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● LAURA BATCHELDER SHARP '21 says of the picture of herself and husband on page 6, "It's very informal and should definitely be labeled 'at work, at camp.' Camp Waya-Awi by name, is a school where we work in all secondary school subjects, but for the most part with boys who have some difficulty with language which is operating to prevent scholastic success. Sometimes it's spelling, sometimes reading, sometimes written expression, and sometimes oral expression. It may be in several of these language skills. Almost all of them are working in Remedial English for one period with other studies for make-up or acceleration for one or two other periods. All morning we work; all afternoon we play, and we do accomplish tremendous educational progress with most. Page graduated from Wesleyan in 1920, then force of circumstances made what one might call a great interlude in both our lives. We returned from Guatemala where we had been living and working in 1933, and Page went to Yale to study psychology. Dr. Orton persuaded him to go into practical psychology, and two very interesting years in New York were followed by our beginnings with boys who needed help in various schools hereabout." The Sharps live in Hartford with their two children, Page, Jr. and Marquita, who hopes to enter Connecticut next Fall.

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First Annual Five Arts Weekend on Campus

Students Present Work in Drama, Music, the Dance, Poetry, Fine Arts

by KATHERINE TROLAND FLOYD ex '21

FOR the first time since "the good old days" Connecticut College students brought forth this spring an original musical comedy. Light, tuneful, vivid and gay, *The Island of Lolii*, written by Dawn Aurell and Elizabeth Travis. Sollenberger '44, was a smash hit. It was part of a larger enterprise called Five Arts Weekend in which original student work in music, drama, the dance, poetry and fine arts was presented to the public. It had special significance because it was the first fruit of a concerted movement by a group of faculty in the arts to stimulate students to greater creative effort.

Five Arts Weekend consisted of several events representing various fields of artistic endeavor. An excellent exhibit of drawings, paintings, and etchings done by the students of fine arts was hung in the auditorium and in the art studios of Frederic Bill hall. Included also were exhibits of the arts of the theatre including model stages and designs for stage costumes and settings.

On the first evening, Friday April 28, the modern dance group of Elizabeth Hartshorn '30, member of the Physical Education department faculty, gave a recital. In simple costumes and with a minimum of stage setting, they gave a beautiful performance, full of fire and grace and vigorous precision. The dance patterns had been created by the students and perfected through long, arduous practice. Choral reading of original

poetry and a program of student-composed music for piano, flute and voice were also presented that night. On the following evening, to tie the



The collaborators

whole thing together, Virgil Thomson, music critic of the *New York Herald-Tribune*, talked about the inter-relationship of the various arts.

Then as a grand finale came the *Island of Lolii*, produced by Wig and Candle under the direction of Josephine Hunter Ray. It was a gem. Its scene was a grove on an imaginary tropical island, "a place of love and laughter, away from the world, away from the war" read the script. Exotic trees laden with luscious fruits, unbelievable as to size and color; languorous dancers in sarong and wreathed tresses; and a brilliant tropical sky, formed the setting. Purple, shading

to orchid, aqua, fuchsia and pink tones, predominated. Sally Duffield '46, and Jane C. Dougall '44, under the exacting eye of Robert Fulton Logan, chairman of the department of fine arts, were its creators. They were assisted by a tireless corps of blue-jeaned artisans.

The plot involved the forced landing on the *Island of Lolii* of a troupe of Broadway entertainers en route by air to do their bit in some distant theatre of war. Their "great silver bird" brought them down as the natives of *Lolii* were celebrating the coronation of the prince of the island. The prince, of course, fell in love with the star of the troupe and courted her in song. He met the traditional obstacles to true love, but with a little wise counselling from his royal mother succeeded in making everything turn out joyfully in the end.

Leah Meyer (yes, one of those New London Meyer sisters) a junior with a glorious lyric soprano voice, played the stellar role. Mrs. Ray scouted the service posts and elsewhere in the vicinity and coralled a prince with a voice and other attributes. Gone are the days when C.C. girls tucked their hair out of sight and strode forth bravely but unconvincingly in the male roles! The story was just a bit of froth concocted of sentiment, blues, and comedy. But it was written with a peculiarly light and happy touch.

Dawn Aurell, the author, disavows full credit. She and Libby Travis Sol-



Bill Hall, south entrance

lenberger worked it out together, she says, and she adds vehemently that it was "simply nothing at all" until Mrs. Ray showed them how to pull it together and give it form. Libby Sollenberger's *Island of Lolii* music was enchanting. There were seven or eight songs, all tuneful and catchy. Their rhythms ranged from waltz time to the loose-jointed patterns of boogie-woogie. Libby's severest critics agreed the music was good. Professor Arthur W. Quimby, chairman of the music department, who holds her to the strictest standards of performance in all her musical pursuits, said it was "excellent" musical comedy composition. Martha Alter of the music department, herself a composer of considerable reputation, declared there is no doubt that Libby "has a genuine contribution to make" to American song writing.

Lolii melodies now haunt the campus. There is no escape from *My Dreams*, *When Broadway Comes to Paradise* or *Ch-ch-ch-chatter*. Plans at this writing are to take the show on tour, presenting it before the service men in the various posts in and near New London. The writing and producing of *The Island of Lolii* has been remarkably inspiring to Connecticut College students. So much emphasis has rightly been on the war, war services and preparation for war jobs in recent years, that devotion to an activity whose sheer beauty and artistry were its excuse for being, was a happy relief.

The two girls who wrote the show have "just loved" every minute they

have put into it. Dawn Aurell, the librettist, whose name, incidentally exactly fits her, is starry eyed at the slightest reference to *Lolii*. She is an English major. Dramatic writing and poetry are her chief interests. She has written much poetry for *Quarterly*, has shared the Cady speech prize twice, won a poetry competition in her freshman year, and wrote, directed and acted in her class play last year. She and Libby Travis Sollenberger have written class songs together. Dawn says they are natural collaborators, complementing each other perfectly. The war has touched Dawn very closely. With the attack on Pearl Harbor, her father, who was on his way to the Orient on business, dropped out of sight. Dawn's family feared he was dead. Her sophomore year was clouded with grief and uncertainty. Many months later, as an enemy internee, Mr. Aurell was per-

mitted to communicate with his family. Last December he came home on the *Gripsholm*. Dawn spent her childhood in Japan where her father had business interests. She was born in Canada and went to school there as she grew up, but she always returned to Japan for the long vacations with her family.

Libby is a Connecticut girl. In fact *Lolii* had its beginning on her father's farm in Torrington. Dawn came to visit. The two lolled in the sunshine and planned together. Libby is a music major, but because of the war she has carried a good solid minor in physics, believing she might be more useful in that field. She says it is her ambition to be a successful composer some day. We say she is right now. She has studied composition earnestly at C.C., and has composed serious and difficult things as well as college songs and other music in the lighter vein.



Rehearsal (obviously not dress) of *Lolii*



Josephine Hunter Ray

She has been her class song leader for four years, leading her classmates to victory in last year's competitive sing. Her honors are many. She has won the music prize, departmental honors in music, and was appointed last year as assistant to the choir director. Incidentally, she is one of C.C.'s many undergraduate war brides, the wife of Lieut. (j.g.) Harold Sollenberger.

However, it was not only the author-composer team who got a "lift" out of the Island of Lolii. It has given fresh impetus toward creative work. Many students who vaguely felt they "might" are now convinced that they "can" and are eager to try. The success of Lolii, in fact of the entire Five Arts Weekend, has been invigorating. Its promoters were Josephine Hunter Ray, F. Dorothy Bethurum, Martha Alter, Elizabeth Hartshorn, Robert Fulton Logan and Arthur W. Quimby. These members of the faculty joined forces this winter with a determined and single intention . . . to work out together a plan to encourage more original work in the arts than the students have been producing. They agreed that one important step was to provide a specific focus for their efforts and hit upon the idea of Five Arts Weekend, possibly as an annual event, as such a focus. Rumor now has it that they intend to go further and initiate some sort of unit or workshop on campus in which gifted students working together may strike sparks from each other's genius. Do I hear cheers?



The big moment has arrived

Mr. Avery Resigns From Botany Department

Mr. George S. Avery, jr., professor of botany, has resigned to accept an appointment as director of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in Brooklyn, New York. He will assume his new duties July 1. Mr. Avery came from Duke university to Connecticut in 1931 as chairman of the botany department. Besides teaching, he has, with his associates in the department, carried on research in the field of plant hormones. He has also served as director of the Connecticut Arboretum at the college. The work in hormones has been carried on since 1935 with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Philosophical Society. Mr. Avery spent the summer of 1938 in Copenhagen doing research work

on hormones with Professor P. Boysen Jensen of the University of Copenhagen. The following summer he was associated with Professor K. Linderstrom-Lang in a study of hormones and enzymes in the Carlsberg laboratory in Copenhagen. In the summer of 1941 Mr. Avery directed a Hormone Institute at Connecticut College in which scientists from Mexico and South Africa were among those collaborating. There have been some 50 scientific publications and inventions relating to the growth and development of plants which have resulted from the research at Connecticut College by Mr. Avery and his associates. Among these is the book *Growth Hormone in Plants* of which he is co-author. His work with the Arboretum has been outstanding.

Reading Disabilities Common With Students

Work in Remedial English of Great Importance

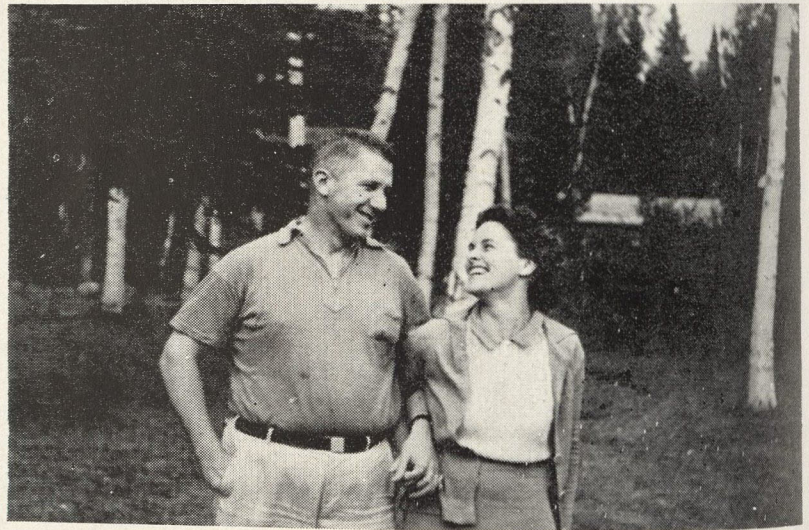
by LAURA BATCHELDER SHARP '21 and PAGE SHARP, Wesleyan '20

A FEW WEEKS AGO the headmaster of one of our schools sent me a theme written by a boy almost 13 years old who is now placed in the fifth grade. The comment written underneath the theme was this: "Theme produced by John Doe in the classroom on such and such a date. Did you ever see anything like this before?" The theme read as follows: "On halloween night i took ary garcy pardy and night at pardy we play a cane and i had to kite a garcy 5 tine at the pardy. Aften the party we went out right doble." This is English. The boy could probably translate it for us. I have had long talks with him and he can discuss anything that a twelve-year old is interested in—football and guns, and aeroplanes and kites and marbles. He likes arithmetic if he doesn't have to read the problems, and he can do arithmetic too if somebody reads the problems to him, but to read to himself appears to be an impossibility, and to put his ideas down on paper is, for him right now, an impossibility.

A mathematics teacher approached me in great distress with a series of graphs on which one of his students had plotted various equations. All of the curves on these graphs had come out in mirror fashion because the boy had placed his x primes and y primes on the opposite ends of the axes to which they belonged. He insisted that his x prime was on the left-hand side of the page and his y on the right, when in reality he had them placed in the reverse manner. The teacher thought the boy was just being stubborn and was finding something to argue about, as boys are prone to do. The same boy had great trouble with his statement problems in algebra, and he had the answers consistently wrong although he appeared to understand the mechanics of algebra and the principles involved in it.

This Fall, upon concluding an investigation among the freshmen in one of our universities, I was asked to a conference with the professors of the department of English. We were discussing the problem of reading and associative language skills as they might affect scholastic outlook at the college level. Long before we came to the point where we were discussing anything about the technical aspects of the problem, one of the professors spoke up and said, "Do you know that I have been quite struck by the excep-

pulse rate of these youngsters before exams one would find both pulse rate and blood pressure up, irrespective of the end results anticipated. I believe that there is no single factor in the life of the individual which is more important to character and personality development than scholastic success, particularly for those children who have the mental ability with which to learn, but who, due to a block in the learning process over which they have no control, fail or do poorly. The consequences of failure



The Sharps at their camp-school

tional apparent intelligence of the boys in my section this year? The class discussions have been thoughtful, stimulating and challenging, but you should see what those boys do on paper!"

What is this all about? John fails his history, Mary fails her French, Bill fails everything. It is impossible for Jane to write a theme. John makes fine recitations in history but fails his examinations miserably. "Why, this boy has a psychological set against examinations," says his teacher, when if one could take the blood pressure and

are dire, whether they be in life itself or in education. Behind every failure is a reason and if we search long enough and carefully enough we can do something about it. It is well to pause awhile and reappraise education, its philosophies, its aims, and along with this the failure of educators to educate, and students to become educated.

Chief Cause of Scholastic Failure

It is my belief, and this is based on experience, that the chief cause of scholastic difficulty among secondary

school pupils preparing for college is lack of established skill in the fundamentals of arithmetic, reading, spelling, and writing. We might inquire as to why this might be in a modern age when we are supposed to know all the answers. Certainly it would seem foolish on the face of things to have to revert to old-fashioned methods to produce new-fashioned results. This seems to be the case, however.

About twenty-five years ago new methods of teaching reading were begun in the schools and these methods spread like wildfire through the whole of the United States. The fundamental philosophy involved in the new method was that a child reaching school age at six should be taught to read and recognize for use words in his understanding vocabulary. Through experiment it was discovered that a child could learn the words in his understanding vocabulary at a very early age, that he could learn these things without having to learn his letters, without having to learn his A, B, C's, without having to learn his sounds, merely by storing away in his mind a visual picture of the word taught. Result—flash card. After a given number of stimuli, namely, being exposed to the word *orange*, for example, the child was expected to and did in the majority of cases, learn to recognize the word *orange* the next time he encountered it in the reading situation. In this way the young child was able to learn and remember words which were not phonetic, which came from foreign roots, and certainly the words which were the names for things with which he was familiar in his experience. It was found that the children learned to read very rapidly this way, that they mastered the mechanics of reading effectively and quickly in this manner, and were therefore able to be constantly stimulated through their acquired ability to read subject matter pertinent to their mental and experiential development at any given time. This of course kept them interested and stimulated. They wanted to read more. They developed a desire to read. They began to enjoy reading, but only because they were *able* to read. Unfortunately for this system, *all children do not learn to read this*

way. Unfortunately for the children who do not learn to read this way, the system has worked so effectively for say 60% of the school population, that the other 40% are well nigh lost in the shuffle.

Visualization Method Ineffective

In the teaching of spelling the same general method of visualization has again been used in most of the schools everywhere. And again for this method which is effective and good if it works, it is unfortunate to have to state that in many instances it does not work because there are children who simply do not have the ability to visualize words when they attempt to recall them for spelling. The fact that reading and spelling are part of language, which is functional in nature, has been forgotten. We are dealing with a very complicated process when we speak of language, which involves the fine coordination of various sensory processes with motor skills. We are not dealing with a series of isolated functions, but with a series of integrated functions. Just as certainly as in the physiological processes of life, the various organs and systems of the body are interdependent and interrelated, so in language we cannot separate and treat as entities reading on the one hand, understanding language on the other, oral expressive language as one thing, written expression as another, or spelling, grammar, paragraphing, and sentence structure as things which have no interrelationship or interdependence. They are all part of a whole, which is no stronger than its weakest link.

Problem Becoming More Serious

Recently educators have come to recognize that they have a serious problem on their hands in that a great many of the children are not learning to read effectively. New methods and procedures, chiefly visual in nature, have been evolved to overcome this difficulty, but the problem instead of getting less and less, appears to be getting greater and greater, so that each year as we come to make investigations in the schools as to the reading ability of students we find a greater and greater proportion of them unable to handle reading tests effective-

ly. In our investigations screening tests—which involve the administration of tests of aptitude, reading and spelling to children in private schools and colleges—bring to light approximately 20 to 25% of the boys and girls who do not read and spell well enough for their educational needs of the moment. Some of these boys and girls are seriously retarded in these fundamental skills. It is generally conceded that the mechanics of reading should have been mastered by the end of the fourth grade, but things have reached such a pass that it has now become necessary for us to begin to teach the children to read when they get into secondary school, and even into college.

However, inability to learn by visualization methods does not explain all difficulties.

In one standard text on the subject there are listed fourteen causes for reading disability, with an additional thirty-four possible reasons mentioned. It is my belief that there are two chief categories of students who are deficient in language skills. One category we could call the children *who do not know how* to read, and we could include in this spelling, and we could state that the reason they do not know how to read and-or spell is for any one of the forty-eight reasons above mentioned, or all of them put together.

Those Who Cannot Read

The second group includes those children *who cannot read or spell*, and it is this group with which we are chiefly interested in this article. The children in this large group have *strephosymbolic* language difficulties. We now jump into the field of controversies and expect the sparks to begin to fly. "What is this strephosymbolia, anyway?" you will hear said. It has been called everything from hokey to bunk. It is not our purpose here to prove its existence, or to discuss the theoretical aspects of the problem involved. I will merely quote Dr. S. T. Orton's very simple statements about it: "Strephosymbolia is a delay or a difficulty in learning to read which is out of harmony with a child's intellectual ability. At the outset it is characterized by confusions

between similarly formed but oppositely oriented letters and a tendency to a changing order of direction in reading." It is believed that these difficulties are caused by the lack of establishment in the individual of unilateral-cerebral dominance—"the concentration of functional control of language in one-half of the brain, such as is revealed by the fact that speech, for example, may be entirely lost although only one hemisphere of the brain has suffered injury."

After years of exhaustive research and study of individuals who had had serious injury or damage to the central nervous system from any cause it was discovered that "some of the disorders which follow small areas of destruction of the brain in the adult after language has been acquired occurred only when the master half of the brain is affected, and that the only guide we have as to whether the right or left hemisphere of the brain is operating as the master half in the normal individual is his sidedness, as shown by his handedness, footedness and eyedness. Dr. Orton has clearly demonstrated, and this point has not been refuted or questioned, that in the case of already acquired language this function could be lost in all or in any of its parts due to damages in certain areas of the brain, but only if the damage occurred to that hemisphere of the brain which is opposite to the dominant hand. The individual having damage to the hemisphere of the brain which was not opposite the dominant hand would suffer a motor paralysis of the opposite side of the body without the loss of ability to use, understand, speak, write or spell language.

Often No Demonstrable Pathology

Dr. Orton became interested in disorders in the acquisition of the language faculty encountered in certain children where there was no demonstrable pathology. A great deal of this work was carried on in Iowa, and later was continued as the language research project at the Neurological Institute in New York. The clinical findings of Dr. Orton's researches with these children have been ably presented in his book, "Reading, Writing and Speech Problems in

Children." He states in the foreword to this volume the following: "Since any disorder in the normal acquisition of the spoken or written language serves as a severe hindrance to academic advancement and often lies at the root of serious emotional disturbances, the studies here recorded may prove of interest to teachers and parents, as well as to physicians."

Retraining Methods

Work in the language research clinic, in which I became a worker, in New York involved amongst other things an intensive study of the life history of the children, the various factors in their inheritance, a careful review of their social economic background, and studies of handedness, eyedness and footedness as they occurred in children who had difficulties with language acquisition. These studies showed quite a number of "children who were entirely right-sided and some who were entirely left-sided, and in addition also included a great many whose motor patterns

showed a striking mixture of right and left-sidedness. Some, for example, were right-handed and left-eyed, some left-handed and right-eyed, some indifferent in their handedness and ambliocular." My role in the language research clinic was to evolve and effect methods of retraining for the adolescent group. A great deal of work had been done with the younger children, but little had been done with the older children. In fact, at the time, we did not know definitely whether a student who showed serious defects in language at the high school age or older could be retrained, or that it would make economic or pedagogical sense even to attempt it. Unfortunately for the research phases of this work the clinic at the Neurological Institute was closed in 1936. There is still a great deal to be done.

Work in Hartford

In 1936 we began in Hartford to attempt to put into practical use knowledge gained through the research work in New York and from

New London at Midnight

by BIANCA BRADBURY RYLEY '30

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At the harbor net the tender lies on guard
Of the long steel boats that feign a quiet dreaming,
Lapped in blackness, motionless. Starred
In an arc of light, the lovely bridge is gleaming.

Homes are candles for the restless sons
Who are at sea tonight. The feel of war
Is old to this city; under its rusting guns
A traitor Arnold came with torch before,
And privateers set sail, on Groton Heights,
Defenders sleep in a hallowed common grave.
Now the silent submarines that creep of nights
Are the modern answer this old city gave.

Dim in the darkness, dim and deep and slow,
Toll bells of its ships that foundered long ago.

other studies. This knowledge was put to work in two ways. First, by teaching, and second, empirically, in an attempt to discover how the children who might have trouble with language acquisition could be found in the schools through group testing techniques and with a minimum of expense. We have learned a great deal. We have evolved methods of testing which can be applied to the whole school group and by means of which those children who may be suspected as having difficulty in language acquisition may be segregated and their cases studied individually. These group testing techniques have brought to light the tremendous number of children who are handicapped in their language skills in our private schools, at least 20%. The relationship between skill in the tool subjects of reading and spelling and scholastic success at the college preparatory level has been clearly demonstrated. The program as it has evolved has required not only the provision of special remedial techniques for those children who are seriously handicapped and this by competent teachers who, incidentally, have to be trained, but a recognition on the part of the school that such disabilities as we were interested in existed, and a willingness on the school's part then to adjust the curriculum of the children involved within the limitations of its individual set-up. The program has also necessitated educational procedures for both parents and teachers, that they might be more familiar with the nature of the difficulty and what we are attempting.

Characteristic Manifestations

We have been able to study 1,068 individual cases of students in private schools who had difficulty with their school work. Ninety-five per cent of these children had difficulty directly traceable to lack of good groundwork in their fundamental tool subjects, particularly reading and spelling. Of the very large group of children who were retarded in their language skills we have found that eighty-five per cent of them showed the peculiar pictures of handedness and eyedness which we have come to associate with the strephosymbolic language disability. Children either show these motor

anomalies in themselves or there are in their histories cases of left-handedness amongst brothers and sister or immediate relations or histories of speech disorders. More conclusive still, in my opinion, has been the characteristic manifestation which these children make in the various phases of language. Their oral reading, spelling and writing in particular show characteristic errors. These errors in oral reading are exemplified by great inaccuracy of recognition, with multiple errors of insertion, substitution, omission and repetition. Usually the children read very fast. In the spelling typical errors show lack of any associative capacity in this skill. Poor visual memory for words is obvious with many errors of phonetic choice and little or no understanding as to phonetic usage. Silent reading for comprehension varies in attained levels with practically any individual tested.

Retraining Methods Successful

From experience and using methods and techniques which are highly eclectic, we have evolved a system of teaching which has proved effective in the retraining of children who are having any of these difficulties. Many youngsters we have been able to salvage educationally and set on the high road to success.

The 12 year old who produced the theme which he himself alone could read has started corrective procedures. He was found to be left-handed and

right-eyed, with a strong familial history of left-handedness.

The boy who got all mixed up in his mathematics was having at the same time great difficulty with his reading and spelling. The boy was a left-hander. In the process of remedial work his difficulties were overcome and he managed to get through prep school and went on to college.

The college professors of English, after a solemn discussion of the seriousness of the reading situation in the freshman class decided after unanimous vote that the thing for them to do was for one of them to attempt to teach a class where all the boys in it were defective readers. This they have started, the idea being to utilize the texts and books that ordinarily would be used in the regular college freshman English course and by a switch in emphasis see if they cannot cover the regular prescribed course and at the same time improve the reading habits of the boys in the group. This, I can assure you, was a step forward.

Work Should Be Available to Many

The secret of such progress as we have made has lain in our ability to diagnose accurately the difficulty under which the individual student was laboring and to provide remedial techniques which would prove effective at the point of greatest weakness and to continue these techniques individually and intensively over a long enough time to produce the results desired. Curriculum planning for these children has proved just as important as providing them with remedial assistance. Wherever possible, and sometimes quite radically, we have reorganized the curriculum of a boy or girl, taking into consideration the individual, ultimate goal, college or not, as the case might be. Many of our children have successfully completed secondary school work and are now doing well in college. We are still seeking for ways and means. We do not know all the answers. We are attempting to evolve effective group methods of approach which will bring the remedial work itself within the reach of a greater number of children all the way from the first grade to the sophomore year in college. The end is not in sight.

Commencement Weekend

Saturday, June 10

Alumnae Association Meeting,
10:30 a.m.

Class Day Exercises, 12 noon
President's Garden Party, 3:30-
5 p.m.

Baccalaureate Service, 8 p.m.
Senior Moonlight Sing, Library
Steps

Sunday, June 11

Commencement Exercises, 11 a.m.

In compliance with the constitution of the Alumnae Association, the annual meeting must be held in June. A quorum will be made up of local alumnae, and reports of officers will be read, which will be published later.

Another Commencement

The Winter issue of the *Alumnae News* called the first mid-year graduation exercises the "commencement for the first accelerated class." Actually another and very interesting commencement antedated the one held in February by several months. On September 9, 1943, a formal commencement program was held in the auditorium at which Miss Bethurum, chairman of the English department, gave the chief address, and degrees were conferred on Nancy Wyman of Lowell, Massachusetts, who was the first student to be graduated under wartime acceleration, and Heliadora de Mendonca of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, first Latin American student to be graduated from Connecticut. Nancy, a mathematics major, is now working as a research technician for General Motors at the company proving ground at Milford, Michigan. Heliadora, an English major, has returned home where she is teaching English, and hopes soon to work both on a newspaper and in the theatre.



Nancy Wyman and Heliadora de Mendonca

1944 Buys \$1000 War Bond for Sykes Fund



The Sykes fund committee for 1944

As all alumnae know the Sykes Fund is made up of the combined Sykes and Student-Alumnae Building funds, and eventually will be used for building a student alumnae house, at least one room of which will be a memorial to President Sykes, Connecticut's first president. The fund now totals well over \$15,000, and was given an appreciable increase this year, when the Sykes Fund Committee of the class of 1944 purchased a thousand dollar war bond. With brilliant results the committee and entire class timed their efforts to coincide with the national war bond drive. The chairman of the fund was Barbara Gahm of Andover, Massachusetts, who is shown seated in the forefront of the accompanying picture.

ON THE CAMPUS

The department of German has received a grant of \$5000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for the continuation of an experiment in language teaching which was begun at the college last year with the support of the Foundation. The grant will make possible the employment of a full time research assistant, the purchase of needed books, and the preparation of source material in the field. The feature of the experiment is the combining of all intermediate courses in German with an English orientation lecture, in an attempt to overcome the peculiar difficulty of language teaching at the college level which arises from the discrepancy between the student's intellectual maturity and her facility in the language. The subject matter in all the courses is grouped around a central theme in order to integrate the German curriculum as a whole. The current theme is the Cultural Background of Contemporary Germany. The texts used in the English section are largely translations by members of the German department.

The Yale Glee club and the Connecticut College choir gave a joint concert in March. Seventy-five women's voices and 50 men's comprised the two choruses. The two groups sang as separate units and together. Proceeds went to the Belgian Student Relief Fund sponsored by the French Club. The club also sponsored a benefit concert by Yves Tinayre, baritone, who specializes in ancient and sacred French music.

A Latin American Studies major has been announced by Miss Schaffter. The new major is the result of the recognition of the great importance of the Pan-American relationship, and will include courses already offered in the Spanish and history departments which are directly related to Latin America. New courses will be given in the study of Portuguese and geography. In the

senior year all majors will take a seminar course in which specific problems will be studied intensively. In addition majors will select 18 points from a list of courses chosen to provide general background. The work will be administered by a faculty committee which will assign each student to one of its members who will serve as adviser for the student throughout her course. The committee is composed of Miss Dilley, of the history and government department, chairman; Miss Roach, history; Miss Biaggi, Spanish, and Mr. Kirschenbaum, the instructor in Portuguese, who will arrive on the campus in the Fall.

Fathers numbering 275 visited the campus on Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, for the annual Fathers' Day festivities. The program included attendance at classes; the demonstration of the making of an etching plate by Mr. Logan of the fine arts department; a lecture-demonstration by Mr. Avery of the botany department on Hormones and Horticulture, and a Word about Penicillin; an informal reception for fathers and daughters on Miss Schaffter's lawn; luncheon in Thames, followed by a smoker discussion; father-daughter soft ball game; the presentation of the Island of Lollie, the operetta written and presented by students.

The second annual Connteen given for the benefit of the Allied Children's Fund has been presented on the campus. The Connteen show is given at the various service men's centers in the vicinity of New London, and is invariably received by the men with unbounded enthusiasm. There is a tap chorus, a can-can group, groups of novelty songs, monologues, vocal solos, in short Connteen is a most diverting variety show.

The organ in Harkness chapel is pictured on the cover of the April 1944 issue of the American Organist.

Every month since Mr. Quimby, chairman of the department of music, started his series of organ recitals of the work of Johann Sebastian Bach the weekly programs have been carried by the magazine. The picture was used to show the organ on which Mr. Quimby is playing his widely known concerts.

Connecticut was recently hostess to two students of Queens university in Canada, whose visit was part of the program of the recently formed Canadian-American Women's committee, which has as its aim the development of a "good neighbor policy" in regard to various common problems. It is expected that a plan for the exchange of students between the two countries will be worked out.

At the recent Flower Show given by the students of the botany department one room was the center of interest for victory gardeners. Displays showing the proper arrangement of planting vegetables were studied by many visitors, and a chart showing dates for planting was given to each visitor. Another exhibit which attracted much attention was the display of three samples showing the growth of penicillin, the new drug which marks another milestone in medicine.

Among recent lecturers on the campus were Beardsley Rumml, originator of the pay-as-you-go income tax plan, and Leon Henderson of the Research Institute of America, former administrator of the O.P.A.

Dr. Y. C. Yang, president of Soochow university, Soochow, China, was the speaker at a recent vesper service.

Many alumnae will be saddened to hear of the death shortly after Easter of Mrs. Sara Dennis, the housekeeper in Blackstone, who died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage. Sara and her husband, Major W. Dennis, have been great favorites of many student residents of Blackstone.

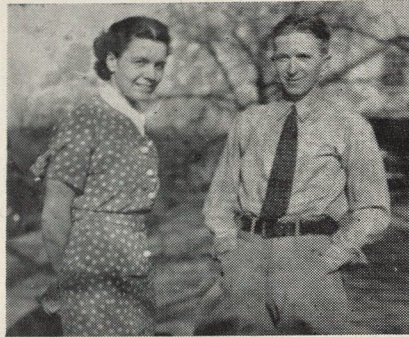
The Quiet Life of Country Editors

by KATHERINE SEMBRADA COUSE '27

PRACTICALLY every newspaperman hopes sometime to retire to the Quiet Life of a country editor. There may be such a life, but you can't prove it by me. We own the Warren Journal in Belvidere, New Jersey. Of course I'm not the editor, but I can guarantee that the editor, who is also my husband, has no quieter life than I. Actually he has numerous extra duties.

Nothing in my previous career had prepared me for my present work. Before I was married I had worked in New York installing filing systems. I installed them in all sorts of businesses, from art dealers to banks, but never in newspaper offices. The theory when we started our halcyon life here a little over six years ago was that I would spend a few days in the office, where I would do the filing, write a few business letters and keep the books. It was understood that I would take a course in bookkeeping in my spare time, since my school career in mathematics had been consistently undistinguished. Almost immediately it became obvious that I would spend approximately two hours a week on housekeeping, and that as for the books, we'd just get an auditor with a sense of humor. The filing has piled up on the window sill since 1940, and periodically falls on the floor, is retrieved and stacked up again. Before coming here I had never laid out an ad and seldom bothered to read one, and I disliked all forms of selling. Now I make advertising layouts and sell them. I also write personals, obituaries, cover and report council meetings, township committee meetings, school board meetings, court sessions, fires, accidents—in short, I do whatever the editor hasn't time to do. I read copy and proofs and feed presses; I run errands; I cover town meetings, court, freeholders, etc. for several other papers.

The above is all routine stuff though. What is really fascinating is the scope of the functions ascribed by

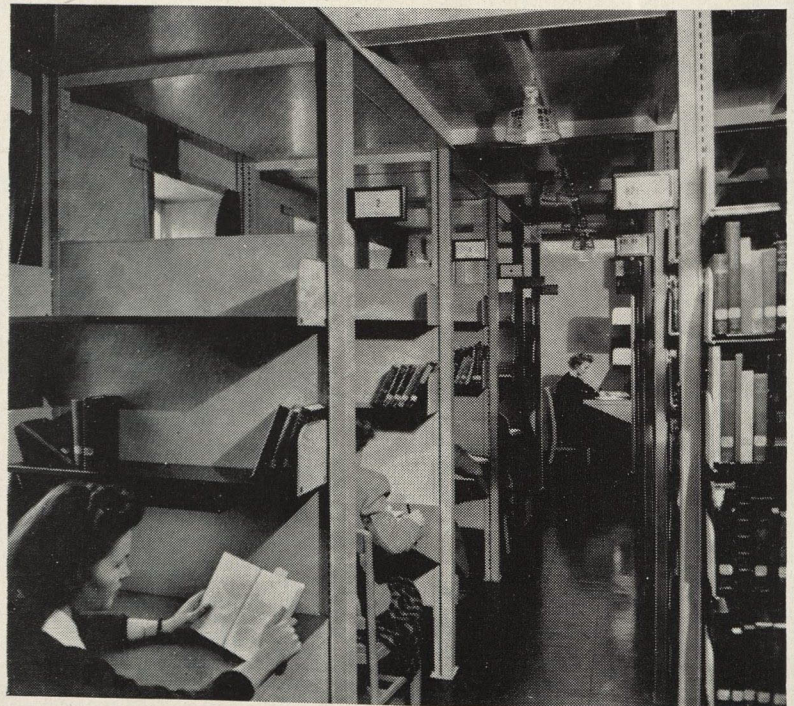


The editors Couse

the citizenry to the local newspaper. We're assumed to have correct and immediate information on an amazing number and variety of things. Recently a subscriber got the editor on the phone and said without preamble, "Mr. Couse, I've got two crying babies here—what shall I do?" The editor was helpful as usual. There are requests for information on bus schedules, for legal advice, on houses for rent or sale (they never think of ad-

vertising for the houses). We crusade violently on occasion, expecting to get our ears pinned back, but nothing happens. Within a week we get our ears royally boxed because of some silly and unimportant little piece.

In general the work is fun, because we never do any thing long enough to find it monotonous, but I like best of all the job printing end, feeding the presses, and all the mechanical stuff. Most of my clothes and most of me get covered with ink, but the town is used to my ink-covered wardrobe. Like all newspaper work, our work is a twenty-four hour affair. There are fires and accidents in the small hours of the night here just as there are everywhere. There are night meetings for every paper, but we don't assign them to the staff—we go to them ourselves, though not usually together. Occasionally we get the same evening off, and sometimes we see each other at dinner, and now and then in the office or on the street.



Individual study carrels in Palmer Library

CHAPTERS

Barbara Hervey '35, Editor, 12 May Street, Needham, Massachusetts

Boston

The last meeting of the year was held on April 26 at the apartment of Dr. Ruth A. Anderson '19 in Boston. Kathryn Moss, Executive Secretary of the Alumnae Association, was guest speaker. It was decided that no more than two meetings a year should be held, those to be at the homes of alumnae in Boston.

Chicago

In February a luncheon business meeting was held to make plans for Miss Schaffter's visit in March. The March meeting was preceded by a party given for Miss Schaffter by the Women's College Board of Chicago, to which several of the chapter officers were invited. The chapter luncheon was well attended and most successful. The directory of Chicago alumnae, as described in the March issues of the *News* has been very well received by the members.

Cleveland

The weekly warsage meetings were concluded in March. The new war project, being organized by Cornelia Hadsell '37, is for the enlistment of blood donors. Volunteers will continue to work at the War Bond and Stamp Booth at the Statler Hotel. With Marjorie Miller Weisner '33 as chairman a War Bond project took place during February and March, netting almost \$300. Miss Schaffter was the guest of honor during the day and evening of March 9. A tea was held at the Hathaway Brown School. Prospective students and their parents, and the heads of the six schools now sending students to Connecticut were invited. The executive board assisted Miss Coburn, headmistress, as hostesses. Norma Bloom Hauserman '37 was hostess for dinner, and the evening meeting at which Miss Schaffter spoke to alumnae was held at the home of Frances Ernst Hallaran '36, Harriett Ernst Veale '39, and Allayne Ernst Wick '42. The April 6 meeting was at the home of Janet

'36 and Cornelia Hadsell '37, and was a white elephant auction. It was voted to send \$400 for the scholarship to be used by a Cleveland girl for use next Fall. Betty Miller Parkhurst '33 and Norma Bloom Hauserman '37 will remain in office as president and vice-president next year. An election of the other officers will be held at the next meeting.

Fairfield

Miss Schaffter was the guest speaker at the meeting held in Bridgeport on May 10 at the Y.W.C.A. Because of the large area covered by the chapter membership and the difficulties of transportation two meetings a year will be held for the duration.

Hartford

The April meeting was held at the home of Dora Schwartz Gross '20 and her daughter Edith Gaberman '43. Miss Patricia Every, interior decorator at G. Fox and Company, was the speaker. At monthly meetings 2400 bandages have been rolled for the Hartford Hospital.

Meriden-Wallingford

Previously unreported meetings include the March 1943 meeting at the home of Rheta Clark '23 in Wallingford. Frances Wooding, Mount Holyoke '22, home on leave from the hospital at Tobriz, Iran, where she is a nurse, spoke on her work and on conditions in Iran. In June the annual meeting, a picnic supper at the home of Lydia Albree Child '35, was also a baby shower for the hostess, whose son was born in July. Kathryn Moss brought news of the campus in October when the meeting was at the St. George Inn in Wallingford. In January Grace Reed Regan '31 was hostess at a social meeting. Elmo Ashton Decherd '28 showed colored films of Mexico at the March meeting.

New Haven

The fourth supper meeting of the year was held at the Y.W.C.A. on

April 12. A successful white elephant auction was held, and later rubber surgical gloves were mended for the New Haven Hospital. Recent magazines were exchanged.

New Jersey

Vivien Noble Wakeman '31 was hostess at her home for the March 21 meeting. The speakers included Edith T. Clark '27, a teacher at the City and Country School of New York, on nursery schools; Dorothy E. Baldwin '37, a teacher in the Caldwell High School, on secondary education; Roberta Bitgood Wiersma '28, organist and choir director of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield and teacher of music at the Bloomfield College and Seminary, on musical education.

New London

The annual scholarship bridge was held in March in cooperation with the local chapter of the A.A.U.W. Over \$200 was raised for a scholarship to be given to a local girl.

New York

Miss Barghild Dahl, author of "I Wanted to See," spoke at the February meeting. A reporter from "Yank," the Army weekly, also spoke and explained the inside operations of the famous paper. In March in collaboration with the Wheaton alumnae group, the C.C. Club of New York sponsored a movie at the Museum of Modern Art.

Philadelphia

The last meeting was a dinner meeting on February 8 at which Kathryn Moss spoke of the college administrative staff, the faculty, and students, and their respective activities, and of the work and responsibilities of alumnae. The chairman of social service, Roberta Chace Freygang '35, reported a contribution through the Family Society to a needy family.

Washington

Miss Esther Batchelder '19, a member of the Board of Trustees of the college, spoke in February on Wartime Foods. In April Miss Schaffter spoke to the chapter at the home of Karla Heurich King '28.

Connecticut Gives a Party

Connecticut College Club of New York Entertains Service Men

by ELIZABETH MORGAN '41

WHEN an announcement is made that there will be a servicemen's party at the Biltmore on Sunday afternoon, 4 to 8 o'clock, you must know that "things didn't just happen." There's an organization back of the parties of which the Connecticut College Club of New York is proud to be a part—the College and University Women's Center. The New York World's Fair gave the Center its start when a room was set aside for college women to meet friends and rest those weary, weary feet. Various alumnae groups organized themselves and served as hostesses, providing tea and company for tired sightseers. Connecticut's hostesses on these afternoons were Eleanor Hunken Torpey '24, Muriel Ashcroft '23, and Jean Marshall '33. The afternoons were a success, and the organization, instead of disbanding after the Fair, developed new services. One of these was to serve as a clearing house for college women who wished to do volunteer work. Organizations sent in requests for workers, the center filed the requests, and mailed notices to girls who had registered as being interested in various kinds of volunteer work, and thus the cycle got going. The Center is located at the Biltmore Hotel, Room 255. It is not a part of the Women's University Club, but works closely with it. Under the direction of Mrs. Robert Loengard, its present director, it is becoming increasingly successful and helpful.

With the war came the idea at the Center of open house for servicemen on Sunday afternoons. Representatives from colleges which were members were appointed as hostesses. The list of hostesses now runs into the hundreds, and a serviceman coming every Sunday during the month will find a whole new assortment of girls to greet him. The first servicemen's

parties were very informal and were given in the rooms of the Women's University Club. The afternoons were spent mostly in talking, singing around a piano, and eating snacks. A small space was reserved for dancing to victrola music. At Connecticut's first party we launched into more entertainment than was usually given for the boys. Through the help of Billie Renwick Holbrook '24, radio actress, we presented a card trick expert, a mandolin player, and pianists, and singers. The party was a great success, as I should say succeeding ones have been, and Connecticut parties are definitely popular.

By the time we gave our second party we were able to get a larger room. Again we pioneered, this time for an orchestra. The Musicians' Union almost wrecked our dream, because it would not permit us to ask a professional orchestra to play free of charge. Many entertainers of course donate their time and talents to helping at parties for servicemen. Madelyn Smith Gibson '26 saved the day for us. When our hopes were lowest she produced a nine-piece Coast Guard orchestra, and our only financial obligation was to pay their expenses, for food, etc. The dance was one of the best given at the Center. The orchestra is an old stand-by now—whenever a big room is empty and dancing is possible, back come the C. G.'s to play for us.

Our big innovation at another party was a cartoonist. A long line of soldiers and sailors with their escorts convinced us that our latest feature had scored a hit. In the Fall of 1943 we tried a smaller dance floor, and to make up for the lack of dancing we had bingo games, a fortune teller, a handwriting expert, as well as a small orchestra. Preference was expressed for the larger room, however, and in January 1944 we took over the big

room again and brought back our C. G.'s. We also had a Master of Ceremonies who kept the party spirit up to a roaring pace. The cartoonist and the handwriting expert came, and both were as popular as ever.

By now the parties were so big that things were almost out of hand. At the early parties food was donated, but now that had become quite impossible. The appetites of the boys were gigantic, and we couldn't depend on donations to feed all. Originally we would take about \$13 out of the treasury for each party, ask for food donations, and swing the party. Now each party costs about \$85. Donations are of money, and the committee in charge buys the food. Our bill of fare runs something like this: 300 sandwiches, eight cakes, coffee, cream, and approximately eight gallons of milk. Our thanks go to Elinor Hunken Torpey '24 who is the guiding hand in these large ventures. Once a party gets going the worries are over, but there is the well-known struggle behind scenes to have food there on time, a hat check girl on duty, hostesses to greet the boys, and people to do countless other small jobs. The average number of Connecticut alumnae acting as hostesses is 35. The Center provides the others from other college groups. At two of our parties we've been delighted to have quite a few C.C. undergraduates.

Our reputation for giving a good servicemen's party has spread. Boys have repeatedly told us how much they enjoy the parties, the girls, the food, and the general spirit of friendliness, and we feel proud that whether it be Knowlton or the Biltmore, Connecticut students and alumnae are good hostesses. We are indeed grateful to the Center for making it possible for us to be a part of such a plainly needed and obviously appreciated activity.

CLASS NOTES

Gertrude Noyes '25, Editor, Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut

1919

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

Dot Gray Manion's husband has been transferred to Pasco, Wash., by Remington Arms, but Dot is remaining in Reading, Mass., for the present. Sue Wilcox and Frances Saunders Tarbell attended the New Haven dinner in honor of President Schaffter. Frances' husband is in camp in South Carolina, her older son in the service, and her younger in private school. Priscilla Ford Schenke was in New London recently for her parents' 58th wedding anniversary.

Florence Lennon Romaine is a substitute teacher in the Hartford junior and senior high schools. Her son, Stephen, is finishing his junior year in high school. Lucy Marsh Haskell was in Albany one day this winter and met Winona Young there. Evelyn Bitgood Coulter is a member of the Board of the City Mission and secretary of the Woman's Federation of the Baptist Church.

Esther Barnes is still teaching in Red Bank, N. J. She held a war job last summer. Helen Gough has retired from the practice of orthodontia, and with three friends has purchased a farm called Star Hill in Upper Black Eddy, Pa. They have poultry, rabbits, goats, and dairy products. Donald Coit Benjamin, Sadie's son, entered the service the end of February. Florence Carns has been living alone in East Berlin since the death of her mother and has been busy with her music. Irma has been teaching a class of volunteers, who are now assisting her in Red Cross work. Ruth Potter recently suffered a fall and sprained ankle.

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

Al Horrax Schell is coming east this summer to see her mother. She attended the tea given for Miss Schaffter in Chicago recently.

Leah Pick Silber is distressed that only one-third of our class has contributed to Alumnae Fund. We can and should do better than that. How

Addresses

Because of the paper shortage the *Alumnae News* will not publish addresses in the Class Notes. The Alumnae Office welcomes notices of changes of address sent in by Class Correspondents and individuals, and in turn is glad to furnish address information from its files to any alumna who asks for it.—Editor.

about raising Leah's spirits by sending in your contribution today? I know your intentions are the best, but just intentions won't keep the Alumnae Association going.

Agnes Mae Clark is busy with Red Cross, Victory garden, and reveling in the beauty of cherry blossom time in Washington. According to the paper, Teed and Ray Baldwin are visiting in Pinehurst, N. C. Feta Perley Reiche's son, Karl Jr., reported for active duty in the Navy Air Corps on March 1. He is at Trinity College for more preparation before he gets his pre-flight training. Dot Muzzy and Feta do Red Cross work together.

Miff Howard, as head of the Department of Physical Education at Mt. Holyoke, feels her job is tremendously important at this particular time. Her department has two main aims: to keep the morale and health of the students at a high level and to train them to be good volunteer recreational leaders. Miff is devoting quite a bit of time to the city of Holyoke Y.W.C.A., of which she is a board member. This job has involved propaganda, radio, speeches, etc. She shares a house with a friend and enjoys entertaining groups of college girls there. She had lunch in January with Billie Williams Baker and Feta Reiche.

Margaret Davies Cooper says that she is marooned in the country with poor bus service but the farm keeps her busy and happy. She does a great deal of the feeding and watering of the animals, chickens, ducks, a calf, and sheep and gathers 200 eggs a day.

Dot Stelle Stone is proud of her

son, who is a second lieutenant in the Air Force. Her daughter, Mary Elizabeth, plans to go to Emma Willard next fall. Dot visited in Chambersburg, Pa. in December but unfortunately did not know that Dave's daughter, Eynon is a student at Wilson College there.

Kay Hulbert Hall is just home from a trip to Washington, where she visited a sick sister-in-law. She and her husband have entertained 22 servicemen this year. She still hears from two Australian flyers, now in England, and from their families in Australia. Kay's daughter, Nancy, is enjoying Smith College, where she is song leader for her dormitory, has been on the House Council, and is captain of her baseball team. Like mother, like daughter! Son David is taking part in *The Pirates of Penzance* at high school next month, and son John is collecting stamps madly. A juvenile story Kay wrote has just come out in the March issue of *Child Life*. She is tutoring Latin at Ten Acre School for Girls this year and is also leader of a large Girl Scout troop in Wellesley Hills.

1922

AMY PECK YALE, *Correspondent*, Box 146, Sta. A, Meriden, Conn.

Helen Coops has been in England since last August as a club director with the American Red Cross, and is running one of the largest clubs there. She has a staff of 60 paid people and over 70 volunteers, with three houses, a dormitory, etc. Eleanor Thielen Wunch writes that Ted left for duty in January, and she hears from him quite regularly. Jack—21 this spring—is in the Army and stationed near her in Virginia. The other two boys are in school, and she fills her spare time with Red Cross work. Jessie Williams Buck's daughter Jean is a senior at C.C. and just got Phi Beta Kappa; Harriet is at Knox school in Cooperstown, and Katherine is in high school; and her husband is still holding down two jobs, working a split shift at Pratt and Whitney's. Jessie says spring-cleaning and V-garden will keep her out of mischief for a while at least.

Helen Merritt is still head of the Social Studies Department at Darien High School, and almost through with courses for her Ph.D. degree at N. Y. University. Her leisure hours are spent in church work and politics. She has just been reelected to the Republican Town Committee, which

means plenty to do at this time. A nice letter from Elizabeth Merrill Blake tells of her home life with her two children, her Red Cross, Victory Book Drive, etc. Ruby Tracy Wegman's card tells of volunteer war work filling the time not taken by her music. She has been accompanying Edna Heath's pupils for two years and doing much church work. Ann Hastings Chase's husband is now with the state department in Washington.

Ann Slade Frey's husband is also in Washington as Special Assistant in the Treasury Dept., working on the Surplus War Property disposal. Janet is now in New York City working in Doubleday Doran reading manuscripts and will graduate in July from Bennington. Ann, still in Hanover, reports: "17 piano pupils and various other jobs. My garden was superb last summer, and I canned 200 jars of food which are still sustaining me." Gertrude Traurig is still teaching at Crosby, where her Spanish classes carry her thoughts back to Francisco Pinol's classes. She is treasurer of the Waterbury chapter. According to Mildred Duncan's note, she is very busy but is continuing her Nurses' Aide work. Mary Thomson Shepard is working long hours at Pratt and Whitney's Southington plant.

From M. P. Taylor Beadle in Southport comes news of the Beadles and their two children, Barbara 10 and Stanley 7. "Your humble servant is plenty busy. This Fall I ran for Board of Education, Fairfield, and made it—a four-year term, and I am the only woman! I am secretary of the Board which means signing teachers' and vendors' checks twice a month. Also Red Cross work and, to me the most interesting of all its activities, the Home Service Branch—liaison between the military and the boys' homes. Right up my alley as a former social worker."

Margaret Baxter Butler is Director of the Social Service Department at the Hospital and finds it almost impossible to get workers. She is getting anxious now to start her garden. Helen Tryon taught canning part of the summer and got in some really hard work at the Community Canning center, finishing a summer of twelve-hour days with two weeks in New Hampshire. Several weeks ago her classes made over 1500 cookies for Fort Slocum. As it was her night to be on duty there, she had a chance to see how the boys appreciated them. A grand letter from Alice Hagar Schoff-

stall tells of her activities in the Health Laboratory, where she took her brother's job when he went to the war.

After April 1, Toni Taylor will be on the staff of *Look Magazine*, New York. Our best wishes to Toni in her new assignment.

Marj Smith said "No news, but what happened to the 'paper reunion'?" Would you all like the questionnaires to be collected and a compilation sent out to everyone? Will all who didn't fill out and send in the questions do it so we may have a complete reunion? Also someone said it would be fun to have a round-robin. Who would like it?

1923

JULIA WARNER, *Correspondent*, 210 E. 15th St., N. Y. C. 3.

We've been blessed with a shower of penny postals laden with compact versions of "what's new." Thank you! No editorializing henceforth because paper and print are restricted. If we resort to a style between telegraphic and Winchellesque it's because we know you want all the facts.

Ruth Wells Sears and husband operate a dairy and apple farm at Putnam Sta., Washington Co., N. Y. A married daughter lives nearby, and a son is with the Seabees. Dorothy Stanton Keck (775 Myrtle Ave., Albany 3) works in the Division of Laboratories and Research, N. Y. State Dept. of Health. Mary Wheeler, after 18 years in the Yale Library, has taken a position with the Yale Alumni Fund. In response to our query she writes, "My only published opus appeared in the Yale Library Gazette on the Sir Wilfred Grenfell Collection which has been given to the Library."

Melvina Mason Bailey is principal of the Bethlehem, Conn. Consolidated School, where she teaches grades 7 and 8. Son Bruce joined the Navy at 17 and is on submarine duty. Son Richard is a high school sophomore. Last summer Mopey worked in a war plant nights besides victory gardening. Beatrice Boynton Preston migrated a year ago from the Colorado mountains to Madison, Wis. (46 Owen Drive), where her husband does war work with Forest Products Laboratory. Red Cross work and daughter Martha, 5 keep Bea busy. Peg Bristol Vincent (Box 221, Falmouth, Mass.) reports that her 16 year old son keeps the family supplied with fish, rabbit, and ducks in season.

Helen Avery Bailey writes that her husband is teaching Navigation and Naval Strategy in the Navy Pre-Flight School at Wesleyan University. She is busy with war activities, and daughter Diane in the sixth grade goes in for everything from Girl Scouts to jitter-bug. To date only about one-third of our class has voted for class officers; so please send those tardy ballots to Helen at 286 Ridge Rd., Middletown, Conn.

Lucy Whitford Heaton has recently become a member of the Red Cross Home Service Corps and "recommends it to anyone who has time to spare." Rachel Tiffany Into (Lyme, Conn.) is home with the latch string out on a ten acre farm. Grover is doing war work, and they have two daughters, 16 and 13. Alice Holcombe has recently taken a New York City position in the editorial offices of Doubleday-Doran. Betty Moyle Gold's card is spangled with service stars—Beecher D., Sr. is a sergeant in the State Guard and Beecher D., Jr. is in the Marine Air Force (and married last September!). Thomaston, an air cadet, and Robert and Gene, aged 13 and 11, are at home. Betty is caring for children of working mothers in her own house. A word to the Silent—don't wait for a startling event before you send news of your doings.

1924

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

Janet Crawford How of Hartford writes that a house, a job at the Y. W., and her family keep her busy. She gets to New London regularly to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees (she is one of three Alumnae Trustees), and manages to see Mossy on such occasions. Janet recently saw Doris Bradway Roberts in Hartford.

From Putnam Hazel Converse Laun sends word that she and her husband are on practically 24 hour duty, as they have lost their help—their florist business is in the backyard and customers call at all hours. Hazel has been a Nurses' Aide for two years, is chairman of the Red Cross Nursing Committee, and is active in Woman's Club work, both local and county. Gretchen, 5, is in kindergarten.

Jean Mundie's husband, Lieut. Luther B. DeForest, is now commanding officer of the Naval Flight Preparatory School at St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn. The DeForests have two daughters, Barbara 16 and Elizabeth 9.

Amy Hilker, Elizabeth Wigfall Root, Maddie Foster Conklin, Emily Mehaffey Lowe, Elinor Hunken Torpey, Bob Forst, Kathryn Moss, Gladys Westerman Greene attended the alumnae reception in New York for Miss Schaffter. Hunken writes that Virginia Eggleston Smith has a new son, her third, born last Fall. Marion Vibert Clark says, "I hunt for things to cook and cook them. I chase dirt and do it again. I watch the children grow and know that I'm getting old. I make over old clothes—but just housekeeping is not news."

Elizabeth Merry, a lieutenant in the WAC, is stationed in Washington, D. C. Marion Sanford works for the Connecticut Power Company in New London, is active in the Business and Professional Women's Club and in church work.

1925

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

Classmates will be interested to hear that Cipa Rosenberg Taylor ex-'25, who returned to C.C. after the death of her husband, was awarded her B. A. at the first mid-winter Commencement on February 14. Cipa, who has been teaching at the Norwich Free Academy, has three children: a daughter at the University of Connecticut, a son in high school, and a daughter in grammar school.

Janet Aldrich's husband, Manley O. Hudson, has published *The Permanent Court of International Justice, 1920-1942*, in conjunction with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Judge Hudson is the leading authority on the work of the World Court, and since 1936 has been a judge of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Peg Ewing Hoag is interested in the work of a committee to rehabilitate women returning from the services. Her daughter Nan graduates from Westtown this year, Mart is a sophomore, and Alice is in the eighth grade.

Peg and Sally Crawford Maschal were the only two out of twelve who returned my cards. Sally's job and war effort are one, for she is Executive Secretary of the Norwalk Chapter of the A. R. C. "Family consists of one husband called 'Web' over draft age; one daughter, Sara Jane, 13; and son, Charles, 9. Their war effort is not minding too much that I am at Red Cross six days a week."

Like everyone else, your correspondent's time is pretty well accounted for. Her job as librarian for both junior and senior high schools takes a good share of the day. Her extra-curricular activities consist in being head of a surgical dressings unit, working as a Red Cross Staff Assistant, and doing the medical and social histories for the Red Cross Home Service Committee.

Why do most of you insist on hiding your accomplishments?

1926

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

Members of the class of '26 were shocked and grieved to hear of the sudden death of Arline Haskins Funk on February 2. She leaves her husband, her parents, and a son and daughter. We extend our deepest sympathy to the members of her family.

Maddy Smith Gibson reports that at the reception given for President Schaffter by the New York Alumnae Chapter those present from '26 were: Helen Farnsworth Schneidewind, Dot Ayers Scott, Maddy Smith Gibson, Margie Ebsen, Rosky Beebe Cochran (who presided), Teddy Hewlett, Marge Thompson, Millie Dornan Dean, Peg Smith Hall, Gertrude Koetter Ryder, and Polly Warner.

Frances Green finished her basic training in the WAC and is now working in the Pentagon Building.

"D D" Low Hovey's daughter Joyce is nine years old and quite an "Amazon." "D D" has recently heard from Betsy Linsley Hollis in Bermuda. Betsy enclosed a picture of her two sons.

A card from Amy Wakefield says that she is working with the U.S.E.S. in Boston doing placement of handicapped workers.

For the past few months your correspondent has been on the staff of the Trinity College Library in Hartford.

1927

BARBARA TRACY COOGAN, *Correspondent*, 236 Greendale Ave., Needham Heights, 94, Mass.

Birth: To Barbara Tracy Coogan a son, Peter Weston, on February 21.

News from wives of servicemen . . . Bony Hopper Levick had a wonderful month in Florida with John, who was recuperating from an operation. She continues on the night shift at the

Curtis-Wright factory. Flops Surpluss Miller has followed her husband from California to Utah. Faff Williams Wood has located her family at Haverford, Pa., while Ted is teaching aerial photography to the Marines.

Good letters have come in from two long silent classmates. Alice Cook writes from Bristol, Conn.: "Since the fall of 1940 I have been Director of Religious Education at the First Congregational Church. Last May, our minister enlisted as a Navy chaplain, and since then the things to be done have multiplied rapidly, even with an acting minister who is here part time. I never know what will come next, and no two weeks are just alike, but that makes the work interesting. Naturally the hours are flexible with numerous evening meetings; but there is some free time for Red Cross knitting, reading, and hiking. My family lives in West Hartford now; so I go home quite often. My sister Ethel '29 joined the Spars in January and is in Palm Beach at the Storekeepers' School." Lillian Dauby Gries writes: "If you have not heard from me since Jeanie's arrival, it certainly is a long time, for she is now a sophomore in high school and already entered at C.C. We have two other children, David 12 and Martha 10. Three children, the usual help problems in a booming war town, 125 chickens, and a big victory garden rather wore me down last summer, and I know now why the farmer enjoys winter."

1928

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

Bus Arthur became Mrs. John G. Roth on Nov. 6 in Willoughby, O. John is in the Army Air Force, and Bus is continuing her work at the Telephone Co. She sent the glad tidings that the lost class fund is safely in her hands and amounts to quite a respectable total. Eleanor Wood Frazer, who started the search for the fund, is investigating possible investments.

Deb Lippincott Currier has a new job with the Boston Public Library in the downtown branch in City Hall Lane. Prue Drake has an office job in a defense plant in Waltham and is most enthusiastic about it.

Does anybody know the whereabouts of the following: Norma Brandes, Mabelle Farr, Lucia Gay Burks, Marjorie Parkhill, Eleanor

Pendleton Hancock, Marion Pierpont, Molly Scribner Pope, Margaret Smith, Esther Taylor Erwin, Madeline Thune Silver, Helen Willis Dillingham, Hettie Bruce Stephenson Owen? Please notify me or the Alumnae Office if you have addresses for any of these.

1929

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

Shirley Vogel went to the altar on February 12 and is now Mrs. William J. Cregan. Edith Porter is Professor of Organ at the Jameson Conservatory of Music, William Woods College, Fulton, Mo. She writes that she has 21 students and helps with the piano overflow. Peg Burroughs Kohr is about to move into her new home, which is around the corner from where they have been living.

Jean Hamlet Dudley's Lucinda 3 and Harry 11 months are both fine. They still live in their hundred year old house on the Post Road, but Jean's husband expects to go into the service in September. Jean had a letter from Roddy Holmes Smith, who reported her family all well and happy.

So far the Sidmans are all together and well, and we're hoping to remain that way. Don't forget to write me some news.

1930

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

The Class extends its sympathy to Evelyn Jeralds on the loss of her father in February.

Marian Geer spent several weeks in the hospital in New Haven in January. A card from her at the end of February said she expected to start her Red Cross training in Washington as soon as she was fully recovered. Correction: through a misunderstanding it was erroneously stated in the last issue that Norinne Augur Ruddy was also going into Red Cross service.

Uffie Cooper Carroll has resumed her study of music. She is doing some two-piano work, is giving lessons, and belongs to a Music Club before which she plays. Uffie went out to visit Sunny Barry Hildebrandt last fall. Helen Benson Mann and family including twin daughters, Heidi and Wendy, are living in Wellesley Hills in an old house which they are remodeling. Johnny Johnson Hume is working full time at the New Haven Hospital

as a volunteer. She and Bianca Ryley Bradbury have had lunch together several times this winter.

Kay Halsey Rippere has been too busy with her three boys to see anyone but heard from Marita Gunther Williams that she was working for the Regional Plan Association in New York on a study of post war employment in the city. Ruth Jackson Webb wrote that she was busy with her sons, Roddy 6 and Jackie 4. She had had a reunion with Allison Durkee Tyler last July when O.Z. had a leave. The Tylers and their children, Ty and Jay, spent several days with the Webbs in the mountains near Denver. Later the Tylers left for Washington. Ruth had heard at Christmas time from Helen Flinner Smith telling of much canning and making of pies, cookies, and candy.

Jane Murphy Towey, who is living in New Haven, entertained at tea this winter for Evelyn Jeralds, Bianca Bradbury and her sister-in-law, Jeanette Hitchcock—a cousin of Tommy Tomlinson, and your correspondent. Bianca has returned to Stonington after spending the winter with her family in West Haven. In the April 4 number of *The Family Circle* is a story by Bianca entitled "To Spank or Not to Spank." There are also a picture and an article about her in the same number. A copy of one of her poems was recently distributed in Child's Restaurant as one of their daily features.

Virginia Joseph, who has been teaching in Norwich since graduation, is delighted to be teaching in the Stonington high school and to have the opportunity of living at home. Her subjects are mathematics and general science.

1934

DOROTHY MERRILL DORMAN, *Correspondent*, 10 Centre St., Cambridge, Mass.

Anne Shewell, having joined the Army Nurse Corps in February, has turned over the job of correspondent to me for the balance of her term. So please, everyone, help me out and send in your news. Anne is now at the Station Hospital, Camp Edwards, Mass. Andy Crocker has also joined the Corps and is temporarily stationed at New Station Hospital, Fort Devens, Ayer, Mass. Both are second lieutenants.

Births: To Ruth Jones Wentworth, a son, Samuel Marston, last September 20. Nancy will be ready

for kindergarten in the fall. To Ernie Herman Katz, a son, Michael, on February 7. Ernie's husband is in the Navy and hasn't seen his son yet. To Mary Curnow Berger, red-headed twin sons, on February 21. Congratulations, Red!

We had dinner with Harriet Isherwood Power and her nice husband not long ago. Olga Wester Russell comes over to Cambridge every day, as she is studying for her Ph. D. at Radcliffe and teaching at Cambridge Junior College as well. Besides all this, she teaches at the Brimmer-May School, but I still manage to see her now and then. I've also seen Jan Pickett Willmann recently and find our young ones are nearly the same age. My husband is at Chelsea Naval Hospital doing Obstetrics—and how the Navy babies are booming.

1935

MARGARET WATSON O'NEILL, *Correspondent*, R.F.D. 1, Darlington, Md.

Marriages: Lois Smith to Neal MacGiehan on Feb. 11. Their headquarters are in Bridgeport. Dottie Schaub to Kurt Schwarzkopl on March 4.

Births: A son, Peter deForest, to Ruth Lambert Bromberg, on January 29. A daughter, Joyce Anne, to Frances Ruth Caldwell on July 22, 1943. A daughter, Carol, on June 13, 1943 to Vera Warbasse Spooner.

A note from Doris Gilbert's father tells me that Doris is in England for the duration. I'm sure Doris would appreciate any letters you care to write. Esther Martin Johnson's husband is now in the Navy, and Marty has returned to Pennsylvania to live (Monongahela Rd., Washington, Pa.). Ginny Diehl Moorhead is now living on a 55 acre farm, mostly fruit. A son, Samuel Ingham, born November 14, 1943 and red-haired, is Ginny's latest news. Ginny Golden Kent is now in California with her husband and daughter; but she doesn't know how long her luck will hold out. Mary Savage Collins and husband Bob have moved into their new home at West Hartford, Conn. Sylvia Dworski has just received a two-year appointment starting next September as instructor in Romance Languages at Sweet Briar College, Va. She plans to spend the summer in Mexico City. Bobbie Hervey spent the weekend of January 29 on campus. She had a grand time but missed seeing any '35-ers.

1936

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

Shirley Durr became Mrs. Vincent N. Hammersten on February 20 at Deep River, Conn. Dr. Hammersten interned at the Massachusetts Osteopathic Hospital and is president of the Boston Osteopathic Society.

Births: To Ruth Norton Kuhl ex-'36 a daughter, Karen Huntington, on January 25. To Evelyn Kelly Head, a daughter, late in March.

Please come to the aid of your correspondent! We need news!

1937

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

Our sincere sympathy to Norma Bloom Hauserman in the loss of her father and father-in-law last year. When President Schaffter visited the Alumnae Chapter in Cleveland in March, she and the executive board of the chapter were entertained at dinner by Norma. Last fall Norma and John visited Tippy Hobson in New York and had a reunion with other '37ers: Stelle Campbell Leetch, Coco Tillotson, and Betty Carson McCoy. Stelle, Betty, and Norma exchanged pictures of their offspring with much gusto. Dot Lyon is studying at Cornell for her M. A. in Home Ec. Louise Langdon is with the Red Cross in London. While her husband is overseas, Lucille Cate Hull, ex-'37, is secretary to the registrar of LaSalle Junior College, who happens to be Mary Blatchford '35.

Emroy Carlough Roehrs is with Bendix Aircraft while Kurt is overseas. Gretchen Kemmer has moved to Louisville, Kentucky, with her family. Norma and Dutch had a grand gab-fest last summer while Dutch was visiting in Cleveland. Dutch passed on the news that Bobbie Haines Werbe's husband is in service, as is also Edith Metcalf's. Bobbie is living with her husband's family, and Edie is back in Chicago.

Marriages: Elizabeth Murray to John Gilsey, Y3c, U.S.C.G.R., Colgate '36 on March 6, 1943. Betty Church to Frederic T. Fuetsch, U. of Nevada and California Institute of Tech., in October, 1943. He is an airline engineer with Pratt & Whitney. In reporting Marion Taylor Phelon's marriage in a previous issue, I neglected to mention that Beulah Bearse West was her matron of honor.

Frances Wallis Sanford has two daughters: Carolyn Wallis, born April 9, 1941, and Marcia Ann, born Nov. 29, 1942. Barbara Stiles de Revere, ex-'37, has been traveling the States with her lieutenant husband of the Air Corps. They have a son, Richard Stiles, born on Sept. 12, 1943. Bernice Beecher Levin ex-'37 has also been doing some cross-country traveling with her Army husband. George helped to organize the WAC training center at Fort Oglethorpe, and while there Bernice met Lieut. Mary Reynolds Danforth and Lieut. Shirley Cohen Schrager of the WAC. At the time of writing, Bernice and George were at Fort Bragg, N. C. Glovett Beckwith-Ewell wrote that she was "still up to my ears in that great subject of calculus." At Christmas time she was south visiting her family. From Edith Agranovitch we learned that Marion Zabriskie Caplinger came east with her husband and two children last Christmas. Edith saw Marion Adams last fall when she was visiting her sister, a C. C. senior. Marion is working in Washington. Ruth Scales Marshall's husband has been medically discharged from the Army, and they have been busy getting settled in civilian life.

1939

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

Engagement: Catherine Ake and Wright Bronson, Jr. announced their engagement on April 4. Wright is a technical representative with the Air Force. Pfc. Mary Elizabeth Baldwin to First Sergt. Earl M. Smith of the Army.

Marriage: Jane Goss and Henry C. Cortes, Jr., Lieut. (j.g.), U. S. Naval Reserve, on March 25. Ensign Estelle Taylor was maid of honor.

Birth: Nancy Weston Lincoln has a son, John Weston, born March 22. No other news. Please write!

1940

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

Marriages: E. Breck Benbow to Eaton Hamilton Draper. Frances Russ to Howard J. Navins. Dorothy Newell to George W. Wagner, U. S. Army. Barbara Burroughs ex-'40 to Lieut. "Sonny" Hirsch, U.S.M.C. Evelyn Gilbert to Lieut. "Mike" Thorner U.S.N.R. Elizabeth Thompson to Arthur Douglas Dodge 2nd, Cadet U.S.A.A.F.

Births: A son to Katy Partridge Post and her husband, now a wounded prisoner of war in Germany. A son, John Jeffrey Williams, to Lieut. and Mrs. John D. Williams (Mary Liz Heedy) on March 13. A son, Bradley Dewey 3rd, on Dec. 26, 1943 to Lieut. and Mrs. Bradley Dewey, Jr (Jane "Tony" Holcombe ex-'40). A daughter, Pamela June McKinley, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. McKinley Evelyn Braunworth ex-'40). A daughter, Barbara Stearns Goff, to Capt. and Mrs. Harry L. Goff (Mary Giese). A daughter, Carroll Candee Wild, to Lieut. (j.g.) and Mrs. Laurence C. Wild (Elizabeth Gilbert). A son to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baratz (Frances Sears) on November 8, 1943. A son to Ensign and Mrs. Neil Bartlett (Sue Carson) on February 2, 1944.

We very sadly report the death, last summer, of Audrey Everett Q'Melia following an operation during which she lost her baby, too. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to her husband, now an Army officer somewhere overseas.

Irene Kennel Pekoc, catching me up on all the news from Cleveland, writes that Bob has recently been in the hospital for an appendectomy. Shirley Devereaux Kendall has been visiting Mary Liz Heedy Williams. Warren Kendall is a Lieutenant j.g. Mary Liz's husband is in the Army. Snooky Rowley Fellows has been working daily in a Day Care Center since Pete, an Army Captain, went overseas last summer.

A card from Alice Porter tells that she, Eunice Brewster, and Marge Mortimer ('39) spent September at Nantucket recovering from all their activities. Alice has had spinal meningitis but is so well recovered that, besides her regular work at a Cleveland museum, she has also undertaken teaching air corps cadets astronomy.

Evelyn Braunworth McKinley recently saw Marge Evans Carson in Washington with her daughter. They were on a visit from Detroit, where the Carsons are now living. Liz Gilbert Wild writes that before she left San Francisco for Texas she saw Edna Jean Headley Offield and her husband, and Jo Selden Spruance who was with her husband for three months. Ed Spruance is now a Lieut. Comdr. in the submarine service.

Gathering at Frances Kelley Bump's apartment in Cambridge in April were Catherine Ann Rich, Lieut. (j.g.) Aimee Hunnicutt Ma-

son (SPAR), Peggy White Meachem ex-'40 and her twin sons, Shirley Rice Holt and Carla, Bettie Lundberg, Evelyn McGill Aldrich and Tommy, Jr., and I with Barbie. We can picture Cindy Bump, Carla Holt, Barbie Goff together with all the other class daughters at C. C. in a suitable number of years with the fond mothers having reunions whenever they go down to visit.

Before saying good-bye for another few months can't I prevail on you all to send me a card with all the news you know of you and your friends. A lot must have happened to us all since Ollie's wonderful paper reunion last year. Let's catch up with everyone.

1941

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

Engagements: Henrietta Dearborn to Warrant Officer Joseph S. Watson of the Army. Miriam Rubin ex-'41 to Pfc. Jack Morton Spitalny. Miriam is a research assistant in the laboratory of applied psychology at Yale.

Marriages: Peg Hardy was married on January 29 to William Schweizer. The long-heralded marriage of Betty Burford to Lieut. John Courtney Graham came off on February 18. John is with the Army Air Forces stationed in Washington.

Births: The class is so busy having babies that it's all I can do to keep up with the news. A son to Ann Rubenstein Husch about December. This is Ann's second child, her first being a girl. Patricia Mullen was born in Savannah on December 6 to Hugh and Mary Lou Gibbons Mullen. Meg Robinson Manning and Robert are the proud parents of a 7 lb. 7 oz. baby girl, Christine, born on February 1. They live in Chattanooga, Tenn., where Bob works in a T.N.T. plant. A daughter, Nancy Preston Poor, to Ens. and Mrs. John Barton Poor (Betty Rome) on March 18. Betty is living at home at present.

The class extends its most sincere sympathy to Brad Langdon who lost her mother last January. Brad is now back in New York carrying on her research work at Columbia laboratories.

You know, I think I really should give a "by line" to Lee Barry Wilderotter. She is getting plenty of exercise with the baby, but she still has time to write; as a matter of fact, a good portion of this issue comes from her letters. Ann Henry Clark is work-

ing in Detroit, while husband Bruce is abroad. Fran Garner has enlisted in the WAC, and Mildred Loscalzo has just been commissioned an Ensign in the WAVES and is in Cambridge, Mass., studying for the Supply Corps. We should be proud of Millie, who was first in her class at Smith. Although I don't hear from Anita Ken- na Doonan very often, Marcia Wiley tells me that she is very busy with her Motor Corps work, and the other day I saw a picture of her in the paper which bears out Marcy's words.

Marianne Upson Maddocks breezed into town a couple of weeks before Easter for her annual visit. She met Dorothy Boschen in a theater, and Bosch informed her that she and Dorothy Wilde were leaving for Washington with the Red Cross in a few weeks and from there expected to go overseas.

President Schaffter's reception given by the New York, New Jersey, and Westchester chapters in January was another reunion but on a larger scale. I haven't seen so many of the class of '41 together since our first reunion. It was wonderful fun seeing them all again, but everyone was so busy exchanging bits of news with one another that I became hopelessly muddled and consequently didn't find out a thing (at least nothing I can remember).

Let's hear from you people in the middle and far west—or do I have to send out cards each time?

1942

NANCY WOLFE HUGHES, *Correspondent*, Quarry Ridge, Station Rd., Centerville, O.

Births: A son, Robert Coleman, to Jean Staats Lorish, on Jan. 12. Proud father arrived home from the Pacific on the 23rd to view his new heir. A daughter, Candace, to Betty Johnson Chapman ex-'42 last November.

A letter from Audrey Nordquist O'Neill in February was full of news. Her husband, Lou, is a C. G. pilot stationed at Floyd Bennett Field, N. Y. They had an apartment at 28 Marine Ave., Brooklyn, and Audrey is working at the Guaranty Trust Co. with Flo Crockett Whitbeck. They often meet Shirley Jaeger, who has been taking a course in engineering and is now designing parts for airplanes in Bridgeport. During a vacation, Shirley went to Florida and saw Ellie King Miller and her son. Pat King stopped off in New York; and she, Jigger, Flo, and Audrey had a

big time at the Gripsholm. Audrey also saw Eloise Stumm Brush and husband, Chris. The latter had been in Africa, Italy, Sicily, etc. and is now attending Merchant Marine Inspection School. When he got back to this country, he failed to recognize Stummy—it seems he had contracted malaria, but had no effects from it until he got off the train in Chicago delirious. He had 30 days of sick leave followed by 30 days regular leave, and is now O.K. Stummy, Flo, and Audrey met Betty Letsch Grunow for lunch one day, but Snooks has now gone to Tarentum, Pa., to live with her mother-in-law while husband John is in England. She has taken a job there in a hospital as dietitian. Ginny Stone is stationed at Floyd Bennett also. Flo's husband, John Whitbeck, is in England after having been in on landings in various parts of the world. Ceci Martin Ramsing was also in New York, but has now gone to the West Coast. Audrey stopped in Memphis on one of her moves and saw Alice Richards McLendon, ex-'42 whose husband is also a C. G. flier and who is now in Miami. Audrey herself, as of March 1st, was to be California-bound, her husband being due for assignment to San Francisco.

In behalf of the whole class, I wish to extend sympathy to Fran Hutchinson Knight on the death of her husband, Howie, in a plane crash.

Susie Schaap Gottlieb wrote me from Baltimore that Carolyn Wilde is going overseas with the Red Cross. Boots Hingsburg Young saw her husband, Dick, for two weeks in Miami. Janet La Bar has been living with Peg Holmes in Phoebe Buck's old apartment. Betty Johnson Chapman is living in an apartment in Washington with her four months old daughter, her sister, and her nephew. Eileen Bilodeau Kersey and husband John are also in Washington. John received a medical discharge from the Army and is working with American Airlines. Sally Turner McKelvey has a daughter, Letitia. Her husband, Bill, is now in Sicily. Jackie McClave ex-'42 has a secretarial job in New Jersey. Schaapie says that Connie Smith Applegate '41 lives only a block away from her in Baltimore and that she sees Helen Lederer Pilert frequently. Schaapie's husband is an expeditor at the Glenn L. Martin plant in Baltimore.

Sue Parkhurst Crane wrote me the following news in March: Jo Carpenter received her Master's degree at

Michigan recently. Becky Greene is still busy studying the harp in New York. Sarah Guiou Fisher and Dale were in Philadelphia recently, but Dale is back at sea again, so Sarah is "waiting" in Omaha. Adelaide Freeman Bly has a magazine job in New York while her husband, Greg, is in Panama. Sue's little 16 months old Peg is a prize package. She is walking about and is a blonde Venus (the latter I conclude by implication, Sue). Sue's husband, Rennie, is awaiting his Navy commission, and she and Peg will trail him as long as possible. Sue suggests that it would be fun to have an "album" of all '42 offspring printed. Perhaps, after the war we can undertake some such project, a second Koine for '42—so hang onto your best negatives, ye mothers.

Mrs. W. H. King, Jr., mother of Pat and Ellie, wrote about the doings of the twins. Ellie (Mrs. Raymond G. Miller) and son David, now over a year old, will return in late April to Winnetka to reside with her parents. Her husband has been ten months in Palm Beach instructing at the SPAR school there. Pat has been promoted to the rank of Lieut. (j.g.) in the WAVES and is still stationed in the nation's capitol. Barbara Burr Roth writes that she quit working in January when her husband returned unexpectedly after a year overseas. He was sent to Norfolk, where he'll be for a few months. Hubby Paul was made a warrant officer on his return to the States. Bobby has seen a lot of Jean West Kaemmer in the past year, and reports that Westy's young son is cute as can be and good as gold. Bobby Weld was married to Lieut. William McGuire, U.S.N.R., on February 5. Ginnie Little Miller is back in Coffeyville, Kansas. Her husband, Charles, now a second lieutenant, is the first enlisted man ever to return to the field there as an officer. Nancy Pribe Greenfield is back in Cincinnati for the duration. Her husband, Lieut. Col. Bill, is overseas again. Sugar Kane Applegate is back home in Hartford, and Jean Pilling Grimshaw has returned to the family hearth in Westfield, N. J. Both of these gals have flyer husbands traveling about the nation, and neither is in condition to follow. Neither is Nance Pribe.

Muriel Prince has been commissioned an ensign in the WAVES and assigned to duty in the office of chief of naval operations, Washington. Elizabeth Peet was married on March 18 to Richard W. Carlson, who is

with Pan American Airways. Adelaide Knasin was married on February 20 to Murry Gruskin; and they are living at White Gables, Faire Harbour Place, New London. Dorothy Barlow was married recently to William E. Coykendall, Jr., who is with the Sperry Gyroscope Co. Eleanor Harris was married on February 7 to Ens. Ward R. Emigh, U. S. C. G. They are living with her parents in New London.

Here in Washington, where my family and I have been since the first of the year, I've seen a goodly C. C. representation. Putty Linder had a birthday on March 7, and Sandy MacPherson Smith and I arranged a surprise for her whereby Sandy came up from Norfolk on the big day. Sandy and I also went out to Arlington to see Louisa Bridge Egbert. Wezer's little Louisa, who is two months older than my Bobby, and the latter had a fine time scrapping in the play pen. Next week we Hugheses are leaving for Norfolk, where Bob has an assignment. I hope to see some of you other Navy wives in that fair city.

Thanks to all who contributed. Won't you others send news? Just a postcard is all right, or a letter would be wonderful.

1943

POLLY SMITH, *Correspondent*, 540 Heath Rd., Merion Station, Pa.

Thanks to Ruby and Pineapple and several conscientious others, there is much to report this time, and we no longer feel like the bottom of a forgotten well.

Writes Ruby: "Alma Jones is teaching English at Bristol High and inspiring would-be authors. Sally Kelly gets her M.A. in Botany from the U. of Wisconsin sometime in May. She has been doing research in penicillin along with work for her thesis. Babs Murphy is in the plastics lab of the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, N. Y. I ran into her mother who tells me she is doing a good job. Surge (Mary Surgenor) is an assistant in the Botany Department of the U. of Connecticut. Stormie (Jane Storms) is assistant buyer in the upholstery department of Macy's and looking cuter than ever. Mary Jane Dole is working for an M.A. at Smith, and the name of her thesis is a mouthful and leaves the teller gasping. I caught something about Episcopal Church but am not sure what else. I was waiting for a bus in Hartford when Dolie stepped out of nowhere.

She told me that Betty Failor is working for an M.A. too and that Bobby Hellman is employed at the Aetna Life Insurance Company. Between acts of the Ballet Russe, I saw Shirley Socolof Sherry who is working at Aetna too—besides being married. Joyce Johnson writes me that she is now in the Guidance Department of the Women's Marine Corps and is stationed in Washington, D. C. She writes also that Mary Bove is going to enlist in the Yale School of Nursing which implies service after training. Margie Livingston is engaged to Ens. Stafford Campbell, U.S.N.R., Yale '42. All the kids are enthusiastic about whatever they are doing. When I hear from Alma, I want to be a teacher, Sally makes me want to grow corn, and Joyce's happy enthusiasm about Lady Leathernecks makes me want to join her. But inside of me, I know there's nothing quite so exciting as being a newspaper reporter. Up to now I have had charge of a branch office of the *Hartford Courant* in Manchester. Watching and reporting the doings of some 32,000 people is fun for me. I've interviewed men back from the battlefronts, interviewed mothers whose 'boys' will never be back, seen all the tremendous activity of the homefront. Besides pounding out a column or more daily, I've reviewed new books for the *Sunday Courant*, made studies of Tolstoi and Twain, completed a series of children's stories, and am taking voice lessons."

Pineapple writes that Sally Wagner Wagner and Janet Ayres Leach both have new additions to their families. Keith Wagner arrived February 16, and Lanse Murray Leach was born January 22. Frannie Adams Crane and Jean Forman are both working in New Jersey, Forman having married Sgt. William R. Harrington, January 29. Helen Borer has a merchandising job at Hearn's. Nan Christensen Carmen is doing social work in Hartford, Louise Calb is working in a bank in Boston, and Ta Hadley is working in Chicago. Connie Haaren Wells and Clair Peterson Kincaid are following their husbands about. Connie Smith Hall has taken an apartment in New York with her sister. Mak Knotts is married to Lieut. Comdr. Quentin Walsh and is putting her psych major to good use in a job in Denton, Md. Ruthie Wilson is another proud mamma.

Other bits of information gathered from various sources are as follows:

Gingy Rowley Morris has a baby girl. Beth Smith is living in Cambridge with her husband. Edie Mae Geisinger Stephenson's husband is waiting for a new ship. Ann Jacobs, now an Ensign in the Waves, is stationed in Washington. Lynn Thompson is an announcer for a radio station in Schenectady, working in television, and is doing a perfectly fabulous amount of volunteer work. Marion Butterfield is now Mrs. Benjamin Hinman, Ben being a graduate of Yale. They are living temporarily in New London. Dottie Lenz and husband Al are living in Hartford. She writes that Paula Later is now Mrs. Charles Polivy, and living with her husband in Orlando, Fla. Debbie Burton Adler had a daughter, June, on Dec. 10; and she and her husband Wally are living in Lawton, Oklahoma. Lois Creighton was married in June and lives in Madison (Conn.?).

Kitty McKee is assistant editor of *Glamour Magazine* and lives in New York. We shall pause for several moments of silent adoration for our youngest executive. Betsey Pease and Fliv Silvers are buried in work in Hartford, continues Dottie Lenz Andras. News of Jane Grimley's marriage came to me (Correspondent

Smith speaking) via (of all things) the *Camden (N.J.) Courier*. There was a beautiful picture of Mrs. Hugh Hoyles Norsworthy, wife of Lieut. Norsworthy, Flight Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Forces, from Westmount, Quebec. Jane wrote the other day that her husband is now overseas again, and she is living with her mother in Moorestown, N. J. Mary Louise Lucas ex-'43, now Mrs. W. R. T. Crolins, writes of the birth of her son, Richard Lucas Crolins, on Nov. 28, 1943. Mary Louise's husband is a Lieutenant (j.g.). Word comes that Eleanor Horsey is working for the Penn. Railroad in Philadelphia, and Jacquie Myers is married to Lieut. Comdr. R. Couser, U.S.C.G., and living in New Orleans when last heard from. Wally and Irene Steckler visited Julie Rich Kurtz recently in Wynnewood, Pa., so we managed a bit of a reunion of our own. Wally is working most industriously in Washington and is, she declares, a file clerk par excellence. Irene is working in a social service agency in New York, and is going to school at the same time. Julie Kurtz has turned into a talented upholsterer, and I've seen her work and can speak most authoritatively. She is accepting all orders—

bring your own chintz. Fritz is still hard at work, interning at Bryn Mawr hospital. Betty Crouch is now Mrs. Alexander Hargrave, as of March 14. Alex has transferred to Naval Aviation; and they are, at present writing, en route to Dallas, Tex. Bobbie Bailey is fast becoming a junior executive at Scoville's in Waterbury, Conn. Brooks Johnstone is still doing ten or twelve things besides her regular job at Miller's in Cincinnati. Joy Hyde Green's husband has recently been ordained in the ministry. And I, my friends, as in the process of being completely submerged by the deluge of Paper Reunion blanks. Never have I felt so remembered! And the job, incidentally, is progressing very nicely. It has included, among other things, a study of the effect of overtime on the woman worker; and I, when it was finished, was an excellent illustration of my thesis.

Word has come of the death of Ginny Foss' fiancé, Johnny Atwood, U.S.N.R., a few months ago. I'm extending the heartfelt sympathy of our whole class. Ginny has contributed a goodly amount of the news for this issue, for which I am most grateful and appreciative.

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Marjorie Lawrence '45, daughter of Jessie Wells Lawrence '19 of Glenbrook, Conn. Marjorie, the recently elected Chief Justice of Honor Court, holds one of the Class of 1919 scholarships. She is shown with friends on the west wall in the group to the right.



Alumnae in the Services

MARINES

- ✓ Joyce Johnson '43
- ~~Mary Bates ex '45~~

SPARS

- ✓ Jane Hall Ingraham '42
- ✓ Aimee Hunnicutt Mason '40
- ✓ Dorothy Rowand '40
- ~~Nancy Smedley ex '33~~
- ~~Nancy van Houten ex '41~~

WAC

- ✓ Mary Baldwin Smith '39
- ✓ Gertrude Clark Daniels '39
- ✓ Shirley Cohen Schrager '37
- ✓ Ethel Cook '29
- ✓ Miriam Cooper '39
- ~~Frances Garner ex '41~~
- ✓ Dorothy Gieg '40
- ✓ Frances Green '26
- ✓ Mary Louise Kent ex '32
- ✓ Thyrsa Magnus Beall '42
- ✓ Elizabeth Merry '24
- ✓ Margaret Mills '33
- ✓ Elizabeth Morton '40
- ✓ Mary Reynolds Danforth '37
- ✓ Marjorie Webb '37

WASPS

- ✓ Betty Gossweiler '43
- ~~Jean Howard ex '38~~

WAVES

- ~~Josephine Carpenter ex '42~~
- ✓ Carol Chappell '41
- ✓ Louise Daghlain '43
- ✓ Margaret Dunham '43
- ~~Kathryn Dunnigan Yost ex '37~~
- ~~Ruth Gannett ex '36~~
- ✓ Elizabeth Gilbert '38
- ~~Mary Glover ex '39~~
- ~~Norma Greene ex '41~~



Lt. (j.g.) Carol Chappel '41 of the Waves, was in one of the early classes of Waves to be graduated from the school at Northampton, and was the first New London woman to join the Waves. She is now stationed in Boston.



Ensign Nancy Smedley ex '33 of the Spars. After finishing her training at the Coast Guard Academy she was given a coveted California assignment, and is stationed in San Diego.

Botherses '38 Ruth Kaywood '32
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- ✓ Ruth Hankins '42
- ✓ Constance Harvey '40
- ~~Josephine Hinds ex '42~~
- ~~Anne Jacobs ex '43~~
- Mary Kavanagh '32
- ✓ Margaret Kerr Miller '41
- ✓ Patricia King '42
- ✓ Mildred Loscalzo '41
- ✓ Evelyn Miller '37
- ~~Elizabeth Myer ex '34~~
- ✓ Linnea Paavola '41
- ✓ Muriel Prince '42
- ✓ Eleanor Roe Merrill '32
- ✓ Gladys Russell '34
- ✓ Vivian Schlemmer '33
- ✓ Edith Simonton '29
- ✓ Elizabeth Smith '41
- ✓ Virginia Stone '42
- ✓ Estelle Taylor '39
- ✓ Muriel Thompson '42
- ✓ Grace Ward '25

ARMY AIR CORPS AUXILIARY

- ~~Phoebe Buck Stiles ex '42~~

ARMY NURSE CORPS

- ✓ Ann Crocker '34
- ✓ Louisa Kent '32 (overseas)
- ~~Anne Shewell '34~~

RED CROSS (overseas)

- ~~Helen L. Coops ex '22~~
- ~~Rachel Homer '39~~
- ~~Calista Jayne ex '40~~
- ~~Louise Langdon '37~~
- ✓ Louise Lee '21
- Janet McCreery '36
- Alice Mendenhall '40
- Alice Moran '26
- Gretchen Schwan '36
- Caroline Wilde '42

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