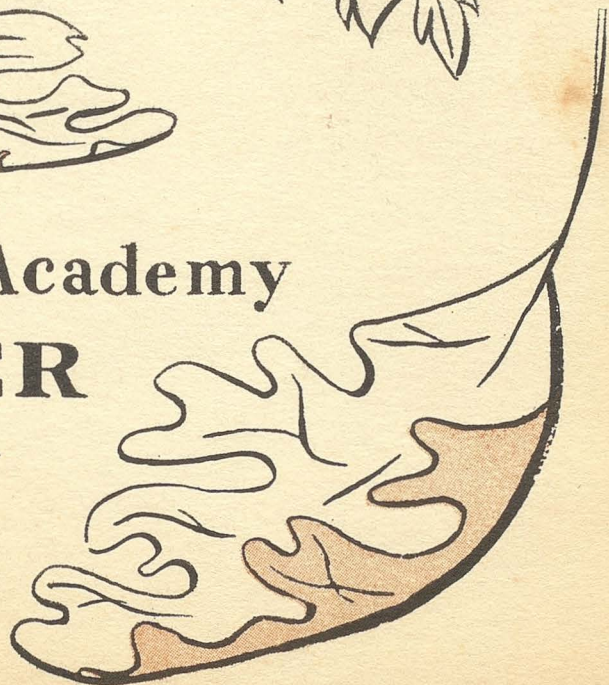


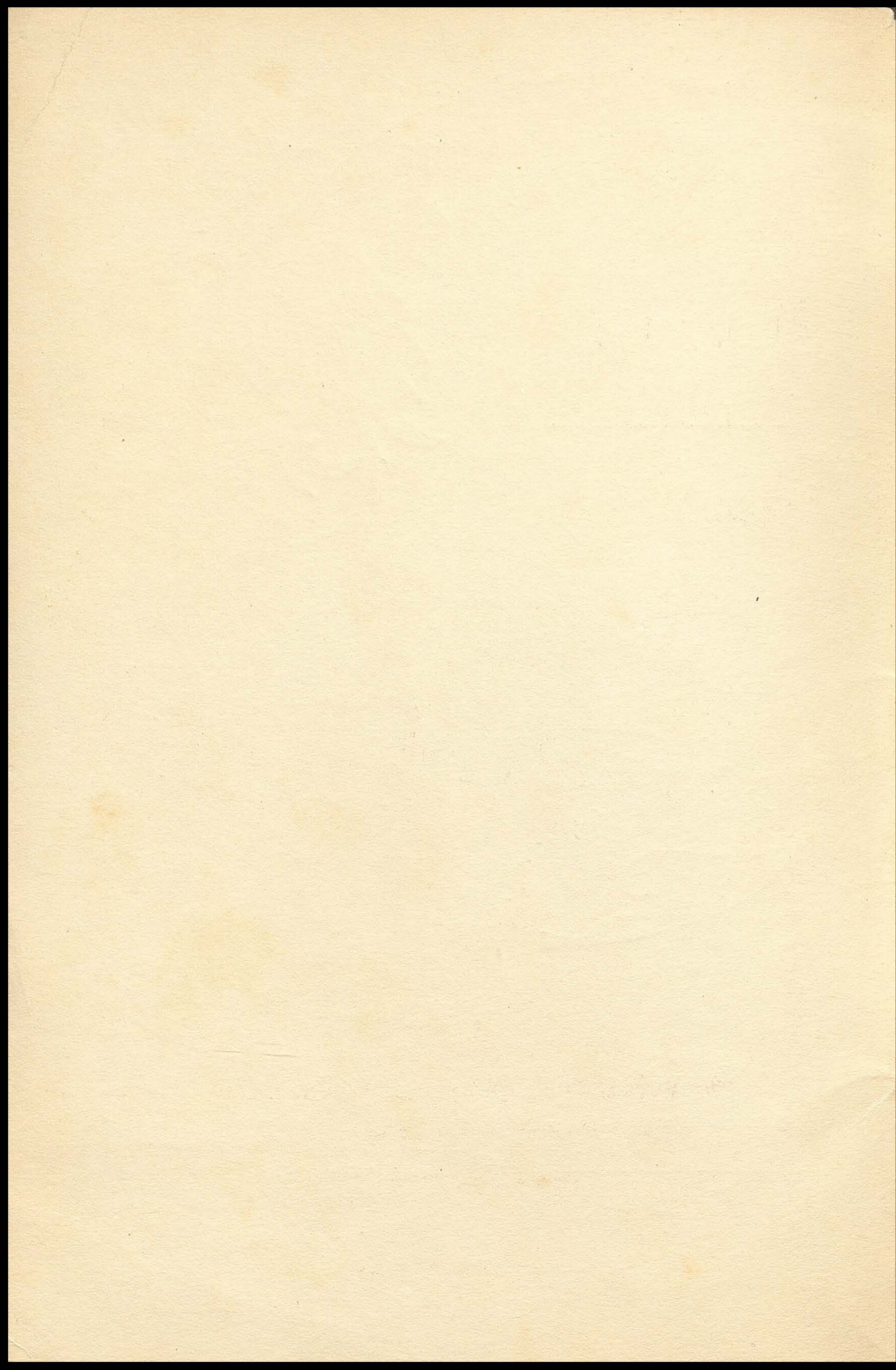
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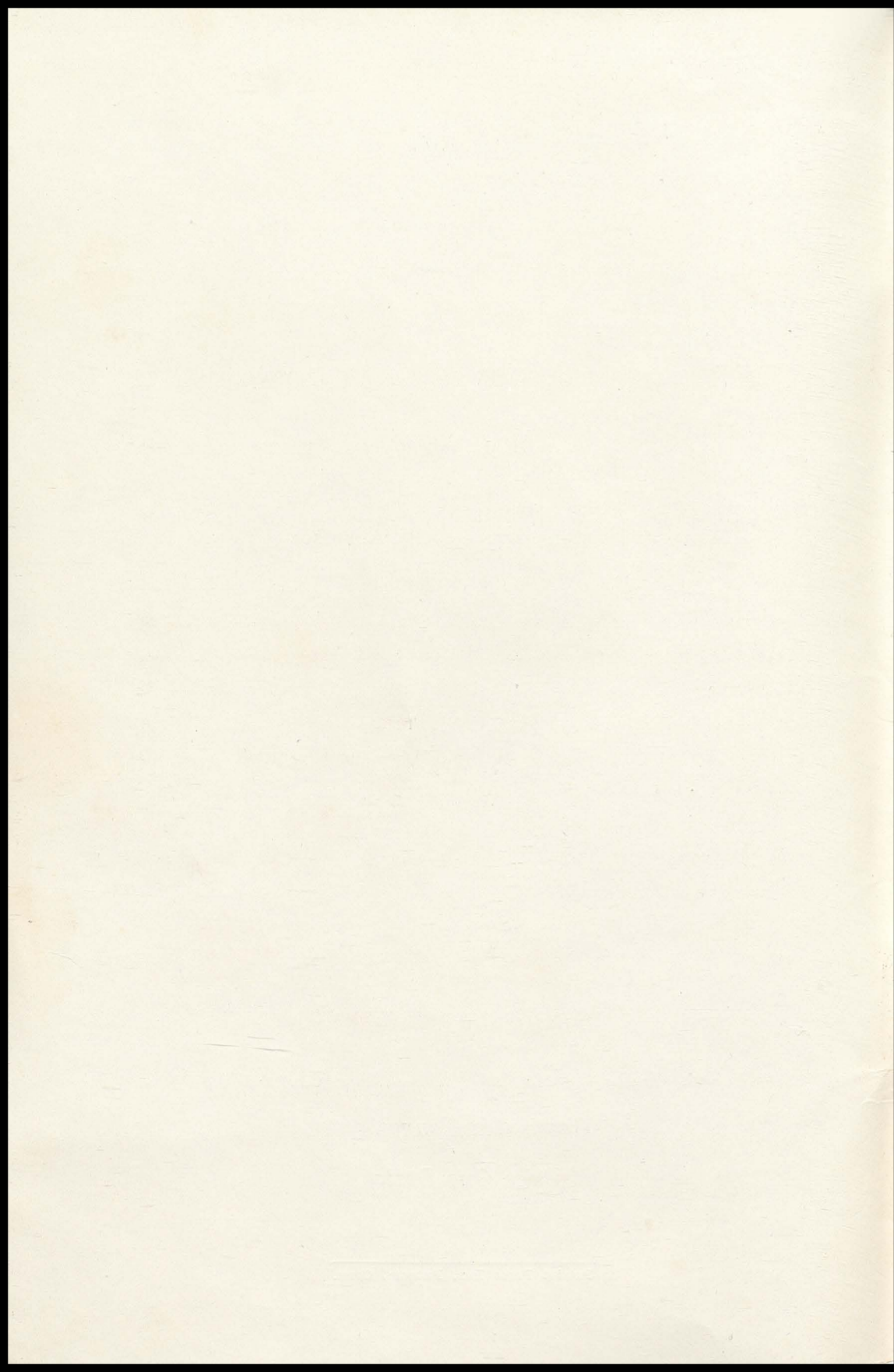


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## A FOREWORD

The Woodstock Academy Alumni Association, the editors of the **Gleaner** and their assistants, are happy to present to you the **Gleaner** commemorating the one hundred and fifty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Woodstock Academy.

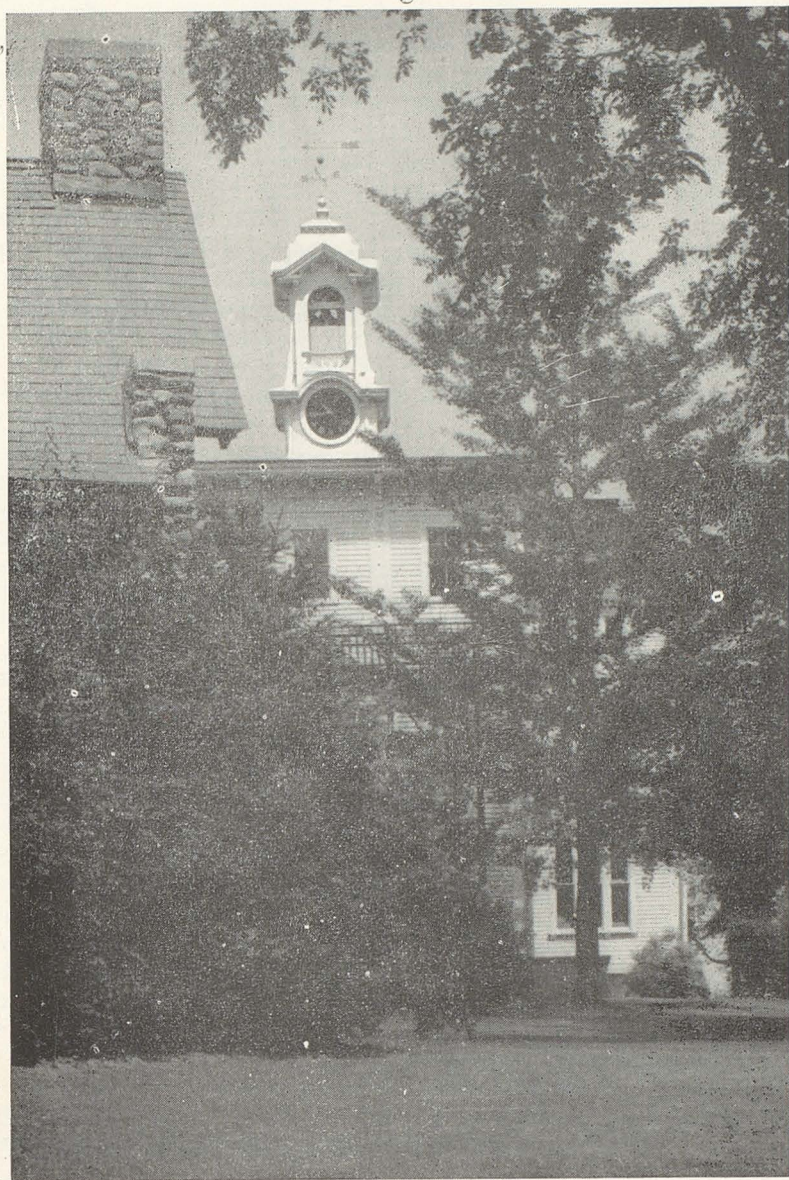
The last issue of the **Gleaner** was published in 1943. During the years of World War II, the Korean conflict, and the years of post-war recovery, the time of many Woodstock Academy graduates, who might have published the booklet, was given to solving family and town problems that were more immediate. The absence of the **Gleaner**, the tie between the Alumni and the Academy for fifty-one consecutive years, has been regrettable, and your letters have repeatedly expressed the wish that the publication might be renewed. Many of your contributions have been-for that sole purpose.

Gregory C. Coffin, Principal of Woodstock Academy since 1953, has encouraged and urged the Alumni Association to revive the **Gleaner**, for he too has realized that its absence has been sorely felt.

With the help of your contributions, for which we thank you, with the interest money from the permanent **Gleaner** fund, so wisely set up by former Alumni Association officers and **Gleaner** editors, and with the money raised by benefits sponsored by the 1955-56 officers of the Alumni Association, it has been possible to fulfill your wish.

Writing in behalf of my fellow officers, I feel very fortunate in having had Richard May consent to be our editor. Dick, a member of the class of 1948, served with the Air Force for four years, his overseas duty taking him on a special assignment to Saigon, Vietnam. He is now at the University of Connecticut studying for his B. A. degree. We are grateful to him for accomplishing the publication of the **Gleaner** while also attending his summer school classes at the university, and we all say, "Thank you for a job well done."

CONSTANCE WETHERELL PESHMALYAN,  
President, Woodstock Academy Alumni Ass'n.







## WHAT DID THEY DO?

When the historical exhibit was being arranged for the reunion this year, several Academy students examined various items with great curiosity. After looking at the courses of study, the graduation programs, programs for amateur concerts and theatricals, they stopped short at the programs for the Public Rhetoricals.

They read several in silence and then gazed wide-eyed at one another. "The poor *things*! No dances, no movies, no basketball games, no television. What did they *do*?"

I put the question to an elderly alumnus, who snorted, "Do! Do? We worked, we did chores, and we studied. But don't think we never had fun. We had socials and sleighing parties and skating in the winter, and picnics and swimming in the summer; and sports too. We had plenty of fun, all the more because our good times were scarce, by today's standards. We thought about them way ahead and we remembered them long after,—sort of a three way good time."

Some of the earlier **Gleaners** give interesting little snapshots of the student life in the past days of the Academy. I have compiled a few of these in a kind of informal anthology, an anthology which will probably mean very different things to different readers, depending on their age. It comes as a mild shock as one gets older to realize that what may be labeled as reminiscences by one generation is historical data to another. Our first snapshot will be historical data for everyone, for it deals with the era of Principal Averill, before the Civil War. The snapshot is of 1845, at the time when the Academy issued its first catalogue, and it was written by H. G. A., as "A Page of Reminiscence," in the 1897 **Gleaner**.

"...there arises a picture of the members of the drawing class seated, one sunny afternoon, on the church steps, each with pencils and cardboard, struggling with the proportions of the little old Academy on the hill, knowing that the best result was to be reproduced in the forthcoming catalogue. Maria Lyman's correct eye and quick hand outstripped us all and it was soon evident whose perfect sketch would be chosen..."

"If memory serves, it was at the close of this term that the public examination was held in the church, a large platform having been made above the pews in front of the high, old time pulpit which was between the doors. In the evening was the famous exhibition, deprecated by some, because the chief attraction of the program had been adapted by Mr. Averill from one of Bulwer Lytton's dramas... These were the days of Edward E. Bowen's store, full of attractions, from English thread to a large variety of articles, specially selected for the use and delight of students. Mr. Bowen... gave the land for the site of the present building..."

"A whisper in the recitation room he (Mr. Averill) would not endure and never allowed notice of a mistake. We recall an experience when a class, with one accord, laughed at a comical blunder. Mr. Averill paused a moment—'Barbarians!' he thundered—that was all—and it was enough.

At the close of the winter term of 1845 Mr. Averill and his assistant, beloved Miss Caverno, afterwards his wife, gave a reception to the school



at the old boarding house, owned later by Miss Emily Bowen. The collation was spread in the Academy Hall, and, placing boys and girls in separate rooms, he marshaled us out, one by one, each young lady accepting her chance escort and marching in procession to the Hall."

Another student of Mr. Averill's, writing in the 1911 *Gleaner*, agreed that "John B. Averill was a martinet in discipline." Henry Sabin, in "The Old Woodstock Academy," goes on, however, to say that "As an instructor, he was one of the best I ever knew... Amherst College had at one time six students on its rolls, each one of whom was fitted at Woodstock Academy. I remember one incident of his reign. One Friday night the students, principally from the boarding home, were invited to spend the evening at Col. Jim Lyons'. They did not think to ask Mr. Averill's leave, and when he found that their rooms were deserted, he started an investigation. When he discovered their whereabouts he put on his overcoat and went after them. He walked in upon them with scant ceremony and ordered the girls to get their wraps at once. Under his escort they marched back to their boarding place, crestfallen and angry; but the experiment was not made the second time.

"Not to be behind other schools, the larger boys organized a fraternity,— 'The I. O. of B. U.' They met in the Academy Hall every Wednesday night. I was not one of the favored few. I afterwards learned that one of the members black-balled me because I laughed at his Latin pronunciation..."

In this article Mr. Sabin remarked that in Mr. Averill's day, Elmwood Hall not having been built, "Every family that wanted boarders had them, and some who did not really want them as a matter of accommodation... the house, which Mr. Averill called 'Arnold's Mansion,' served for the boarding home."

Still another student from these same days, an S. H., who wrote "Anecdotes Gleaned from the Older Academy Life," in the 1898 *Gleaner*, remembered that "Among those who boarded at George Bowen's was a young girl of fifteen, whom the scholars were fond of teasing. On one occasion they told her that if she wanted ever to secure a husband, she must run down Sunset Hill and immediately up again. The simple girl, with that delectable object in view, readily believed this, and went through her ordeal much to the scholars' amusement, and doubtless her efforts won the desired reward.

"Principal Averill was bent on stopping all those little interchanges of friendliness between the sexes, so natural, and yet so distracting in school life. One day he gave the pupils a severe lecture on the subject, in which he said he would not allow any of the boys to walk down the street with the girls.. 'I shall be ashamed to see any couple of you,' said he, 'nearer than the reach of a dozen feet.' That same afternoon, in the spirit of exact obedience, a modest, but merry, boy and girl, each at the end of a twelve-foot pole, sauntered across the Common in happy companionship, to the supreme delight of the other students. What Principal Averill said or did is not recorded."

The war veterans who went back to school after the Civil War had problems of adjustment just as the veterans of any war have always had. Lucian Taylor, later a highly successful engineer and business executive,



wrote of these problems in "The Old Woodstock Academy," in the *Gleaner* of 1911.

"In the early part of July, 1865, just after my nineteenth birthday, I was discharged from three years' service in Company B, 18th Connecticut Volunteers.

"I stayed at home in the Bugbee neighborhood, helping my father and brother with the farm work, but it got rather monotonous, and as nearly all the men and boys I knew before and during the war were dead, and the remainder had moved away, I was very uneasy. I could not get accustomed to going to bed and sleeping all night, but felt that about every second or third night I had to stay up one-half or two-thirds of the night.

"I was just on the point of enlisting in the Navy for five years to go to the Mediterranean, when in some way I learned that the Misses Rosa and Ellen Palmer had opened a summer school at Woodstock Academy, and I was invited, and concluded to attend...

"There were about twenty in the school, and I was the only big boy... Friday, July 21, my diary reads, 'Had an examination or review of the week. I had to recite my propositions (in geometry) before the visitors, and that was worse than charging the Johnnies at Piedmont.' (This was one of the battles where we lost fully one-third of our men, killed and wounded.)...

"It was at the Academy that I first learned to play the game of croquet, which, it seems, was introduced while I was in the Army...

"About the 8th or 10th of October, the Academy opened for eleven weeks. Johnson A. Corbin was the principal. My studies were reading, writing, spelling, Latin, geometry, algebra, and arithmetic. There were about twenty-eight scholars.

"The second term commenced the second of January. I do not know how long it lasted, but I think until about the first of April...

"I lived about two miles from the Academy, but for me it was nothing to walk that distance two to four times a day. We used to have entertainments in the Academy Hall. These took place in the evening, and at such times we played various games, and had a splendid time... One evening it seemed pretty dull, so Henry Hibbard and myself, after consulting Mr. Corbin, got the key of the laboratory and charged a couple of Leyden jars with electricity by turning the glass wheel by which we generated electricity for experimental purposes. At my word of command, all hands formed in a ring... As we circled the room and approached the laboratory door, one of the boys brought out the Leyden jar behind him, and at the right moment Henry and I let go of hands and touched the jar. Of course a slight shock instantly followed... the little twitch at the wrist was certainly terrifying to most of the girls, for they ran screaming all around the room, not knowing what the matter was... Later on we brought out the jars and explained how it was done, but the girls for a long time were very suspicious of me and would not allow me to come within yards of them for fear I had some other trick to play on them.

"I suppose the three terms I went to Woodstock Academy were for me the most important of my life."



In the *Gleaner* of 1901, Ella Fitts Child wrote an interesting article, "The Renaissance of '68-'72."

"In those days only a few students were fitted for college, with no prescribed course of study... It was a boarding school in those days, some twenty-five or thirty pupils being numbered as inmates of Elmwood Hall. The long table in the dining room, the Principal and his wife seated where each one was under his eye, is a well remembered picture: besides there were a number of boarding pupils in private families... The rules of government were many in the school and the intercourse between the girls and boys carefully defined. It was considered wise not to allow them to walk home together from prayer meeting (their only diversion except rare occasions in the winter season): of course this rule was never disregarded, but a company of young people might some times be seen, with never a mingling of sexes, each walking demurely behind the other... The system of rank in scholarship was vastly different from that in present use. There was the same method of rank in daily recitation but no written monthly examinations. Instead were reviews in each study in every turn, and, at its close, a public examination was given and always well attended... The rollicking, light-hearted girls and boys of those days, with plenty of mischief and fun, have become sedate men and women... There has been hardly a 'ne'er to do well' among them and rogues are unknown."

The impression one gets from reading about the rigid segregation of the sexes in the preceding snapshot is to a certain degree contradicted by the following paragraph of reminiscence by E. M. Child, M. D., in the same issue of the *Gleaner*. ("Reminiscences of '68-'71")

Rhetoricals held a prominent place in Mr. Burnette's school, and, 'Ye Call Me Chief,' 'Found Dead in a Door-way,' and 'There's but one Pair of Stockings to Mend Tonight,' come to mind, also the 'Deacon's One-Horse Shay.' Sometimes our memories would fail us, because perchance, we did not calculate correctly, and came up the wrong foot to the front, and we would have to stand there until we could collect ourselves. Well, if you ever were in that place you know how you felt. So do I.

"I will not mention the methods taken to catch spies, who came upstairs quietly to find who was doing wrong: or why a pan of water was put over the door between the boys' and girls' hall; because it might seem personal by someone.

"Rides after study-hours in the evenings are a natural occurrence in a mixed school and day scholars who had teams at their disposal were in demand. Coasting and skating were indulged in of course, and even sleigh-rides were known in our times."

Dr. Child gives a graphic picture of sports in this same article.

"Baseball was prominent during these days. I well remember the first public game I ever played... Score, 44 to 16... Nothing but the strength of our new 'Defiance' belts, prevented some from bursting with pride at its size... At that time foot-ball was foot-ball; and when the eleven, or nine, lined for work, it was 'kick as kick can,' and no fooling with the ball. I shall never forget the look of blank surprise on Mr. Burnette's face when little Frank Palmer dodged between his legs and kicked the ball, just as he was squaring himself for a good strong punt...

"I recall the time that the Deacon lost his extra fine Black Spanish eggs he had bought for hatching. It came from a party coming home hungry after a night's spearing, and as they were handy they appropriated them, never thinking they were anything but common eggs. They were fine tho, the boys said."

In the Golden Anniversary number of the *Gleaner*, published in 1942, The Reverend Welles Partridge, in "Fifty Years and More," gives glimpses of student life in the era of the eighties. He was enrolled in the Academy in the fall of 1884, when he was twelve.

"It was my great privilege to spend my week-days (and nights) at the McClellan home, together with Hamilton Holt and George McClellan, who had not yet entered Yale...

"Of course we played ball, mostly baseball, though we used to kick around a football some evenings; but modern football had not then become popular. We used a piece of gravestone for a home plate, and it was touching to see Hamilton Holt slide home on 'Sacred to the Memory'...

"Our main winter diversions were straw-rides. We would all contribute and hire a two-horse pung from George Sampson or some other good-natured owner of horses and ride over to Webster for an oyster stew, whistling going and coming to keep up our courage as we tried to keep warm in the straw.

"Of course some were fortunate enough to get hold of a single sleigh, and then one could invite his favorite girl to share the single sleigh with him. It is said that one boy invited a girl a little older than himself one time, and when he tried to protect her from the cold blasts of winter wind and from falling out by putting his arm around her, she was so shocked that she sat right up straight all the way home—they say it is different now!

"Some of the girls were very charming;...I imagined I was in love with most of them but found it was only indigestion, as is usually the case with the young—and older ones too, sometimes."

It is only natural to write with affection and nostalgia of one's early school days, but the reader of the old *Gleaners* must be impressed both by the sense of earnestness and the sense of fun which color all the accounts of the old Academy days.

For the sense of fun, consider the following bit, written "By a Member of the Senior Class", in 1903. It proves that in any historical period, boy meets girl.

*Squaring the Circle, or the Value of Pie*

Far away the rapt eye wanders  
Over flocks of feeding sheep;  
And in glorious effulgence  
Comes the sun and bids me sleep.  
Close at hand the listless cricket  
Slumbers with the bumble-bee;  
While the moon, in pale senescence,  
Rises breathless from the sea.  
Thus we stood, and still are standing  
As the geese go trotting by:



In our hearts a peace eternal;  
 In our hands a piece of pie.  
 Be it apple, squash, or mince, love,  
 I will share your utmost crust;  
 I have loved you ever since, love;  
 I will love you 'till I bust.

MOLLY CRANDON

Trustee, Woodstock Academy

## A REAL INDIAN

(Editor's Note. In a letter to the *Gleaner*, dated July 14, 1956 Professor Kenneth L. Pike, Class of 1928, reported that during the past year, while on sabbatical from the University of Michigan (where he teaches second semesters only), he was able to go to Peru for the full winter. There, with the Summer Institute of Linguistics and the Wycliffe Bible Translators, on the far side of the Andes in the jungle of eastern Peru, he assisted in conducting a workshop. Translators with their Indian informants from twenty-one of the jungle tribes gathered together at the jungle base of the Summer Institute of Linguistics, of which Kenneth is a director, so that especially difficult linguistic problems might be worked out. As a consultant, Kenneth worked on three different languages each day. At the end of the workshop, he and his associates were "cleaning up about twenty-five technical articles for technical journals, covering some eight or ten different language families—language families as different as Chinese is from English." In fact, they "found one language with five levels of tone, which sound something like Chinese," although at the time he left for South America his group "didn't know of a single such language on the whole continent.")

After several months there, he left for a trip to Brazil, where he provided technical assistance in research on the Indian languages to the Indian Protection Service and the National Museum. Then he gave a series of lectures in Columbia, Venezuela and Ecuador, before returning to the University of Oklahoma, where he conducted summer classes. While in Ecuador, Kenneth visited eastern jungle stations, where missions have paid such a heavy price in life, and he reported that good progress is being made in establishing contact with the tribes of that region.

At the present time, Kenneth is living in California with his wife, and their three children, and preparing lectures that he will deliver at the Dallas Theological Seminary (the Griffith Thomas memorial lectures) in November.

The editor believes that his many Woodstock friends will enjoy reading the following description of a monolingual demonstration he gave at the National University in Caracas, as reported by a woman known as Chevalita, for the Caracas Daily Journal.)

Taxis are not permitted to cruise around the University City ground

picking up fares, and anyone who goes there without a car may have to walk down to the Plaza Venezuela before he can find transportation.

At night it can be a long, lonely walk. So when, on Wednesday night we went out to see how Professor Kenneth L. Pike, who didn't know a word of the Goajira language, could interview a Goajira Indian by means of signs and thus learn the fundamentals of the language within an hour, we asked the chauffeur to wait.

"Don't mind waiting so much," said the chauffeur, as he parked the taxi in front of the Instituto Anatomico, "but it's a very lonely spot. What am I going to do while you're in there? I don't have anyone to talk to, and my radio isn't working."

"Why don't you come along?" we suggested. "This man is going to interview a real Goajira Indian. He is not going to speak to the Indian in English or Spanish, and he doesn't know Goajira. But he swears that by using sign language he can talk to him. It ought to be interesting. The public is invited, so come."

The chauffeur started closing the windows.

"You go right ahead, I'll come later. This is something I want to watch," he beamed.

The Anatomic Institute was brightly lighted and the amphitheatre seats were filled with a scholarly group: bespectacled students, professors, some priests, all looking on avidly and taking notes.

Dr. Pike, a sandy-haired man, with such an Anglo-Saxon countenance that he might have been one of the first settlers in the United States, was already interviewing the Indian when we arrived on the scene.

We had been hoping to see a Goajira Indian in typical dress, and felt a brief pang of disappointment when we saw the one with whom Dr. Pike was communicating. The Goajira wore a conservative business suit, big horn rimmed glasses, and his bronze skin was little darker than Dr. Pike's sunburned countenance.

Dr. Pike was already communicating with the Indian when we entered the amphitheatre. He would touch his eyebrow, give an interrogative grunt, and the Indian would say the word for eyebrow in Goajira. Then Dr. Pike would write the word on the blackboard in a strange looking script. We learned afterward that it was international phonetics.

We looked and listened while the professor rapidly learned the Goajira for eye, ear, tooth, nose, hair, hands and feet. He then went on to objects, holding up banana leaves, sticks and other small objects.

When he began on such words as "boy, girl, people," which he indicated by pointing out the people in the audience, we saw our chauffeur. He was seated among the professors, a bright and merry twinkle on his face. His eyes followed every gesture with consummate interest, and he beamed happily every time Dr. Pike understood the Indian and wrote on the blackboard holding up banana leaves, sticks and other small objects.

When we left, the chauffeur followed us out of the room, reluctantly.

"Well, now," he said as he opened the car door, "that was something to see. Almost incredible. It was like nothing I ever saw before. The only thing I didn't care for was the clothes. That Goajira ought to have been dressed like a Goajira. It sort of took away the grace of the thing, having him in that ordinary suit. But I certainly enjoyed watching the professor. It's the



first time I ever saw a real North American Indian. But he should have worn his Indian dress, too. A real Redskin like that professor ought to look like one. Why didn't he wear his war paint? One thing certain, though. Those Indians can really talk to each other. It doesn't seem to matter where they come from. They understand the Indian language."

### THE OLD TIMERS' BASKETBALL GAME OF 1956



On the evening of February 17, pandemonium broke loose on the usually serene Woodstock Academy Campus. Calls from neighboring communities were curiously inquiring if a rock and roll party was responsible for the sudden storm that seemed to break loose through the otherwise quiet night.

Closer to the scene inside the Hall Memorial Gymnasium, the Blue and Gold Old Timers' basketball games were about to commence. Suddenly four of the ex-Academy girl athletes appeared on the floor wearing the old-fashioned bloomer type uniforms of yesteryear. Bedlam broke loose as Connie Peshmalyan, Sophie Kowalski, Lydia Walling, and Beatrice French displayed their unique allure and basketball abilities.

From this point on, the action was fast, furious, frightful, but not fragile. The Blue Girls, captained by Kay Perry, bested the Gold, captained by Mary Grennan, in a most interesting game.

In the second game, the men displayed a new combination game of basketball, football, handball and lacrosse in a nightmarish manner. Following the tap that opened the action, thrills and spills came rapidly.

Howard Johnson received the initial tap and lost ten yards when tackled by Alfred "Stub" Wetherell. It was a nip and tuck affair right down to the final buzzer when Bob Frink looped a beauty, with one second left, to knot the score at—(yes, this is right)—12-12. Both teams were exhausted at this point and the score was left knotted until a later date.

The officiating was something to behold as Bill Robbins, Walt Schmidt, and Dick Williamson (all former coaches and outstanding gentlemen) handled the whistles. Because of the new games, the "refs" made some new rules to control the boisterous affair, and this is what they came up with. To receive one one-shot foul, a player had to show blood, and for a two free-thrower, the player had to have a tourniquet to stop it. Tripping was allowed, but the tripper could not step on an opponent that was sprawled on the floor or else the ball changed hands.

On the serious side, fun was had by all participants and spectators. It was a grand opportunity for all the gang to get together and kick up their heels.

The Johnson family topped other clans by having Howard, Homer, Bob and George play, as well as sisters Alice and Lois.

The turnout bettered expectations and two hundred dollars was realized by the committee in charge of the affair. This money paid for the initial expenses of the Alumni Reunion that followed in June.

ALBERT R. TODD

The Gleaner's photographer was on hand to capture the enthusiasm that was registered on the faces of the players. Shown in the first picture are, standing left to right, Connie Peshmalyan, Evie Weimann, Sophie Kowalski, Ruth Palmer Porter, Edith Child, Betty Rawson, Phyllis Hagstrom, Louise Hibbard, Veronica Hibbard, Cay Perry, Joyce Collins, Beatrice French, and Lydia Walling; kneeling in the same order are, Lois Janse, Margie Logee, Mary Grennan, Ina Pasay, Betty Leao, and Laura Monahan. The men's Gold Team is shown in the second picture. Its members are Proctor Foote, Bob Johnson, Ed Staveski, Henry Latham, Walt Johnson, Howard Johnson, Ernie Freelove, Ken Marvin, and George White. The men's Blue Team is somewhat larger and its members are standing left to right, George Davis, Frank Young, Homer Johnson, Alfred Wetherell, Charlie Saltonstall, Sid Bell, and Francis Logee. Kneeling are Henry Young, Einar Hansen, Al Todd, Bob Frink, and George Johnson.





### THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In the summer of 1892 the teachers and pupils of Woodstock Academy met with other individuals in the community, who, at one time or another, had been connected with the school. They organized themselves into a society called the "Woodstock Academy Alumni Association." It was a most important meeting, and the forming of the association was a most important step in the history of the Academy—the uniting of the pupils of the past with those of the present by their mutual interest in the school.

On that memorable August 10th a Constitution was adopted. One of the amendments to the Constitution was that, annually, a magazine should be published giving news of the graduates, and news of the Academy, which was worthy of preservation. Two other items in the Constitution of much



interest to us at the present time stated that the officers of the Association should plan to hold reunions as frequently as possible and also should request that a sermon be preached at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock annually and that this special day be known as "Academy Sunday."

This year, almost 64 years later, on the 155th Anniversary, the Alumni Association is planning another reunion on the Academy grounds.

Very early in the afternoon on the 8th of August, in 1894, it appeared that all roads led to the spot on Woodstock Hill. It was "Old Home Day". Flags and Japanese lanterns were gay and welcoming as they swung in the breeze. Mr. Hall, who was the principal, and Mrs. Hall, greeted each one as he approached with a friendly and warm handshake. Names were registered and a blue and gold badge was pinned on each new arrival. Old friendships were renewed and fond memories revived. After a business meeting at four o'clock, sandwiches, cake, and ice cream were served to the people as they sat about in chairs or on settees. Later there was music and, with Mr. Hall as toastmaster, a number responded with words of greeting and interest. So ended a very happy day. During the meeting, mention was made of the **Gleaner** and how much pleasure it had given those who had received their first copy. Let me tell you how this magazine started and got its name.

It was felt that if the old associations and friendships of Academy life and the interests of the institution were to be kept alive, there must be some way of carrying out this purpose. By publishing a magazine yearly, a means of exchanging items of interest about classmates, ideas, and opinions on life at the Academy would be accomplished. In addition, talent for writing might be developed among the alumni. Louis Southworth suggested the name, and the magazine was christened the **Gleaner**, from the name of a paper written by the students in his day. The first issue was printed in August 1893. A copy was sent to every alumnus. In 1898, ten cents was charged for an issue, and in 1911 the price was raised to twenty-five cents.

This year, after a lapse of a decade or more, the **Gleaner** is to be published again. Furthermore, in keeping with the spirit of those people who organized the Alumni Society in 1892, the present alumni is holding a reunion in honor of the 155th anniversary of Woodstock Academy. Some of the color of the past may be missing—the horse and buggy, the Japanese lanterns, and the waving of flags—but the same feeling of pride in the Academy and the friendliness of close associations will be present. And as we undergraduates of the Academy move nearer to the day of our induction into the alumni, we, too, shall resolve to further the work and ideals of those illustrious men and women who preceded us.

JOTHAM G. REYNOLDS, JR.

Class of 1957

Winner of the Alumni Association Essay Award





Fiftieth Anniversary class at Reunion Banquet. Three members of the class of 1906 are, on left, Ethel Upham and Lottie Spalding, and sitting opposite them are Maude Healey and Lucy Reed, a former faculty member.

### THE REUNION OF JUNE, 1956

The 1956 Reunion of Woodstock Academy's alumni celebrating the 155th anniversary of their alma mater, will be recorded as one of the finest reunions in the school's history. The persevering hard work of the planning committees was successfully consummated by the attendance of over 300 graduates at the day's program, which included a picnic, ball game, and banquet.

The day began with registration under the trees near the Bracken Memorial Library, followed by lunch around the picnic tables. It was a perfect June day for such a gathering of old acquaintances, except for a brief thundershower in the afternoon, which halted the Blue and Gold ball game with the score tied. Those who investigated the many changes in the Academy buildings were pleased to discover many improvements. For the older graduates it must have seemed strange but understandable to find the old fireplaces gone, rooms remodelled, all in the interest of progress as the curriculum has adjusted to the need.

The ever lovely stone Bracken Memorial Library offered an interesting display of aged programs, pictures of by-gone days in the Academy's history, old Gleaners and other mementoes of the nostalgic past. Undoubtedly, to the older alumni the memories of old times must have seemed very



dear as they recalled the privilege it had been to attend so venerable a school of learning, reached daily under difficult circumstances of horse-drawn conveyances in severest New England weather, or walking great distances and being envious of those boarding on or near campus. It is the modern school youngsters' emotional loss that education comes so easily today—we can only hope that the sense of privilege and appreciation of attending the Academy is not altogether lost to them. Certainly for those alumni who were able to attend the festivities, the reason for making the effort to travel the many miles to attend was prompted by a maturer awareness of the privilege it had been to attend a high school set on as lovely a campus as can be found anywhere in New England, and in as historic and beautiful a town as Woodstock. Those who attended came with a fully awakened sense of appreciation for the fine education offered within the "hallowed walls", the friendships made, the happy occasions, the difficult circumstances of their Academy days. Milestones in one's growth and maturing become very important to us, and at reunions one wants to feel part of the link between a great and colorful past and with the future destiny, which a school of so rich a New England tradition surely has.

#### MYRTLE JOHNSON THOMAS

About half past six in the evening, alumni with their husbands and wives began to gather on the lawn in anticipation of visiting with classmates before the seven o'clock reunion banquet. A pleasant half hour hummed with gay greetings and gentle laughter as each class clustered about its year pennant forming a line of classes extending from the Hall Memorial Gymnasium to the Bracken Memorial Library.

In this order the march entered the gymnasium where the classes proceeded to their designated places at the attractive tables. A delicious roast beef dinner with a dessert of strawberry shortcake was served by Mr Duffy, caterer, to 325 diners appreciative of the prompt service and excellent food.

Reverend Conrad Collins, class of 1938, gave the invocation.

During the evening, assembly singing was led by Mrs. Louise Pike Jordan, (wife of Spencer Jordan, class of 1921) talented music director of the W. A. Glee Club. Mr. Lucien Garceau, class of 1954, who is now studying at the Hart School of Music, accompanied at the piano.

General chairman of the reunion and president of the Alumni Association, Mrs. Constance Wetherell Peshmalyan, class of 1928, delivered a cordial welcome and disclosed two items of interest. First, the **Gleaner** would be published in the autumn, and secondly, the **Gleaner** fund is growing with donations and is in a sound financial state. Mrs. Peshmalyan introduced the officers, publicity chairman and the executive committee of the association, and also presented the editors of the **Gleaner**. She reminded us that it is the combined efforts of the officers, committees and members that make the work of the Association successful. She suggested that revision of A. A. by-laws be studied, also that annual dues be considered. To save time, reports from the secretary and treasurer were omitted, but it was announced that proceeds from the Old Timers' Basketball Game netted more than two hundred dollars. Time consuming routine business matters were



eliminated. G. Alfred Wetherell, chairman of the nominating committee, presented a slate of officers which received favorable action.

Messages and greetings from absent members were read by the president. These expressions came from Mrs. Child, class of 1888, Ruth Palmer Porter, Clarence Hall, and William Simpson, a former principal.

No reunion would be complete without the genial Frederic Rockwell, class of 1900, presiding as toastmaster. Mrs. Peshmalyan's remarks brought a ripple of enlightenment from the younger classes when she introduced Mr. Rockwell as *the* Rockwell of the Rockwell and Leavitt team, authors of the school song, "Woodstock Academy". Mr. Rockwell spoke of the heritage of Woodstock Academy and pleaded that it be cherished before the threatening face of consolidation.

Marvin Barrett, class of 1921, and president of the board of trustees, made an appeal for financial gifts to the Academy's expansion program.

An interesting historical review of Woodstock Academy's Alumni Association was read by an undergraduate, Jotham Reynolds, '57 (son of Susan Sumner Reynolds, class of 1914).

Traditional sentiment for the old Academy and its association was feelingly exemplified in Maurice Childs' remarks. Mr. Childs, principal of Woodstock Academy from 1923 to 1926, spoke of the traditions at the Academy which have developed in each decade through the 155-year history of the institution. He spoke of the lasting tradition of adaptability at the school—the realism of those in charge which prompted them to meet, not miss changing situations. Mr. Childs said that although the school had many famous rootages, it was not pot-bound; although many people had ties to it, it was not hide-bound. Woodstock Academy is not a museum, but a living, growing, evolving entity. Because of this, the school will never outgrow her usefulness.

Mr. Childs recalled many of the changes which had taken place both since his tenure at the Academy and previous to it. He also mentioned such continuums as the Law prizes, the Speck collection, tablet armchairs, and many other miscellaneous items which have been a part of the Academy for decades. He recalled some of the thrilling ball games of yesteryear and the enthusiastic participation of people named Wetherell, Peckham, Speck, Scranton, Ripley, Pike, Johnson, Anderson, Feiler, White, Swenson, and others. The operettas, fire drills, Rake Day, the school bank, and the Blue and Gold rivalry were all part of the living history and tradition of this wonderful old institution.

Mr. Childs concluded his remarks by stating that the proudest decade of Woodstock Academy is now. We have waited 155 years for the youth of today, when the Academy may experience its greatest day yet and its most useful functioning. He expressed his pride in the present administration of the school with its vision and forward movement.

Mr. Childs' parting words were a brief prayer of fulfillment for Woodstock Academy.

"She shall be like a tree, planted by the rivers of water. Her leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever she doeth shall prosper."

Cedric Child class of 1928, also served as toastmaster, and from a poll



that he took it was learned that the class of 1888 was the earliest class represented. Dr. McClellan of Woodstock, a member of the class, received the applause of admiration and respect that this distinction always inspired. The poll also revealed that Alfred Child, class of 1894, was the member who had traveled the farthest to attend the reunion. He now lives in Puerto Rico and he, too, captured a round of appreciative applause. Three members from the fifty-year class, 1906, were in attendance—Ethel Upham, Lottie Howard Spalding, and Maude Healey. There was an enthusiastic response in honor of these members and a murmured amazement at their youthful appearance was expressed by a member of the class of 1956. Mr. Child called upon the 25-year class and also the remaining five-year classes.

"Woodstock Academy Today" was the topic discussed by Donald Walker, class of 1954, who had just completed his second year at Dartmouth College. Mr. Walker declared that in this age of nuclear physics, a revision of requirements has been made at the Academy to acquaint a greater number of students with science and mathematics.

In emphasizing that Woodstock Academy graduates are considered as well prepared for college as graduates from other public high schools, he cited the outside agencies that are assisting, and the innovations that have been introduced to better educate Woodstock's youth.

"The large number of agricultural and vocational minded students", he said, "benefit from the establishment of a consulting committee and a strengthening of the vocational-agricultural program, including an annual fitting and showing contest . . . Audio-visual aids are becoming more appreciated for their value in teaching, paralleling a similar advance of audio-visual aid usage in the business field. A library of films and records is being built up which is being used in almost every classroom and will be of lasting value."

Mr. Walker called attention to two particular contests that are giving Academy students experience in writing and speaking. One is the American Legion Oratorical Contest, in which the Academy can boast a record of five State finalists and two State winners in the last seven tries, and the second is the essay contest sponsored by Miss Constance Holt, which is developing interest and appreciation of the poets of the past and present. Stating that he had written approximately 20,000 words in themes for non-essay courses during his last semester at Dartmouth, Mr. Walker said that the "Academy is placing more and more emphasis on writing to prepare the students for this challenge in college education."

While admitting that, due to its size, Woodstock Academy's list of courses is limited, he declared that "Students have as wide a range as most schools in the *essentials* of college preparation and vocational education

Gregory Coffin, principal since 1953, also spoke of the present status of the Academy and outlined plans for the future. (*Editor's note: Since Mr. Coffin's remarks would seem to be of particular interest to all alumni and interested Woodstock citizens, his speech is printed in its entirety.*)

"Mr. toastmaster, honored guests, alumni, and friends of Woodstock Academy—



"It is with some trepidation that I address myself to this gathering and attempt to talk to you about Woodstock Academy, since so many of you know so much more about the institution than I. I know the school, its trustees, teachers, students, curriculum, buildings, and the manifold facets of its life, now, in June of 1956, and I've known it intimately since August of 1953. But 3 years out of 155 is like a few kernels on an ear of corn or a couple of trees on Woodstock common. Many of you have known Woodstock Academy for decades and even half centuries. Thus it is with all due humility that I talk to you about a subject which is familiar to you and still quite new to me.

"To know Woodstock Academy is to be cognizant of much more than the here and now. Those of us who have come to town recently only think we know her. For the school is not merely the four buildings, its present trustees, faculty, student body, and curriculum. The school is an amalgamation of 155 years—the Chandler house, Elmwood Hall, Eli Hall, Maurice Childs, Henry Bowen, Henry Child, all of you people, and a host of others, living and dead. These are all component parts of Woodstock Academy now, in the past, and in the future. The school is an institution which has lived for 155 years, is still living, and may well live for 155 more years.

"My first knowledge of the Academy, and Woodstock itself, came by a somewhat circuitous route. In July of 1953 I received a notice from a teachers' agency in Boston advising me of an opening for a high school principal in Woodstock. Although I was born in Meriden, Connecticut, Woodstock was completely unknown to me. Nevertheless, since I had just completed my master's degree in secondary school administration, I decided to look into the position.

"I mentioned the notice to my dad, not anticipating that he would know any more about Woodstock than I. However, much to my surprise, he not only knew the town of Woodstock, but he knew quite a bit about the Academy. He had heard his colleague, and close friend, Maurice Child, speak of Woodstock Academy many times during their twenty-year association at A. B. Davis High School. Since all of Mr. Child's reports about both the town and the school had been most favorable, I decided to apply for the position, a decision I have not once regretted since.

"I'm sure I was fortunate in having Mollie Crandon steer me to Florence and Henry Young's Valleyside Farm as a boarder, since from such a vantage point I was able to get a real sampling of the friendliness of Woodstock's people and the genuine interest and affection which the alumni and townspeople have for this Academy. During the several weeks in which I was waiting for my wife to bear our second son (I'm waiting for our first daughter right now), I learned that Woodstock was not an ordinary town, that Woodstock Academy was not an ordinary school, and that there were certain noticeable differences between cows and bulls. The milkman had been my closest previous contact with a dairy farm.

"This pleasurable introduction to the town, the school, and farming, started me off on an episode of my life which has, and still does hold more challenge and excitement than anything I have yet come up against. It's this challenge that I want to talk to you about.



"Woodstock Academy, like almost all schools in the country, is growing. We're growing not only in student population, but in stature as a school. A continually increasing number of students going on to a more and more diversified list of colleges, and occasionally winning scholarships in national competition, is indicative of our academic growth in recent years. Thanks to the efforts of our fine faculty, our academic standards have been, and are still being raised to enable our students to compete favorably in the battle for college admission. The growing technology of our country along with the increased high school population has made education beyond high school the concern of far more students now than it was 25 years ago, or even 13 years ago when I started my collegiate program. Last year 42% of our graduating class went on to further schooling. If it weren't for a surge of military enlistments, an equally large percentage would be going on this year. Next year or the year after we anticipate that more than 50% of our graduating classes will be seeking higher education.

"We, the faculty, are constantly aware of this trend. We are also aware of the need for more and better training for our girls in the business course and for our boys in the vocational agriculture course. Consequently, we are continually on the alert for ways and means of improving our instructional program. We are also anxious to broaden our curricular and extra-curricular offerings as soon as our student enrollment will allow us to do so without raising the tuition rate. Including such courses as art, instrumental music, mechanical drawing, Spanish, and several other subjects, would give our students a broader choice of courses and allow more flexibility in working out study programs.

"But Don Walker has already mentioned some recent strides forward. Let us see if we can project Woodstock Academy beyond the present and into the future.

"In September of this coming year we expect approximately 165 students to be enrolled in grades 9-12 at the Academy. This number will, as I'm sure you all realize, tax our present facilities to their limit. With 142 in school this year, we are bulging somewhat at the seams, especially with our present science and commercial course facilities. However, the sagacity of your present trustees, in coöperation with the town Board of Education, has anticipated this crowded situation and has made arrangements for alleviating it. As many of you know, the Academy trustees have planned and will be erecting the first addition to our campus since the completion of the agriculture building in 1938. Construction will start on a new 4-classroom unit with administrative office facilities sometime in the near future. This building will be located approximately in front of the old Sunset Hill barn which is in the process of being demolished.

"This proposed building will culminate the efforts of many townspeople and trustees who have served on the Long Range Planning Committee and in other capacities for the past 4 or 5 years. In 1954 the Long Range Planning Committee recommended that the trustees purchase the Hamilton Holt property in anticipation of imminent high school building needs. The trustees did so forthwith, and made a satisfactory financial arrangement in disposing of the large residence on the property, which they did not feel had any practical utilitarian value for the school.



"The next step was to insure the continued use of any building which the trustees might erect. Consequently, the trustees asked the Board of Education in the spring of 1955 if that board would sanction the expansion of the Academy plant as recommended by the town's Long Range Planning Committee. The Board of Education signified their agreement by voting to enter a ten-year contract with the Academy Board of Trustees for secondary school services. (Town Report 1954-55 p. 25.)

"Since there was some feeling expressed that the continuance of the Academy as the secondary school of the town was not the wish of the majority of the townspeople, the Board of Education decided to take the question to a town meeting in true New England fashion and put the question directly up to the townspeople. This was done in October of 1955 and the action previously taken by the Board of Education was approved by a large majority of the voters present at the meeting.

"The trustees now felt that they had sufficient backing from both the Board of Education and the townspeople to proceed with a building plan. Architects were engaged, and a long range building program was laid out. The proposed buildings and grounds would have an ultimate capacity of 500 students, should there ever be a need for housing that number of students.

"Since the school was already laid out on a campus type arrangement, the long range plan involved the construction of three 4-classroom units and one larger unit. It was the feeling of the trustees that such a plan would enable the school to build classrooms as they were needed without over-taxing the financial resources of either our corporation or, indirectly, the town.

"But just a little more about the future.

"The building which the trustees plan to erect this coming year will house approximately 100 students. This additional classroom space will enable us to move the present typing and other business course facilities into the large center room in the main building, giving Mrs. Parkerton the room she needs to conduct the business course free of the many handicaps imposed by the space limitations of the present typing room, where desks must be up against the blackboard and adding machines sitting on top of typewriters. The present commercial room can then be utilized for the smaller foreign language courses. The new building will also enable our present science teacher, Mrs. Markis, to instruct her physics, chemistry, and biology laboratory sections in a science lab which has been built and equipped for this purpose. The old lab in the main building will then be available as a regular academic classroom.

"These two major department changes in the present school building will result in a maximum capacity for that building of approximately 140 students. That, coupled with our 4 new classrooms housing approximately 100 students should take us through the school year 1963-64, during which according to our present enrollment figures, we will have an enrollment of 243. In 1964-65 our enrollment may number 264, at which time we would need the second classroom unit. Of course, if for any reason the grade arrangement or the school organization should change in the intervening

years, the second and third units could be built sooner. In the meantime, the trustees finance committee, under the very able chairmanship of Gardner Richardson, is making plans for financing the first classroom unit.

"But enough about school building. Mr. Barrett has told you more about present plans for expanding the locker room and kitchen facilities in the gym. In this, as in all Academy activities you people of the alumni assembled here are an integral part. Without your support and assistance any plans for the future of this grand institution are mere drawings and words.

"Yes, the future of this school depends in large part on you, the alumni, and your wonderful president, Connie Wetherell Peshmalyan, who, with so many willing workers, has made this grand 155th reunion possible.

"It also depends on the present trustees, who, under the very able leadership of an alumnus of the class of 1921, Marvin A. Barrett, have demonstrated the judgment and courage necessary to solve Woodstock's secondary school problems while continuing the glorious tradition of this Academy of which all of you people are a part.

"The future also depends on the unfailing efforts of a splendid faculty and staff who, in innumerable ways, have demonstrated a capacity for teaching, teamwork, and loyalty far above that of the ordinary public high school.

"And finally, the future depends on the continuing stream of wonderful boys and girls who, like the class of 1956, pass through this school and take part of it with them and leave part of themselves with it.

"These things have made Woodstock Academy an institution of which we may all be proud. God bless her, and may she live forever."

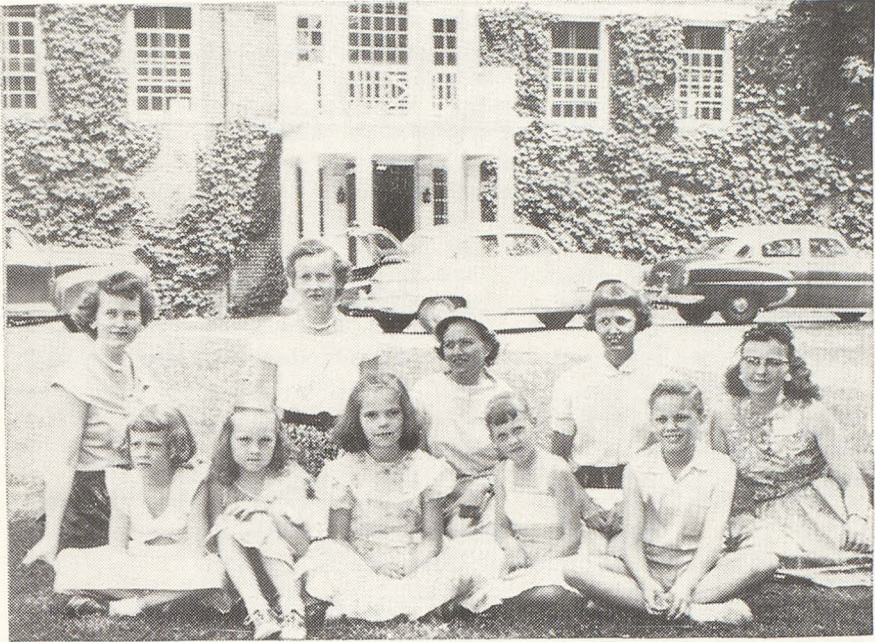
The pleasant evening ended with everyone singing "Woodstock Academy" while hearts swelled with pride for their alma mater and overflowed with gratitude to the tireless workers who made the occasion enjoyable. Much credit for a successful reunion banquet is due our capable president, Connie Peshmalyan, and her committees. We look forward to another year under her leadership and may we all accompany our congratulations with our loyal support in the year's work ahead.

MYRTLE WARE ANDERSON









Reunion Groups June 1956





## WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

## Trustee, Faculty and Alumni News

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*With so many years intervening since our last printing of the Gleaner, it is to be expected that we would have to report the passing of some of the school's closest and most helpful friends. Four trustees have died, men who gave of their time and of themselves to make Woodstock Academy a school of which to be proud.*

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### Faculty News

**William Dutemple** lives in Whitinsville, Massachusetts, and is still with the Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company. He writes that he has eight grand children, his daughter Bartara having five children and Virginia three. He adds that Mrs. Dutemple welcomes visitors in spite of being confined to her room with arthritis. Under activities he lists his many hobbies: gardening, sailboating, tilting, star gazing, chess and singing.

**Maurice Childs** lives in Mount Vernon, New York, and is Vice Principal at the Davis High School, Mount Vernon, and part time Professor at New York University. With Mrs. Childs and daughter, Florence Dein, he returned to the 155th Reunion, attending all events and Academy Sunday the day following, and was one of our Reunion Banquet speakers. There are nine Childs grand children, including seven boys and two girls.

**Willard Wyeth** retired from teaching in June, 1956. Up until that date he had been with the Nichols Junior High School in Mount Vernon, New York. His son, after completing Dartmouth College, is living in Worcester, Massachusetts.

**Eugene and Mrs. Ellis** are living in East Wareham, Mass., and he is teaching at Tabor Academy. Their son is an engineer at Pratt and Whitney in Hartford.

**George Westhaver** writes that he is an engineering contractor and is living in Andover, Massachusetts.

**William Simpson** sent us a note at the time of the 155th Reunion regretting his being unable to attend. He was back at his familiar post at Woodstock Fair this year where former students and friends enjoyed visiting with him. He is on the Faculty of the Lyman Hall High School

and living in Wallingford, Connecticut.

**Seavey Morse** is superintendent of schools in Thomaston, Connecticut.

**Agnes Child Paine** is living in Thompson, Connecticut, and came to the 155th Reunion Picnic. Mrs. Paine taught at Woodstock Academy in the early nineteen-hundreds. All Woodstock Academy students know Mrs. Paine, for as each incoming class learns the school song, "Fair Woodstock," Mrs. Paine's maiden name may be noted as Agnes Child, who composed the music.

**Anne Brooks**, teacher in 1898 and early 1900's, we regret to report died in October, 1956.

**Faith Sanborn Brainard** lives in Amherst, Massachusetts and enjoys visits from her Woodstock friends. William Child and Albert and Bessie Williams called on her and her sister Ruby, this summer, reporting the events of the 155th Reunion which they were unable to attend.

**Lucy Reed** spends her summers in Watertown, Massachusetts, and winters in Florida. She writes: "With the exception of one year, I have returned to Woodstock in the summer, therefore having the opportunity of keeping in touch with my friends in Woodstock."

**Ethel Upham** is retired and living in East Woodstock. Further news may be read in her class report.

**Constance Grigg**, teacher of English in Northbridge High School, Whitinsville, Massachusetts writes that she for one year was class advisor, for four years the coach of girls' basketball and since 1931 has been publications advisor in addition to her regular teaching duties. Her home is in Woburn, Massachusetts.

**William Closson** is a postal transportation clerk and his home is in Springfield Gardens in New York..



**Priscilla Drake** is teaching history at Weaver High School in Hartford, and her home is in that city also. She frequently visits her sister, Mrs. Louis Rowe and family in Woodstock.

**Ellen Macomber Morse** is living in Hartford and has three sons, one in Mt. Hermon, one in high school and one in elementary school.

**William Robbins** is Principal of Petersham High School and lives with his wife and three children in Petersham, Massachusetts. On the night of the old timers Basketball game, **William Robbins, Richard Williamson, and Walter Schmidt and Ruth Chaffin Johnson**, all former Woodstock Academy Faculty members, returned to help officiate the evening's "show."

**Ruth Chaffin Johnson** is living in Wilbraham, Massachusetts. Howard and Ruth brought their youngsters to enjoy the Old Timers basketball game too.

**Roger Warner** is Headmaster of the Roger Ludlow High School in Fairfield, Connecticut. His three children are David 16, Phyllis 13 and Allen 9. He reports that **Lucius Stebbins** is a teacher of English at Roger Ludlow High School and that **Richard Williamson** is the Principal of Torrington High School.

**Dorothy Ernst McWilliam** is busy in community activities in Woodstock. Her daughter is in the Freshman class at Woodstock Academy.

**Hope Williams Williams** divides her time in living at the Williams' two farms, one in Woodstock and the other in Vermont.

**Henry Dunleavy**, always interested in Woodstock Academy affairs, is living in Thompson and is engaged in many worthwhile civic activities. When last interviewed he was a very busy President of the Woodstock

Fair on Labor Day week-end.

**Arleen Morse Richardson** is a busy homemaker, the mother of three boys, and her home is in Weston, Massachusetts.

**Jane Perkins** writes that she and her sister have put their Haverhill, New Hampshire home on the market. They will spend their fourth winter in California and plan to live there after their New Hampshire home is sold.

**Mildred Keirns** teaches in Westwood, New Jersey, and is delighted with the many improvements she noted at Woodstock Academy this summer.

**Thomas Michelson** is the Principal of the school for Dependents of the United States Air Force Base in Seville, Spain.

**George Saunders**, it is reported by Woodstock friends, is the head of the Foreign Language department in a New York high school. The Saunders have two sons and their home is in Bethpage, New York.

**Walter Schmidt** is teaching in Thomaston, Connecticut, and returns to visit friends in Woodstock.

**Kathleen Bailey Andrews** is reported to be living in Lakewood, Ohio.

**Louise Pike Jordan** has been reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Gleaner*. Always willing in helping the Alumni Association, she very ably and effectively conducted the music at our Reunion Banquet.

#### Class of 1888

**Grace Carr Child**, who attended the Academy from 1885 to 1888, is living in West Haven, Conn. We hoped that Mrs. Child might return to the 155th Reunion but she sent her greetings instead. We have enjoyed her letters and the following interesting excerpts from reminis-

cences written by her to us this past year. She writes: "I do know that along in the eighties the urge was strong to improve the school and Professor George Lord was secured to be the next Principal. He came in the fall of 1885 and soon had the course of study working well. He continued with us a second year and was followed by Professor James Clifford Simpson. Both were from New Hampshire. Assistant teachers were Miss Mary Dwight of Dudley, Mass., and later Miss Martha Woodruff of Northampton, Mass. Usually one assistant was enough for the work then, though for a short time Miss Inez Lord helped also. My diploma was signed by Abel Child, President of the Board of Trustees, and by W. R. Barber, Secretary of the Board. Mr. Child was commonly called Deacon Child and was the father of Mr. Clarence Child.

"The Academy library was kept in a small room on the main floor; also in the next room was the village library. A lady living near came on appointed days and cared for both at one time . . . There was no gymnasium and little convenience or material to demonstrate the sciences. . . The boys probably played ball on the green. Girls were not encouraged to take up outdoor exercise at home. They could gain many lessons in chemistry in their mothers' pantry watching her measure and mix . . . Seldom was there a party planned for the school . . . Sometimes after attending a program in the hall on the second floor we lingered to visit awhile and before leaving would form a line to march about the hall. Never any dancing there or in any school I chanced to know about . . . But Mr. Bowen was having those patriotic programs at Roseland Park on the 4th of July and the reception

at Roseland cottage the evening before . . . We young folks didn't always feel that we could follow the addresses on the state of our union . . . yet, having met these prominent persons the evening before, we would have interest to see them again on the speaker's stand. Then of course the subjects were varied and some entertaining. Just to name one, travel—new to most everyone—by R. E. Perry, Arctic Explorer.

"One never to be forgotten event came on graduating night . . . for then one of the heaviest electric storms I had known came on. (Note: This was a very notable Woodstock storm.) My father . . . drove to leave his horses at the Church sheds and said it was difficult to find a footing in the mud and rain and so dark between lightning flashes as he returned. Although the program had to be delayed so long I didn't hear that a window glass was broken, fierce as the storm seemed."

**Dr. George McClellan** is living in Woodstock, and at the 155th Reunion Banquet he received honors for being the member present from the earliest class represented at the gathering. On the following day he attended his 65th Reunion at Yale University in New Haven.

**Sarah Gordon Sampson.** Early in June of this year, we asked Harriet Sampson Pitt to inquire as to her mother's days at Woodstock Academy. Mrs. Sampson said she attended the Academy in the early seventies and that Mr. Cook was then the principal. A few days later, Mrs. Sampson died, at the age of ninety-nine years. Born in May, 1857, she had spent much of her life in her home close to the Academy.





*The above picture was taken during the afternoon program of the 1956 Reunion. Shown seated in the picture are, left to right, Florence Morse Dartt, Myrtie Chaffee Jordan, Bessie Barber Williams, and Agnes Child Paine. Standing are William Child, Albert Williams, and Alfred Child. The following bits from their conversation, "real and imagined," are submitted by Mrs. Jordan. She has also included other news items of our older alumni.*

"Isn't it grand to have a reunion again?"

"**Agnes Child Paine**, you were the first graduate after Mr. Hall became Principal."

"What about you, **Alfred Child**?"

"I am teaching in a Polytechnic Institute in Puerto Rico and have four children."

"Does anyone know anything about **Mary Goodwin**?"

"She seems to have dropped entirely out of the picture."

"Too bad **Ruth Williamson Gallup** was unable to come."

And so the conversation went. In memory we skated on the cranberry bog, did our best at Public Rhetoricals and promptly at ten went home from our few social affairs (not always alone). Two of the early nineties group, **Jessie Bowen Palmer** and **Estella Thompkins Waterbury** live in California near enough to one another to have a reunion of their own. **Constance Holt** has for many years

been the gracious hostess at the Pink House, dispensing hospitality and maintaining its traditions. She is Woodstock's esteemed and loved First Lady. The group was loath to cast a shadow by mentioning those who had graduated from the school of life, but we did speak of **Anne Hall Gaylord**, whose death occurred only a month before the reunion and so soon after she had so generously sent the Alumni Association her check of one hundred dollars to help in the planning of the Reunion events. **Florence Morse Dartt** stated that she is living in Quinebaug and that she and her husband, Matthew, wintered in Florida last year. While there she visited with Sidney Upham and Earl Bemis. **Alfred Child** reported that he had received a birthday card from **Charles G. Burd** in March, and that Charles spends his summers in Montclair and winters in Florida. Time and space do not permit mention of the many students of the gay nine-



ties who went out from the Academy of 1898. to make a name for themselves taking with them high ideals and fond memories.

#### MYRTIE C. JORDAN '93

(Myrtie Chaffee Jordan lives at her home in East Woodstock, and in June, 1955, celebrated her eightieth birthday with an Open House attended by many friends, neighbors, and relatives. Long active in many community affairs, she gives willingly of her time and generously aids deserving projects financially, most recently having assisted in the addition being built on the East Woodstock Church. Mrs. Jordan entertained Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Childs and their daughter, Mrs. Bruce Dien, when Mr. Childs returned to speak at the Reunion Banquet. (Upon coming downstairs in the morning, the Childs found hot freshly made doughnuts which Mrs. Jordan had prepared for breakfast!)

#### Bessie Barber Williams, Class of 1899, reports for the classes 1896-1899

##### Class of 1896

Mary Bowen Keith lives in Putnam. She and her husband, Edward, celebrated their Golden Wedding in June of this year. They have one son, Lawrence Bowen Keith, and three grandchildren.

Ruth Cahoon Leary is living in Johnston, R. I. Due to ill health Ruth was unable to attend the Reunion.

Earl Bemis attended the Academy during 1895 and 1896. He is now retired and he and his wife are living in Paxton, Mass. They have five children, Barbara, Lester, Bette, Judith and Theodore.

George Alfred Wetherell also attended the Academy in 1896. He and his wife, Flora Steere Wetherell, have always lived in Woodstock. For further news see Flora Steere, class

of 1898.

Here is news of two schoolmates who attended the Academy for part of the course. Florence Hosmer is now living in Vineyard Haven, having moved there several years ago. Her brother Albert E. Hosmer is living there with her. This information comes from Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams who in September, while enjoying a visit to Marthas Vineyard with William Child, called on the Hosmers.

##### Class of 1897

A. Lloyd Cooper is now living in Durham, North Carolina. He is retired, and this is the only news he sent us.

Fred J. Fitts, retired, writes that since the death of his wife he is living in Coral Gables, Florida.

Arthur Olney Williams, retired. He has led an active life, being associated with T. P. Sheppard and Company, manufacturers of sulphuric acid, American Cotton Oil Company, Merchants National Bank and Providence Gas Company, all in Providence, R. I. His first wife died, leaving him two sons, Arthur O. Jr. now head of Physics Department and chairman of Finance at Brown University. Van Zandt is vice president and director of sales and research with Perkins-Elmer Corporation in Norwalk, Conn. In 1943 Arthur married Annie S. Shippey, class of 1904, and they are now living in North Scituate, R. I.

Ruth Williamson Gallup is a housekeeper-companion and lives in Providence, R. I. She has one son, Lester Williamson Gallup.

Constance Holt is still the gracious hostess at the Pink House, Woodstock. She is interested in all civic affairs, is a trustee of Woodstock Academy, and serves on the house committee of the Board of Trustees.



**Edna Clark Bradford** and her husband, Howard, are living in Putnam. They have three children, Dorothy, Charles, and John.

**Ada Clark Lyon** and husband, Edward, are living in Edgewood, R. I. Edna and Ada, known as the Clark twins, attended the Academy from 1894 to 1897.

**Mowry Ross**, retired, is now living in a convalescent home due to ill health.

**Joseph P. Catlin** was unable to attend the June Reunion but sent his greetings and expressed his interest in the Gleaner and the Reunion activities. We report with regret the death of his wife Esther Trowbridge Catlin since the last issue of the Gleaner.

#### Class of 1898

**M. Elizabeth Chandler's** home is Grey Gables, in Ojai, California.

**Flora Steere Wetherell** lives at Westview Farm in East Woodstock. Flora and George celebrated their Golden Wedding in June, 1953, with an open house at their home. In March, 1956, they visited their son, Frank and his family in Decatur, Illinois. Alice Steere Faris, and her husband of Scott City, Kansas, joined them there for a family reunion. They have five children, Vernon, Franklin, Constance, George Alfred and Presly, and six grandchildren.

**Sidney Upham** retired in 1941 and lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. He has been ill during this past year and he has our best wishes for a speedy return to good health. His sister Ethel was with him for a time.

**Leslie Harris** spends much of his time in Florida also, and writes, "I have been keeping fit and well for my age and do a lot of hunting, fishing and playing golf and swimming while here in Florida."

**Richard Child**, retired, lives in

Brooklyn, New York. He and his wife have two children, Richard Jr. and Frances. Richard returned to the 155th Reunion.

**Henry James Potter** retired after an active life serving as a mechanical draftsman with the Draper Corporation, Hopedale, Mass., an engineer with the Travelers Insurance Company and the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, Treasurer of the Windsor Fire Department, Past master, Masonic Lodge, Clerk and Deacon of First Congregational Church, Windsor, Conn. He and his wife live in Windsor, Conn., and have three children, Philip Sidney, Newton Randolph, and Janice Miriam. The Potters celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage in June, 1956, and Henry attended the 155th Reunion at the Academy on June 16th.

**Albert Williams** still makes his home in Sprucedale. He writes, "Although I sold my dairy last year, I find my time very much occupied with various duties. I have been a Director of the Citizens National Bank in Putnam for over twenty five years and for the past two years have been elected president of same. I am senior deacon of the First Congregational Church on the Hill, Trustee of Woodstock Academy and as chairman of the House Committee have had a goodly part in the recent improvement inside and outside of the Academy building.

A most interesting and successful project in which Mrs. Williams and I had an important part, was the saving and restoring of the Little Red School House in Quasset. It stands to-day as the oldest one-room school in the United States from the standpoint of continuous use; it being nearly two centuries old. It is furnished with the old time desks,



books, maps and slates. The dedication of the building received national acclaim.

**Emma Elizabeth Allen**, due to a serious break down in health, is confined to a hospital.

**Emily B. Ross** is in poor health and is living in a convalescent home in Thompson, Conn.

**Edna Frost Tobias**, during the summer, is at home in Garden City, Long Island. She and her husband spend the winter in Florida at Delray Beach where they have built a home.

#### Class of 1899

**Ruby Sanborn** is now retired and living with her sister, Faith Sanborn Brainard, in Amherst, Mass. Faith Sanborn Brainard was a former teacher at Woodstock Academy.

**May Gifford Jordan** is a homemaker and lives in Willimantic, Conn., and is a frequent Woodstock visitor.

**Bessie Barber Williams** lives in Sprucedale, and with her husband, Alberto, has been helping the Alumni Association in all of this year's plans, most recently having edited sections of our Gleaner class news. They have three children, Donald, Constance and Lloyd. During February and March, 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Williams enjoyed a guided tour through the West, sight seeing mostly in Oregon and California. On June 28th, 1955, they celebrated their Golden Wedding, having open house at their home in Sprucedale. They enjoyed meeting friends and received many letters of greeting from far and near.

**William Chapin Child** is retired, and living in Woodstock. We were all saddened to learn of the death of his wife, Lucy, in early 1956. Will has served on the Board of Trustees of Woodstock Academy for twenty five years and is now an honorary trustee. He has been a President of the Woodstock Fair and Master of

Senexet Grange. He attended the General Assembly in the years 1949-'51-'53, and last but not least he has a good garden. Will has three children, Florence, Roxana and Henry and four great grand children. This last spring he assisted with Reunion plans and was Chairman of the committee in charge of the Picnic at noon on the Academy Lawn.

**Olah Withey Whelpley** hasn't been heard from for a long time. The last news from her was that she was living in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

#### Class of 1900 Secretary, William Child, Woodstock

**Reverend Bertram Bugbee** writes to us from his home and sends us little news but we are glad to hear from him. His home is in Kennebunk, Maine.

**Frederick Rockwell** has written us and visited us as well. Frederick and Esther Rockwell came to Woodstock for the 155th Reunion and were the guests of Henry and Florence Young at Valleyside. We were happy to have Fritz as one of our toastmasters at the Reunion Banquet and thank him for his part in the pleasure of the evening. Fritz has received an enviable number of horticultural honors. His more recent citations for horticultural achievement were conferred by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in 1954, the Men's Garden Clubs of America and the Holland Bulb Growers' Association in 1955. The Rockwells are building their new home in Orleans, Mass., and are planning to move in this fall.

We regret to announce the deaths of **Arthur and Mary Morse** since our last printing of the Gleaner.

#### Class of 1901. Secretary, William Child, Woodstock

**Olive Paine** writes "I am sorry I cannot revive the friendships of earl-



ier years through the reunion at the Academy. The celebration fifty years ago stands out in my memory as a great day. This will be another and I would like to be there." Olive's home is in Urbana, Illinois.

**Phoebe Pray Randall** writes, "My son volunteered in the Army, March 1941, for foreign service. He had his basic training at Wheeler Field, Honolulu. I went to Hawaii to visit him and we were both there at the time of the Jap attack. I was sent back in the first convoy and landed in San Francisco December 31, 1941, where I spent New Years Day with Ewart Brunn the president of my class at W. A. and his wife . . . After my son's discharge he attended the Restaurant Institute in New Haven and then was employed by Thompsons' Lunch of which Frank Davenport, W. A. 1901 was president. Then he was recalled to active service. He is in the Air Corps making it a career and is now stationed in Japan." Phoebe has moved from Rockville to Wellfleet, Mass., where she is very busy in civic life.

**Sabin Spalding** is at home in Elmvale with the exception of the winter months when he goes south to enjoy the Florida sun.

**Ethel Spalding Silberberg** is still living in Cambridge, Mass.

**Herbert Slye** writes from his home in Stafford Springs. "At present I'm just a good hard working Republican citizen."

**Gardner Richardson**, who attended the Academy with this class, was serving with the Department of State, in the American Legation in Berne, at the time of his retirement in 1947, when he returned to Plaine Hill in Woodstock. He is presently serving the Academy as a member of the Board of Trustees.

**Ernest Williamson** lives in Provi-

dence, Rhode Island.

**Class of 1902. Secretary, Harry Child, Woodstock**

**Harry Child** and **James Perrin** were the only members of the class to answer our letters. Harry lives in Woodstock and attended all the events of the 155th Reunion. He was married in 1946 to Josephine E. Gomley. Harry and his wife enjoyed visiting with all the picnic group on the day of the Reunion. **Jay Perrin** had hoped to attend the Reunion and at the last minute sent us word that he would be unable to come, which word we were sorry to receive. He sent us news of his many civic activities and interests in Quebec and told us that he is now with Woodlands, Canadian International Paper Company in Quebec. His grandson is 14 and granddaughter 11.

**Class of 1903. Secretary, Grace Church White, Diamond Hill, RFD Manville, R. I.**

**Alice Steere Faris** and her husband live in Scott City, Kansas, and in 1953 they returned to Woodstock to help celebrate, with her sister, the George A. Wetherells' fiftieth wedding anniversary. In March, 1955, when the Wetherells were visiting their son Frank and family in Decatur, Illinois, Alice and her husband Brownlee motored to Decatur and joined in a much enjoyed family reunion.

**Clarence Hall** writes that he is retiring as Law-Clerk of the Superior Court of Bridgeport, Conn., in 1956. We hoped to see him at the Reunion and were very grateful to him for the words of greeting which he sent us on the day of the celebration when he was unable to attend.

**Cornelius Haskell** from Laurel, Nebraska sends this message "We have been in this spot for nearly thirty five years and rural life seems to be



conducive to good health as our War I. whole family consisting of my wife, four children and ten grandchildren and one great grand son are remarkably hale and hearty." Neal is a farmer and stockman and one day he hopes to return to an Academy reunion.

**Florence Hibbard Lockwood.** We were glad to see Florence on the day of the Reunion. Her home is in North Grosvenordale.

**Frank Rockwell** is retired from the Navy with the rank of Vice Admiral. The Rockwells are now living in Washington, D. C. where he is with the Washington office of Hiller Helicopters. Woodstock Academy is proud to list Frank Rockwell's Service Record and Awards and Medals from 1941 through World War II, and his retirement in October 1948. 1941-1942 Rear Admiral to Cavite, P. I., in November as Commandant 16th Naval District at Cavite and Corregidor until 12 March, 1942; Rear Admiral in Australia until August as Commander Submarines, Eastern Australia (based at Brisbane); 1942-1944 Rear Admiral Commander Amphibians Force Pacific, Hdqrs. at San Diego except for Aleutian campaign (recapture of Attu and Kiska); 1944-1945 Rear Admiral Commander Amphibious Training, Atlantic Fleet, Hdqrs. at Norfolk with training bases at Solomon Island (Md.); Little Creek and Camp Bradford (Va.); Fort Pierce (Fla.); St. Andrews Bay and Pensacola (Fla.); 1946-1948 Rear Admiral Senior Member, Board of Inspection and Survey, Pacific Coast Section. Hdqrs. at San Francisco—inspected ships of all types both active and reserve, held trials all new vessels on Pacific Coast.

#### Awards and Honors

1. Navy Cross—As Commanding Officer of USS WINSLOW, World

2. Distinguished Service Medal—Defense of Cavite and Corregidor.
3. Legion of Merit (1st) Recapture of Attu.
4. Legion of Merit (2nd) Amphibious Training Command.
5. Silver Star—Part of Corregidor Campaign.
6. Navy Unit Citation — USS PENNSYLVANIA at Attu.
7. Presidential Unit Citation — Defense of Manila Bay and Corregidor (with Oak Leaf Cluster.)
8. French Legion of Honor — Rescue of French survivors in War Zone.
9. Mexican Campaign — Occupation of Vera Cruz, 1914.
10. World War 1 (with star).
11. Pacific Area (with two stars.)
12. Coastal area.
13. Victory Medal — World War II.
14. Philippine Defense (with star.)

**Elsie Bates Saunders** reports from Westfield, Mass. that she has three grand daughters. We regret receiving Elsie's news of the death of her husband in 1954 and we extend to her our sympathy.

**Helen Chandler Wallace** writes from Glendale, California that she plans to return East in 1958 and attend her fiftieth Reunion at Wellesley and we hope she comes to visit in Woodstock too. Helen is active in Church, Civic League and Women's Clubs, the YWCA and Republican Club and is last but not least, a housewife.

**Grace Church White.** Congratulations to Grace White, for as secretary she received detailed news from her class members. The Whites attended the 155th Reunion, all events, and enjoyed a visit with Will Child



over the Reunion week-end. Their home is in Diamond Hill, Rhode Island.

**Alan Upham** sends us this news from his home in East Woodstock. "During the last twenty years or more I have taken up the study of Botany rather seriously. I have been much in the field, and the result of these explorations has been a complete list of the Flowering Herbs and Shrubs, the Ferns, and the Fern Allies of Windham County, Conn. Those found in Woodstock are listed on cards in alphabetical order in the East Woodstock Public Library. Many of these are illustrated with pen and ink sketches and contain short descriptions."

**Class of 1904. Secretary, Anna E. Nelson, RFD #1, Putnam**

**Pearl Alton Gifford**, her husband, Paul and daughter, Barbara have returned to live at the Gifford home in East Woodstock.

**Florence Safford Keyes** lives in Long Beach, California and we regret her not sending more detailed news of herself.

**Bernice Leavitt** writes from her home in Lakeland, Florida, "One of the nice things about living in Florida is seeing so many old friends from the north who come here for winter vacation. Each year a dozen or more drop in to call so we keep in touch with things up north."

**Anna Nelson** is retired from teaching and is living on the Nelson Farm in Quasset. She is active in community work and came to all the events of the 155th Reunion. Her picture may be found among the Reunion soft-ball players.

**William Nelson** after having served for twenty five years in the teaching profession, as teacher, headmaster, and superintendent, has retired and is living in Plaistow, New Hamp-

shire.

**Annie Shippey Williams** lives in North Scituate, Rhode Island.

**Blanche Shippey Wilson** is at home with her brother Herbert in Woodstock. We extend our sympathy to Blanche for the death of her husband in May, 1955.

**Class of 1905. Secretary, Nellie T. Burleson, South Woodstock**

**Nellie T. Burleson** lives in South Woodstock where she is busy as a general helper and devoted church worker. In mailing the letters to her class she was unable to locate Edmund T. Gilbert.

**Fred Howard** and his wife **Gert-rude Taber Howard**, 1902, are living in West Hartford, and Fred's business is located in Springfield, Mass.

**Dorothy Richardson Lincoln** and her husband are now living in Woodstock, and Dorothy writes, "Recently my husband and I have begun to travel again because we believe in the saying, 'It is later than you think.'"

Since our last issue of the Gleaner our class has lost two members. **Harry Wells** died in June, 1948, and **Ethel Rawson Morgan** died in August, 1954.

**Class of 1906. Secretary, Maude Healey, South Woodstock**

June, 1956, marked the fiftieth anniversary of the graduation of this class from the Academy. Three members returned to enjoy the 155th anniversary banquet. **Maude Healey, Lottie Spalding** and **Ethel Upham**.

**Florence Welch Armstrong** and her husband, Harry, live in Sioux City, Iowa. Florence writes that her health is much improved and she is able now to take an active part in community life, and has had vacations in Mexico and California. Their son and his wife, Betty, are at Oakland, and their daughter, Ruth, is in San Francisco.



**Maude E. Healey** retired from teaching in the Bridgeport schools in 1954, and returned to South Woodstock where she bought her own home in which she enjoys entertaining her relatives and friends. She also enters into many community activities, where it is fun to make new contacts, since there have been so many changes in fifty years. Maude worked on the committee for the Historical Exhibit in the Bracken Memorial Library, which was part of the 155th anniversary program. Maude tells us that **Mary Randall Strong**, a member of this class, lives in Rockville, Conn.

**Sarah Herrington Froyd** writes that her son John is a doctor and practices in Wyoming. The Froyds live in Torrington, Wyoming.

**Elizabeth Carr Gros Jean** lives in Watkins Glen, New York. Her son Paul and his family lived in Woodstock for a few years, until recently, when they moved to the vicinity of Boston, Mass.

**Carl Morse** lives in East Woodstock and is interested in Academy news. He is fortunate this year in that Dick May, who is editing the *Gleaner*, is one of his near neighbors and can keep him well informed.

**Lottie Howard Spalding** retired from teaching at the elementary school in Woodstock last June. She plans to travel abroad this Fall and her daughter Elizabeth Spalding Guertin will accompany her.

**Ethel Upham** tells us that she is retired but is working now and then. She is living in East Woodstock. Previous to her retiring Ethel was Herbarium Assistant at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Our class announces with regret the death of one of its number. **Mabel Ritch** died after she returned

to her work in Louisville, Kentucky, following a summer vacation spent in Woodstock.

**Class of 1907. Secretary, Rev. Henry Baker, East Woodstock**

**Reverend Henry Baker** continues to live in East Woodstock. He has served the town well in recent years as a member of the Building Committee for the Elementary School and a Trustee of the Academy.

**Mabel Eddy Morse** is living in Brewster, Mass.

**Mary Myers Peck** was married in 1947 to Eugene B. Peck and their home is in East Haddam, Conn. Mary enjoyed returning to the 155th Reunion. She tells us that she is teaching and is very happy to be so occupied.

**Marie Nelson Goss** is living in Hartford and writes that she is with the G. Fox Co., demonstrating Universal Electric appliances.

**Herbert Shippey** is still in the poultry business on his farm in South Woodstock.

**Class of 1908. Secretary, Mildred Townsend, East Woodstock**

**John Healey** is with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Little Neck, N. Y.

**Harriet Nelson Jones** lives in Hartford and does private duty nursing. Hattie returned to the 155th Reunion and one may find her picture with the Softball team.

**Mildred Brown Townsend** lives in East Woodstock and enjoys having her grandchildren visit her on the Townsend Farm.

**Louise Fitts White** writes that her home is in Providence but did not send us any further news.

**Elsie Lydia Barber**, who attended Woodstock Academy for one year in 1905, is at present teaching in Pasaic, N. J. She returned to Woodstock this past summer to visit with



her sister, Mrs. Albert Williams and family, and other Woodstock friends.

**Class of 1909. Secretary, Marion Smith Stone, RFD #2 Putnam**

**Edith Briggs Fitts** is living in Portland, Maine, and writes that she is painting in water colors and oils and is working in crafts.

**Bernice Bates Marschall** is living in Stamford. She has retired from teaching and in her news we learn that the recent arrival of twin grandchildren brings her number of grandchildren to four.

**Louis K. Miller** lives in Shrewsbury, Mass., but we have no further news.

**Marion Smith Stone** writes that she is busy as a housewife. Her home is in East Woodstock.

**Lyle Turner** is a secretary and living in New York City. It took us some time to locate her and she sent her warm regards to friends who helped find her correct address.

**Class of 1910. Secretary, Rilla Child, Woodstock**

**Wallace Armstrong** and wife are living in Waterville, Vermont. For thirty two years he was with the Geological Survey Water Resources. At present his occupation is Right-of-way engineer with the Vermont Highway Department.

**Mary Flynn Blakeslee** and husband are living in Indianapolis, Indiana and have two daughters. Mary is cashier for the H. Lieber Company.

**Louisa Howard Clark** and husband still live on Woodstock Hill and Louisa is a teacher in the Woodstock Elementary School.

**Flora Alton Danielson** is living in East Woodstock and although she is unable to lead an active life, she is always glad to receive calls from her friends.

**Lyman Richmond Fitts** and wife, **Edith Briggs Fitts** class of 1909, are

living in Portland, Maine, where Lyman is service manager for the Mack Motor Truck Company. The older of their two sons died in 1948.

**Leonard Holmes Healey** is now living in Sayville, New York and is with Stern Brothers, New York in the furniture department. The Healeys have two children.

**Edith Eddy Sullivan** lives in West Stafford, Conn. and is teaching first grade in the Borough Elementary School in Stafford Springs.

**Class of 1911. Secretary, Blanche Perry Bosworth, Pomfret Center**

**Dorothy Cox Archer** and husband are living in West Hartford, Conn. Due to poor health Dorothy is not able to lead a very active social life.

**Blanche Perry Bosworth** is a busy housewife living in Pomfret Center and active in community life and projects. At present she is chairman of the Pomfret Community School Lunch Program. Her son **Kenneth Bosworth** has served the town of Pomfret for several terms in the General Assembly.

**Esther Johnson Dreher** is another busy housewife living in Middletown, Conn. She has a married daughter and a son in the service.

**Esther Emelia Nelson** leads a very busy life on the Nelson home farm near Quassett Lake.

**Martin Nelson**, a past president of the Alumni Association, and a member of the Board of Trustees, died since our last *Gleaner* was published. We also announce with regret the death of **James Donlon** this past winter.

**Class of 1912—The Class of Girls Secretary, Rilla Child, Woodstock**

**Carrie Barrett Frink** takes comfort in staying at her North Woodstock home, but is always glad to have friends drop in to see her. She has a daughter and son.



**Jarda Carlson Linde** reports that she's a busy housewife. She and her husband still live in Bridgeport, Conn.

**Rilla Child** lives on the Hill and keeps busy as a bee taking care of the youngsters in the community.

**Grace Myers** lives in Quincy, Mass., and is a practical nurse working in a convalescent home.

**Helen Perley Cornell** is Woodstock's legal First Lady, as the Town's Clerk, Treasurer, and Judge of Probate.

**Gladys Sheldon Prescott** is paymaster at the Waterhouse Company in Webster. Gladys writes that she still has her residence in Webster, but looks forward to joining her son and daughter-in-law in New Hampshire "some fine day."

**Olive A. Whitney** and her mother are living in Putnam. Olive is in the office of the General Industries Inc., in Putnam. For twenty-two years she was in the Bookkeeping Dept. of Powdrell and Alexander Inc., Danielson.

**Class of 1913. Secretary, Edmund Anderson, 23 Franklin St., Putnam**

**Edmund Anderson** was a clinical chemist for many years, but is now retired and living in Putnam. He was the only member of his class to attend the banquet.

**William Richardson** retired from his job at the Chicago Post Office in 1953, but continues to live in Chicago. He has visited his Woodstock friends this past summer.

**Ida Spalding Masters** and her husband live in Los Angeles. They have a son and a daughter.

Her many friends were deeply saddened by the death of **Eleanor Keith Lewis** in June, 1953. For thirty years she had taught in the Eastford school and her influence in her chosen field had reached well into surrounding communities. She was a Trustee of

the Academy, and through the Eastern Star, of which she was a Junior Past Worthy Grand Matron of the State, she increased her wide circle of friends. In her memory, the Eleanor K. Lewis Memorial Fund was established, the interest of which will be used to further the educations of worthy Eastford students. Contributions are still being accepted by the Secretary, Board of Education, Eastford, and will be gratefully appreciated by the Trustees of the Fund.

**Class of 1914 Secretary, Ruth Bjornberg, North Woodstock**

**Arthur R. Anderson** is production manager at the American Optical Company. He has a married daughter and a son enrolled at Tufts. The Andersons live in Southbridge.

**Ruth Bjornberg** retired from teaching in 1953 and is now at home in North Woodstock.

**Grace Hawkins Healey** and her husband John live on Little Neck, Parkway, NYC. She writes: "We have lived in Little Neck fourteen years and will be here a year and a half longer at which time John retires and we will move back to Connecticut, probably near my daughter who lives in Westport. John is employed with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co."

**Carl O. Johnson** is a tool and die maker in Flint, Michigan. He reports that his wife, Lillian, died in 1952. His twin sons are Robert and Donald.

**Rolfe Lyon** is a real estate broker and lives in Pomfret Center. The Lyons have a son and daughter. Rolfe writes: "Have devoted spare time since 1912 in gathering data on Woodstock branches of the Lyon family. Have thousands of details available to anyone interested in genealogy."



**Leslie Sumner Parker** is a home-maker in Fiskdale, Mass. She writes that her daughter is married and her son, who is learning to be a printer, also has plans for marriage.

**Susan Sumner Reynolds** and her family live on the Sumner homestead in Woodstock. Their children are mentioned elsewhere in the *Gleaner*.

**Agnes White Stone** and her husband live in Southbridge. She reports that a grandson and granddaughter are now attending the Academy.

**Class of 1915. Secretary, Estella F. Barrett, RFD #2, Putnam**

**Ruth Bates Keith** lives in Gilbertville, Mass., and now has three grandchildren. Ruth teaches in Hardwick, Mass.

**Mary E. Chamberlin** is a licensed practical nurse and makes her home in Washington, D. C.

**Florence Lawson Godin** and husband live in Glendale, California, but have made two trips East in the past few years. She writes that she has worked for Los Angeles Dept of Water and Power for the past seventeen years.

**Mildred L. May** still lives on the May homestead in East Woodstock.

**Catherine Perry Goodness** lives in Glen Falls, N. Y.

**Gretchen Rutishauser McKay** is living in Port Clinton, Ohio. We are sorry to learn that her husband passed away this past February.

**Harriet Sampson Pitt** makes her home in Woodstock and is serving the town as its Representative in the General Assembly.

**George Wilcox** and his wife, Mildred, have moved to South Woodstock and are now living in the Ida Sanger place.

**Estella Frink Barrett** writes that she and her young folks are very happy to welcome their friends at

Fairholm Farm. Estella is very active in community affairs and is a member of the Board of Trustees.

**Clara Eddy Cox** still teaches in Stafford Springs, and lives with her husband, Ted, at their Woodstock home.

**Mabel Richardson Hill** continues to reside in Middletown, Conn. She is an employee of Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford.

**Class of 1916. No Secretary**

**Lyman Hibbard** is still running his farm in North Woodstock.

**Bernice Sanger Eugene** resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.

**Marion Perkins McDonald** has four children and four grandchildren. The McDonald family lives in Marblehead, Mass.

**Merrill Keith** is now a field auditor, Massachusetts State Welfare Dept., and looking forward to that retirement date in the near future. He lives in Gilbertville, Mass.

**Wentworth Johnson** spends the summer months with his brother and sisters on the farm on Senexet Road and lives in Florida during the winter months.

**Class of 1917. Secretary, Eleanor Lindeman, Woodstock**

**Lois Harrington Place** writes: "My time is spent at home and in my husband's office, with some church work mixed in." She and her husband, George, live in Webster.

**Eleanor Lindeman** enjoys her work as house mother for the boys of Theta Xi Fraternity, University of Connecticut.

**Theodore Perkins** is now living in Jackson Heights, NYC, and is engaged in the advertising business.

**Owen White** retired from his position with the Engineering Bureau of Conn. State Highway Dept., to work as Associate Highway Engineer. His daughter graduated from St. Joseph



College in 1950 and his son received his M. A. degree from Yale this year. Owen and his wife, Sara, attended the reunion in June.

**Eleanor Williams Backus** and husband are living in West Woodstock where she is a housewife.

**Class of 1918. Secretary, Helen Bjornberg, North Woodstock**

**Marguerite Bosworth May** is a very busy homemaker in East Woodstock and greatly enjoys having her two small grandsons Dale and Douglas living close-by.

**Julia Johnson Johnson** is a Worcester housewife. Her daughter, Carol, is a RN.

**Andrew Lowe** and family live at Fox Hill Farm in Pomfret. Andrew is employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

**Helen Bjornberg** received her B. S. degree from New Britain Teachers College in 1944. She teaches at the Burns School in Hartford, but one can find her at home in North Woodstock each weekend.

**Otto Pike writes:** "I wish that you were here to see our new house that we just built . . . it is all concrete, roof and all. I have two grandchildren now, and another has announced his arrival for the near future; all here at home . . . My two older sons are in business with me, one in the flower shops and the other on the plantation." Otto lives in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, where he grows sugar cane, flowers, ornamental plants, and operates retail flower shops. He urges his friends to visit Puerto Rico. "P. R. is a popular vacation land now, don't forget."

**Agnes Peterson** reports: "I am kept busy on our 'Old Home Farm', keeping house for my two brothers, answering telephone calls in their business, and helping out wherever needed."

**Jean McClellan Whitney** lives in Palisades, N. Y. Her husband, Charles Whitney, is publisher of **Interiors** magazine.

**Paul Ringdahl** has very recently given up dairy farming but still lives on the home place. He works for Linemaster Switch Company in South Woodstock.

**George Swenson** is a toolmaker at United Aircraft in East Hartford. He lives with his wife in Manchester, Conn., and reports that he is the grandfather of three wonderful little girls.

**Carolyn Cox Foster** is another resident of Manchester, and gives her occupation as housewife. The Fosters have a son, John Raymond.

**Ellen Swenson** continues to live on the home place with her brother.

We are sorry to announce the death of **Hazel Wood Coburn**, who passed away in December, 1946.

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**Wallace Frink** continues to do some farming on the Frink farm. He has five grandchildren. Wallace is also in the trucking business and writes: "Enjoy long truck trips to see how other people farm and live in other sections of the country. Have made a visual study of the soil, landscape and water conditions in many parts of the USA".

**Hobart Sanger** and family live in Harrisville. He is an employee of the Connecticut Light and Power Co.

**Merrill Healey** resides in West Hartford with his family, and is a supervisor of building construction.

The Class of 1919 is now down to three living members. It is with deep regret that we announce the deaths of **Louise Lindeman Landres** in 1955 and **Galen Pike** in 1956. The two oldest daughters of Louise are married and ten year old Susan has spent the summer with her aunt,



Eleanor Lindeman, in Woodstock. Galen and his family were living in Minnesota at the time of his death.

**Class of 1920. Secretary, Myrtle Ware Anderson, East Woodstock, Conn.**

Myrtle Ware Anderson's home is in East Woodstock and she is a teacher at the Woodstock Elementary School. She devotes much of her leisure time to helping with community affairs.

**Newton Carpenter** is a farmer and lumber dealer in Eastford.

**Olga Erikson** is a secretary with the Putnam office of the American Optical Company and is at home at Lakeside in South Woodstock.

**Signe Anderson Hagstrom** lives in Thompson and teaches school in Wiltonville. Her son Robert and his wife have built a home in Woodstock and have two children. Richard, another son, is a Lieutenant in the Air Force and is stationed in Kansas.

**Dorothy Bundy Healey** writes from her home in West Hartford of her interest in church, civic and college organizations. She has been president of the Center Church Auxiliary, the Hartford Pembroke Club, the P.T.A. and the Mark Twain Study Group. She has a married daughter, a son in Yale, and a daughter in High School.

**Frank Harrington** lives in Wellesley, Mass., and is an electrical design engineer with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

**Harold Johnston** is with the Scoville Manufacturing Company and lives in Waterbury, Conn. He engages in many community activities, acting as chairman of a Boy Scout Troop, and deacon of his church. In addition to bringing up their own son, the Johnstons are taking care of two of Mrs. Johnston's nephews.

**Mabelle Johnston Nelson** is with

her daughter in Waterbury, Conn.

**Louise Lawton** has moved from Woodstock to her new home in East Dennis, Mass.

**Sylvia May White** writes: "Home, family and the joy of becoming a grandmother fill my days. Add to this my absorbing work with the children in the kindergarten held in the Hill church, and still a little time for friends and some community work. That's it."

We regret reporting the death of **Ruth Sheppard McAlister** in October, in Suffield, Conn., so soon after we visited with her at the 155th Reunion. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Royce, and daughter, Janet.

**Class of 1921 Secretary, Annette May Clark, RFD #2, Putnam, Conn.**

**Marvin Barrett** is a welfare executive with the State of Connecticut. As President of the Board of Trustees of Woodstock Academy he finds his free time very fully occupied.

**Annette May Clark**, from her home in South Woodstock, devotes her time to many worthwhile civic projects.

**Spencer Jordan's** daughter, Marcia, enters her second year at the University of Connecticut this Fall. Louise Pike Jordan teaches music in the Woodstock schools and the family is at home on Quinebaug Road.

We announce with regret the sudden death of **John McClellan**, on Thanksgiving morning, 1956. John, a well known Woodstock lawyer and orchardist, served the Academy as legal consultant and member of the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee.

**Class of 1922. Secretary, Julia Swenson, East Woodstock, Conn.**

**Helen Johnson** teaches at the Woodstock Elementary School and lives at the Johnson farm.

**Julia Swenson** teaches in the Fab-  
yan School and enjoys living in the  
new home which she and her brother,  
Arthur, have built in East Wood-  
stock.

**Beatrice Healey Whaples**, from her  
home in Storrs, writes that she is a  
Home Management Specialist, (own  
home). She is studying for her  
master's degree at the University of  
Connecticut. In the space reserved  
on her Census sheet for the listing  
of awards and honors, she writes,  
"My awards do not appear in 'Who's  
Who' but adorn our mantel: my hus-  
band, three sons, two daughters-in-  
law and two grand daughters."

**Edwin Wilcox**. We received no re-  
ply from Edwin and we would appre-  
ciate news about him.

**Class of 1923. Secretary, Elsa John-  
son, RFD #2, Box 118, Putnam,  
Conn.**

**Harold Carpenter** is farming in  
Eastford and he serves the town as  
a member of the board of assessors.  
The Carpenters have two children,  
Ronald, 13, and Nancy, 12.

**Judith Johnson Fitzpatrick** and her  
husband make their home in Daniel-  
son where he operates the Clicquot  
Club Distributing Company.

**Carl Feiler** is the Chairman of the  
Woodstock Board of Assessors.

**Lester Gallup** writes that he is  
sales manager for the Rhode Island  
Tool Company in Providence and  
that with his wife and two daugh-  
ters, he lives in Riverside, R. I.

**Alice Cross Hemenway** devotes  
much time to church work in Con-  
cord, Mass., where the Hemenways  
live. She is serving her third year  
as a Deaconess, is a member of the  
calling committee and is treasurer of  
the Sunday School.

**Elsa Johnson** is busy at the Johr-  
son home in Woodstock and in the  
community too, having served as your

class secretary this year.

**Reginald Pike** is in Welch, West  
Virginia.

**Luke White**, we understand, is liv-  
ing in Florida and has recently com-  
pleted work for his law degree.

Since our last issue of the **Gleaner**,  
this class has lost two members.  
**Ilo Sullard** died in 1948, and **Doris  
Lindeman Burbank** passed away in  
1953.

**Class of 1924. Secretary, Lydia Ta-  
ber Walling, Woodstock, Conn.**

**Leonard and Elizabeth Rollins An-  
derson** and their two daughters take  
a very busy part in Woodstock ac-  
tivities, Leonard being treasurer of  
the Woodstock Academy Board of  
Trustees. In June, 1955, Betty and  
Leonard and Mr. Rollins, following  
the Academy Commencement pro-  
gram, entertained for Mr. and Mrs.  
Maurice Childs, and invited those  
who had been students when Mr.  
Childs was Principal of the Acade-  
my to an evening reception at their  
home. Mr. Childs had returned to  
be the Academy Commencement  
speaker and the party at the Ander-  
sons gave many of us an evening  
to visit and reminisce, which was  
most enjoyable.

**Gladys Young Anderson** died in  
May, 1956. Previous to living in  
Windsor, Conn., she had been a res-  
ident of Woodstock and active in  
much of the community life. She  
will be remembered by **Gleaner** read-  
ers as a contributor to former issues  
and as co-editor of one of the last  
issues published. The class of 1926  
news tells of her husband and child-  
ren.

**Alfred Carpenter** farms in East-  
ford.

**Eric Erickson** lives in South Wood-  
stock.

**Charles Peckham** continues to



farm in Dudley. The Peckhams have three children.

**Quintin Sanger**, his wife and daughter Jennifer live in Washington, D. C. where he is with the medical department of the navy. His must be a busy life for he writes of being a member of the Yale Club of Washington and of Calvary Westminster Choir of Washington. Also he is a contributor to professional and social science periodicals and is a speech writer in the department of defense.

**Robert Scranton** is with United Aircraft in Hartford and lives in South Woodstock. His son, A. Robert Scranton IV, and daughter Laura, are attending the Woodstock schools.

**Reuben Swanson** is with the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corp. in Groton, Conn. His home is in Waterford and he has a son, Reuben, and a daughter, Sandra.

**Lydia Taber Walling**, her husband and three children live in Woodstock. Her daughter, Lydia Ann, was in this year's graduating class at the Academy and her two sons are in the Woodstock schools. In addition to being a busy homemaker, Lydia is a secretary at the American Optical Company.

**Vernon Wetherell** lives at Westview Farm in East Woodstock and is a real estate broker. He is active in many community projects. He has been an Academy trustee for some years and he served as president in 1951. He has also been Woodstock's Civil Defense Director and Tax Assessor. At present he is secretary of the Woodstock Planning and Zoning Committee, and chief of the Muddy Brook Fire Department.

**Class of 1925. Secretary, Gladys Harrington, 283 Woodstock Ave., Putnam, Conn.**

**Walter Anderson** works for the New York Telephone Company and lives with his wife Henriette in Rockville Center, New York. He writes that he has been studying recently at New York University.

**Clara Baker Closson** tells us that all three of their children are married and that they have five grand children. Her home is in Springfield Gardens, New York.

**Gladys Harrington** lives in Putnam and is office manager for her brother-in-law's Place Motor Company

**Marion Stahl Hosmer** has three children, Dorothy, Richard and David. Marion tells us that she also works as a bookkeeper and attends classes at Clark University. The Hosmers live in Worcester, Mass.

**Arnold Johnston.** No news was received from Arnold.

**Gerald Phaneuf** lives in Dearborn, Michigan, and is general sales manager for the Holbrook Buick Company. He has a son, Lawrence, and a daughter, Joyce.

**Harry Rutishauser** is with the American Optical Company and he and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Southbridge

**Donald and Hope Williams** make their home in Sprucedale where they operate the Woodstock Frozen Food Lockers. Donald has served three terms in the Connecticut General Assembly, 1943-45-47.

This class has lost two of its members, **Henry Safford** died while in the service in World War II, and **Sarah Pike Robert** died in September, 1951.

**Class of 1926 Secretary, Sarah Healey Pedersen RFD #2 Putnam, Conn.**

**Raymond Anderson** lives in Windsor, Conn. We extend to Raymond and his children our sympathy for their loss of wife and mother in May, 1956. Gladys Young Anderson '24

died after a long illness. There are three children; David, who enters the University of Connecticut this fall, Martha, who is a senior in Windsor High School and Robert, who is in elementary school.

**Edith Nelson Colburn**, her husband and four children, Karlene, John, Kerstin and Karl Jr., are busy farmers in East Woodstock.

**Harold Esterbrook** is a difficult man to find. We understand he lives in a trailer and follows the sun. When last reported he had spent the summer of 1955 in New England and had departed for a winter in California.

**Jeanie Davies Goodwin** lives in Warwick, Rhode Island, and has two sons, Webster Jr., 16 and John, 12.

**Edith Johnson** visits often in Woodstock and lives in Brookline, Mass., where she is a secretary.

**Richard Johnson** is the custodian of the Woodstock Elementary School and lives in East Woodstock.

**Selma Johnson**, after becoming a R. N., continued study at the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania and is now at the Faith Hill Mission Center, in Lucky Fork, Kentucky. She writes, "Here in the Kentucky hills life is rather a strange and very interesting combination of modern living and conditions of a century ago. It is interesting and encouraging to notice that when the Gospel is accepted the standard of living automatically rises. Our purpose in being here is to help these people, not only spiritually, but physically and mentally as well."

**Elizabeth Kempf Lindgren** died in the Fall of 1955.

**Eleanor Peterson Lawton** lives at Alexanders Lake in Danielson. The Lawtons have three children. Eleanor, the oldest, goes into training to be a nurse this fall and two younger daughters, Roberta and Elizabeth,

are at home. Eleanor finds time to be a homemaker and to do some nursing too.

**Stewart Morse** and family live in North Woodstock. Stewart Michael is attending the Academy.

**George Mower** sends word that he is with Olin Industries in New Haven and that his home is in Hamden, Conn.

**Ernest Peckham** is with Stillwater Worsted Co. in East Woodstock. His daughter, Janet, has finished one year of nurse's training and his son, John, attends the Academy.

**Sarah Healey Pedersen** and her husband own and operate a dairy farm in Woodstock.

**Laura Cross Pringle** writes from her home in Wheatogue, Conn., "I wish I could list a number of interesting things. Keeping a home for my three men keeps me busy, except for choir and church work. Ronald is a junior at New Britain Teachers College and Robert is a senior at Simsbury High School."

**Oscar Speck** did not reply to our letter.

**Nils Shenning** writes that Lodge work and sports, plus family life, keep him busy. He works for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft and lives in Manchester, Conn. and has two daughters, Carol 13, and Arline 19.

**Irene Esterbrook Stone** lives in Oxford, Mass. Her son Lawrence is in the U. S. Air Force. Her daughters, Gwendolyn and Cheryl, are in elementary school.

**Frank Wetherell** is a Divisional Manager of Food Crafts Inc. in Decatur, Illinois. His youngsters are Peter, 12 and Jane, 9. Frank and his family returned to Woodstock to visit his parents at Westview Farm during this past summer.

**Christopher Williams** is with the Word of Life Fellowship at Schroon



Lake, New York. In his letter he invited former classmates to drop in to say "Hello" if they chanced to be in his part of the country during the summer months.

**Class of 1927 Secretary, Constance Williams, Woodstock, Conn.**

**Pearl Cady Butson** reports that three of her six children are married and that she has seven grand children. Her activities are in her church, the PTA and acting as Den Mother for the Cub Scouts. The Butsons live in West Kingston, Rhode Island.

**Walter Chrzan** writes from his home in Willimantic. "If I can make it to the Banquet, you can be sure I will. I am a Multiple Sclerosis victim and I perambulate around the house in a wheel chair. Some time if you or any of the other members of the old gang happen to be this way, drop in and see me. I would sure appreciate it."

**Einar Hansen** is in personnel work at the American Optical Company and lives in East Woodstock. His oldest son, Robert, has finished his first year at M.I.T. in Boston and the three younger children are at home. Einar and his wife Dorothy are most active in local affairs, he being a member of the town school committee and also very active in the work of the East Woodstock church.

**Charles Nichols** lives in Framingham, Mass., and writes of his most interesting activities. He is an amateur radio operator, has his private pilot's license, and spends much time in photography.

**George Smith** is an agent for Nationwide Insurance and makes his home in East Woodstock. He has four children, George Jr., Janet, Gary and Sharon.

**Constance Williams** is a Librarian with the Hartford Library. We wish her well in her new work but great-

ly regret her leaving the Bracken Memorial Library at the Academy.

Since our last printing of the **Gleaner** this class has lost three members. We regret to announce the death of Vera Cross Taylor, Elizabeth Lowe Haberlin and Dorothy Lilibridge Chappell.

**Class of 1928. Secretary, Constance Wetherell Peshmalyan, Woodstock, Conn.**

**Cedric Child** lives in Elmvale with his wife Elizabeth and four sons, Clarence, Frederick, Cedric and Stephen. Cedric and Lib are operating their own Bakery business and their activities in the town are varied and extensive. Cedric has served the town as chairman of the school board, is an Academy trustee, and was a member of the building committee for the Woodstock Elementary School and its addition. Lib is chairman of the committee for Hot Lunches in the schools. Cedric nobly served us as a Toastmaster at the 155th Reunion Banquet. We note with sympathy to Cedric and Wallace the death of their mother, **Louise Lindeman Child**, in August, 1955.

**Marcus Johnson** returned from the U. S. Coast Guard in 1945 to resume his work as a trooper with the Connecticut State Police. He and Claire Paige were married in 1950. His step-daughter Candace is 11 and his son Marcus Jr. is one year old.

**Ellen Carlson Kallgren** and her husband Alfred live on their farm in Elmvale. They have a daughter, Joyce Dorothy, age 16.

**Esther Hicks Larkin** lives in Unionville, Conn., and has three daughters, Donna, Dortha, and Deborah. Esther and Connie Peshmalyan were the only two members of the class of '28 who attended the picnic at the 155th Reunion, so they did the visiting for the entire class.



**Esther Johnson Norman** says most of her activities are centered around her various church organizations. The Nomans live on their farm in Woodstock and Esther says her children, Dorothy, Edward, Dwight and Richard will report for themselves in their own class news.

**Warren Peckham** and his wife Laura live in Waltham, Mass. We expected to see him at the Reunion but his plans must have changed at the last minute. He is a machinist with the W. H. Nichols Co. in Waltham.

**Constance Wetherell Peshmalyan.** "We returned to Woodstock in 1942 and now live in the Holmeslea carriage house in South Woodstock next door to where I used to visit Jeanie and Aggie Davies when we were students at the Academy. My husband's only objection to Woodstock is that it is such a busy place. True, there's little opportunity for one to be idle with the town bustling with so much activity."

**Kenneth Pike** received his Ph. D. from the University of Michigan in 1942. He is Professor of Linguistics at the University of Michigan and a translator with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. He has published several books and various articles and a more detailed report of some of Kenneth's work may be found elsewhere in this **Gleaner**. The Pikes have three children; Judith, Barbara and Stephen.

**Robert Pike**, his wife Madlyn, and son Richard, live in Silver Spring, Maryland, and he is a scientist with the National Bureau of Standards in Washington D. C. Bob has recently had several articles published in the Journal of Research, National Bureau of Standards.

**Rebecca Hibbard Weber** is a staff nurse with the Beth Israel Hospital

in Boston, Mass. She and her husband Reuel live in Milton and she writes that she has three step-children and nine step-grand-children.

**Florence Child Young** is at home at Valleyside in Woodstock. She and Henry are grand-parents, as their daughter, Harriet, and son, Dexter, are both married. Their daughter, Charlotte, is at home with them.

**Max Marcy**, who attended the Academy during the first two years with this class, lives with his family in Woodstock Valley and Max takes a responsible part in community affairs. The Marcys have three children, Ronnie, 9, Robert 4, and Maxine 1.

**Ellery Marcy**, who also attended the Academy during our freshman year, lives in West Woodstock. Ellery and Sylvia Collins Marcy have two daughters. Sylvia displayed her artistic ability by making posters for the Old Timers Basketball game last winter.

**Class of 1929. Secretary, Beatrice Child French, Pomfret Center, Conn.**

**Evelyn Butts Balfour** lives in South Woodstock. Her daughter, Lois Virginia, is eleven years old.

**Doris Basto Boivin** lives in South Woodstock. Her son, an Army Lieutenant serving overseas in Germany, is married and Doris is a grandmother. Her daughter graduated from the Woodstock Elementary school last June.

**Wallace Child** owns his own rug and upholstery cleaning business in Fullerton, California, where he lives. He has a daughter, Kathleen.

**Beatrice Child French** is a busy homemaker in Pomfret. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Connecticut Girl Scout Council, and of the Pomfret School Board. Bea and Don have three children, Barbara, Marcia and Gordon.



**Viola Williams Hurlburt.** There is no news from Viola.

**Gregory Kempf** lives in Pomfret.

**John McWilliam** is an engineer with the Northrop Aeronautical Institute in Lancaster, California.

**Agnes Davies Paige** writes that her home is in Kittery, Maine. Her son, George, is 12.

**Gertrude Gobin Shippey** is living in Willimantic where she is employed in the office of the American Thread Company. She has two children; Gail and Milton.

**Ralph Tourtelotte** is Director of Physical Education in the YMCA in Cambridge, Mass. He has a daughter, Barbara, and a son, Thomas Ralph.

**Elsie Johnson Wood** writes that her son has served a year in Thule, Greenland with the Army. Her second son, Barry, finished grammar school last June. The Woods live in Leicester, Mass.

**Henry Young** and Florence farm at Valleyside in Elmville. Henry has served the town as a member of the Board of Assessors and at present he is a Trustee of the Academy. The Youngs have four grandchildren.

**Samuel Zipkin** and Jennie Klein were married in 1946. Their home is in Worcester and they have a daughter, Cynthia.

**Class of 1930. Secretary, Florence Johnson Dodge, Star Route, Putnam**

**Marion Cady Poeton** lives in Foxboro, Mass. Her son, Cady, is attending St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., and her other boys, Richard and Thomas, are in the second and first grades, respectively. Marion is Head Nurse at Wrentham State School for Mentally Retarded Children.

**Roxanna Child Williams** lives with her family in South Weymouth, Mass. Mother of three children; Peter 16,

Richard 12, and Carol 9. Roxanna gives her occupation as housewife, and adds that she is active in local Civic Improvement Association, Girl Scouts, Little League Mother's Association, and P.T.A.

**Elsie Hibbard Allen** resides in Saxtonville, (Framingham) Mass., and works at the Roxbury Carpet Co., same town. This year she received her diploma from the Florence UTT School of Switchboard and Reception of Boston. Her son, Kenneth, is a TV announcer and was married April 1, 1956. Dorothy, her daughter, is a physiotherapist.

**J. Eugene Hibbard** and family still make their home in East Woodstock. Gene is employed by the American Screw Co., in Willimantic. His son, John, is a student at the University of Connecticut and his daughter, Ann, graduated from the Academy in June.

**Anna Johnson Anderson** was married to Alfred Anderson in 1946. With their children, Deborah 7, Gary 5, and Beverly 3, the Andersons live in Mansfield Center, Conn. Anna has a Sunday School class at the Ashford Baptist Church.

**Florence Johnson Dodge** lives in West Woodstock where she finds it a full time job caring for her family, Dorinda 15, Timothy 12, and Sandra 1. During 1950-1952 she served as a Trustee of the Academy and was Superintendent of the Sunday School at the home church from 1947-1953.

**Ruth Palmer Porter** was among those who played in the "Old Timers" basketball game last spring. Ruth was married May 12, 1951, and gives her occupation as housewife in NYC. She adds that she does volunteer work in New York for the English Speaking Union and the Greater New York Council for Foreign Students, mostly meeting and helping students from other countries when they ar-



rive in New York City on ships and planes.

**Elinor Perrin** continues to live in West Woodstock, where she devotes much time to her church. She is employed at the Grove Street Greenhouse in Putnam.

**Eunice Pike** has written a book entitled, "Not Alone", which was published by the Moody Press about July 1, 1956. In the book, she tells of some of her experiences as a Bible translator. This past summer, Eunice has been in England teaching linguistics, but her headquarters still remains Heroes 53, Mexico, D. F.

**Eleanor Starr** makes her home on Woodstock Avenue, in Putnam.

**Margaret Scranton Apte** lives on the Lebanon Hill Road in Southbridge. The Aptes have two daughters, Katherine and Margaret.

**Class of 1931. Secretary, Elsie Erickson, East Woodstock**

**Sylvia Collins Marcy** continues to make her home in Woodstock with her husband Ellery, and two daughters, Corinne 14, and Faith 5. Sylvia gives her occupation as homemaker.

**Elsie Erickson** keeps her position as bookkeeper at Stillwater Worsted Mills, Inc., in East Woodstock. She recently moved to an apartment in that village.

**Donald French** and family live in Pomfret Center, where he is employed as a foreman for the State Highway Commission.

**Raymond Hibbard** resides at the Hibbard home in Woodstock, and is employed at Linemaster Switch Corp. in South Woodstock. He is organist at the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, in Hartford. Ray served in the Army from 1941 to 1945, with some of that time being spent in the Pacific area. In 1953, he received his B. M. degree in Organ from the Hartt College of Music, Hartford.

**Axel Johnson** and family returned to Woodstock after an interlude of a few years in Rhode Island. Axel is Overseer in the cloth room at the East Woodstock plant of the Stillwater Worsted Mills, Inc.

**Howard Johnson**, with Mrs. Johnson. (Ruth Chaffin, the Academy's Home Economics teacher from 1938-1941) and their five children; Barbara, Howard Jr., Susan, Janet, and Perry, live in Wilbraham, Mass. Howard was an officer in the Air Corps from 1941-1946, and is now connected with the Feed Service, Eastern States Farmers Exchange, Springfield, Mass.

**Jane Lyon Morris** may be found on Dudley Hill, Mass. She has two daughters, Kathleen, 13, and Shelley, 11, and is active in choral and choir work.

**James Meehan** and his wife are farming in Woodstock. Jim is a member of the newly formed Planning and Zoning Committee.

**Joseph Morse** is Superintendent of Packard Mills Inc., of Webster, and lives with his wife, Barbara, and two daughters, Dorothy and Marianne. Joe served with the USN from 1943-1946.

**G. Alfred Wetherell** and family reside at their East Woodstock farm, and he reports that he is getting better looking every day.

**Thelma Johnson Ryerson** of Litchfield, Conn., keeps busy bringing up her four daughters, Joya Carla, Jan Noel, Jeri Lee, and Sally Jane. The Ryersons have been spending the summer at their cottage on the Cape. Thelma has responded to the urgent need for teachers and has returned to the teaching ranks. She hopes to complete work for her B. S. degree next June.

**Martha Kuper Cozzens** may be found at her School Street home in





Twenty fifth Anniversary Class at Reunion Banquet. Front row: Elsie Erickson, Thelma Johnson Ryerson, Sylvia Collins Marcy.

Rear row: Ruth Chaffin Johnson, former teacher, Axel Johnson, G. Alfred Wetherell, Howard Johnson.

Putnam. She has one daughter, Paula.

The following members of the class attended the 155th Reunion Banquet and celebrated 1931's twenty-fifth reunion: Elsie Erickson, Thelma Johnson Ryerson, Sylvia Collins Marcy, the Howard Johnsons, Axel Johnson, and Alfred Wetherell.

**Class of 1932. Secretary, Edna Hibbard, RFD #2, Putnam**

**Geneva Cross White** is kept busy with her family, Jane, 13, Justin, 9, and Sarah, 2, in Thompson.

**Donald Child** and family make their home in West Boylston, Mass., where Don is a building contractor.

**Elizabeth Gifford** is a companion and resides in Framingham Center, Mass.

**Edna Hibbard** reports that she,

with her family, recently moved from East to North Woodstock. She is still employed at Stillwater Worsted Mills.

**Dorcas Johnson Morrison** finds that her five children; Catherine, 12, Anne, 9, Michael, 7, Mary Ellen, 5, and baby Peter, are a full time job. The Morrisons recently moved to their new home in Worcester.

**Frieda Kuper Nisi** lives with her family in Holden, Mass. The Nisi children are Sandra, 16, Terry, 12, and Joanne, 7.

**Evelyn Morgan Weimann** makes her home on Senexet Road. The Weimann's have three boys; Gordon, 18, Richard, 16, and Peter, 9.

**Laurence McWilliam** is married to the former Dorothy Ernst (teacher at the Academy from 1932-1938)

and they have a daughter, Joan. They



live in Woodstock where Laurence is a building contractor.

**Florence Neely Mulligan** is employed at Edwards in Southbridge and lives in that town. Floss has two boys, William and Terrence.

**Sarah Zipkin** continues to live at the family farm in Woodstock and works at Stillwater Worsted Mill.

**Dudley Gifford** is employed at the Linemaster Switch Corp., in South Woodstock but one may find his ceramic creations on sale, trademarked Dudley, at the Woodstock Roadside Stand. Dud lives in North Woodstock.

**Rosalma LaChapelle Bates** now lives in Indian Orchard, Mass

**Ida Sheldon Alexander** has the sympathy of her classmates and friends on the loss of her husband and mother this past year. Ida has a daughter, Gloria, and they are living in Webster.

**Katherine Foskett's** mailing address is Southbridge, Mass., RFD #1.

Note to members of the 1932 class. Your twenty-fifth reunion comes in June 1957. How about beginning plans to return to the Academy on Saturday, June the fifteenth, nineteen fifty-seven.

**Class of 1933. Secretary, Anna Petersen Mellen, RFD #2, Putnam**

**Dorothy Chapman Wetherell** keeps busy at West View Farm, East Woodstock, with her family. Dot and Stub have two children, Holly, 5, and George Alfred III, 2.

**Evelyn Child Collins** lists her occupation as housewife, with spare time activities which include making stuffed toys and candy for the Sales for the Blind and for local orders. Recently, Evelyn has taken up instructing home-making for the States' Rehabilitation work with the blind. The Collins children, Norman and Priscilla, have made fine scholas-

tic records at the Academy.

**Henry T. Child**, his wife, and their children, Virginia and William C. Child II live in West Chester, Penna., where Henry is Farm Manager at Osborne Hill Farm.

**Sophie Chrzan Kowalski** may be found at home on Senexet Road.

**Esther Collins Fairfield** is a busy homemaker in West Woodstock, caring for her husband and children, Melody and Steven.

**George Davis** is one of the many of our alumni who works in the American Optical Company. George and Evelyn live in South Woodstock and have four children; Sandra, George Jr., and the twins Jennifer and Johanne.

**Elizabeth Kallgren Norman** is a busy housewife with three children; Ray, 10, Earl, 7, and Ingrid, 2. Elizabeth is a graduate nurse and worked at Day Kimball Hospital for 6 years prior to her marriage.

**Katherine Lancaster Kriegbaum** lives in Mamaroneck, N. Y., where she lives with her husband and daughter, Katherine, 10. Kay writes she hasn't done anything beside a little freelance editing, gardens, housekeeping, and the usual volunteer activities, since moving there in late 1947. Before that, she worked as an editor and economist in Washington.

**Helen Morris Delorme** is working as a secretary, has one son, and lives in Takoma, Maryland.

**Beulah McWilliam Hoyt** passed away in 1945. Her son, Marshall Wallace Hoyt Jr., returns each summer to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McWilliam, at Roseland Park.

**George Neely** is employed by the American Optical Company in lens manufacturing. George was married in 1946, after serving in the USN from 1942-1945. He and his wife,



Myra, live in East Woodstock with their three children; Calvin, 9, Patricia, 6, and baby Kim.

**Anna Petersen Mellen** makes her home in Woodstock with her two children, Margaret, 10, and Richard, 7. Anna's husband, Richard, died in 1954. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know him appreciate her great loss. Anna is a trained nurse and does private duty nursing.

**Carl Ranta** is one of the mechanics at Marcy's Garage. Carl lives in West Woodstock.

**Edith Tourtellotte Child** is a busy homemaker at Nevada Drive, West Boylston, Mass. Edith and Don have three children. Their oldest daughter, Patricia, is married and lives in Germany with her husband. Jacqueline is engaged to be married. Son Paul is 9 years old. Edie is still a dandy basketball player as all will testify who saw the "Old Timers" game last February. Both Edie and Don can always be counted on to appear at alumni events.

**Marion Vredenburg Buckingham** lives in Essex, Conn., and works as a private secretary. Marion has two grown children, Mary and Richard Belanger, and writes that she is now a grandmother.

**Lloyd Williams** works as an Information Specialist for the Foreign Agricultural Service, US Dep't. of Agriculture. In this position Lloyd carries the responsibility of public relations for Agricultural Attaches in U. S. Embassies in 80 foreign countries, and editing a weekly publication called "Foreign Crops and Markets." While most of his work will be right in Washington, he will probably do some traveling abroad.

**Dorothy Williams Bennett** makes her home on Killingly Avenue in Putnam. The Bennetts have four children. The two older children

are married and Dorothy has joined the ranks of grandmothers, with one grandchild.

**Class of 1934. Secretary, Elizabeth Rawson, RFD #2, Putnam**

**Evelyn Basto Davis** keeps busy with her family at home in South Woodstock.

**Virginia Beams Gately** resides in Woodside, Long Island, N. Y. She is a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and does some painting.

**Ada Carlson Sprague** may be reached at Cricket Hill, Kenmore Road, Bloomfield, Conn., where she lives with her husband and two sons, Barry, 9, and Theodore, 8. Ada is a graduate nurse, does part-time nursing, and keeps busy the rest of the time with the PTA, Church, Scouts, and Garden Club activities.

**Mary Hibbard** lives at home in North Woodstock, and works in Stillwater Worsted Mill. She is soloist at the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, in Hartford.

**Homer Johnson** is employed by the Wirthmore Grain Company and his work takes him into Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Homer and May have four children and live in Hillsboro, New Hampshire.

**Hilda Kuper Neal** keeps busy as a housewife in Putnam. Hilda, and her husband Dick, have three sons; Jon, 14, Stuart, 12, and Richard Jr., 4.

**Mary Meehan** lives in Woodstock and works in the American Optical Company.

**Elizabeth Rawson** lives in what used to be the English Neighborhood Schoolhouse, and still works at the Stillwater Worsted Mills.

**Onni Rutanen**, his wife, and their four children, live on Woodstock Road, Southbridge. Onni has a Body-Shop in Putnam.



**Sumner Spence** and his wife are residents of Houston, Texas. Sumner is a physician, specializing in nose, ear, and throat. He received his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine in 1943 and stayed in Boston for internship and residency. From 1944-1946 he was in the Army Medical Corps. Then, in 1947, he moved to Texas where he established a private practice. Two afternoons a week he teaches at Baylor University. Sumner has also done some writing of medical articles.

**Bernard Sumner** is an Experimental Engine Tester, and lives with his wife and their children, Sandra, 13, James, 11, and Marsha, 6, in Glas-tonbury, Conn.

**Wilma Taylor Pascoe** resides in Pascoag, R. I., and works as a payroll and costing clerk at the Bachmann-Uxbridge Worsted Co. She is the mother of three children; Louis Jr., Deborah, and Nancy.

**Bertha Tourtellotte Martel** keeps very busy at her Portsmouth, New Hampshire home, caring for her husband, Bob, and five children. The twins, Jean and Joan, are the oldest, being 16. The Martel's have another daughter, Mildred, and two sons.

**Frank Young** is busy at his South Woodstock farm, and is chairman of the Vocational - Agriculture Consulting Committee. He is also leader of the 4-H "Pom-Stock Dairy Club." Frank and Anita have two daughters, Mary Anne and Margaret Louise.

**Class of 1935. Secretary, Ruth Young Lewis, Eastford**

**Raymond Anderson** and his family make their home in Stratford, Conn. Ray is an engineer at Lycoming Motors Experimental Division in Bridgeport, and the father of four children; three girls and a boy.

**Beatrice Booth Hutchinson** writes that her family is getting ready to move to Florida. She and her husband have three sons. The two oldest boys, Harold and Albert, are in the Navy, while the youngest, Leon, is in grammar school.

**Luella Carpenter.** No word was received from Luella.

**Miriam Child Bachand** lives in Worcester, Mass., and lists her occupation as housewife. The Bachands have two children; Henry, 8, and Shirley, 6.

**Kenneth Ekman** lives in North Woodstock with his wife, Gladys, and their son.

**Herman Fersenheim** is employed by the Tatem Manufacturing Company in Eastford, and lives in Woodstock Valley. Herman served in the Air Corps from 1942-1945.

**May Foskett Johnson** and Homer live in Hillsboro, N. H., where May acts as the chief cook and bottle washer for their children; Donna, 11, Philip, 6, Katherine, 4, and Norma Jean, 2.

**Veronica Hibbard** lives at home in North Woodstock, and is another alumna employed at the Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock.

**Olga Kallgren Johnson**, in addition to her duties as a Woodstock housewife, is a part time laboratory technician at Day Kimball Hospital. Olga and Axel have two children; Richard, 11, and Barbara, 9.

**Anita Klausen Young** is a South Woodstock homemaker for her husband, Frank, and two daughters, Mary Anne and Margaret Louise. Anita also teaches at Putnam Nursery School.

**Edna Mattocks Lemanski** has a lovely new home in Harrisville. Edna works at the Stillwater Worsted Mill.

**Arthur G. Morse** is a salesman and farmer in Coventry, Conn. A. G. and



Sybil have five children.

**Dorothy Neely Baker** can be found at Baker Farm Equipment Company in North Woodstock, where she works as "bookkeeper of sorts." Dot and Arthur have a lovely apartment upstairs over their place of business, and often some of their nieces and nephews are around to liven things up a bit.

**Franklin Roberts** could not be located.

**Ella Skinner Ilsley** is a resident of Northboro, Mass. She has two children, Margaret and William.

**Nadgy Shisko.** There is no word from Nadgy.

**Elizabeth Spalding Guertin** is a hairdresser. She lives in Plainfield, Conn., and has one daughter, Joan, 11. Elizabeth planned to leave for a seven week's tour of Europe in late August.

**Charles Vaida** is a dairy farmer in Phoenixville. Charlie served in the Navy from 1942-1944.

**Clara Walker Downs** is a home-maker in the town of Fairfield, Conn. Clara taught in the Fairfield school system before her marriage, and is now a substitute teacher there. She is also president of the Fairfield Council of PTA. The Downs have two children; Bradford, 14, and Margaret, 13.

**Ruth Young Lewis** serves as Eastford's postmistress, a job she enjoys very much. Ruth and Keith have three daughters; Nancy, 16, Joanne, 13, and Susan, 12.

**Class of 1936. Secretary, Louis Hibbard, RFD #2, Putnam**

**Sven Arvidson** is kept busy on the farm in Woodstock but finds time for his poultry 4-H club and other community activities. Sven was the only man from our class at the banquet. It was nice Augusta and Rachel brought their husbands to keep

him company.

**Geoffrey Beams**, with his wife, Pauline, and little daughter, Kathleen, are making their home in Orlando, Florida. Geoffrey is in the Agricultural Technical Service, General Chemical Division of Allied Chemical and Dye Corp. He received his B. S. degree at Mass. State College in 1940 and his M. S. degree at the Rhode Island State College in 1942. He was elected to the Phi Sigma Honorary Society, and served as a Captain in the Chemical Corps in WWII and also during the Korean conflict. During his years of military service, (1942 - 1946; 1951 - 1953) he received ten military medals and awards.

**Nancy Bjornberg** is still making her home and working in Woodstock. It was nice to see Nancy at the banquet; it takes an occasion like that to get the ones living in Woodstock together.

**Harold Goldman** lives in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he is secretary and co-owner of the Utica Thread Co. Inc. The Goldmans have a son, Mark Joel, 10, and a daughter, Judith Gail, 5.

**Dorothy Harper Hlavaz** keeps very active. Mother of two boys, Paul and Alan, she also helps her mother care for her chickens, is Den Mother to Cub Scouts of Pack 43, Danielson, Superintendent of her Church's Sunday School, a Church delegate and member of the Danielson PTA. We were glad Dot could be at the banquet.

**Louise Hibbard** (she's still known as "Squeak") continues to work at the Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock.

**Jane Johnson Newman** has a full time job caring for her family. She is also very active in the Church and community. Johnny and Burt have three children; Ardythe, Ingrid, and



John, and live in Lyons, N. Y. Jane is a RN, has taken a course in contagious diseases at Baltimore, Md., studied at John Hopkins and Cornell, and served in the Navy Nurse Corps from 1943-1944.

**Alice Johnson Anderson** lives in North Windham, Conn.

**Lois Johnson Janse** writes that her family spent five years in Florida and then settled in Newton, Mass., where her husband is in the contracting business. While in the South, they did lots of sightseeing and traveling. They lived in Orlando one year and the other four years at Atlantic Beach. Lois was one of the first from our class to marry, and thus far has the largest family. She is the mother of Barbara E., John Jr., Dorothy, Elaine, and Lois. She played in the "Old Timers" basketball game and attended the banquet also.

**Lillian Kuper Taylor** spent two years in the U. S. Coast Guard, from 1943-1945. She married Robert Taylor in 1944 and now lives in Putnam. The Taylors have three children; Kathleen, 10, Sharon, 8, and Robert Jr., 6.

**Anna Kallgren** attended Providence Bible Institute and is now enrolled in the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, School of Nursing, Boston.

**Rachel Kiuru Fleagle** and her husband, Jack, were at the banquet. She is kept busy at their home in Abington, Penna., caring for their children; Nancy, John Jr., and Robert.

**Keith Lewis** still lives in Eastford and is manager of the Used Car Dep't at Capitol Garage Inc., in Willimantic. Keith attended Bay Path Inst., and was in the Infantry from 1944-1945.

**Betty Perrin** is Secretary to the Personnel Director, G. Fox and Co., Hartford. Although she is in Hartford during the week, she usually

gets back to Woodstock weekends and is still very active in the Church.

**Scott Petersen**, with his wife and son, makes his home in East Woodstock, and works at Pratt and Whitney, Hartford.

**Lillian Reese Graves** graduated from Hartford School of Comptometer in 1940 and worked at Colts Patent Firearms until she married Albert Graves in 1946. They now have one son and live in Whately, Mass.

**Augusta Starr Swanberg** lives in South Woodstock. Her home is a busy crossroads, for her husband Sigurd serves the town as Selectman from the south parish, and her three children are very active in school affairs and 4-H club work.

**Lillian Salling Calhoon**, who served with the WAC during the war, lives in Murray, Kentucky.

**Norman Skinner** lives in Windsor, Conn.

**Tessie Smoolca** and her family make their home in Terryville, Conn.

**Joe Spalding** is a city employee (Fire Dep't) and also operates a landscaping business in Orange County, Calif. Joe was in the Army from 1940-1945 and his overseas service was in the South Pacific. He married Maxine Gidcomb (a teacher) and has a son, Thomas. They live in Santa Ana, Calif.

**Presly Wetherell** graduated from Rollins College in 1942, with a bachelor's degree in music. He then served in the Army, from 1942-1945, some time of which was in the South Pacific. Now living in Chamblee, Georgia, with his wife, Dorothy, and sons Presly Jr., and Brian, Pres is very active in civic, church, and musical organizations in Atlanta. While his business is with the Grub Sales Company in Atlanta, Pres is President of Choral Guild of Atlanta, tenor soloist at Atlanta's First Presbyter-



ian Church, a member of that city's Fellowship Choir and the Protestant Radio-TV Center. Pres says that he would appreciate a visit from any of his former schoolmates when, and if, they should be in his vicinity. His business and home phones are listed in the Atlanta telephone directory.

**Ann Zipkin** became Mrs. Jack Pearl in 1944. They have three children; Allan, 11, Phyllis, 6, and Barbara, 2, and live in Worcester, Mass.

We regret to announce the death of **Thelma Barlow**, since our last publication.

**Class of 1937. Secretaries, Arthur Newth and Paul Spalding, RFD #2, Putnam**

**Herman Barlow** was married to Jean Trepal in 1950 and they are living with their three sons in Storrs, Conn., where Herman is a partner in a hardware store. From 1944-1946 he was in the Air Corps.

**Doris Beams Boyd** has two daughters; Pamela, 10, and Martha, 5, and lives in Canton, Conn.

**Marjorie Brown** was seen by one of her classmates in New Hampshire, but no one seems to remember her married name.

**George Chilkott** is married and doing construction work.

**Norine Durrin Anderson** is at home with her husband and two sons, Paul and Peter, in Hazardville, Conn. Her present activities are mainly in the Methodist Church of that town.

**Anna Floeting Frost** did not reply to our letters.

**Russell Foote** is a purchasing agent for the Argonne National Laboratory, which is engaged in atomic energy research. He and his family live in Elmhurst, Illinois, but spend their summer vacations in Woodstock. Russ was an officer in the Army Air Corps from 1943-1946.

**Laurence Foote Jr.** is an accountant and lives in Auburn, Mass. Larry was a Captain in the Army Ordnance from 1941-1946, and was married in 1950. The Foote's now have three children; Richard, Steven, and Cynthia.

**Warner Gardner** and his wife are living with Warner's uncle in North Woodstock. He is a carpenter.

**Robert Goldman** received his degree in agriculture from the University of Connecticut in 1942 and then served in the Navy's Medical Corps until 1945. He was married in 1943 and now lives with his wife and their three children; Vale, Scott and Jonathan, in his Sandy Hook, Connecticut home. Robert is a marketing specialist.

**Frances Piecyk Klukowski** has an eight year old daughter, Frances, and lives in Willimantic.

**Susan Latham Clark** says that her son is taller than she is and that helps her to realize that she has been out of the Academy almost twenty years. The Clarks live in Paterson, N. J., and have three children; Charles, Margaret, and Cathy. Susan is a Sunday School teacher and a Girl Scout Troop Leader.

**Geneva Lemanski Daigle's** oldest daughter celebrated her twelfth birthday in August at their new address in Woodstock. Besides caring for her family, Geneva works in the American Optical Company in Putnam. The Daigles have two daughters; Geraldine and Christine. Geneva was past president of Putnam Emblem Club #209.

**Steve Morse** is in the moving, storage, and rug cleaning business. He, his wife, and children Kit, Stephen, and Christopher, make their home in Westport, Conn. Steve attended Massachusetts State and was in the Air Corps from 1941-1945.



**Arthur Newth** attended the University of Connecticut and was in the Army during the war. He and his wife, Ruth, have a baby son, David Arthur. Arthur is self-employed in construction work.

**Helen Ranta** is a secretary at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge.

**Laura Rutanen Monahan**, after serving with the Air Corps in the ETO, attended the California Air College and Plainfield Flight School. She is now an inspector at R. W. Cramer Co., Ballouville, Conn. Her two sons, John and Frank Monahan, were on hand to see their mother play in the "Old Timers" basketball game. She has received trophies for bowling, and is a commercial pilot.

**Paul Spalding** and family keep busy on their Woodstock farm. Paul served in the Navy during the war.

**Charles Sandison** is married, has two children, and is living in New York State.

**Charles Saltonstall** remains active in sports. Charlie won the Webster-Dudley Country Club Invitational in 1954, managed the Woodstock Little Leaguers for the past several years, and bowls during the winter. With the Army in WW II, he served in the European and Pacific theaters. He is now a weaver at the Stillwater Worsted Mills.

**Jennie Shisko**, we understand, teaches in Putnam during the winter months.

**Gladys Willis Davis** was sorry she couldn't make the banquet. Gladys attended Willimantic State Teachers College from 1937-1941. The Davises were married in 1949 and have an adopted daughter, Kathie. Their home is in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

**Anna Young Cramer** is living in Sanborn, North Dakota. The Cramers have two boys, Duane and Donnie.

**Class of 1938. Secretary, Eleanor Wallen Strand**, South Woodstock

**Helen Peterson Carlson** was married in 1944 and keeps busy caring for her husband and home in North Woodstock.

**Frances Latham Black** attended Arnold College from 1938-1939 and graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1942. Married in 1946, she now lives with her husband and daughters; Ellen, 9 and Diana, 5, in Bayside, New York.

**Joyce Townsend Collins** was married in 1950 and is very busy with her two little boys, Brian, 5, and Vaughn, 1, in her Holden, Massachusetts home. Before her marriage, Joyce attended Becker Junior College served in the WAVES from 1943-1946, received her degree from Clark University, and her master's degree from Columbia University.

**Sybil Joy Morse** graduated from Perry Kindergarten School in Boston before becoming the wife of A. G. Morse in 1942. The Morses have five children; Alton, 13, Lawrence, 9, Marjorie, 8, Judith, 5, and Lucinda, 1. They make their home on a farm in Coventry, Conn.

**Elmer Fairfield** served in the Army from 1942-1946. After his discharge, he returned to work at the American Optical Company. Married in 1947, the Fairfields have a daughter, Amber Lee, and live in Woodstock.

**Elizabeth Cox Leao** attended Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia and received her degree in 1944. She is now employed as a chemical technician (spectrography) and lives in East Hartford.

**Eleanor Wallen Strand** keeps busy caring for her husband, Roland, children Kathleen, 7, and Stephen, 2, and with activities of her community.



**Conrad Collins** served in the Army from 1944-1946 in the ETO. He then attended Providence - Barrington Bible College, where he received his diploma in 1949. He received his B. S. in education from Taylor University and his M. S. in education from the University of Connecticut in 1954. Married in 1950, he is now the father of Mark, 5, John, 4, and Karen, 1. Conrad's ordination was in March of this year and he is the minister of the Eastford Baptist Church.

**Francis Logee** served with the Navy from 1939-1945. Married, and the father of four youngsters, he now lives in East Woodstock, where he runs a large poultry farm.

**C. Franklyn Buell** is operating the Buell farm in Eastford and has over ninety head of registered Jerseys. He was married in 1948 to June Amidon and they have three children, Franklyn Jr., 7, Kenneth, 6, and Linda, 2.

**Mary Rosyar Navratil**, with her husband Martin, and children, Ronald, 10, Joyce, 8, and April, 1, lives in Miami during the winter and West Willington during the summer. Mary is active as a den mother for Cub Scouts.

**Carla Carpenter McLaughlin** is busy caring for her husband and children; Frederick, 15, Patricia, 11, and Thomas, 3, in their Wapping, Connecticut home.

**Pearl Barlow Wicks** and family live in Hampton, Conn. The Wicks have four children; Walter, 11, Beverly, 7, Janet, 2, and Russell, 1.

**Frank Vaida** attended the University of Connecticut for two years and now lives in Danielson with his wife, Victoria, and children; June, 8, John, 5, Jean, 3, and Jeffrey, 1. Frank is a lineman for the Connecticut Light and Power Co.

**Anna Chernushek Bombeto**, her

husband Samuel, and daughter Barbara, make their home in Hartford.

**Hazel Barrington Chappell** is the mother of two children; Raymond, 11, and Suzanne, 7.

**Irene Lachapelle McMenemy** resides with her husband, Robert, and children; Robert, Eileen, Ronald, David, and Gail, in Northboro, Mass.

**Beatrice Arvidson**, a 1939 graduate from Bryant College, lives in Springfield, where she is employed as a secretary.

**Irene Bosworth Foote** is a homemaker for Russ and their children; Gary, 14, Serena, 7, and Deane, 5, in Elmhurst, Illinois. Rene does volunteer work as a Gray Lady in the Red Cross, working with psychiatric patients in a Veterans Hospital.

**Ruth Gurwitz Dorfman** attended the University of Connecticut and then entered Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing in New York. She became a RN in 1941, and was married in that same year. The Dorfman's have two sons, Mark, 10 and Dana, 8, and live in Newton Center, Mass. Ruth keeps busy as a member of the Newton Police Dept. doing traffic duty every school day, and works part time as a nurse at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Ruth and her husband attended the reunion and played in the softball game.

**Anna Kiuru Abell** became a RN at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York in 1944. She entered the Army Nurse Corps and served in both theaters of the war from 1944-1949. At present she is a Captain in the Air Force Nurse Corps. Anna was married in 1956, and makes her home in Rome, N. Y.

**Myrtle Johnson Thomas** received her B. A. degree from Pratt Institute in 1942. She taught art and mechanical drawing in Oswego, New York,



and during the war she worked as a draftsman in Brooklyn, N. Y. In 1944 she was married to Rev. Norman Thomas and they have two children: Noela, 10 and Norman David, 8. The Thomas' have been traveling extensively through Europe and Scandinavia but their home is in Schenectady, N. Y., where Myrtle does greeting card designing, free lance and water color landscape painting in her spare time as homemaker and minister's wife in a large church.

**Marjorie Stowell Bickler**, who spent two years at the Academy, attended MIT and Wesleyan University. She is an organic chemist and now lives in LaCanada, California. She is the mother of a boy and girl.

**Catherine Cox Perry** has three children; Craig, 16, Charlene, 14, and Cathy, 12. Cay is employed at Mamins Store in South Woodstock.

**Margaretha Bennett Guertin** has a daughter, Joan, 16. Greta lives in Putnam and works in the office of Putnam Woolen Co.

**Marie Carlage Bednarz** lives in Putnam and is the mother of two boys; Tommy, 7 and Billy, 3.

**Clarisse Hall Ravenelle** is living in Moosup.

**Katherine Meehan McEvoy** attended the University of Connecticut, the Worcester School of Business Science and evening classes at Annhurst College. Married in 1956, Katherine now works in the Veterans Bonus Office in Hartford.

**Chandler Hibbard** runs his farm in East Woodstock. He and his wife, Mildred, have three children; David, 12, Barbara, 11, and Donald, 7.

**Sylvia Townsend** works in Worcester, Mass.

**Pauline Warchol** is married and lives somewhere in Massachusetts.

**Class of 1939. Secretary, Mary Todd Grennan**, East Woodstock

**Carolyn Piecyk Tanajes** received her degree from Willimantic State Teachers College in 1943. In addition to her duties as housewife and mother to baby Carol Lynn, Carolyn is an elementary school teacher. She has done a great deal of traveling throughout the United States, Cuba and Canada. The Tanajes live in Phoenixville.

**Mildred Bosworth Kuper** is a busy homemaker in East Woodstock. The Kupers have four children; Nancy, Brian, Bruce, and Gerry.

**Marguerite Marvin Raboy** attended Radcliffe College, receiving her degree in 1942 and became Phi Beta Kappa in 1943. From 1942 to 1946 she attended NYU and from 1946-1950 Carnegie Institute of Technology. The Raboy's have three children; Naomi Elka, 6, David, 4, and Nathan 1. They live in Park Forest, Illinois.

**Mary Todd Grennan** received her BS degree from the University of Connecticut in 1943 and also attended the Willimantic Teachers College. Later she was a teacher in Woodstock. Now the mother of Maureen, 9 and Michael, 2, Mary is a homemaker in East Woodstock, where her husband manages a dairy farm.

**Louise Roy Champney** has three children, Ronald, Frances, and Dennis.

**Ruth Johnson Norman** lives with her husband Harry, and their boys, Clayton and Cari, on the Paine District Road, where the Normans have a greenhouse business.

**Alice Potter Whitten** has worked for several years in general and state hospitals and at present is in training as a psychiatric technical trainee at Camarillo State Hospital in California. The Whittens have two children; Gwendolyn, 7, and Randolph, 6.



**Marion Hopkins** works for Stillwater Mills in East Woodstock.

**Ruby Creapo Rzeznikiewicz** has two children; Alan, 10 and Linda, 7, and lives in Brooklyn, Conn.

**Sidney Bell** served in the Army in the ETO during WW II. He is now married and makes his home in Putnam. Sid returned to play in the "Old Timers" basketball game last winter.

**Barbara Cooley Peters** was married in 1943 and lives in Elmwood Park, Illinois. She has three children; Kenneth, Edward, and Susan.

**Alice Hunter Irwin** attended Burdett Business College and was married in 1943. The Irvins live in Arlington, Mass., and have two boys; Norman Peter and Paul.

**Alfred Sheldon** is married and the father of an eight year old son, Alan. The Sheldons live in Putnam, where Al works for Place Motor Co.

**Clarence Fairfield** was married to Esther Collins in 1941, and they are now parents of two children. He is a carpenter and lives in West Woodstock.

**Lottie Colburn Amberg** keeps busy at her Eastford home. She has four children; Charlotte, 14, Harry, 13, Alfred, 19 and Sandra Kay, 8.

**Alexander Fabian** spent one year at Willimantic State Teachers College and served in the Army from 1944-1945. Now the father of three children, Al Jr., Richard, and Thomas, Alex is assistant treasurer of the Savings Bank of Tolland. He has served as Commander of the Benson-Flugel American Legion Post.

No news was received from **Alexander Smoolca, Mitchell Vaida, Harvey Gobin, Harold Dodge, and William Floeting.**

**Class of 1940. Secretary, Dorothy S. Johnson, RFD #1, Southbridge, Mass.**

**Clement Barlow** is married and the father of two children (Dale died at the age of six), Karen 5, and baby Bradford. Clem is a research chemist for DuPont, Photo Products Dep't, in Parlin, New Jersey. He graduated with a Ph. D. in physical chemistry in 1950 from the University of Conn. From 1944-1946 he served in the Navy. Clem writes: "Doing research on manufacturing of photographic films. Director of Christian Education in First Baptist Church of Middletown, N. J. (Est. 1688)."

**Gladys Withers Ekman** is a Woodstock housewife and the mother of nine year old Robert.

**Dorothy Nelson Beadle** resides in Waterbury, Conn. A graduate of Wilton School in Boston, Dorothy is now a busy housewife and has three children; Carolyn, 10, Sharyn, 7, and Barbara Jean, 1. Each of the Beadle girls were born in the month of May.

**Proctor Foote**, his wife Alice, and their four children, live in Oxford, Mass. Proctor served in the Navy from 1942-1945, and is now managing a service station.

**William Spalding** and his wife, Betty, have three children; John, 9, Frederick, 6, and Sally Jane, 2. Bill is a senior design engineer and lives in Granada Hills, Calif. A graduate of Purdue, he writes that his work involves designing instrumentation and control systems for nuclear reactors. Bill is pleased to be a chartered member of a new Presbyterian Church in Granada Hills. He was in the USNR from 1944-1946.

**Marjorie Newth Chvirko** is the wife of a Pomfret farmer, and the mother of Christopher, 5, and Karen, 3.

**Ruth Ranta** is living in New York City, but we were unable to get her address.

**Gwendolyn Withers Potter** is



housewifing it in Middletown, Conn. The Potters have three children—Richard, Dennis, and Patricia.

**Dorothy Saltonstall Johnson** makes her home in North Woodstock. She has three children—Jeri-Lee, Richard, and Alan. Her husband works in Providence, R. I.

**Priscilla Spence Hall** and her husband live in Great Barrington, Mass., where he is employed by a bank. She works for a doctor there.

**Frances Neely Williams** is kept plenty busy with her seven children. The Williams live in Charleton, Mass.

**Aleda Williams Sochor** has three girls—Carolyn, 9, Kathleen, 5, and Linda, 1. Her husband, Victor, is an employee of the telephone company.

**Anna Mae Goodhall Pallanck** is a restaurant owner, and a State Representative of the town of Union. In fact, she is the first woman to be elected to the General Assembly in that town. Anna was a medical technician from 1942 to 1947 and worked in various hospitals, but managing her restaurant is her present occupation.

**Arline Young MacFarlane** is a psychiatric aide at Mansfield State Training School, and lives in Eastford. She is the mother of Jo-Ann, 7, Robert III, 5, and Heidi, 2.

**Frances Laukevich Dravinski** makes her home in West Woodstock.

**Henry Latham** has his own oil business in Eastford and is the father of Thomas, 7, Linda, 5, and Susan, 1.

**Bob Joy** continues to live at the Joy farm and is an owner of the Woodstock Stand. Everyone sees him, but we couldn't get news from him on paper!

**Anna Johnson Bowham** lives in Norwood, Mass. The Bowhams have three children—John Richard II, Carol, 6, and Stanley, 4. Her occupa-

tion is listed as weaver.

**Albert Morgan.** We were unable to contact Albert, and would appreciate news from him.

His classmates regret to inform the **Gleaner's** readers that **Malcolm Jones** has passed away since the last issue was published.

#### Class of 1942

**Marilyn Shead Peterson, East Woodstock**

**John Kiuru** resides in Baltimore, where he is an electronics technician for G. I. Martin Company. He served with the Army in Europe and attended the Coyne Radio and Television School in Chicago.

**Virginia Cole Mitchell** lives in Norwood, Mass., where she keeps busy with her family, Thomas 9, David, 6, and Jane, 2. No doubt the nurse's training she received at Deaconess comes in handy.

**Bertha Johnson Brown** is a resident of Oxford, Mass. Bertha and Raymond have two children; Douglas, 7 and Ruth, 4.

**Antoinette Rathbone Mather** keeps very busy helping her husband in their insurance and real estate office, tending her family, and with her music. The Mathers live in Deep River, Conn.

**Doris Bosworth Shead** lives with her husband and two children; Kevin and Barry, on the Bosworth farm in Eastford.

**Helen Rosyar Ference** is a Stafford Springs housewife. She has a son, James, 4.

**Emily Young Bunnell** is a homemaker for Wayne and their children; Scott, Emy Lou, Gail, and Dean. The Bunnell home is in Eastford.

**Dorothy Hopkins Watson** became a RN at Worcester City Hospital and now lives in Randolph, Mass., with her family, Patricia, 6 and June, 3. From her letter we gather she is



very active in community and church affairs. School in Norwich, Conn.

**Grace Johnson Fairfield** is the Assistant Town Clerk in Woodstock and lives with her husband Elmer and daughter Amber in a newly built home. Grace attended Rochester Business Institute after graduating from W. A.

**Barbara Barrett** owns and operates "Barbara's Beauty Salon" in Southbridge. In recent months she has traveled through several states and toured Bermuda. Her home is still in East Woodstock.

**Margaret Bosworth Logee** is the mother of four children; Peter, Christine, Jonathan and Curtis, and lives on the Logee farm in East Woodstock.

**Solomon Andert** is now a Captain with the Merchant Marine and usually spends some of his yearly vacation in Eastford. He is Master of the 10,000 ton SS Gulfray, and he writes that he has bought a farm in Woodstock and plans to build next year and "get back to the Land, where I belong."

**Marilyn Sheal Petersen**, her husband and son, Scott, live in their newly built home in North Woodstock.

**Jane Danielson** lives in East Woodstock with her folks and is Dr. Bate's most able office nurse and laboratory technician.

**Albert Logee**, Nonie, and their children, Karen and David, live in East Granby, Conn. Albert attended the University of Connecticut, was in the military service, and is now in the Connecticut Air National Guard, stationed at Bradley Field.

**Jack Rourke** and his wife Peggy live in Jewett City, Connecticut. They have three children; John 9, Gail, 5, and Marianne, 1. Jack is teaching in Norwich Technical

**Frances Sullivan Mastrendra** lives in New London with her five children.

**Fred Wilcox** lives in Rhode Island and works as a stone mason with his father and brother.

**Albert Durrin**, his wife and children, Brian and Brenda, live in Fitchburg, Mass., where Al is a reporter for the Fitchburg paper.

**Rosalie Kempain Gwizdala** now resides in Danielson, Conn. She has a daughter Gloria, 8.

**Ida Zipkin Bernstein** is a homemaker in South Charlton, West Virginia. The Bernsteins have one child, Bruce 8.

**Raymond Herrick**, his wife and three children, live in Baltic, Conn.

**Rita Roy Cutler** lives in Pomfret with her husband, Ray, and their five children; Raymond, a freshman at Putnam High School, David II, Joanne, 9, Russell, 8, and baby Anita.

**Esther Meehan Hall** lives with her husband, Jim, on their farm in Woodstock. Their oldest child, Nora, is a freshman at the Academy. The rest of the Hall family includes Edward, twins Linda and Carol, twins Timothy and Thomas, and Michael.

**Albert Todd** is a busy farmer in East Woodstock. He and his wife, Mary, have three children; Susan, Jeffrey, and Rosemary.

**Elva Keith Sumner** and children are living in Florida.

**Caro Piecyk** lives in Phoenixville and is employed by the telephone company.

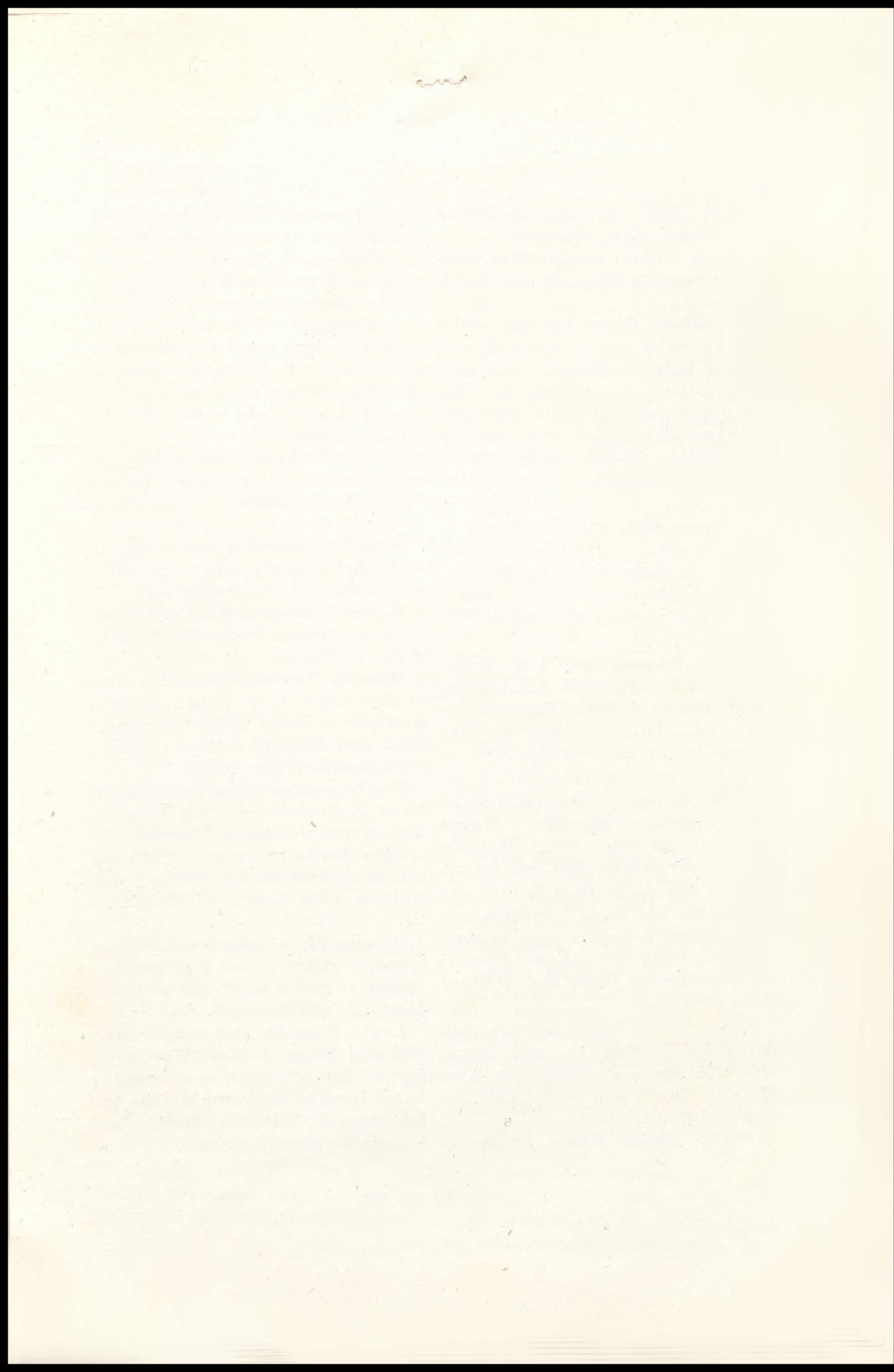
**Dick Gobin** is an office manager for Solar Steel in Worcester. He is the father of Richard, 6, and Beth, 5, and resides in Worcester.

#### Class of 1943

Secretary, Arline M. Bowen,  
Eastford, Conn

Robert Johnson is a North Wood-







**Class of 1942. Secretary, Ina Witter Pasay, East Woodstock**

**George Barrett** continues to manage the family's dairy farm in Chandler District.

**Ina Witter Pasay** has two children; Lynda 9 and Gregory 6, and lives in East Woodstock. Her husband, Keaton, works for the telephone company and Ina is the home manager. She is presently serving as president of the Village Circle, a Church organization in East Woodstock.

**Thurston Eddy** and family live in East Woodstock. He is a truck driver for P. Wajer and Sons Express, Webster, Mass. Thurston served three years in the Navy during WW II.

**Evelyn Johnson Eddy** is the homemaker for Thurston and the children: Ralph, 9, Steven 7, and baby Catherine Ann. Until recently, she had been a billing clerk at the A.O.

**Wayne Bunnell** is head of his Eastford household and works as an auto insurance adjuster. Wayne served in the Navy for four years and another year in the Coast Guard.

**David Joy** was married in 1954 and lives with his wife, Claudette and baby daughter, Sandra Ann, in their Windsor, Connecticut home. Dave is an inspector at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

**Nonie Witter Logee** has two children; Karen Sue, 11, and David, Bruce, 6. She is a housewife in West Granby, Conn., and writes that she is a Girl Scout leader.

**Phyllis Racine Kuper** resides in

North Woodstock with her husband, Arthur, and their children; Daniel, 12, Kenneth, 5, and Lorraine, 2.

**Eileen Marcy Gardner** works as a sewing machine operator in Southbridge and lives in North Woodstock.

**Juliet Collins** is an able and pleasant nurse at Day Kimball Hospital. Julie has carried many of WA's future students in and out of the maternity ward!

**George Willis** is married and has a family. He is employed by the State Fish and Game Commission in Litchfield County.

**Ewald Ratasep** is a family man in Middletown, Conn., where he works as a stationary steam engineer.

**George Howlett** is married and has a family. George works for Western Union in Florida.

**Beatrice Townsend Solomkin** lives in Riverhead, L. I. Bebe's husband is employed at the Suffolk Air Force Base and they have two children; Shelley, 5, and Steven, 3.

**Eva Broughton Dinsdale** makes her home in Putnam with her husband, Kenneth, and daughter Pamela.

**Oliva Roy** was married in 1955 and is working at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co. The Roys live in Willimantic.

**Dorothy Place Guertin** is a Putnam housewife. Her husband is an electrician and they have two children; James, 9, and Susan, 5.

**Laura Reynolds DeLaura** is married and living in West Woodstock. Her husband, Gilbert, is a surveyor. Laura lived in Texas for a while and has been to California, Florida, and Canada on pleasure trips.

stock farmer, and is active in community affairs. Bob is vice-president of our Alumni Association, vice-chairman of the town's Board of Finance, and vice-chairman of Agriculture Consulting Committee of Woodstock Academy. He attended the University of Connecticut.

**Elizabeth Frink** works for Consolidated Cigar Corporation in Hartford and attended Bryant College from 1944-1945.

**Arline Marvin Bowen** has two children; Nancy, 4 and baby Marjorie. She is a housewife in Eastford and another one of Bryant College's former students.

**Marjorie Withers Potter** is a homemaker and the mother of Steven, 8, Daniel, 5, Kathleen, 2, and baby Gary.

**Carlton Hibbard** is married and the father of two children; Loring and Bryant. He is a farmer and has an RFD North Grosvenordale address.

**Loretta Herre Lyon** is a Woodstock housewife with two children; Albert Jr., and Robert. Her husband is employed by Warren's Garage in Eastford.

**Jean Trepal Barlow** was a 1947 graduate from the University of Conn. Jean is the mother of four boys; David, Glenn, Bruce, and Herman, and lives in Eastford.

**Ruth Sundstrom** is secretary to the Chaplain of the Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago. She attended North Park Junior College and Dept. of Religious Education.

**Helen Ratasep Luchuck** resides in Maryland, has a two year old son, and she, too, is housewifing it.

**Ernest Freslove** has his own home in South Woodstock and is employed by the Stillwater Worsted Co.

**Edna West Blair** cares for her husband and three children in Glastonbury, Conn.

**Frederick Clair** and his wife, Connie, have their own home in North Woodstock. They have one child, Danny. Fred is working in Providence.

**Irene Mason Williams** is a homemaker in Apopka, Florida. Irene has two children, Louise and Mildred.

**George Staveski** and family live in their North Woodstock home. He has a daughter Susan, 4, and works at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

We were unable to trace the whereabouts of **Stewart Dodge** and we hope some reader can furnish news of him for a future issue of the *Gleaner*.

#### Class of 1944

**Secretary, Phyllis Johnson Hagstrom.**  
**Woodstock, Conn.**

**Walter Johnson** and his wife Dorothy live in North Woodstock. They have two sons, Richard and Alan. Walt, who served two years in the Army, is an automotive machinist in Rhode Island.

**Alice Johnson Foote** is a housewife in Oxford, Mass. She is kept very busy caring for the Foote children; Timothy, 10, Andrew, 7, Matthew, 3, and Amy, 2.

**Irene French Anderson** is also a housewife, and she lives on Star Route, Putnam, with her husband, Clifford, and their children; Katherine, 5, Janet, 4, and Raymond, 1.

**George White** is a Korean veteran who served in the Army from 1950-1952. Now living with his wife in Woodstock Valley, he is engaged in farming and operating a bulldozer.

**Juanita Todd Spencer** is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and resides in West Boylston, Mass. Juanita's husband is a contractor and they have two children; Ann and Judy.

**Franklin Newth** lives in Eastford, but we received no news from him.



**Marjorie Logee James** is married to an Air Force enlisted man, and has been living in Wiesbaden, Germany. She is the mother of three children; Douglas, 7, Carol, 6, and Wendy-Sue, 1.

**Helen Marquis Spink** is a homemaker for her husband, Ellsworth, and children; Priscilla Ann, 6, Ellsworth Jr., 4, and Peter, 2. They live in Eastford.

**Frederick Morgan** was in the Navy from 1944-1946. He gives his occupation as electrician and is living with his wife, Doris, on Maynard Street in Putnam.

**Muriel Marcy Sandness** is a South Woodstock housewife. She has two daughters.

**Phyllis Johnson Hagstrom** is a busy housewife at her Woodstock home. She has two children; Karen, 4 and Greta, 1. Phyllis is a RN and does part-time nursing.

**Elsie Floeting Bates** is a homemaker in Amherst, Mass.

**Ruth Downing** continues to live at her home in Phoenixville.

We were unable to locate **Esther Colburn** and **Marion Paine** and we hope that news from them will be forthcoming.

#### Class of 1945

**Secretary, Gloria Dumas Fisher,**  
36 Vandale St., Putnam

**Oden Johnson** was married in 1955 and lives in Boston, where he is a student at Tufts School of Dental Medicine. He was awarded his B. A. degree from the University of Connecticut in 1952 and served with the Navy from 1945-1946 and 1953-1954. "The King of Coatney Mountain" will soon be fitting us for dentures!

**Robert Merrill**, his wife Joan, and son Timothy, live in Eastford. Bob is a veteran who served with the Marines from 1945-1949, and is now

working as a garage parts manager and serving as Chief of Eastford's Fire Dep't.

**Elizabeth Bixby Brandt** is housewifing it in Lanesboro, Mass. Betti has three children; Sharon, 9, Michael, 5, and David, 2. Her husband is a customer engineer for IBM in Pittsfield, Mass.

**Edythe Wagnell Shepard** writes that she would have liked to attend the banquet, and wants her classmates to know she was with them in spirit anyway. Edythe lives with her husband, Bill, in San Angelo, Texas.

**Martha Witter Goodwin** writes from her Hartford address that she traveled a great deal during the past few years, as the wife of an Army officer. She lived in a great many of the states, and went to the Far East, where she visited Japan, Philippine Islands, Hong Kong, Okinawa, and Hawaii.

**Aileen Karhu Asselin** lives in Southbridge and has two daughters; Sharon, 9 and Gail, 4. She is very active in PTA and makes terrific looking clothes for her offspring.

**Kenneth Marvin** lives with his folks in East Woodstock and is a toolmaker at Simonds Machine Company in Southbridge. Ken was in the Navy from 1945-1946 and keeps busy in the Masons, Legion, and fire department.

**Dorothy Withers Szarkowitz** and family are busy building their own home outside of Danielson. Dorothy has two children; Jean, 7 and James, 3.

**Donald Shead** and his wife have two children; Diane and Susan. Don works in a mill in Willimantic.

**Peggy French Bowen** is married to Charles Bowen and lives in Eastford. The Bowens have a handsome picture-windowed house overlooking the town.

**Charles Cady** and his family make their home in East Woodstock where Charlie is engaged in farming. The cows must have gotten out on the night of the banquet, for he said it was the only thing that would detain him.

**Lois Kenyon Brush** has three children; Wendy, 6, George, 3, and baby Nancy. "I do a little art work on canvas and decorating furniture. My husband is a mechanical engineer, so you can imagine what our basement looks like, between experiments and paint cans!"

**Gloria Dumas Fisher** was assistant to the Dean of Education at the University of Connecticut and has since been teaching at Plainfield High School. Gloria received her post-Academy education at Annhurst College. She is now living in the Fisher apartment in Putnam, and serving as the treasurer of our Alumni Association.

**Sylvia Erickson** is living in Norwich, Conn.

**Mae Killian Eckler** has two children; Deborah, 4, and Geoffrey, 1, and lives in Wayland, Mass. Her husband works for IBM in Boston.

**Ruth Marcy Gasek** makes her home on Piney Street in Rockville, Conn.

**Vivian Dodge Cheney** is a housewife in Holden, Mass. Vivian is the mother of two little girls.

**Joanne Johnson Baker** is teaching school and residing in Babylon, N. Y. Her son Richard was born in February.

Her classmates are sorry to inform the *Gleaner's* readers that **Marlyn Nelson** died in 1951. She was one of their most active and popular members in Academy days.

#### Class of 1946

Secretary, **Robert Frink**,  
East Woodstock

**John Wells**, a toolmaker at Simonds Machine Shop in Southbridge, lives with his wife, Betty, and their four year old daughter, Lynn Carol. Like his father and grandfather, John is an active member of the Masons.

**Jeanne Kenyon DeBell** attended Willimantic Teachers College for two years, and then went to Lesley College, where she received her B. S. degree in education. Now a Suffield, Connecticut, housewife, she does substitute teaching.

**Russell Hibbard** is employed at Belding Heminway in Grosvenordale, and lives with his folks in North Woodstock. He is Master of Senexet Grange, and was in the Army from 1952-1954.

**Norman Lowe** was married in January of this year and gives his occupation as medical technologist. However, he is also a student at the University of Connecticut, so he is a mighty busy man. Norman was in the Air Force from 1950-1954.

**Darwin Clark** lives with his family in Eastford, where Darwin is a farmer. The Clarks have three children; William, 7, Robert, 6, and Mary Louisa, born last year. Darwin is one of the Academy's trustees.

**Helen Trepal Yulo** is a dietician at Gaylord Farm Sanatorium in Wallingford, Conn. Helen graduated from the University of Connecticut with a B.S. degree in home economics. She is a charter member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, and a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron, honorary home economics fraternity.

**June Bosworth Staveski** is an Eastford housewife, and the mother of Craig, 4, and baby Linda Jane. Prior to her marriage, June was employed by the Tatem mill in Eastford.

**Arline Starr Handley** has the deepest sympathy of her classmates and



friends for the loss of her husband during the Korean conflict, when he was a jet flyer in Japan. Arlene is now living with her daughters, Diana and Carol, in East Hampton, Mass.

**George Brown** is employed by a Rhode Island plant of the Stillwater Worsted Co. He and his family recently moved into their East Woodstock home after living for a time in Harrisville, R. I.

**Barbara Marvin Brown** is a homemaker for George and their children; Sharon, George Wade, and baby Susan. The Browns have remodelled an old homestead and are delighted to be back in Woodstock.

**Robert Frink** is now managing the Frink farm. Married, and the father of two children, Bob is active in alumni events.

**Herbert Merrill** is a special agent, OSI, in the Air Force, and is presently living at Lowry AFB, Colorado. He is married, and has two children; James, 3, and Kathleen, 1. Herby intends to make the Air Force his career and has been in the service since 1950.

**Joel Eddy** is a weaver at the Stillwater Worsted Mill and does trucking on the side. He lives with his family in East Woodstock.

**Ruth Logee Eddy** is the home executive and is kept busy caring for the Eddy children; Danny, 7 and Deborah, 3. Ruth and Joel lived in Florida for a while before resettling in Woodstock.

**Alden Shepard Farber** is the wife of Woodstock's postmaster, and the mother of two children; William James III, 7, and Philip, 5.

**Ruth Simpson Tameris** has moved from her home in Lansing, Michigan, to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her husband is in the photography business and they have a son, Robert.

**Helen Szmanski Piecyk** makes her home in Phoenixville and has a position with the American Screw Company in Willimantic.

**Helen Dvorak Shirshac** lives with her husband and children in Willimantic.

**Edith Stahl Sauve** has three children and lives in Windsor Locks, Conn.

**George Johnson** and his family are living in Raynham, Mass. George has two boys; David, 3, and baby Paul. After his 1945 graduation from the Academy, he entered the Army. As a reservist, he was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict. George is a graduate of the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture, and is now employed by Wirthmore Feeds.

**David Johnson**, his wife Janet, and their son David, 3, live in Flushing, N. Y. Dave received his B. A. degree from the University of Connecticut and his master's degree in law at Boston University. He is now occupied as a tax consultant for a New York firm of actuaries.

#### Class of 1947

**Secretary, Doris Barrett,  
RFD #2, Putnam**

**George Erikson** and wife, Helene, make their home in Edgewood, Md. George received his B. S. degree from St. Lawrence University in 1951 and is now a physicist. He is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, Physics Honor Society, and he served in the Army from 1954-1956.

**Edward Staveski** and his family live in their newly-built home in Eastford. Eddie is an electrician at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co., and has ably served as vice-president of our alumni association.

**Catherine Lyon Griswold** can be found at her Stratford, Connecticut home, where she cares for her hus-



band, Sherman, and their children; Sharon, 4, and Gail, 2.

**Hazel Marcy Froehlich** is another housewife who is kept busy with her family. Hazel lives in Woodstock Valley and has a three year old daughter, Rhonda.

**Doris Barrett** is an IBM tabulator operator at the American Optical Co., and continues to live at home in Chandler District. She is very active in community activities and 4-H work.

**Joan Aurilio Merrill** is an Eastford homemaker for her husband, Bob, and their son, Timothy, 4.

**Muriel Durrin Eddy** continues to live at her Senexet Road home, caring for her husband and their son, Ross Emerson, 2.

**Byron Eddy** is a graduate of Becker Junior College and is now employed as an accountant. He was in the Army from 1951 to 1953, and is an active member of the Benson-Flugel American Legion Post.

**Shirley Elizabeth Toth** is attending Boston University and intends to do part-time secretarial work. She graduated from Morse Business College in 1951 and has been doing secretarial work at the University of Connecticut for the past few years.

**Beverly Noren Stehlik** lives in what used to be the Valley Schoolhouse. She and her husband have remodelled the school into a very attractive home.

**Howard Edwards** is the father of five children and lives with his family in a newly-built home in East Woodstock. He is a press operator for the Webster Record Corporation in Webster, Mass.

**Theresa Erickson Campbell** cares for her two small daughters, Carolyn and Christie, and lives in Putnam. She is employed at the AO in Southbridge. Theresa served in the WAC

after graduating from the Academy.

His classmates and many friends were deeply saddened by the news that **Richard Spencer** was killed in May, 1954, when the jet plane he was piloting crashed in Korea. Dick was not only very active in student affairs and sports while in the Academy, but also active as a student at the University of Connecticut, from which he graduated in 1951. In his memory, the class of 1947 presented the Academy with a Connecticut State flag during the commencement exercises held in June, 1955. Dick left his wife, Frances, a little daughter, Kerry Dean, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dean Spencer.

#### Class of 1948

**Secretary, Richard May,**  
**East Woodstock**

**Myrtle Wagneil Cournoyer** is a Putnam housewife and is kept busy caring for her three children; Susan, 7, David, 6, and James, 4.

**Laura Johnson Frazee** graduated from Becker Junior College in 1950 and is now an executive secretary for a Springfield, Mass., chemical company. Laura and her husband, Earl, live in Springfield.

**Robert Peckham**, his wife Barbara, and their two-year old son Robert, make their home in Dudley, but Robert works with his father at the Peckham farm in East Woodstock.

**Dorothy Trepal** is one of our most travelled girls. After receiving her B. A. degree from the University of Connecticut, Dorothy continued studies at Kansas State, where she was awarded her M. A. degree in Art. She also taught at that institution. Two years ago, she took an extensive tour of Europe. Now she is back in the Woodstock area and is employed as a Home Service Representative for the Danielson branch of the Connecticut Light and Power Co. She



lives with her folks in Phoenixville.

**Lois Johnson Eisenhauer** is a Woodstock housewife who says, "About all I've done since high school is some work at Sunset Hill Inn, sell hosiery and run the Popular Club Plan." In addition to caring for David 4 and Wendy, 2, that would seem to be quite a bit.

**Richard May** is a student at the University of Connecticut where he is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences and majoring in government. Dick served four years in the Air Force and was able to circle the globe during that period, but East Woodstock has always meant home to him.

**Janet Durica Lupa** is an IBM Key Puncher and lives with her husband, John, in Warren, Mass. She has been chairman of the Cancer Fund Drive which covered many surrounding towns.

**Dorothy Lizotte Leone** is the mother of three children; Deborah, 6, Daniel, 4, and Donna Marie, 2. Her husband works for himself at Leone Construction Company and their home is in Shrewsbury, Mass. Dorothy attended Worcester State Teachers College for one year, and is active in PTA work.

**Jane Staveski** is a stenographer for the State Welfare Dept. in Hartford and lives at her home in North Woodstock.

**Archie Mitchell** attended Nichols Junior College and then spent four years in the Air Force. Now he is in his last year at the University of Connecticut and keeping busy with the activities of his fraternity. East Woodstock continues to be his address.

**Hamilton Foote** served in the Army and is now employed by the American Optical Company. He and his family live in Elmvale.

**Harriet Young Foote** cares for the Foote children; Beth, 6, Tony, 4, and baby Mitchell, and is very active in church work.

**Henry Ask** was a bridegroom and a graduate last June. He received his B. S. degree from the University of Connecticut and is now an electrical engineer. Henry was in the Air Force from 1948-1952, and spent time in the Pacific.

**Della Basto Tucker**, husband Richard, and their infant son Richard Jr., reside in Troy, N. H. For a while the Tuckers lived in Arizona. There, Della attended the Phoenix Beauty Academy, and graduated in 1954. She won third place in ACA student hair styling contest in 1953. Didn't you hear her at the reunion ... "so thrilled to be back in Woodstock!" She's one of our most enthusiastic alumnae.

**Richard Merrill** became a father in June. He, his wife Sandra, and their baby daughter Bobbe, make their home in Willimantic, where Dick is an automobile mechanic. From 1948-1952 he served in the Navy Air Force and is now training under Utilities Engineering Institute in the field of Diesel and Scientific Motor Tune-up.

**Sally Korswig May** lives in East Woodstock with her husband, Wesley, and their children Dale, 2, and Douglas, 1. Her husband is employed at Linemaster Switch Company and she is a busy housewife. Sally graduated from Bryant College and was employed by the American Optical Company prior to her marriage in 1951.

**Ernest Withers** and family live in South Woodstock, where Ernie is employed by Linemaster Switch Co. He has three children; Kevin, 5, Brent, 3, and Gordon, 2.

**Jane Shepard Morse** can be found



at her East Woodstock home. Her husband, Lewis, runs the Morse farm and Jane is a homemaker for him and the children; Jeffrey, 6, and Kathleen, 3. Before her marriage, Jane worked at Church Clothing Co. in Putnam.

**Alma Baker Edwards**, in addition to her duties as mother for Walter, Dennis, Wayne, Sherry, and Dale, works as a clerk at Pevner's Drugstore in Putnam.

**Nancy Johnson Peterson** is a busy West Woodstock housewife. Her husband, Gustave, works as a truck repairman for Lonergan in Willimantic. They have three children; Martin, 4, Martha, 3, and Melissa 1.

**Jane Neely Whittenburg** has, at least temporarily, forsaken the beautician business, and is presently employed at the American Optical Co. She lives in Southbridge with her children; Richard, 5 and Laurie, 3.

**John Simpson**, married, and the father of little Helen, lives in Watlingford, Conn. John spent some time in the Air Force, and is now a body repairman at a garage in Meriden.

**Margaret Wilcox Peabody** is living in Harrisville with her husband, Albert, and their children; Margo, 4, William, 2, and baby Leslie, Margie's husband is a construction worker, and she was employed by Electromotive in Willimantic for a time.

**Carl Nelson** still resides in Harrisville and lists his occupation as bricklayer and mason. He has received training from the New England Technical Institute and was awarded a radio-TV service diploma. Carl served in the Air Force from 1951-1952.

**Sonja Lindgren Healey** is a West Woodstock housewife who is kept very busy caring for the Healey children; Ruthann and Joy.

**Donald Marcy** is back in Woodstock and driving one of the town's school busses. He has worked in California and served in the Air Force, from 1948-1952, since graduation.

**Mickey Whittenburg** and his wife are living in Eastford. He is employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

We are sorry that we were unable to locate **Kenneth Strandberg** and have his news included in the 1956 Gleaner. It is known that he spent some time in the service and briefly attended the United States Military Academy.

#### Class of 1949

**Secretary, Avis Frink Spalding**  
**Woodstock**

**Hobart Sanger** is married and living in Newton, Mass. Hobart graduated from Gordon College and Boston University and is now working as a psychologist with the physically handicapped. Hobart received the U. S. Dept. Health, Education and Welfare Rehabilitation Counseling Traineeship Award 1955-1956.

**Priscilla Bosworth Hicks** and **Raymond Hicks** are living in their Eastford home. They have two children; Gail and Rodney. Priscilla is a housewife and Raymond is employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

**Avis Frink Spalding** is a busy housewife, caring for husband Paul and their children; Susan, 4, Sabin, 2, and baby Wayne.

**Robert Willis** is married and does custom farming and bulldozing. Bob served in the Army from 1952-1954.

**Shirley Keith Frink** has been a part-time employee in the office of the Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock, but she is mostly occupied with the duties of a housewife and the mother of Matthew, 3 and Robert, 1.



**Herman Bennett** lives with his wife and child in New Jersey where he is a tree surgeon.

**David Boivin** graduated from the University of Connecticut and is now an officer in the Army. His wife and child are with him at his station in Germany.

**Charles Dvorak** and his wife recently visited his Phoenixville folks. Charlie is serving in the Army.

**Gerald Edwards** graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design and then entered the Air Force. Now an officer on flying status, he is stationed near Sacramento, California. His wife and baby live with him in California.

**Frances Gloria Douglass** is married and lives in Florida.

**Donald Strand** is an Army veteran who works at Pratt and Whitney. He lives at home in North Woodstock.

**Dorothy French Horton** lives in Stafford Springs and is the mother of two children.

**Norine Toth Nelson** received her B. S. degree from the University of Connecticut in 1955 and is now a housewife in Hartford.

**Keith Gordon** is married and the father of two children.

**Kenneth Healey** is a busy Woodstock farmer and has two small daughters.

**Gordon Johnson** is another farmer in Woodstock. He is married and manages the home farm.

**Ralph Maass** is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and was an officer in the Navy.

**Hamilton Nelson** is a veteran who is attending the University of Conn.

**Lawrence McKinstry** has rejoined the Air Force.

**Janet Nelson Reardon** attended Annhurst College and is now a housewife in Windsor Locks, Conn. Janet has two daughters.

**Theodore Peterson** was in the Air Force from 1950-1953 and is now attending the University of Conn.

**William Rathbone** is married and the father of one child. He is working at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

**Richard Stahl**, at last report, was living in Willimantic.

**Inez Swanson Moore** is the mother of a boy and girl and resides in Hartford.

**Ronald Syriac** makes his home in West Woodstock

**Harvey Tourtellotte** lives in Grovesdale and works in Belding-Hem-inway. He has been in the service.

**Joseph Williams** is a Navy veteran who is now married and working at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co. Joe, his wife, and two daughters, live in Manchester, Conn.

**Class of 1950**  
Secretary, Virginia Tripp Dingwell,  
Woodstock Valley

**Eleanor Albrecht Condon** and **Robert Condon** have a two year old daughter, Joanne. They are living in Chicago while Bob is with the Army. Before entering the service, Bob worked as a chemist in the development of paints and other protective coatings for Bakelite Company in Bloomfield, N. J. Bob graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1954.

**Janet Armstrong Amato** received her B. S. degree from the University of Connecticut and has been a home economics teacher at Tourtellotte High School. Janet graduated with honors from the University, where she was a member of Gamma Chi Epsilon, the campus honorary group.

**Thomas Barber** "retired" to his farm on Senexet Road since his Army discharge in 1952.

**Robert Carlson**, who served in the Navy from 1951-1952, is now mar-



ried and managing his farm.

**James Cartier**, another Navy veteran, who served from 1951-1955, lives with his wife Jane, and their baby Steven, on Woodstock Avenue in Putnam. Jimmy is employed by the Railway Express Agency.

**Herbert Erickson** received his B.S. degree from Ithaca College in 1954 and is a high school teacher and athletic coach in Hyde Park, Vt. Herby coaches soccer, basketball, and baseball, and teaches civics and science.

**Betsy Bowen Erickson** cares for baby Jeffrey while Herb teaches. Betsy is a graduate of Edgewood Park Junior College and was a kindergarten teacher from 1952-1953.

**Ellery Bartlett** lives with his wife, Eleanor, in Putnam. He enlisted in the Navy in 1951 and served until 1955.

**Barrett Frink** is also a returnee from four years of Navy life, and is now employed by the AO. Barrett continues to live with his folks in North Woodstock.

**Charlotte Peckham** attended Roger Williams General Hospital School of Nursing and is now a RN at Day Kimball Hospital. She lives at home on the Peckham farm.

**Joan Swenson** is a student nurse at the Joseph Lawrence School of Nursing, where she has been president of her class, a delegate to the National Student Nurses Convention, and a delegate to the State Student Nurses' Association.

**Robert Shead** works as an IBM accounting machine operator at the AO. He attended the Worcester School of Business Science and is presently serving as organist for his church in East Woodstock.

**Elaine Trepal Mannhardt** is an Eastford homemaker for her husband and their baby Laurel. Elaine re-

ceived her B.S. degree from the University of Connecticut and attended New Haven State Teachers College.

**Gale Maass** now lives in Boston where she has been employed as a legal secretary. She has attended Skidmore and Boston University, and is planning to return to college and study medicine.

**Virginia Tripp Dingwell** is a Woodstock Valley housewife. Virginia has two sons; Charles and James.

**Seavey Morse** is in the Navy, and at last report was stationed at Pensacola, Florida. He attended USNR Officer Candidate School and is a graduate from the University of Connecticut, where he received his B. S. degree in physical education and M. S. degree in education.

**Elizabeth Flugel Hill**, a graduate from Bryant College, lives with her husband, Charles, in New Britain, Conn. Betty works as a secretary to the senior vice-president, Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co.

**Ruth Feiler Curtis** was married in 1950 and lists her occupation as a department manager.

**Barbara Cole McNeil** was awarded her B. A. degree from the University of Connecticut and is now employed as a laboratory technician. Barbara and her husband live in Pine Orchard, Conn.

**Yi-chi Mei** is a graduate student of bacteriology at the University of Michigan. She attended Northfield School for Girls and then graduated with honors from Wellesley. Now working for her M. S. degree, Yi Chi is a teaching assistant at U. of Mich.

**Lois Gagnon Walker** became a RN at Mary Hitchcock Memorial School of Nursing in 1955, but is now housewifing it in Norfolk, Virginia.

**Robert Johnson**, who was in the



Army from 1953-1955, now attends the University of Conn. In 1953, he was awarded a diploma from the Hartford Institute of Accounting. Bob continues to live at home in South Woodstock.

**Grace Lyon Bowen** is with her husband, Russell, and their children, Clifton and Kim, in California. There is a story behind the simple name of Kim that would be of interest to Gracie's classmates and friends, for Kim was a little Korean orphan. When Russell served with the Army in Korea, he fell in love with the baby, and he and Grace decided to adopt her. So, in April of this year, the little girl, whose name was Chung Mi Kim, left Inchon in the arms of one of Russell's buddies, to become a new citizen of the United States with the name of Kim Bowen.

**Kaye Vaughn** is back in the Navy, and stationed in Portsmouth, Va. Kaye and his wife Betty have a son, Tommy.

**Franklyn Converse**, after four years in the Air Force, is now living in East Woodstock with his wife, Pat, and their son, Thomas. Frank is working at the AO in Southbridge.

**John Dvorsky** is working his farm in West Woodstock.

**Mary Krushefsky Facas** and her husband Charles are living in New London. They have two children.

**Sylvia Peterson Blaunt** was recently married and is now making her home in Providence, where her husband is a city fireman. Sylvia became a RN at Roger Williams Hospital and has been nursing in Providence.

**Patricia Szymanski Edwards** has recently visited relatives and friends in the Woodstock area. Pat, and baby daughter Wendy Joy, live in Sacramento, California, where their

husband and father, Lt. Gerald Edwards, is stationed. The duties of a housewife keep Pat busy, but she reports that she sometimes finds time to do a little bowling.

**Lawrence Phaneuf** works for his father and is planning on a Fall marriage.

**Jean Stringfield**. We are sorry that we are unable to contact Jean for news about her.

#### Class of 1951

**Secretary, Priscilla Converse Cady,**  
**E. Woodstock**

**Donald Shepard** continues to live at home on Woodstock Hill and is employed by Linemaster Switch Company. "Pete" attended the University of Connecticut for one year.

**Allan Walker** is now an Ensign in the Navy and serving aboard the *USS Cambria*. A graduate of Dartmouth with a B. A. degree, Allan is married and the father of a baby daughter.

**Donald Clair** is a graduate of Holy Cross and is a pilot in the Air Force. Don and his wife, Jean, are currently living in Lubbock, Texas.

**Lloyd Wilcox**, who served in the Army from 1953-1955, has entered Trade School and is studying aircraft mechanics. Lloyd has been working with his father as a stone mason since his Army discharge.

**Julia Kowal** attended Annhurst College and is now nursing at Day Kimball Hospital.

**Ruth Bailey** was a student at the Providence Barrington Bible College for two years and is presently working as an assistant dietician at Day Kimball Hospital.

**William Benz** graduated with a B. A. degree from the University of Conn. He was an honor student and received a scholarship to Laval University in Quebec. William is now serving with the Army overseas.

**Richard Tyler** is married and works at Stafford Printers. He and his wife live in Eastford.

**Mason Logee** attended the Providence Bible Institute for one year, served in the Army from 1953-1954, and is now attending trade school and studying aircraft and engine mechanics. Mason and his family live in East Woodstock.

**Evelyn Johnson Logee**, in addition to her duties as a housewife, works at the American Optical Co. Evelyn and Mason have a son, Steven.

**Gertrude Rhodes Richmond** is a housewife in East Hampston, Conn.

**Alma Kiuru** is a private secretary to the vice-president of the Maurice Saval Insurance Brokers in Boston.

**Gordon Smith** is a veteran of four years in the Air Force who now works as a miller and florist. Gordon writes that he still likes golf, hunting and fishing, but his two jobs keep him too busy to engage in the sports. He is married and the father of two children; Donald 3, and Kathleen 1. The Smiths live in Willimantic.

**Shirley Witter Phaiah** works at Stillwater Worsted Mill in East Woodstock and cares for her husband, Eli, and step-son James. She lives in East Woodstock.

**Margaret Anderson** served with the Marines from 1952-1955 and is presently employed as a secretary for the Sandler-Ette Footwear Company in Webster, Mass.

**Robert Phaneuf** is living in South Woodstock with his wife and children; Dona and Sue Anne. Bob was a dental technician in the Navy from 1951-1956.

**Joyce Brolin White** lives with her husband, George, on their Woodstock Valley farm. Joyce has been employed in the office at Linemaster Switch Company.

**Donald Brown** and his family live in Chandler District. Don, who served with the Marines from 1951-1954, is employed by the American Optical Co.

**Dexter Eddy** enlisted in the Air Force in 1953 and is presently stationed at Hickman AFB, Hawaii. He attended the University of Connecticut for one year.

**Priscilla Converse Cady** graduated from Elizabeth Ollis Beauty Academy, but gave up the beautician business to become a full-time homemaker. The Cadys have a son, Charles Jr.

**Lucien Bergeron** is a graduate student at Princeton University. He graduated with high honors from Brown University in 1955 and became a Phi Beta Kappa. At Princeton he has been a University Scholar in English. Lucien is currently editing a book for the Friends of the Princeton University Library, which will be published this Fall.

**Fernand Phaneuf** served two years in the Army with the M.P.s. He attended the New England Technical Institute and he is now the owner with his father of Ferns Radio and Television sales and service in South Woodstock on Route 91. In October, 1955 he was married to Lorraine Riendeau and their home is on Woodstock Avenue in Putnam.

**Dorothy Norman** is a counselor at the Children's Home, Cromwell, Conn. She graduated from Providence Barrington Bible College in 1955.

**Ronald Estabrooks** received his B. S. degree from the University of Connecticut in June and is now employed by Western Electric in Chicago. Ronnie was in the Navy from 1951-1952.



**Class of 1952**

**Secretary, Patricia Converse Brown,**  
RFD #1, Southbridge

**Kenneth Andrews** is a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force and expects to become a bomber pilot early next year. He is presently undergoing training at Waco, Texas, and is engaged to Miss Joanne Fluri-on.

**Arvard McNeal** and his wife, Juliana, are living in South Woodstock. He works for Western Electric in Hartford.

**Alfreda Wagnell Barber** keeps busy as a housewife at her Senexet Road home. She has a daughter, Alfreda, 1.

**Dexter Young** and **Betty White Young** are the parents of two children; Timothy, and baby Douglas, and they live in Elmvale. Dexter, who graduated with honors from the Ratcliffe-Hicks School of Agriculture, is farming on the home farm. Betty is a graduate of Becker Junior College.

**Patricia Converse Brown** is a homemaker for her husband, Don, and daughter Diane, 1. Pat is a representative for Avon Products, and is an active member of her Church choir.

**Barbara Buell Sandness** is another busy housewife. Barbara attended Becker Junior College and the University of Connecticut following her graduation from the Academy.

**Charles Warren** and his wife, Helen, are living in their newly-built home in Eastford. Charlie works on the Warren farm in that town.

**Jane Goodhall** works as a bookkeeper for Parkway Service Stations, in Union, Conn.

**Edward Norman** is a student at Springfield College, majoring in history.

**David Eddy** recently was married and is living in East Woodstock,

where he is engaged in farming.

**Dorothy Rockwell Case** lives with her husband, Chester, and their baby son, Chester Jr., in Plainville, Conn.

**Florence Rowe Johnson** may be found at her Woodstock home, where she is a full-time home executive.

**Patricia Krushefsky** is employed by the American Optical Company and continues to live at home.

**Donald Hughes**, his wife, Barbara and their children, live in Van Nuys, California. He is an aircraft worker.

**Edward Adams** is serving with the Air Force and is stationed in Puerto Rico.

**Priscilla Sheldon Perkins** makes her home in Mansfield Center, Conn. She is employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

**Charles Sheldon** is now in the Navy.

**Jean Fowler Dean** lives in Wal-tham, Mass., where her husband serves as minister at Grace Episcopal Church.

**Marilla Cole Butler** is a North Woodstock housewife. Her husband is engaged in the trucking business.

**Class of 1953**

**Secretary, Shirley Williams,**  
Star Route, Putnam

**Helen Carlson Warren** lives in Eastford and is her father-in-law's bookkeeper as well as her husband's housekeeper. Helen is past secretary and present treasurer of our Alumni Association. Did anyone notice her attaching the year signs to their poles at the reunion? They looked good placed in the ground along the Academy walks, but what a job to assemble them!

**Catherine Cole Williamson** and her husband, Jack, are living in West Woodstock, where he is occupied with dairy custom farming and chain sawing.

**Warren Day** works at the Cargill Trust Bank in Putnam and has served as past treasurer for the Alumni Association.

**Jean Floyd** is living in Hartford is a receptionist at the Credit Union in East Hartford

**Barbara Hicks Hughes** has two little girls, Kathleen and Deborah, and lives in California.

**Janet Kenyon** is a student nurse at Roger Williams General Hospital in Providence.

**Rudolph Kowalski** and **Betty Newth Kowalski** are living in their newly-built home on Senexet Road. Rudy works at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

**Joan Reid** is a public school teacher in Chelmsford, Ontario, Canada.

**Shirley Williams** was elected treasurer of her class at Willimantic Teachers College in her Junior year. She is now in her final year there.

**Harry Ratasep** entered the Army in February of this year.

**Alvin Marcy** writes that he plans to major in philosophy at Wheaton College, and go into advanced ROTC there.

**Patricia Demers Duprey** is in her final year at Willimantic Teachers College, and lives with her husband on Child's Hill Road.

**Helen Forrest Hopkins** is a Danielson homemaker, and the mother of two children.

**Lorraine French Howlett** is a busy housewife in Stafford Springs.

**Florence Lucas** is now a surgical nurse at the Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester, Mass. While undergoing her training, Florence won two awards for clinical excellence and general nursing.

**Phyllis Marcy** lives at home in South Woodstock, and works at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

**Rhoda Toth** attended the Univer-

sity of Connecticut and then transferred to the State Teachers College, where she is now studying.

**Wayland Sheldon** is married and the father of two children. The Sheldons live in South Woodstock.

**Janet Sanger** continues to live at home and is employed by Wellington-Curtain Company in Putnam.

**Russell Marcy** lives at home and works for a construction company.

**Richard Phaneuf** is serving with the Marines, but we are sorry that we don't have more information about him.

#### Class of 1954

**Secretary, Eleanor Peckham**  
RFD #2, Putnam

**Phyllis Andrews Ploughman** is a homemaker in Roselle Park, New Jersey.

**Marilyn Buell** attended the Providence-Barrington Bible College and is now working as a bookkeeper.

**Norman Collins** is attending the Providence Bible Institute, has travelled with the A Capella Choir, and is teaching accordion at the school.

**George Freeman** and **Marilyn Converse Freeman** are living in North Woodstock. Marilyn is a housewife, and George works for the American Optical Co.

**Anne Pearson** and **Shirley Eisenhauer** are student nurses at Hartford Hospital School of Nursing, and will graduate next June.

**Lucien Garceau** is studying music at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford.

**Robert Hansen** is a second year student at MIT and is a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

**John Hibbard** is enrolled in the School of Agriculture at the University of Connecticut. He has spent the past two summers working in timberlands of Oregon.

**Zella McNeal Tinker** is employed



by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co. beautician business.

**Eleanor Peckham** is a Junior at **Class of 1955**

Annhurst College. She is on the Dean's list, and is planning to teach biology and chemistry after graduation.

**Nancy Aurilio** attended Willimantic Teachers College for two years and will continue her education at Annhurst College.

**Donald Walker**, a speaker at the Reunion Banquet, is a Junior at Dartmouth and active in his Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

**Dorothy Baily McCann** is a busy Rhode Island housewife.

**Patricia Gagnon** works in the office at Linemaster Switch Company.

**Kenneth Sherman** is a graduate of the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture and is now farming on the home farm. He and his wife, Debbie, live in their home on the Massachusetts-Connecticut line.

**Frank Szynaka**, **Richard Patenaude**, **Bruce Beaudoin**, and **Roland Sheldon**, are all serving in the Air Force. While we haven't much information about them, we do know that Richard is married and has reenlisted in the Air Force for an additional six years.

**Barbara Nemec** is another of our students enrolled at the University of Connecticut.

**Lucille Naines** is a secretary at a State office in Hartford and lives at home.

**David Hicks**, his wife Jean and baby boy, are living in California.

**Shirley Forrest Winters** has a daughter and lives in Texas where her husband is stationed with the Air Force. Shirley served with the WAF prior to her marriage.

**Ronald Johnson** is now receiving training at Putnam Technical School.

**Constance Phaneuf**, at last report, was undergoing training for the

**Secretary, Nina Townsend**,  
**East Woodstock**

**Bruce Johnson**, who designed the attractive cover on the 1956 **Gleaner**, is attending the School of Practical Arts in Boston, Mass.

**Eleanore Sands** is in nurse's training at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

**Virginia Bradley Marquis** and her husband live in Hampton, Conn., where she works as a secretary.

**Gail Shippee** has moved to Willimantic and works there at the Electro-Motive Co.

**Deborah Child Sherman** lives with her husband, Ken, at their RFD Southbridge address. Deborah works in the office at Harvey-Wells Electronics, Inc., in Southbridge.

**Juliana Broden McNeal** was an April bride and is employed by Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

**David Laurens** works at the A&M Tool and Die Company in Southbridge.

**Nina Townsend** is employed by the General Electric Company in Worcester.

**Albert Peterson** is an airman stationed at Westover AFB, Mass.

**Lee Dingwell Racine** lives in Woodstock Valley and is working at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

**Joan Gelensky Winslow** was a June bride and lives in Woodstock Valley. She works at Electro-Motive Company in Willimantic.

**Sandra Davis** has entered the Northeastern Bible Institute after having worked at the AO in Southbridge.

**Janet Peckham** is a student at the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing.

**Alvie Dvorsky** is in her second year at the University of Vermont.

**Ann Reynolds** is a student at Earl-

ham College and her activities there include varsity basketball and softball, Spanish Club and Red Cross.

**Russell Colburn** has been in the Air Force since graduating from the Academy.

**Ruth Anderson** has been on the Dean's list at the Salter Secretarial School where she has been Salter's newspaper editor, a member of the Glee Club, and a member of the Newman Club.

**Beverly Armstrong** is in nurse's training at Massachusetts General Hospital.

**Marilyn Marcy** is attending Wheaton College in Illinois.

**Carl Brolin** is working at the Underwood Typewriter Company in Hartford.

**Barbara Albrecht** is receiving nurses' training at the Hartford School of Nursing.

**Marcia Jordan** is continuing her studies at the University of Connecticut.

**Donald Rhodes** lists his occupation as farmer and he continues to live at home.

**Frances Cartier** is employed at the State Police Headquarters in Hartford.

**Russell Hicks** is attending the Putnam Technical School.

**Dwight Norman** lives at home and is occupied in farming.

**Edward Duhamel** was a 1955 winner of a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress. He is engaged in farming on the home farm.

**Kenneth Smith** attended the University of Connecticut for one year and is now married and making his home in East Woodstock. He is employed by Linemaster Switch Co.

**Wesley Ringdahl** is a student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

**Cynthia Holmes** is engaged to Jim Danielson of East Woodstock and is

working as receptionist for Dr. Rudolph Klare.

**Ronald Rhodes** works for a grain company in Abington, Conn.

**Claudette Beaudoin Marcoux** is living in Germany with her husband, who is serving in the Army there.

#### Class of 1956

**Secretary, Priscilla Collins**

**Mildred Albrecht** plans to attend the Mount Ida College for Women in Newton Center, Mass., to study Medical Technology.

**Signe Anderson** will study at the University of New Hampshire.

**Priscilla Collins** is going to Providence-Barrington Bible College in Providence, where she is taking a preparatory course for nurse's training.

**Leonard Marcy** will also attend the Providence-Barrington Bible College.

**Nancy Rowe** is enrolled at Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass., and is studying for social work.

**Lydia Walling** has made plans to attend Bryant College.

**Allen Sherman** is studying at the Columbian Prep School in Washington, D. C.

**Joyce Foskett Byberg** was married in early September and lives in North Woodstock.

**Evelyn Koschwitz Eddy** is our most recent bride, and lives with her husband, David, in East Woodstock.

**Karl Korswig** and **Calvin Peterson** have completed basic training in the Navy and recently were on leave in Woodstock before going to a Navy school in Norman, Oklahoma.

**Sidney Swenson** was for a time receiving his basic training with Karl and Calvin, but illness prevented him from graduating with them at the Bainbridge Naval Base.

**Frances Wetherell** has been working at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company and **Sally Withers** and **Ann**



**Hibbard** have plans to also work **Force**, and probably will be an air-  
there. **Ann** recently became engaged **man** by the time we go to press.  
to **Harvey Copeiland**, who also at- **Audrey Forrest**, **Carolyn Basto**,  
tended Woodstock Academy. and **Nancy Jones** are employed by the

**Irene Bolander** is employed at the American Optical Company in South-  
Aetna Life Insurance Co. bridge.

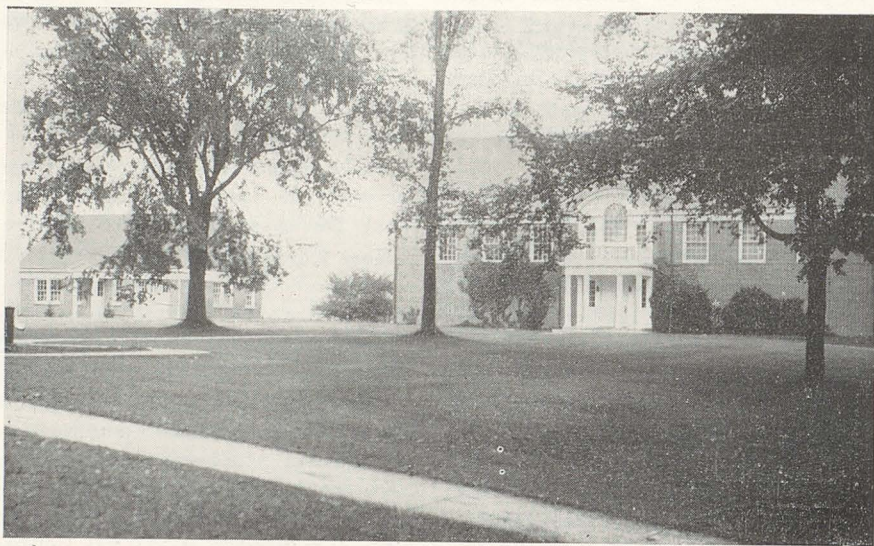
**Bernard Phaneuf** and **James Wil-** **Monica Parent** is working indefi-  
**liams** have received the Marine's ba- nitely at Idle Wild Farm, and, lastly,  
sic training at Parris Island Marine **Wayne Vinal** is working at the  
Base. Tatem Manufacturing Company in

**David Ask** plans to enter the Air Eastford.

### THE CLASS OF 1956

Honor Graduates: Mildred Jean Albrecht, Signe Elizabeth Anderson, Irene Aina Bolander, Priscilla Janet Collins.

Graduates: David Peter Ask, Carolyn Jane Basto, Audrey Jeane Forrest, Nancy Thelma Jones, Evelyn Ann Koschwitz, Leonard Thompson Marcy, Monica Rita Parent, Calvin Frederick Peterson, Glenn Elmer Peterson, Joyce Mary Foskett, Ann Caroline Hibbard, Karl Sigvard Korswig, Sarah Ann Withers, Bernard Andre Phaneuf, Nancy Louise Rowe, Allen Morse Sherman, Sidney Edwin Swenson, Wayne Lee Vinal, Lydia Ann Walling, Gordon, Rex Weimann, Frances Hazel Wetherell, James Leroy Williams.





## THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF 1956

The graduating class of 1956 conducted its Class Night Program in the Hall Memorial Gymnasium at eight o'clock, June 14. As Co-Marshals, Jotham G. Reynolds Jr., and Barbara L. Marcy led the processional, which was followed by a speech of welcome by Class President Calvin Peterson. Addresses, entitled, "So Dear to Our Hearts", "To Have and to Hold", and "Beyond the Blue Horizon", were delivered by three honor students, Priscilla Collins, Mildred Albrecht, and Signe Anderson, respectively. Members of the class participated in delivering the class history, will, and prophecy, and Calvin Peterson, in behalf of his class, presented the school with an American flag, an electric clock for the library, and a sum of money to be used in the proposed new building. "Trees" was sung by Bernard Phaneuf, a senior, in addition to music furnished by the Academy's Chapel Choir. The Choir presented three selections, "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise", Shepherd Serenade", and "New River Train", all under the direction of music teacher Louise P. Jordan.

Awards were presented to underclassmen by Principal Gregory Coffin. Five scholastic awards, the Law Memorial Scholarships, went to: Phyllis Arnold, the freshman who attained the highest rank in English I; Sarah Lawrence for the highest rank in English II; Marsha Brown for Mathematics I; Susan Hill for American History; and Sarah Lawrence for Best Speller. The Susan Dorrance Gordon Fund award for Latin was won by Sarah Lawrence and Richard Noren, and the Gordon Fund Mathematics award went to Marilyn Edwards and Susan Hill. Sylvia Copeland received the Winifred Potter Wiltsie prize for the most improvement in science and Bruce Kosa the Bausch & Lomb Science Award. The Prix d'Honneur, prize for excellence in French, went to Susan Hill, and the Class of 1943 prize to Marilyn Edwards as the undergraduate who had done the most for the Academy during the year. David Boyd, district winner in the American Legion Oratorical Contest, was presented the American Legion Oratory Award. Winner of the Academy History Contest, sponsored by the Alumni Association, was Jotham G. Reynolds, Jr. The exercises closed with the singing of "Woodstock Academy".

The traditional Academy Sunday service was held in the First Congregational Church at 2:30 o'clock, June 17, and the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Reverend James R. Blanning, minister of the Westfield Congregational Church in Danielson.

Reverend Rockwell Harmon Potter, D. D., Dean Emeritus of the Hartford Theological Seminary, was the principal speaker at the graduation exercises, which were held in the Hall Memorial Gymnasium, Monday evening, June 18. Following the processional, the invocation was given by Reverend Paul Ross Lynn, and parents, friends, and fellow students were welcomed by the president of the graduating class. The assemblage joined in singing "Woodstock Academy" and the Academy's Glee Club offered three musical selections, "Holiday Song", "Roses of the South", and "No Man is an Island". Awards and prizes were presented by Principal Coffin as follows: The Most Deserving Senior Boy (Sidney G. Morse Fund), Karl Korswig; The Reader's Digest Award for the Highest Ranking Senior,



Priscilla Collins; The D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award, Signe Anderson; The Best Typist (W. A. Student Government 1944), Audrey Forrest; The American Legion Americanism Awards, Bernard Phaneuf and Ann Hibbard; The Constance Holt Poetry Essay Contest, Priscilla Collins and Allen Sherman; The Teachers' Round Table Scholarship, Signe Anderson; The Yale Honor Cups, Calvin Peterson and Signe Anderson; The Woodstock P. T. A. Scholarship, Priscilla Collins.

Diplomas were presented to twenty-six graduates by Marvin A. Barrett, President of the Board of Trustees, and the commencement program ended with the singing of "Fair Woodstock".

## REPORTS

### *Report of the President to the Board of Trustees*

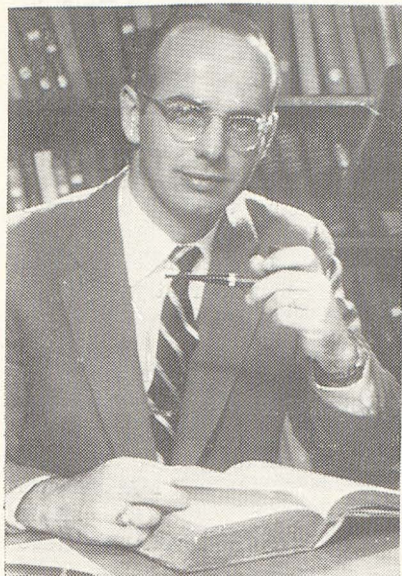
Before reporting the progress of the past year I should like to take a little time to review some of the events leading up to it. Three years ago we were engaged in selecting a principal. At that time, I suspect, most, if not all of us, would have been willing to concede that we were nursing along a venerable institution that was gradually but surely reaching the end of its days. Perhaps it was divine providence that directed Gregory Coffin to us. In any event, it was the greatest thing that had happened to Woodstock Academy in many years because it marked a turning point in the direction the Academy was travelling and started it on the high road to greater accomplishment. The vigor and enthusiasm which Mr. Coffin brought to us was like a transfusion. The patient began to recover and is now a decidedly healthy specimen. More important than that is our own attitude which has changed so thoroughly during these past three years.

After a town meeting had approved the action of the Woodstock Board of Education, things began to happen. A building committee was appointed consisting of Benton Blair, Leonard Anderson, George Holt, Gregory Coffin, Darwin Clark and your chairman. This committee interviewed architects and after due consideration selected the firm of Russell and Gibson of West Hartford to guide them in an expansion program. A long range plan was developed and, ultimately, completed plans were prepared for the first four room unit of that long range plan. At this time bids are being solicited for the construction of that unit and will be opened on Friday night, August 31, at eight o'clock. While these things were going on a committee consisting of Dr. Bates, Mr. Williams, and myself secured an option on the Gran property adjoining the Academy property. I wish to mention that through the generosity of Miss Constance Holt, the Academy will acquire this land with the assistance of \$1,000. gift which she has made in memory of her brother and our late President, Henry Holt.

In concluding my report I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to Mr. Coffin, who has given unstintingly of himself; to Mr. Blair, whose sound judgment and experience were a great boon to the building committee and to all of the members of the board who have responded willingly and unselfishly to every request that has been made of them.

MARVIN A. BARRETT





GREGORY C. COFFIN

Principal

*Annual Report of the Principal*

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you, the Trustees of Woodstock Academy, my third annual report.

I feel that this school year 1955-56 has been a milestone in the history of this grand institution. You, the trustees, together with the alumni, the faculty and staff, the student body, and the townspeople at large, have, during this past year, recounted the glorious past, demonstrated your present vigor, and exhibited an outlook and attitude toward the future which will most certainly result in a standard of educational excellence which far surpasses that of the average public high school. Under the very able chairmanship of your president, Marvin A. Barrett, you have provided the town with the leadership necessary to solve its secondary school problem for the present and the foreseeable future. You are certainly to be commended.

Progress within the walls of this institution, although not as evident as the building program, has been steady. We have continued to strive for a high standard of excellence in all areas, since we are firmly convinced that if a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well. A constant effort is made to see that each individual student is placed in the course and classes which are best suited to his abilities and interests. Classes are then conducted in a manner which we hope will challenge all, neglecting neither the superior student nor the slow learner.

*Personnel:* For the third consecutive year we are fortunate to have but one teacher leaving our staff. We are even more fortunate to anticipate the addition of an extremely well qualified replacement. As you know, Mr. Robert Sweeney resigned to accept a teaching position at Duquesne University. His position as Latin and English teacher will be filled by Miss Hester Wessenger, a woman with 28 years of teaching experience and extensive



preparation at Bates, Maine, Yale, and the Sorbonne in Paris. Miss Wessenger will teach third-year French as well as classes in Latin and English.

The relatively small turnover on our faculty during the past three years, an average of one teacher a year, has provided the Academy with a degree of stability far greater than that enjoyed by most small schools. This stability of personnel has enabled us to develop and apply a philosophy of education as a coördinated team with unity of purpose growing out of diversity of thought. I am sure that the trustees will continue to encourage teacher tenure by maintaining the present stimulating working conditions for their teachers, the two major considerations being small classes and reasonable salaries. Only by keeping pace with salary schedule changes in the state can we hope to keep intact the excellent faculty currently employed at this school.

### *Faculty*

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| Mr. Kenneth Beatson    | Industrial Arts                          |
| Mr. Edgar Craver       | Social Studies and Athletic Director     |
| Mr. Norman Emond       | Social Studies, French, Driver Education |
| Miss Margaret Howe     | Home Economics, Girls' Athletics         |
| Mr. Lawrence Jones     | Mathematics                              |
| Mrs. Louise Jordan     | Music                                    |
| Mr. Ralph Lyman        | Vocational Agriculture                   |
| Mrs. Lucinda Markis    | Science                                  |
| Mrs. Lucy Parkerton    | Business Subjects                        |
| Mrs. Kathryn Robertson | English and Reading                      |
| Miss Hester Wessenger  | English, Latin, and French               |

*Curriculum:* I am pleased to report that a third year of French will be added to our course offerings for the coming school year. Our college preparatory students will now be able to present three years of work in a modern language for admission to college, as well as two years of Latin.

Although no other new subjects will be offered this year, it is hoped that as the school enrollment grows we will be able to report further curriculum additions in order to offer our students the broadest possible secondary school program.

Higher academic standards continue to be of paramount concern at the Academy. Eight students took College Board Examinations during the past year. Five of these were juniors who took the exams for practice last year and will take them for college admission and scholarships this year. We are happy to report that all of these students did well, and that more than half of the scores on the 29 individual tests taken were above the national averages for students taking these tests. Four scores were above the 85th percentile, the highest being above the 99th percentile.

These results would seem to indicate that our newly initiated program of special College Board prep sessions was effective.

Several of our teachers took professional graduate courses during the school year as part of a constant effort to improve their teaching methods and procedures. Mr. Beatson, Mr. Craver, Mr. Jones, and Mrs. Parkerton studied at the University of Connecticut, and Mr. Emond continued his studies at Clark University in Worcester.

Our vocational agriculture program and our business course continue

to improve, and we anticipate still greater strides when improved facilities are available in these two important vocational education fields.

*Physical Facilities:* Even the most vehement critics of the school plant three years ago now admit that the facilities are in good repair, pleasant, comfortable, and functional. The excellent judgment of your House Committee and the diligent efforts of our two janitors, Mr. Morris and Mr. Strand have made our buildings and campus part of an institution of which we may all be proud. The improved heating system in the gymnasium and the new athletic field will be enjoyed immeasurably by students and teachers for many years to come.

The completion of the new classroom unit and the proposed addition to the locker room and kitchen facilities should give us a secondary school plant adequate to meet the housing needs of a four-year high school for several years to come.

*Conclusion:* Yes, this has been a year of progress for Woodstock Academy, thanks to the splendid united effort of this Board and its officers, the rejuvenated alumni association and its officers, and the fine faculty which you employ. My respect and affection for you grows with each successive year. Your splendid coöperation has made the year 1955-56 a gratifying one full of satisfactions in the present and confidence in the future.

GREGORY C. COFFIN

## REPORT OF THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In July, 1955 the Woodstock Academy Alumni Association met at Rose-land Park and, after a Picnic Supper, the annual meeting was held. The following officers were elected for the year 1955-1956.

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| President             | Constance Peshmalyan |
| First Vice President  | Robert Johnson       |
| Second Vice President | Edward Staveski      |
| Secretary             | Helen Warren         |
| Treasurer             | Warren Day           |
| Executive committee   | G. Alfred Wetherell  |
| Executive committee   | Gloria Dumas         |

The above officers met in the Fall of 1955 and drafted plans for the coming year. A Reunion celebrating the 155th anniversary of the founding of Woodstock Academy was scheduled for Commencement week in June 1956, and the hope was expressed that the Alumni Association might renew the publication of the *Gleaner*.

Knowing that funds would be necessary to carry any program of events to completion, the officers promoted an Old Timers' Basketball game in February. With both players and spectators paying admission the Treasury was the richer by two hundred dollars and those who played enjoyed their evening while the spectators obviously felt amply rewarded with the show.

Early in 1956 the first work of bringing our files up to date was under-





Woodstock Academy Alumni Association Officers. Front row: Gloria Dumas, Constance Peshmalyan, Helen Warren.

Rear row: Edward Staveski, Robert Johnson, Warren Day, G. Alfred Wetherell.

taken by secretaries chosen by the Alumni Association. A letter was sent out to all Alumni for whom we could find addresses. Your response was most encouraging and welcome. Your letters expressed the wish for a Reunion in June and those familiar with the **Gleaner** in the past asked that we make every attempt to publish an anniversary number. Most welcome to our depleted treasury was your generous response to our request for funds, for over seven hundred and fifty dollars was received in donations. Lois Kenyon Brush accepted the editors duties for class news for the **Gleaner** and Richard May was named Editor-in-chief.

Throughout the year Mr. Coffin, the Principal, and the teachers of Woodstock Academy encouraged and willingly assisted in the work undertaken by our committees. Mr. Coffin was called on frequently for advice and information while we were in the process of bringing up to date the files of the Alumni Association. The Alumni Association thanks the members of the Faculty who have so generously given their time to our projects.

The 155th Reunion held at Woodstock Academy on June 16, 1956, was attended by three hundred and fifty people throughout the day's program of events. The program and committees were as follows:



## PROGRAM

*General Chairman*

Mrs. Constance W. Peshmalyan

Registration 11:30 A.M. Bracken Memorial Library  
Miss Gloria Dumas, *Chairman*  
Mrs. Lucy Parkerton  
Mrs. Eleanor Lucas  
Mrs. Avis Spalding

Historical Exhibit                                          Bracken Memorial Library

Mr. Albert Williams, *Chairman*

Mrs. Molly Crandon

Miss Maude Healey

Miss Ruth Bjornberg

Mr. Vernon T. Wetherell

|                                    |      |              |
|------------------------------------|------|--------------|
| Picnic Lunch                       | Noon | Academy Lawn |
| Mr. William Child, <i>Chairman</i> |      |              |
| Mrs. Joyce White                   |      |              |

Blue vs Gold Softball Game      2:00 P.M.      Academy Field  
Mr. Robert Johnson      Mrs. Evelyn Weimann  
*Co-Chairmen*

Reunion Banquet 7:00 P. M. Hall Memorial Gymnasium  
Mrs. Helen Warren, *Chairman*  
Miss Louise Hibbard  
Miss Phyllis Marcy  
Mr. G. Alfred Wetherell  
Mr. Edward Staveski

## BANQUET PROGRAM

## TOASTMASTERS

Mr. Frederick F. Rockwell  
Class of 1900

Mr. Cedric Child  
Class of 1928

## MUSIC

Mrs. Louise Jordan, Faculty 1927-1930 1943—  
Mr. Lucien Garceau Jr., Class of 1954

## INVOCATION

Rev. Conrad Collins, Class of 1938

# WELCOME

Mrs. Constance W. Peshmalyan, Class of 1928  
President of the Alumni Association  
Mr. Marvin A. Barrett, Class of 1921  
President of the Board of Trustees



## HISTORY OF WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

Jotham G. Reynolds, Jr., Class of 1957

Winner of Alumni Association Essay Award

## WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

Past, Present, and Future

Mr. Maurice F. Childs, Principal 1923-1926

Mr. Donald Walker, Class of 1954

Mr. Gregory Coffin, Principal 1953—

During a short business meeting at the Banquet the President outlined plans suggested by the 1953-1956 officers, namely, the Alumni Association consider having annual dues which would be used to defray expenses of publishing a yearly news letter and a Gleaner every five years, on the anniversary year, and for which dues one would receive the publications. Also it was suggested that the Association consider adopting By-laws in the near future. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for 1956-1957 which was duly elected.

President

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Constance W. Peshmalyan

Robert Johnson

Edward Staveski

Gloria Dumas

Helen Warren

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Barbara Barrett

Gregory C. Coffin

Ina Pasay

William Child

Henry P. Joy

Charles Saltonstall

G. Alfred Wetherell

The newly elected officers held one business meeting in June, 1956 at which plans were discussed for the coming year. We wish to remind you of the annual banquet which will be held during June Commencement week in 1957. The class of 1907 will be celebrating its fiftieth reunion, the class of 1932 its twenty fifth reunion, the class of 1947 its tenth reunion, and 1952 its fifth reunion. We welcome the class of 1956 into the Alumni Association and invite you to return and celebrate your first reunion. Start making plans now, save the date, Saturday June 15, 1957.

*Treasurer's Report*

## Woodstock Academy Alumni Association Receipts

|                                                       |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Cash on hand at the Putnam Savings Bank .....         | \$ 1.00 |
| Alumni Picnic held at Roseland Park July 1955 .....   | 5.83    |
| Alumni Basketball Game Thanksgiving 1955 .....        | 15.00   |
| Old Timers Basketball Game February 1956 .....        | 246.50  |
| Donations received in response to Alumni Letter ..... | 752.50  |
| Reunion Banquet Ticket Sales .....                    | 522.00  |

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Collection for Tips at Reunion Banquet ..... | 46.95     |
| Total Receipts .....                         | \$1589.78 |

## Woodstock Academy Alumni Association Expenses

|                                                                                               |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Custodians for Basketball Games .....                                                         | \$ 13.00  |
| Publicity and Petty cash for Basketball games .....                                           | 34.02     |
| Stationery supplies and mailing .....                                                         | 36.99     |
| Banquet tickets printing .....                                                                | 4.00      |
| Custodians for Banquet .....                                                                  | 18.00     |
| Reunion Programs printing .....                                                               | 52.50     |
| Reunion stationary, mailing, Historical exhibit, Picnic and Soft-<br>ball game expenses ..... | 27.13     |
| Historical Essay award .....                                                                  | 10.00     |
| Reunion Banquet Dinners Superior Bakery Caterers .....                                        | 620.00    |
| (sixty complimentary dinners included, Seniors, Faculty, Speakers)                            |           |
| Reunion Banquet Tip 10% guarantee .....                                                       | 62.00     |
| Activity charge at the Cargill Trust Company February through<br>August .....                 | .50       |
| Total expenses .....                                                                          | \$ 878.14 |

Total receipts \$1589.78

Total expenses \$ 878.14

Balance on hand \$711.64

Woodstock Academy Alumni Association Gleaner Fund Receipts  
Receipt

|                                                              |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance on Hand Putnam Savings Bank February 1, 1956 .....   | \$ 515.68 |
| Balance on Hand Cargill Trust Company February 1, 1956 ..... | 100.00    |
| Profits from Sales of Old Gleaners .....                     | 3.25      |
| Donation .....                                               | 2.00      |
| Subscriptions to the Gleaner prepaid .....                   | 67.00     |
| Total receipts .....                                         | \$ 687.93 |

## Woodstock Academy Alumni Association Gleaner Fund Expenses

|                                                         |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Stationery supplies, printing and mailing charges ..... | \$ 48.82 |
| Activity charge at Cargill Trust Company .....          | .10      |
| Total expenses .....                                    | \$ 48.92 |

Total receipts 687.93

Total expenses \$ 48.92

Balance on hand 639.01

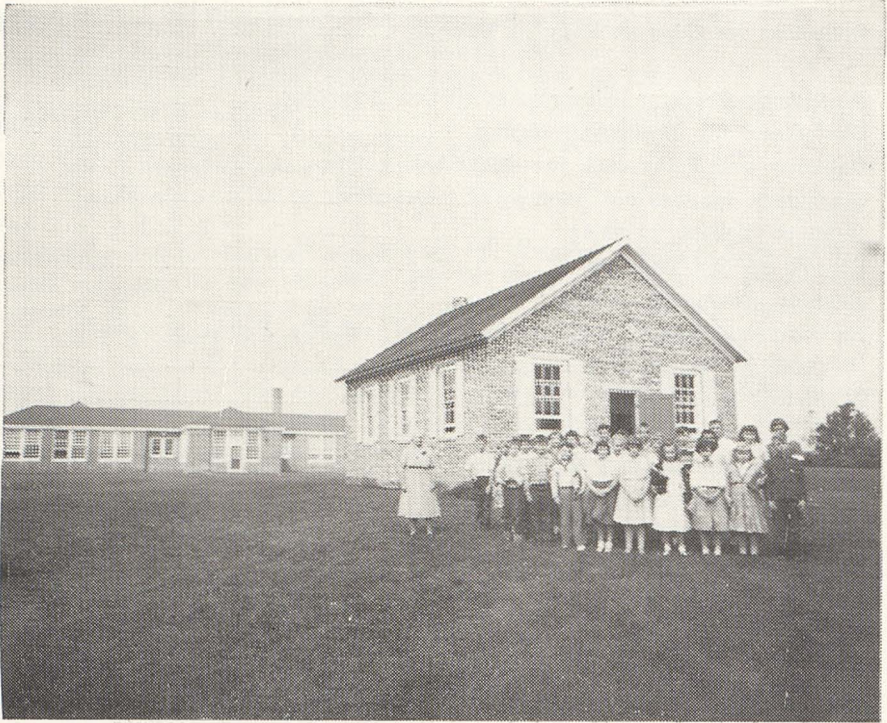
HELEN WARREN

Treasurer, Woodstock Academy Alumni Ass'n

CONSTANCE PESHMALYAN

President, Woodstock Academy Alumni Ass'n.





### QUASSET SCHOOL

There is a particular appropriateness in the dedication of the 200-year-old Quasset School as a museum and shrine to education at Woodstock, Connecticut. Here is preserved in all its antique detail the one-room schoolhouse that became the hallmark of American life in our nation's earliest days.

The teacher's desk and the box stove have served well since former years. The School is equipped with the old-time double seats, books, maps and slates.

Quasset School, the Granddaddy of the little red schoolhouses, was built in 1748, twenty-seven years before the Revolution, when George Washington was only a boy of sixteen years, and sixty years before the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The foundation stones and the large stepping stone were fashioned from Woodstock's quarry and the home-made bricks were fired at the nearby clay pits.

The job evidently was a good one since the building served for nearly two centuries, becoming the oldest one-room school, in continuous use, in the United States.

When Woodstock's Consolidated School was opened, the district schools were discontinued and the Quasset School began to fall into disrepair and was in danger of being sold to the highest bidder. At a Town Meeting in 1951, Mr. Albert H. Williams strongly recommended that the Quasset



School should be preserved as a landmark. He was promptly made Chairman of a committee of six who were given six months to secure the means, and if unsuccessful the school would be sold.

Mr. Williams holds the School dear, as it was attended by his father and uncles, his children, and himself. Also, his wife was a former teacher there.

The committee started promptly to secure the necessary funds to move and restore the School in South Woodstock, near the new Elementary School.

On May 24th, 1952, all roads led to Quasset Hill when the School was reopened, and over 500 visitors, former teachers and pupils gathered to set in motion the campaign to secure the needed funds. They watched twenty-two pupils reenact the last class session with Miss Helen Johnson as teacher, and listened to several noted speakers. The committee was further heartened by messages from President Truman, U. S. Commissioner McGrath, and the Mayor of Woodstock, England.

Graduates and friends rallied behind the Restoration Committee (now enlarged to seventeen) with the result that over \$6,000.00 was received. The funds were used to meet the expense of moving the School brick by brick from Wabbaquasset Hill to its new site near the new Elementary School. The roof was moved in one piece and the inside walls in sections. The original floor is still in place with a new two inch top floor donated by the American Optical Company of Southbridge, in memory of George Washington Wells, the founder of the Company and a former pupil at Quasset School. The new floor was laid by the Putnam Technical School, gratis.

On May 24th, 1954, two years to a day from the start of the drive for funds, the restoration was completed, and an assembly of over 1000 persons gathered about the School in its new location. The occasion was the Dedication of the modest one-room School as a monument to the beginnings of elementary education in America. Many notables were present, including Lewis S. Mills, a former teacher, State Commissioner of Education Finis E. Engleman, Governor John Lodge, and Dr. Samuel Brownell, U. S. Commissioner of Education. A congratulatory message from President Eisenhower was received as well as one from Governor Christian Herter of Massachusetts since Woodstock was in the State of Massachusetts when the Quasset School was built.

Here are a few excerpts from the speakers' addresses. Mr. Mills stated in part: "In the United States the little red schoolhouse stood for more than two centuries the symbol of the three R's. Be ye not of doubtful mind, but first seek ye to clearly teach the three R's and the rest will come easier for the children."

Said Governor Lodge: "I am glad to share with you the dedication of the fine tradition which the Quasset School symbolizes. The Committee and all others interested deserve our great gratitude for saving this landmark representing the best traditions of this country. In dedicating this building we must look two ways—to the past which we honor, and to the future instilled with a love for learning."

Dr. Engleman stated: "Any generation or any civilization might be



judged by its appreciation of its own heritage. Certainly the people of Woodstock have shown this in restoring Quasset School, which will be for many years a sample of America's most unique institution."

Said Commissioner Brownell: "Why do we cherish these schools? The answer is that the one-room schools stand as a symbol of American faith in education for all the children. It was cherished because it was the people's school in interest and control and support."

Now the committee is interested in obtaining a Bronze Tablet with a fitting inscription to be placed on the front near the entrance. Also, a glass-top case is needed to protect some of the very valuable books that have been donated.

Donations from any interested persons will be gratefully received.

ALBERT H. WILLIAMS

### WHY EDITORS HAVE GRAY HAIR

I was a working girl, sophisticated with tortoise-shell glasses, severe bob and tailored dress recommended in *Vogue* magazine; at least I thought I was the typical sophisticate found seated at a typewriter in a newspaper office.

The first day as an interviewer for the *Middletown News* found me up at five-thirty, combing my not-so-wavy hair, rubbing my sleep-blurred eyes, and trying to down a breakfast which would satisfy and yet control my figure. At six o'clock I was standing on the damp sidewalk watching the sun burn through the morning mist. When my driver finally arrived, the only reply to his cheery "good morning" was a grunt and a pepsodent-ad smile on my part, which meant good morning in return. My fellow passengers were twenty years my senior, but very nice. My interests didn't include horse racing or politics, so I sat in my corner and counted brick buildings until I found myself bored stiff at six forty-five in the morning.

We parked in the back of the great *News* Building and joined the mob of office workers, a mob in which I promptly got lost. As I walked along trying to give the impression of dignity and confidence, I noticed that my shoe felt odd. There was not the resounding click that high heels should make; in fact, there was only one click. Back through the thundering herd I ran with the gait of a lame horse; there in the dust the lost heel lay, dirty but still in one piece. I tried frantically to put it back on; I pounded it on the brick wall. Several workers stopped and tried to help me, but the nails were gone. I had no choice but to put the shoe back on, and hobble self-consciously along. At seven o'clock I punched my time-card, upside down but nevertheless punched.

One of the women informed me that when the Boss wanted me he would buzz three times. I never seemed to hear the buzzer, but his voice yelling "Miss Kenyon, will you please come here!" always came through to my sub-conscious mind. Then I would pick up my notebook and run. I would enter his office the efficient interviewer, despite my high coloring.

On the first occasion he informed me that I would be having an interview in ten minutes and asked me if I had any questions. I answered a doubtful "no" and hurried back to my desk. My victim was a Navy man, who blushed continually and had me blushing along with him. I asked him

the routine questions about his home town, where he had been over-seas, and his occupation before the war, but he wouldn't talk . . . and I was stuck. Finally I asked him if he had been wounded, and he brightened up, telling me about the bombing of his ship and the circumstances of the wound. He asked me if I would like to see the scar, and evidently didn't hear my "no" for when I looked up from my typewriter, I came face to face with his bare chest. He pointed to a scar and grinned from ear to ear. Before I could tell him that I wasn't interested and ask him if he would please put his shirt on, the office was in an uproar and the Boss came tearing out. After much explaining he went back to his den and the interview continued. We talked back and forth in short sentences, evading each other's glances. When it was over, he grabbed his coat and left rather hurriedly. In fact, he didn't even turn around to say goodbye or ask when his article would appear.

By now it was ten o'clock and time to take my articles to the copy-room. I was told to use the elevator instead of walking up ten flights, but the trouble was I didn't know how to operate the darn thing, and managed to hit every wall between all ten floors before I landed somewhat dazed on the right one. I was glad I did not have to face the people who were patiently pushing the buttons on other floors and saying naughty things about the elevator.

When I returned to the office, my Boss noticed I walked rather strangely and wanted to know if anything were the matter. By this time I was used to the idea of hopping along with one heel. I told him the whole story and he laughed good-humoredly and said he would take the shoe at lunch time and get it fixed for me. I was delighted and, putting it in a paper bag, presented it to him at 12:30. At two o'clock I was still seated at my desk interviewing, with one shoe on, trying to avoid the inquisitive glances of G. I.'s. Evidently they compared notes and came to the conclusion I only had one leg, as they left shaking their heads sympathetically and nodding to each other. My Boss returned finally and dumped the bag on my desk. He didn't seem pleased at all. Later I found out that he had taken my shoe by mistake to a press meeting and had to do a great deal of explaining.

I dreaded most of all going from one department to another; I always managed to get lost. Whenever people saw me coming, they immediately would offer directions. I later came to the conclusion they were having fun with the "new girl", as I usually ended up in the shipping room reporting for work. The workmen would scratch their heads in wonderment and call the main office stating that a redhead was down in the shipping room and asking if they should let her load the truck.

Yes, I made many mistakes. I put badges together wrong and had to take them apart so that the guard wouldn't have to stand on his head to check them. I developed pictures that made everyone look a ghastly yellow. I forgot to punch my time-card and wear my badge. However, amazing as it may seem, toward the end of the summer I was asked to remain as a full-time interviewer. But college was coming and I wasn't quite ready for work.

So now two years later, I sit at my desk in my dorm, still wearing tortoise-shell glasses, and trying to appear as a somewhat sophisticated senior.



Yet I lose some of my self-assurance when I remember why the editor of the *Middletown News* has gray hair and headaches.

LOIS KENYON BRUSH

(Editor's Note. This article by Mrs. Brush was written when she was a student at Lasell College and it was first printed in *Lasell Leaves*, the school's newspaper.)

### EDITOR'S NOTES

During the months that he has spent preparing the 1956 **Gleaner**, the editor has observed the tireless efforts of Constance Wetherell Peshmalyan in behalf of the Alumni Association. As its president, she has been the overseer of several excellent projects during the past year, and with the assistance of the other elected officers, she has lifted the association from a state of insolvency to one without immediate financial difficulties. Her work on the **Gleaner** staff alone would be considered a full-time job to most persons, for she has not only combined her talents with Lois Kenyon Brush in gathering an impressive amount of news items from alumni scattered around the world, but she has made innumerable telephone calls, met with many individuals, and given invaluable advice and information to the other members of the staff. The editor feels certain that he speaks for all alumni in thanking Connie and the other officers for fulfilling three long-standing wishes—a wish for a solvent Alumni Association, an old-fashioned reunion, and publication of the **Gleaner**. Interest in the progress of Woodstock Academy, and the welfare of the friends that were made there, lingers with us always. A well-organized Alumni Association serves as the primary source of information for these interests.

The 1956 **Gleaner** is the fifty-second issue of the booklet. For fifty-one years, from 1892-1943, the **Gleaner** appeared annually, and it was as eagerly awaited as the annual Woodstock Fair. As a matter of fact, the editor has been informed that copies of the **Gleaner** were generally available at the Fair, but for many reasons it could not be readied for that event this year. It is regrettable that thirteen years have elapsed without an issue of this little messenger. But due to the anxieties of the intervening years, when our efforts were being directed to the demands of wars and post-war problems, it is understandable. It is also understandable when one realizes that it had become almost a one-person job to gather information, assemble material, and insure publication of the booklet. There is too much work involved in the project for any one individual.

The editor was a young boy when the last **Gleaner** appeared, and he admittedly knew little about its content and purpose when he agreed to assume the responsibility for this year's issue, but with the assurance of the alumni officers that a group of willing people would advise and assist him, he eagerly accepted the job. For what he *did* know was that the **Gleaner** had bound together the common interests of Woodstock Academy's alumni in the past and that it was a greatly needed herald at the present time.

Credit must be given to many individuals for the 1956 issue. The editor

especially thanks Lois Kenyon Brush, his editor of the Blue & Gold Echo in Academy days, for gathering and assembling the reports of class secretaries; Connie Peshmalyan, for reasons already stated; Gregory Coffin and Molly Crandon, both for their contributions herein, and their advice on the Gleaner's content; Albert Williams, for selling the advertising space herein; Bruce Johnson, for his attractive and beautifully executed cover design; Ethel Upham, the Gleaner's past editor, for her experienced advice and encouragement; the class secretaries, for the alumni news items; and to all of those individuals who submitted literary contributions.

"Why Editors Have Gray Hair", the article by Lois Brush, will evoke chuckles from many readers who had equally trying experiences when attempting to make a good impression in their post-Academy days. The editor is still embarrassed when he recalls being interviewed by a pleasant lady at the American Optical Company. Just out of the Academy and seeking employment, he was inwardly nervous, but trying very hard to be outwardly calm. "Do you have any physical limitations?" the lady snapped, with the words "physical" and "limitations" running together, that made her question sound like, "Do you have any physical imitations?" The editor was puzzled, but rather than hesitate, he replied, "Well, some people say I look like my father". The woman was stunned at first, and then she laughingly said, "No, no, do you have any physical handicaps?" It wasn't until he reached home that the editor realized what she had meant by the original question.

Undoubtedly there are errors and omissions in our "Alumni News Items" and the editor apologizes for them. But a genuine effort has been made to bring you correct, up-to-date information about your classmates, and the **Gleaner's** staff is rather proud that a record compilation of alumni news has been garnered for the 1956 edition. It has not been an easy feat, for many census sheets returned without detail or were not returned at all. In fact, the response from the classes of the past sixteen years, and especially of the past five years, was quite discouraging. The editor is confident, however, that their future reports will be more complete. For one thing, these younger classes have no feeling of personal tradition about the **Gleaner**. For another, they are too preoccupied with new friends, new surroundings, new careers, the myriad problems of raising children, to reflect deeply upon the significance of their days at the Academy.

The past has a way of catching up with the present, even for very busy persons, and when it does, links between past and present—links like news of ones old friends in the **Gleaner**,—seem very valuable. The editor pleads with all alumni to cooperate with future editors of our **Gleaner** and to submit the personal information of yourselves and friends that will keep you from becoming mere statistics in a dusty file. Information should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Alumni Association, Woodstock Academy.



Although Bruce Johnson didn't indicate that there was a theme to his cover, one might imagine that the Academy cupola is symbolical of the high principles and fine traditions that are associated with our Alma Mater, and that the falling leaves symbolize passing years and events. Thus, the cover suggests a firmness, a steadfastness, that transcends the dictates of changing times.

Though the Autumnal leaves may wither and die,

My golden crown remains untarnished.

## THE WOODSTOCK ACADEMY GLEANER

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|                                                        |                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
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|                                                        | Lois K. Brush            |
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|                                                        | Gregory C. Coffin        |
| Business Manager .....                                 | Albert H. Williams       |
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|                                                        | Eleanor Strand           |
|                                                        | Elizabeth Rawson         |
|                                                        | Patricia Gagnon          |
|                                                        | Ina Pasay                |
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|                                                        | Edna Hibbard             |
|                                                        | Jane Whittenburg         |
|                                                        | Emily Y. Bunnell         |

Woodstock Academy  
Woodstock, Connecticut  
October 29, 1956

Dear Alumni and Friends of Woodstock Academy

On November 13, 1928 the Hall Memorial Gymnasium was dedicated. This event was the culmination of the diligent efforts of a great many people. The Hall Memorial Gymnasium Committee, with William C. Child as its chairman, included Mr. Albert H. Hibbard, secretary; George M. Sampson, treasurer; Edith Hall Dohan, Constance Holt, Edmond Anderson, Ruth Williamson Gallup, Eleanor Lindeman, Lew Cox Hibbard, Myrtie Chaffee Jordan, Nellie D. Chandler, and Clifford I. Stoddard. The Building Committee was composed of William C. Child, Reverend Henry D. Baker, Albert H. Williams, George M. Sampson, Dr. Ernest R. Pike, and S. Howard Peckham.

These people waged a vigorous subscription campaign in which they secured contributions from 581 people totaling \$45,370.50 with which to build a fine gymnasium, which has served the school and the town well for the past 28 years. This money was raised during a period when the real value of a dollar approximated itself and not half of itself. Yet 581 people felt the cause sufficiently worthy to warrant making contributions.

Today the Hall Memorial Gymnasium, like the rest of the school, is, to quote Maurice Childs, "in the period of its most useful function thus far. We have waited 155 years for the youth of today." However, Woodstock Academy's youth today are more in number than they were in 1801 or in 1928. There are 160 Academy students at present and many more expected in the next few years.

Although the main gymnasium which so many people worked so hard to build 30 years ago is still adequate for today's enrollment, athletic participation has increased in recent years, taxing the small locker room and shower facilities, and the kitchen is now used to serve, not prepare, over 100 hot lunches daily. This increase in student population and the gymnasium function has made additional locker room and kitchen facilities a pressing need.

As you probably know, the Trustees have undertaken a building program which will provide the additional classrooms necessary to meet the needs of the expanded enrollment. However, the financial resources of the Trustees are limited. Consequently, the officers of the Alumni Association were asked if they would be willing to sponsor a subscription campaign to raise money for the much needed addition to the gym. At a meeting of the executive committee of the Alumni Association held in June, 1956, it was voted to reply to the Trustees in the affirmative and to make plans for the proposed campaign.



According to the architects presently retained by the Academy Trustees, (Russell and Gibson of West Hartford), the approximate cost of the proposed addition would be \$35,000, a very substantial sum of money, but less than was raised in 1928, before the present inflation. If everyone who has an interest in the Academy will contribute as much as he can to this project, we should be able to realize our goal.

Within the next few weeks you will receive more information on this project. In the meantime if you have any suggestions which might help the committee, please let us hear them. We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

The officers and executive committee of the  
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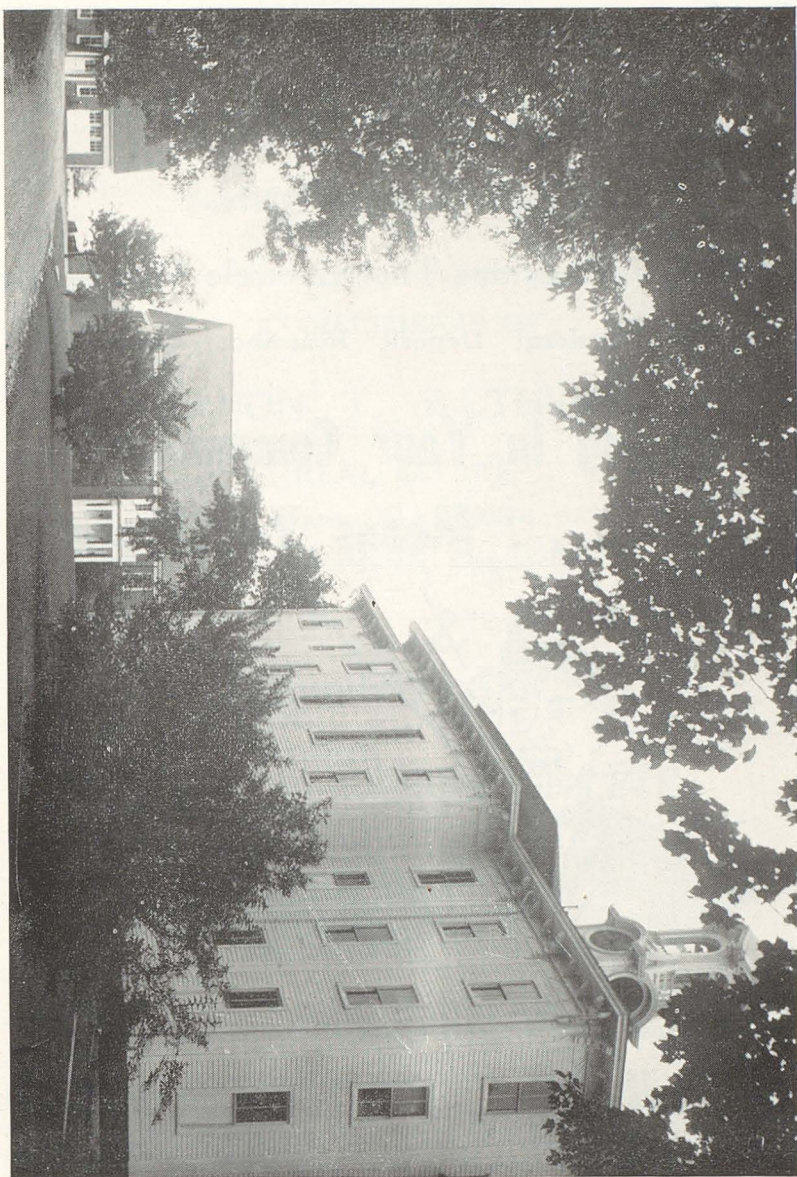
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### EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

*(Editor's note: We want to bring you up to date on the most recent plans and developments for the building program previously explained in this issue [see 1956 reunion story].)*

The foundation walls for the first new four-classroom unit have been poured. The present schedule calls for completion of the building by March 1, 1957. Mr. Coffin has reported to your editor that current plans call for moving into the new building during the Easter recess in April, 1957.

Tentative plans are being made by the executive committee of the Alumni Association and the Trustees to include the dedication of the new building as part of the 156th reunion program on June 15, 1957. Plan to attend and visit this latest addition to the Academy campus.





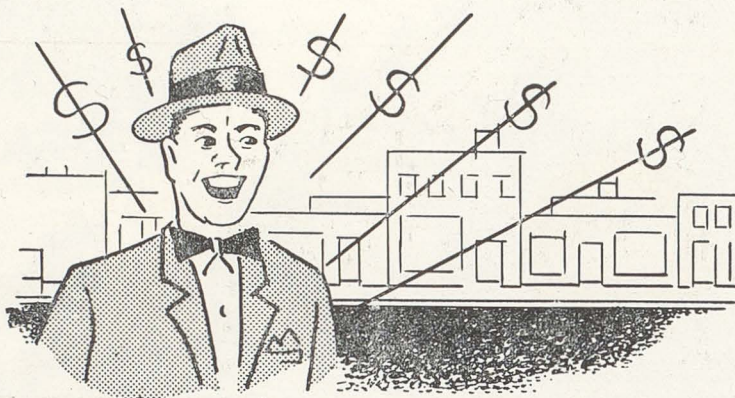
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