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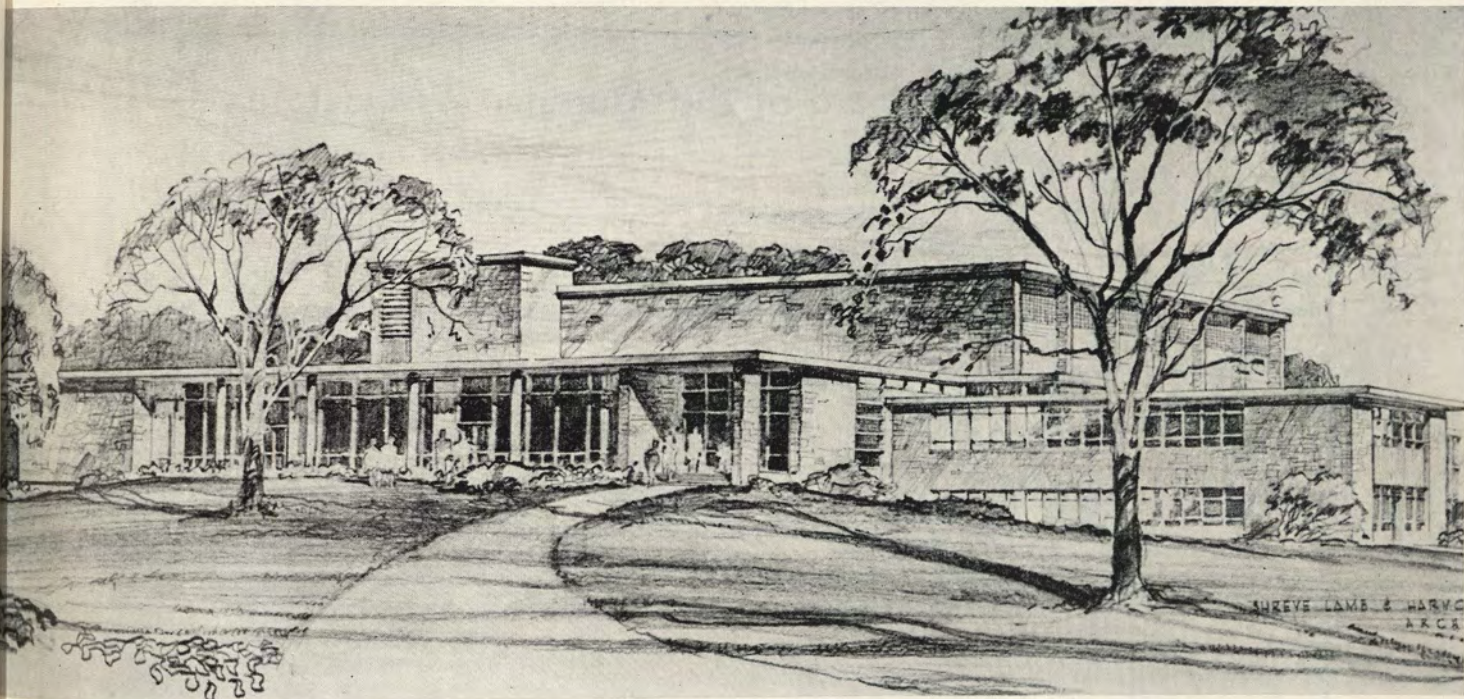
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Proposed Elevation of Student Alumnae Center  
March 1953



# College Calendar for 1953-54

(Printed for information of Club officers)

## SEPTEMBER

21-24 Freshman Week  
24 Thursday Registration of three upper classes  
25 Friday Thirty-ninth opening assembly,  
Palmer Auditorium

## NOVEMBER

25 Wednesday Thanksgiving recess begins, 12 m.  
29 Sunday Thanksgiving recess ends, 11 p.m.

## DECEMBER

18 Friday Christmas recess begins, 12 m.

## JANUARY

4 Monday Christmas recess ends, 11 p.m.  
27 Wednesday Mid-year examinations begin

## FEBRUARY

4 Thursday Mid-year examinations end  
7 Sunday Inter-semester recess ends, 11 p.m.  
8 Monday Second semester begins, 8 a.m.

## MARCH

27 Saturday Spring recess begins, 12 m.

## APRIL

6 Tuesday Spring recess ends, 11 p.m.

## MAY

25 Tuesday Final examinations begin

## JUNE

6 Sunday Commencement

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## Academic Freedom, An Introduction

By EDWARD F. CRANZ, Associate Professor of History

*At Connecticut during the past year Student Government, the Faculty, and the Trustees have discussed the subject of academic freedom in connection with Congressional investigations. The historical development of academic freedom has also been discussed by Mr. Cranz of the history department.*

*The concepts involved in the subject of academic freedom are not simple ones, but the questions implicit in their consideration are vital and decidedly contemporaneous. We believe that the many words representing various points of view which have been spoken and written on the subject—and which indicate serious concern for the welfare of the country—are not always clear to the general reader. Hence, by way of indicating Connecticut's position in this important matter, and also to help our alumnae in clarifying their own opinions, we are printing the following article and statements.*

*Mr. Cranz is well qualified to discuss the subject. His field is ancient history and he also teaches, with Miss Hafkesbrink, the popular course in Forms of Christmas Thought. He is a graduate of Syracuse, holds degrees from Harvard, and is the father of Gretchen and Donald, shown with him in the accompanying picture. Other members of the family not shown in the picture are Mrs. Cranz, the former Eleanor Southworth of the music department faculty, and Mrs. Cranz senior (Mr. Cranz's mother), who is a member of the College library staff.*

The problem of academic freedom is an aspect of modern Western civilization. Since Western civilization is not static, and since it has no public orthodoxy, we must not expect to find a static, orthodox solution to the problem, and I doubt that academic freedom, unless we abandon it completely, will ever stop being a problem and a changing one. Further, like some of the other freedoms, academic freedom is always in danger of becoming a meaningless war-cry. Senator Jenner, for example, is bitterly attacked as its enemy; Senator Jenner replies that his whole purpose is to preserve it. (N. Y. Times, February 25, 1953.) How then can we pin the phrase down at least enough to make discussion possible, enough so that we may agree and disagree about it?

A teacher is said to have academic freedom when he may investigate and teach his subject, as long as he is competent, without interference from state or church or from the institution which employs him. On the surface this description is disarmingly simple; unfortunately it remains so only if we don't define the key terms: *teaching his subject*, *competence*, and *interference*. A brief account of the historical development of academic freedom is perhaps the best approach to an understanding of the various and disputed definitions of these key terms.

### *Not An Inheritance*

In the first place, academic freedom is a new and independent creation of the West, and we have not inherited

it from earlier civilizations. Both Greece and Israel, for example, regarded public education as a way of transmitting a unified, public orthodoxy. In illustration, one might think of Plato's *Republic* or of Sparta or of a Jewish rabbinic school.

In the second place, academic freedom is relatively recent within the West. During the period of medieval unity, education was essentially an affair of the clergy, and it was evident that a heretic had no place as a teacher. Here again, as in the case of Greece and Israel, education was the means of transmitting a unified orthodoxy.

### *Historical Development*

However, in the later Middle Ages, there emerged a fundamental dualism within the West, a dualism suggested by such contrasts as natural and supernatural, reason and faith, or secular and spiritual. The natural aspect, the aspect of reason, was valid, but at the same time it was not dependent on Christianity or on Western civilization or on any authority at all except man's natural reason. In consequence by the early modern period we find many claims to a "liberty of philosophizing," and we meet the argument that anyone who teaches natural science or natural philosophy should be exempt from censorship, whether by state, by church, or by any other power. Despite some checks, notably from the standpoint of the new absolute state, these claims continued to be pressed, and by the nineteenth century, particularly in Germany, what came to be called





Mr. Cranz, Donald and Gretchen

"academic freedom" gained wide acceptance. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, this academic freedom, with some modifications, won general recognition in America.

### *The Modern Theory*

What is the modern theory which supports this academic freedom, and what specific rights does it grant? No single answer can be given, for along with a general agreement on the value of some form of academic freedom, there has been disagreement both about the *why* and about the specific *what*.

I think we can most easily make sense of the argument, see the agreement as well as the disagreement, by noticing briefly three main positions: first, the traditional position; second, the recent attacks on this position; and third, a possible restatement of the traditional position in the face of these attacks.

### *Position I*

First, the traditional position. One argues that there is a natural or secular area in which solutions are to be found by reason and not dictated by religious or political authority. It is usually also assumed that these solutions are functions of a single truth which is accessible to man's mind or to his senses. One then maintains that there are certain professional functions necessary to a society which are best discharged when the specific manner of the performance is not determined by the one who pays for it and that teaching is one of these professional functions.

Three ways of approaching the question may be suggested: first, the teacher is an expert, and he is therefore not to be controlled by the layman; second, his position is analogous to that of the judge, and his opinions must therefore be not only competent but also disinterested; third, the university is the chief organized agency for the advancement of society and the canvassing of new ideas, and this task is rendered impossible "if the work of the investigator is shackled by the requirement that his conclusions shall never seriously deviate either from generally accepted beliefs or from those accepted by the persons, private or official, through whom society provides the means for the maintenance of universities."<sup>1</sup>

In position I, *teaching one's subject* is defined professionally; *competence* is defined professionally. Both can be defined independently of Christianity or of the West or of America. Any meddling with this professional sphere is *interference* and violates academic freedom.

Position I was a good, solid position, but it is now under violent attack. Much of the support for this attack is, I believe, deeply sincere, and it is important that we should hear and understand its arguments.

### *Position II*

Position II, or the attack on the traditional position. The basis of this attack, if I judge its drift correctly, is that education is a public matter, and that in a democracy the citizenry have a direct or at least an indirect control over it. The supporters of position II are sure that education is not *merely* a question of professional competence or of expertise. An ancient Greek or a modern Moslem would organize education differently than would an American, and they would make certain that education here is organized in an American way, in accord with "the traditional principles which fashioned America". Education cannot be totally abstracted from values, and American education should support American values. Consequently, in our education neither *teaching one's subject* nor *competence* can be defined in abstraction from these American principles and values. Therefore, for example, one should fire a Communist because he is such, and many would say that one should also fire a socialist because he is such. This is not *interference* with academic freedom; it is a defense of the end for which this freedom is the means. Once this end has been assured, the supporters of position II will for other areas usually allow the same freedom as position I.

Position II seems to me to have a good deal of negative power against Position I. However, I think there is also a third position which is more comprehensive than either Position I or II.

<sup>1</sup> This statement of the traditional position is taken largely from the excellent article by Arthur O. Lovejoy, *Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences* Vol. I, pp. 384-88.



### Position III

Position III, or the restatement of the traditional position. The advocates of position III agree with Position II that American and Western education cannot be entirely separated from America and the West. They also agree that education is something more than mere professional competence. But they maintain that Position II is mistaken in taking too narrow and restricted a view of "the traditional principles which fashioned America".

Surely there is an American tradition, and part of the function of education is to develop respect for this in its substantive form, in its economic and political solutions. But more fundamental than the solutions are the methods by which the solutions were reached and the ends which the solutions attempted to embody. Those who overenthusiastically accept Position II are in danger of destroying the method and the goal for the sake of one temporary solution. They would abandon the method of responsible decision, of freedom and consent, for the sake of one particular solution, possibly one soon to be found out-of-date. One might suggest therefore that an education in accord with the "traditional principles which fashioned America" cannot be confined to one particular political dogma or one particular economic orthodoxy but that it must aim at some such goal as responsible, free decision. This is the public goal of education, and this is the end to which academic freedom is the means.

From this standpoint one can, I think, answer certain basic questions about academic freedom more completely than Position I and more validly than Position II.

#### *Questions on Position III*

First, does academic freedom mean that education is without limitation and without values, with no regard for the traditions of America and of the West? No, because the value of free, responsible decision is constantly affirmed. This is the characteristically Western and American value, and this is the reason for academic freedom. The acceptance of this value is the teacher's obligation, his academic loyalty, and part of *teaching his subject* and his *competence*. His academic freedom is his right to be free from *interference* in the pursuit of this value.

Second does academic freedom lead to the unlikely situation in which any individual teacher is free to teach whatever he wishes and in which education is totally atomized? No, since it must be recognized that there are various directing powers in education (state legislatures, boards of trustees, faculties, etc.) which have some measure of control over education *within the limits* of academic freedom. Most simply stated, the constituted directing power of a particular institution may, in the absence of other limitation, direct a teacher to teach a particular form of thought or particular subject, but it may neither demand

that he be committed to this form nor may it dictate to him what he shall say to be its intellectual or empirical consequences. To do either of these is *interference* with the teacher and a violation of academic freedom. On the other hand, the acceptance of the directing power within these limits is part of the teacher's *competence* and partly defines his *subject*.

#### *Responsibilities*

There are other positions, but perhaps these three with their variants are the only ones which are publicly relevant at the moment. You should find out what your own position is, and this will take a good deal of hard thinking, for academic freedom finally involves one's fundamental assumptions about such things as America, education, and Western civilization. When you have found your position, or while you are finding it, you should, I think, make every attempt to work with those who do not agree with you on all points, and you should try to effect a mutually acceptable compromise. Perhaps intellectuals will always find such abandonment of unanimity morally difficult. But this kind of compromise seems to me characteristic of Western public action and of American public action most particularly. With our diverse religious and intellectual backgrounds, our most successful agreements about other freedoms and about other loyalties have been agreements without unanimity as to final ends. I suspect that successful agreements about academic freedom will fall into the same category.

### OFFICIAL STATEMENTS BY TRUSTEES, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN CONNECTION WITH CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS

#### Trustees

THE Board of Trustees of Connecticut College joins with the governing boards of other educational institutions in expressing confidence in the faculties of our colleges, as citizens and scholars. While the Board believes that persons advocating the overthrow of the government by force should not be allowed to teach, it does not believe in any general restriction of the responsible freedom of inquiry which is the basis of a free educational institution.

It is particularly essential today that faculty and students in our colleges should be free to examine all political and economic systems, without prejudice to their standing as citizens or members of the college community. In this conviction the Board has appointed a committee of its members—Mrs. Mary Foulke Morrisson, Judge Christopher L. Avery, and Mr. Bernhard Knollenberg—to consult with and assist such faculty as may seek consultation and assistance.



In making this statement to faculty and students of the College, the Board is reiterating its belief in the right to free inquiry while recognizing the duty of a free government to protect itself.

### Faculty

1. We accept the principle of legislative investigation, and we accept our obligations as citizens and as members of the College and of the academic profession, to testify truthfully when called upon in the public interest. We believe it to be right that we should make an honest effort to answer questions put to us by committees if we are called before them, and we will not on principle plead the First and Fifth Amendments as grounds for refusal to testify, though we may be obliged to refuse to answer certain questions which seem to us to violate conscience. We will endeavor both to present our aims as individual scholars and to promote the better understanding of the purposes of our profession as a whole.

2. We are nevertheless concerned about the procedures and purposes of many current Congressional investigations. Too often Congressional committees seem to be conducting trials of individuals without the protection of court procedure. Witnesses without adequate opportunity to defend themselves have lost their professional reputations through

unfavorable publicity, and individuals have been forced to testify under such conditions that despite their apparent efforts to be truthful, they have been accused of perjury. More fundamentally, there is some evidence that Congress aims to accomplish by investigation what it cannot accomplish by legislation—the denial of freedom of thought and inquiry. We therefore believe that concerted efforts should be made by such national organizations as the American Association of University Professors, the Association of American Colleges, and the various learned societies to bring to the attention of Congress and of the general public the seriousness of the threat to fundamental freedom involved in irresponsible attacks on teachers and education.

### Students

THE Student Government Association of Connecticut College is vitally concerned about the Congressional investigations of faculty and students of colleges. It believes that conditions which can restrict freedom of inquiry and affect the quality and method of teaching are of infinite concern to the entire college community. The Student Government Association, therefore, wishes to express its faith in the faculty and to declare its support of the faculty's statement regarding Congressional investigations of colleges.



President Park and members of the Alumnae Association wait in line for lunch at Trustees' Picnic on Class Day.



Left to right: President Park, Kathryn Moss '24, Carol Chappell '41, and Mary Anna Lemon Meyer '42, executive secretary, treasurer, and president of the Association.



# ALUMNAE FUND CAMPAIGN '52 - 53 - A SUCCESS STORY

Thanks to the splendid and successful efforts of the many workers in the organization, to the generous contributions of some 2800 individual donors, plus gifts from clubs and classes, and much-appreciated checks from non-alumnae givers (none of whom were solicited for help), the total of cash and pledges at Commencement time was slightly over \$57,000.00. A truly heartening achievement!

Complete coverage of the results of the Campaign will be printed in the next issue of the Alumnae News, including totals by classes and regions, as well as lists of donors—our own honor roll.

## The Sykes Fund

Information concerning the background and totals of the Sykes Fund will also be given in the next issue of the Alumnae News.

## Twenty Seven Clubs

Clubs, left to a considerable degree to fend for themselves while the Executive Board and the Alumnae Office were thoroughly involved in plans and operations concerned with getting the Alumnae Fund Campaign set up and put into operation on a sound basis, have flourished mightily on their own. Gifts to the Fund for the Student-Alumnae Center and for Scholarships are only one evidence of their healthy state. Most clubs are helping the College with admissions, and attempting to be of real service to the College, the secondary schools, and most of all to the prospective students themselves. Also, and perhaps most important of all, they are functioning as centers of information concerning the College, both to alumnae and other members of the local communities.

Outstanding as a result of Campaign activity has been the organization of three new clubs—Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Rochester. Several other areas are planning to apply for a club charter at an early date.

## Admissions Questionnaire

The Rochester Club has devised the questionnaire printed below. Sent to all secondary schools in the area, responses have shown interest, appreciation of club's efforts to be helpful.

1. Prospective college students: Are there junior or senior girls in your student body who would be interested in learning about Connecticut College?
2. What kinds of questions about the College are uppermost in the minds of prospective college students?
3. Location and Time: In planning an occasion for prospective college students to gain information about Connecticut College, would it be wise to have the gathering: (a) in a private home on a bus line? in a downtown central location? (b) in the afternoon ☐ or evening ☐ on which day of the week?
4. Time of year: (a) in the spring (for high school juniors)? (b) in the fall (for seniors)? (c) during Christmas vacation (for seniors)?
5. (a) Has anyone from Connecticut College called upon you or been in touch with you currently? Who?  
(b) Would you like to talk with someone from the Rochester Connecticut College Club? If so, we shall be glad to have one of our members call you for an appointment.
6. List here any questions or suggestions that occur to you.

Name: .....

School: .....

## The Alumnae News

Delay in meeting Alumnae News schedules have been regrettable but unavoidable. Next issue will appear in latter part of August. Plans for next year will eliminate delays.

## The Campus

If you, or your friends, are in the vicinity of New London during the summer, do make plans to visit the campus. The planting is especially beautiful at this season, and you will enjoy a visit. Plan to stop in the Alumnae Office Woodworth House, the white frame house on campus but facing Williams Street on the west side, is headquarters for the Alumnae Association.



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE STUDY AT CONNECTICUT

By HAMILTON M. SMYSER, Professor of English



*Mr. Smyser's comments on the Connecticut student and her use of spoken and written English will make alumnae beam with pride and pleasure. Also his comments will be reassuring to parents of students—and there are many such parents—who express discouragement at what they regard as their children's lack of accuracy and facility in these areas. At our request Mr. Smyser discusses some of the material of his course on the History of the English Language. Certainly such a course taken at Connecticut or elsewhere constitutes an important part of the firm foundation necessary for correct English usage. Mr. Smyser, a long-time member of the Connecticut faculty, is a native of Ohio, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, where his father was Dean and Chairman of the English department. His doctorate is from Harvard, and there he has taught both graduate and undergraduate students. Other teaching assignments have included Ohio State and Ohio universities, and in the summer term, as a teacher of graduate students, Northwestern and the University of California. Mrs. Smyser, formerly Miss Worthington, is also a member of the English department.*

Connecticut College is not likely to abandon its traditional policy of emphasizing the fundamental skills of reading and writing the English language with some degree of correctness. We consider Freshman English a key-stone course, to be taught by every member of the department as far as scheduling permits. We devote a part of the time—perhaps a third—to close and careful reading of poetry, and we devote the rest of the time to composition. In our required Sophomore Literature course, our students read as much—and only as much—as we feel they can read with full, accurate comprehension, and the six or seven papers that they write are rather closely criticized as to correctness of idiom and decent economy of words. This sort of stressing of fundamentals does not happen everywhere, as I am in a good position to tell you.

I have spent six summers recently teaching graduate students in one or another of three universities in widely separated parts of the country. Among those students a certain proportion came to me directly from their undergraduate colleges—I suppose I got students fresh out of as many as thirty different institutions throughout the country. There are exceptions to all rules, of course, and I don't want us to get swelled heads and bask in complacency, but the kind of reading and writing that our students do by the time they graduate stands up *very* well in the comparison.

With our English majors we go further than this in requiring attention to the language. Each major must take one or the other of our two excellent advanced composition courses—Miss Oakes's or Mr. Strider's. In addition, each major must take either Miss Bethurum's Chaucer

course or my History of the English Language. Though the subject matter and emphasis in the Chaucer is, of course, literary, our bracketing of the two makes sense, for the reading of Middle English is good language training: a student who has gained some mastery over the older stage of English has a much better understanding of the language she herself uses. (Occasionally non-majors take one or both of Miss Bethurum's and my courses, and to Miss Bethurum and me these are obviously nature's gentlewomen, the salt of the earth, and the hope of the republic.)

So much for the curricular environment of the History of the English Language, the particular course about which I have been asked to write. The environment helps explain why we have a course in Philology, though we probably never would have one in Linguistics. The Philologist makes his study of language serve the purpose of understanding written words, particularly written words of the more or less remote past. He wants to know the precise meaning of the words in Magna Carta and in the lovely lyrics of the fourteenth-century Harley 2253 manuscript, and in Herbert and Gay and Ezra Pound; he wants to know whether *line* and *join* were a natural or affected rhyme in Pope, and what the phrase "How weary, stale, flat and unprofitable" would have sounded like coming from Shakespeare's mouth—specifically, whether or not it would have ended in three unstressed syllables. (Actually, it wouldn't have—*unprofitable* would have rhymed with *babble*.)

The Linguist, on the other hand, is interested in the study of language for its own sake; his aim is to derive laws of language development, and he is quite as much interested in Gothic and Menomini Indian as in those languages in which we have important literature and important historical documents. Of course, the two disciplines overlap; the Philologist can boast that some of his best friends are Linguists, and *vice versa*.



As a semester course, English 18 is sadly condensed. We begin with three weeks of phonetics, which are intended to drive home the all-important point that language is sounds and not written symbols. We then turn to the place of English among the Indo-European languages, and the student learns how to distinguish between words which belong to the native stock, inherited through Primitive Germanic from Indo-European, and words which were borrowed by English during the several military (and linguistic) invasions of Britain.

We move on then to the developments within English, especially to the great vowel shift, which makes Modern English sound so very different from Chaucer's English (and, in fact, a good deal different from Shakespeare's), and which accounts in large part for the horrible mish-mash of English spelling. By late April or early May, if all goes well, the student is able to take passages from Milton, Vaughan, or Donne and, with a by-now somewhat expert use of the Oxford *New English Dictionary*, give a far more accurate paraphrase of meaning and a far more accurate reproduction of sound than she could have done six months earlier. Or so I like to think—and do think, not wholly without reason.

But if English 18 is thus a handmaiden to English literature courses, it is also, at least in intent, a handmaiden to courses in Philosophy and Intellectual History.

One time when I was making the point in class that any abstract word whatever had originally been a concrete word, an incredulous student asked, "Do you mean that even such an abstract word as *truth* once meant a particular thing?" I didn't know the derivation of *true*, *truth*, and the question gave me a bit of a turn; but as it proved when I got to my etymological dictionaries, she couldn't have asked a nicer question if she had been paid to be my stooge on a TV show.

*True* is related to *tree* and to the Greek *dry-ad* ("oak-nymph"); some centuries before Christ it meant "as firm as a tree" and, from being used evidently of stockades (in which living trees were used at intervals to give firmness to the cut trunks that were laced upright between them), it came to be used of treaties and loyalties—*true* equals *tree-firm*. So in our modern phrase "A *true* friend."

Now, is this a mere museum fossil to be peered at by myopic pedants? (Let me hasten to say that, as a myopic pedant, I would still love it even if it were.) It might be a fossil, but it isn't, as it happens, and as happens so often. The original meaning of a word lingers on and on; it may be present yesterday, even today. When, in our reading, we go back through many yesterdays, we may most certainly expect to meet it.

Any student reading Chaucer in Sophomore English with due attention to the glossary or to the crib written in by the Junior from whom she bought her text-book knows

that when the weeping Arveragus sends his wife to keep a tryst with the squire Aurelius and uses the words "Trouthe is the hyste thyng that man may kepe," he means by *trouthe* "fidelity to the pledged word, fidelity to a promise." But not all people who read Chaucer's beautiful "Ballade de Bon Conseyll" will get the meaning of the word as used there. The refrain of this Ballade runs, "And trouthe thee shal delivere, it is no drede" ("And Truth will free thee, never doubt it"). Here Chaucer is not simply being wonderfully modern in his faith in what we in our day call *Truth*. It might have been that—Chaucer is half-way modern and half-way mediaeval. The trouble is that in the first line of this ballade he uses the word *sothfastnesse* and—you can't laugh it off however hard you try—this is the Old English word which meant to him what we mean by *truth*, except that the concept was a little bit narrower, meaning something perhaps more like simple "accuracy." So what did he mean by *truth*, this word in his refrain to which the word *sothfastnesse* is simply the first step up to a climax?

In this poem, Chaucer's *truth* evidently means "fidelity to the revealed *Truth*, to the one and only *Truth* (Christianity), steadfast God-fearingness in the inherited and only imaginable religion."

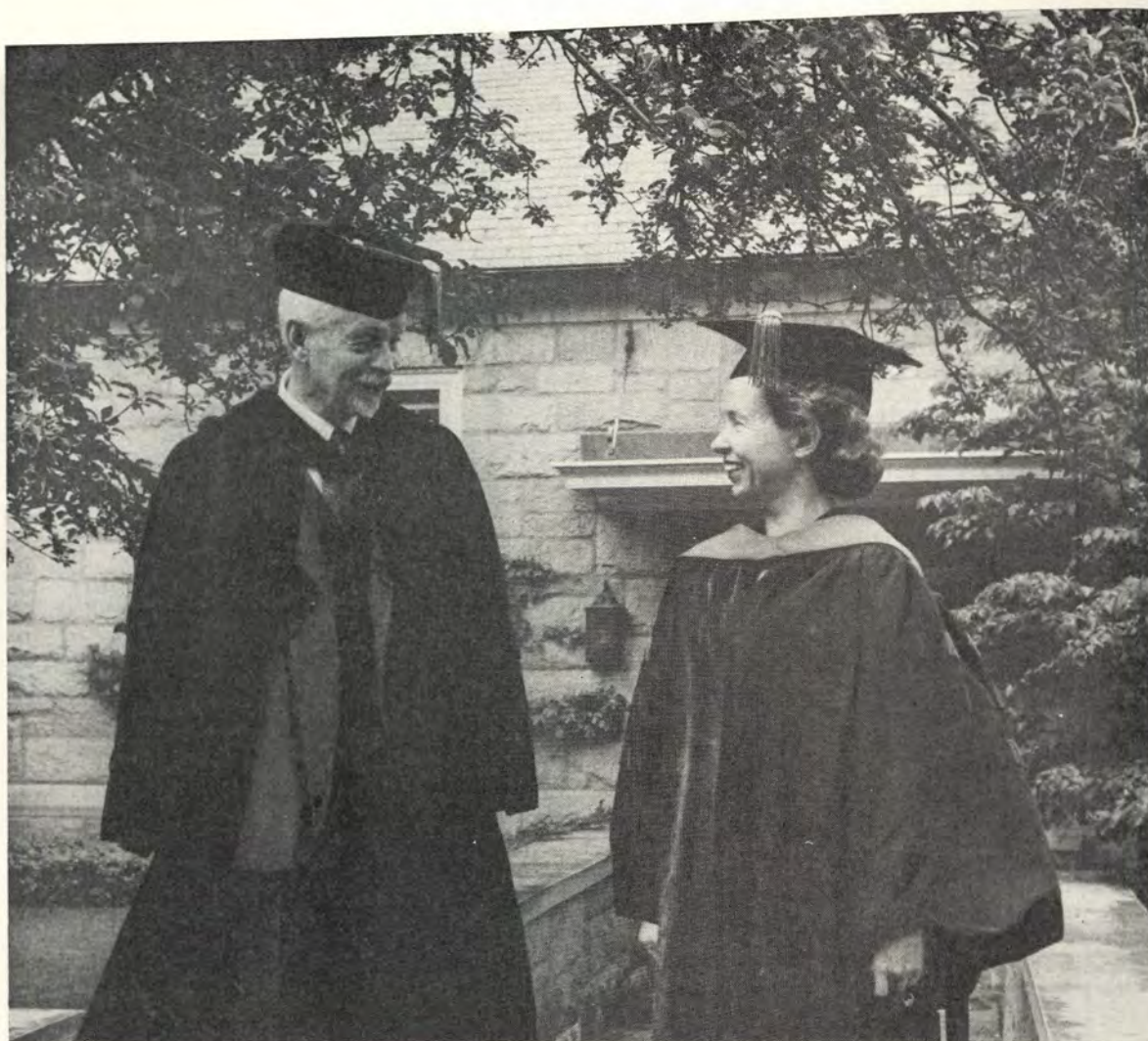
Sometime between Chaucer's day and ours, this word *truth* has supplanted *sothfastnesse*, has gained a deeper meaning than *sothfastnesse*, and has become divorced from religion. When did this finally come about? Could it have been at the time of the Protestant rebellion, when the one and only *truth* ceased to be embodied in a one and only religion?

Here is where the Philologist turns the problem over to the Philosopher of History. But the latter, unless he is a jesting Pilate, knows that he has not been handed a fossil tree from a museum. Meantime, the students are, I hope, alerted to look twice at the word *true* in Shakespeare or wherever else they may meet it.

Or take an equally good example, the word *pride*. In Old French, it meant "courage," perhaps "reckless courage," but it came into the orbit of religion when it was used to translate the Latin word *superbia* and so to indicate that stubborn individualism which separated man from God and thus was the deadliest of the seven deadly sins. Nowadays, in our post-Renaissance era of individualism—we seem, alas, to stand at the end of it—*pride* can be a virtue—"How can his pride allow him to do so shameful a thing?" Such changes in meaning are not accidental or insignificant but instead epitomize centuries of change in human thinking.

To sum up: English 18 is meant to be at once a course in the fundamental skill of language—a skill which we use in reading, writing, and speaking—and an ancillary course to the disciplines of literature and of Philosophy in its various forms.





The Reverend J. Edgar Park, former president of Wheaton College, who preached the Baccalaureate sermon, and his daughter, Connecticut's own President Rosemary Park, chat with each other outside Harkness Chapel. Baccalaureate was broadcast to Palmer Auditorium for alumnae.

THE '53 Reunion Weekend in various tangible and intangible ways was somehow a very special one. Alumnae returned to the campus early, in larger numbers than for any previous post-war weekend. Their spirits were high, and the prevailing tone was one of gaiety and pride in College, Association, and classmates.

Alumnae in the first seven classes to be graduated from the College—'19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25—used each other, as reunion alumnae always will, as units of measure for checking the results on themselves of wear and tear through the years. It was obvious that they (and all non-alumnae present) found the results satisfying.

Members of the younger classes—'38, '39, '40, '41—many of them mothers of several small children, others in the difficult years of their jobs outside the home—were plainly "carrying on" with a zest for life, which we like to think of as Connecticut's special brand of humor, that showed in their faces and in their achievements. Some of '52, temporarily divesting themselves of families and jobs, were back for informal get-togethers with each other, and took to the beach and to the homes of New London friends, but mainly to the dormitory rooms of members of '53.

At the Trustees' Picnic, with Mr. Putnam, chairman of the Board, as m.c., speeches by class presidents were, as one member of the faculty said, "brilliant." Class Day exercises became a historic occasion for alumnae when President Meyer on behalf of the Association presented to the College for use in the Student-Alumnae Center the Sykes Fund, a memorial to Dr. Frederick Sykes, the College's beloved first president. She also announced the highly gratifying progress to date of the Alumnae Fund Campaign (a gift for S-A-C from the proceeds will also be made to the College at the end of the year). Never had Class Gifts been so impressive, alumnae, took such genuine pride in the College itself, and in our accomplishments on its behalf that surely we can be forgiven for describing these accomplishments with enthusiasm and in superlative terms.





The Pioneer Classes, as the first four classes of the College ('19, '20, '21, '22) like to call themselves, had a joint dinner on Saturday night of Reunion Weekend. To this dinner, making it memorable for all present, came not only former students, but from New London and various parts of the country members of faculty and staff of the early years of the college. Shown in the pictures above—at the top 1919, below 1920.



At the head table: Second from left, Mrs. Marshall, wife of President Benjamin T. Marshall, second president of Connecticut; third from right, Miss Esther Cary of the French Department, member of first faculty; extreme right, Dr. Frank Morris, professor of philosophy, member of faculty since 1917. Class Presidents: First left, Kathryn Hulbert Hall '20; third left, Marena Prentis '19; second from right, Dorothy Gregson Slocum '21. Not shown in picture Gertrude Avery Krout '22.



# Class Notes

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## 1919

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Mildred White of Caldwell, N. J., H. S. library, writes of her last summer experience in Laramie, Wyoming, with Hail Fisher, who was in the cataloging department at C.C. in the '20's. "Country was wonderful, but give me Vermont for a permanent abode," she writes; "we've been up four times since Labor Day." From Vermont, too, still comes Virginia Rose's mail, though her family in Waterford and her sister Eleanor Carey in Westwood, New Jersey, share her visits. Last summer Dr. Ruth Anderson spent some time in Philadelphia with her family, and during the fall, had three months of duty at the clinic in Boston. From New Haven Frances Saunders Tarbell writes that son Phil (father of three) is still at the White House with the Army Signal Corps, and that son Frank and his wife are in Oxford, England, where he is a lieutenant in Army Engineers.

Accompanying a beautifully printed handset recent sermon of her husband's, Ruth Avery French sent news of her family from Fall River, Mass.: son John with the U. S. Air Force, stationed in Japan; Jean, of Bridgewater T. C., in her first teaching position in Lexington; Bill with the New Departure plant of General Motors in Bristol, Conn. Ruth adds substitute teaching, selling, and gardening, to her home activities, while her minister husband, as a hobby, prepares color-slide lecture programs on historic New England.

Alison Hastings Thomson as usual adds her own lovely verses to her holiday messages, keeping alive the talent and the promise of her campus years. Other messages have come from Lillian Shadd Elliott, Occidental College, L. A.; Lucy Marsh Haskell, at her Sand Lake farm, New York; Esther Batchelder, in Washington, D. C.; and from Winona Young in Norwich.

Last summer, after some 25 years, all four Warner sisters were reunited at home with their mother: Marion (Hovey), '20,

from Salt Lake City; Wrey (Barber), ex-'22, from Perrysburg, Ohio; Harriet, '24, of C.C. Nursery School, and I from Leonia, New Jersey. In celebration, we picnicked in Bolleswood one afternoon.

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## 1920

MRS. JOAN M. ODELL  
(Joan Munro), *Correspondent*  
31 Church Street, Tarrytown, N. Y.

Our reunion was a huge success. There were 29 classmates back to enjoy each other and those of other classes, '19, '21, and '22. The weather was perfect. We missed the absent ones and were glad to hear by telegram and letter from Marie Munger, Al Horrax Schell and Leah Pick Silber. The campus was beautiful. The new Infirmary is handsome and perfect in every detail to care for sick students. By our next reunion perhaps the Student Alumnae Center will be built.

Our four-class banquet was held at Skipper's Dock and each class had entertainment to present, reminiscent of college days. Ours was written and directed by Fanchon Hartman Title. At the speakers' table were the four presidents of the classes, Dr. Carey, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Lewis Tonks (Miss Blue), and Dr. Morris. A party preceded our dinner at Eunice Gates Woods' lovely home at Mystic. Other guests were Miss Park, Mrs. Lieb, Miss Dederer, and Miss McKee. A truly genuine college spirit was at the banquet. It was amazing and wonderful to have it all recaptured so successfully. Your new officers are: President, Helen Collins Miner; Vice President, Margaret Davies Bennett; Treasurer, Dora Schwartz-Gross; Secretary, Kathryn Schaffer Parsons; Recording Secretary, Eleanor Seaver Massonneau.

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## 1921

DOROTHY PRYDE  
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Orange, Conn.

Ruth McCollum Bassett has a brand new granddaughter, Karen Louise, born April 20 to William and Harriet (Bassett) Mac-

Gregor at Melrose, Mass. You will remember that Harriet was with us at our last reunion and she was C. C. '51. Ruth sent an extra dollar for our reunion gift and hopes that Karen Louise will be a third generation at C. C. Ruth is also editor of "The Vintonian", a news letter put out by her P.T.A.

Roberta Ray Blanchard has had a busy year, urging us to subscribe to the Alumnae Fund and she has done a fine job. Her husband was in the hospital and am glad to report he is progressing nicely. Her P.S. was, "I have just been presented with my third grandson. Joan Ray Inches, C. C. '48 has just had a little boy."

Ella McCollum Vahlteich's daughter, Beverly, is entering C. C. this fall.

Our sympathy goes out to Dot Wulf Weatherhead, whose husband died July, 1952 and Dot, herself, who had an operation in November. She is looking forward to a trip to Hawaii and will be part of the time with Lillian Shadd Elliott, C. C. '19. She sends her best to all and wishes we could all come out to California, as there is no place like it.

Esther Watrous Hendricks did such a fine job helping with the Senior prom at high school, that she was immediately asked to run off the junior prom and it came at our reunion time!

Barbara Ashenden writes that she is at her old job in the Children's Psychiatric Clinic. "Nothing new—but they tacked a title on me, 'Instructor in Psychiatry.' I suspect it was in lieu of more salary. Universities have so many ways of doing such things."

Matilda Allyn hoped to see us at reunion. She gave me some news of Louise Avery Favorite's daughters. Nancy is living on Long Island and has two children. Joyce is working in New York at the First National Bank.

From Barrington, Illinois, comes a note from Marion Lyon Jones. She and her husband are busy remodeling a home. "Everything moves so slowly we are convinced we would never have the patience to build."

As for myself, I am in guidance work at Hillhouse High School in New Haven. It is a far cry from the exactness of teaching mathematics but very rewarding from the human element.

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## 1923

MRS. GEORGE A. BUNYAN  
(Helen Higgins) *Correspondent*  
9 Watkins Place, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Peg Heyer is supervisor of Art in the New London Schools. She sees Jane Gard-



ner now and then and goes to college affairs frequently. Peg writes that she can make no headlines but we are sure her work is tops in real artistry.

Marion Page French's family is now full grown. Since the college days of long ago Marion has seen few of her classmates. She is living in Belmont, Massachusetts.

Leslie Alderman, ex-'23, is still making her exceptional skirts, aprons and bags of denim in her home at 57 Elder Street, Milford, Connecticut. To many of us at Christmastide "Les" sent a brochure with details of her products and the heartening news that she had made Harper's Bazaar, Life and other magazines.

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#### 1924

MRS. HUBER A. CLARK  
(Marion Vibert) *Correspondent*  
East Main St., Stockbridge, Mass.

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Lucille Wittke Morgan closed her dress shop because a sister, of whose shop Luke's was a branch, went out of business on account of illness. Luke now works six full days a week in the Woman's Shop in New London and in her "spare" time takes care of a large house and a hungry family, helped by daughter, Patricia, who, out of college, is a service representative at the Telephone Company. Luke's son is in the apprentice school at the Electric Boat Company, but is expecting a service call.

Gladys Westerman Greene has as hobbies working in her large flower garden and raising German shepherd dogs. Since her husband is now working in Stamford, they plan to sell their house and buy one nearer his work. Glad, having run the gauntlet of offices in the Westchester club of the Alumnae Association, is not too active, though she still serves on committees. Her daughter Joan is living in New Jersey with her husband and a large family of pets; her son, Stephen, whose chief interest is automobiles, is working in White Plains.

Josephine Burnham Ferguson keeps busy knitting for her husband and a granddaughter, soon to be three; does needlepoint, and takes an active part in the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs. Her daughter Barbara, and husband, are still at Yale but Barbara has resigned from the faculty. Jo hears from Dorothy Clawson who is in Japan, bound for Korea.

Gladys Forster Shahdan, whose husband is working for the government in Philadelphia, has closed her home in Raleigh and

taken a furnished apartment near his work. She finds lessons in oil and china painting great fun.

Lena Clark Weinmayr has sold her Pitman home and moved to the rolling country near Landenberg, Pa., where the family is "knee deep in architects, heating plans, contractors, sub-contractors, bids and more bids." Having taken a European trip last year, they are busy writing up impressions and observations and organizing their pictures and slides. Their pottery and weaving is stored and Lena is catching up on monogramming linens and using the new, exciting fabrics for a summer wardrobe. Her daughter Marie is doing very well studying textiles design at the Rhode Island School of Designs and acting as business manager of the College theater. Frances, at present greatly annoyed by her change of homes, is a sophomore in High School and looks forward to being a physical education teacher in the west. Michael, an eighth grade honor student, works afternoons on the farm, where they now live in the slave quarters and loves it.

Margaret Wells says "North Adams Public Library" covers her activities.

Marion Sanford made her first visit to a hospital as patient last summer but, after a successful thyroid operation, is feeling much better.

Elizabeth Wigfall Root, now returned from seven months in Berkeley, California, exclaims, "There is nothing like a sabbatical for wives as well as for husbands."

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#### 1925

DOROTHY KILBOURN  
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18 Townley St., Hartford 5, Conn.

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*Births:* James Mitchell VanDeusen to Ann and Harry VanDeusen. Ann is Orpha Brown Robinson's daughter. This is her second child. Orpha's son, Donald is stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and expecting orders soon for Korea. Of herself Orpha says that a large family plus civic interests and a few social ones keep life in the country from being as quiet as it has a reputation for being.

Betsy Allen writes that she is assistant to the assistant registrar of Harvard College and finds it a lot of fun.

Marie Eastman and Ted have moved into their own home in Falls Church, Virginia. Eldest son Berkeley finished college in February, Roger is a 2nd classman at the C. G. Academy and Ronald is with the Coast Guard in Boston. Erick is in Junior High and Bruce in fourth grade. Mullie and

Ted attended an "At Home" at the White House recently.

Catherine Calhoun has several volunteer jobs, being secretary of the Red Cross in Torrington, Curator of the Historical Society and Public Relations chairman for the Girl Scouts. These are in addition to her job, keeping house and presiding over the Woman's Club.

Grace Bennet Nuveen finds that having a daughter living in Switzerland has its extra compensation, an excuse to go to Europe. She did the Grand Tour in the spring of 1952, having an especially wonderful time for a month in Greece. Then in November Grace accepted an invitation to a Planned Parenthood conference in India. She visited Honolulu, Tokyo, Hong-Kong, Bangkok, Calcutta, New Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, and Bombay. This fascinating circle of the globe also included Switzerland and ended with the inauguration in Washington.

Elsa Deckelman Mathews made the Hartford newspapers recently, as general chairman of "West Hartford Days," an event sponsored by the Retail Trade Board of the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce. Elsa has a delightful children's shop in West Hartford.

We should have a first-hand report of the coronation as Marion Barnet Halket expected to be there.

The sympathy of the class goes out to Winifred Smith Passmore. Her husband's death occurred recently.

To the family of Margaret Cort Palmer we extend our sympathy in their great loss. Although Peg had been seriously ill for some time, her death was sudden. She leaves three children, two sons and a daughter. Courtlandt, Peg's husband, died several years ago. Peg had for years been the able treasurer of the class of '25, and it is fitting that the Class Gift, in the collection of which she would have had such an important part, should be dedicated to her memory.

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#### 1926

FRANCES GREEN  
*Correspondent*

55 Holman St., Shrewsbury, Mass.

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Jessie Williams Kohl, who has so ably headed the Alumnae drive for funds, has received much recent attention from the press because of her unusual position at the Submarine Base. Among other things, she edits the many publications of the Naval Medical Research Laboratory on such intriguing subjects as How to Escape from



a Submerged Submarine, or How to Live on the Bottom of the Ocean. For recreation, Jessie paints with the New London Art Students' League and vacations at such artists' centers as Rockport and Gloucester, and she has sold several of her canvases.

Other '26ers who have been active in the Alumnae Fund drive include Peg Smith Hall, on the Campaign Committee; Liz Platt Rockwell and Amy Wakefield, directors of solicitation in the Fairfield County and Boston areas; Helen Hood Dieffendorf, class agent; and Rosky Beebe Cochran.

I saw Amy in January at the meeting of the Boston Alumnae Chapter, of which she is president. Also present was Isabel Newton, and I enjoyed hearing about her work at McLean Hospital where, among other things, she instructs student nurses. Ikey spends her vacations at Vinalhaven, off the Maine Coast. From Amy I learned that Betty Lee is teaching at Yarmouth High School, on Cape Cod.

Elinor Bond Armstrong is just beginning to regain health after an illness that has restricted her activities for many months. Her son George has returned safely from his military service in the Pacific, and like his younger brother Frederick is working near home.

Kay Colgrove changed jobs in December, and is now at Bronson Library, Waterbury.

I spent a night with her and attended the Waterbury Alumnae Club meeting. Also there from '26 were Jessie Kohl and Harriet Stone Warner. Harriet's oldest daughter, Nancy, is on the staff of her college paper at Middlebury; Anne is a sophomore at St. Margaret's School, and Margery is in the 8th grade in Woodbury Grammar School. From Waterbury I went to West Redding to visit Kay Dauchy Bronson and her family. Kay has recovered from last summer's operation.

## 1927

EDITH T. CLARK  
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Eleanor Chamberlain spent nine weeks in Europe last summer visiting Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, where she attended the Olympic games, and Paris. A perfect vacation, except for the weather.

A letter from Frances Andrews Leete gives us several items of interest: Laura Drake Langmuir's oldest son, Bruce, is in the Navy, and Donald is at Harvard; Bernice Leete Smith and family are staying this winter in the lovely old house she and

Bob bought in Rockingham, Vermont. Janet Paine spent Thanksgiving with Mildred Dunham Smith. Frances' oldest daughter, Ellen, is a senior at Pembroke College, and Nancy is a sophomore at Simmons College.

Gretchen Snyder Francis and family are living in North Egremont, Mass. Her oldest son, Martin, was a freshman at Harvard this year. Her second boy is a senior at the Berkshire School for Boys, and the youngest is in the fifth grade in the Egremont Grammar School.

Henrietta Kanehl Kohms is teaching Vocal Music in the Florence Avenue School in Irvington, N. J. Patty Kay Kohms is in the first grade of the same school. Husband Fred is assistant production engineer of Radiomatics of America.

Harriet Taylor La Montagne writes, "My healthy nine-year-old daughter and four-year-old son keep me well-occupied as well as work in community activities. My husband and I are planning to go to the West Coast on a three week trip soon."

On April 26, 1952, Helen Tatum Muth was married to Dr. Fitz Randolph Winslow. After a trip to Spain and Portugal—with a brief glimpse of England and France—they flew home. They are now living in Lake Mohawk, N. J. Helen's daughter, Celeste, is married and has two children.

Estrid Alquist Lund leads a busy life tutoring in French and Spanish and bringing up two daughters, Kari, 13, and Kirsten, 9.

A year ago Winifred Maynard Wright and family, consisting of husband, Gordon, Jack, 14, Judith, 11, and Winnie's mother, moved to a small rural community about twenty miles east of Cleveland. They have three acres of land, a big garden, and a freezer. Needless to say, Winnie keeps busy.

## 1928

MRS. W. EDWARD FRAZER  
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Your "new newsgatherer" hopes her amateur reporting will be successful.

Peg Briggs Noble reports she entertained Elmo Ashton Decherd, her husband, her mother, "a lively young oldster," at dinner in November. Elmo has a seventh grader, Anne, an enthusiastic horsewoman, and a high school senior, Kirk.

Abbie Kelsey Baker sends a picture of her two attractive daughters, Janet 14, and Doris 12. The girls are active in church choir and the younger takes organ lessons.

Speaking of organs, a long letter from Roberta Bitgood Wiersma says she moved to Riverside, California, in September. Roberta is director of music at Calvary Presbyterian Church. She directs two hundred singers of various ages in a number of choirs. Her husband is practicing occupational therapy at Community Hospital.

My husband and I attended the wedding of Karla Heurich Harrison's daughter, Jan King, to Benjamin C. Evans, Jr., in Washington, D. C. A beautiful bride, a handsome groom, a most enjoyable time.

Helen Little Clark left in January for a two month's trip around South America, returning part way by boat. Her daughter, Nancy, graduated from C. C. in June.

Yours truly bumped into Lucy Norris Pierce, ex-'28, in Chicago. She lives in Creston, Illinois, has three children, one girl, two boys, and her husband raises pure bred Angus cattle at Woodlawn where the herd was started fifty years ago.

Edna Somers has had a second operation since last April but is fine now.

Peg Bell Bee is with her mother in St. Petersburg at 1125 Country Club Road. She is working at a children's shop in Reddington Beach.

Dot Bayley Morse and her husband are still struggling to fix their summer home. It now has all utilities installed, but Dot writes "still looks awful."

Betty Gordon Van Law sent a welcome letter giving the following news: Her daughter, Cynthia, wants to attend McGill University in Canada. Betty heard from Helen Boyd Marquis whose eldest child, Jo, is living in New York, her second, Jennifer, is in Los Angeles. They both love their work. Mary Ferris La Pointe's daughter, Francine, a C. C. graduate, is working in the Defense Department in Washington. Merle Hawley Smith's daughter, Sylvia, brought a visitor home from camp last summer who turned out to be Al Lowman Stansbury's daughter.

## 1929

MRS. ROBERT B. KOHR  
(Peg Burroughs) *Correspondent*  
309 Woodland Road, Madison, N. J.

Betty Williams Morton and her husband are living in Darien, Conn. with Bill's mother, and glad to be out of New York.

Jean Hamlet Dudley and her family have moved from Charlotte, N. C. to Neptune Beach, Fla. Her husband is Jacksonville district manager for the Atlantic Re-



fining Co. Mary Walsh Gamache succeeded Jean as class agent.

Carolyn Terry Baker's older son made the band at Yale—plays the clarinet. The younger son, 13, is at home.

Muriel Kendrick is living in Concord, N. H. where she has been teaching for several years. She says "it's good to be all in one place."

News of Mary Scattergood Norris tells of gay activities involving her girls Annsie and Vickie. Winnie Link Stewart's son John is hoping to enter Colgate in September. Helen Minckler Dawson is teaching in Geneseo High School — biology, chemistry, physics! Temporary bad luck has overtaken Fran Wells Vroom and family. She and Bob are patients at Trudeau sanatorium, Trudeau, N. Y. Fran reports improvement. Mail would be welcome. I'm sure all our good wishes for a speedy recovery go to both.

Ellie Newmiller Sidman's daughter Shirley, who has been at Connecticut for two years will transfer to Katharine Gibbs in Montclair in the fall.

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#### 1930

MARJORIE RITCHIE

*Correspondent*

Pondville Hospital, Walpole, Mass.

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Betty Capron is in her fifth year as chief social worker in a child guidance clinic known as the Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic. Professionally she is very busy with the Conn. Chapter of the American Association of Social Workers. Tommy Hartshorn is at the New Haven State Teachers' College as Dean.

Peg Cook Curry in September wrote from Smyrna, Georgia, where they had a new large house that Evelyn was teaching in Crystal River High, Frances was a senior at Montreat College, Peggy a high school junior busy with dancing, and Johnny quite a boy. Her Christmas card came from Tujunga, California.

Ruth Cooper Carroll called on Meg Jackman Gesen, ex-'30. Mary Gesen was married August 9, 1952, to James Carroll of Chicago. Mary is a graduate of Colby Junior College and Pembroke, and James of Brown. Charles Gesen a sophomore at Brown is on the soccer team and a visitor of C. C.

Adelaide Finch Royle writes that Allison Durkee Tyler and two children have sailed to Germany to join O. Z. who is stationed there. Ellie Meuer Chiswell has moved to San Francisco recently. Ruth Brown and

family went to southern Georgia and northwestern Florida last year when her father retired. On a visit to Bianca Ryley Bradbury, Ruth saw a memorial collection of poems written by Jane Murphy Towey. The booklet includes some poems which had been published and some found among Jane's things after her death.

Pete Brooks Foster and her family saw Connie Green Freeman and part of her family skiing in Stowe, Vermont, last winter. Pete's thirteen year old daughter, Robin, is enthusiastic about everything from cheer leading to studying, is vice president of her class and plays the saxophone. Whitney 10, has begun trombone lessons so the Foster household is not quiet. Even Luigi, the French poodle, sings during practice hour. Pete's husband, Frank, has been president of the New England Rheumatism Society and is co-chairman of the New England Post Graduate assembly. They had a wonderful trip to Denver last year when Frank gave a talk on antibiotics. As they had spent two years in Denver during the war, it was like going home. They hit Cleveland during five o'clock traffic so missed Fanny Young Sawyer.

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#### 1932

MRS. CHARLTON FERRIS

*(Peggy Salter) Correspondent*

58 Morton Way, Palo Alto, California

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*Birth:* To Robert and Ruth Baylis Toaz, a son Robert, Jr., on September 1st. Daughter Barbara is 2.

Hort Alderman Cooke has resigned her job and is now busy with a new house and garden. She visited Washington, D. C., where she saw Sue Comfort and Martha Sater Walker ex-'32 and no doubt heard all about their European adventures. Eleanor Roe Merrill is enjoying her new home in Bronxville after three years in an apartment. Last fall Ellie spent a week in Paris where she was joined by Earl and they then took off for a motor trip through France and North Wales. Hope to have further reports from our foreign travelers.

Faith Conklin Hackstaff reports that her husband, Bruce, is now head of engineering for F. & M. Shaefer Brewing Co. in Brooklyn and she keeps busy with Roger 10½ and Judy 7½ in the usual round of church, PTA and Scout activities. Billy Hazelwood spent last summer at Whitfield, N. H., where she again directed a summer stock company at the Chase Barn Playhouse.

I was very pleased to hear from Adelaide Bristol Satterthwaite from Ankara, Turkey, where her husband has been sent

as Counselor of Embassy. Adelaide finds Ankara "most attractive and unbelievably modern—many Americans—a perfect climate—and a lovely government owned home to live in—but, Oh! the language." Her eldest son George is finishing his last year in high school in Geneva and will join them for long holidays and the youngest son, Henry is with them and attending the American School in Ankara.

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#### 1933

MRS. ROBERT DALZELL

*(Lucille Cain) Correspondent*

2475 Wellington Road

Cleveland Heights, 18, Ohio

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The profound sympathy of the class goes to the family of Alma Bennett Belknap, who died in a Boston hospital last December. She had been ill for some time. Alma leaves her husband Roland, and two children, a boy and a girl, who live in Belows Falls, Vermont.

Alma Skilton Yates is a busy mother of three: son Jeff 9, and twins 7. They are still working on their home in Farmington, which they moved into three years ago, and which they are building themselves. Abbie Usher Aurell also lives in Connecticut. She has an 11-year-old daughter. Abbie's husband teaches art in Greenwich, and is working on his doctorate at Yale. The Aurell family do many art projects together. A short note from Ericka Langhammer Grimmeisen tells us she has recently moved into a lovely new home in West Hartford. She is busy in PTA work, Scouts, and is helping in the Children's Museum. Word from Charlotte Terhune Moore in North Carolina has convinced me all mothers have the same outside interests. She too, lists PTA, Scouts and church work as her activities.

I am always delighted to hear from Alice Record Hooper. Her letters from South Africa are fascinating, and my children fight over the foreign stamp. She says Keith, 14, and Neil, 11, are both active in sports and Scouts. Alice is still writing, and fears she won't be in the U. S. before the end of '55.

As usual, Winnie DeForest Coffin's messages are original, attractive, and informative. The picture of their entire family was such fun to see, and what a happy, handsome group. Their five children are growing up, and Cella, the oldest (and only) girl, is a beauty, and looks amazingly like her mother. Liz Carver Perkins writes that her daughter Patsy, 16½, drives a car, prom trots, and studies somewhat. David 14, loves the woods,



sailing, trapping, and is a real boy. Betsy 10, is busy with Girl Scouts. The Perkins spend every summer in the woods, thirty miles from Springfield, Mass., where they have a camp on a lake.

Esther Barlow sent me a card from Washington, D. C. I thought of her during the Inauguration, and envied her being "on the scene." She has recently moved there from her home in Maine. My last choice bit of news is that Peger Royall Hinck, after consulting her three daughters about the future possibility of signing them up as baby-sitters, was "infanticiding."

### 1934

MRS. WILLIAM S. BIDDLE, JR.  
(Marjorie Thayer) *Correspondent*  
2699 Rochester Rd., Shaker Heights 22, O.

*Born:* To Muriel Dibble Voselius, in June, 1952, a third son. To Lou Hill Corliss, a son Stephen. Lou moved to the Bay Area in California in 1950 and likes it a lot but wishes there were more C. C. classmates about. Bill and Cupie Tetor Young just adopted another baby so they now have a nice family of a boy and a girl.

Emily Daggy, who was back in this country for a month from her Department of Defense job in Germany, will be married to an American civilian lawyer also working in Germany. After their marriage they will live in the U. S. Kay Baker Nordstrom gave a shower for Eimy.

Had a wonderfully long letter from Jan Townsend Willis. Her four boys seem to make for a very exciting household. Tom, the oldest, at the moment is the "playboy" of the family. He is seventeen and attending Hebron Academy in Maine. Sam, the next oldest, brought the family a bit of fame by winning an Honorable Mention Award for placing 4th in the Ford Motor Co. 1952 Industrial Arts Awards. His prize was for a model house which he designed and built. I read that Rodney, the son of Harriet Hickox Hardy, also won an award in the same contest, which should prove that the sons of C. C. are extra special.

Helen Frey Sorenson sent me a card that told nothing about herself but asked about Grace Nicoll McNiff and Dottie Luer Saylor. That should serve as a hint for the two to send some news about themselves.

Margie Austin Rodgers ex-'34 is President of the Jr. Board of St. Luke's Hospital here in Cleveland. Last fall when she took son David to Western Reserve Academy she met Ruth Judd, Dottie Bell and Marjorie Stone who were also enrolling sons in the school.

Millicent Waghorn Cass who is a team member in the Alumnae Fund Campaign says she feels free as a breeze with both children in school. Nadine Meckes Taylor has just moved into a lovely new home right around the corner from me.

Life in the Bidle household is unusually quiet as I am recovering from a very serious operation. The fact that I "had" to go to Florida to speed the recovery was of course very hard to take!

### 1935

MRS. RUDOLPH FINK  
(Martha Hickam) *Correspondent*  
Brookley AFB, Mobile, Ala.

Married: Harriette Webster to Dr. John Kyndberg of Waukegan, Ill. on April 17. I quote from Webb's letter: "The wedding was held at the ranch, El Rancho Rillito. John arrived there as a guest on the 15th of March, so you can see it didn't take us much time! It is fun to be back in Chicago territory again but I can hardly believe that I won't be heading for Tucson come Oct. I have inherited a daughter, Peggy, who will be a senior at Carleton College next year, and a son, Jack, who strangely enough has just moved to Tucson to live. That will give us a good excuse for trips there."

*Born:* To Samuel and Jill Albree Child, a daughter, Martha Louise on June 4, 1952. That's three boys and a girl for Jill. Here are a few class statistics to mull over: No. in class, 116; deceased, 3; married, 95; single, 18; children, 186 reported; boys, 98; girls, 88. Only 43 have children of both sexes.

I had a card from Doris Merchant Wiener, written on the eve of her third wedding anniversary in which she said that she was working with Frederick, her husband, as his legal secretary. The Wieners live in Washington, D. C. San Higgins reported in at Christmas time with the message that she enjoys San Francisco as much as ever and that her job of 17 years is an ever-changing and pleasurable experience. San gets back east once a year to visit her family in Norwich.

News is a bit scarce this time. I didn't send out any cards as we are in the process of moving to Mobile, Ala. and I had other work to do. Rudy is already there and the children and I will follow right away as I have just succeeded in selling our house. My new address is above. Rudy was in England this fall and to my great pleasure had dinner with Jimmy Francis Toye and her family. Perhaps some of you saw Jimmy in Nov. She flew over rather

suddenly to see her mother who was ill and who I am sorry to report died shortly thereafter. Jimmy and I had a wonderful telephone conversation at her expense!

By this time you all know that Bobbie Hervey is the new secy. of the Alumnae Asso. As Lois Pond wrote, "Hail to Hervey and '35!" Bobbie will be a busy gal this year for in addition to the college job, she has been elected treas. of the Mass. Asso. of Insurance Women, and is also in the act of building a 5 room Cape Cod house into which she hopes to move Oct. 1. Lois wrote that there is great enthusiasm among the students for the new student-alumnae center and that many alumnae, from both older and newer classes, are evincing real interest in the project. Lois says it is hard to imagine how great is the need for the building unless you are on campus and working with the students, as she is.

Pudge Sawtelle is now head of the Lower School music and dance depts. at the Beaver Country Day School. Her Sally is 11 and looking forward to her first summer at camp. Rita Driscoll Marzucco has been teaching Art in the grade schools this year. She and her husband are having a summer vacation in Maine and Canada. Ginny Diehl Moorhead writes that their farm is a perfect place to raise four children. The Moorheads don't do much farming but do possess a cow which Ginny labels both a nuisance and a blessing.

Gloria Belsky Klarfeld is working hard as a traveling salesman which means that she doesn't see her two sons as much as she would like. Jon, the elder, is almost 6 feet tall and is playing a saxophone in his high school band. Madlyn Hughes Wasley reports a lot of gay activity. During the winter she had a quick vacation in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and this spring took her three children to Washington and Williamsburg on a sight-seeing expedition. The Wasleys recently entertained Dan and Kay Woodward Curtiss for a week-end on their 42 ft. boat, the Whiz III. During July, the Wasleys are planning a cruise down to Chesapeake Bay and up the Potomac to Washington.

### 1936

MRS. ANDREW T. ROLFE  
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County Road, Westport, Conn.

Miriam Everett Macurda finds more time for extra curricular things now that both of her children are in school morning and afternoon. She is active in Junior Service League which operates a Thrift Shop, clinics and all the volunteer work for the



city. She is president of the Parents' Club for her neighborhood school with about 100 families. She and Bill are still enthusiastic about skiing and have taken up water skiing which she says is thrilling. A picture of her son, daughter and boxer was a pleasant sight.

Dute Vivian Hughes has a little girl, Nina, about 11 months old. She finds life a bit busier, but still is able to get away with Dick now and then. They spent a week in Maine and New Hampshire last summer playing golf and in the fall went to Vermont to try out the courses. Fortunately Diz, her sister, has a good D.P. couple and Dute can park the baby with her. Diz put her twin boys in camp last summer and she and her husband went to Cape Cod for a while. She saw Lois Ryman Areson and her four youngsters. Dute called Phine Pratt Lumb when she was in Poughkeepsie. Phine has three children, the oldest 13 and the youngest six. She and Edith Thornton had a day in New York together. Dute also talked with Dickey Brastow Peck not long ago. Dickey has two adopted children. Alys Gridwold Haman and Petie Spaulding Zacker went to see the new Hughes addition and had lunch with Dute. Alys keeps busy with Wendy and her activities.

Pete says that she and her husband had a marvellous trip to Europe. Lib Taylor Buryan was on the boat with them, on her way to London to meet her husband who had been there two months on business. Before that she had a trip to Havana, Mexico City and Acapulco with her travelling husband. She hopes that next time she will be able to stay long enough to take the two children.

#### 1938

MRS. THEODORE DEITZ

(Marjorie Mintz) *Correspondent*  
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MRS. WILLIAM B. DOLAN

(M. C. Jenks) *Correspondent*  
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A note from Hazel Davenport tells us that she was married to Wendell Buck in Wilton, Conn., last June 28th and is now living at Woody Hill Gardens, Mt. Kisco, N. Y. Our best wishes to you both, Hazel.

Ann Crowell Davis writes that she is "running a hotel, cafeteria, snack bar and trucking business for the benefit of two small Davises—Amy 7 and Ramsey 5." How cleverly she has expressed the daily routine of many of us right now!

Audrey Krause Maron, H. G. and their four sons moved to Cincinnati last year where H. G. now heads a new division of the Schaible Co. Audrey loves Cincinnati

and finds it a much more cosmopolitan city than Detroit. At present they're living in a garden apartment while trying to get acquainted in and with a new city.

Anne Gildersleeve Blackman ex-'38 and family are still living in Warren, Pa., where Sid is practicing law. Her daughter Anne, now a freshman in High School, is hoping to make Connecticut her alma mater—that is if we get a swimming pool.

Anne Oppenheim Freed who moved to Worcester last year is on the move again—this time to Leominster, Mass., a town about 20 miles from Worcester. They've bought a home there, and right now Anne's mighty busy preparing to move and still actively participating in many discussion meetings here.

Winnie Nies Northcott's message had pictures of her two adorable children on it—Heather 9 months and Hal 3¾. At last they are civilians again and are back in Minneapolis in their own home. Johnny has changed jobs—he's in Personnel at the First National Bank of Minneapolis, and they're both delighted with the present set up.

Thought you'd all like to hear about our "South African" classmate. From an article which recently appeared in the Worcester paper, written by the wife of the President of the Company for whom Ronnie Mansur Fallon's husband works, we can get a picture of Ronnie and Bill's home in Johannesburg. "The house is most attractive, white stucco and red roof, set high up like a chalet, on a hill with a terraced garden rising right up from the kitchen window. At the front of the house a big picture window commands a glorious view over trees and house to the mounting green veld that stretches to a horizon so distant that one might be looking over the sea." We all look forward to hearing of Ronnie's colorful experiences when she does return to the States.

Liz Fielding and the Republican Party emerged with the G.O.P.'s return to Washington, and of course Liz has been an eye witness to many of the thrilling events, after having spent months working behind the scene.

#### 1939

MRS. LOUIS W. NIE

(Eldreda Lowe) *Correspondent*  
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Thanks to "Slingy's" class agent correspondence, some of which she sent on to me, and the old double postcard routine, I say—"Henny" Farnum Gatchell and her

husband have a daughter at Dana Hall and three sons—9, 11, and Francis Farnum born last July! Mary Dricoll Devlin is married to a dentist and has Michael 6, Owen 4, and Nora 3 months. "Maggie" Weston French, ex-'39, has a boy and two girls. She also wrote that "Nelly" Weston Van de Velde, ex-'39, and her two daughters, Catherine 2, and Suzanne 3 months, are living with her parents while her Lt. Colonel husband serves in Korea. Ruth Kellogg Kent's children—two girls, 5 and 3, and a son, 5 months, keep her busy, yet she was planning to attend another course in water color this spring. Her husband Dick works for eight small railroads of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. Berry Hecht Schneider, after working in New York, married in 1943 and moved to Cincinnati. She and her husband have recently remodeled their home to fit a family of David 7, Danny 4, and Judy 2. "Ginny" Taber McCamey, Frank, and Eleanor, celebrated Frank's return from service by taking a trip to Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Texas. Margy Abel and her "business associate" of Courtesy Associates—a telephone service organization now employing 14 girls—have now returned from a seven week tour of Europe.

"Polly" Salom Stevens is enjoying Girl Scouts, Brownies, and the Philadelphia Skating Club with "Squeak" 10, and Carol Ann 7½. Mary Winton Dickgiesser's "activities are routine even if busy" with five children ranging from 9 to 3 year old twins!

Kat Ekirch, doing well at the game of golf, is continuing her golf jewelry business. She designs and makes gold and silver articles which are retailed all over the country and she has designed special golf prizes for every golf organization in the Westchester area! Sounds interesting, eh? Lee Jenks Rafferty and her husband, a typographer for an advertising-printing concern in Meriden, have four children; Peg 11, Sue 9, Martha 2, and Steve 6. They sing in the church choir, are joint presidents of the young married group, and Lee is on the Board of the church. Also, there are Scouts, PTA, etc., and for ten years, Al and Lee have done some entertaining—Gay Nineties song and dance theme.

Carol Prince Allen and husband are involved community wise. She serves on the board of the hospital auxiliary, member of the Election Board, belongs to the church service league, Woman's Club, and two PTA's. Lew is a member of the Board of Education. Helen Gardiner Heitz says she sounds dull, but I think it's reassuring—"... status quo—same husband, children, house, and job as last writing!"



I think of myself as good cartoon material for the late Helen Hokinson—need I say more!

Most everyone mentioned contributing to the Alumnae Fund—hope we can make it a 100%!

#### 1940

MRS. HARVEY J. DWORKEN  
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Shaker Heights 20, Ohio

Married: Gladys Bachman to Charles I. Forbes on January 31.

*Born:* To Sol and Kacki Arnstein Heine-man (ex '40, a daughter, Katherine, in April, 1952. To Arthur and Bea Hoagland Cosler (ex '40), a son, Arthur. To Aaron and Barbara Deane Olmsted, a second son, fourth child, Deane. To Henry and Jean Baldwin Ferstl, a second daughter, third child, Gail. To Randy and Mary Fisher McWilliams, a second son, third child, John, on October 20. To Andrew and Janie Allen Adams, a third son, third child, Evan, on October 20.

*Adopted:* By Harvey and Natalie Klivans Dworken, a daughter, Pamela, born October 3.

Isabel Scott McConnell is living in Syracuse. She and Ed, a "southerner and self-styled inventor" have two daughters, aged 3 and 6. Libby Barron Dingman (ex-'40) and family live in Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J., where Gage is a Foreman with Continental Can, and Libby is active with the Bergen Alumnae Chapter, currently selling maple sugar and theatre tickets. Jane Allen Adams and family (Bucky 6, Neale 4, and the new baby) have returned to Westboro, Mass., after completing Andy's tour of navy duty. They enjoyed the scenery, climate, and sporting facilities of the Puget Sound area (Seattle) but were glad to return to New England. Katie Rich Brayton is living in East Greenwich, R. I. Her family consists of Charlotte 6, Anne 4, and Roswell, Jr., 1. Kay Potter Judson and family have moved to Castle Creek, N. Y., where George is with IBM at Endicott. They have an eight-room house on eight acres, perfect for their four children. Helen Biggs Brown has been at San Rafael, Calif., but is soon departing for Germany where Cliff has a civilian job with the government.

Libby Thompson Dodge includes garden-clubbing and church work in her routine of three daughters, Debbie 7, Melissa 4, and Andrea 2. They have just moved into a seven-room house, finally large enough for a big Christmas tree, a fireplace for the stockings, and dishwasher. Dottie Newell

Wagner, living in Cumberland, Maine, writes that last summer visitors included Flo Crane Warner (they spent their Junior year abroad in England) and her three children, east from Wichita, Kansas. The Wagners have two lassies, Martha 7, and Ellen 5, and are absorbed in the sundry activities of their small community.

Jane Clark Heer visited Petty Warner Doerr in Minneapolis last summer and then all trooped up to Polly Frank Shank's lovely lakeside home for a fine canoe trip. The Heers returned to Columbus via Mackinac Island. Busy with her law practice and the Alumnae Campaign, Nat Maas managed a delightful three-week holiday last December to Nassau and Miami.

Jim and Nan Rosebury Downey live in Pleasantville and their children are Michael 5, Sheila 4, and Timothy 15 months. Jim commutes to John Cavanagh's Park Avenue Hattery, and Nan keeps busy with PTA, Red Cross Nurses' Aide, Womens' club and church work. Alice Porter Downer lives near Baltimore, where her husband teaches grammar school. The "farm" is an old estate, southern mansion style, converted into quarters for nine families. Her children are now 3 and 2 years old. Russ and Deborah Curtis Henry, living in Alexandria, are parents of Sally 7, and Susie 4. Russ is with C. G. Hdq. in Washington. They spent a week with Dave and Pat Tillinghast Shaw at Mystic.

#### 1942

MRS. JOHN STARR

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*Births:* To Duncan and Mercedes Matthews Williams their third son, Donald Carey, September 25. To Robert and Louise Trimble Anderson a son, Jon, October 14. To Charles and Lois Brenner Ramsey their third son, Stephen Peter, October 19. To Ray and Eleanor King Miller their fourth child and second daughter, Helen Marie, October 31. To Arthur and Vivian Eshelman Kunkel their second child, Vivian Elizabeth, January 6.

Margaret Mack Dewitt's husband Robert is a practicing obstetrician. Bob and Peggy have four children: Bobby 9, Peter 6, Polly 5, and Susan 3. The family of the William S. Bealls (Thyrza Magnus) also consists of four: Bill 5, Jon 4, Bonnie 2, and Robert 1. Thyrza's extra curricula activities are golf and politics. William is vice president and sales manager of the Small Steel Mill.

Suzanne Dart McCutcheon wrote of a trip to Europe last spring with husband

John, the highlight being a visit to Andorra. The McCutcheons have three children: Randy 9, Mary 5, and John 3. John is a columnist for the *Chicago Tribune* and *Washington Times Herald*. Sudie designates her occupation housework; and interests include sewing, cooking and calligraphy.

Don and Billy Mitchell Young have two children, Martha 6 and Jay 5. Billy ran into Mary Anne Kwis Calhoun, Bunte Mauthe Stone, Emily Parks Powers, and Marny Hosack Jones at a dance in Youngstown, Ohio. Bunte and John Stone have three daughters: Barbara 8, Deborah 4, and Martha 1. John is assistant superintendent of Merchant Mill.

Two daughters, Ann Robinson 2 and Sara Little, born June 10, 1952, and a new home occupy Jane Guiney Pettengill's time. Husband Dan is an actuary. Elizabeth Martin McMillan's husband James is a physician. They have two children, James Jr. 5½ and Catherine 1.

Shirley Austin has finished a residency in anesthesia at the University of Pennsylvania, and is now on the staff at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. Elizabeth Moeller is studying for a master's degree in Christian Education at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. Justine Clark is physical education director at William Hall Senior High School in West Hartford. She wrote of "a wonderful trip to California by car last summer, covering 9,550 miles and 6 national parks." Frances Hyde Forde is a case supervisor in the Connecticut Division of Child Welfare.

Margaret Keagy and Bruce Whittemore's third child, Walter Scott, was born January 18, 1952. PTA, church and school activities consume much of Peggy's time. Reynolds and Carolyn Goelitz Blossom have three children: Frank 6, Carol 5, and Amy 5 months. Dorothy Kitchell Brandt's children are Ricky 5 and Heidi 2½. PTA, AAUW and looking after Rickie and Tina keep Marjorie Mitchell Rose occupied. Husband Dick is in the forestry business.

Frances Cornell Nielsen's husband Fred is in the restaurant business. Their children are Freddy 5 and Carolyn 8. Marjory Mitchell Wing's husband John has the Rockford Spring Co. Their family consists of Susan 6 and twins John and Philip 3½. Clarence and Virginia Hadley Bowersox have twins Bill and Jeff 9 and Jerry 7. Ginny is teaching nursery school. Clarence is a manufacturer by trade and an aviator by hobby. Randolph and Marilyn Morris Lee live near the Bowersoxs. The Lees have three boys: Randy 7, Bruce 4½, and Georgie 1.



The duties of a housewife, church and social welfare work keep Kate Bachman Hirstius busy. Henry and Isabel Gennert Coleman are the parents of Cynthia 9, Mary Conrad 7, and Daniel Carrington 1½. Neighbors in Greenwich, Conn., are Helen Lederer Pilert (who has three children), Betty Letsch Grunow (four boys ages 6, 5, 2 and 8 months; husband a lawyer) and Dorothy Barlow Coykendall (three children).

Louisa Bridge Egbert's husband John is a lawyer. In addition to raising two girls and two boys, Louisa works at a home for the blind, does church work and is active in the garden club, literary club and Junior League. Helen Hingsburg Young and husband Dick, a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Coast Guard, are stationed in Elizabeth City, N. C. They have two daughters, Helen Elisabeth 7½ and Susan Kathleen 5.

I had a visit from Sylvia (Ceci) Martin Ramsing and sons Eric 7½ and Mark 2 in January. They were on their way from Key West to Charleston, S. C. Ceci's husband Verner is commander of the submarine "Chopper".

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Alice Richards McLendon on the death of her husband Robert in a plane crash in Guam last November. Their son Bobby is 2.

#### 1943

MRS. WILLIAM YEAGER

(Betsy Hodgson '43) *Correspondent*  
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From Heliodora de Mendonca Bueno "It doesn't seem possible to me that it's been almost ten years since our C. C. days are over. For me, perhaps the experience was even more epoch-making than for all of you Americans, for it brought such an amazing amount of new aspects of life. Even now, after ten years I often find myself regarding many things in a manner almost alien to the Brazilian mind—not exactly in a conflicting manner, I must say, and I can trace this to my two years at C. C. Even though I am unable to keep in close contact with all of you I think constantly of the happy days I spent among you and I should be grateful if you could squeeze my present address in the *Alumnae News* and add a note that I would love to hear from the class of '43. My address is Rua Cosmo Velho 233 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Now some news about me: I've been married since Feb. 8, 1945 to John Scott Bueno and I have two children, Priscilla, 7, and Patricia, 4. John was with the Brazilian Air Force during the war and we spent all of 1946 in Texas. 1947 we

spent in the state of Minas Gerais at Esperanca where John was working in my family's iron steel concern, but flying was in his blood and after that he went back to his planes and he has since been a pilot with Panair de Brasil, a Pan American subsidiary. He flies Constellations to Europe, Argentina, Chile, and the longer hops inside Brazil. I'm a housewife but occasionally I get involved with all kinds of things such as writing articles, and even an occasional lecture. But my steadiest occupation outside the home is fencing, which I play to keep fit and enjoy enormously."

Traill Arnold Kenety is busy at the "never ending" job of fixing over an old house. Her husband Bill is in sales for a paper company and Traill has two boys, William 5 and Stephen a year. Mary Louise Stephenson is completing her first year at Harvard studying for a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Mary Wood Barnard is teaching school. She has two children, Gussie in second grade and Bets in Pre-school. Mary and Barney own a farm in N. J. and raise pure bred Hampshire sheep.

#### 1945

MRS. DORSEY WHITESTONE, JR.

(Patricia Feldman) *Correspondent*  
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Married: Jane Breckwoldt, ex '45, to Maurice Harris on March 20 in Scarsdale, N. Y.

Born: To David and Marge Lawrence Weidig, a first child, David Blair, on February 23. To John and Jeanne Mendler Davies, a third child and second daughter, Susan Elizabeth, on March 5.

In answer to questions on the outcome of class elections, here is the complete list of officers, newly-elected and otherwise: President, Bev Bonfig Cody; Class Correspondent and Secretary, Pat Feldman Whitestone; Treasurer, Betty Elsworth Starbuck; Class Agent, Estelle Raymond Lusier.

Marcia Faust writes that on a March jaunt to New York City from Albany, she talked to Marge Vallar Pratt, Jerry Hanning and Fran Conover Gagney, ex '45. Marge had just been thrilled to see Jerry on a television mystery theatre. Jerry loves New York and is doing quite a bit of TV work. Fran, who lives in Harrison, N. Y., was about to take off on a vacation with her parents and husband. They flew to Nassau, picked up her family's sailing yacht, then cruised south and finally up to

Florida. Marcia also reports that Bobbie Fielding Polk and husband have moved from Glen Falls to Schenectady, N. Y. where they have bought a house; that Betty Anderson Wissman has moved back from Manchester, Conn., to East Walpole, Mass., where Joe is working for the Bird Machine Co. They are building a new home and hope to move in in June. Marcia, herself, sailed to England with two friends, visited Devon, Cornwall, the coronation, Norway, Denmark, Holland and Belgium.

Jack and Pat Wells Caulkins and older sons, Corky and Peter, vacationed in Florida last February in a wee cottage right on the shore. Billy, born July '52 and "a joyful one," according to Pat, stayed home. Weather was lovely, writes Pat, except for a tidal wave which smashed their screened porch and seeped into the living room one night. Last fall, the Caulkins went to a Yale game in New Haven, saw Jack and Jo Viall Monzani, up from Westfield, N. J., and Dick and Harry Sayre Noyes, down from Newport, R. I., where Dick, back in the Navy, is stationed. Pat also reports that Hugh and Nancy Ford Martin, ex '45, and three offspring have moved to Birmingham, Mich.

Pete and Nance Funston Wing and two sons, Scott, 4, Tom, 1, bought their own home—"big and with lots of land"—about a year ago in Montclair, N. J. Pete commutes to N. Y. C. where he is with the U. S. Hoffman Machinery Corp. Nance works for the Junior League, Community Chest, Child Guidance Center, Red Cross, and is vice-president of the local college club. The Wings often see Dorlon and Elizabeth Trimble Crosman, ex '45, who live in nearby Bloomfield.

Lou and Margery Rogers Safford have their own home in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Midge's list of activities is a mile long: Platt, 3, Esther, 1, volunteer hospital work, a music appreciation course, a concert and a chamber music series, an American foreign policy course, work for the junior council of the art museum and a museum lecture series.

Nancy McKewen Curme phoned when she and George and sons, Tammy, 6, and Geoff, 2, made a quick trip to N. Y. C. from their Cochranville, Pa., dairy farm. All is well with the Curme family after a bad winter with two croup hospitalizations for Geoff and a tonsilectomy for Tammy. Mac and Geo have made many improvements since they bought the farm. Addition of which they are most proud is the new cow palace.



"The proverbial white house with green shutters and a picket fence" has been home to Bud and Joan Magnus Turner and Stevie, 1½, in St. Louis, Mo., for over a year. Joan is active in the newly-organized college club, sees Sue Bloch Strauss whenever she visits hometown Cincinnati.

Doris Bergman Schindewolf writes that Susie, 2, is great company when husband Dick makes his frequent trips as district manager for a grinding wheel firm. The Schindewolfs have lived in a Buffalo suburb for a year. Debby reports that Margarie Schultz vacationed in Europe last summer.

Moving has been the chief pastime of Lynn Heinrich Miner and husband Frank. Now in Charlottesville, Va., they move to N. J. as soon as they can find a house for themselves and their two sons and daughter, ages 1, 4 and 2, respectively. Frank is with Sunset Engineering Co.

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#### 1946

MRS. RICHARD H. RUDOLPH  
(Marilyn Coughlin) *Correspondent*  
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*Born:* To Roger and Barbeur Grimes Wise a son, Scott Griswold, on December 31, 1952. To Albert and Joan Jacobson Kronick a son, Richard Gray, on November 9, 1952. To Bill and Bernice Teitgen Stowe, a daughter, Holly Marie, on January 9, 1953. To Tyson and Ann Ordway Dines a second child, first daughter, Sherman, on October 15, 1951. To Jim and Mary Eastburn Biggins a son, Andrew Eastburn, on December 8, 1952. To Howdy and Jo Eggerss Wilkinson, a second daughter, Holly, on November 20, 1952. To Paul and Lil Teipel Schoenlaub a second child, first son, Paul, Jr., on March 15, 1952.

Jo Eggerss Wilkinson and Howdy wrote that Howdy will end his tour of duty with the Army in July. Howdy has been stationed in Boise, Idaho, but after July the Wilkinsons will return to their home in Van Wert, Ohio. Joanie Alling Weurth, Jack and 8 month old daughter, Vickie, made a flying trip East from California to visit their families over the Christmas holidays. Vicky took her trip in stride and enjoyed her first view of her grandparents. Harriet Kuhn McGreevey and her daughter Susie have returned to Akron, Ohio, to await John's release from the army in February. Kuhnny meanwhile is keeping a sharp lookout for a dream house in Akron.

Lil Teipel Schoenlaub and Paul are to-

gether again after Paul's return from Korea. They and their children, Laurie and Paul, Jr., are living in Columbus, Ohio. Vacationing in Florida during February and March were the Sid Burness's (Joan Weissman) and their children, Patty and Jimmy. Joanie's family have a house there. Last August Bob and Jessie MacFayden Olcott managed to tear themselves away from their country home near Albany and travel to Portland, Maine, where Jesse was a bridesmaid for Rozzie Sims. Rozzie and her husband have bought a home on Cape Elizabeth, Maine. During the summer Jesse saw Bob Hart Pollack and her little girl. They are living in Canada.

Franny Fisher Merwin and Clark have moved to Corning, New York, where Clark is with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Franny has three sons but still has time to teach Sunday School and take an adult education course on Pennsylvania Dutch painting. Franny sent word that Judy Willner Stacy and Charles have just purchased a home in Charleston, W. Va.

Sara Levenson Best's husband, Guy, is back in the Navy and is stationed in Washington, D. C. They have three children, Jeff 5, Diane 2, and Eric 10 months. Sara mentioned meeting Jackie Heine Lewis one evening in Washington. Roger and Ditto Grimes Wise are starting the new year right. Roger is now in charge of his own project group at Hazeltine Electronics Corp. and Ditto is caring for their month old son and remodeling her home. Ditto wrote that Bobby Miller Gustafson and the boys and Bob are in Key West, Florida. Lygia and Bruce Johnson are very happy in Berkeley, California, where they moved recently. Bruce is with Rheem Mfg. Co. Bob and Nancy Lent Peterson are now in Santa Ana, Calif. Jean Mount Bussard and Buzz spent the summer in Lewes, Del. Their cottage was right on the water. Jean and the children visited Jean's parents in Mass while Buzz house hunted in Wilmington, Del., where the Bussards expect to live for the next year or two. Jean saw Janet Kennedy Murdock and John in September and Jody Ferry Gates and Dick while she was up north.

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#### 1947

DORIS A. LANE  
*Correspondent*

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*Married:* Joan Perry to Converse Owen Smith on May 3, 1952 in Camden, Maine. Barbara Marshall, ex '47, to Capt. Robert

Hunter McCleary, U. S. Army, on May 24, 1952 in Carlisle, Pa. Jane Coulter to Edward Lloyd Mertz on Oct. 4, 1952 in New York City.

*Born:* To Howell and Sally Marks Wood, a daughter, Jean Falconer, on Aug. 16, 1952. To B. Frank and Virginia Stauffer Hantz, a daughter, Jacqueline Virginia, on Oct. 20, 1952. To Harry and Peggy Inglis Cornwall, a daughter, Sarah Hamilton, on Nov. 24, 1952. To Alonzo and Joan Albrecht Parsons, ex '47, a second daughter, Susan Lee, on February 25, 1953. To C. Owen and Joan Perry Smith, a son, Nicholas Owen, on March 20, 1953.

Jane Coulter Mertz's wedding took place in the chapel of New York City's Riverside Church. Jean Fay and Barbara Otis were her attendants. Jane and Lloyd are living in New York City where Lloyd, a lawyer, is with Beekman and Bogue. Jackie Dorrance has moved back to San Francisco. Jackie lived there a year after graduation and loved it so much that she has returned. She sees Charles and Nancy Yeager Cole who have been transferred from Bakersfield (Calif.) to Modesto, Calif. Chuck is with the J. C. Penney Company.

Also in California are Ann McBride Tholfsen and Katharine Wile. Ann and Tryg Tholfsen moved to Los Angeles last September, when Tryg received a teaching job at U.C.L.A. They have a daughter, Ellen, almost 2. Kitty Wile is in San Francisco where she has a cute apartment and is working for the Atomic Energy Commission. Last year she set out for a trip to South America. She didn't quite make it but at least saw the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Cuba before her money ran out. She says that she has had enough of traveling now for awhile. Robert and Ann Phillips Pennington, ex '47, are living in Shaker Heights, Ohio. They have three sons, William 5, Robert 21 months, and John 6 months. Bob is with the Merrick Lithograph Company there.

Harry and Peggy Inglis Cornwall moved from New Hampshire and bought a house in Mountainside, N. J. last May. Jane Muse Matteson wrote from Windsor, N. Y. that she and her husband, Leonard, have an old house which they are busy painting, repairing, and remodeling. Jim and Laura Lee Wiley Burbank have moved from Portland, Maine to Stonington, Conn. because Jim has a new job at the Electric Boat Company in Groton. Elizabeth Bogert Hayes wrote that Jack had a long awaited 60 day leave, after which they were to report to Key West, Fla.



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1948

NANCY MORROW

*Correspondent*

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Married: Nathalie R. Kroll to Bernard B. Lobe on December 19, 1952. They are living in Baltimore, Md.

Born: To Charles and Gertrude Whelden Hull III, a son Charles B. Hull IV on Sept. 11, 1952. They are now living in St. Louis, having been transferred there by Charles' Company. Gertie has been busy working on the Alumnae Fund Campaign with other C. C. alumnae in the area.

Born: To Arthur and Peggy Reynolds Rist a second son, John Flanders, in December. Peg, Art, Jay, and John are just getting settled in their new "split-level" house in Greenwich, Conn.

Born: To John and Phyllis Hodge Rose a son, Mead Anderson Rose, on Feb. 23 in Madison, Wis.

A long letter from Judy Booth Fowler bubbles with enthusiasm about life at the University of Arkansas. Herb, her husband, is teaching architecture, and Boothie is teaching art and participating in modern dance recitals. They are the fond parents of two lovely Cocker spaniels, mother and son, and are hoping to obtain a Fulbright Scholarship for further study in architecture in Norway next year.

News from erstwhile travelers:

Laurie Turner is back in New York after a five-month study tour of Europe with the Parsons School group. She is now doing free-lance work in interior design.

Marjorie Jacob is home after what, from all reports, must have been a wonderful year in Germany with Radio Free Europe. She is working for the United Nations.

Carol Conant, who is working in New York, has recently returned from a trip to Nassau and Havana. Marge Reichgott has recently been on two cruises, for free, as an entertainment manager. The first took her to Nassau; the second to Haiti, the Panama Canal Zone, Cartagena, and Jamaica.

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1949

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Married: Margaret Portlock to Lloyd Barnard, Jr., Feb. 28.

Born: To Herbert and Marion Luce Butler, a daughter, Virginia Leslie, Dec. 24.

To Arthur and Frances Adams Nichols, a son, Arthur Boylston IV, in June. To Joe and Emmy Lu Walsh Hartley, a daughter, Susan Raycroft, Nov. 20. To Carolyn Taves Kolterman, a son, Duane August, in September. To Barbara Ayers Herbst, a daughter, Elizabeth Spackman, Jan. 6. To Louis and Mary Lee Gardner Koerber, a daughter, Susan Byrnes, Sept. 20. To Hal and Mary Stecher Douthit, a son Harold Kenneth IV, Aug. 23. To Bill and Betty Ruth Williams Wakefield, a son William, Sept. 16. To Nat and Barbara Himmell Springer, a daughter, Katherine Celia, Feb. 22.

Roger and Lee Garrison Lort, after a year in this country, have returned to England for an indefinite period. They came to visit us before they sailed and said they had no idea where they would go from England. Roger is an agronomist and hopes to get a job through the British Agriculture Department. Louise Brown is touring Europe "until my money runs out," she says. From Polly Lishon Cowen comes word that Grace Lurton is vacationing in San Francisco, "just to see what that part of the country looks like." Ann Grayson has ceased her travels temporarily, for she is busy in Dallas teaching 7th graders the fine points of American history, and the glories of Texas history. She writes that she loves her work but is kept very busy. Ann Perryman Burke writes that she and Doug are living in Thomaston, Maine as Doug has been transferred to Rockland. They have two children now, Sharon Ann 2, and Mary Frances, 8 months. She has talked to Jane Smith Moody who is living with her son and parents in Portland while her Navy husband Bill, is overseas. Vicky Simes Poole and Parker and their two children are living in Portland too. Betty Ruth Williams Wakefield and her son are visiting Bill's parents while Bill, an artillery captain, is overseas. Hal and Mary Stecher Douthit are living in Ann Arbor, Mich. where Hal is assistant city editor of the Ann Arbor News. Stech reports that Don and Maggie Farnsworth Kemp and their daughter Julie are in Detroit, Sue Nankervis Clippert and her husband are in Dearborn, and Jim and Georgia Gerwig Dalglish and their two boys are in Arizona. Stech added a sentence to her letter that seemed to read "Pars is on Garroway's show." Sure enough, when I turned the TV set the next morning to Dave Garroway's show there, smiling at me over my grapefruit, was our own Estelle Parsons. She seems to be a combination secretary, receptionist, and Girl Friday for the program. Louise Marsh Robinson is heard

from via Weez Brown. Louise and Shep are living in Carnegie, Pa. where Shep is in the newspaper business. They are proud parents of a baby girl born last September. Other proud parents include Nat and Bobbie Himmellspringer. Bobbie says they are living in Staten Island and Nat has two more years to serve with the Judge Advocate General Corps of the Army.

Many of the class have found their way to Boston. Phyllis Nectow Shycon and Harvey, after a year here and there, have returned, permanently, they hope, and are settling in Newton. Sunny Spivey received her M.A. in sociology at Simmons College and is now doing social work at Mass. Eye and Ear Hospital. Pat Folts is teaching at Windsor School in Boston, and Joan Underwood, teaching at Tower Hill in Wilmington, Del., was here visiting.

Many of us are experiencing the trials and tribulations of home-owning. Nick and Frannie Adams Nichols have moved into their own home in North Evanston, Ill. Mary Lee Gardner Koerber and Lou have been in their new home in Baltimore since June. Mary Lee writes that she and E. Ann Wilson Carman were in Marty Portlock's wedding in February. Marty and Lloyd are living in Atlanta, Ga. Richard and Sharon McLean Doremus have their own home in Upper Montclair, N. J. and "are having a great time doing our own paper hanging, painting, etc." Shannie says she sees Gaby Bolte Woods often. Also in Ridgewood, N. J. with Gaby and her husband are Ruth Hauser Potdevin and Robert. Bobby and I are not quite as ambitious as Shannie. However, we too are having fun fixing up our little house and dreaming up all sorts of decorating feats, most of which will probably remain dreams. At this point I am frantically perusing Better Homes and Gardens' Garden Book and wishing I had taken a course in Botany at College. Maybe by the time Bobby's three years are finished at MIT and he goes back to sea I'll at least have mastered the art of growing marigolds.

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1950

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Married: Brenda Ginsburg to Murray Sumner Silin, June 9, Belmont, Mass. Deirdre Kearney to David Lawrence Rose, July 7, Scarborough-on-Hudson, N. Y. Virginia Hargrove to Robert E. Okell, Sept. 6, Malverne, L. I., N. Y. Nancy Allen to Ross R. Roberts, Sept. 27. Fran-



ces Weinberg, ex-'50, to Colin Kempner, in October, Chicago, Ill. Nancy Budde to Robert Spooner, Nov. 18. Nancy Chester, ex-'50, to Charles Leon Cole, Jan. 3. Frances Blank to James Richard Shean, Feb. 21, Glen Ridge, N. J. Jeanne Wolf to Peter Yosell, March 18, Lynn, Mass. Julia Jackson to James Dennington Long, March 28, Ridgefield, Conn.

Born: To Dallam Eddy and Polly Earle Blandy, a son, Dallam Eddy III, Aug. 13. To James and Anne Russilo Griffin, a second son, Michael Peter, in September. To Robert Louis and Carol Crane Stevenson, a son, Robert Louis III, Sept. 30. To Robert K. and Jane Wassung Adams, a daughter, Priscilla, Sept. 23. To David and Sylvia Snitkin Kreiger, a daughter, Roseanne Cheryl, Oct. 15. To Ralph and Roberta Trager Cohen, a daughter, Emily Rose, Dec. 31. To David and Holly Barrett Harris, a daughter, Heather Anne, Jan. 12. To Henry and Christine Holt Kurtz, a second son, Everett Brooks II, Jan. 13. To John and Mary Young Ingham, a daughter, Margaret Anne, Jan. 17. To Erdmann E. and Alice Hess Brandt, a daughter, Nancy Lee, March 15.

Gaby Nosworthy Ryder has left G. Fox's and now works for radio station WONS in Hartford, Conn. Robert and Jane Wassung Adams are living in Hawaii, where Bob is stationed with the Coast Guard. Frances Weinberg Kempner, ex-'50, lives in Brooklyn. Frannie is studying Early Childhood Education at Bank Street College and is teaching Nursery School besides. Nina Antonides Winsor has followed her husband, Lt. Henry Winsor to Army camps from Texas to Georgia and expects to follow him to Europe this summer. Naomi Harburg, having left the moribund OPS, is assistant registrar at the Graduate School of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

## 1951

PEGGY PARK

Correspondent

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*Married:* Rennie Aschaffenburg to Robert N. Christensen on November 29. Joan Campbell, ex '51, to Walter H. Phillips, January 17.

Odds and ends gleaned here and there: Bobbie Thompson Etibale stocking up on sun tan lotion—heading for Bermuda where Ben will be stationed . . . undoubtedly this bodes a small '51 reunion for Bobbie, Ronnie Williams and Betsey Lindemann Rose, ex '51 . . . Jane Muir now working

for publishers Dodd, Mead and Company . . . Fiori von Wedekind, back from summer trip to Europe and family, rubbing elbows with the old masters at the Park-Bernet art galleries in New York . . . the lure of shorthand has proven irresistible for Jo Appleyard . . . Bobbie Wiegand and other Washington '51ers probably sporting Homburgs after the Inauguration . . . Margie Erikson slalomming and schussing like mad last winter weekends . . . Connecticut College (oh, familiar name) and Mount Holyoke and such places being invaded by Nancy Clapp, who's doing interviews for New York Life (insurance) . . . while in New London, Nancy stopped at the Mohican Hotel . . . Livvie Brock and Judy Clippinger back from Europe . . . wonderful story via Jo Appleyard of Livvie's running into Elaine Fensterwald in Yugoslavia . . . familiar faces at C. C. New York chapter meeting. Ann Daniels, Joey Dings . . . humble apologies to Jo Willard: M.A. clutched in hand, she's teaching math at West Hartford High School . . . Barbara Molinsky living in Larchmont, cracking law books at Columbia . . . Nassau, Bahamas, sun injecting vitamin D into Nancy Moss . . . Rennie Aschaffenburg's wedding a meeting place for Lynn Cobbledick, Helen Pavlovich, Mona Gustafson, Elizabeth Babbott, Betsey Colgen, Justine Shepherd, Jo Willard, Harriet Bassett MacGregor and Bob, Inie Marg Hemlock and Walt, Peggy Park, Bobbie Wiegand, Nancy Moss, Pam Farnsworth French and Jack, and Tommy Mailloux (adopted '51).

The class of 1951 extends its deepest sympathy to Dorie Cramer Olmstead, whose husband, Don, was killed in Korea in November.

## 1952

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Reports from members of the class in the New York area: Mary K. Lackey, who worked for the Republican Finance Committee in the fall, is now teaching piano and doing nurses' aid work. Janet Gilchrist is immersed in modern dance at Julliard. Joan Marsland is working for an advertising agency in New York City. Anne Wilson is proof reading scripts at N. B. C. Barbara Ackroyd works in the research department of Young and Rubican Advertising Agency. She and Cordy Ettle are sharing a New York apartment. Cordy works for her brother. Janet Kellock is librarian for Oxford University Press. Ann

Ball and Sally Carlton work in the Underwriting Research Department of New York Life Insurance Company. Mary Ann Allen is assistant to the manager of the School and Camp Department of *Harper's Magazine* and *The Atlantic Monthly*. She was sent on her first "business trip" to Philadelphia to attend a convention of the American Campers Association. Mary Ann and Betsy McLane shared Gloria Jones' apartment while Gloria acted in a winter stock company in St. Petersburg, Florida. Monique Maisonpierre is enthusiastic about her job on *The New Yorker*.

When Gita Gagliasso Fagen (ex '52) was in New York buying furnishings for her home in Brazil, she gave a linen shower for Arlene Hockman which turned into a small C.C. reunion. Among those present (besides Gita's red headed son) were Nancy Fawn Wilkerson Diehl (ex '52) who is waiting for Joe to return from Korea and Pat Sherman LeFevre whose husband had just returned from duty in Germany. Rusty Katz, Betsy McLane, Bobby Katz and Mickey Allen were also there.

Nancy Laidly and Winann Meyer, who were teaching at Shady Hill School in Boston, both came down with cases of polio last December but are well on the road to recovery.

From other parts of the country we hear that Mollie Munro is working for the Sunday editor of the *Boston Globe*. Elizabeth Brainard is with a Hartford Insurance Co. Joyce Wuesthoff likes her work in an airlines ticket office in Milwaukee. Janet Stevens and Betsy Osgood heard Mr. Strider speak in Boston on "English at Connecticut College" and sent enthusiastic reports. Corky Fisher Smythe has a job as reservationist at John Hancock Village, the housing project in Boston where she and Pete live while he is stationed in the Coast Guard there. June Kellogg is going to Katherine Gibbs in Boston. Hopie Brooks can be found in the advertising department of Bullock's Wilshire in Los Angeles.

Ruth Gardner is working for her masters degree in nursing at Yale Nursing School in New Haven. Emilou Starke has a Student Dean Fellowship at Cornell. She is working for an MA in Student Personnel Administration, Guidance, and Counselling. She lives in a freshman and sophomore dormitory where she assists the head resident. Sara Maschal is working in the City National Bank of South Norwalk, Conn., where she has worked summers since high school. Molly Hunt Heizer and Ned are living in North Haven. Ned is in his second year at Yale Law School and Molly works at Yale Medical School.



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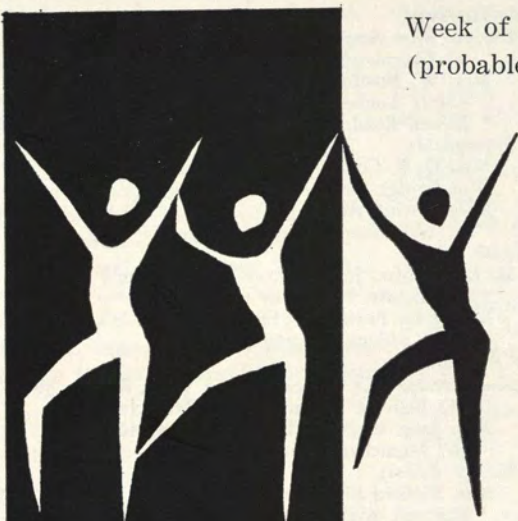
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