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Accomplishments Through Relief in China Difficulties and Achievements of CNRRA as Seen by an Alumna

By MARY ANNE SCOTT JOHNSON '40

UNRRA, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration began for the Scotts in December 1942 when my husband left the legal staff of the Lend-Lease Administration to be Assistant General Counsel at the office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation in the State Department. In November 1943 the International Agreement was signed by forty-four nations setting up UNRRA as the first of the big international organizations to deal with the expected problems of post-World War II. Jimmy left for China early in January 1945. He went as legal adviser to help negotiate the Basic Agreement between China and UNRRA which arranged for the setting up of CNRRA, Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, and the terms under which it was to operate with UNRRA. He went for two months and stayed a year and a half, first as legal adviser, then as executive officer, and finally as Deputy Director of Operations of the UNRRA China Office. When we found in the fall of 1945 that wives could go at their own expense especially if they would work, I started shots and travel arrangements, which included leaving Bobby 4½, and Carol 1½, with their grandparents. I left from Pensacola, Florida, by freighter on April 3, 1946 and arrived in Shanghai thirty-five days later. I found Jimmy having frequent, violent bouts of malaria, and instead of working for UNRRA, I followed him about with a thermometer while the doctors tried to make him stay at home.

The Purpose of UNRRA

Before I tell you more about CNRRA-UNRRA in China let me remind you of the general plan behind UNRRA. The plan, set up primarily to help those nations which had been invaded during the war, and which did not have adequate resources to finance necessary relief and rehabilitation imports, was to provide two major types of assistance in the period immediately after liberation. Moving in behind the armies, and at the request of the armies, UNRRA was to provide immediate relief in the form of

food, clothing, shelter, medical and welfare help, and help to displaced persons. The second important purpose of UNRRA was the longer-range rehabilitation with its aim of enabling the countries to produce and transport for themselves the essentials of life.

All member nations (forty-eight by June 30 this year) contributed proportionately to the administrative budget. Uninvaded member nations contributed proportionately to the operating budget. The total expenditure by UNRRA was approximately \$3,500,000,000 over its four years of life. Three billion dollars worth of supplies went to seventeen countries. Two-thirds were food and other expendable supplies, this emphasis being caused by devastation, manpower shortages, and droughts affecting the first post-war harvests. Then there were trucks, tools, mining equipment, water pipes, power generators, locomotives, building repair equipment, road machinery, harbor dredging equipment, and small cargo vessels for production and distribution. And for agricultural production there were seed, fertilizer, agricultural implements, draft animals, tractors and power fishing vessels.

Complications and Difficulties

From the beginning there were the doubts, delays and frustrations from disputes as to who was to be in charge of what and where and also why, which beset all organizations that attempt, through good and bad times, to govern or aid people. Doubts, delays and frustrations increased and became more complicated as UNRRA actually went into operation behind the liberating armies. Difficulties became still greater and still more complicated in the rehabilitation stage as political cleavages abroad and cries for economy at home became more pressing after VJ Day. But despite obstacles and mistakes and difficulties of administration, all of these sharpened by its temporary nature, UNRRA was there in seventeen countries helping to feed and clothe and shelter and prevent epidemics, and to repatriate and rebuild agriculture and industry. Until now,

when it was hoped more permanent plans would be ready to take over the work.

Early Relief Operations

Now for our particular experience in the field, in our case, China. When Jimmy arrived in Chungking as one of the first four of the UNRRA staff, he had much work to do in setting up the office in addition to the work on the Basic Agreement which was long and slow in accomplishment. He did liaison work with the U. S. Army Civil Affairs branch and participated in one of the first relief operations, conducted at the request of the Army, in Kweichow and Kwangsi Provinces where, as the Japanese were retreating in the spring and summer of 1945, some two million people faced death because of lack of food. It was his first chance to see close at hand the kind of job UNRRA was undertaking. This job is now being carried forward by various agencies in UN combined with other organizations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Committee for European Cooperation. A week before the end of the war he wrote from Liuchow, which of course was just "somewhere in China" then:

"The town I'm now in is still booby-trapped and filled with Japanese effects — destroyed buildings, discarded equipment and wretched, starving people. I have been wandering through refugee shelters, seeing kids that look just like those pictures in books on the horrors of World War I. Wasted little bodies, tremendous eyes, sores, scabies, beri-beri, and lots and lots of dysentery. The adults have all those things plus a few others such as malaria and pregnancy. Fortunately there's no typhus or relapsing fever, though there has been some in towns to the rear. But I'm telling you a piece of it, partly because I have just come back from a refugee shelter in a gutted house where one little girl died while I was there. The rest of her family—a younger boy and an older girl of about 12—were sobbing and tying her up in a way that showed that they had done that time and again, with other members of their family. The tales of horror are manifold The tales of courage, not apparent or discoverable at first, are also manifold. Just to name one, a ten year old boy in about the third stages of malnutrition would not even start to eat the bean milk that was given him until his five year old brother, for whom he was solely responsible, came back from a food-foraging expedition. He insisted on waiting—for how long there's no telling—even though we assured him that they had left enough for three people and that more would be distributed in the afternoon.

"This town must have been lovely—the finest I've yet seen in China, and I've seen plenty since I last wrote you (600 miles by air and about 800 by road). The streets are broad, the houses mostly brick, lots of nice trees and gardens. It's a shambles though. Whether and to what extent we can get the place on the road back is still a mystery to me."

This is an example of situations all over the world

which can no longer be ignored with a shrug. But seeing the need for action and putting that action into operation, there's the rub. The mechanics of the job undertaken became enormously complicated in the Fall of 1945 as staff and supplies from all over the world began to pour into Shanghai. Jimmy had opened an UNRRA office there in October, while the main China office remained in Chungking until the rest of the Chinese Government offices would move down.

Placement of Supplies and Personnel

Where to find billets for the staff. Where to find port facilities for ships that were arriving sooner than expected because of having been diverted in mid-ocean with cargoes that were now surplus property and had been sold to UNRRA by the U. S. Army. Shanghai could handle only 60% of the tonnage handled before the war because of the silting up of the Whangpoo and Yangtze rivers while the Japanese were in occupation. U. S. Navy ships lined both sides of the Whangpoo and anchored in midstream to add to the usual congestion caused by large numbers of sampans, tenders and barges lashed together five deep alongside the wharfs with families living on them. Where to find lighters, for of the 2,000 lighters in the port of Shanghai before the war, only 600 were left to help unload the rice and cotton and medical supplies, the locomotives and trucks and tractors, the seed and fertilizer and draft animals, the mining equipment and power generators and parts. When I arrived in May 1946 there were ships anchored down at Woosung, fifteen miles below Shanghai where the Whangpoo flows into the Yangtze, ships that had been waiting sixty-five days to discharge their cargo.

Where to find godowns for storage of supplies that were awaiting transportation inland or to the north and south. Shanghai, Tientsin, and Hongkong-Kowloon, three ports for all of China, for more than 2,000 miles of coastline. From Hongkong the Pearl River up to Canton was silted up. And at Tientsin the river was silted up and lighters had to be pulled up river by small vessels forty-two miles from the anchorage at Taku Bar. Only three ports for receiving and forwarding supplies inland by river and canal, still the chief means of transport since there were and still are not yet enough planes, trains, roads and trucks to move supplies fast enough to keep the economy going. And even the river transport was severely limited by the lack of boats—the inevitable result of the effective air raids by General Chenault's 14th Air Force.

If the port of Shanghai was bulging with supplies so was the Shanghai UNRRA office bulging with personnel: doctors, nurses, technical advisers and office workers, men and women from twenty-six nations for whom transportation had to be arranged to the regional offices. They went by freighter or plane or British destroyer south to Hongkong, upriver to Canton and upriver again to Liuchow; by truck or train or plane southwest to Hangchow and Changsha and northwest to Kaifeng; by plane or LST west to Nanking and Hankow, north to Tsingtao and Tientsin and

Peking, and from there by plane or truck or freight cars to Taiyuan, Mukden and Changchun. Faulty communications with the regions and with Washington and London, changes in the executive office, lack of local currency from the Chinese Government until late 1946, the devouring by inflation of funds which were made available. People trying to make a private racket with UNRRA supplies. Always the undeclared civil war on and off in the north complicating the problem of impartial distribution, and yet, slowly, the work was going on. These were some of the operational difficulties.

UNRRA Achievements in China

Now for some of the accomplishments. In the first eight months of 1946 an estimated five million people in Kwangsi and Hunan Provinces, the latter where the worst starvation occurred and the home of Yale-in-China, received some UNRRA food, according to Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Director-General of CNRRA at a conference in Nanking in September 1946. Of those an estimated three million existed for over two months entirely on UNRRA food. Some seven hundred thousand refugees in Kweichow from central and eastern provinces were helped to stay alive and to return to their homes. In May in Chinkiang on the Yangtze between Shanghai and Nanking, where Pearl Buck lived as a child, we saw medical supplies in a godown awaiting transportation up the Grand Canal to northern Kiangsu Province in Communist territory. The supplies had been there two months and two more elapsed before they reached their destination.

Farther up the Yangtze in Ahnwei Province and again farther west beyond Hankow in Hupeh the Yangtze dykes were repaired thus preventing disastrous floods. In the Yellow River area of Hopeh, Honan, northern Ahnwei, Shantung and northern Kiangsu, which was flooded by the Chinese after 1937 to harry the advance of the Japanese, three million people were able to return to their farms in one of the rich agricultural sections as a result of the closing of the gap in the dykes near Chengchow. In Honan UNRRA tractors plowed in one day what it had taken farmers three weeks to plow by hand or by using water buffalo. These were important aids to the food problem which loomed even larger than expected because of physical devastation from war and floods and droughts affecting the first postwar harvests in food producing areas in south China and Indo-China.

In June one of our engineer friends, an ex-commander in the Seabees, helped with the plans for dredging the Pearl River between Hongkong and Canton in order to speed the transportation of supplies. Then he and a civilian dredging expert began work on the restoration of port and harbor facilities at Tientsin. The work is continuing under the Tangku New Harbor plan and our friends are now carrying it on for the Chinese Government.

Many Nations Involved

On an inspection trip to Canton Jimmy saw UNRRA

rice bought in Indo-China moving inland from Hongkong-Kowloon in UNRRA freight cars. The cars were pulled by UNRRA locomotives purchased from U. S. Army surplus in Iran. They were traveling over a roadbed repaired with UNRRA rails and ties bought in Canada with funds from the Canadian contribution to UNRRA. In the medical field the depleted stocks of China's hospitals were being restored by UNRRA supplies. China's doctors, nurses and medical technicians, cut off for so long during the Japanese occupation, were receiving desperately needed training in new treatments from UNRRA's highly qualified medical staff. Italians and other Europeans stranded in China at the time of Pearl Harbor, Formosans who were transported by the Japanese to Kwangtung as slave labor, and Chinese who had been moved to the Philippines by the Japanese for the same purpose, through UNRRA efforts were cared for and finally returned to their homes.

Adding up the balance sheet, UNRRA seems as heartening a peacetime operation as were the Allied wartime operations which we so easily forget. Forty-eight nations contributed money, supplies, ships and trained personnel. In China the U. S. and British Army and Navy helped with plane and ship transportation, and private relief agencies, such as the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China, the British Red Cross, Friends Ambulance Unit and missionary groups, worked along with the CNRRA-UNRRA giving invaluable advice, experience, knowledge of dialects, and some funds. Many outstanding business and professional people of various nationalities were there with UNRRA to help China, whose struggle to become a modern nation from a feudal one almost over-night has been complicated to the extreme by war from within since 1911 and from without since 1931.

Need of Positive Viewpoint

We flew home in August 1946 (on the doctors' advice after Jimmy's last attack of malaria had kept him in the hospital for two weeks) via Guam, Kwajalein, Johnston and Honolulu. At Kwajalein we were just a week behind the underwater atom bomb test and could see ships from the bomb test fleet as we came in to land. Thinking about that and then about our stay in China we were impressed with the fact that so many of the people we met there, both Chinese and others, took for granted the need for working together on international problems. Here in America we are inclined to be carried away by the political headlines from United Nations Security Council meetings. We are likely to overlook the step-by-step cooperative work done in the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organizations (UNESCO), the International Refugee Organization (IRO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Children's Fund, for all of which UNRRA provided valuable groundwork and experience. Through the work of these groups the worldwide desire and need of all peoples to live and work together in peace can be and are being brought to fulfillment.

Voyage in America, Circa 1780

By KATHERINE FLOYD '21

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IF YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE who thumbed through the yellowed, precious old volumes in the memorial room in the Palmer Library on a rainy afternoon during your undergraduate days, you will understand what I am trying to say. If you are not, I wonder what words I can find to convey to you the fascination of such an occupation. I think particularly of George S. Palmer's Americana collection, because it was in its corner, not long ago, that I sat absorbed hour after hour, while daylight faded into darkness, someone turned on lights, and I read on and on.

There are other things in that memorial room. Before I became enchanted by the Americana I had turned the leaves of a massive ancient psalter beautifully inscribed by the hand of one who lived before Columbus discovered America. I had looked at brilliantly illuminated missals and books of hours with worn velvet bindings in rich but faded color, so old I scarcely dared handle them lest they crumble under my touch.

The volumes in the room are of many periods and of many kinds. Obviously they were the possessions of a person who loved the beautiful book no matter what its subject. Such marvelous bindings, some of fine morocco tooled in gold, others in silk, leather, even wood. And such extraordinary illustrations. A lifetime would hardly lend time enough to become acquainted with them all.

There is rare furniture in the room, too, mostly early American. And a collection of original manuscripts penned by men and women famous in history and literature.

But to me, the books about America, written when our country was a fledgling, are the best of all. Most of them are concerned with the United States in the period of approximately 50 years following the revolution. There are 500 or more so you can see I could take no more than a nibble here and a nibble there, even in many, many afternoons. Nor could you. But the nibble does this for you. Thenceforth you know those books are there waiting. And as long as you know that, on your lowest day, life has promise.

Raw, young America. Almost every facet of its life is revealed. Many of the books are the chronicles of visitors to these shores from overseas, from England, Germany, France, Italy, and Spain, who came to see and went home to relate what they had seen.

Harriet Martineau, the intrepid Englishwoman, bless her, reported that manners in New England were "some of the best and sweetest in America". The lady didn't like the "vulgar habit" of using tobacco and spitting, however,

which unfortunately existed in refined New England as well as in cruder sections of the country.

Apparently even in that day our distinct American character had formed. It would amaze you to know how many of those early visitors to the new republic made almost identical comments on the prevalent spirit of equality, the reserve with which Americans treated strangers, the awkwardness and lack of ease in American society, and the intense interest in business and politics which prevailed throughout the country. It was noted by many that liquor was cheap and that the American "never lingered over his glass at the table".

One observation, that the rural people were grave and reserved but not "crouching", was most satisfying. A treat was the astonishment of one writer that the American girl "never concealed her ignorance of a subject of conversation but frankly avowed it, and asked for information with an absolute lack of embarrassment".

Marked differences between the citizens of one part of the United States and another were noticed. The Virginians and Kentuckians, for example, were said to be like the Irish in their open-heartedness, rude hospitality, generosity, wit, and lawless behavior. Residents of the Carolinas showed refinement and elegance in their social life. Large cities of the east, particularly Boston, had European manners. Society was crude in the western states.

Travelers marveled at the expanse of territory in the new world, and were awed by the great rivers and mountains. They were astonished at the mingling of so many races, the variety of languages, the numerous different religious and political beliefs. It was exciting to read the predictions by some that the new America was the beginning of a world power.

Whatever your special interest, you would be likely to find an aspect of American life related to that interest, touched upon. There are volumes on democratic government in America, long discourses on the country's religion, politics, education, farming, even its birds, trees and flowers.

Some of the authors were unpleasantly critical, even caustic. They seemed not to like this brash young upstart of a country. Others whose eyes had turned westward after the revolution with friendly curiosity sounded sympathetic and understanding of the American crudities they deplored.

Quite a good many of the books deal with the Negro question in America, generally with emphasis on the injustice of the white man toward the black. One of the most interesting, and one I intend to go back to again, is the

journal of Fanny Kemble, the English actress, who married a southern planter and wrote out of her apparent loathing of everything connected with southern plantation life.

Book after book I have looked at longingly and made note of, to return to later,—“A Story of Seven Years Residence in the Great Deserts of North America” by Abbé Domenech, an apostolic missionary; “The Voyages and Travels of an Indian Interpreter and Trader Describing the Manners and Customs of North American Indians”;—“A Philosophical and Political History of British Settlements in North America” published in 1779 in Edinburgh and having as an annex “an impartial history of the present war in America”; and extracts from the correspondence of Sir Henry Clinton and Earl Cornwallis containing explanations by the British generals of the “unfortunate outcome of the war in America.”

You must not get the impression that all the books in the collection are by foreigners. There are works by American authors, although at that time, when independence had just been gained and the building of the republic was going forward in great earnest, relatively few, apparently were willing to take time out from business and

politics to write of the new country.

I read snatches of a general history of Connecticut by a gentleman of the province of New Haven and was amused at his disgust with Cotton Mather and other writers who, he declared, had suppressed what they considered “unnecessary truths.” Connecticut Historical collections by John Warner Barber published in New Haven and Hartford are on the shelves. Also diaries and papers of political, and I believe, religious and military leaders.

You know that every student who ever attended Connecticut College has cause for gratitude to Mr. George S. Palmer and his wife who together gave the college its library. To me it now seems that the ones who became acquainted, even ever so slightly, with Mr. Palmer’s collection of rare and wonderful old books about America have extra cause. It goes without saying that these volumes are priceless for the historian or the historical novelist. But I am thinking of the rest of us.

What delight it is to look back to our beginnings, to see what life was like in our great, powerful, sophisticated country, when it was young, eager, new, unsure of itself, and yet sure.



Vinal House and Thames River seen from the campus.

Student Summers, 1947

By ELIZABETH LEITH-ROSS '48

THE OPPORTUNITY to take part in various interesting summer projects is one of the advantages of going to college. This past summer three of my fellow students and I had exciting experiences in four different projects.

Mary Meagher '49, from Binghamton, New York, attended the Hudson Shore Labor School in West Park, New York. The purpose of the school was to educate industrial workers to meet the needs of labor by working inside and outside of the unions. The workers were chosen without regard to race, creed, or color. Mary with other undergraduate assistants observed the methods and techniques of workers' education, attempted to provide a link between the workers and the faculty, and tried to break down the barrier of prejudice between workers and college students.

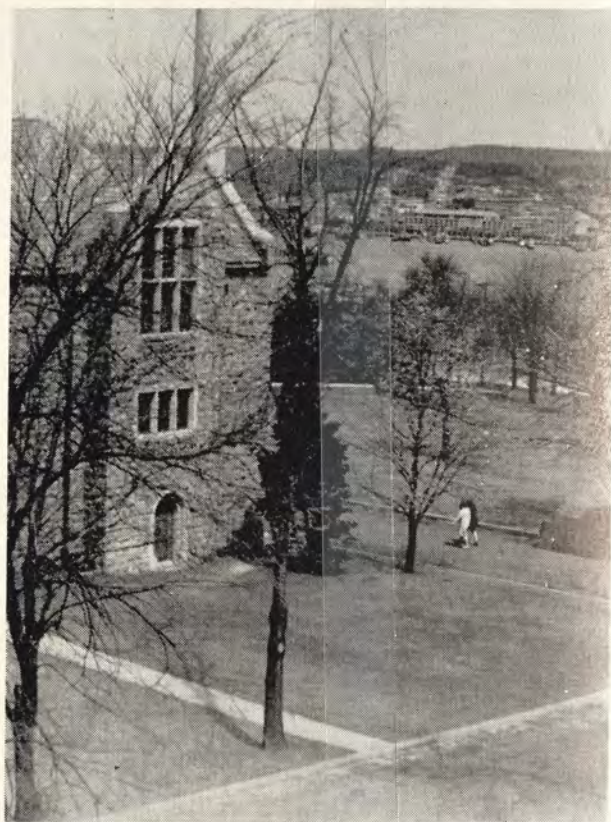
Dorothy Psathas '48, New Haven, attended Lisle Fellowship in Watkins Glen, New York. The students in the project were from as varied religious, cultural and racial backgrounds as possible, and the purpose was to provide a creative group and individual experience. Part of each week the groups split up into deputations which were sent to various communities and were sponsored by someone in that community.

Peggy Flint '48, Westport, Connecticut, was a councillor at Camp Willowemoc in Roscoe, New York. It was a private camp which was inter-racial and intercultural and which was set up on the principle that children do not have prejudices. Both councillors and children had varied backgrounds and came from different parts of the country. The program was very flexible and designed to meet the needs of the individual children. The camp did not emphasize competition among the children and Peggy was surprised to find very few petty quarrels.

I attended a Friends International Service Seminar in Farragut, Idaho. The seminar consisted of twenty foreign exchange students representing fourteen different nationalities (many of whom had been in this country only a few months) and seven American students.

The underlying theory of the Friends projects was that groups of people from all parts of the world can live successfully as a unit and that a demonstration of this fact is important. The seminar discussions which were held each morning and evening centered around the visiting professor of that week and discussions of current economic, political, and social problems. A plan of action to ease the tension points between the United States and Russia was agreed upon by the seminar as a whole by the end of the summer.

Equally important were the free afternoons when we



Blackstone and the Base

all went boating, swimming, and hiking. Through my friendships I not only gained an unprecedented interest in world affairs but also learned that after all people in corresponding strata of society all over the world are very much alike.

We have all had the stimulating experience of working and living cooperatively with groups of people quite different from ourselves, whether their differences be their color, their political beliefs, their religious beliefs, or the fact that their home is on the other side of the globe. I think our most profound common experiences were the attainment of a real feeling of unity with a group, and, through actual contact with people, the learning of appreciation of an individual for himself. These statements may seem to be broad and intangible generalizations, but I assure you that to us they are living and real experiences which we shall not soon forget.

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Discussion of the Aims of the Small College

Will you send your daughter to a small college? How and why are our students admitted to college? In what divisions of the curriculum are our students at the present time chiefly interested? Will the College always need more money? What do employers say about our young alumnae? Why bother with the Alumnae Association? These and many other questions were discussed with the Executive Secretary of the Alumnae Association by alumnae of six chapters. A brief report of the trip is given below.

By KATHRYN MOSS

INEVITABLY in alumnae work social and professional affairs are closely related. The sages who have said that one cannot mix business and pleasure have surely never worked for an Alumnae Association, in which one constantly does mix them. For instance, in October, as Executive Secretary of the Alumnae Association, I had the greatly appreciated opportunity of visiting five chapters in fairly rapid succession. They were the Michigan, Milwaukee, Chicago, Denver, and Southern California chapters. A meeting of alumnae of the San Francisco section was also held, and plans started for a chapter in that area.

The many expressions of alumnae hospitality were unabated in warmth all the way across the country, not only at the meetings, but in the homes of many alumnae where I was cordially welcomed as the representative of the College and Association. Professional and personal enjoyment were in a continual state of admixture. The sight-seeing trips were high points of interest made possible by alumnae who were generous with their time and their cars, and a gain in weight of eight pounds testified to my uncurbed enjoyment of the excellent food served wherever I went.

But my own enjoyment was the result of, not the reason for the visits to alumnae groups. Generally speaking, the purposes of the trip were two-fold. An attempt was made to give to the alumnae, in as much detail as was possible in a brief period of time, information concerning the present state of College and Alumnae Association affairs, and also to get information about the chapters and their members from the alumnae.

Conditions at the College

Information, subject to the limitations of time and the knowledge of the speaker, was given on the following subjects:

1. The organization and purposes of *various administrative divisions of the College*, including the Board of Trustees, the Office of the President, the offices of the Director of Admissions, the Director of Residence, the Business Manager, the Registrar, the Bursar, and the Personnel Bureau.

2. *Academic affairs*, such as the character of the student body, the distribution of major subjects among stu-

dents, extra-curricular activities of students, the work of the Deans and student advisers, the Summer Session, the curriculum.

3. The *financial problems* facing private colleges as the result of the general fiscal situation. The necessity of maintaining faculty and administrative salaries at a proper and desirable level.

4. Some of the factors involved in *keeping in proper balance the academic and administrative affairs* of the College.

What Alumnae Can Do

The place of the Alumnae Association in the total College picture was discussed with special emphasis on the functions of the chapters of the Association. The purposes, again generally speaking, were listed:

1. To function for chapter members as a *source of information concerning the College*. The information is derived mainly from meetings at which visitors from the campus or officers of the Alumnae Association are speak-



Mr. Logan, Chairman of Fine Arts, and Students



ers; from official and non-official visits of chapter officers and members to the campus, from formal and informal contacts with undergraduates of the local communities; and by reading all material sent to alumnae from the campus.

Information about one college, in our case, Connecticut, invariably results in a greater interest on the part of chapter members in the general status of education at the college level throughout the country.

2. To assist the college in its *admissions work*, chiefly by making and maintaining contacts with secondary school officials, and also by holding meetings at which prospective students and their parents are given the opportunity of meeting alumnae and speakers from the campus.

3. To help the college financially by *raising money* for scholarships, for the Alumnae Fund, and for various other designated purposes. Although it is not desirable to make money-raising the chief activity or purpose of a chapter, the community of effort involved in financial projects often results in the closer unification of a chapter, and in a clearer understanding of the other purposes of alumnae work.

4. To serve, through the activities of the chapter as the representatives of the College, as its most effective *public relations agency off campus*.

The Value of Alumnae Opinion

For the speaker from the campus the second purpose of the visits to chapters, to get information and opinions from alumnae, was perhaps more important than the first, to give information about the College to the alumnae. The campus officer of the Alumnae Association sometimes feels isolated from the people for and with whom she is working. There is no better way of losing this feeling than by visiting the alumnae on their home bases. Indeed there is no other accurate and satisfactory way of knowing what is involved for the alumnae in carrying out the suggestions of the officers of the Association, in developing plans of their own, and in learning how the alumnae and the College may work together for the greater benefit of both. Obviously, alumnae analysis of the place of alumnae work in the total college picture is of great importance.

As former students the relation of alumnae to their college is an especially intimate one. Therefore the value of alumnae ideas and conclusions to the academic and administrative staffs of the college cannot be over-estimated on such matters as the curriculum, admission policies, the financial affairs of the institution. Such opinions have still greater significance, as alumnae are not only former students of the college. They are also parents of students who are going or will go to this or to some other college, and they are representatives of the college-trained members of their home towns.

An attempt, in most instances successful, was made to get alumnae opinion on definite subjects specifically related

Below—Knowlton House. Photo, Robert Perry.

Above—Pequot Lighthouse, New London. Photo, F. R. Barnard.

to Connecticut College. In addition, on several occasions, the place of the small college in education was discussed.

Is the Small College Important?

The chapters visited were in cities in which are located large universities of high standing. The student bodies of these universities are cosmopolitan as to race, nationality, social and economic backgrounds, and range of age. Usually among their faculties are some teachers and research workers of world-wide distinction. Their laboratories and buildings are often superbly equipped. The variety of their curricula is great. These are all factors which can be of undeniable advantage to the student. What then, we asked, are the special values of the small college as distinguished from those of the great university? For what reasons do parents and daughters choose the small college, usually more costly financially for the student than the large state-supported university? Connecticut alumnae were not only willing but anxious to discuss the subject.

One great advantage of the small college, in the opinion of many alumnae, is in the opportunity for the student of close association in and out of class with faculty and with other students. The values of the small class, in which the discussion method is easily possible, were thought to be great.

Others believed that the possibilities of academic experimentation are greater in a small college, that in the large institution the weight of numbers is likely to make change and experimentation discouragingly cumbersome.

One astute young alumna said that public education at the college level is greatly indebted to the small college. By maintaining consistently high standards over a long period of years, the best of the small colleges have had great influence on the quality of work carried on today in the out-

standing state universities.

Finally, the "feeling" value derived from attendance at the small college was emphasized by many alumnae. They believed that in a small college, perhaps unknown at the time to herself, the student develops a strong sense of being an important part of the place, and of being responsible in part for its welfare.

In many people this feeling persists long past graduation, is in fact lasting. Ultimately it becomes a mature and active interest in, a concern for the proper development of formal education. The feeling, several alumnae said, is deeply personal, and goes far beyond mere nostalgic and affectionate remembrance of undergraduate days. It is the result of many circumstances attendant upon being a student of a small college.

Other advantages and some of the disadvantages of the small private college were discussed further, as were various other questions concerned with Connecticut's special and general status. The financial situation in private colleges was commented upon at length. Rising costs, low returns on investments, fewer large gifts from foundations and individuals; in distinction to the state college or university, no regular and assured source of income outside endowment funds and fees from students, have all resulted in a condition common to most of the private colleges. These colleges are finding it necessary immediately to increase student fees, and in addition in many instances, to raise money from outside sources.

The meetings with the six alumnae groups where such fundamental matters were discussed were for me not merely the means of giving information to alumnae about the College and of getting information and opinions from them. They were the source of encouragement, stimulation, and pride in our alumnae.

Alumnae Publications Received by Palmer Library

Alumnae publications which have been received in the Library within recent months are: *Half the Music*, poems by Bianca Ryley Bradbury, '30; *Teen Canteens—Some Special Problems*, by Hazel Osborn, '26; and *Beyond Geography*; poems by Etta May Strathie Van Tassel, ex '24. Poems written by two Connecticut College students were published in the 1946 issue of *America Sings; annual anthology of college poetry*. The poems were "The Ferris Wheel" by Rhoda Meltzer, '49, and "Interlude—Years' End Music," by Mabel Hinton Vance, '47; this volume has been added to the Library.

Soon to be published is the volume *Hormones and Horticulture* written by George S. Avery, Jr., Elizabeth Bindloss Johnson, '36, Ruth M. Addoms and Betty F. Thomson. Miss Thomson is a member of the Botany De-

partment faculty at Connecticut College.

A number of gifts are of especial interest. The Class of 1922 Endowment Fund again brought to the Library a number of currently interesting and needed publications, including *Joan of Lorraine*, by Maxwell Anderson; *Vespers in Vienna*, by Bruce Marshall; *Life and the Dream*, by Mary M. Colum, and *Brigadoon*, by Alan J. Lerner. The Class of 1942 gift for the purchase of microfilmed materials again added a valued item for the files—a microcopy of the 1830 Connecticut population census. A further gift of one hundred and forty volumes of *Braziliana* has come to the College from Senora Heliodora Carneiro de Mendonca Bueno '43. Gifts of books for Windham and Jane Addams House libraries were presented this past year by Miss Rosamond Danielson and Mrs. Edna H. Webster.

Chapter Meetings

Boston

A tea for incoming Freshmen was held at the home of Janyce Pickett Wilman '314 in Belmont in September. At the October meeting Nancy Hoag, the daughter of Peg Ewing Hoag ex '25, spoke on her impressions of Europe and European students. Nancy, who is president of the Senior Class at Smith, represented her college in a student group in Europe last summer. She dwelt especially on the stark conditions in Germany.

Chicago

On September 10, a luncheon was held for incoming Freshmen and undergraduates at the Saddle and Cycle Club. Short talks were given by Marian Peterson, last year's head of Service League; also Gretchen Lautman, Jean Gregory, Virginia Ferguson, and Jane Braman, all of whom are still in college. The Chicago Scholarship has been awarded to Priscilla A. Meyer, a graduate of the Chicago Latin School.

At the October meeting Kay Moss brought news of the campus and Alumnae Association activities.

Cleveland

The annual Fall tea was held in September for incoming Freshmen. On October 13 Dr. George Haines IV, associate Professor of History at Connecticut represented the college in the Cleveland College Lecture Series. His topic was "The Constitution as Part of Our American Heritage." Following his lecture the chapter entertained Dr. Haines at lunch to hear first hand news from the campus. Preparations are underway for the Annual Blue and Silver Ball to be held at the University Club on December 26.

There have been two sudden deaths in the Cleveland Alumnae Chapter in the past few months. Mrs. Robert B. Denison (Truman Foote '28) died after a brief illness on April 14, 1947. Mrs. Virginia Williams Goodman (Virginia Williams ex '29) was one of the victims of the La Guardia Field plane crash on May 29, 1947. In response to many requests, a Memorial Fund has been established in memory of the two outstanding alumnae. Voluntary contributions from their many friends have been received, and it is planned that a gift will be made to the new Infirmary.

Colorado

The Colorado Chapter was organized in Denver this past April and now boasts 16 active members. They are working very hard to acquaint Denver with Connecticut College in order to swell their number. In October Miss Kathryn Moss, Executive Secretary of the Alumnae Association, made a visit to the chapter on her swing across the country.



In the Greenhouse

Milwaukee

The chapter is very proud to report that they have raised \$400 for the Infirmary Fund and are making plans for increasing this sum in other ways. On December 21 there will be a Christmas tea for alumnae and the girls home on vacation. Kathryn Moss was the speaker at the October meeting.

New Jersey

In September a meeting was held to greet incoming Freshmen. It was run on a forum basis, with graduates of the class of '47 giving short talks on different phases of campus life: Student Government, the Honor System, self-help, Clubs and extra-curricular activities, etc. An informal discussion period followed.

Washington

At the Fall meeting held on October 7, Jean Howard '38, gave a talk on her work with the Red Cross for two years during the war on the Isle of Capri at a rest camp for the Army Air Forces.

Westchester

The Westchester Chapter joined with the New York, New Jersey and Fairfield Chapters in giving a reception for President Park on October 29 at the Prince Matchabelli Crown Room in New York. Before the reception a dinner was given for Miss Park at the Cosmopolitan Club, attended by the presidents of the four chapters, a member of each Board, and Mrs. Perry B. Crane, (Charlotte Beckwith '25) President of the Alumnae Association.

On Campus

The portrait of Miss Blunt, 1947's class gift to the college, is a great success. It hangs over the fireplace in the living room of Katharine Blunt House and is the focal point of the beautiful room.

Choice of the distinguished portrait painter Ivan Olin-sky was a happy one. With great skill and rare perception he has put on campus not only a fine physical likeness of the president emeritus, but also an inescapable reflection of her character. Indomitable chin; firm, almost stern mouth; clear, straightforward gray eyes with a depth of human understanding and a lurking gaiety.

The generations of students who knew Miss Blunt will feel resurgence of affection and admiration whenever they return to the campus. Generations of students to come will see in it an extraordinary woman who was one of the great presidents of their college. Nineteen forty-seven could hardly have chosen a more perfect gift.

The Lawrence Memorial Lecture was given this year, on October 30, by Dr. Alpheus T. Mason, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, of Princeton University. His subject was "Variations on the Liberal Theme." As in past years, the students and members of the faculty were invited to meet the speaker at coffee before the lecture.

Two members of the faculty, Mr. Hartley W. Cross, Professor of Economics, and Miss Elisa Curtis, Instructor in Spanish, spent some time abroad this past summer. Mr. Cross led a group of business and professional men and women on a study tour sponsored by the National Cooperative League of the United States. The group travelled by air and spent approximately six weeks studying economic conditions in England, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland. Mr. Cross has reported on some of his observations before various groups on the campus and in the community. Miss Curtis made a brief visit with relatives in England. She travelled in Cornwall and Devonshire.

Mr. Otis Peabody Swift has joined the staff of the College as an assistant to the President in charge of public relations. He will work in a part-time capacity through the President's Office and in cooperation with other college offices. Mr. Swift has had very wide experience in the public relations field. For a number of years he was connected with the United Press, and with *Time*, *Life*, and *Fortune*. He has also worked for the Princeton Local Government Survey, The National Civil Service Reform League, United China Relief, and in 1944 was a member of Director-General Lehman's special staff in UNRRA. He has also developed various projects in conjunction with Yale University, Harvard, Princeton, and the University of Michigan.

Each fall the Personnel Bureau sends a follow-up questionnaire to the entire student body to check up on the summer activities. The following statistics were compiled from this report and may prove interesting to the alumnae.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, 1947

COMPARISON OF TOTALS FOR 1947 AND 1946:

	1946	1947
Paid and Volunteer Jobs	379 45%	403 49%
Studied	116 14%	98 11%
Traveled and helped at home	341 41%	313 40%
Number Reporting	836	814
Number Enrolled	854	834

EARNING POWER—1947: \$58,631

	Average
By Class: 1948—\$14,731	\$190 per Student
1949—\$14,788	\$177 per Student
1950—\$14,788	\$155 per Student
1951—\$11,873	\$156 per Student
\$58,631	\$168 per Student

EARNING COMPARISON:

Pre-War, War and Post-War Years:

1940—\$11,473
1943—\$77,551
1946—\$53,238
1947—\$58,631

Numbers Doing Different Types of Work:

Type of Work	Total
Child Care, Tutoring	37
Camp Counselor	41
Office—Clerical	98
Sales Clerks	72
Banks	9
Waitresses	28
Libraries	6
Laboratories, Hospitals	34
Magazines, Newspapers	12
Paid Housework	8
Modeling	7
Playground Supervisors	9
Life Guards	3
Farming	5
Factories	6
Miscellaneous	28
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One girl did recreational work in a state park and earned \$560. Two waitresses made \$463 and \$300 and one office clerk, \$375. Two child care jobs netted \$275 and \$200 in addition to room and board. The camp counselors as a group were the lowest paid earning from \$50 to \$150 in addition to full maintenance.

CLASS NOTES

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1919

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Last summer my mother and I made a brief family visiting tour across the country. We stopped at Salt Lake to see Marion (Hovey '20), who moved there this year from California. In Los Angeles we visited my brothers, and so home via Wrey's (Barber ex '22) in Perrysburg, Ohio. After Labor Day I began another year of teaching at the Leonia High School. The trip, plus a session at the School of Education at N.Y.U. accounts for the dearth of '19 news.

Winona Young and my sister Harriet ('24) who worked with her at the Hartford Red Cross for the summer, between terms at Smith College Demonstration School,—saw us off, and gave me some items of interest. Julie Hatch has been in New Bedford, (since returning from her UNRRA work in Europe) doing supervision of a family and children's agency. Dorothy Peck was on vacation at Cape Cod, and Alison Hastings Thomson at their summer home at Twin Lakes, Conn. Her daughter Alison has finished her first year at C.C., and Sally is in nurses' training in Washington, D. C. Winona saw a number of other 19ers at the inauguration exercises on campus in the spring: Dorothy Upton of the English Department of Skidmore, who represented her college; Trustee Charlotte Keefe, and Mildred Keefe Smiddy; Irma Hutzler, Prent, Evelyn Bitgood Coulter, Marion Williams Baker, and of course Sadie Coit Benjamin, of the Alumnae Office. '19's permanent "official" representative on campus.

By air mail other news for the column, thanks to the instant response of Frances Saunders Tarbell, home from a long siege in the New Haven Hospital in July, and convalescing. Her son Frank is home from eighteen months in Korea, and was discharged from service in time to enter Yale this Fall. Phil Jr. is still on army duty with F.B.I. branch in Washington, D. C., and travels with President Truman. "My six months old granddaughter Bonnie," she adds, "is the most adorable baby on earth. I hear from Harriet (Rogers Van Wagner) that her son has improved greatly; has been home for several visits, but is still hospitalized."

A recent letter from Florence Carns de-

scribes a summer of gardening, renovating her house in East Berlin, and of a chapter group meeting at Marjorie Doyle Sullivan's ('20).

1920

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Marriages: Sydney Greenebaum to Karl Bendix at Chicago, Dec. 15, 1946. Jeanne Seaver Massonneau to Donald Howard Elitharp in Watertown, N. Y., April 26, 1947. Maxine Stoddard Porter to John Willard Soper in Hartford, Conn., June 17, 1947. Nancy Hall to John Prentice Denio in Wellesley Hills, Mass., Sept. 9, 1947. Nancy Goodwin Miner to Bennett Keenan in New London, Conn., Sept. 29, 1947.

Emma Wippert Pease writes that her son is studying for his Ph.D. in physics at M.I.T. Dorothy Stelle Stone had luncheon with Miff Howard and it was at her house in the spring that the Conn. Valley Chapter of C.C. was organized. Dot's daughter is now a Junior at C.C. this year as is Jessie Luce's daughter, Marion. Agnes Mae Clark's husband, Charles, is back in the Army and stationed in Washington, D. C. Eleanor Seaver Massonneau's son has started his third year in medical school. Mary Virginia Morgan has been appointed Curator of the Art Gallery in Noank, Conn. She is still instructor to the homebound physically handicapped children in Groton. Fanchon Hartman Title drove to Chicago with her husband last summer to see their daughter, Elaine, who was at summer school at Northwestern U. Elaine entered C.C. this fall. They stopped to see Peggy Greenebaum Straus in Michigan City, Ind. Samuel, their son, is stationed in Japan. Leah Pick Silber spent some time in California. Her daughter, Janet, entered C.C. this fall. Dave Cooper's son and daughter are both back at college.

Feta Perley Reiche's youngest son attended the World Scout Jamboree in France this summer and Karl Jr. is working at Pratt and Whitney having received his degree from Trinity last June. Ellen Carroll Wilcox's son starts Yale this fall and the younger one is still in high school. As chairman of the International Committee of the local League of Women Voters, Marjorie Viets Windsor is busy trying to learn about the atomic bomb, cartels, world trade, and European food shortages. Betty Potat

spent the summer at her summer home in Rhode Island. Both her children are off to school this fall and she is planning to go to Atlanta, Ga., with her husband. Dave and her husband spent some time with the Potests. Betty visited Eunice Woods at her home on Mason's Island.

Peggy Greenebaum Straus' book "Fabric of My Life" was published this year and is most interesting. Eunice Woods was in Europe until the first of December. Hartine Liegey Hatch has bought a lovely old colonial house (1750) in Madison, Conn. Catherine Finegan had a month in California. Dorothy Quintard Mix is now living in Berkeley, Calif., where her son is studying at the university. Dot has a job as resident head of one of the women's dormitories. Dot Doane Wheeler was very busy taking care of some of the unfortunate people who suffered from the Florida hurricane.

1922

MRS. DAVID H. YALE
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Our class president, Gertrude Avery Krout, wants you all to know that she appreciated the opportunity to represent us at the inauguration of Rosemary Park as the President of Connecticut College. She enjoyed being there and meeting old friends among faculty and alumnae. She says, "since the arrival of our six-day old David last Christmastide,—more than busy with daily schedule—David is a wonderful child. June enters the fourth grade this year. Best wishes to all."

Dorothy Wheeler reports a hospital trip last summer. She tells of the marriage of Helen Clarke to W. S. MacIntosh of Monaco on April 8. Helen went back to France after her mother's death, and over there she met a friend of many years, who was associated with the Red Cross in London. They are living in Connecticut.

Ruth Bacon Wickwire and her husband and son spent five days with me last summer, and had to rush back to Hanover to see to having their house moved, at the college, one block away from previous location. Katy was in camp in North Carolina as councilor. She started her senior year at Oberlin, and Lin is in military school in Tennessee. Ruth is teaching English again this year. Mary Thompson Shepard works in Meriden, and spent several weekends at the shore; her daughter Nellie plays violin, in concerts and the school orchestra. Helen Tryon writes of a quiet and restful summer, doing many of those housekeeping jobs for which there is so little time during the school year; she spent two weeks at Lake Pleasant in the Adirondacks in August.

A card from Blanche Finley: "I took a

seven-weeks' trip to Paris and England this summer by plane and have an article on Paris in the November Glamour. Grace Fisher Weil and I live in the same house—her sue is 17, an intelligent, lovely girl, and her two youngsters, Judy and Jimmy, adopted, are beautiful blonde children. I am still with French Information in New York."

My daughter Alice is a senior at high school this year. Harriet is doing office work in New Haven. Julius has entered the University of Connecticut. He was married to Beverly Clark of West Haven on Sept. 6 and they are living in Mansfield City. I am president of the Woman's Association of our church.

1923

MRS. GEORGE A. BUNYAN
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Muriel Ashcroft reports that she is busy teaching, and that there are no other special activities in her schoolroom life in Brooklyn.

Bernice Boynton Preston is in Colorado and loves it. Her two children, college activities, a Brownie troop, PTA, canning, and sewing keep her moving at high tempo. "B" spent this past summer in the Rockies at 9,000 feet.

Those of us who were at reunion are charmingly haunted by memories of Miss Ernst, of Professor Daghlion, and of our classmates as they were in June 1947.

1924

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Sally How, daughter of Janet Crawford How, West Hartford, is a member of the junior class on campus, lives in Branford, and is a psychology major. Janet is still working at the Hartford YWCA. Gertrude Huff Blank's daughter, Frances, is a sophomore, also lives in Branford, and majors in sociology.

Julia Morrissey Fuller has recently been appointed by Governor Bradford to a seven year term on the Massachusetts State Board of Education. Governor Bradford commented upon the Board appointments as "probably the most important and far-reaching single group of appointments I shall have the opportunity to make while I hold office." Julia is a past chairman of the Council of Social Agencies of Springfield. Her husband is executive vice-president of the G. and C. Merriam Co.

Lucille Wittke Morgan's daughter, Patri-

cia, is in her second year at Endicott Junior College, Beverly, Mass.

In October Kathryn Moss visited five chapters of the Alumnae Association in the middle and far west—Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago, Denver, and Southern California, and started the organization activities of a new chapter in the San Francisco area. She says, "Unfortunately for me, the dates of the meetings were wrong for members of '24, but I had a delightful telephone conversation with Florence Bassevitch Barron who lives in Detroit. In addition to looking after her husband, who is a lawyer, and her son, who is 13 and athletic—unlike his mother—she operates her own decorating business.

Because of family involvements—wedding anniversaries, children's affairs, etc.—neither Catherine Hardwick Latimer nor Jean Mundie DeForest could make the Chicago meeting, but Jean sent a long message. Kay and I had a greatly prolonged and, to me at any rate, highly stimulating telephone conversation, during which we quite thoroughly covered the waterfronts of New London and Chicago. Kay is again taking up her writing activities. She is properly enthusiastic about the superior qualities of 1924's first grandchild.

Catherine Holmes Brandow was unable to get from San Diego to the meeting in Los Angeles, and I couldn't accept her invitation to visit the Brandows. My attempt to phone her from the San Diego airport was frustrated by every known telephone complication and by the fact that the plane wouldn't wait until I completed the call.

The trip was splendid, and I enjoyed the much-needed opportunity of learning firsthand of the varied activities of alumnae in different parts of the country. In California I had a short visit with my brother's family, just back in their Berkeley home after a war-time absence of several years. I took the vacation, for which I'd been waiting all summer, in Tucson, where I spent ten days, chiefly lying in the sun and admiring the Arizona desert and mountains.

While I was away Harriet Lyon Terry, who lives in Danbury, stopped in the Alumnae Office. She was, I think, our first and to-date only '24 visitor at our new campus alumnae headquarters at Woodworth House, 751, Williams Street. The rooms, still in the seemingly endless process of being redecorated and made into what will be an attractive and useful alumnae center, are commodious and a welcome change from our crowded single room in Fanning Hall.

1928

MRS. C. STUART WHEATLEY, JR.
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Jean Bradley Brooks and I, down here in

"Economic Problem No. 1," have garnered a few bits of news of '28. Jean writes that Prue Drake had an operation this spring and so missed reunion. Prue spent a lazy summer in New Hampshire and now feels herself again. Lib Sweet Hadlock wrote Jean that she is becoming more and more involved with the Red Cross, Social League, etc., every year. "We" sail every summer," she said, "and for a girl who never went very close to the sea, I'm getting to be quite nautical." Jean is very reticent about herself and I know nothing but that she lives in Winston-Salem and had a northern vacation last summer.

Ruth Place Lent, ex '28, unchanged by the years, stopped by Danville this summer on her annual trip from Tucson to Long Island. Her 16 year old daughter was along and a sweeter, prettier girl we have never seen. Susan Chittenden Cuninghame writes from Scarsdale that she is a publisher's wife and the mother of one son, Jack. She has a variety of interests and still keeps up on investment problems, but how to pay the bills in these inflationary days is defeating her.

1929

MRS. ROBERT C. VROOM
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Born to Lawrence and Janet Boomer Barnard on April 7, 1947, a daughter, Judith Trowbridge.

Elizabeth Speirs sends word from the Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn., that Mary Slayter Solenberger is in Vienna where her husband is doing labor relations work for the allies. Edith Porter has left the delightful climate of New Mexico to be nearer home. She is organist at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pa. Constance Jacobson Cade arrived in August from the Barbadoes, B.W.I., with her son Carl Robert 7, to be at her mother's in Glen Ridge, N. J., for several months. Husband Jack expects to join them as soon as Cables and Wireless Ltd. of London release him from his present assignment in Br. Guiana. Good news from Winifred Link Stewart. Anne Carol has made such a fine recovery from polio that she was able to go on to third grade with her class and the entire family had a fine vacation at Lake Denmore, Vt., in August.

From her home in Newton Centre, Mary Bond Blake forwarded a thrilling letter from Margaret Anderson Hafemeister who is now living and working in Alaska. Life in New Jersey for the families of Eleanor Newmiller Sidman, Margaret Burroughs Kohr and this correspondent sounds quite prosaic after pioneering with "Maggie" in the northwest territory, but growing girls (we have five in all) seldom leave a dull moment.

1931

ALICE KINDLER *Correspondent*
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Born: To Arthur and Rosemary Brewer Lange a second daughter, Marjorie Franklin, August 4th.

My apologies for missing the boat on the last issue. Dorothy Cluthe Schoof is our new President, Thursa Barnum, Treasurer and Jane Williams Howell was elected Reunion Chairman at our 15th Reunion.

I wonder how many of you recognized a familiar face in Life Magazine, March 31st. Mary Hess McCormick, her sister, and a neighbor won radio's biggest jackpot on the Truth or Consequences show. I thought that was something we should hear about. Parts of Mary's letter follow: "The Mrs. Hush excitement has tapered off to the extent that our lives are practically back to precontest level. I still get chills when I remember that terrific moment last March when I picked up the telephone and it was Hollywood calling. That was twenty minutes before the show went on the air and they were the most high-tensioned, nerve-racking minutes I ever lived through, even counting the night of the Hollywood broadcast while we waited to go before the mike. All the prizes are accounted for except the frozen foods which we are ordering now. We are looking for purchasers for the furnace, the diamond and ruby watch and the silver fox coat. Everything else we have kept or sold. We, my husband and I, had a marvelous time in Hollywood as guests of Truth or Consequences. We were entertained every evening and shown the hot spots. Needless to say the contest blasted us out of our comfortable rut with a vengeance. We thoroughly enjoyed every bit of it. The telephone calls, the fan mail, the strangers at the door, the speech making, the prizes arriving, and all the local fuss and fanfare. One result of the latter is that I have been nominated on both tickets for the school board. If elected I'll be the first woman to sit on the Lock Haven Board of Education . . . and won't that be a headache!"

Betty Hendrickson Matlack writes she phoned Betty Pyper Baur when she was in Alaska on a trip with Bob. Betty Bauer has a 12 year old son and loves living in the south. Jane Haines Bill has moved from Grand Canyon to Mt. Rainier National Park.

Dot Cluthe Schoof writes she saw Rosemary Brewer Lange and sends on a few tidbits: Yvonne Carns Wogan, ex '31, has moved to New Orleans, where her husband has a new position as Assistant Professor of Romance Languages at Tulane University. Cathie Steele Batchelder and Evelyn Watt Daniels got together at Compo Beach this summer. Toot Holley Spangler had a

ten weeks visit with her parents. Edna Martin and Dot saw CB Rice at Wilton and then drove on to visit Connie Ganoe Jones. "Connie's children, Judy 2½, Rickey 8, and Debby 10, are all live wires and real athletes, like their Mama." Dot's Linda is in Junior High and the twins in Play School three mornings a week. She says, "They're grand, all of them, but at the moment I'd like nothing better than a week in the woods, instead of the fall clothes assorting, more jelly to make, and the redecorating!" . . . and so would your correspondent but for different reasons.

1932

MRS. H. BRADFORD ARNOLD
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Hortense Alderman Cook lives in South Hadley, Mass., and is office manager at Noma Electric Co. Mabel Barnes Kanuff hears from Katherine Chapin Byers, who has been running her father's business since his death in 1942, and from Dorothy Petersen Southworth, who has two sons. Adelaide Bristol Satterthwaite and her two boys spent a healthy winter in California. Susan Comfort is with the Dept. of Education and Research of the American Institute of Architects in Washington. We enjoyed meeting her brother, Howard, and his family who spent July in Skaneateles. Kathryn Cooksey Dimmitt takes time out from housework for painting after a post-war trip to Mexico. She sees Harriet Smith Harris at C.C. alumnae meetings. Margaret Cornelsen is case supervisor in the Social Service Dept. of Grasslands Hospital, Westchester, N. Y. Mary Crider Stevens reports Charles III, 9, Jean, 6 and Joan, 4. Drusilla Fielding was our representative at Pres. Park's inauguration.

Janet Hamilton Middleton's boys are Frank, 8, and Kent, 3. I drove up to see her in July since she lives within 25 miles of us. Mabel Hansen Smith's son Dick is 10. Her husband is with Central Radio & Television School in Kansas City; Mabel is an assistant in the school cafeteria. Margaret Hazelwood again directed the Chase Barn Playhouse in Whitefield, N. H. I was unable to see her when I drove through one day. Billy is part-time instructor in play production at C.C. and directs Wig & Candle. Julia Kaurholz Morley, ex '32, writes that her oldest boy is dating the girls and is almost ready for college. Marian Kendrick Daggett and family returned to Honolulu in June after a year in New England. Margaret Leland Weir paid us a flying visit here in July. Mercia May Richards took a trip through the South to Mexico a year ago. Betty Patterson Travis, ex '32, reports Linda, 8, Peter, 7, and Nancy not yet one. Pat has given up her clothes

designing job. Ruth Raymond Gay works part-time at the Stratford Library. She and her husband had a reunion last May with Helen McKernan, Mildred Peirce, and Peter and Helen Alton Colmar. In Tiffin, Ohio, I had a nice visit with Francis and Marjorie Stone Donaldson and sons, Peter and Michael; in Rochester with Frank and Jean Williams Smith and sons, David and Ned; in South Newbury, N. H., with Katherine Shultis Dubay and sons, Peter, John and Stephen. Now the twins have started kindergarten and I shall have to stay put. P.S. Of 140 letters sent to the class and ex-members, about 35 have returned the postcards which were enclosed.

The Class extends its sympathy to Hortense Alderman Cook in the loss of her mother, and to Barbara Johnson Morse in the death of her father.

1933

MRS. EDWIN B. HINCK
(Margaret Royall) *Correspondent*
29 Carolin Road, Upper Montclair, N. J.

We have a couple of wonderfully interesting notes about two members of our class—one in Labrador and one in California. The first came in August from Adelaide Cushing Thuener. After some questions about some of our high-school classmates Adelaide goes on to say: "As for me—have been married eight years this summer, have three children: Laidie, aged 7; Chester, Jr. (called Chuck) 4½; and Henry, two months—fat and husky. Chet (Chester, Sr.) is a diesel service engineer for the American Locomotive Co. . . . We travelled together for five years and then hotel shortages made us stop and buy this house. Laidie has been in 36 states and Mexico, Chuck in 11 . . . Chet is gone two or three months at a time and then is home a week or two. We have to keep in touch with each other by wire mostly as letters don't catch up with him."

Secondly, a grand letter came from Barbara Mundy Groves. Her new life is something out of this world. She writes: "On August 15, I flew back to Labrador to become Mrs. Russell Groves of North West River. I expected to be married the day after I arrived, but I missed the minister by one day and they (ministers) do not grow on every tree in these parts. The Padre at the base, being new, was awaiting his license to marry in Newfoundland. Finally the letter came with the answer 'no'—he was a Baptist and Newfoundland did not recognize such. It might have been months for all that to get straightened out so we had the choice of a boat trip of about 200 miles or more to the nearest minister or a flight of about 500 to St. John's. We chose the latter as the surer bet . . . We were married on August

28. Now we are very busy preparing to go about 250 miles up Grand River for the winter. My husband is a trapper and hunter, and he is taking me with him this year . . . we plan to leave next week by canoe. It will take about a month—or more if we get frozen up on the portage—and we'll be gone until February or March."

Also heard that Sunny Ray Stewart flew to England this Fall with husband and sons and had a most interesting time of it.

1934

ANNE G. SHEWELL *Correspondent*
230 Canton Ave., Milton 87, Mass.

Born to J. Arthur and Andy Crocker Wheeler a daughter, Marion Crocker, on July 28, 1947. Andy's husband works for the V.A. in Bridgeport, Conn., and they are living in Fairfield. Born to Daniel and Dorothy Merrill Dorman a second son, Timothy Dale, on August 19, 1947. Born to Marshall and Ethel Russ Gans a third son and fourth child, Edward Martin, on July 26, 1947. Their other children are Judy 11, Donald 9, and Lanny 6. Ethel writes that she finds life strenuous and is pleased that school will occupy the older children. The Gans still live in Norwalk and Ethel seems to find time for outside activities.

Gladys Russell is now Mrs. John Cornelius Bartlett and is living in New London. Jean Berger Whitelaw, her husband, and their two boys aged 6 and 4½ are temporarily in Hingham, Mass., while her husband studies under Dr. Paul White in Boston. One day in September, Jean and family spent the day at Nonquitt, Mass., with Andy Crocker Wheeler, husband, and new baby. As I was there all summer we had a nice get together and found that none of us had changed too much. About November Jean and family moved again to Vancouver, British Columbia, where her husband is practicing medicine.

1937

THEODORA P. HOBSON *Correspondent*
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Births: A son, Bradford George, to Arthur and Beulah Bearse West in February, 1947. A second son and third child, Randall Lewis, to John and Norma Bloom Hauserman in September.

Beulah writes that they are still living in Darien and that she has not been into N.Y.C. in over a year. Norma, despite her latest addition is planning a trip to New York late in October. Margo Coulter was definitely coming east at the same time but in the meantime an offer of a wonderful position came which she just couldn't re-

fuse—that of head of the business office at San Mateo Junior College. This blitized her trip which disappointed all of the easterners, but we're glad she has such a grand opportunity. Margo said that Dot Baldwin had been touring the west.

Betty Gilbert Gehle has been busy with Susy, 4 and Cindy, 1½. Between times husband Bill keeps her "in trim" on the golf course and fishing. They are still in Mt. Vernon. Just had an extended telephone conversation with Dutch Kemmer Wheelock. She is back in Larchmont and daughter Ann is nearly 2. She sees Petey Mendillo Deselice several times a week as Petey is living temporarily in Scarsdale.

Betty Carson McCoy, John, and children, Gary 5½ and Scott 1½ came up to Bronxville from Alexandria, Va., for two weeks vacation in August. Betty and John left the children with John's family and motored on up to Canada. They spent a day with me before leaving. Stell Campbell Leetch, Dave and little Bev were also vacationing in Westchester County this summer. Beverly, aged 5, adores kindergarten and is hoping to go to dancing school if enough boys enroll—the eternal male problem even at the tender age of 5.

Ginny Deuel commuted all summer from Baltimore where she is employed by American Airlines, to a suburban farm. She doesn't know yet where her winter home will be because "matters are really complicated since I have acquired a small dog. It seems to be difficult to find a landlord who is as fond of animals as I am." Ginny went back to 10th reunion along with Emmy Moore, Lee Gilson Williams and Kay Griswold Spellman. She describes it as "kind of a fizzle in a way" as they were the only four from our class except Connie Campbell Collins who was reuniting with her original class. They didn't know a soul save some of the faculty and 'twas a typical rainy New London day so that the Garden Party had to be held in Knowlton. However, they managed to have a good time and were amazed at all the new buildings. They were also delighted to see so many more trees. They attended the Class Day exercises in the Auditorium and reported then quite revolutionary—a mixture of humor and seriousness. After dinner at the Lighthouse Inn and viewing their old rooms in Windham (which made them feel "but ancient") they retired to Hartford to hash the whole thing over and play a round of bridge. They all decided it had been fun but "strongly recommend going to an official reunion" for they missed the rest of the class. Thanks a million Ginny for the details.

Bernice (Bunny) Wheeler has been appointed instructor in zoology at C.C. for the coming year. She has an M.A. from Smith and was a teaching fellow there for two years. Following this she taught in Westbrook College, Portland, Maine, Yale University, and the Day School in New Ha-

ven. She is now studying for her Ph.D. at Yale. Coco Tillotson spent her vacation in Boston caring for her mother who had broken her hip. On my vacation from St. Luke's Hospital in New York I flew to Bermuda and back. I spent eighteen days there and had a marvelous time despite the heat. On my return I substituted in a surgeon's office for two weeks as nurse and secretary. Have been teaching social dancing and taking lessons at Arthur Murray's in my spare time.

It is with deep regret that I report the tragic death of Jessie Ann Foley Blanc and her four year old daughter. On September 15, 1947, at Solomons, Maryland, J. A. and her little girl were swimming. Suddenly the youngster slipped into deep water and J. A. dived in after her. Both were drowned. The sympathy of the class goes to Paul F. Blanc, J. A.'s husband, who is financial attache of the French Embassy in Washington, and also to her two surviving children.

1938

MRS. JOHN NORTHCOTT
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MRS. DANIEL W. von BREMEN, Jr.
(Carman Pelmer '38) *Correspondent*
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Births: To Richard and Betty Lingle West, ex '38, a son, Thomas Bradley, born this summer. Sister Wendy is almost 4. We were delighted to hear from Connie Leavitt Scott, in Honolulu, where Lee Micky, 6½, is starting first grade and Susan, 5, is entering kindergarten. John was recently made head of the Industrial Relations Dept. of his firm. Bee Enequist Strifert reports that her children now number three: Dotty, 7, Louise, 3 and John Richard 5 months. Ken is an assistant vice president of a bank on Long Island. Jean Keir Luttrell writes that she and Jim are now home owners in East Natick, Mass., and loving it. Peggy starts school this fall. Louise Chappell is a draftsman at the Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn. Winn Nies Northcott is teaching a class of deaf children in Minneapolis. Kay Boutwell Hood vouches for "3 good kids," Steve 5, Jane 3, and Bill 5 months. Ruth Hollingshead Clark has Leslie Pell 5, Jonathan 2½, and Jeffrey Chapin who arrived June 20. They also share their home with a St. Bernard. Lucille Levy Eisenberg reports that Harold is teaching pediatrics at Bellevue Hospital in New York, and that their boys are Robert 5, and Edward 2. Peg Grierson Gifford and husband are settling down to life in Dixie where 'Hoot' is resident manager of a new Norge plant in Chattanooga. Phyllis is 4 and Jimmy 2. Gladys Klippel Hamilton, husband, and Bonnie 3, are a threesome in South Norwalk, Conn. Carol

Moore Kepler writes that she just returned from a visit with Ethel (C.C. '40) in Michigan to get a first-hand view of her new niece.

Jane Krepps Wheeler ex '38, says that she saw Bunny Hurlburt White and her 2 months old daughter when they were here last spring from Kentucky. Jane's Johnny is 3½. Dinny Sundt Brownlee has 4 children: John, Judy, Bob, and Bill. Dinny is president of the P.T.A. and Al is chief engineer at Wico Electric Co. Frances Willson Russell was married to David Russell in the spring of '46. David is finance officer of the Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg. Fran now has a 9 months old son, David, Jr. Anne Oppenheim Freed received her M.A. from Smith in 1941, was a social worker for awhile and during the war was a Community Analyst with the War Relocation Authority. In 1940 she married Roy Freed who is now a special attorney with the justice department in Boston. Anne has Bruce almost 3 and Barbara 9 months. Jeg Young Sullivan is busy with her 17 months old son, Tommy. Sherry Clark Bryant ex '38, is living in Needham, Mass. Sherry is taking piano lessons and trying to keep up musically with her husband who was a soloist at the Esplanade Concerts in Boston, last June. The Bryants have a new toy Boston Terrier pup who is giving Sherry more work than her two boys ever did.

1939

MRS. LOUIS W. NIE
(Eldreda Lowe) *Correspondent*
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There are several new children's names to add to that ever growing list of '39 offspring—Helene Feldman Jacobson has a daughter, Marilyn, born March 15, 1947; Kimberly Patton Warner is Phil and Betty Patton Warner's second daughter, born August 16, 1947; Carla Kenah arrived September 4, 1947, at Elizabeth Fessenden Kenah's household; Mary Kuhn Reilly's daughter, Monica Sheerin, was born September 9, 1947.

Lee Jenks Rafferty is doing the unusual and enjoyable. She and her husband are treasurers of the newly organized "Connecticut Chorale," a group of 200 voices that give about four yearly concerts. The Raffertys also spend some time barnstorming around the state with a fifteen minute "corny act." Add to that, Lee's activities in several clubs and the rearing of two daughters, 6 and 4, and a son, 1. Redecorating an old colonial house, refinishing suitable furniture for it, planning the landscaping of the grounds and taking care of Roger Frey Hagle, 2, keeps Edie Frey Hagle occupied these days. Helene Feldman Jacobson is also redecorating a new home in Water-

bury, Conn. Jane Coss Cortes, Hank, and son Henry Goss Costes, 1, are living in Dallas—"for keeps" they hope. Jane spent the summer with her family on Cape Cod where Estelle Taylor Watson and "Westy" visited for several days. Jean Ellis is doing volunteer work in New York after a visit in Ohio. The two Hechts, Berenice H. Schneider and Grace, had a short visit together when "Berry" was east last summer. "Berry" has a son, David. I noticed in the last issue of the Alumnae News that we're due for reunion this coming June.

1940

BARBARA HOMER, *Correspondent*
29 Royce Road, Newton Center, Mass.

Marriages: Ruth Schneider to George W. Ross, Feb. 10, 1947; Helen Bruckheimer to Lt. (j.g.) William Hugh Yarborough, Nov. 4, 1946.

Births: A son, Andrew Richard, to Richard and Laura Sheerin Gans, Oct. 30, 1946; to John and Elizabeth Heedy Williams, a son, David Moore, Nov. 25, 1946; to Randall and Mary Fisher McWilliams, a son, Peter David, Dec. 27, 1946; to Ralph and Anne Hardy Antell, a son, Stephen, Jan. 1, 1947; to Neil and Sue Carson Bartlett, a son, William Neil, Jan. 4, 1947; to David and Martha Copeland Bott, a daughter, Elsie, Feb., 1947; to Thomas and Evelyn McGill Aldrich, a second son, William McGill, April 18, 1947; to Richard and Shirley Rice Holt, third child and first son, Charles Herbert, May 9, 1947; to Lawrence and Kay Wheeler Hastings, second child and first girl, April, 1947; to Warren and Shirley Devereaux Kendall, third child and second son, James Dexeaux, June, 1947; to Lt. Col. and Renee Sloan Linton, a son, David Ross, May 14, 1947.

Nat Maas has sent out formal announcements of the opening of her office for the practice of law at 5 Beekman street, New York. Topsy Copeland Bott has found an apartment in Cambridge, and also in the same city Tony Holcombe Dewey has recently bought a house. Such a surprise when I ran into Janet Waters Allmon recently. She and her husband have an apartment on Marlboro street and have been living there for over a year. I imagine that by now Kay Wheeler Hastings is all settled in her apartment in New Haven. Helen Bruckheimer Yarborough, until recently has been working at the State Department and her husband, who is in the Navy, is assigned to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts at the Navy Department in Washington. Gladys Bachman gave up her job in New York this spring and the last I heard was relaxing at home. Mardi Geer, ex '40, has remarried and is living in California. Martha Young Youngquist writes she is keeping house in Wilmington, Dela-

ware. Her husband is working for Dupont there. Had a hot hello from Nat Klivans Morgan from Texas. She and Bob have a cute ranch style apartment and at present they are busy fixing the place up. They have decided on French Provincial furniture and are gradually replacing the "furnished" furniture. A letter from Ginger Clark Bining shows her to be just as clever as ever. They have fixed up their house all by themselves and also she has been doing a lot of sewing, playsuits or overalls for children being her specialty. Received a letter from Irene Kennel Pekoc when she was in Amherst this summer with her children, visiting her sister. I was sorry not to have seen her, but at that point I was busy running my Play School for children at Kennebunk Beach, Maine. This was my third season and with 16 children to care for every morning I had my hands full.

1942

MRS. ROBERT D. HUGHES, JR.
(Nancy Wolfe '42) *Correspondent*
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Births: To Robert and Peggy Mack DeWitt, a daughter, Polly Stuart, June 14, 1947.

To Jim and Mary Blackmon Smith, a second son, Peter Debye, July 29.

To Baird and Pat King Helfrich, a daughter, Eleanor Jane, August 15.

To Bob and Jean Staats Loris, a second son, Christopher, May, 1947.

A long letter from Muriel "Mu" Thompson brings us up to date on the third floor north wing Mary Harkness group, which has been heard from all too seldom, "Mu" took it upon herself to send out a round robin letter which seems to have had good results from the following evidence:

Grace Nelson Auge and her husband, Roger, have decided to become civilians despite Rog's 9 years of service. They have bought a darling little house south of Covington, Ky., which includes all the things they've dreamed of during their perpetual move. They have two sons, Roger and Nelson.

Connie Bleeker Blayney and Paul have two daughters, Susan and Patty, and have just moved into a house in the country near Buechel, Ky. They have a fine garden and Paul has fixed up their house with all kinds of fine gadgets, including a power system, "which should keep the Biltmore in operation for a short decade," according to Bleck. The Auges and the Blayneys had a short reunion recently.

Lois Weyand Bachman and Bill had a wonderful Virginia Beach vacation without son Bill, who stayed with Mrs. Weyand and came back to Mama with much improved manners, according to Loie.

Winnie Stevens Freeman and Bill have a new son, Jimmy. Daughter Carol is now 5. They live in a nine room house near both their parents' homes in Beverly, near Chicago, and Winnie has been busy with a church young peoples' group she organized two years ago.

Jane B. Guiney is working for Aetna Life Insurance Co. in charge of Underwriting group paid-up insurance. J. B. just returned from a vacation at Sugar Hill, N. H., and was planning to attend the Berkshire festival.

Cynthia Schofield Cleary was married in 1941 and her husband was overseas for 3½ years. On his return they had a second honeymoon in Quebec after which they settled in Detroit. They have a six room colonial home, a dog, and young Bill III, born on June 27, 1946.

Lydia Phippin relaxed over the summer doing part time Red Cross work. She will attend Boston University's School of Social Work this fall, work for a while, and then return for her M.A.

Maurie Geig Rullman, big Bill and little Bill live in a one bedroom apartment in Haverford, Pa., and are frantically house hunting. Maurie has a knitting business of her own, and in addition knits for Saks 5th Ave., and paints and antiques furniture for people along with making clothes for herself and child.

Pete Franklin Gehrig and John have moved to their new house in Rutherford, N. J., near John's family. They have a new baby boy, John Franklin, and a daughter, Susanne, about 1½ years old. They have been busy fixing up their house.

Janet Swan Muens is working part time in V.A., giving tests, interviewing, etc. She and Hal had a trip to Maine, Canada, and New Hampshire. They live in a three room apartment in Brooklyn which they find too small without children.

Mu herself has started a secretarial course at the Washington School for Secretaries after having loafed for almost a year following her discharge from the WAVES. In the interim she busied herself with housekeeping chores, piano lessons, and helping to organize a young peoples' forum group in connection with the church. It covers all of Westchester County so the undertaking was quite something, but Mu finds the current events discussions, etc., well worth the headaches. Mu says she enjoyed her three years in the WAVES, most of which were spent in Boston and Newport, R. I. While in that territory she saw Maurie, Pete, Lydia, J.B., and Loie.

The last week end in September, Nick and Marj Meyer Riviere delighted the Hughes household with a visit. We had planned to vacation together in Canada with the Rivieres but the plans were thwarted by ill health of our younger son, who is a "blue baby," and requires constant attention until such time as he is able to have an operation. The weekend with

the Rivieres compensated for the lack of vacation, and we had a wonderful series of "Auld Lang Syne" sessions. The Rivieres' older daughter, Susan, was to have come too, but developed a cold at the last minute and was left behind, much to her disappointment and that of our Bobby. Marj reported that they see Maidie England and her husband often, and frequently get together with Bebe Brooks. In the spring Harj visited Faith Maddock von Mauer, and sow some '42ers in New York, including Jean Grant, Jean Pilling Messersmith, and Bobby Brengle Wriston.

1943

MRS. SAMUEL SILVERSTEIN
(Ruby Zagoren) *Correspondent*
Haddam, Conn.

Marriages: Betty Jean Hamink to Frank Carey in Farmington, Conn., September 6. Mary Jane Dole to John Stephens Morten. Louise Daghljan to Stephen Belcher.

Births: A son, Stewart Andrus, to Stewart and Barbara Andrus Collins, July 13. A son to Dan and Ruth Remsen Roberts in April. A daughter to Barney and Filomena Dillard in April. A son to Bill and Ranny Likely Mittendorf in August.

Barbara Murphy is now in Wimbledon, England, with daughter Deborah, and husband, Frederick. Fred writes the London news for McGraw-Hill's *Business Week*. Babs writes, "Occasionally we think longingly of the abundance of food in America, but we aren't starving . . . I expect our Debbie will have a definite foreign accent when she goes back to the states. She plays with English children and has a German refugee housekeeper to pick up German from . . . We went to Ireland in the early spring. The poor are so ragged and dirty and hungry looking that I felt haunted by them every time we sat down to a meal. In July we went to St. Andrews in Scotland, and I fell quite in love with Scotland and the Scots."

Betsy Hodgson Yaeger writes that Mardy Claverie Barnes and son, Charlie, a little over a year old, "came down from Valdosta, Ga., where she is living and spent a week with us this summer. We had a grand time watching our offspring not get along." Betsy has a son nearly two years old and a daughter, Betsy Ellen, about seven months. Raymond and Betty Shank Post are in Chicago where Ray is with Shell Oil Company. Betty is continuing her systems service work for Commonwealth Edison Company, having transferred from I.B.M. She writes, "I am employed on the comptroller's staff to work out procedures and technical problems. It's fascinating work and involves commuting to several nearby towns in Illinois." John and Virginia Rowley Thomas have a daughter, Marny Morris, nearly 4, and a son, John, over 2.

President Rosemary Park, on behalf of the college, sends thanks to our class for "the very generous gift for the Infirmary Fund." Sally Kelly, Ph.D. is on the faculty of Simmons College in Boston; Alma Waterhouse Jones is teaching English at William Hall high school in West Hartford, Conn. At Betty Hammink's wedding, I saw Julie Rich Kurtz, one of the bridesmaids, a bit thinner than four years ago; Irene Steckler Jacobson; Edith Gaberman Sudarsky, and Thelma Gustafson Wyland. I bumped into Frieda Kenigsberg Lopartin at my sister's and her brother's high school graduation in Middletown. Frieda says she is living in a quaint house in Bridgeport. I ran into Miss Gertrude Noyes at Musee Historique in Montreal. As for the Silversteins, Sam is taking a post graduate course at the University of Connecticut. My poems came out in Texas, Ohio, South Carolina, Oregon, Washington, D. C., as well as in Connecticut this fall.

1944

MRS. RALPH SHEFFER
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321 East 43rd St., New York, N. Y.

Birth: To Bob and Barbara Wieser Scharlott, a daughter, Susan Ann, on June 14, 1947.

1945

MRS. DONALD S. TUTTLE, JR.
(Lois Fenton) *Correspondent*
Witsend Farm, Bethlehem, Conn.

Marriages On June 21, Patricia Hancock to Frederick Steele Blackhall 3rd; Charlotte Tomlinson to Millens W. Taft, Jr.; Janet Comtois to Charles Van Syckel Stirn; Louise Parker to Philip Hayward James, Jr. In June, Mary Maynard to William Roberts; and Phyllis Sack to Robert Robinson. On October 4, Carolyn Arnoldy to Charles Robert Butler; and sometime in October, Betty Richter (ex '45) to Charles Henry Thompson 3rd.

Births: A son and second child, Richard Langston, Jr., to Dick and Marion Jones Eddy (ex '45) in June; a daughter, Adrienne, to Bert and Winnie Wasser Tolins on June 1; a daughter, Kathleen Hamilton, to John and Nancy Bailey Adams (ex '45) on July 16; a daughter and second child, Deborah Kay, to C. Hugh and Nancy Ford Martin (ex '45) on July 21; a son, Allen 4th, to Allen and Sue Silvester Kirkpatrick 3rd, on July 28; a son, John Wells to Jack and Pat Wells Caulkins on September 25. A son, Terry Philip, to Don and Jane Oberg Rodgers in September; a daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Bill and Gerry Prosser Fuller, born in Honolulu in September; a

son, Richard Wallace, to Wally and Betty Seissen Dahlgren in September.

The above is incomplete by way of word, for instance, that Slappy Strangward Maher and Jimmy are the parents of a son born sometime this summer.

Thanks to such faithfuls as Zanny Steffen Jordan (ex '45) I learned about any number of the aboves but also that the Jordans, as Zanny so aptly put it, "did the impossible." They found a wonderful four bedroom house for rent (all underlined) in Sheboygan and are happy as clams redecorating. From Weezie Parker James comes word that she and Hay spent the summer at her family's cottage in Maine and that they are now moving into Portland for the winter. Weezie, you know taught at Westbrook Junior College, her pre-Connecticut alma mater, for two years and hopes to get a part time job this year. Janet Comtois, now Mrs. Charles Van Syckel Stirn, writes that she and Van spent the summer in Canada and that they are now settled in Brooklyn. Imagine my surprise last June to see Jan in Jay Thorpe's having a fitting of the same dress I was to wear just three days before her. Seems that any number of us believed in the traditional June wedding, but who'd have thought two of us would pick the same wedding gown . . . Jan also had news about Frank and Lynne Heinrich Miner who are running a farm in Plainfield, New Jersey. Strohmie and husband Bill are settled in what, according to Jan, is an adorable garage apartment in Essex Fells, and Rita Fitzgerald is a dietician at St. Luke's Hospital in New York.

Winnie Wasser Tolis in writing a few weeks back had mostly baby news to report, her own included, but also told about Nancy Schulte and Tigger Hastings. Nancy is hard at work for her M.A. at the New York School of Social Work, and Tigger has resumed her teaching job in Providence. Bunny Riesner Levene being strategically located in New York where she's both living and working, always has a tidbit or two. She and numerous other C.C. lassies meet once a week at the Stew Bar for a luncheon reunion. Latest addition to the group is Almy Scudder although I don't know what she's doing in New York. Bunny herself is working as a fashion coordinator for the Felix Lilienthal Buying Office with the result that grocery shopping feels like a mail order business and her house seems to be running her (only according to Bunny, of course). Les and Nance Funston Neill, incidentally, have finished at Lehigh where Nance was chief chaperone on houseparty weekends.

Barb Avery Jubell writes that she and Jub have abandoned their garage and have settled in a cute bungalow in Cleveland Heights. Other movers are Charlotte Burr Evans and Charlotte Tomlinson Taft. Chuck and Cholly are in Haverford, Pa., where Chuck is in business and, incidentally,

where Betty Trimble Crosman and Dor are finishing at college. I was reminded of the latter after a surprise visit from Trimmie who was en route this fall after spending the summer in Maine. Tommie and Mel Taft are in Cambridge, where Mel has entered Harvard Business School. Word came from Jinny Bowman Corkran recently that she and Sewell had spent five weeks traveling this summer, and they've discovered that five weeks away from home can do wonders for the weeds. They're settled in Stamford where Jinny has a part time job modeling.

As for the Tutttles, Don and I are leading the kind of life that would probably turn you all green with envy. The reason is a 1790 restored farmhouse that even House Beautiful thinks is pretty special. Needless to say we're antiquing, one such venture leading us right to Patty Hancock Blackhall and Steele this summer. They'd just returned from a Caribbean cruise honeymoon and are now settled in Boston.

1946

MARGERY WATSON *Correspondent*
39 Whitney Road, Newtonville, Mass.

Marriages: Harriett Abbot to Arthur H. Pym on October 19, 1946, in Topsfield, Mass.; Sue Levin to Clifford Steinberg on November 24, 1946, in New York City; Ann Ordway to Tyson Dines, Jr., on December 14, 1946, in New York City; Phebe Gardner to William L. Rockholz on February 18, 1947, in New London, Conn.; Betty Harris to Ralph Forrest Munyan on March 29, 1947, in Newton, Mass.; Bette Fast to David Talmadge Hopper on May 23, 1947, in Hillside, N. J.; Sara Caskey to James Lisle Morey on May 28, 1947, in Cambridge, Mass.; Jane Fullerton to Thomas Ashton on June 6, 1947, in Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Barbara Morris to John Laraway Jopson on June 14, 1947, in West Hartford, Conn.; Barbara Rubenoff to Robert Jesse Mayer on July 21, 1947, in New York City, N. Y.; Nancy Faulkner to Jack Hine on August 8, 1947, in Roslyn, N. Y.; Bernice Teitgen to William Pulver Stowe on August 22, 1947, in Milwaukee, Wis.; Alice Willgoos to John Ferguson on September 6, 1947, in Hartford, Conn.; Phebe Clark to Alan Miller on September 20, 1947, in Lowell, Mass.; Mary Flagg to Clifton Moss on September 20, 1947, in Meriden, Conn.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Purkabeck (Mary Ellen O'Brien), a son, David James, on January 10, 1947. To Dr. and Mrs. Albert B. Ferguson (Lee Enequist), a son, Sanford Barnet, on February 3, 1947. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Fuiks (Thirsa Sands), a daughter, Susan Arden, on April 16, 1947. To Mr. and Mrs. Cox, (Nancy Starrett), a daughter, Robin Ann, on April

13, 1947. To Mr. and Mrs. John David McCann (Mary Carpenter), twins, Barton Carpenter and Catherine Claire, on May 11, 1947. To Mr. and Mrs. David Howard (Joan Crawford), a daughter, Christy Lee, on May 16, 1947. To Mr. and Mrs. Hiram D. Noonan (Sarah Nichols), a daughter, Julianne, on May 23, 1947. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierce (Linda Vail), a daughter, Linda Haviland, on June 8, 1947. To Lt. and Mrs. Richard A. Ryzow (Ruth Buchanan), a daughter, Leslie Sandgren, on July 7, 1947.

On June 6, 1947, a number of us gathered at the college on the hill for our first reunion. We felt upon looking at the fresh young graduates and the carefree underclassmen as if we had indeed known the best years of our lives right there, and we wished so much that we could be part of it again. It was wonderful to see everyone again regardless of the fact that all of us were forced to trudge daintily across a campus made very wet by the New London god of rain (I know there is one), who released his wrath upon us for the 72 hours of our stay. Among those present were: Joan Alling, Mary Bassett, Jean Mount Bussard, Mary Eastburn, Ceres Geiger, Lucy Block Heumann, Joan Jacobson, Janet Kennedy, Jane Lyman, Lois Marshall, Mary Lee Minter Goode, Ann Muir, Barbara Neville, Virginia Pollard, Betty Reiffel, Helen Riblet, Phebe Gardner Rockholtz, Jane Rutter, Elinor St. John, Bernice Teitgen, Cynthia Terry, Marion Thompson, Frances Wagner, Adela Wilson, Shirley Wilson, and Patricia Wright. Everyone brought so much news of herself and of so many other different people.

Robin Riblet had been teaching dramatics at a summer camp in Erie. Jean Mount Bussard was, at the time, an executive director of the Girl Scouts in Patrick and Henry County in Virginia. Nathalie Needham Ellis and husband Tow were to be camp counselors in a summer camp in North Carolina and later going down to New Orleans to visit Tow's family. Mary Eastburn, an assistant buyer at the William T. Knott Resident Buying Office, is living with Sally Duffield in New York City where Sally is the assistant librarian and artist at the Frederick Eldean Public Relations Agency. Ann Muir is secretary to the Canadian manager of the Vick Chemical Co. in New York. Lorraine Lincoln is a service representative at the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Hartford, while Marion Connors is working for the same company in Portland, Maine. Both Mary Basset and Sally McCallip are working at United Aircraft and living together in Glastonbury, Conn. Barbara Neville is working as the assistant supervisor at the Scoville Manufacturing Co. in Waterbury, Conn. and living with nine other girls in that same city. Pussy Wright, living alone in New York City, is going to sculpturing school day and night. Her work, which we

so much admired at college, is also being admired by her present day associates as she was awarded a second prize in a sculpture contest in New York City. Joan Alling is the laboratory assistant to Mr. Birdseye, whose name, incidentally, is well-known in the frozen food business. She is working with him on the anhydration of foods. Janet Kennedy was present to tell us all of her teaching joys and woes in Paradise Valley, Arizona. She also told us of a visit Joanne Ferry Gates and her husband, Dick, made her during their belated honeymoon motor trip across the country.

From those who were miles away and unable to be with us came the written words, "... remember me to everyone and tell each one how much I miss her ...," as well as news of their activities over the past months. For instance, Sis Tideman James is in La Jolla, California, with her husband. She was combining work with pleasure last summer, and did a beautiful job of it, I hear, by organizing a beach class of about 15 little ones.

Marty Greene Ullery wrote from the far Pacific that Saipan is truly a tropical paradise. They have all the comforts of home along with beaches, golf courses, numerous clubs, and a house on the top of a hill with a wonderful view of the island and the ocean. Since they arrived there at the end of January 1947, they have lived on three islands, Angaur and Peleliu in the Palau Group, and now on Saipan where they expect to be until they head for home. Lygia deFreitas Johnson wrote of another tropical paradise, San Juan, which consists of majestic palm trees, cool breezes, and a blazing sun. Since she and Bruce arrived, she has been thoroughly lazy, but she is afraid that when they return to the states and are confronted with a New England winter, she will quickly become industrious again.

Ann Ordway Dines wrote that she and Ty are living in Denver where Ty is at law school and she is trying hard for a masters in economics at Denver University. Lindy Vail Pierce has been working at a South End Settlement House and later was program director for the Rutland Street Center in Boston. Both she and her husband spent the whole summer on Lake Champlain with Charlie's parents. Lindy also included the news of Tina Galindo's marriage in June to Daniel Gordon and of their stopping on their way to California in August at Sterling, Illinois, to visit Janet MacDonald Mullens and her husband who were married in Boston the week after Tina's marriage. Sue Levin Steinberg, very happily married, sent news of Muriel Duenwald who is working for the Schaeffer Belt Co. in New York.

Ann Beecher Underwood and husband, Gardner, have been busy getting their apartment settled and trying to keep up with the gay social life around Stockbridge, Conn., a delightful little town and an ideal place

to live. Susanne Long Rogers and her husband Bud have just bought a house in Virginia and can hardly wait to move in with their little daughter Sallie who is a 10 months old young lady now. Speaking of moving, Ellis Kitchell has left the incomparable town of Thetford, Vermont, and is living with Day Wilson in Boston. Franny Wagner, who was living with Daisy up until a few weeks ago, has found her way back to the more gracious living of Cincinnati, Ohio. It certainly is wonderful to have Kitch here with us, and we just wish that Franny were here to make it complete.

A few of us have wended our way into the publishing business which consists of a multitude of deadline horror days and the minimum of happiness hours. Joan Jacobson writes on this subject; and I'll quote just a bit from her long letter: "This is to let you and Chips (who was inelegant enough to call me a bum) know that I no longer subscribe to the theory of the leisure class. It was rather unfortunate that reunion week-end caught me between jobs, leaving the career talk to all the rising executives who were gainfully employed, whilst I was reduced to a soliloquy on the lonesome lot of a conspicuous consumer. As of a few months back, I have been secretary to the editor of 'The Grade Teacher,' a professional magazine for classroom teachers of all grades. The job is stimulating and mildly intellectual, but it makes me often wish I had applied myself more diligently to freshman grammar. One must needs be a grammarian par excellence and astute in the location of commas and other wiggly forms of punctuation."

Deane Austin has a position on "The Magazine of the Year," a rather unique publication which is cooperatively owned by 365 of America's leading writers, artists, and photographers. She is secretary to the office manager and hoping to get into the editorial department in the near future.

There were times at college, either in Bill 106 or amidst the blue and rust color scheme of our plush auditorium when Miss Ramsey used to speak to us about how many graduates followed through in their major field. Ellie Kempsmith is one. She is working in the Veteran's Administration Guidance Center in the Catholic University in Cleveland. She is giving intelligence tests, writing up case histories, test profiles, and all those things for which she studied before her inimitable reducing exercises in the halls of Windham House. And she's not letting her love of music die away either. She's buying all the records she can, to say nothing of the fact that she is at last releasing her artistic talent at the piano.

I close with many thanks to those who wrote long letters, and with many hopes that when any one of us has the opportunity to while away a few hours at a bridge table, she will be reminded of her dear Alma Mater (see "Time," November 17, 1947, p. 66), and write, yes, write!

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The highly important news of weddings is not included in this issue. It will be carefully compiled and brought up to date for your information in the next issue of the Alumnae News.

Since Commencement Day the members of '47 have scattered far and wide, and are deeply immersed in all kinds of activities.

We'll write first of those who are doing further study. Nancy Blades is a medical student at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Winona Belik Webb is studying professional modeling at Patricia Stevens in Milwaukee. At Simmons College in Boston Margaret Camp is taking a physical therapy course, and at Mt. Holyoke Mary Corning has a graduate fellowship in chemistry. Mary Cuddy is a student dietitian at the Marine Hospital on Staten Island. Elizabeth Davis is in Boston where she is studying at the Nursery Training School. Secretarial studies are occupying the time of Dorothy Dismukes at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, and Jean Gumpert at the Miller Institute in New York. Muriel Hanley, another future doctor in the making, is at the Yale School of Medicine. Nancy Immerman, Margaret Inglis, and Maxine Kaplan Friedman are all taking secretarial studies in New York respectively at the Westchester Commercial School, Katharine Gibbs, and the Speedwriting Institute.

Another medico-in-the-making is Edith Lechner, who is at Cornell Medical in New York. Nancy Powers is at the Yale School of Nursing; Ann Riley at the Elley Secretarial School in Albany; Francisca Revaque at New York University, where she has an assistantship in chemistry and is working for her master's. Joan Roberts is also at Yale, where she is a graduate student in bio-chemistry. Still another medical student—we must have an unusually large per-

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centage in our class—is Elsie Tytla, who is at the Medical School of Pennsylvania College for Women in Pittsburgh. Helen Vinal is at Katharine Gibbs in Boston. Nancy Williams is studying for her Bachelor of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and Jean Witman has the Danforth Religious Fellowship at Champaign, Illinois.

Two of us have gone into *social and group work*. Sylvia Farber is doing group work at the Jewish Center Association in Hartford. Marjorie Farrell is in social work at Everett House in Dorchester, Mass.

Teaching has claimed a large group. Shirley Bodie is at the Birdseye School in Stratford, where she is teaching math and science. Jacqueline Dorrance is braving fifth grade teaching at Raymond Chisolm School in Springfield, N. J. Elizabeth Dutton is at Westbrook Junior College, Portland, Maine, where she is teaching English. Also "north of Boston," Marie Fazzone is an assistant in the Government Department of the University of New Hampshire in Durham. Mary Frenning is a teaching apprentice in the 2nd and 3rd grades at Le Jardin des Enfants in Boston, while down in Maryland Charlotte Greenfield is an assistant in the Chemistry Department of Hood College at Frederick. Muriel Hart is in her home town teaching social studies and American History at the Norwich, Conn., Free Academy. At the Belcourt Indian School Lucinda Hoadley is teaching fourth grade work. Corrine Manning is at the Holmquist School, New Hope, Pa., where she teaches English and French. Mary Mead is teaching in the Nursery School of the Junior School, West Hartford. To jump from the nursery school to the college, we find Patricia Robinson teaching physical ed at Bates College, Lewiston, Me. Ann Shields is teaching in the fourth grade at Stevens School, Germantown, Pa.

Laboratory and scientific research have attracted eight of us. At the Resinous Products & Chemical Co. of Philadelphia, Ruth Barry is a junior research chemist. Janice Demery is a research chemist at American Cyanamid, Stamford, Conn., and Mary Hasson is laboratory assistant at Backus Hospital in Norwich, Conn. At Wellesley College Jean Hemmerly is a research as-

sistant in botany. Elaine Kleinschmidt is a research technician in biochemistry at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York, and Ann McBride is doing cancer research at the Haskins Laboratories in New York. Jeanne Mershon is in Ithaca, where she is a research assistant in histology at Cornell. Virginia Pond is in biological research at Brookhaven National Laboratories on Long Island.

Lois Johnson is combining art and science at Yale, where she is doing medical illustration. Lucia Hollerith is a medical photographer in the Art Department of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

In *department store training squads* are: Sally Marks, Bloomingdale's, New York; Lorraine Pimm, Macy's, New York; Joan Rosen, G. Fox & Co., Hartford; Marna Scaman, also at Fox's; Martha Stevens, Filene's, Boston; Connie Walker, also at Bloomingdale's; Edna Mae Wander, Abraham & Straus, Brooklyn, and Margaret Carpenter, Altman's, New York.

We have three *service representatives* for telephone companies—Phoebe Blank, for Bell Telephone in Brooklyn; Doris Hostage for Southern New England Telephone Co. in New Haven, and Joanna Swain for the New York Telephone Co. in New York City.

In *statistical work* Jacqueline Greenblatt is doing mathematics test construction for the College Entrance Examination Board in Princeton, N. J. Vera Jezek, also in statistics, is with the Writing Paper Manufacturing Association in New York. Nancy Noyes and Jeanne Stiefel, statisticians, are both with the National Bureau of Economic Research in New York.

In *insurance* in Hartford are Joan Brower, who is in personnel at the Conn. General Insurance Co.; Grace Marie Hickey, who is in the supervisory training squad of the same company; and Janet Pinks, who is underwriting in the group department of Aetna Life Insurance. Nora King is a clerk-typist for the Glens Falls Insurance Co., of San Francisco, and Jean Muse is doing actuarial work at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in New York.

Eleven of us are doing *secretarial and office work*. Julia Cooper is doing office work at the I. B. Ury Co. in New York.

Catherine Cole Peek is in secretarial work in the office of the Dean of Admissions of Brown University. Ellen Hasson is in the secretarial department of our own C. C. Admissions Office. Elfrieda Jenö is a secretary with the Huntington Tobacco Co., Huntington, New York. Mary Ellen Luff Jeavons has what sounds like the most light-hearted of all jobs. She is secretary for the Dartmouth Humor Magazine at Hanover. In Hartford Ada Maislen is secretary and librarian for the Service Bureau for Women's Organizations.

Barbara Otis, also in New York, is a training clerk at the Guaranty Trust Co. Janice Somach Schwalm is the receptionist in a showroom for Martin L. Somach in New York. In York, Pa., Virginia Stauffer is doing office work at the York Welfare Federation. Mary Vance is in New London, as secretary to Mr. Stanley Hall, director of the Adult Education Program for the city. Eftima Velles is doing secretarial work for a real estate company in New London.

In *research and writing* we find Marion Low doing research and writing for the "onlooker" column of the Hartford Times. Jane Coulter is a field investigator for the Millbank Memorial Fund in New York. Helen Paulson was in personnel research at Yale, but we understand she has changed to a job at the sub base. In New York Sally Radovsky is a research analyst for the Anti-Defamation League. Margaret Stirton is also at the Brookhaven Laboratories on Long Island, where she is in personnel research and testing work. Ann Wetherald is doing research and writing for the University of Pennsylvania Press of Philadelphia.

Cynthia Browne is in retail book selling, and is working for Mr. Irving Keats of Stamford, Conn. Mary King is planning music programs, writing commercials and publicity, and doing secretarial work for the FM radio station WEAW, Evanston, Ill.

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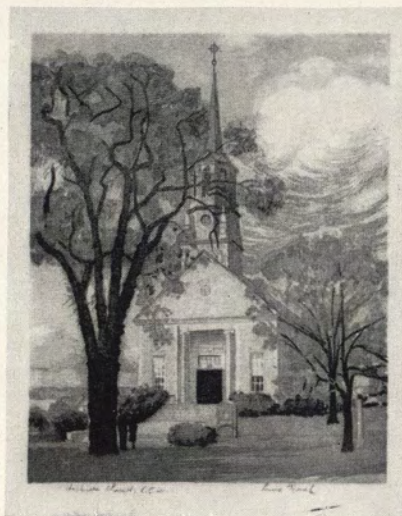
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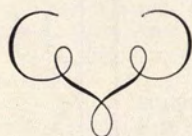
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