and are not used for combat service, and it is the same healthy life.

There is a job for everyone in the W.A.A.C., and it is amazing to see what women have proved themselves capable of doing. It really is a sight to behold a frail looking young thing giving one of those Army trucks a workout!

At present I'm holding down an exciting job as recruiting officer in New York, and certainly would be glad to see any Connecticut girls! Sincerely, Shirley Cohen.

**Olive Littlehales Corbin '21, Fafnir  
Bearing Company, New Britain,  
Conn.**

**I**N AUGUST I became affiliated with the Testing Department of the Employment Bureau of the Fafnir Bearing Company. The service is new, having been set up in July by the director of Testing and Research in the public schools. The department, a subsidiary of the employment bureau, submits reports and recommendations directly to those who interview and employ new applicants, and is responsible to the assistant employment manager. The other members of our staff studied at Simmons and Oberlin.

Each employment applicant, and those in the factory who want a transfer from one department to another, must take an aptitude test. The results, when analyzed and weighed against the amount of education, work and experience, and attitude of the testee, give a reasonably accurate picture of the applicant's ability and point helpfully toward the kind of work for which he is best suited.

Our work also includes evolving new tests to meet specific needs, and following up the work history of employees to determine the correlation between expectation and actual performance.



The wartime application of testing is important because of the necessity of saving time in these days of industrial pressure, and if an employee can be placed immediately in the work for which he is adapted, the advantage to him and the company is mutual. With rare exceptions we meet with complete cooperation from our testees, and have many interesting and amusing experiences.

It is very satisfactory to be a part of a large defense plant, and the Fafnir Bearing Company has given us every consideration and made us feel that our work is a real contribution to the war effort.

**Elizabeth Hamblin '37, Thurston Manufacturing Company, Providence, R. I.**

**I** RUN A LATHE. I was one of the first girls and neither we nor the bosses knew when we started what would be the result. But we're still here. The management is quite fussy about the type of girls hired, although few of them have college educations. We have good working conditions and a large new rest room. We have rest periods and can arrive and leave five minutes early if necessary. Our manager, a chivalrous chap, says he'd die if any of us got hurt—he doesn't mind the men, although the nurse spends all her time with them. Recently two brand new stretchers arrived because "men don't know how to carry women." The girls like the work, and those who have worked in big factories say it's more varied and interesting, and those who've worked in department stores say it's less nerve wracking. I have no precedent there, but have always been fascinated by machines and thus enjoy it. Lathe operators, since their work is more hand controlled and requires more operations, expend more energy than millers and grinders, but the lathe work is much less monotonous.

Sometimes the time drags, the work is noisy and dirty, and I'm tired, but just the same as my lathe hums along I get that excited feeling because I'm a part of it all.

**Auxiliary Elizabeth Morton, '40, WAAC, Daytona Beach, Florida.**

**J**UST LOVE IT so far. For the four weeks of basic training we stayed in a beautiful hotel on the peninsula. It seemed very much like college—classes most of the day, a nice bunch of roommates, and then sunbathing and swimming on the wonderful beach, a large scale Ocean Beach. Of course there were differences too—K.P., which includes every kind of kitchen drudgery anyone can think of, and the Mess Sergeant can always go one better. There were other duties not quite so vigorous, such as fire guard, charge of quarters, and policing. The marching really was a thrill. We would practice on the beach—and develop a nice tan! The drilling was worth more laughs than an Abbott and Costello movie.

After basic some of the girls were sent directly out and others to specialist schools for additional training. I was all scheduled for Motor Corps Specialist School when suddenly the Army decided I should work in General Faith's offices in the Training Command. The work is interesting, and our officers are grand people. But when I think of how I used to complain about working Saturday mornings it makes me sick. We work from 8 to 5 six and a half days a week! And we're helping to win this war.

Everyone has an opportunity for Officer's Candidate School, and if you fail once you can try, try again. There's never a dull moment in the Army. Nothing's permanent, and you have to be on your toes all the time—just watch an Auxiliary walking down a street filled with officers.



# Mr. Barrie Quits Campus Route

By Barbara Swift '45, Connecticut College *News*

**M**R. BARRIE leaned an elbow on his desk and put his head to one side. "Last September started my twentieth year of carrying letters to the college," he said. He seemed to be thinking back over a long period. "When I started up there in 1923 many of the girls lived along Nameaug and Oneco and Moughtan Avenues. I used to go across the lots down there and they'd all come running out. I guess I knew ninety per cent of the girls then."

Mr. Robert Barrie left us in November to take an indoor job in the post office downtown. Students can't help missing his familiar face around the campus, at Vinal and Emily Abbey houses.

"I don't know all the faces up there any more," he said, "but I know every name."

Mr. Barrie is over six feet tall. He has white hair and pale blue eyes that twinkle when he laughs—and he laughs a lot. I asked him if he could tell me some of the experiences he had had on the campus. He said he'd never forget the Mascot Hunt several years ago. "One of the juniors stopped to talk to me on the sidewalk," he said, "and I saw a group of sophomores standing there watching us. Then they followed me all the way downtown thinking I knew a clue!"

In 1928 Saxton house, a former dorm

of the college, put on a play in which a postman was needed. Mr. Barrie played the part. "No-one knew I was going to be in it, and they all laughed pretty hard when I came out on the stage with my mailbag!"

Mr. Barrie has been in the government service for twenty-five years, which includes a year and a half with the army in the last war. He likes his new indoor job sorting city mail in the big, busy post office but he misses the college.

For a Christmas present Emily Abbey house gave him a war stamp and a pound of coffee. He likes things like that.

Everyone, students, alumnae, and faculty, who has known him in the past twenty years was sorry to see him leave us. He has become a part of the C.C. tradition, and we will miss him for a long time to come.

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Elizabeth C. Wright.

## Koines Needed

Have you an extra Koiné which you will send to the Alumnae Office? Copies of the following years are needed to complete the Office set: 1919, 1920, 1922, 1925, 1927, 1929, 1942.

The Summer issue of the Alumnae News for 1937 is also needed.



## Here and There on Campus

**W**ILLIAM HODSON, member of the college Board of Trustees from June 1942 to January 1943, was killed in January in an airplane accident near the coast of Dutch Guiana. Mr. Hodson, who was welfare commissioner of New York city, was en route to Africa on a mission for former governor Herbert Lehman, now director of foreign rehabilitation, at the time of his death. Although Mr. Hodson had served on the college board only a short time, he had already won the esteem of his fellow-trustees, who passed a resolution expressing the loss to "the college, the country, and the world" of one of its leading citizens."

Acceleration, that subject uppermost in the minds of students and college officials on many campuses, has been clarified at Connecticut, thus making it possible for students wishing to shorten their college courses, to plan their work intelligently. The present Juniors who already have the proper number of points and have taken certain courses required for their major can, by attending the summer session this year, be graduated in January 1944. Sophomores by taking twelve points at each of two summer sessions, and some extra points during the regular terms can be graduated in September 1944. Freshmen by attending two summer sessions at which they will take twelve points each summer, and six extra points during the regular terms can be graduated in June 1945. By attending three summer sessions and taking no extra points during regular terms they can be graduated in September 1945.

Rosamond Beebe Cochran '26 presented to the Palmer library last spring an excellent reading machine for microfilm. The machine, put out by the Society for Visual

Education, is a very useful and welcome gift, since, according to reports from the library, an increasing number of rare books are available now only through microfilm. Rosamond is now president of the Connecticut College Club of New York, and served a five-year term as Alumnae Trustee on the college Board of Trustees. She is employed by the Macmillan Company, New York.

Parkie McCombs '25, physician, who practices in New York and is known to many alumnae through her professional work as well as her work with the Connecticut College Club of New York, was recently elected to the college chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. The following announcement was recently made by the chapter:

At the spring initiation on March 8, the Delta Chapter of Connecticut of Phi Beta Kappa admitted Dr. A. Parks McCombs of the Class of 1925 to alumna membership. This honor is awarded to alumnae for distinctive contributions to the advancement of knowledge since graduation.

Graduated from Cornell University Medical College in 1929 and serving her internship at Bellevue Hospital, Dr. McCombs has served on the staffs of both institutions. She had the honor of election to the American Board of Internal Medicine in 1942 and has published in several medical journals the results of her research on cardiac and biliary tract diseases and on Roentgen ray therapy.

Nine seniors were also elected to Phi Beta Kappa: Mary Bove, New London, a botany major; Katherine Johnson, Elizabeth, N. J., physical education; Alma Jones, Danielson, Conn., English; Marjorie Fee Manning, West Hartford, mathematics, whose husband, Raymond, is in the army air corps; Hildegard Meili



Maynard (Mrs. Arthur Maynard), Paterson, N. J., English; Beth Milden Meree (Mrs. Cecil Meree), French, Swarthmore, Pa., whose husband is in the Coast Guard; Barbara Murphy, Manchester, Conn., chemistry; Betty Shank, Williamsport, Pa., economics and sociology; Irene Steckler, sociology, New York.

Three juniors were elected last Fall: Anna M. Christenson, now Mrs. Frank Carmon, Wilson, Conn., economics and sociology; Phyllis Feldman, Norwich, classics; Frieda Kenigsberg, Middletown, Conn., economics and sociology. Frieda, about whom there was a brief article in the Fall issue of the *Alumnae News*, has held the *Alumnae Scholarship* for the past four years.

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Connecticut has received from Senhor and Senhora Carneira de Mendonca of Brazil a gift of 200 volumes of history, economics, sociology, folklore, and science in the Portuguese language which provide a basic library for a study of Brazilian civilization. The donors are the parents of Heliadora de Mendonca, a member of the senior class. The collection has been presented by Senhor and Senhora de Mendonca as an expression of their appreciation of their daughter's opportunity of studying at Connecticut, and also in the hope that their gift may lead to further studies of Brazil at the college. Senhor de Mendonca is a Brazilian industrialist and his wife is a poet and leader of modern educational developments in Brazil. The gift is especially timely because of the interest on the campus in Latin American studies. A new course in Latin American literature was introduced this year, and Latin American history is taught. The Spanish department has been expanded and it is planned to offer the first courses in Portuguese in the college summer session this year.

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SPARS now arriving periodically at the Coast Guard Academy for indoctrination in Coast Guard work are frequent and ad-

mired visitors to the campus. Twice a week they march in formation from the Academy to the Gym where they are taught posture and body mechanics and some country dancing by Miss Stanwood, Miss Brett, Miss Wood, and other members of the physical education department. Most of the members of the first group to receive commissions were in personnel work in civilian life. They were assigned to various procurement offices, and, as the *C. C. News* said, "they were armed with the fatal fascination of a uniform and a patriotic duty." SPARS now receive the first part of their training with the WAVES at Northampton, then are sent to New London for specific Coast Guard study. SPARS' living quarters at the Academy are in Chase hall where they have their own wing. Their courses as a group are taken apart from the regular cadets and reserve cadets, since the SPARS are commissioned officers and therefore are higher in rank. Several teas have been given on campus for the SPARS by faculty and students, officers have been invited to speak to students, as well as to New London alumnae, and the college is anxious to be of service to them in every possible way.

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Forty-six students have volunteered to serve during a part of their free time as aides in the New London Day Nursery and in other child care centers when needed. The students are being trained for the work by Miss Margaret Chase, teacher in the college nursery school. For five weeks the girls will meet with Miss Chase two evenings every week for instruction. The students who have had experience with young children in their summer jobs, in camps, playgrounds or elsewhere, may serve in the Day Nursery while taking the training course. Those who have had no experience will be required to complete the course before undertaking the practical work. Certificates similar to those for first-aid, air-raid warden, and other war service courses will be given to the students by the college War Service committee up-



on completion of the training. Miss Chase says that the preparation of volunteer aides for service in the child care centers in war production area is now one of the most important tasks of trained nursery school teachers.

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SPARS: Aimee Hunnicutt Mason '40

WAACS: Shirley Cohen '37; Mary Reynolds Danforth '37; Gertrude Clark Daniels '39; Dorothy Gieg '40; Mary Louise Kent ex'32; Thyrza Magnus '42; Elizabeth Merry '24; Elizabeth Morton '40

WAVES: Carol Chappell '41; Ruth Hankins '42; Mary Kavanagh '32; Margaret Jane Kerr '41; Patricia King '42; Elizabeth G. Myer ex'34; Linnea Paavola '41; Gladys Russell '34; Vivian Schlemmer '33; Edith Simonton '29; Elizabeth Smith '41; Virginia Stone '42; Estelle Taylor '39; Grace L. Ward '25

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Alumnae of Windham house will be pleased and interested to know that Perry Van Derzee (Van to us), capable and friendly former major domo of the house, has a splendid job near Philadelphia where he is an inspector with RCA. Van's absence is keenly felt, as he was a great friend of all students, and often advised them on personal and academic matters. He followed current news carefully and his opinion was sought in all kinds of discussions. Fortunately, Emma is still at Windham, but the service problem is acute, and the students are organizing themselves into groups which will do much of the housework.

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Mr. Logan of the Fine Arts department has completed a course in industrial camouflage offered by the department of architecture of the Yale School of Fine Arts, and has received a certificate as a registered camoufleur. The purpose of the course, which was conducted for selected professionals, was to train personnel for the camouflaging of industrial plants en-

gaged in the manufacture of vital war materials.

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A successful International Weekend, carefully planned and carried out by our students, was held on the campus in February. Connecticut students were hostesses to three visiting Brazilian girls and three Chinese girls. The Chinese guests were Miss Adet Lin, daughter of the author Lin Yutang, Miss Kaung Me Tsung, and Miss Yoeh Ming Ting. Miss Lin had recently returned to this country from China and spoke of her experiences in the war areas. Miss Kaung is working on her Ph. D. in American literature at Mount Holyoke college. Of the seven members of her family all but one brother are in occupied China. Miss Ting is a pre-medical student at Mount Holyoke. The Brazilian guests were Senorita Marilla Carneiro and Senorita Balbina Viera, who are studying at the Fordham university graduate school of social work on scholarships from the Brazilian government, and Senora Celina Aguirre, formerly a student at Syracuse University, who is married to an employe of the Brazilian government now living in this country.

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Members of the Columbia university division of War Research who are at Fort Trumbull and their wives were guests of the college faculty at tea in Windham. Faculty and students have also entertained the SPARS on the campus several times.

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Connecticut students entertained the U. S. Maritime school at Fort Trumbull, New London, recently with a successful Stage Door Connteen (connteen is an abbreviation for Conn. College), and will give other performances at the Coast Guard training station at Avery Point, Groton, at Fort Wright on Fisher's Island, at U.S.O. centers in New London. The performance consisted of a series of singing and dancing skits and humorous monologues, and of course received tumultuous applause.



The newly elected president of Student Government for 1943-44 is Mary Kent Hewitt '44, Old Point Comfort, Virginia. Barbara McCorkindale '44, Holyoke, Mass., is the new Chief Justice of Honor Court.

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In the past few weeks a number of alumnae have been asked to interview girls living near them who were winners in a nation-wide science examination. For the benefit of the alumnae a short summary was made of progress in science on the campus. We think all alumnae will be interested in the statement:

This is a brief digest on the science facilities at college. Naturally other facilities have been growing too, but it is probable that in talking with high school science students, these may be the things they will find particularly interesting.

#### PHYSICS AND PSYCHOLOGY—

The facilities have recently been greatly expanded with the building of Frederic Bill Hall. The Physics, Psychology, and Fine Arts Departments were moved to the new laboratories and studios in that building, each department with a floor to itself and with much new equipment, new seminar rooms, animal rooms, dark rooms, shop.

On the ground floor in Frederic Bill Hall is a lecture room, used by all college departments, seating 150. The seats are raised, there is a lecture-demonstration desk fitted with water, gas, etc., and a preparation room. There is also modern sound moving picture equipment; many scientific films are shown to classes here.

The space vacated in New London Hall allowed for expansion in the laboratories for Botany, Chemistry, Home Economics, and Zoology, as well as making it possible to have a new lecture room there seating 50.

**BOTANY**—This department gained a new bacteriology laboratory and a research laboratory. Through a gift of \$10,000 from Miss Katherine Matthies of Seymour, these were equipped as the Matthies Laboratories.

The greenhouse and underground plant hormone research laboratory were built earlier in 1935. Research work here on plant enzymes and hormones is being sponsored in part by grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Dow Chemical Company, and the American Philosophical Society.

The Caroline Black Garden and the Arboretum serve also as laboratories to students in horticulture.

**CHEMISTRY**—Another large laboratory for the use of students in general chemistry and qualitative analysis was added to the facilities of the Chemistry Department. This sees good use with 120 members of the Class of 1946 electing chemistry this year. A smaller laboratory for the use of students doing graduate work on special problems was also added.

**HOME ECONOMICS**—A special room for giving basal metabolism tests, another experimental foods laboratory, and two sets of unit kitchens and dining rooms were added during the renovations to the Home Economics Department.

**ZOOLOGY**—The Zoology Department gained two new laboratories, one for physiology and another for experimental zoology, as well as a seminar room. The general zoology laboratory, long in use, was completely refurbished.

Enrollment in science courses for 1942-43: Botany 79, Chemistry 188, Psychology 308, Home Economics 140, Physics 107, Zoology 176.

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Applications are now being received for the scholarship maintained by the Delta of Connecticut Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and the New London Association of Phi Beta Kappa. This scholarship, to the amount of \$150, is awarded to a graduate of Connecticut College, preferably to a Phi Beta Kappa senior of the current year, to assist her in graduate study.

Application blanks may be secured from the Dean's office, or from Miss Hannah Roach, President of the chapter. Applications must be returned to Miss Roach on or before April 15.



# What Is Your Training?

**T**OTAL WAR calls for the services of thousands of professionally trained people. Victory may be determined by the availability of such services.

The National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel, under the War Manpower Commission, is registering individuals with professional training that can be utilized in the war effort. The Roster, to complete its file of our resources in scientific and specialized training, is particularly seeking information on college women. Of the more than 500,000 individuals now registered with the Roster, only 29,000 are women.

Registration with the Roster is *not* an application for employment. The Roster maintains a file of information on professionally trained men and women, and puts

this information at the disposal of government and other agencies seeking specialized personnel. If the agency finds on the Roster's lists an individual with the desired specifications, acceptance of the position is optional with the individual.

For the national welfare it is important to have a complete picture of the professional training of women in this country—those not now using their training professionally, as well as those who are employed.

Write to the NATIONAL ROSTER OF SCIENTIFIC AND SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL, *Washington, D. C.* and ask for a registration blank. You will receive thereafter the Roster's "Technical Check List."

Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse of the Economics and Sociology department is director of the Women's Division of the Roster.

## Facts About Our Students

**S**TUDENTS MAJOR IN: Economics and Sociology 142 (including three departmental divisions, Economics and Sociology 86, Business Administration 29, Auerbach, or retailing 27); English 77; Psychology 38; Child Development 32; Fine Arts 26; Zoology 25; Chemistry 22; French 21; Home Economics 19; Mathematics 16; History 15; Government 11; Botany 11; Physical Education 11; Spanish 10; Philosophy 7; Music 6; German 3; Classics 1.

Scholarship aid was given 111 students in 1942 to the extent of \$34,494. The amount of the average scholarship was \$311. Scholarships come from three sources, current gifts which in 1941-42 were \$17,625, income from endowed funds \$7,763, the college budget \$9,106.

Next year the endowed funds will be greatly increased by the bequest of Mrs. Virginie Migeon Swift of approximately \$700,000 for scholarships. The Alumnae Scholarship is an endowed scholarship. Scholarships given by various chapters and classes are current gifts.

Energetic students, 132 of them, also do much self help work. They wait on tables, work in the library, in laboratories, in the bookshop, the nursery school, the post office, the sandwich shop, at the switch board, in faculty offices, as agents for New York Newspapers and for the Railway Express.

Summer work occupied 537 or 71 per cent of our students last summer. Two summers before only 33 per cent had summer jobs.



# Among the Chapters

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## Chapter Notes

### **Boston**

All meetings are being held this year at the Y.W.C.A. in Boston. The bridge party in November was enjoyed by many alumnae and as a result some funds were added to the treasury. In December Elizabeth Holmes '24 gave a highly interesting talk on her psychiatric social work with the Judge Baker Foundation in Boston. At the January meeting Edna Somers '27 gave highlights on fashion. In February President Blunt was the speaker and guest of honor. Unfortunately, the night she spoke was one of the coldest nights of the winter on which a blizzard was raging. Many people were unable to get to the meeting place because of the weather, but the fortunate ones enjoyed an informal and intimate meeting with Miss Blunt, and felt grateful to her not only for the opportunity of hearing her speak, but also for her generosity in attending the meeting in such bad weather.

### **Chicago**

A luncheon meeting was held in November at the Chicago College Club, at which the principal discussion centered about Peg Bear Gardner's enthusiastic report on Alumnae Council. In February Kathryn Moss was the luncheon speaker and brought news of the college and the Alumnae Association, reporting especially on the effect of the war on college affairs.

### **Hartford**

An informal meeting was held in October at Drusilla Fielding's apartment. New members from the class of 1942 were welcomed. Mrs. Joseph Merritt of Hartford, who for many years has been active in Girl Scout work, who was the first woman senator in Connecticut, and at present is active in state and city Defense Councils, spoke at the November meeting at the

home of Marion Williams Baker '19. Janice Reed '40 was chairman for the Christmas Dance held on December 12 at the Hartford Golf Club. The dance was a great success. At the luncheon meeting in January held at the Town and County Club Kathryn Moss, Executive Secretary of the Alumnae Association, was guest speaker. Celeste Denniston Monroe is the new vice president, succeeding Virginia Clark, who has been married. Linnea Paavola '41, secretary, has joined the WAVES, and as yet her successor has not been appointed.

### **Meriden and Wallingford**

Four meetings have been planned for this year. The first meeting, attended by nearly the entire chapter membership, was a dinner meeting held early in October, with Kathryn Moss as guest speaker. She told about present activities on campus, and plans for the Alumnae Council. The next meeting was held in January at the home of Ruth Wheeler Cobb '34, with a talk by Dr. Rebecca Solomon, and a report by Amy Peck Yale '22 on Alumnae Council.

### **New Haven**

The chapter news consists mainly of work which the group is attempting to do in the community. Members are giving time both during meetings and outside in support of war time needs. At one meeting while Kathryn Moss spoke members pasted together scrap books for the Scranton Street Nursery School, an emergency school for children of parents working in war industries. This school is the first in the country to be organized with federal funds for this specific purpose. At future meetings the chapter will continue with sewing and mending needed by the nursery school.



## **New Jersey**

The October meeting saw twenty-five members arriving with loaded arms for a white elephant sale. After the business meeting Peg Royal Hinck was the spirited auctioneer, and the evening wares were disposed of to the extent of \$26.50 and a hilarious time was indulged in by all. The chapter recommends this easy manner of earning money to other chapters. Dean Burdick was the guest of honor at the December meeting. The money-raising plan this year is unique. A cardboard box has been sent to each member of the chapter. When opened and put together the box makes a bank labeled "Connecticut College Club of New Jersey. Fill me with coins as fast as you can so we can be leaders of the alumnae clan." Each member is asked to earn \$5 by a home bridge party, a white elephant sale, the sale of old gold, silver, or discarded jewelry, or by selling home baked food. Of this \$5, \$1 will include the payment of chapter dues.

## **New London**

At the first meeting in the Fall Dr. Moritz Lowi of the Psychology department on the campus spoke of his experiences in Germany before the war. In December the annual Christmas Supper was held in the Faculty Room in Fanning Hall, from where the members proceeded to the Christmas Pageant in the Auditorium. The next meeting was an informal one held at Kathryn Moss' apartment, when a SPAR stationed at the Coast Guard Academy was the speaker. The chapter is glad to report considerable success in the calendar sales.

## **New York**

The Service Men's Party at the Biltmore hotel in October with Elinor Hunkin Torpey '24 as chairman, was a great success, as indicated by the enthusiastic crowd of service men and college girls who attended. The most attractive feature was the 15-piece Coast Guard orchestra, which really started activities off to a grand beginning. At the December meeting at which Blanche Finley '22 presided, three speakers were presented: Mrs. Charles Bosanquet spoke on the English women's point of view in the war; Mrs.

Jan Papanek, wife of the head of the Czechoslovakian Information Center in New York, told of the Czechoslovakian war effort, and Mr. Pierre Andre Weill of France Forever gave a stimulating talk about the work and history of the Fighting French.

## **Philadelphia**

A luncheon meeting was held in November when reports were given of Alumnae Council by Charlotte Harburger Stern '35 and Ruth Griswold Henderson '31. New officers have been elected as follows: President, Dorothy Wheeler Spaulding '33; Secretary, Sarah Pithouse Becker '27; Treasurer, Gertrude Butler '32; Chairmen of Committees: Social Service, Charlotte Harburger Stern '35; Entertainment, Harriet Kistler Browne '33; Nominating, Kathleen Kirl Landes '40.

## **Pittsburgh**

In order to ease transportation difficulties luncheon meetings are being held in a downtown hotel. At a recent meeting a report was given on Alumnae Council by a Pittsburgh student now in college.

## **Providence**

A Christmas party for college undergraduates in the vicinity was held on the 29th of December at Ruth Raymond's home.

## **Waterbury**

At the meeting held in October at Katherine MacKnight's home Kathryn Moss was the speaker, giving up-to-the-minute news of college, faculty, and campus activities. The November meeting was held at Eleanor Penney Herbst's, and the members were addressed by the local president of the League of Women Voters. The chapter has increased its dues instead of attempting to have a money raising activity.

## **Westchester**

Money raised for the War Bond was a huge success—\$250 in all. Transportation has become a major problem in holding meetings in this suburban area. Instead of attempting to get speakers from out of town, short talks have been given by members on their work and chief interests.



*Notice to '21, '22, '23, '24: There will be no reunion in New London this June*

## Class Notes

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### 1919

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

Marion Kofsky Harris is living in Washington, where her husband is a mediation officer with the War Labor Board. Mr. Harris taught at Wesleyan summer school and also at Trinity College. One day Marion ran into Agnes Mae Bartlett Clark, and they discovered they were living across the street from each other. Our sympathy goes to Marion for the loss of her brother last fall and to Florence Carns for the loss of her mother in November. Batch is working twelve miles out of Washington in Silver Spring, Md. Prent has a new position in Boston, where she is connected with the famous Elizabeth Peabody House. Amy Kugler Wadsworth's daughter, Barbara, is a student at C.C. Anna Buller has moved to an apartment in Harrisburg and has a new position in an office in the same building. Margaret Maher Ruby has a new house on the Bluff in Long Beach, Calif., a birthday present from her husband. She sent snapshots of her new home and of her son, who was three on January 15. Dorothy Gray Manion is settled in Reading, Mass., and her husband's business is in nearby Lowell. Frank Otten Seymour gives all her free time to the Red Cross. Alison Hastings Porritt helped out in her husband's greenhouses during the Christmas rush. She and Dot Peck attended the Hartford Chapter meeting at Billie Williams Baker's home. Winona Young and Jimmy Rogers, son of Miriam Pomeroy Rogers, visited Alison last summer. Her two daughters are both in the ninth grade. Ruth Trail McClellan is more than busy with housekeeping, missionary work, Red Cross, Grange, etc. She has two children in high school now and one in junior high. Juline Warner Comstock sent a Christmas card with a picture of husky dogs drawn by her husband. Mr. Comstock is doing defense work, while Juline is teaching at the Leonia High School.

### 1920

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

News is scarce, dear classmates. It would be such a help if you would send in items about yourselves, your families, and what you're doing for the war effort.

It is good news that Edith Lindholm Baldwin is once again "First Lady of Connecticut." Our congratulations to Ray, who was inaugurated Governor of Connecticut for the second time on January 6. The Baldwins have an apartment at the Bond Hotel in Hartford, where they live during the week. Weekends, when possible, they spend at their home in Stratford.

This fall the Poteats were delighted to have Dot and Wadsworth Stone stop for a short visit en route to New York from Longmeadow, Mass.

I hope that the reminders I sent out about Alumnae Fund contributions have brought results and that my next report from the Alumnae Office will show many donations from our class. The sub agents are Feta Perley Reiche, Fern Smith Hinz, Dot Stelle Stone, and Dot Hover Drummond.

### 1922

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

Would that members of 1922 were not so modest that there is seldom a report to give of activities! However, at Christmas an occasional news item comes my way. Ann Slade Frey reports that Janet, now a junior at Bennington, gets around. Last summer Janny had a marvelous job as recreation director for the camp run by the New York Life Insurance Co. for its employees in Bedford Hills, and during this winter vacation from Bennington she is in New York working at Harper Brothers.

Eleanor Thielen Wunch telephoned me last fall when she entered Billy at the



University of Michigan. Her son Jack had already had one year there. Billy was ill in December with diabetes, and Eleanor reports that he may transfer to the University of Virginia so that he can be at home for medical treatment. Ted is stationed in Charlottesville.

Millsie reports she has recovered from the broken leg of last spring and is hoping to get back into active service with the Red Cross soon.

Some of us, maybe with advancing age, have had our share of operations. Last summer Dorothy Wheeler had her share; and in November Eleanor Wunch and I had our hospital experiences. We all seem to be very much back in the harness.

### 1923

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

Helen Hemingway Benton has adopted a beautiful baby, John, aged six months. The girls are now five and a half and can practically take care of themselves; and Charles, who is twelve and looks like Helen, seems most pleased with the new addition, judging from the picture which I wish could be printed here.

Our little boy, Donald, whom we adopted a year ago, is three.

### 1924

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

Our class president, Hunken, sends the following open letter: "Madeline Foster Conklin attended the Alumnae Council meeting in November as our class representative. . . . Whether our class reunions or not, our usual gift to the College would be appreciated and timely. We have in the treasury about \$185, which has been collected from a very small proportion of our class. Most of this came through the five year \$5 plan adopted at our last reunion five years ago. We see no reason why more of you should not contribute your share to this fund. If \$5 is not possible at this time, a smaller sum will be acceptable. The money should be sent to Mrs. Charles Conklin, 336 Prospect Ave., Hackensack, N. J. Maddie will be writing to you personally. Don't neglect her letter, please! Since it is impracticable to

have a class meeting to decide what the gift shall be, we would welcome suggestions which your officers will consider and act upon. Scholarship money would seem to be a good thought for these times. What do you think?" Maddie wrote of how much she enjoyed her weekend on campus. She found both the conference and just being on campus stimulating.

Gladys Westerman Greene is living in Toronto, Canada, where her husband, a chemical engineer, is working. They are in a four-room pent-house apartment and find it an interesting experience but miss their own home in New Rochelle. Joan, 13, and Stephen, 11, are in school, and enjoy riding at the Circle M ranch just north of Toronto.

### 1925

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

Attention! You've all received a report from Parkie, which should be considered "required reading." A report on the Baby Fund is about to be issued.

A salute to Spud Ward, who is now a WAVE!

Mullie Barker Eastman is back in New London and living on Nameaug Avenue too! Commander Eastman is teaching engineering at the Academy. Mullie says, "New London has changed in 17 years and so have C. C. and C. G. A., but it all seems sorta like home." The two older boys are at Mt. Hermon.

Marion Walp Bisbee lives a busy life on the west coast—running a post office, directing a war chest drive, and being in charge of district gas rationing.

Kathleen Boyle works at the District Warning Center in Hartford, and Dorothy Kilbourn, as air raid warden, waits for the warnings.

Emily Warner Caddock is in New York, where her husband is in defense work.

Grace Demarest Wright is in Hot Springs, Arkansas, "1500 miles from home. My husband, now a lieutenant colonel in the Army Medical Corps, is Chief of Medicine at the Army-Navy General Hospital out here. We have a house right on the Army Post and are fortunate to be stationed here, as the town is delightful, the people interesting, and the



weather warm. My daughters, aged 7 and 11, are attending the public school here; and I'm keeping busy helping to reorganize the medical library of the hospital. Best wishes to the class!"

Helen Nichols Foster "has been living in Pelham (222 Carol Ave.) for a year and a half. Our child is 8 years old and in third grade. My husband is in war work with the Chemical Construction Co. at Radio City."

## 1926

KATHERINE COLGROVE, *Correspondent*, 164 Prospect St., Waterbury, Conn.

As '26's representative, Edna Smith Thistle reports enthusiastically on the Alumnae Council meeting, which seemed to her most worthwhile and helpful. She feels that even more will be accomplished another year.

Ruth Knup Wiederhold's new address is 4413 Underwood St., Hyattsville, Md. She has not moved, but the numbers and street names have been changed to conform to the Washington system. Her husband is with the War Production Board, Jane is in the fourth grade, and Anne in the third.

Connie Clapp, who teaches religious education in Dayton, Ohio, says that she has 19 different classes, 9 different schools, and 500 children each week.

Irene Peterson Caterson has taught commercial subjects for the past five years at Briarcliff Junior College, Scarborough-on-Hudson, N. Y. Her son, Jim, aged two and a half, is attending nursery school.

Harriet Stone Warner, who for ten years has lived on the next street to me, is moving in the spring to Woodbury, where she and Oscar have bought a house. As you see by the above address, I also have recently moved.

Rosky Beebe's husband, Thomas C. Cochran, has recently published a book, *The Age of Enterprise*; and the reviews have been excellent.

Gertrude Koetter Ryder has moved to 93 Weed Ave., Stamford. She has two children.

Annette Ebsen, who is in charge of a branch of the British Broadcasting Co. in Washington, often sees Betty Phillips and Imogene Hostetler. Margie Ebsen and

Maddie Smith work at the information desk at the Times Square service men's center.

Don't forget to send your war stamps and class fund contributions to Fran Green, 55 Holman St., Shrewsbury, Mass.

## 1927

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

Faff Williams Wood met Ruth Ford Duncan in Harvard Square. Flivver has been living for the last year at 18 Ware St., Cambridge, Mass. Rachel Harris left in December for San Jose, Costa Rica, to work for six months for the Pan-American Highway. Margaret Wheeler is still in the Detroit Public Library, working half time in social science and half in the War Information Center. She is keen on her job but managed to get home to Paducah for a week at Christmas.

Ethel Woodruff Pulsifer and I met for lunch during a day's shopping. She had news of Isabel Grinnell Simons on Staten Island. Isabel has been "quite busy at the Marine Hospital near here. I am still fiddling away doing some interesting quartet study and have been doing some work in the New York library for a friend, who is writing a life of Schumann. Had a letter from Peg Moore Manship, whose husband is in the Army in California. She lost her brother, a captain in the Navy, last summer." Our sympathy to Peg and best of luck to her husband. Our sympathy also to Lois Gregory, who lost her father last summer. Lois is a supervisor at Macy's.

Eleanor Richmond gave me the good news that Frances Jones Strenlau has a new little Sally, born in September. She also told of Lois Bridge Ellis's charming old house, which they bought last year, in Wethersfield, Conn. Richie is busy in and out of Newton High School. Last year she studied First Aid, this fall Nutrition, and now she is learning drafting with an eye to a summer job in a war plant. For several previous summers she has studied painting and has lived in the artists' colony at Rockport.

Mary Crofoot DeGange is at home after an operation in New London.



## 1928

BETTY GALLUP RIDLEY, *Correspondent*, Box 326, 22 Westford St., Chelmsford, Mass.

I was present at the Alumnae Council meeting in November and had intended to send out a mimeographed report to each member, but even the high school classes were too busy and I was unable to get the work done. Mrs. Helen Mansfield of the Wellesley Alumnae office told us of the thorough preparation class officers went through there before graduation and said that the well organized class does best in supporting the Alumnae Fund.

The news from members is scarce. Helen Little Clark is busy with Red Cross, P.T.A., and stretching the fuel oil. Debbie Lippincott Currier is doing personnel work at the Consolidated Aircraft in Tucson. Edna Somers, whose name is constantly in the *Boston Herald* and who is very famous, spoke to the Boston College Club on January 19. Being stranded in Chelmsford, I had to miss her and any information I might have gleaned concerning the spring fashions.

Won't some of you please send news of yourself and friends? And don't forget the Alumnae Fund.

## 1929

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

I hear that Ann Heilpern Randall had her second child, a girl, recently. Fran Wells Vroom heard from Helen Minckler, who is a registered pharmacist in every state except two. A Christmas card from Zeke Speirs says she is doing some U.S.O. work and selling war stamps in addition to her regular teaching in New London.

The *Montclair Times* of January 7 contained a picture of Roberta Bitgood Wiersma and an impressive outline of her musical career. She was directing the Motet Choir of Bloomfield in a concert at the Montclair Art Museum.

As I write these brief notes, I'm recovering from my youngest daughter's birthday party. She is six years old. Ho-hum, how time does fly! Don't forget to write me when you can.

## 1930

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

Peg Brewer Bunyan and her husband adopted a son last October. Bruce Alden celebrated his first birthday on December 3 and is keeping his mother busy. A Christmas snapshot of him shows a very attractive, lively little boy. Allison Durkee Tyler is now (January) in Salina, Kan., where her husband is a lieutenant colonel. In a Christmas note Juliet Phillips said she had no C. C. news. She is the same as ever but much fatter—117 pounds now!

I missed my usual Christmas day visit with Bianca but had a long letter from her. She, Brad, and the boys spent the day with her family and had a fleeting visit in the station with her brother Roger, now a Navy doctor. She said they were very much confined to their house in the country because of the gas rationing, and she often sees no faces but Bradbury ones for days. She had seen Jane Murphy Towey often, but Jane was moving away. She had also seen Fran Kelley Carrington some, but Kelly is now busy working.

Helen Hayden Villamil had her third child, Richard, Jr., on March 31, 1942. She and her family have recently moved to Port Byron, N. Y. Dot Quigley, besides teaching, manages a defense job and is decorating a new house. Fergie Ferguson writes of her life at Tudor Hall School in Indianapolis. Since the beginning of the year Fergie has been head of the Physical Education department and enjoys being her own boss. She is also faculty sponsor of Junior Red Cross, of the Freshman class, of Athletic Council, and Building and Grounds Committee. Outside school she is an Air Raid Warden, has taken two first aid courses, and instructs a course in Red Cross Life Saving at the Y. W.

Dot Feltner Davis wrote that Trudy Bland Robinson had halted in the middle of Christmas shopping to call her. Trudy's husband was on African duty, and she was at home at 24 Quincy St., Lawrence, Mass. Dot also wrote, "Elly Tyler, having resigned the Timber Trails Inn job, spent the first week of January with me looking over the Boston job market. The



field has its limitations in Elly's category, so regretfully we bade her goodbye as she departed for Manhattan Isle. Kentie writes from England that her nursing work grows busier. She missed my brother, now a Captain in the Medical Corps, in her hospital corridor by just a few minutes, a day or so before he sailed for Africa. My husband was just crossing the trail of Uffie Cooper Carroll's husband the last time letters came. Pete Brooks Foster uncomplainingly took her home apart in October, as Dr. Frank was leaving Lahey Clinic to join the Medical Corps. After several months in Montclair, where I understand a number of 1930 saw her charming Robin and her baby son, Pete has had the welcome word to join her husband in Miami. This can relay to Evelyn Clarke that here in Cambridge I have had the pleasure of identifying the friendly mother of one of my Dotsie's classmates at Buckingham School as Evelyn's cousin, Lois Kellett."

### 1931

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

The results of our ballot are: President, Rosemary Brewer Lange; Vice-President, C. B. Rice; Secretary, Betty Hendrickson Mattuck; Treasurer, Thursa Barnum; News Correspondent, Achsah Roberts Fennell; Reunion Chairman, Jerry Smith Cook.

Kay Eggleston Wadleigh has a second son, Wells, born July 24. Vera Mead Thorne had her third son on April 11, 1942.

Connie Ganoe Jones now lives at Beechwood Ave., Montague, Madison, Tenn. Anna Cofrances Guida writes that her husband, Dr. Francis Guida, is practising ophthalmology in New Haven. Their daughter, Martha, is three. They live in a new home they bought a year ago at 116 Wayland St., North Haven.

Edna Martin, C. B., Al Kindler, and Jane Moore Warner went to dinner and the theatre together and had a fine visit. Jane and husband, Karl, have bought a new home at 167 Hermitage Rd., Rochester, N. Y.

Midge Shea says she prefers hotels to hospitals. Midge has been the doctor's de-

light all too long. Hope '43 sees you vertical, Midge!

### 1933

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

We extend our sympathy to Ericka Langhammer Grimmeisen on the loss of her brother, First Lt. William P. Langhammer, in the Cocoanut Grove fire. Ericka, who lives at 36 Northwood St., W. Springfield, Mass., has a son, Erwin Paul, who was two years old on January 12.

*Marriage*: Barbara Elliott to Thomas C. Tevepaugh last June 20.

*Births*: A son, John, to Jo Eakin Despres (R.F.D. 2, Alexandria, Va.) on October 14. A daughter, Johanna, to Martha Johnson Hoogland on April 19, 1942. Martha (6 Truman St., Auburndale, Mass.) also has a son, Vincent De Forest, born on June 10, 1940. To Virginia Donald Usher, a daughter, Deborah Sprague, born November 9. Virginia (22 Mito St., W. Newton, Mass.) also has a son, David Lawrence, born Sept. 20, 1939. To Alma Skilton Yates (20 Yale St., Hartford, Conn.), a son, Jeffrey, born last October.

Gay Stephens' job in State College, Pa. (232 W. College Ave.) sounds very interesting. She's doing personnel work in connection with a defense program and is in charge of testing trainees for courses in engineering, drafting, etc. Tyler writes that she's still in the "priority racket at the pump factory. Next stop, the nut house!" Betty Kunkle Palmer's husband is overseas; but she's managing to keep busy with secretarial and Red Cross work—not to mention rearing young Pat.

If you've never taken the time to notify your correspondent of your marriage, offspring, job, etc., drop me a card now! No matter how remote the event may be to you, the chances are it will be news to us.

### 1934

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

Fritz Rooke Robinson (1721 Park Ave., Plainfield, N. J.) has a son, David Walker, born last July 27. Liz Moon Woodhead reports the birth of a daughter, Mary Caruth, on September 12. Liz also has two boys.



Alice Taylor Gorham has moved to 16 Flower City Park, Rochester, N. Y. Jane Petrequin Hackenbarg had a daughter, Susan Ann, on October 3 and has given up teaching. She reports that Jean Stanley Dise has moved to 3124 Rosewood, Houston, Texas. Edith Richman was married on May 9, 1942 to Seymour Stolzenberg. Address: 304 E. 50th St., N. Y. C. Mary Louise Ellis Dunn announces the birth of a second daughter, Carol Ann, on last June 17. Betsy Turner Gilfillan is now living at 135 The Boulevard, Carrick, Pittsburgh 10, Pa.

Lou Hill Corliss sent a card with a picture of Jimmie, aged 2, announcing the birth of Judith Ann on last November 11. Marjorie Prentis Hirshfield is back in New London again, at 72 Mott St. Her husband is in the Navy. Gladys Russell's new address is 1507 Franklin St., Wilmington, Del. Muriel Dibble Vosilus is at Meadowood, Wilton, Conn. Betty Hershey Lutz' address is Parkview Apts., 2400 Market St., Harrisburg, Pa. Dody Merrill Dorman's husband is a Navy doctor, and she is living at 4708 Maple Ave., Bethesda, Md.

Cait Lewis is now Mrs. Frederick J. Witt of Monroe, Conn. Jean Berger Whitelaw sent Christmas greetings from "the heart of French Canada"—so I guess she has moved again. Jan Townsend Willis, husband, and three boys now occupy a new seven-room colonial house at 13 Vin- ing Lane, Wilmington, Del. Bob is working for the Dravo Corporation, shipbuilders. Marion Bogart Holtzman is at R. D. 2, Flemington, N. J., working on a seventy acre farm which her sister and brother-in-law bought. Budge does the inside work; and her hours are from 6:30 a.m. to midnight, husking corn, canning, etc. It sounds like a job and a half. She asks her friends to excuse her for not writing.

Helen Frey, who was graduated from the Katharine Gibbs School of Boston in 1936, is now Junior Clerk and Stenographer for the Department of Conservation, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Your correspondent is working at Wyman House, Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, Mass., helping the birth rate soar! How about the rest of you sending me the reply half of the postals that I send periodically?

## 1935

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

*Engagement*: Lois Smith to Neil MacGiehan of Hartford.

*Marriage*: Kay Jenks to Richard W. Morton last spring.

*Births*: To Ruth Lambert Bromberg, a daughter, Susan, on September 3. Ruthie's new address is 5427 University Ave., Chicago, Ill. George is in Pittsburgh on WPB work at present. To Polly Spooner Hays, a daughter, Emily, on May 14, 1942. As her husband is in the Army, Polly is back at 250 W. Washington St., Sullivan, Ind., for the duration. To Jane Cox Cosgrove, a daughter, Mary Jane Cullen, on January 3. To Harriet Backus French, a daughter, Janet Carol, on November 27. Harriet's address is P.O. Box 464, Avon, Conn. To Subbie Burr Santoorjian, a son, in September.

*Addresses*: Eveline Bates Doob, 2711 S. Inge St., Arlington, Va. Betty Merrill, 17 Prospect St., Little Falls, N. J. Rita Driscoll Marzucco, 1531 Brookhaven Rd., Overbrook Pk., Upper Darby P.O., Pa. Gerry Fitzgerald Warne, 76 Northview Ter., Yonkers, N. Y. Jan Paulson Kissling's husband is in the Army, and she is at home—722 Cortelyou Rd., Brooklyn, N. Y. Mary Alice Davis Chappell and Lloyd have moved into their new home in North Windham, Conn. Because of the labor shortage, they did a large part of the actual construction and really enjoyed it. Ruthie Fairfield Day spent three months in New York this summer and is now in Washington, D. C.

Sylvia Dworski is teaching in the East Haven high school. Ham Harburger Stern's husband is now in officers' training school, and she hopes to join him soon. Right now she is taking pottery lessons and learning to roller skate from daughter, Debbie. Peg Baylis Hrones and husband Johnnie spent their vacation this fall in East Jaffrey, N. H. Bobbie Birney tried to get East for Christmas, but because of weather her plane was grounded in Texas and after many hours she finally got a train back to San Pedro. Rushie Caldwell is now living at 825 19th St., San Pedro, Calif. Bobbie and Rushie, you should get together out there.



Ham and Bobbie Hervey attended the Alumnae Council meeting at C.C. Ham has a good suggestion of Round Robin letters. They could be sent to either Ham or myself, and we could cut them and forward to any who are interested. What do you think of the idea? Some one want to start it off? The Class Roster is progressing slowly but surely. There are still 34 girls not heard from. If you are one of them, won't you take just a minute to send me a penny postcard with the requested information on it?

### 1936

*Marriage:* Caroline Heyman to Milford G. Simon in New York on November 26.

### 1937

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

Our somewhat belated but most sincere sympathy to Mary Reynolds Danforth, whose husband was lost with his ship last February. Mary is now actively engaged as a lieutenant in the WAACS.

The news you are about to read has all come to me via Margie Aymar and Betty Corrigan. Many thanks, Margie and Betty!

*Engagement:* Margie Aymar to Lt. Charles E. Clark, medical student at P. and S., where Margie also is studying. Both will finish in March and interne at Bellevue.

*Marriages:* Sara Jane Bowman to Paul K. Sun in August, 1941. Paul is now in the Air Corps, and Sara is living with her family. Ginny Belden to Edward J. Miller on May 29, 1942. Address: 24 Vanderbilt Ave., Manhasset, L. I., N. Y. Helen O'Brien to George A. Halstead on June 20, 1942. Alexandra Korsmeyer to Albert H. Stevenson. Address: Hamilton House, Glenwood Gardens, Yonkers, N. Y.

*Births:* To Kax Griswold Spellman, a son, Robert William, Jr. on April 9, 1942. The Spellmans have a new home at 15 Longvue Drive, Wethersfield, Conn. To Alice Lippincott French, a son, Kenneth, Jr., last spring. Ken has a little sister, Kathy, about two and a half. Address: 1619 Marquette Rd., Marquette Gardens, Joliet, Ill. To Madeline Shepard Howard, a son, L. Brewster, Jr., last

winter. Address: 25 S. Lenox St., Worcester, Mass. I don't recall whether we have announced the arrival of Ralph F. Schreiber, three year old son of Barbara Fawcett Schreiber. Bobbie has been kept busy by both young Ralph and Junior League war work. Address: 521 17th St., N. W., Canton, Ohio.

Last summer from Kingsville, Md., Millie Garnett Metz wrote about "living on a beautiful farm, raising our first vegetable garden, milking cows, and running the tractor. Love it so much we want to buy a farm after the war." Don is in the Army; and Millie is kept busy with young Donnie, 2 and Susan, three and a half. Back in October, 1941, Emmy Moore took a position with the Continental Casualty of Chicago at San Francisco. Emmy likes her work and the life in Frisco. Address: 1400 Washington St. Emmy and Margo Coulter of San Mateo, Calif., have met and lunched together. Fay Irving Squibb (143 K, RR 1, Cincinnati, O.) wrote during the summer that she was pretty busy at home with a house, two acres, vegetable garden, husband, two mischievous kids, and a dog."

From Yale University, Edie Burnham writes, "Yale is a strenuous but stimulating place to be working, and I still love it." Dot Baldwin is teaching English in Caldwell, N. J. Belinda Beam is secretary to the controller of the Cooper-Bessemer Corp. and also treasurer of the Community Music Club Concert series in Mt. Vernon, O. Harriet Brown Bickford's address is 1600 Shroyer Rd., Dayton, O. Al is in the Army, and Hat is busy with young Steffine.

### 1938

*Marriages:* Margaret Myers to John Hull McLean, II, Princeton '38. Wilhelmina Foster to William R. Reynolds on November 28.

### 1939

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

*Engagement:* Beatrice Dodd and Worth Wright Foster, Jr. have announced their engagement and hope to be married this summer.

*Marriages:* Elizabeth Patton is now Mrs. Philip R. Warner. They are living



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in Keystone Heights, Fla., "a heavenly spot." Margaret Robison and Lt. Arthur W. Loehr were married on December 12 and are living on Schrover Rd., Dayton, O. Mary Winton and Robert Dickgiesser were married on May 16 with Carol Prince Allen and her husband as attendants. Mary received her Ph. D. in organic chemistry in June. Address: 37 Trumbull St., New Haven, Conn.

**Births:** Henry Farnum Gatchell has a son, Creighton Everett, Jr., born May 29, 1942. Janet Dill Morton has a son, Seth Worth, II, born December 14. To Phyl Rankin Burger, a daughter, Bonnie, last August. Phyl and family have been transferred back to Philadelphia. Elizabeth Taylor Irwin has a daughter, Lynn, about a year old. She is now living near San Francisco. Betty Andrew Helmig has a son, David.

Estelle Taylor is now (Dec. 22) a WAVE in training at Mt. Holyoke. Ginny Taber McCamey and daughter, Eleanor, are living in Lakeville, while Ben is with the Army Air Corps. Nini Cocks Millard and Stan have been in Florida, where Stan was in Officer Candidate School. E. Fessenden Kenah and artist husband are still in Washington, where E. is working in the Pentagon building. Carol Prince Allen is busy with Red Cross Canteen work and other volunteer services. Bobbie Myers Haldt is with her parents while her husband is in the V.O.C. Nancy Weston Lincoln had a thrill when she heard "Call for Dr. Lincoln" while she was in the Hartford hospital where John is interning—she was just having teeth extracted! Kat Ekirch is doing research in Physics on a government problem at Columbia. She is also president of the Westchester Alumnae Chapter. Pokey Hadley is still teaching first grade and doing Red Cross work. She says that Jane Kelton is working like fury for the Navy in Philadelphia. Margie Abell is staff assistant at Red Cross Headquarters in Washington.

**1940**

MARY GIESE GOFF, *Correspondent*, 34 Livermore Rd., Wellesley Hills, Mass.  
**Engagements:** Jean Bemis to Lt. Don-

ald F. Bradshaw, Army Air Corps. Martha Young to Orron G. Youngquist.

**Birth:** A son, William F. Poole, IV, to Sylvia Wright Poole on January 1. Address: 515 E. 89th St., New York City.

Shirley Devereaux Kendall writes that she and daughter Pat are in Miami, where Ensign Kendall is in subchaser school. Shirley writes that Liz Gilbert Wild and Ginger Clark Biningner are also in Miami. Alice Porter reports that Eunice Brewster is sub-teaching in a local high school, besides being in the Motor Corps, acting as head of first aid in her section of town, and serving as airplane spotter. Alice and Eunice spent a September vacation at a cottage on Martha's Vineyard. Jean Baldwin is an inspector at Willow Run.

New WAAC is Betty Morton; and we've heard, unconfirmed, that Gracie Bull may be among the WAVES. Getting together in Boston to see Katy Ann Rich who was visiting a few weeks ago, were Fran Kelley Bump, Evie McGill Aldrich, Bettie Lundberg, and Micky Rice Holt. Evie Gilbert, whose engagement was recently announced, is just back from California, where she visited her fiancé. As for yours truly, I'm finding life in a North Carolina farmhouse wonderful. Do keep me up on news—not only for publication but also for diversion, for letters are a high point in our wilderness home. Any mail to the above address will be forwarded.

**1941**

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

This column goes rattling on, but I must say some of you gals aren't giving me much cooperation. Please, all of you, push the pen for the next issue!

The engagements and marriages continue at the same steady pace. Beth Main announced her engagement to Lt. Albert M. Chandler, Jr. (of course) in October and was married on November 14. Marianne Upson announced her engagement on December 6 to John W. Maddox and was married on January 29. Her man is to go into the Army C.P.T. school soon. Uppie is a major in the Red Cross Motor Corps and is thinking of writing a book



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for poor misguided privates on how to succeed in the Army. Sally Kiskadden announced her engagement on December 27 to William McClelland of Buffalo and Detroit, "a Williams man." She has no plans for marriage, but she'll be popping off like the rest! Sally is working at the Ford plant and likes the defense plant atmosphere. I ran into Jane Kennedy last week having lunch at Stouffer's with C. J. Dick. It seems that C. J. had just arrived to be a bridesmaid in Kennedy's wedding to John Newman, which took place on January 9. Kathie Elias was also a bridesmaid. Lee Harrison was married in December, but I blush to admit that I've forgotten her husband's name—let you know in the next. Kay Ord was married to Lt. Leonard W. McChesney, Jr., of the Army at Fort Sill, Okla. in November. They will live at 1015½ A Ave., Lawton, Okla.

There should be plenty of news in the vital statistics department before you receive the next issue. Among the infanticators are Jan Peto McLain, Marian Turner Selby, Jeanne Turner Creed, Betty McNicol Kelting, and Phyl Grove Slocum. I feel like Dorothy Kilgallen!

There isn't much general news. Terry Strong Campbell tells me that Soup is still somewhere in the Pacific. Terry saw Schmidt, Kohr, and Jessie Ashley in Dayton, where they are all working. Helen Henderson is teaching in Glastonbury, Conn. Mal Klein Pratt says she and Tracy are hibernating in Westport—and freezing. Aren't we all! Kitty Bard can't understand all this fuss about a shortage of men. Lucky girl! She was working for the Pacific Naval Air Base and then transferred to Naval Intelligence work. What about the rest of you?

**1942**

NANCY WOLFE HUGHES, *Correspondent*,  
Apt. 100, John Alden Apts., 285 Harvard St., Cambridge, Mass.

*Births:* A daughter, Louisa, to Louisa Bridge Egbert. A daughter, Margaret, to Sue Parkhurst Crane on December 15. Sue reports that Peggie weighed 6¾ pounds and is "the spittin' image of her father."

Engagements and marriages come with such rapidity that I can't keep up with them unless you all break down and write me!

From Philadelphia, Marj Meyer Reviere reports that she has become a member of the expectant mothers club. She sees Louise Ressler, who is working at Bonwit's in Philly, and Maurie Gieg, who is busy with the Philadelphia Emergency Aid group.

Betty Bentley Viering is living in Cambridge while her husband, Russell, is connected with the First Service Command in Boston. She had much news. Pudge Simpson White, who was married this fall, is here in Cambridge, while her husband attends Naval Supply School at Harvard. Peepy Stietz, who left us after freshman year, is working at Filene's, and Sue Smith is holding down a very important position in the training department of the same store. Betty also informed me that Ginnie Stone is an ensign in the WAVES and that Ruth Hankins is waiting for that nautical organization to call her to duty. Midge Batchelder Cogswell's husband is a captain in the Army, and they are living near Camp Davis, N. C. Betty Moeller is teaching nursery school at Lincoln School in Providence, and Peggy Holmes is secretary to the advertising manager of a New York firm. All of us '42-ers in and around Boston will have to have a reunion one of these days.

Putty Linder, who is working at Chase National Bank in New York, runs into classmates often. While atop a Fifth Avenue bus one day this fall, she and other members of Bobby Brengle Wriston's wedding party spotted Joan Jacobson Green and Franny Hyde doing a little window shopping. The bustop rubber-necks hastily descended for a reunion with the window gazers.

Jean Pilling Grimshaw is residing in Falmouth, Mass., while Fred is at Camp Edwards. She is coming up to Boston next week and will pay me a visit. Sugar Kane is recuperating after a slight operation. Nancy Pribe Greenfield, who married her captain in October, is learning how to boil water down near Orlando, Florida.