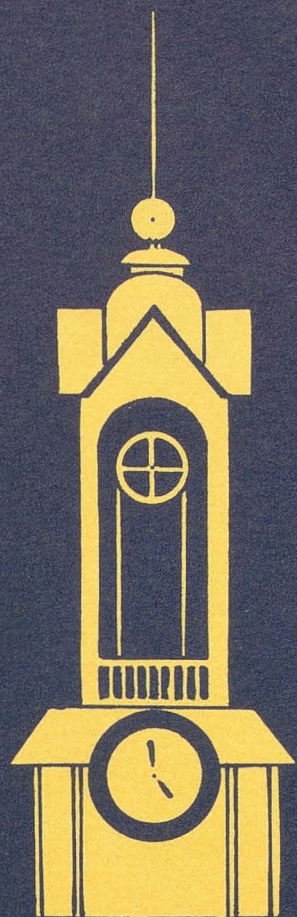


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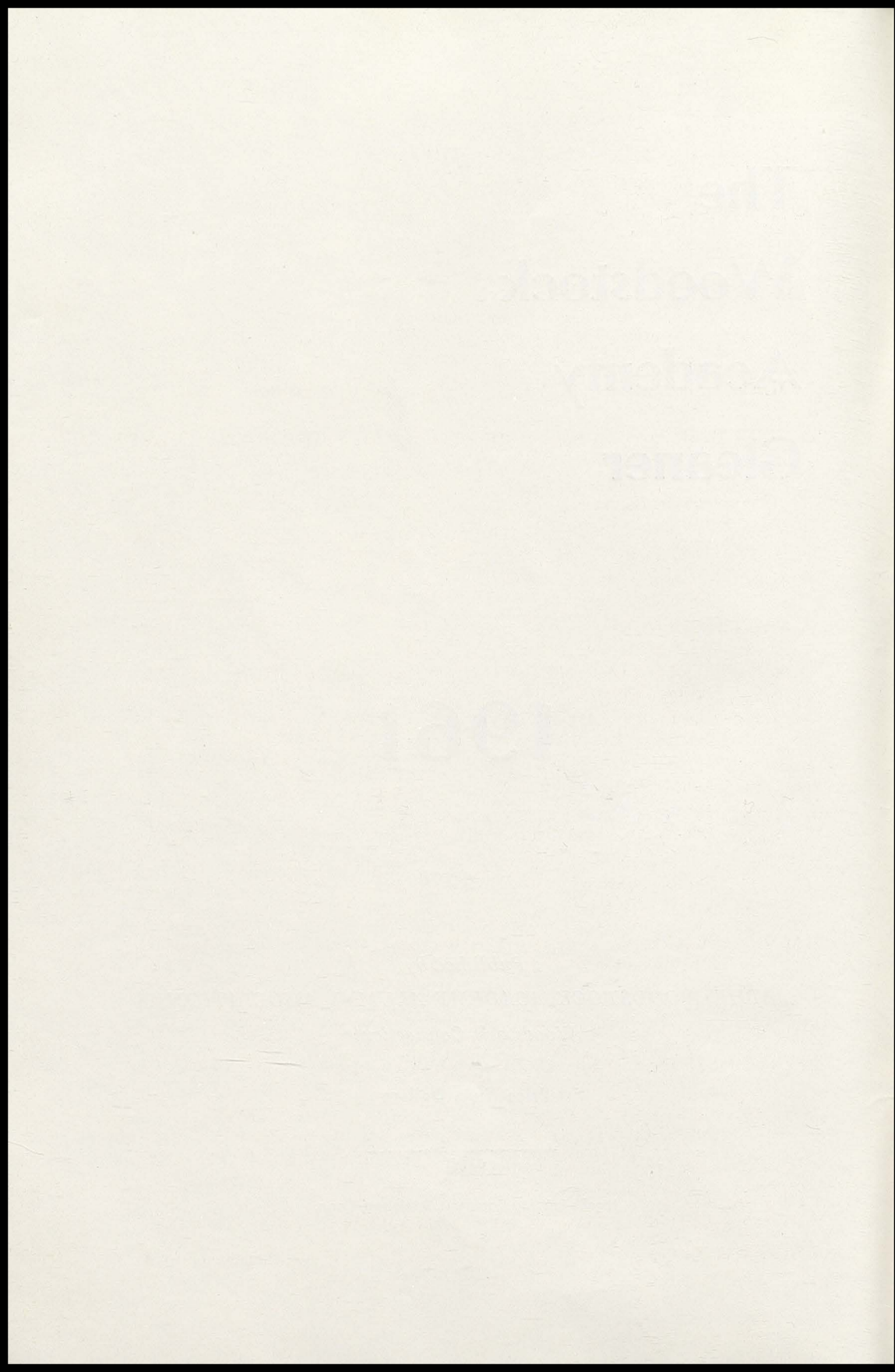
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A FOREWORD

The Woodstock Academy Alumni Association, the editors of the **Gleaner** and their assistants, are happy to present to you the **Woodstock Academy Gleaner** for 1961. This valued booklet, with its articles, poems, pictures, and news items, not only serves as a tie between the graduates of Woodstock Academy and their Alma Mater, but provides enjoyable reading for all who are friends and interested in the Academy.

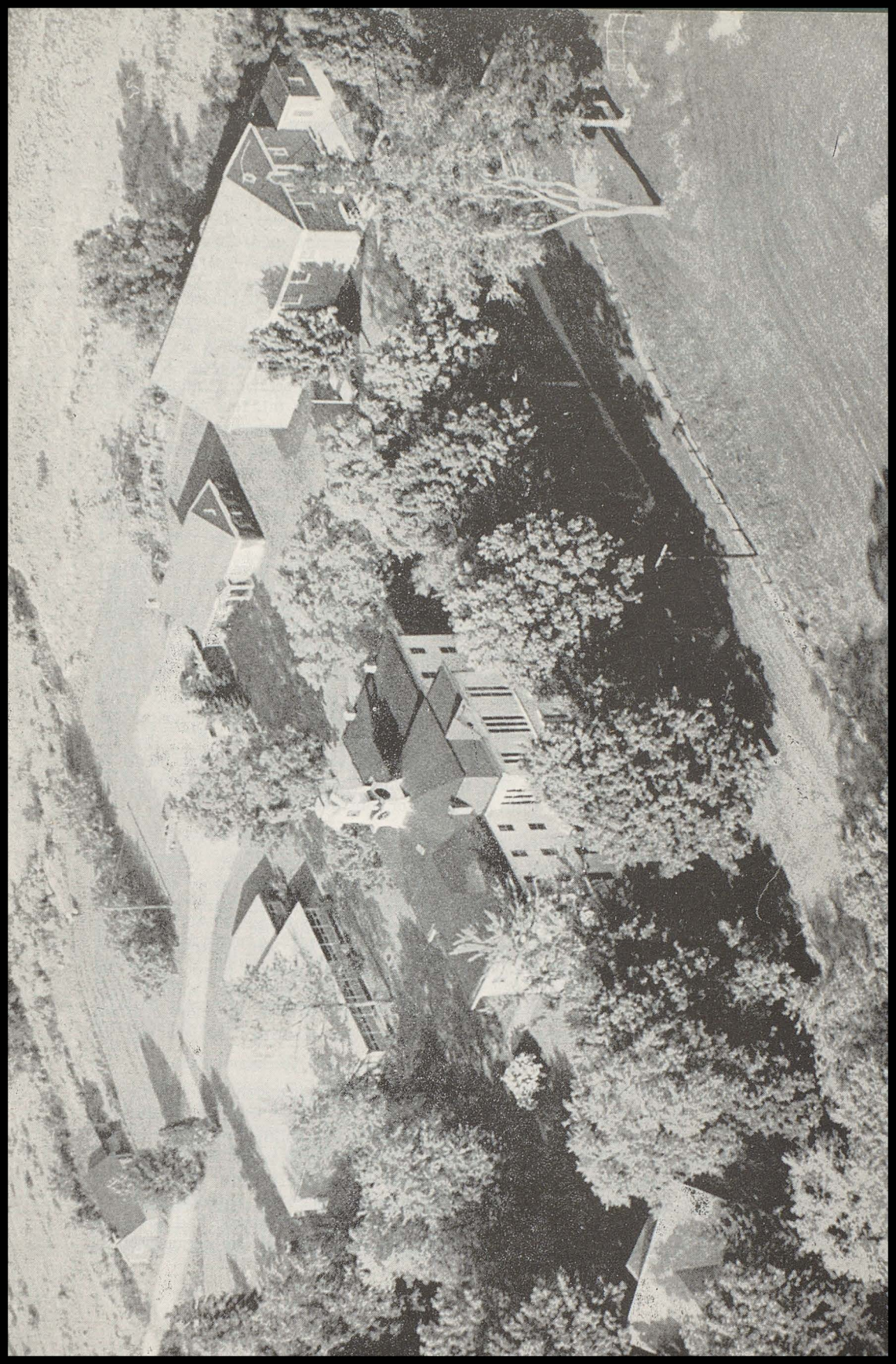
The Woodstock Academy is a unique institution, because it is but one of two such schools remaining in Connecticut. Now in its 161st year, and a forerunner of the public high school, this Academy has progressed in step with the best modern educational practice without sacrifice of the high principles upon which it was founded.

The financial assistance which has been received for the purpose of publishing the **Gleaner** has indeed been gratifying. The officers of the Association have established a policy of publishing this messenger once every five years, and your contributions have served to demonstrate your approval of this plan.

As President of the Alumni Association, I wish to thank you for your support and to express my deepest appreciation for the efforts of the volunteer workers who have made possible this issue.

RICHARD B. MAY, President

Woodstock Academy Alumni Assn.



THE POLITICS OF CONTROVERSY

by Lucien A. Bergeron, Jr.

Class of 1951

No invitation to express oneself could have been more innocent of insidious intent, on the face of it, than one to write an essay for my high school alumni magazine. But even the most innocuous situations these days seem fraught with pitfalls. Had the request been to deal with some aspect of my life in the ten years since my graduation from high school, I might have written with ease and pleasure on my years as a teacher (all four of them) or I might have tackled the agony of communication (a very present problem that has been branded on my soul by the endless succession of ill-conceived, poorly executed themes that pass my desk semester after semester), but the well-intentioned request for an article for my alumni magazine happened to be couched in terms that caught in my intellectual craw and have troubled me ever since.

The call to creation was stated in deceptively simple terms: "The subject is entirely up to you—as long as it is neither political nor controversial—otherwise anything you would enjoy writing we're certain that the Alumni would enjoy reading." Ignoring for the moment the logical fallacy inherent in the flattering but highly controvertible premise that the amorphous mass of unspecified humanity referred to as the alumni would enjoy reading *anything* I would enjoy writing—it might be that a few stalwart souls would resist vigorously any combination of ideas I might commit to paper—ignoring this possibility, my mind leapt to the challenge: *politics* and *controversy*. After all, the warning might have been to avoid any subject in obvious poor taste or anything with a vulgar cast. But it was not! Instead I was importuned to avoid anything that bore the taint of politics or controversy.

I am not sure which was initially the greater shock—being told so baldly what constituted appropriate material or having political and controversial matters disqualified out of hand. It was not as though I was likely to burden the alumni magazine with an elaborate analysis of the changing sex mores of our society, nor that I would write an impassioned defense of *The Tropic of Cancer*, nor that I would even belabor the virtues of my own political ideas or those of a particular political party. But once I had analyzed more closely the invitation to write I realized the near impossibility of the task. Almost anything can be controversial from some point of view, and in the close confines of a new England community even the most commonplace subject can be *politically* controversial.

The contribution I would most readily have considered sending to the magazine, for instance, is a short poem inspired by a walk with my beagle pup through woods in West Woodstock. What could be less political or controversial? Discounting for now that the poem was written in *free* verse, a circumstance which could well inflame some literary purists among the alumni, the editors of the alumni magazine would be forced to consider the poem patently *verboten*, judging it from their standard of value. In my poem the beagle had been unleashed and the basic metaphor depended for its effect on the comparison of

the beagle's free, unhampered enjoyment of nature with my own somewhat inhibited response to the simple experience of walking through autumnal woods. But since writing the poem I have learned that in Woodstock dogs are supposed to be tied at all times and may be shot for less. Avoid politics and controversy! Better that the poem should be sent to a literary magazine that would judge it on its literary merit or lack thereof.

My arguments have been lost by this *reductio ad absurdum*, but my point is that in a parochial situation one can scarcely think of a subject that has not once been, is not presently, or could not become with the slightest interpretation (or misinterpretation) downright *political* and blatantly *controversial*.

The real shock of recognition came from the realization that politics and controversy *per se* should be in poor taste in a New England town. I associate the essence of the democratic ideal with the protesting motif that has been a recurrent theme in the life of New England. My mind harked back to Roger Williams and the flight from the Massachusetts Bay Colony to establish the Providence Plantations where he might practice some degree of religious freedom for himself and permit the same to others—to Henry David Thoreau's plea for "Civil Disobedience" and his decision to go to jail rather than pay taxes to a government that condoned slavery—to Ralph Waldo Emerson's declaration of intellectual independence in the Phi Beta Kappa address at a Harvard College that renounced in practice much for which he stood in principle. New Englanders all, and men for whom politics and controversy were facts of life and the foundation of personal integrity. These men were once representative Americans. The record of their works and days was unrelievedly *political* and *controversial*: for them all acts and thoughts were political because every thought or deed contributed in some way to a man's strategy for living; for them anything was controversial which was open to varying interpretations.

Without pressing too far the semantic coincidence, one might say that the common strategy of these men was a *politics of controversy*. They believed passionately in the responsibility of the individual to formulate and live by opinions, and they were devoted to the principle that disputations regarding opinions were inevitable and desirable. The undisputed idea and the unexamined life were for them antithetical to the heritage of free men. Principle was not something to which a man adhered silently for the sake of social equanimity. A man was judged by his word, and from his word placed along side the words of other men was evolved the common sense necessary to the preservation of the common weal.

I stand chastened. The apparently innocuous request for a contribution to an alumni magazine has confirmed in a small way what a plethora of national groups has made painfully obvious on a larger scale. As a people we have drifted from the goals of the founders of our nation. Our values have undergone a fundamental change, and nothing is more symptomatic of the disease than our willing retreat from politics and controversy.

Several years ago, before we became obsessed with the search for national goals (there was a time when we did not have to look for the obvious, and of course you cannot find the non-existent), I read an article in *The American*

Scholar entitled "Comfort and Fun in a Free Society." Without the assistance of Dr. Gallup and his statisticians, without the inestimable wisdom of the television networks and their corps of commentators, without even the imperatur of foundation grants, the author of that article diagnosed our national malady. He did this so forcefully that, though his name eludes me, his message echoes in my memory. He said what so many have said since—that as a nation we are committed to a philosophy of security at any price: we strive unceasingly for that which is comfortable and condone unthinkingly that which is fun, and woe be to him who would tip the balances, who would question the standards of comfort and fun, who would affront the social equanimity with anything controversial. That writer suggested that we have written our national epitaph, and that it could be captured in the one-word motto of a leading women's magazine—togetherness. In our zealous retreat from controversy, from anything that threatens the security of absolute *stasis*, we have comprised ourselves as a nation. We have come full cycle from the principles on which our nation was founded—the principles which urged men to question, implored them to dispute in the search for truth, taught them to test the alloy of their ideas in the fire of debate. Now our standard of value might properly be the motto used a few years ago by a national association of manufacturers of shellac and varnish: "Save the surface and you save all." The final irony is that we should be tacitly governed by such a patently false principle in an age when the scientific revolution has given man's reason ascendancy—in an age when any idea that has not been melted in the crucible of laboratory experimentation and theoretical disputation would not be considered worthy of intelligent consideration.

That the casual wording of a request for a contribution to an alumni magazine should evoke such a tirade is unfair. Of course I am reading too much into the urgent request that my writing be "neither political nor controversial." My contention is that the unthinking quality of the request is more telling than the request itself. I am sure that the writer of the letter agrees in principle with my assertions, assents to the individual's pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness according to his own dictates, and believes that every citizen has the political responsibility to uphold these principles. But these are theoretical considerations. In practical affairs the watchword—as a friend of mine habitually expresses it—is "Don't make waves!"

Philosophically, I submit, this is the opposite end of the spectrum from Ralph Waldo Emerson's observation that a pebble dropped in a pond makes ripples endlessly. The logical stance of my friend is that one should not drop the pebble; the logical extension of Emerson's notion is not only that one must have the courage to drop the pebble—indeed, cannot avoid it—but that he must be willing to accept responsibility for the ripples that result. One man would have us make waves; the other would have us refrain. The first proclaims an implicit faith in the individual; the other denies the democratic principle by denying the capability of the individual to dispute all things pertaining to the life of the state.

If I have exhibited too disputatious an attitude toward a point that is too petty to admit of an argument, it is only that I have always felt especially committed to the politics of controversy by reason of my New England heritage. I am proud of the tradition that questions and urges others to question. I am

conditioned to the philosophy that anything that is comfortable or easy is somehow suspect. It is the ingrained protestantism of a spiritual New Englander.

In the recent Hollywood production of "Return to Peyton Place," a motion picture purportedly about a New England town, everything that was not dusted with a feathery fine white snow was floating in pure maple syrup. (Perhaps this is the New England we have become.) But among the stock figures was one that caught something of the New England temper or what I would like to think it is. A crusty old farmer attending a town meeting refused to vote with the rest of the town just because he was constitutionally opposed to a unanimous vote. This fearless belief in the efficacy of dissent, in the importance of protesting, is a dimension that is fading from our lives.

Should the well-intentioned friend who asked me to write for my alumni magazine ever see the whirlwind evoked by the invitation, I suspect he will feel somewhat as Thoreau did when, on his deathbed, he was asked whether he had made his peace with God. Thoreau perversely replied, "I was not aware that we had had an argument." The peril of our nation today is that too many Americans are not aware, and do not want to be made aware that we have had an argument. The argument is whether a country that has not the time to be *political* nor the heart to be *controversial* can long endure.

THE ADMIRAL REMINISCES

(EDITOR'S NOTE. On July 11th of this year, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur returned to Corregidor Island, Philippines, the once fortified Island where, in 1942, he made his last stand against Japanese invaders of the Philippines. In an address there, the grand old soldier reminded his listeners that the name Corregidor has become a legend throughout the free world; that "for all time and all eyes, it is a symbol of liberty." He told of the heroic efforts and struggles of American and Philippine servicemen as they fought and died for freedom's cause. "In the crisis the world faces today," he said, "the lessons of Bataan and Corregidor should not be forgotten."

On the Island, General MacArthur unveiled a marker which quotes the statement he made in Australia after the Island's capture by the Japanese on May 6, 1942.

"Corregidor needs no comment from me," the statement said: "It has sounded its own story at the mouth of its guns. It has scrolled its own epitaph on enemy tablets. But, through the bloody haze of its last, reverberating shot, I shall always seem to see a vision of grim, gaunt, ghastly men, still unafraid."

With the above eloquent words of the General as a background, the *Gleaner* proudly brings to its readers the following commentary by the Woodstock Academy alumnus who engineered the daring and dramatic withdrawal to Australia of MacArthur, his wife and son, during those early and disappointing days of World War II.

Vice Admiral Francis Rockwell, now retired, willingly responded to the editor's request for a commentary on his experiences as Commandant of the 16th Naval District at the outset of the War. His letter reveals American fortitude and ingenuity at its very best.)

27 June, 1961

Dear Dick:

You have asked me for a brief commentary on my experiences while serving as Commandant of the 16th Naval District, the defense of Corregidor and the withdrawal to Australia with General MacArthur—which is quite a mouthful, but I will try to touch briefly on some of the highlights.

I arrived in Manila on 4 November, 1941, and on 8 December the Japs began bombing the surrounding airfields and all ships in the harbor. On 10 December, as I was about to sit down to lunch in the Commandancia at Cavite, the air alert sounded and I "took cover" in an open ditch which we had dug across the front lawn. A few hours later the entire Navy Yard was a heap of blazing rubble and we had lost all our personal belongings except the clothes on our back. We spent that night in an open school yard nearby and for the next two weeks we were like so many rabbits—running from one hole to another dodging bombs that fell almost every day.

On Christmas Eve, with Manila declared an open city, we withdrew all naval personnel to Corregidor and Marivales while the Army retreated behind

its defense lines on Bataan. General MacArthur, President Quezon and Commissioner Sayer moved to the Rock on Christmas day.

Corregidor had been under development as a Command Post, and two Navy tunnels had been dug into the side of Malinta Hill for safe storage of submarine spare parts, torpedoes, fuel and ammunition, etc., and for radio transmission and reception, but no living facilities for sanitation, cooking, etc., had been provided, so we were sorely put to it until we salvaged material from the first Army barracks that were bombed out.

We were able to keep open one swept channel through the mine fields, and submarines on combat patrol from Australia were brought in frequently until we had exhausted our supply of Diesel fuel and torpedoes, and through them we were able to hear directly from the outside world and to send out important mail, personnel, and the gold bullion which had been brought out from Manila. However, our supply of food and water was running out and we had to cut our rations to two scanty meals a day. All activities had to be carried on at night as the Japs bombed us incessantly, and by mid-February they were close enough to begin bombardments from shore batteries—which was even worse than bombing, as the shells gave no warning until they hit. Our Marines had taken over the beach defense, the makeshift naval battalion at Marivales were deployed in the defense of Langyaskawagan Point, and the PT boats did their best at patrolling the offshore coast of Bataan to prevent the Japs from making an end run from Olangapo.

By early March it was all too evident that no relief could be expected and that the defense of Bataan was doomed to early collapse. President Quezon and Commissioner Sayer were evacuated by submarine and General MacArthur was ordered to transfer his Headquarters to Australia. By this time the Japs had established a close-in blockade and no surface vessels had been able to operate north of Java, so it was decided that the first submarine that came north on patrol would be diverted for this purpose. However, when word was broadcast from the States that MacArthur was to be taken off the Rock, it became evident that the Japs were calling in everything they had to strengthen this blockade, and since the submarine was still a week away, it was hurriedly decided that the break-through would be attempted immediately by the remaining four PT boats—all of which were in a sorry state of maintenance by this time.

The distance to Mindanao (where planes from Australia were to meet us) was some 500 miles, so we planned to make the trip in two night dashes with hide-out during daylight on Tagauayan Island, which was about midway. The party of some twenty-two in all, embarked on the evening of 11 March and the four boats stood out the swept channel at evening twilight, in formation, but with all lights out and radio silenced. During the night we lost all contact with each other as frequent breakdowns required individual boats to slow down or stop completely for emergency repairs. As dawn broke, I found our boat alone and no islands in sight, but by nine-thirty we anchored in a sheltered cove and still no discovery was evident. At five in the afternoon the boat with Bulkely and MacArthur hove into sight, and one other boat came in later, but as he had had a fire in the engine room, he was unable to proceed further. The fourth had broken down completely and had to make the best of his way to Cebu. After the passengers from the third boat had been divided amongst the

two, we got underway just before sunset—only to sight a Jap cruiser on the horizon. However, we were able to evade him, and after a mighty rough night of heavy rain and high seas—at one point I had to navigate by the smell of burning sugar cane on the off-shore breeze—we tied up to the dock at Cagayan.

And that is how I earned the unique distinction of becoming the first and only naval officer to have an entire Naval District shot out from under him.

A week later, after several attempts, the Air Force was able to get two B-17 bombers up from Australia and the entire party was loaded on board—again, literally, with nothing but the clothes on our back, as we had been packed in like so many sardines in a can. But that trip is another story.

Sincerely,

FRANK ROCKWELL



WOODSTOCK'S MAGNIFICENT ANACHRONISM

by David Boyd, Class of 1957

The brick and tile edifice of glass and fluorescent tubes seems little like the one room schoolhouse which only a short time ago served in its place. With the Academy's graduating class of 1961 has passed the last group of students which may honestly claim to have learned at least one of their three R's in a school with one room (not including coatroom and privy), with one woodburning stove, one flag, one piano, one teacher's desk, and no fluorescent gleaming corridors or A.&P. plate glass windows. Future classes will be the genuine untainted products of the consolidated regional school building. They will not remember their institution's predecessor because they will not ever have known anything else. In short, they will be purely of public educational modernity.

This is indeed a time to pause. Not to sound like regressive sentimentalists, we must quickly acknowledge the dictates of expediency. And yet we ought not to forget a quality which was peculiarly inherent in the one room schoolhouse, and which is peculiarly absent in the business institution which has so quickly overtaken it.

The one room schoolhouse was not always that charming place where a strict schoolmaster ruled by the stick and the slow scholar shuddered in apprehensive horror of his fury. Memories are vivid. Hot sticky flypaper spirals were cheaper than screens in May and June; ill-cared for privies were bothersome during the same months (all able-bodied students enjoyed outhouse duty at least once per month during good behavior, more frequently otherwise); drinking water lugged inside in the early morning became tepid and positively syrup-like by afternoon; and for those who lacked sufficient imagination to more prudently locate their dinner pails, hot sun on tuna fish, Hershey bars, or hard-boiled eggs rendered the meal a trifle unappetizing. Winter was different and brought different unpleasanties. For the pupil who was situated near the wood stove, it was sometimes hard to distinguish between the drippings from melted ice and snow, and perspiration. It was often hard to decide whether one should request relocation in the opposite corner, where it was bound to be frigid, or to endure the purgatorial fires. This time the tuna fish sandwich was frozen solid and a rim of ice formed around the water jug.

Not everything was so different. The day began with the Lord's Prayer, the salute to the flag, the singing of one of several patriotic songs. It was usually "America the Beautiful," "My Country 'Tis of Thee," or the "National Anthem" on special occasions. Inspection followed by rows, with rotating student inspectors who examined fingernails, hands and teeth. A blue star for the winning row of Pepsodent smiles would be awarded, and five consecutive blue stars resulted in a gold one, an honor seldom bestowed but widely esteemed. Arithmetic would probably follow, at which time the question and answer cards would be brought out, with the problem ($2+2=$) on one side, the answer on the reverse. Again number sheets were worked on by which each pupil would endeavor to surpass his classmates in reaching a higher integral. Since one would begin where he left off on the previous day, some astoundingly high

numbers were attained by the methodical rather than the fast student who, sacrificing penmanship for speed, would risk the chance that the teacher would discount his day's progress on the grounds that it was illegible. And some were. The latter was a bitter but constructive blow to the hasty.

Various inducements for excellence in reading were offered. On one occasion the teacher offered a one dollar prize, payable at the termination of the school year, to the best reader. Recess was a half hour affair at which time organized recreation was often superseded by disorganized play when a *laissez faire* philosophy was in vogue, or the teacher's stamina just plain ran out. In any event, the bell was rung at 10:30 sharp by the young lady who could persuade the teacher that she was up to the task, a coveted position among the female students. The period following was exhausting for those who lacked the foresight to smuggle sweets into their desks. The old table-type desks were especially convenient in this respect, since it was not necessary to lift a squeaky top to nibble on a piece of cake or candy. One simply reached in and, if clever, the deed went unnoticed.

Lunch was invariably taken in the all-purpose room (the classroom). Beginning on an arbitrarily selected day in May, however, lunch could be eaten anywhere within the environs of the school plot. This day was indeed a momentous one, and a considerable degree of diplomacy was exerted to persuade the conservative schoolmistress that the auspicious date was here. Upon one occasion, when it was announced that picnic days had arrived, an exuberant pupil vehemently added that it was about time! The subsequent two weeks of lunches were suffered inside. Only tact prevented the period from being extended into June, or so we thought.

When the wooden handled school bell again rang at 12:45, school was reassembled and afternoon studies commenced. This was a time for some independent intellectual endeavor while the teacher attended to another class or group. It was also a time for the very young to curiously watch the performance of those who had advanced to the higher levels of Academy. Not rarely would the inquisitive first grader listen intently to a fourth grader recite, or do his sums, or read his advanced "Alice and Jerry." Not rarely would a feeling of exhilaration overtake the second grader who beat a third grader doing a multiplication problem on the blackboard. How often would the first year pupil feel a compelling desire to achieve the literate sophistication of an upper-classman? The challenge was indeed exciting!

Rest period, at least for the two lower grades, lasted for an indefinite time. Perhaps more for the benefit of the teacher than the student, it required that the head, resting on the bent right arm, be lowered upon the desk. Somewhat akin to putting a dark cover over a birdcage, the system worked. While in this black state of affairs, the pupil would usually listen to the teacher read, or more likely, to the noisy humdrum of shuffling feet, sneezes and coughs. The same position was frequently used as a form of punishment, a humbling experience. The occasional snores from one so treated suggested that it was also an opportunity to escape from the whole business.

As the clock approached the blessed hour of 2:45, restlessness would become nearly unendurable. The mind wandered, the seat felt harder, the

mouth arid, and of course the water jug would be empty. The fortunate few would be given permission to wipe the boards, and that delightful task, to clap the erasers. The latter constituted an excuse to go outside and always required much time. When these and other items of daily routine were completed, the school day was over.

Removing glaring inadequacies has become a simple task. Modern classrooms have sinks with hot and cold running water, thermostats for regulating uniform temperatures, pastel colored walls, green boards, evenly diffused fluorescent light, provisions for adequate ventilation, hot lunch services, and sanitary washrooms, to cite only a few. In this sense, the revolution has been a great boon to education.

But in another sense, it has not. Critics, members of the John Dewey school, hastily denounce classroom austerity. In contrast, the spirit of cooperative amiability (educational togetherness, to mention the odious word "adjustment"), is idealized. The one room schoolhouse was not altogether friendly. It could not be. The teacher was isolated and alone; pupils had to adjust to her sense of fitness. Cooperation was demanded as a matter of necessity, not learned as a matter of convenience.

Critics of the old schoolhouse still shudder at the primitive grouping of several classes in the same room. In contrast, systematic categorization is imposed not only by class levels, but also by predicted capacity quotients, the so called ability and performance standards. This assumes genius, seldom in evidence, on the part of the instructor. And it denies the inspirational qualities so evident in the one room schoolhouse. Much can be learned from sober reflection, most certainly not a nostalgic yen for what was once, but rather the considered appreciation of what was once done well. Woodstock could learn a great deal from what was so recently her anachronism in modern education: the one room schoolhouse.



ROLAND SHELDON, THE WOODSTOCK WONDER

by Albert Todd, Class of 1941

It was a warm humid afternoon in the Spring of 1954 as the Academy baseball team faced Griswold High in a Quinebaug Valley encounter. The clock on the hill was striking five when the Blue and Gold Nine pushed the tie-breaking run to third base.

Coach Walt Schmidt moved nervously on the bench as the fifty students, teachers, and parents cheered on the local club. A nervous, moderately built youngster was leaning off third base when the ball rolled away from the catcher, and he scored on a close play.

The player scoring this run was a senior who had dreams of becoming a professional athlete.

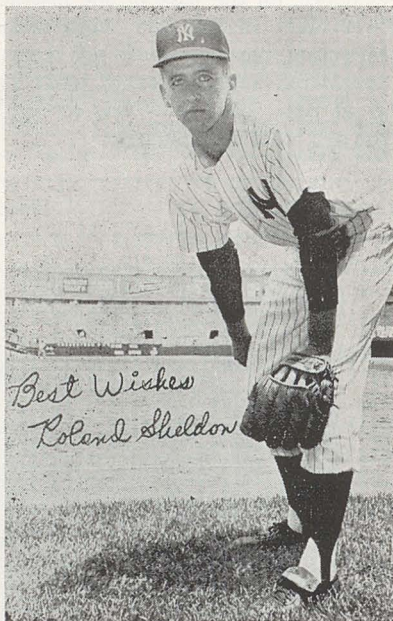
Seven years later, a well built athlete with the poise of a fifteen year veteran was pitching carefully in the ninth inning. Fifty-five thousand screaming New York Yankee fans were cheering for the rookie. He reared back, kicked and blew a third strike past the Cleveland batter. It was Roland Sheldon's sixth straight victory and second shutout in a row for the greatest baseball team in the world.

The dream of the South Woodstock athlete had become a reality.

Roland was a better than average baseball player at Woodstock Academy but his best sport was basketball. Baseball on the hill was comparatively new in 1956 as it had been dropped from the athletic program for several years. Basketball teams on the other hand were prospering under Coach Walt Schmidt's tutelage. Many hours of practice made Roland a slick set shot artist from the corners. Looking back over the years and talking with people close to the athlete it was their general opinion that he had the heart and desire but lacked the physical stature that professional athletes must have.

Upon graduation Roland enlisted in the Air Force and joined the Tenth Air Base Group in Spangdahlem, Germany. While at this base of operations, the likeable youngster began to polish his athletic star. Playing basketball with a strong championship service team, he watched, practiced and became a key player.

The baseball service story followed the basketball pattern and Roland became the best two sport man in the large Conference.



Probably the two most significant changes in his life came about in Germany. The first was that his tardy physical development exploded and he emerged a six-feet, four inch, 185 pound airman. Then a baseball coach encouraged him to vacate his customary third base position and utilize his strong throwing arm.

Following his discharge in September 1958, Roland went to Texas A.&M. on a basketball scholarship. In February he transferred to the University of Conn. to be closer to home and to major in physical education.

Local sport enthusiasts were very pleased to have the opportunity to watch Rollie display his abilities for the nearby UConn Huskies. His shining star grew brighter as he hit the nets consistently for Hugh Greer's Conference champions.

The tall right-hander won three out of four for the classy UConn nine coached by J. Orlean Christian. His earned run average and control had the major league scouts buzzing. He had pitched during the summer in the Nova Scotia-Cape Cod (H-D) league and had impressed many baseball people.

Connecticut fans were looking forward to watching the good-looking athlete lead UConn teams during his final two years of college. The latter never came about. Rollie was offered a sizeable bonus estimated at \$20,000 to sign with the New York Yankees. On June 6 he agreed, and was assigned to Auburn, New York in the class D New York-Penn. League.

Roland's athletic success story continued to gain momentum as he mowed down enemy batters in a fashion seldom seen before in class D ball. His record of 15 wins and one loss (by one run) prompted coaches to say "he is the best class D pitcher we have ever seen." He won the "Rookie of the Year Award."

He also won the Topps Minor League "Player of the Month Award." This award was a beautiful watch, sent to the Town of Woodstock and presented there at a testimonial evening November 12, 1960 by town officials in the presence of 200 friends, former coaches, and teammates honoring the native son.

During the winter he received word that he had been assigned to the Yankee roster and would train with the parent team. This was a move to protect him from the player draft and also give the coaches a chance to see the young man with a 15-1 minor league record.

Everyone concerned, including Roland, expected he would be given some valuable tips of the trade and elevated to a B league or at best Class A. Again he bore down and made his manager, Ralph Houk, rub his eyes and continue to keep the hurler on his roster. When the Yankees started the 1961 season, Roland was with them and he had copped the honor of being chosen Best Rookie at the training camp.

The new Yankee was used sparingly at the beginning. He pitched well but received very little batting support in his behalf. Undaunted, the big right-hander continued to bear down.

May 31, I had the honor of escorting Frank Sheldon, Roland's father, to Fenway Park to watch the Yanks and Red Sox battle. We were thrilled to see him win his first major league game. Five more victories in succession followed, including back-to-back shut-outs.

When the season ended, Roland had an eleven-five record—a rare feat for a rookie.

The Yankees know they have something special in Mr. Sheldon. We all hope that many successful seasons will follow this. Professional athletes are continually pressured. Longevity is not one of their occupational assets and Roland is intelligently completing his studies at UConn during the off season. Former coaches and Yankee officials have informed me that Roland learns fast, is always a gentleman, and continually thanks other teammates and coaches for their help.

The Alumni Association Honors Its Star Athlete

Roland Sheldon's unusual achievements in professional baseball were not unnoticed by his fellow alumni of Woodstock Academy. At the 1961 banquet of the Alumni Association, President May announced that the Association would sponsor a testimonial program for the Yankee pitcher at the close of the season. With much planning, and with the assistance of Roland's friends, the press and interested sportsmen of the entire area, a fine program was held at the Hall Memorial Gymnasium on October 28. Approximately 500 friends and boosters gathered to welcome home the young man who had been labeled the "Woodstock Wonder" and the "New Connecticut Yankee" during the baseball season.

Entertainment featured a skit entitled "This Is Your Life, Roland Sheldon," which humorously traced the steps of Roland's life, from his Academy days to the 1961 World Series. The commentary was read by Peter Santos, a member of the Academy faculty. The skit was written by Richard May.

The guest of honor received a plaque in behalf of his friends and a set of luggage from the Alumni Association. The simple plaque inscription read, "To an outstanding athlete — member of the World Champion New York Yankees — Roland Sheldon. From his many friends. October 28, 1961." In presenting the memento, Headmaster Allan Walker stated, "We are also honoring an outstanding gentleman and scholar." In accepting the plaque and the Association's gift, Sheldon told of his experiences with the Yankee team, and expressed gratitude for the overall program.

Congressman Horace Seely-Brown of Pomfret also spoke briefly during the testimonial and emphasized, "There is no reason why the superiority of the Yankees over the Reds in the World Series of baseball should not be a harbinger of the prevailing of the Yankees over the Reds in the real world series for peace and freedom."

Jackie Farrell of the Yankee publicity department was the principal speaker and told many humorous anecdotes, but in all seriousness, added, "Sheldon is the type of individual we like in our organization because he is gifted with not only baseball ability but high principles." He also noted that Roland "cost us \$25,000 but in one season we got our money's worth."

George Holt, who served as master of ceremonies, read congratulatory messages from Governor John N. Dempsey; Roy Hamey, general manager of the Yankees; Hugh Greer, basketball coach at the University of Connecticut; and Tony Attanasio of the Cleveland organization and a former roommate of Sheldon at UConn.

Special guests introduced from the audience included the parents of the Yankee pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheldon, and his sister, Carol; Yankee scouts Bill Skiff and Harry Hesse; and J. O. Christian, athletic director and baseball coach at the University of Connecticut. Also in attendance was Mr. Walter Schmidt and several other teachers of Roland during his Academy days.

The principal speaker was introduced by Roscoe McGowen of Woodstock, former baseball writer with the New York Times and a past president of the Baseball Writers of America Association.

Special music was provided by Suzy Starr, recording artist from New York, and two male octets from the Pomfret School, who are known as The Griffins and The Rejects. Mr. Warren Geissinger, director of music at the Pomfret School accompanied his groups and Miss Starr at the piano.



The above photo shows Roland Sheldon accepting his plaque from Headmaster Allan D. Walker. At left is Richard May, President of the Alumni Association.

Woodstock Academy students assisted in presenting the skit, in preparing the stage and lighting, and in ushering. Mr. Kenneth Beatson of the Academy staff recorded the program on tape and presented the recording to Roland after the finale. Refreshments were served from the stage immediately following the program, under the direction of Harriet Young Foote, while Roland cheerfully signed autographed pictures for dozens of youngsters and adults.

The entire program proved to be most enjoyable, not only to Roland Sheldon and those who participated in the program, but to the audience. In describing the affair, area newsmen commented, "splendid program" . . . for "an outstanding athlete, very humble gentleman and scholar;" "Little Woodstock did a great big job, and very successfully;" "It was a well planned affair which was a deserving tribute to one of the finest gentlemen in the game of baseball." The Woodstock Academy Alumni Association was pleased that it could sponsor such a program for its esteemed member.

THE PUBLIC DEMOCRACY OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL

by Molly Crandon, Trustee, 1950-61

One hundred and fifty years ago a New England village with its own Academy considered itself lucky. Then, it was not a choice of private or public school on the secondary level; it was an Academy, tutoring, or nothing. The tuition at the Academy was usually set as low as possible, often below costs, if endowments were forthcoming, and they usually were.

These old time Academies were built and maintained with effort, with struggle, with sacrifice, and the men who built and maintained them would never have done so if they had not been inspired by a perfectly sincere Jeffersonian concept of the need of the masses—not the privileged few only—for education.

The 1845 catalog for Woodstock Academy states: "Particular attention will be given to the morals and health of pupils, and every facility afforded to fit young men, either for college, or any honorable or useful employment; whether as intelligent Merchants, Mechanics, or Agriculturists." It should be noted that merchants, mechanics and agriculturists took exactly the same courses as those who went on to college. All alike paid four dollars and a half for an eleven week term in the Higher English Branches, with ancient languages, using such texts (among others) as Cicero, Xenophon and Homer, Day's Algebra, Playfair's Euclid, Bowditch's Navigator, Comstock's Chemistry, Olmsted's Astronomy, Smith's Physiology, Hitchcock's Geology, Mrs. Lincoln's Botany, Goodrich's History of the United States, Whelpley's Ancient History, Abercrombie's Intellectual Philosophy, Newman's Rhetoric, Mitchell's Geography, and Paley's Natural Theology.

Good board, by the way, could be had for one dollar and a half a week.

I think the intelligent merchants, mechanics and agriculturists probably profited from this rigorous course, and I cannot help reflecting how lucky they were to have lived when they did, thereby escaping some of today's Education-alists, who, instead of reasoning that those who do not go on to college are the very ones who deserve the best of high school educations, dilute and adulterate basic secondary school courses for the "non-college group."

There are those today who think it suffices to be well-adjusted; adjusted to what, exactly, it is difficult to determine. To the television and spaceships only? To comic books on the one hand and atom bomb shelters on the other? To such citizens, who regard the past as a kind of universal dump, to be bulldozed and burned over, the old-time Academy emphasis on self reliance, on moral principle, on mental discipline is anathema. Yet the graduates of such schools were, on the whole, strong men surviving difficult times, gentlemen and scholars in the early idealistic sense of high-principled, reading, thinking men. The phrase, old-fashioned as it is, describes our country's most distinguished leaders, past and present.

In 1850, the Woodstock catalog promises that "Pious young men, who are in indigent circumstances, and preparing for college, will be admitted free of tuition."

At the dedication exercises of the New Academy, in 1873, the Hon. W. A. Buckingham declared, "It is by education that men are stimulated to secure the highest civil rights and liberties . . . And is not this a part of the object of true living—to make ourselves more secure in civil rights—and then as we secure them ourselves, give of our strength and money and influence to secure them for our fellow men."

At the dedication of the original Academy building, in 1802, Squire McClellan said, "The education of children and youth is one of the highest and most important duties of mankind . . . we reflect with pleasure that many may receive the benefit of an enlightened education here and thereby become useful and respectable in their generation."

Woodstock Academy has always stressed its democratic character. In the Trustees' report at the 1873 dedication of the New Academy, there is even a rather touching note of apology for the size and grandeur of the building. "Some have thought it unwise to erect a building of this size and style; that one of inferior dimensions and finish, and costing less, would have answered every purpose . . . This building seems no vaster now, probably, than the old one did when it was completed . . . the site now chosen is pleasant; the building and furniture elegant, having in themselves an educational power, inspiring love of order and of study, rather than tempting to the use of the jack-knife."

As I examine the yellowing catalogs of the past, reassuring evidence comes to light that gentlemen may or may not be scholars, and vice versa, but boys will be boys forever and ever. The catalog for 1845 is signed on the cover *Henry Sabin*. Henry changed the lists headed Honorary Trustees, Active Trustees, and Instructors, to Dishonorary Trustees, Inactive Trustees, and Destructors.

Since 1801, Woodstock Academy has engaged the affection of generations of alumni, and enlisted the devoted services of many gentleman-scholars like Mr. Henry Bowen, who made the building of the new Academy possible in 1873 and who gave generously to the endowment fund. The beautiful piles of brick and glass which supersede old academies like ours are efficient "plants," but let us hope their heart will not be the oil burner, nor their head an IBM machine.

MR. HALL'S RHETORICALS

*by Harriet Sampson Pitt**Class of 1915*

Rhetoricals was one of the two outstanding events of the Academy year. More than an Academy event it was an evening's entertainment for all Woodstock. I know this because I remember that Flossie Alton (subsequently Mrs. Carl Danielson) when she took part wore a tight pink dress with buttons up and down the back; and Flossie Alton graduated while I was still in the Elmvale school. Seated between my parents on the stickily varnished row of folding chairs I thought of the time ahead when I should be old enough to have a share in such glory.

Rhetoricals was Mr. Hall's idea. At what period he introduced the event I do not know, but at the close of his twenty-six years as principal, Rhetoricals had a social importance exceeded only by graduation. (There was no "commencement" while Ely R. Hall was principal. To him the proper word was "graduation.") Rhetoricals actually was speaking pieces; an obligation and privilege confined to Seniors and Juniors, and taking place in late winter. All the classes joined in singing under the direction of a gentleman of professional status who once a week hired a carriage at the livery stable and drove over from Putnam. The speakers were trained by Mr. Hall himself, with special attention to inflection and gesture. The effect was formal, if not polished, and it was seldom that prompting by one of the two lady assistants sitting in the front row was needed.

For two years I lent a voice, generally befogged by winter colds, to melodies now forgotten and looked forward to a speaking part. Mr. Hall's taste was not narrow. He was fond of the somewhat melodramatic "Tarpeia, Daughter of Rome" that Helen Perley Cornell remembers delivering, and the lyrical "Lady of Shalott," half of which he assigned to Leslie Sumner Parker, while her sister Susan (Mrs. Jotham Reynolds) recited a dialect number. I recall my puzzlement as Max Connor proceeded with "The Groom's Story" since it had to do with horses, whereas the title had deceptively suggested an account of wedding festivity.

But I never did have a speaking part. In my Junior year Rhetoricals was omitted. This was also Mr. Hall's last year, and there were no more Rhetoricals at Woodstock Academy, ever.

If I had been called upon to memorize a poem for Rhetoricals I think I could remember it today because I have still in my head the poems we learned through another device of Mr. Hall's called Dictation. Each week stanzas were put on the blackboard in the main room to be written from memory the following week with correct abbreviations and punctuation. We learned the "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" and "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" and some stanzas from "Childe Harold." (Mr. Hall was particular to see that we called them stanzas, not verses; a verse was a line of poetry. The word came from the Latin *versus*, a turning.) Was it Dictation or our English class

that gave us "Old Ironsides?" With uncontrolled delight we composed a parody of it where the "tattered ensign" was identified with the red cummerbund-sash arrangement flown by the hefty Science teacher.

Apart from offering to children a chance for innocent silliness what did the prevalent memorizing of verse mean to us, I wonder. "Speaking pieces" was a phase of learning not confined to the Academy. In the district schools it entertained visiting parents and was the main part of the program in churches when children mounted the platform: Children's Sunday and the Christmas Tree. At one celebration held in the brick store (the building attached to the house then owned by Dr., or Mrs., Bowen and now by Mr. Gould) Deacon Amasa Chandler, a very, very old man with white hair that touched his shoulders, was also called upon, as indeed he often was. This Christmas time he chose for recitation curiously inappropriate verses (I mean stanzas) on a subject close to his heart, the evils of intoxication.

Since much of the verse children had to learn by heart was neither poetry nor worth remembering I am the more grateful to Mr. Hall for directing that what was written on the blackboard in the main room was true poetry. Today delight in daffodils "fluttering and dancing in the breeze" is doubled by recollection of all the joyous words of Wordsworth's poem.

I was not thinking of poetry when I stood in the Grande Place in Brussels with a guidebook in my hand. But I read that in one of these magnificent buildings the Duchess of Richmond had given her ball on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo and immediately Byron's galloping measures went throbbing through my head. From out the lofty windows seemed to pour "a sound of revelry by night" and the ancient square was alive with tragedy; the grief of "sudden partings, such as press the life from out young hearts" mingled with the premonition of death.

It was different in Stoke Poges, the churchyard where Gray wrote his "Elegy." To an American visitor the place seemed somehow false; dank, cluttered and tourist-ridden. Though here were the rugged elms and a yew, now grown to fabulous size, I could not accept this as the original churchyard. The difficulty was that I had another in mind. It came over me that when I was learning the immortal lines I had applied them to the churchyard I knew and, ignoring whatever did not apply, identified uncouth rhymes and shapeless sculpture with the early gravestones, and the sweet tone of the Academy clock with the English curfew. The matchless elegy had given to the wind-swept Woodstock Hill cemetery a quality of poetry which it will always hold for me, beyond reason and beyond sentiment.

A WOODSTOCK ACADEMY ALUMNA VIEWS CEYLON

by Beatrice Healey Whaples

Class of 1922

Sometimes I wonder if I shall not awake and find my presence in Ceylon just a dream. When I graduated from Woodstock Academy in 1922, in a class with three other classmates, I am sure my biggest dream did not take me far from New England.

Yet, I am in Ceylon, just about half way around the world. This is a tropical island, but our spacious bungalow is situated in mid-country, an elevation of 1600 feet, where I am told there is only about two months of intense heat. Thus far, it has been quite comfortable. I am to be here on a two year assignment with my husband, who has been sent here by the State Department, at the invitation of the Ceylon government, as a youth advisor, to work with the Young Farmers Clubs of Ceylon.

Ceylon is a small island nation south of India, with a fast growing population of about 10 million people. It received its independence from England in 1948. Like other new nations it has many problems, socially, educationally and economically.

In addition to a caste problem, there is a language problem. There are three spoken languages: Tamil, spoken by those who originally migrated from India; Sinhala, spoken by the Singhalese natives; and English, which has been the first language in the schools for many years. The present government has passed a law making Sinhala the national language. The government has nationalized the schools, including the parochial schools, and presently English is being taught as a second language. Many are unhappy with these decisions.

Ceylon is trying to make itself self-sufficient. It produces three main exports (tea, rubber, and cocoanut) and has to import a high percentage of its food, of which rice is most important. There is a big effort underway to increase the per acre production of rice, as approximately 30% of the food dollar goes for this food crop. The young people, no different than our own 4-H Club members in their eagerness to learn, are engaged in projects which deal in the growing of rice, food preservation, and vegetable gardening. (Vegetables are used to make curries to serve with rice.) The girls also have projects in needlework.

We have been most fortunate to have traveled about the country quite a good deal, and have seen these projects in many rural villages. According to our standards, homes are primitive and the opportunities of the people are limited. But we have been welcomed in the villages and entertained in some of the homes. We have also visited some of their temples.

The traveling is rather hazardous, but we usually have an experienced driver and forget about the narrow, crooked roads as we enjoy the scenery. Sometimes we travel for miles along a coast line with cocoanut palms meeting

over our heads; sometimes we head up mountain sides covered with tea bushes as far as the eye can see; sometimes we drive through lowlands, with every available wet area planted to paddy; or sometimes we pass through lush jungle, where we may suddenly come upon an area recently cleared and planted to teakwood. We also see all kinds of fruits and flowering trees and shrubs, not to mention the beautiful birds that we are trying to learn to identify.

We try not to think how far we are from home, relatives, and old friends, and try to enjoy our stay. We only hope that in our small way, working with the young folks and their leaders, we can contribute something toward the development of this country and toward whatever effort is being made to keep it a democracy.

THE CHANGING SCENE

*by Mrs. Katherine Robertson
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I have been asked by the literary editor to write a few words for this issue of the *Gleaner*, and I have accepted the invitation with much pleasure and some trepidation. The pleasure stems from my twelve years of happy associations with students, parents, teachers and administrators; the trepidation stems from the words I hear so often from my English students: "But, Mrs. Robertson, what shall I write about?" After some thought, I have determined to write about the problems and changes facing today's college-bound students, for I believe too many people are unaware of the changes that have taken place within the past seven or eight years.

When I first came to Woodstock in September of 1948, I was filled with dreams of teaching English in such a way that my students would learn to write well, speak well, and cultivate an appreciation of good literature. This is still my aim, but during the past decade many powerful forces have spread throughout the high schools of America. One of the forces to which I shall refer is the advent of the testing programs.

The student who chooses to take the college preparatory course is faced with the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the College Board Achievement Tests, the Merit Scholarship Tests, the Iowa Testing Program, Co-operative Subject Tests, Vocabulary Tests, I.Q. tests, and various other tests designed to test the pupil's talents. So now the teaching of English for the college-bound student has to take on another aim. The teacher must sometimes forget her dreams and teach for one purpose; namely, to teach in such a manner that the student can pass his tests for college admission with scores high enough to gain entrance. Thus, sometimes I find that the reading of a light classical play must be dropped to teach in its place analogies and vocabulary; a poem must be dismissed to make way for the weekly composition; the directing of a one-act play must be eliminated for the time consuming thesis paper. Even grammar faces the inevitable change. It is not enough to know grammatical terms and definitions; the student must recognize through proofreading, errors ranging from lack of parallel structure, improper subordination, tautology, comma fault and run-on sentences through the entire gamut of errors often found in teen-age composition and language. All of this imposes a tension on the child and an enormous correcting problem on the teacher. This situation is not peculiar to English. All academic teachers are facing the same college imposed standards.

Less than a decade ago a student could enter the college of his choice. If he had maintained a "B" average in high school subjects and had secured the recommendations of his principal, he generally matriculated with no trouble. Today the picture has changed. Nearly all colleges, including the state universities, insist that the applicant take the Scholastic Aptitude Test, and each year the cut-off point for acceptance seems to be rising. Whereas a 450 score on the Verbal and Non-Verbal tests used to be an acceptable score, many colleges, particularly those associated with the Ivy League and the large women's colleges, now push the scores between 600 and 700. In addition, these latter colleges insist that the applicant reach extremely high scores on three College Board Achievement Tests. All students are required to take the English test;

they have a choice of the other two tests. So the teaching of college-bound students has had to change and I am not certain that the change is for the best. Of course, the colleges want the "top-notch" students. Possibly the colleges are facing external pressure, too, from "The Space Age."

Naturally, this stepped-up program has increased the ever-present problem of homework. It is obvious that if the high school is to meet the increasing demands of the colleges, the students, parents, organizations and teachers are to be affected. Students will have to expect homework assignments that will demand two to three hours nightly for completion; parents will have to provide good study conditions and say "NO" when their Jack says, "But Mom, all the kids are going to the show tonight!" Organizations, no matter how worth-while, will have to schedule their activities for weekend nights; teachers will have to be reasonable. And above all, it seems to me, as both a parent and a teacher, that the child's first concern except in grave emergency is going to school.

I shall continue to do my best for the fine young people of Woodstock. It has been a rewarding twelve years and, on the whole, an extremely happy twelve years. But it is to the alumni who are the parents of our future students that the burden rests equally with us of the teaching staff. Shall your children make the most of their public school education or shall they falter because they accept school as only a time for play? "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy?" All play and no work makes Jack a frustrated man!



1960-1961 FACULTY

- 1st Row Seated: Louise Jordan, Lucinda Markis, Kathryn Robertson, Priscilla Hamm, Lucy Parkerton.
 2nd Row: John Durst, Eleanor Lucas, Dorothy Curran, Margaret Seney, Robert Prince, Allan Walker.
 3rd Row: Robert Wilde, Peter Santos, John Martin, Kenneth Beatson, Norman Emond, John Dillon.

A RETURN TO THE PAST

by Richard B. May

Class of 1948

One afternoon in the early Spring, I telephoned Mrs. Flora Steere Wetherell to ask if she would submit an article to the *Gleaner*. I felt that, because she attended Woodstock Academy during the years just before the turn of the century, *Gleaner* readers would enjoy her recollections of student life in that period.

"Oh no, Richard," was her rather quick reply to my request. "While I have many fond memories and perhaps interesting stories to tell, I simply haven't the ability nor the time to sit down and attempt to express my thoughts in writing. I just couldn't do it!" This response seemed emphatic enough, but by employing all of the friendly powers of persuasion that I could muster at the time, I prevailed upon her to give further consideration to my proposal. And indeed she did.

In July, Mrs. Wetherell called me to her home at the top of Prospect Street in East Woodstock. There, in a room filled with fascinating prints of by-gone events and places of Woodstock, she revealed that she had been making a series of notes in a little black notebook. These notes, which were entered whenever certain thoughts of her Academy days came to mind, truly pictured student interests and activities when the Woodstock Academy was less than one hundred years old. Eagerly I sat down and began to make notes of the stories she had to tell. Some of her stories did not come from her little book, but were of equal interest and I asked that she elaborate on them. This she would do until, as if she felt that undue emphasis was being made upon unimportant subjects, she would stop herself and exclaim, "But that's not what I wanted to tell you. That's not it at all. I'm just chattering, and my family is always after me for chattering." Several times I had to assure her that her "chatter" was precisely what I wanted, because her kind of information could not be found in any book; it could come only from the living historians like herself.

At the time of our first meeting, Roland Sheldon was pitching a game for the Yankees against the Red Sox, and her husband, George, lamented that the sound had gone from his TV set. He wanted to know how the grandson of his Academy seatmate was faring against the Boston club. So, without his television, he sat and listened to Flora as she patiently answered my questions. He also remembered certain happenings during his days at Woodstock Academy. How he chuckled when he recalled an incident that involved Stuart Holt, a studious young man who was taking a post-graduate course. George, and a group of other boys were playing baseball on the Academy common. The Principal, Mr. Ely Hall, was tapping out fly balls for the boys to catch and unintentionally sent one hard hit ball off to one side. Stuart, who was not at all the athletic type, was walking toward the Academy building, loaded down with his textbooks. The ball arched out and headed straight for him. Casually

he braced his books under one arm, and, with but slight interest, lifted his free hand to make a spectacular one-handed catch of the fly ball. With the amazed athletes looking on, he proceeded on his way, not caring in the least that his feat was worthy of their admiration.

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It was a beautiful Fall day in 1894 when Flora Steere registered for studies at the Woodstock Academy. Her home was in the Chandler District of Woodstock where Mrs. Estella Barrett now resides. With Maria Elizabeth Chandler as a teammate, she arrived on Woodstock Hill in a high-wheeled road cart, with thin slats for their feet. This kind of cart preceded the more comfortable sulky, which was popular with later students. For a small fee, she left her horse in the barn of nearby residents. Of course, she might have left the animal at the Church sheds, which were also open to use by the students.

Woodstock Hill, a cultured community of the highest old New England ideals, provided a perfect setting for a young girl intent upon gaining further knowledge and developing cultural interests. The air was perfumed by the box hedge at Mr. Henry Bowen's "Pink House." It was hard to believe that its sweet fragrance could extend to the Academy grounds, and it took Flora several days to realize that it really was the hedge and not some unknown air freshener that was at work in the area.

Before classes commenced, a morning assembly was held. Mr. Hall, standing on a well used podium, called the roll. Then, after reading selections from *The Morning Hour* and offering a prayer, he led the assemblage in singing such hymns as "Sun of My Soul," or "When Morning Gilds The Sky." Oftentimes the early rays of the morning's sun would steal into the room as they sang these hymns, which gave a special effect to the latter hymn. Mr. Hall's tenor voice clearly carried above all others, and when he chose to lead in singing, "The Homeland," Flora looked with pity upon those of her homesick friends who were boarding students. Too overcome by the lyrics, and with tears in their eyes, they were unable to sing with their leader.

Flora's subjects included English, English history, Greek, German, Latin, mathematics, and ancient history. Oftentimes she was called upon to commit to memory certain poems that were considered classics. Her teachers, besides Mr. Hall, were Miss Jessie McClellan, a personable young lady who had traveled in Europe and had returned with interesting stories and pictures; Miss Laura Williams, a highly qualified and respected instructor; Miss Agnes Child, who instructed in music; and one student instructor, who assisted with the basic courses in English and Latin. Each student received the personal attention that was needed from these teachers.

At noontime, as she sat outdoors under the shade trees, Flora ate her lunch and enjoyed the chatter of her friends. But most of all, she enjoyed the ringing bass voice of Harold Morse, who had graduated from the Academy, but, because he lived nearby, continued to play ball with the Academy boys during his noon hour. After he finished his own lunch, he walked across the common, past the attentive girls, and sang such popular songs as, "Sweet Rosie O'Grady," or "Sweet Marie." It was thrilling to hear him, and he was so good that he eventually went on the stage. His father too had been a performer.

When the Fall season changed, and the girls had received the last of the flowers which Mr. Bowen generously gave to them from his carefully kept formal gardens just before a killing frost, Flora boarded with people on Woodstock Hill. First, she stayed at the home of Mrs. Alice Hyde (subsequently Mrs. William Lindeman), a charming woman with a strong alto voice. On occasional evenings, the boarders gathered informally in the front room while Mrs. Hyde entertained them with solo selections. She became very popular with her young friends.

Group skating at the cranberry bogs was another favorite diversion from studies. The overflow water in the bogs would freeze and make good skating conditions for the students. On one occasion, when Florence Warren (Latham) fell through some thin ice, Richards Child kept her from catching cold by taking her hand and running her, not walking her, back to the Academy. On another occasion, May Gifford (Jordan), Orville Trask, Sidney Upham, and Flora stopped to skate when they should have continued homeward. After a few minutes, realizing that he had farm chores to attend to, and fearful of the consequences of his stay, Sidney decided to leave. He went to his horse, removed the blanket, hesitated, replaced the blanket, and exclaimed, "Oh well, might as well die for a sheep as a lamb," and continued to have his fun.



Mrs. Flora Wetherell (3rd from left) is shown with her friends at the 1961 banquet. From left to right they are: Agnes Child Paine; Florence Morse Dartt; Mrs. Wetherell; Dorothy Dartt; Myrtie Chaffee Jordan; Constance Holt; and Ruth Williamson Gallup.

In her second winter, Flora roomed with Mary Bowen (Keith) at the home of Erastus Blackmar, which is now occupied by Dr. David Bates. The rooms were cold, and all hot water had to be brought upstairs from a tank on the kitchen stove. Gallant young male boarders offered to carry the hot water in commode pitchers to the girls so that they wouldn't be inconvenienced or catch colds. Gallantry of this kind was also demonstrated when the boys offered to feed the horses of the girls during the noon hours.

All boarding students were expected to attend the mid-week prayer meetings which were held in the Congregational Church. Mr. Hall felt that it was proper for his young people to appear at these weekly gatherings. Flora and her girl friends were impressed by Deacon Amasa Chandler and his very lengthy prayers, and by the hymn singing that followed. But her biggest adventure came when she rode in a two horse farm sled all the way to the West Woodstock Church, where she and her schoolmates enjoyed a church social.

But social hours of another kind were especially delightful to Flora. She joined a non-exclusive club for girls called, "Amicae Musarum," Friends of the Muses. (Henry Holt referred to them as "Meek-eyed Maidens.") It isn't known who inspired the group, but at each of their meetings, one or more of the girls entertained the other members. This was done by singing, reciting, or acting. There were about twelve girls in the club and Flora felt a little out of place because she didn't think that she was as talented as most of the others. Nevertheless, they had a good time and the performing arts flourished on Woodstock Hill. Similarly, the boys had their clubs, but the girls were not informed as to what went on at those meetings. The boys elected to have a Greek title for one of their organizations, which was paint smeared over the entrance of their meeting place. Today, the place is occupied by Mrs. Everett Shepard. The name given to one of their other clubs was, "Sixteen Synonymous Sphinxes."



1896 UNDEFEATED TEAM

Standing from left to right: James Hutchins, Walter Child, Arthur O. Williams, Ralph Sabin, Fred Fitts, Joseph Catlin.

Seated from left to right: Albert H. Williams, Alexander Lowe, Fred Rockwell, Henry Holt, William C. Child, Henry Lamothe, Richard Child.

At one time Miss Frances Butler, a bird lover and watcher, prevailed upon Mr. Hall to introduce a course in ornithology. She had presented a fine collection of birds to the Academy and she felt that the least he could do to show his appreciation was to begin such a course. Those students who lived nearby followed Miss Butler around during the early morning hours so that they could learn to identify the birds, their sounds, and peculiarities. While Flora didn't dislike the course, she considered it trivial.

Music and sports had a significant part in Academy life, and Mr. Hall encouraged both. Male quartets sang frequently and two highly gifted musicians, Ethel Philipps, violinist, and Mary Boyden, pianist, performed regularly.

Participation in sports was not permitted during school hours, but the students gathered to enjoy various games whenever they had free time. Football was a special favorite with the boys and games were arranged with Peck's School, now known as Pomfret School; Putnam High School; and Nichols Academy. In these games Henry Holt showed the promise that he was to later fulfill as an All-American football player at Yale University. Oftentimes a girl would drive a wagonful of other girls to one of these contests, and they would lustily cheer for the Woodstock lads.

Basketball came to Woodstock Academy as a sport for girls when Flora was in her second year at the school. The daughter of Mr. Hall, Ann, had learned to play the game at Smith College, and she introduced it to the Academy girls. Hoops minus nets were installed on posts at the lower end of the common, and the girls enjoyed intramural games. Croquet and tennis were also favorite pastimes.

As a junior, Flora was responsible for assisting in the decoration of the auditorium before the graduation exercises. She picked laurel at the sawmill behind the old Wells place in South Woodstock and some of her ingenious classmates attached daisy heads to the auditorium's curtain so that the class motto was spelled in Latin. Since the curtain was garnet in color, the white daisies made a pretty contrast. When the finishing touches had been applied to the stage and auditorium, Flora and her classmates withdrew to prepare enough lemonade for those who would attend the dignified graduation exercises.

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If the story of Mrs. Wetherell's life at Woodstock Academy seems abruptly ended, it's simply because I hadn't the time nor ability to capture the many interesting accounts that she has to offer. Three interviews were needed to write the above recollections, but the memory of Mrs. Wetherell is so keen that I have hardly touched upon the surface of her many stories. She reminisces on all facets of her Academy days in a manner that suggests, or rather, reveals a genuine love for the institution that, to her, had all the attributes of a finishing school. It is, of course, natural that she speaks with affection and nostalgia of her Academy days, but I was impressed by the sense of firmness in purpose and the sense of pleasure which colored her recollections. She was taught the values of mental discipline and high moral principles by very fine teachers while at the same time entering into all the happy, wholesome activities that her times provided.

W.A.'S AWARD WINNING VO-AG DEPARTMENT

by Barbara Harraden

Class of 1960

In 1957, a valuable addition was made to the teaching staff of Woodstock Academy when Mr. John Durst, a graduate of the University of Connecticut, and a farmer, came to teach vocational agriculture. He immediately initiated a new program which has resulted in a highly commendable vo-ag course and brought special recognition to the Academy and honors to the agricultural students.

During the summer of 1958, several of the Academy boys participated in a number of agricultural fairs and were awarded top Future Farmers of America honors. Jay Durst ('61) and Marvin Sherman ('60) received invitations to attend the State Guernsey Breeders Show at Durham, New Hampshire. Later in the year, the Academy's Vo-Ag Land Judging Team placed first in the Land Judging Contest for Windham County.

The excellence of Mr. Durst's training was further shown in the summer of 1959, when his students in the FFA Chapter received several honors at the annual State FFA convention. Woodstock Academy's delegates to the convention accepted a silver award in dairy judging, a silver award in livestock judging, a silver award in showmanship, and a bronze award in poultry judging. In addition, individual honors went to Bradford Downs ('60) for farm electrification, and to Jay Durst for farm records. At the same time, Marvin Sherman was chosen first alternate to the Connecticut Dairy Judging Team, to compete at Waterloo, Iowa, and the Woodstock Chapter was presented the standard chapter certificate by the national FFA, for maintaining certain high standards. The administrative abilities of Mr. Durst was also recognized and he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the State FFA Foundation for a three year term.

In September of the same year, Jay Durst won the senior 4-H Guernsey Fitting and Showmanship Contest for all New England, and once again the Academy's Soil and Land Judging Team placed first in the Windham County contest.



JOHN DURST

The Seventh Annual Fitting and Showing Contest, held in June of 1960 was bigger and better than ever. At this event, Jay Durst became Grand Champion Showman and Daniel Kuper ('62) was selected as Reserve Champion Showman. In July, Mr. Durst added to his growing list of vo-ag achievements by being elected vice-president of the Board of Trustees of the State FFA Foundation. In the FFA Showmanship Class at the Woodstock Fair, the Academy's Vo-Ag Team placed first as a team, and placed first, second and third on an individual basis. Douglas Child ('62) was one of three boys who represented Connecticut at the Eastern States Exposition in the FFA North Atlantic Regional Dairy Judging Contest, and rated second in the contest for judging all breeds. At approximately the same time, Marvin Sherman was a member of the Connecticut Dairy Judging Team, and won a gold medal at the National Dairy Congress Judging, held in Waterloo, Iowa, for excellence in dairy cattle.

In October, the Academy team, competing against eighty students from five different schools, once again received the top honors in the Windham County Soil and Land Judging Contest. For the third consecutive year one of the Academy boys was a high individual scorer. That "practice makes perfect" was proven when the team also took first place in the Eastern Connecticut Land Judging Field Day. The Academy's team average was 65, a good six points higher than the team in second place.

Significant in Mr. Durst's successful teaching career at the Academy was the appearance of several of the Vo-Ag students' names on the honor roll. Bradford Downs was one of the names most frequently seen. Also, in 1960, all four seniors who graduated from the vocational agricultural course were enrolled in a college to further their education. Agricultural Shop was added to the curriculum that year, which was designed to give the students practical knowledge of construction projects for use on a farm.

In the 1961 State Vo-Ag Contest, the Academy team placed second out of eighteen participating schools. Over 300 students competed in this contest, and Woodstock retained the Dairy Judging Cup, becoming the first school to accomplish this feat in over twenty years. Douglas Child, Wilbur Neumann ('62), Jay Durst, and Paul Sansoucy ('61) in the same contest won seven gold medals among them. This gave to Woodstock Academy more gold medals than any other school in the contest.

Judge Lynn Brown from the University of Connecticut presided over the Eighth Annual Fitting and Showing Contest, and two familiar names, Douglas Child and Jay Durst, received the top awards.

The list of accomplishments is indeed impressive, and it increases steadily. Just before the **Gleaner** went to press, Wilbur Neumann was in Kansas City, Missouri as a member of the Connecticut Livestock and Meats Team and received another gold medal for his school. Certainly Mr. John Durst deserves much credit for the success of the vocational agriculture course at the Woodstock Academy, and much praise for his untiring efforts to make a good program even better.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES - 1961

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WOODSTOCK ACADEMY

by Mary Louise Stevenson

One hundred and sixty years ago several public spirited citizens of Woodstock believed that there was a decided need for an institution of learning, a school which would provide a secondary school education for those capable of attending. So led by Reverend Lyman, these citizens sought to raise a fund in order to lay the foundation of our Woodstock Academy. It must have been a rewarding task for those concerned, for people responded to the fund raising appeal most generously. Not all of those approached could afford to pay into a building fund with currency. These sought other means. Clarence Bowen, in his "History of Woodstock Academy," tells of two gentlemen who sought to pay their shares in lumber. One afternoon an enterprising man appeared with such lumber. He received a receipt for it from the building committee. A few nights later a more enterprising gentleman had the same lumber removed. The next day he returned it to the same building committee, and he, in turn, received a receipt. But fortunately, in a short space of time, the necessary funds were realized and the Academy began to be erected.

The raising of Woodstock Academy was a holiday for the interested townspeople. People of all ages stood in groups about this very common and watched the events with tremendous interest. The highlight of the day was to be the erecting of the steeple. Only one man dared to risk this adventure. He was General David Holmes, grandfather of New England's own Oliver Wendell Holmes. But raise the steeple General David did to the immense satisfaction of the assembled throng.

Woodstock Academy was officially dedicated in the Congregational Church on February 6, 1802. John McClellan, Esquire, addressed the congregation with these words: "The event of establishing a seminary of literature in this place superior to any other which has hitherto been enjoyed must create sensations of pleasure to those who feel interested in the welfare of mankind." The Academy was now opened for students and officially in operation.

As with all newly established institutions, times were not always easy. Worthy to note is a twenty-three year span commonly referred to as the "Dark Ages" in the Academy's history. During these years the attendance dropped deplorably; interest lagged perceptibly until finally the Academy building was used as a private dwelling. Then in the spring of 1844 Woodstock Academy, through the efforts of Mr. Henry C. Bowen, was renovated and reopened its doors to the secondary school students of the area.

Twenty-eight years later the original building was moved from this site to the Southern end of Woodstock and a new Academy building was dedicated. Prominent as the main speaker of the day was William A. Buckingham, Civil War Governor of Connecticut. It seemed entirely fitting to the audience that a letter from Oliver Wendell Holmes be read; this one act formed a real continuity between the raising of the steeple in 1802 and the dedication of a new building in 1873.

The library which is of so much educational value to the students was erected in 1924. This structure was given by Mrs. Frank Pratt in memory of Howard Webster Bracken, a former student in the Academy. Four years later the Hall Memorial Gymnasium was dedicated after six years of untiring effort on the part of the building committee. This building is a memorial to the former beloved principal of Woodstock Academy, Ely Ransom Hall. The Agricultural building, the outcome of a long discussion of whether or not agriculture should be a part of the curriculum, was erected in 1939. The newest building on our beautiful campus is the Holt Science building, completed in 1959.

Now that we have considered for a few moments the physical aspects of the Academy, it would be in order to look at the curriculum and the extra-curricula activities engaged in by students over the years. In the early days the emphasis was on classical education, Latin and Greek predominating. Slowly mathematics and the sciences found their way into the curriculum, but the main interest was still for the academic student. However, with the advent of the twenties, many farsighted people felt that there should be an opportunity for the vocationally minded student. So the course in agriculture was initiated followed later by the addition of the industrial arts program. There came in the 1950's the added emphasis on mathematics brought on by the race for space. Today, however, the concern among educators seems to be more with teaching students to live with their fellow inhabitants of the earth, so a renewed emphasis is being placed on the languages and humanities.

Now I should like to mention a few of the "firsts" and "lasts" in the Academy's history. Since this is graduation day, perhaps I should start with the first graduation of Woodstock Academy. This took place in 1889. On this day all the people who were interested in the Academy gathered in Academy Hall. Here they witnessed the procession of students and faculty, heard the first commencement address, watched the planting of the ivy, and joined in the singing of Academy songs. The first graduations were held on Monday afternoons. For convenience, the program was changed to an evening affair, and finally to a late Sunday afternoon program. As the classes grew in size, the service was changed to the campus.

The Reverend George Matthews, former pastor of the Congregational Church, suggested the first Academy Sunday in 1893, and this observance, which is perhaps the most beautiful of the graduation week's activities, has continued to the present time.

Another big event during graduation week is Class Night. This originally started as Class Day, but in 1939 it became an evening program. The traditional Senior Class History, Prophecy, and Will are read at this time. But this night is by no means entirely for the Seniors. At this program the undergraduates receive prizes and awards.

The Senior Class trip to Washington seems to be a thing of the past. The Class of 1958 was the last group to make this trip which the following classes have cancelled because of the expense. This event has been replaced by the Senior Banquet and dance.

No resume of graduation activities would be complete without mention of two more activities. The first is tea at Miss Holt's. This festivity is much antici-

pated by the Seniors. They have a tour of the famous Pink House and an enjoyable hour with Miss Holt. Finally, the Alumni Banquet is held, usually on the eve of graduation, and it is at this time that the Seniors prepare to join the ranks of the Alumni.

Among the social activities sponsored by the underclassmen is the Junior Prom. The first Junior Prom was held in Woodstock Hall in 1919. "The Hall was decorated with a lattice work of green and gold twisted streamers which thoroughly hid the ceiling and lights. During intermission punch was served in the physics laboratory which was decorated for the occasion."

In 1919 the student body was divided into the Golds and the Blues. These teams vie with each other for points. In the early years the contests were in games, spelling matches, attendance, scholarship and monitor work. Today the competition is in sports. Originally a trophy was awarded to the winning team at a field day held in June. Later the award was made at the June picnic which has been discontinued. Now the trophy is given at the Athletic banquet early in June.

During the years of Ely Hall's administration, the big event of the year, even larger than graduation, was the Rhetoricals held at the end of the winter term. These recitations and musical selections were the culmination of months of drill and rehearsals.

There are probably many more activities of the past about which I have been unable to learn, but one fact emerges from my talk this afternoon. Woodstock Academy has always tried to play an integral and outstanding part in providing for the full development of her students in every facet of activity, whether educational, social or physical.

WOODSTOCK ACADEMY TODAY

by Mary Young

It has often been stated that the primary concern of secondary school educators is to awaken "intellectual curiosity" in the student. Without this needed "curiosity" even the best of programs can wither from want of nourishment.

Woodstock Academy, as you have learned from the previous speaker, has endeavored throughout the years to offer a continuously expanding program, a program aimed at serving as many students as possible in order to find the individual's basic interests and needs. In this way, and by the sincere efforts of the administration and faculty, a decided attempt to arouse "intellectual curiosity" is always in evidence.

The Academic course aims to prepare the student not only for college, but also (as do all other courses) to make him appreciate the best things in life. The increased emphasis for a larger variety of courses during the last several years gives credence to this statement. The mathematics and science programs have been enlarged to include suitable courses for all pupils, whereas Latin, French, Russian and English Laboratory do not neglect the humanities which are so essential to a well-rounded person. A broad interpretation of world and domestic affairs is given in the social studies programs to help the students to become good world citizens. The business course may be considered both a terminal and a preparatory course. Many of the students go into lucrative positions upon graduation from the Academy; others go on to business colleges where they receive more intensive training. Recently there has been an enlargement of the business courses, and it is expected that each year more courses will be included in order to keep in step with the ever increasing needs of the business world. The vocational agricultural course has, within the last few years, made a real name for itself. The fact that the boys approach their work with interest is seen in their conduct and accomplishments at State meets. Woodstock Academy has compiled a "win" average not to be considered second to any high school in the state. It is also interesting to note the high percentage of students enrolled in the vocational agricultural course that go on to the University of Connecticut to continue their education in this field. The industrial arts department provides the necessary groundwork for the boys desirous of a trade education. In addition, it offers courses to students in all programs who are interested in a knowledge of industrial arts. Many a professional man has found a worth-while hobby here, a hobby which refreshes his mind from the day's severe concentration.

By sponsoring the broad extracurricula program of today, the Academy is attempting to offer students an outlet from studies. The musical programs awaken the students to the pleasure and serenity one can gain from an appreciation of music. I rather fancy that high school and college glee clubs are responsible for so many "happy singers under the showers." The Dramatic Club gives its members the love of acting but, more important, the ability to speak and to perform before an audience with no visible nervousness. The American Legion Oratorical Contest has developed many of our best public speakers and has imbued its participants with poise and self-confidence.

The sports' program of the Academy has a place for many. The newly formed golf team gives those who dislike contact sports an opportunity for physical activity and competition. It is hoped that tennis can be offered in the near future. Cross-country and track offer the advantages of individualistic specialization and also develop stamina and coordination in the participants. Soccer, basketball, and baseball round out the boys' program. Girls have field hockey, basketball and softball. Tennis would be an excellent outlet for many girls who dislike team competitiveness yet desire some physical activity. The Academy also offers a great deal of activity in its Blue-Gold program. This program tries to develop friendly competition between the teams as this creates school spirit and an interest in sports. The students' physical fitness is not neglected, for all students take part in the physical education course. In addition, the health services offered by Dr. Bates and Mrs. Reardon are unusual for such a small community.

Several years ago the Academy's faculty and administration framed a philosophy which reads:

"Woodstock Academy is a four year, non-selective, co-educational secondary school. It provides for the secondary educational needs of the towns of Woodstock, Eastford and Pomfret. The responsibility of educating the secondary school-age youths is a large and demanding one and should not be weakened or burdened with duties that other social agencies have failed to accept. We believe that all scholars are not born with the same ability to learn; however, all should have available opportunity to learn. Therefore, each scholar should be guided in the full development of his abilities in order that society and the scholar shall reap the full benefit of his capabilities. It is therefore, the duty of the school, first, to discover and determine the scholar's ability to learn; second, to guide the scholar in developing his capabilities to the fullest; third, to instill within the scholar the spirit of intellectual curiosity; and fourth, to develop within the scholar a sense of responsibility for creating a better society."

You will note, I trust, particularly, the following sentence: "It is therefore, the duty of the school, first, to discover and determine the scholar's ability to learn; second, to guide the scholar in developing his capabilities to the fullest; third, to instill within the scholar the spirit of intellectual curiosity; and fourth, to develop within the scholar a sense of responsibility for creating a better society."

This, Woodstock Academy is endeavoring to do. With the continued support of the citizens, the dedicated spirit of the trustees and administrators, the sincere efforts of the faculty, the cooperation of the parents, and a true desire for learning on the part of the students, the Academy should be able to offer even broader and more comprehensive programs in the future.

It is an old "truism"; we progress or we retrogress, we are never passive. The hopes of the Class of 1961 rest in the ideal of progress, a progress aimed at the development of citizens who can erase the false ideologies that possess today's uneasy world and who can develop a sturdy foundation of moral principles upon which a strong future can be built.

NEW ENGLAND NOVEMBER

1. Grieve not when from October trees
The leaves are driven by the breeze,
But greet with joy the enlacèd light
Which sifts through branches brought to sight,
And hail November!

2. Find beauty in the muted tones
Of grass and weeds and granite stones,
In sunset's gold through lacy boughs,
In lamp-light gleam in village house—
Welcome November!

3. Go forth to meet the rushing stream
Bejewelled with a frosty gleam;
Laugh at the blue-jay's saucy call
Then scale the old moss-covered wall
And hail November!

4. Watch Sirius climb the eastern skies,
Then, as the evening swifter flies,
Seek shelter, warmth, an ingle-nook
With dear ones or beloved book
And greet November!

AGNES CHILD PAINE

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

When outside it is raining and the kiddies must stay,
 Inside where it is warm and dry to play,
 I anxiously wait for the end of the day,
 When they're quietly in bed with the toys put away,
 Then I take time to silently, hopefully pray,
 "God, give me the strength for another day."
 Soon when I carefully tiptoe upstairs,
 I know that already God's answered my prayers,
 For behold, right there in my own children's beds,
 Sweet innocent angels are resting their heads.

DEBORAH CHILD SHERMAN
Class of 1955

United, we stand, singing brothers all.
 Crusaders, defending our birthright
 Truth and light, In God we trust;
 Our credo, In faith we live; our goal.
 Marching ever onward toward
 Peace and equality.
 Church bells! Town bells!
 Happy, singing bells ring in our bright new day.
 Dawn explodes like thunder!
 Our brave new day has come.
 Eternity erupting midst halcyon days of men.
 Faith! A staunch shield and buckler
 In the grim battle ahead.
 We come marching, singing brothers all.
 Crusaders in brotherhood
 Fighting 'til we fall.

CAROL J. LAURENS
Class of 1957

A LA SAINTE TERRE

Seared stubble of another summer snapped
 beneath the feet of my dog — a pup with
 flapping beagle ears, running feet — sure
 over lichened stones and plow-scarred fields,
 excited wall-balancing feet — and dolorous
 eyes brightened with scent and sight of nut-larded
 squirrels that vanish in a breeze of falling leaves;

And I, sauntering across the withered fields
 past clumps of trembling alders and taut birches,
 under oaks rasping with the last brown leaves
 of the summer scarcely cooled, peer into the
 mysterious soughing darkness of evergreens or
 squint along the pencilled barb of rusted fence
 to spy the pup and set my course a-right:

Conscious in autumn's curiously yellowed light
 (yet yellow is too harsh a word to name November
 sun) that I cross fields with somewhat less
 delight than does the pup; always half aware
 that grass has a lonelier sound beneath my
 step — the tired surrender of late summer and early fall ---
 almost, it seems, a yearning for the resolution of snow.

TWILIGHT PIECES

I

The trees are still
 for an instant
 silent under weight of night
 holding back
 the purple evensong of birds
 and lithesome flight;
 quiet music
 spilled through a slanting door
 from the place of yellowed light
 filters through darkened clouds
 binding the first palpable star
 to a chastened earth.

II

From the purple loneliness
 shadowing the earliest star
 a solitary song
 tentative, yet bold
 like the ruffle of gulls' wings
 over silent water
 echoes your twilight quietude;
 in memory's shadows
 your voice shimmers
 like the piquant evensong
 of a single waking bird
 accosting the tremulous dark.

LUNCH IN A UNIVERSITY TOWN

Three young professors
sipping soup
(sometimes slurping)
and speaking softly
of other worldly sounds
(as it were);

menu: **francaise**
wine: **anglaise**
waitress: Italian from Trenton

the tragic condition
(with gestures so gentle)
of men
(and a flick of grey ash)
and the human (slurp) situation
make the rounds
(after, **of course**, salt, bread and
butter, the choice
of entree, and appropriate remarks
on the wilted daffodils);

still they slurp and,
remembering themselves,
sip the soup —
spoons moving outward;
toes pointed in:

something less than dinner;
something more than lunch.

MARCH PIETA

Haloed in the dusk
the woman
stooped beneath
a burden of squirrels
who scamper
for peanuts
extended in
gnarled hands,
patches of white
in the attenuated light
of middle March:
a study of grey on grey
framed in the purple end of day.

Beneath the arch
of barely budded trees,
feet planted firm
on dusty pavement,
the figure sways
and coos softly
a wordless litany
to frisking bits of fur
grey with black-glinting eyes,
is hosannaed briefly
by a procession of trucks and taxis
that genuflect at the corner light
and move off into night.

A PROBLEM IN SPATIAL RELATIONS

Three men in a row
in a circle
in a triangle

shifting angles
of muscle-motion
defining and
redefining
relationships

slurring fans of
black earth
across a cloud-drained sky

engrossed in
nothing but
the music of shovels
and spades
grating against earth and sky.

Woodstock Academy

Faculty and Alumni News

by

CONSTANCE WETHERELL PESHMALYAN

and

LOIS GAGNON WALKER

FACULTY NEWS

Agnes Child Paine, who attended the Academy and returned to teach during the early 1890's, is living in Thompson, Connecticut and returned to the one hundred and sixtieth reunion banquet.

Faith Sanborn Brainard is living with her sister, Ruby Sanborn, in Amherst, Massachusetts. Mrs. Brainard was a member of the faculty from 1900 to 1905.

Lucy Dyer Reed's address is 49 Katherine Road, Watertown 72, Massachusetts. Maude Healey reports that Miss Reed lives with a friend and enjoys an occasional game of Canasta. Miss Reed was a teacher during the years 1906 through 1909.

William Dutemple, principal during 1922 and 1923 lives in Whitinsville, Massachusetts and keeps in touch with his Woodstock friends with occasional letters.

Maurice Childs, principal during the years 1923 through 1926, is now retired. During the past year he has been honored by his neighbors in Mount Vernon, New York, where five hundred people gathered to see him honored as "Distinguished Citizen" for 1960. The award is made each year to a resident in recognition of outstanding community service and is sponsored by Mount Vernon Lodge and Chapter of B'nai B'rith with some fifty civic, social and philanthropic organizations participating. In late summer 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Childs began a six months tour of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Spain, Turkey and Greece. Mr. Childs explains that they are interested in going to Turkey because his mother was at one time a missionary there under Congregational auspices of the old American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missionaries. Our census sheet reached Mr. Childs in Copenhagen and he

wrote "From 'Wonderful Copenhagen': I am glad that the wonderful spirit of Woodstock is still in evidence."

Ethel Upham, 1918-1924, is retired and living in East Woodstock where she is busy with community affairs. For further news see her class report.

Constance Grigg, 1921-1926, has visited friends in Woodstock during the past year. Her home is in Woburn and she is teaching in Whitinsville, Massachusetts.

William Closson, 1923-1929, and his wife Clara live in Chatham, New York, 125 Hudson Avenue.

Priscilla Drake, 1926-1928, returned to Woodstock during this past winter and gave us a talk accompanied by slides of her summer's trip to Europe. Miss Drake is teaching in Hartford at Weaver High School.

Richard Williamson, 1931-1937, now principal of Torrington High School, Torrington, Connecticut. He writes that he is busy with the building of a new High School in Torrington. The Williamsons have three children. Their daughter, Sara, is attending Becker Junior College.

Roger Warner, 1937-1939, is now Headmaster of Roger Ludlow High School in Fairfield, Connecticut. His son David is a Senior at Princeton and attended the University of Strasbourg during his Junior year. His daughter Phyllis is a Junior at Jackson and his son Allen a Freshman in High School. Mr. Warner also sent news of Lucius Stebbins, a teacher at the Academy in 1939. He is now a psychological examiner in the Fairfield public school system.

Mildred Keirns, 1938-1942, writes "Since leaving Woodstock Academy in 1942 I have taught in New Jersey, four years in Closter and fifteen years in Westwood. I still consider my four years at Woodstock Academy my happiest years in teaching. My best wishes follow you always."

Dorothy Ernst McWilliam, 1932-1938. For news of the McWilliam family read Class of 1932 item for Laurence and Dorothy and the Class of 1960 for item about their daughter Joan.

Ruth Chaffin Johnson, 1939-1941. For news of Howard and Ruth Johnson and family refer to Class of 1931 items.

Hope Williams Williams. For more news refer to Class of 1925 items.

William Simpson. Principal, 1932-1944. After thirty eight years of teaching, Mr. Simpson has retired and says he is glad to be back in Woodstock living in his home in Harrisville.

William Robbins, 1939-1942, is the principal of Kennett High School in Conway, New Hampshire. He writes that his four children are all healthy and good skiers.

Eunice L. Thompson, 1940-1943, is teaching in Malden, Mass., at the Lincoln Junior High School. She writes, "I recall with great pleasure my three years on the faculty of Woodstock Academy. I remember the names of many of my former pupils and am looking forward to reading news of them in the *Gleaner*."

Joyce Lindsey Miller, 1944-1945, is now living in North Troy, Vermont, where she is co-owner, with her husband, of an insurance business.

Jane Perkins, 1943-1949, is retired and living at 940 Egan Street, Pacific Grove, California. Miss Perkins writes that she is enjoying her hobby of weaving, chiefly place mats, and that she is busy in church circles, as a reviewer of mission study books.

Seavey D. Morse, Principal 1944-1953, is now superintendent of schools in Hackettstown, New Jersey. He writes that his son Seavey is head of the Mathematics department at the Submarine Base in New London and that his son Bob is entering the University of Connecticut this fall.

Elizabeth Southwick Cooper, 1946-1948, is busy as a housewife for her husband and three children in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. For the past four summers, with her family, she has spent three weeks camping and touring the United States and Canada.

Hazel Lorson, 1948-1949, is a very busy person in the community where she teaches, Branford, Connecticut. She writes that during the past two summers she has been a member of the American Archaeological Institute and has taken part in the Roman-British excavations in Northumberland and Lincolnshire. Also she has hiked many miles in Scotland, England and Wales and next summer plans to be a courier for a small tour of the British Isles.

Gladys Bates Wilson, 1931-34, sends a "Hello" to her Woodstock friends. Mrs. Wilson started the first commercial department at Woodstock Academy in 1931 and she recalls those first years of her teaching with very pleasant memories. After three years she had the opportunity to return to her home town of Williamstown, Massachusetts, where she has been teaching ever since. This year she is to teach in a new regional high school which she says will be another challenge. The Wilson's son Jeffrey will enter first grade this fall.

Thomas L. Michelson, 1942-48, writes that he has spent three years in Puerto Rico and six years in Spain. He is now Principal of the Seville Elementary School (USAF) in Spain.

Doris Kibbe, 1930-1934, is assistant professor of Latin at Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

Helen Sparrow Hicks lives in North Woodstock and is the Postmistress for the village.

Henry Dunleavy lives in Thompson and is active in many community and area affairs.

Walter Schmidt, 1949-54, is now Vice Principal of Conrad High School in West Hartford, Connecticut. He was seen at the recent "Roland Sheldon Night" program with his wife and children.

Marguerite Burns Millar is living in West Hartford, Connecticut, and has enjoyed visits recently from her former Woodstock students.

Gregory C. Coffin, Principal 1953-1957, now superintendent of schools in Darien, Connecticut. Mr. Coffin, in answer to our Census sheet, sent "An open letter to our many wonderful friends who have the good fortune of being members of the Woodstock Academy Alumni Association." From this letter we quote, "We watch with great satisfaction the continued accomplishments of the Academy graduates from year to year. Some we know, some we've heard of, and other names are unfamiliar. Nevertheless, we are sure that all are entering the next phase of their lives with a 'stamp of approval' which is hard to match. Best wishes for continued success in the 160th year." The Coffins now have four children, two sons and two daughters.

Edgar Craver, Principal 1957-1960. Mr. Craver became Principal of North Reading High School in Massachusetts in the Fall of 1960 and this year he is Principal of Longmeadow High School in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

Lois Minor Bazilchuk, 1949-1952. The Bazilchuks live at 37 Morningside Drive, Walpole, Massachusetts and have two daughters, Carol age 6 and Joyce age 3.

Mildred Foye Mills. It is with regret that we report the death of Mrs. Mills in August, 1961.

Catherine Chace Cooper, 1944-1948, lives with her husband, Lloyd, a mathematics instructor, and four children in their newly built home on

Long Island. She asks that a "very warm hello" be extended to her former students and Woodstock friends. Her address: Soundview Avenue, Southold, N. Y.

Rita Cronin Mahoney, 1943-44, and her husband Frank, live at Seabrook Beach, Rt. 1A, N. H.

ALUMNI NEWS

Ruth Williamson Gallup, former editor of the Gleaner reports for the classes, 1888 - 1897.

It is interesting to find in the classes from 1888 through 1897 so many graduates ranging in age from 80 to 92 years old, enjoying life, and most of them remain very active.

CLASS OF 1888.

Mrs. Grace Carr Child, aged ninety-two, writes as follows, from West Haven, Connecticut.

Looking back to my days at W. A. three points come to mind. The first is that I much enjoyed the companionship of my seat-mates, sometimes changing during the three years.

Second: One day we listened to a rehearsal on the schoolroom platform by pupils, one at a time, speaking her or his part, it seems probable preparing for a program to be given in the auditorium above; to be given in mid-season or perhaps during the month of March, and open to the public. I wonder if this was the custom over the years.

Third: Again, my interest in books was widened. Taught to read before school-days, my interest in books widened from time to time. I went to a country school and awhile to a village school, and made visits in different localities; I read many books on the home shelves, beyond my appreciation at the time. Arriving at W. A. I secured those books required by the course and supplemented them by

books I borrowed that had been used in Norwich Free Academy, and reading is now recreation.

Dr. George McClellan, president emeritus of the Woodstock Academy Board of Trustees and long an interested and faithful worker for Woodstock Academy, died on July 16, 1960.

CLASS OF 1890

Agnes Child Paine's daughter and granddaughter live with her in Thompson and her son spends every other weekend with her.

CLASS OF 1893

Florence Morse Dartt. We regret to report the death of Florence's husband, Matthew and her son Stanley. Florence and her daughter, Dorothy spend the winter in Florida and return to Quinebaug for the summer. Dorothy was associated with the Hispanic Society of America in New York City for about thirty years. Her daughter, Lucy St. Marie, has a son at home and a daughter in training to be a nurse. Her daughter, Sylvia, is a teacher in Wollaston, Massachusetts.

Myrtie Chaffee Jordan visits some, does church work in the East Woodstock Congregational Church, and this summer had a visit from her grandson, Captain Donald Jordan, his wife and two daughters.

CLASS OF 1894

We regret the passing of **Alfred Thurston Child** on November 25, 1960, in his eighty-fifth year. On December 11, 1960, at Inter-American University, Puerto Rico, a Memorial Service was held in his honor. We quote in part from the Commemoration program, "Mr. Child's greatest success as a teacher, however, came after his official retirement. In 1946 he answered a call to serve as part time

member of the faculty of the then Polytechnic Institute of Puerto Rico, now, Inter-American University. Here, first as Associate Professor of Chemistry and Geology and later as special lecturer in Ceramics, he won the love and devotion of both faculty and students. He was rarely addressed as Professor Child; students and professors preferring to call him affectionately, "Daddy" Child."

CLASS OF 1895

Jessie Bowen Palmer writes from her home in Alhambra, California, that she has many happy memories of her days at Woodstock Academy in the nineties.

Estella Thompkins Waterbury. We regret the news of the death of Estella Thompkins Waterbury on July 11, 1960.

CLASS OF 1896

Mary Bowen Keith has lived at the same place in Putnam for twenty eight years. Her son, Laurence, is a Funeral Director in Hartford, Connecticut. He has three children, two boys and a girl.

We are saddened to note the death of **Ruth Cahoone Leary** in 1961.

George Wetherell attended the Academy in 1896. He reports that he is hale and hearty and still active on his farm in East Woodstock.

We regret to report the death of **Earl Bemis**.

CLASS OF 1897

Joseph P. Catlin is President of the Virkotype Corporation of Plainfield, New Jersey. He reports that he has been working for over sixty years, is now 82 years of age and is still going strong.

Fred J. Fitts is retired and lives with his daughter and granddaughter in Coral Gables, Florida.

Constance Holt spent a comfortable winter at Roseland where she is a most gracious hostess to her many friends.

Ruth Williamson Gallup has helped the *Gleaner* staff by reporting the news of the classes from 1888 to 1897. Of herself, she writes, "After thirteen years in Providence, R. I. caring for an elderly lady, then a wonderful six months vacation visiting in Florida and Connecticut, I am back in Woodstock very happily situated with a friend on Childs Hill Road. I have two dear little great grandsons.

Ada Clark Lyon frequently visits her sister **Edna Clark Bradford** in Putnam, Connecticut.

Since our last issue of the *Gleaner*, this class has lost three members:

Mowry Ross, November 10, 1957; **Arthur Williams**, July 15, 1958; and **A. Lloyd Cooper**, January 19, 1960.

Maude Healey, class of 1906, reports for the classes 1898 through 1904.

CLASS OF 1898

M. Elizabeth Chandler lives at Grey Gables, 701 Montgomery Street, Ojai, California.

Leslie P. Harris and wife, Naomi, enjoy retired life in Gladys, Virginia, during the summer months. In winters they are at New Port Richey, Florida, where Leslie joins friends in hunting, fishing and golf.

Flora Steere Wetherell and George still make their home in East Woodstock. Flora has worked with the editor on an article appearing elsewhere in the *Gleaner*.

Albert H. Williams and his wife, Bessie, have their usual attractive home and gardens in Sprucedale. He also continues to serve for church, bank, Academy and other committees and organizations.

Richard L. Child and wife live at 1415 Dorchester Road, Brooklyn 26, New York. They have four grandchildren.

Henry J. Potter moved from Windsor, Connecticut, in 1960 after the death of his wife. He now makes his home with his daughter and family at 29 Blackmore Avenue, Cranston 10, Rhode Island.

Edna Frost Tobias and her husband live in Garden City, New York, 140 Whitehall Boulevard, during the summer. In winter they go to Delray Beach, Florida, 116 South Vista Delmar Drive.

Since the last issue of *The Gleaner* three members of this class have died: **Emma G. Allen** in 1957; **Emily B. Ross** in 1958; and **Sidney Upham** in 1960. We announce their passing with regret. **Miss Carrie L. Bosworth**, who attended the Academy during the nineties, died in 1961.

CLASS OF 1899

Bessie Barber Williams and husband, Albert, live in Sprucedale. She is interested in gardening. She attends church regularly and is active in its Women's Fellowship.

William C. Child and wife Hazel, spend their time in Woodstock, Martha's Vineyard and St. Petersburg, Florida. He makes a good garden in Oak Bluffs and raises peas and string beans in Florida. They enjoy taking side trips to call on old friends. They attended the Academy Reunion in June and William introduced the older members who attended.

Ruby Sanborn lives with her sister, Faith Sanborn Brainard, a former teacher at Woodstock Academy, in Amherst, Massachusetts, 73 Butterfield Terrace.

May Gifford Jordan and husband live at 115 Prospect Street, Willimantic, Connecticut.

CLASS OF 1900

Reverend Bertram C. Bugbee lives at 1 Mechanic Street, Kennebunk, Maine. He retired in 1925.

Frederick F. Rockwell and Esther attended the Academy reunion. Their address is Box 66, Orleans, Massachusetts. In 1960 he received a large gold medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for Horticultural achievement and many garden books, articles and lectures. This is one more to add to his many previous citations.

Irving Frost makes his home with his son in Hollywood Beach, Florida. He visited his daughter in Oregon for two months.

CLASS OF 1901

Sixty years have elapsed since the following five members graduated.

Olive A. Paine writes that she was so sorry not to be at the reunion. Her address is 606 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Urbana, Illinois.

Herman B. Chandler and wife have retired and live at 6051 Mimosa Lane, Dallas 30, Texas. Their daughter, Dorothy Chandler Wallace, has a son at the University of Texas and a daughter at Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

Phoebe Randall Pray still lives in Wellfleet, Massachusetts. Her son is located at Otis Air Force Base so that he could be near her. Her sister, Mary Randall Strong of Vernon Center, Connecticut, has written that Phoebe fell and broke her hip this spring. She has been and is in the hospital or a rest home.

Ethel Spalding Silberberg and husband live at 79 Sea View Road, Ipswich, Massachusetts. She leads a very active life, enjoying many hobbies. They usually spend some time with their children in Atlanta, Georgia. Because of her brother's poor health, Ethel has been in Woodstock some.

Charles Sabin Spalding died in May, 1961, after a long illness. His wife, Ruby, and son, Paul, live in Woodstock.

Ernest G. Williamson lives in Providence, Rhode Island, at 193½ Peace Street. He is a roll finisher on jewelry. He was in Woodstock in June.

Gardner Richardson attended the Academy with this class. He and Dorothea were at the reunion. He runs the old family farm at Plaine Hill, Woodstock. He is a trustee of the Academy and is interested in civic affairs.

Herbert Slye of Stafford Springs, we regret to announce, has died since our last issue of the **Gleaner**.

CLASS OF 1902

Florence Barber Washburn and husband, Reverend Charles J. Washburn, have filled pastorates in Connecticut, Maine, and Massachusetts for fifty years. This summer they moved to 168 Cedar Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. They have five children and twelve grandchildren. She reports that Miss Hattie L. Deane, a former student from West Woodstock, now lives in San Francisco, California.

Harry Child and wife attended the reunion. Harry lives in Woodstock and is active in community life.

James V. Perrin and wife live at 444 Learmonth Avenue, Quebec 6, Canada. He retired in 1958, but is active in church, Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., golf and other organizations. Although they were not here for the reunion, they have visited in Woodstock this summer.

Gertrude Taber Howard and Fred live at 24 Maplewood Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut. Besides her home duties, she is a Gray Lady at the Veterans Hospital, Newington, Connecticut. Their two sons are both married.

Mary Frost Ross still lives in West Woodstock. We extend our sympathy to her in the loss of her husband, Mowry, in 1957.

CLASS OF 1903

Helen Chandler Wallace and husband, Harry, live at 417 Spencer Street, Glendale 2, California. She is active in church and clubs, as well as caring for her home.

Grace Church White and husband, Charles, send an invitation to visit them at Diamond Hill, Cumberland 3, Rhode Island. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in January 1960. They have sixteen grandchildren.

Florence Hibbard Lockwood writes, from Porter Plains, Thompson, Connecticut, of the death of her husband in January 1961, and we extend our sympathy to her. She lives a quiet life and is always glad to see her friends.

Frank W. Rockwell retired from the Navy as a Vice Admiral in 1948. He is now with the Washington office of the Hiller Aircraft Corporation. He writes that he is trying to sell helicopters to foreign countries, a most interesting occupation as it brings him in contact with a great many of the foreign Military and Air Attaches in Washington. He and his wife make their home at 4906 Tilden Street, N.W., Washington 16, D.C. They have three children and eight grandchildren, including one set of twins.

Alice Steere Faris still lives in Scott City, Kansas, 811 Antelope Street. Her husband, Brownlee, passed away in 1960 after a long illness and we extend our sympathy to her.

Clarence Hall, we regret to report, did not live to enjoy his retirement very long as he died in July, 1956. Louise Beard Hall comes to Woodstock once or twice a year enroute to a daughter's home in Reading, Massa-

chusetts. Another daughter lives in Wilton, Connecticut.

Alan Upham, East Woodstock, continues his interest in Botany. He is the author of a recently published booklet entitled, "The Flora of Windham County, A Check List." This is a publication of the State Geological and Natural History Survey and contains the names of some thirteen hundred ferns and flowering plants which are known to have been found in the county.

Cornelius Haskell of Laurel, Nebraska, is a farmer and stockman. He has visited in Woodstock, calling on friends, since our last issue of the *Gleaner*. We did not receive a reply to our census sheet for this *Gleaner's* news.

CLASS OF 1904

William J. Nelson, Plaistow, New Hampshire, retired after twenty-five years as superintendent of schools. He and his wife enjoy Florida in the winter.

Anne E. Nelson helps her brother, Carl P. Nelson, on their farm. She is active in church organizations and Red Cross.

Blanche Shippey Wilson and Annie Shippey Williams live with their brother, Herbert, on the farm in South Woodstock. Annie moved here last year from North Scituate, Rhode Island, after the death of her husband, Arthur O. Williams.

Florence Safford Keyes lives in a private rest home, 3844 East Broadway, Long Beach 13, California. Her daughter Nela writes this news of her mother.

E. Bernice Leavitt, 314 Riggins Street, Lakeland, Florida, enjoys seeing old friends from the North, who call when on their winter vacations.

Pearl Alton Gifford and daughter, Barbara, live at the Gifford home in

East Woodstock. She has cared for her husband, Paul M. Gifford, who passed away this summer after a long illness.

John and Grace Healey report for the classes of 1905 through 1919.

CLASS OF 1905

Nellie Burleson continues to live in South Woodstock, and busies herself with gardening, canning and church work. She is always glad to talk with old friends.

Fred Howard lives at 24 Maplewood Ave., West Hartford, Connecticut. He is in business for himself.

CLASS OF 1906

Elizabeth Carr GrosJean still lives at Watkins Glen, New York. The Gros-Jeans celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary this past year. She has five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Maude E. Healey lives in South Woodstock where she keeps active in supervising work on the house and grounds. Maude also keeps busy with church and Grange work.

Ethel Upham lives in East Woodstock with her brother Alan. Both of them still swing mean croquet mallets.

Lottie Howard Spaulding lives on Woodstock Hill with her daughter and granddaughter. Lottie is as active as ever in church work, and always has a pleasant smile and word for everyone.

Carl Morse lives in East Woodstock and can usually be seen enjoying life when one rides through that village.

Florence Welch Armstrong lives at 3437 Fourth Ave., Sioux City 6, Iowa. She writes that besides being a homemaker, she is active in church, social, and civic affairs. Her mother celebrated her 100th birthday on June 20, 1961.

Sarah Herrington Froyd lives at 2242 West C Street, Torrington, Wyoming. Sarah writes that she is involved in church work, American Legion Auxiliary, Women's Club, etc. Her son is a doctor.

The community was saddened to hear of the sudden death of **Dorothy Richardson Lincoln**, while she and the Doctor were on a trip around the world.

Mary Randall Strong, who attended the Academy for a short time, recently celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary. Maude Healey attended.

CLASS OF 1907

Mabel Eddy Morse lives at Harwich Road, Brewster, Mass., and writes simply that she is a housewife.

Herbert F. Shippey writes that his address is RFD No. 1, Putnam. Herb is a poultry farmer.

Mary Myers Peck lives at East Haddam, Conn. Mary writes that she is active in Grange, church and village improvement work. She has retired from teaching after 41 years in East Haddam. Her young granddaughter is attending Conn. Central College.

Marie Nelson Goss lives at 80 Garden Street, Hartford 5, Conn. Marie writes that she retired in 1960 and is now busy in church and social work.

Henry Baker continues to live in East Woodstock, and enjoys a life of retirement.

CLASS OF 1908

Harriet Nelson Jones lives at 865 Tower Ave., Hartford 12, Conn. She is a retired R.N. and now works full time at homemaking, church work, gardening, and "Planned Retirement Club."

Elsie L. Barber lives at 258 Lafayette Ave., Passaic, N. J. Elsie writes that she has retired from the Public School System, and is teaching part time in Passaic Collegiate School.

Hazel Davenport Lewis lives at 2026 Market St., Harrisburg, Pa. She has three grandsons and is a busy housewife.

We are sorry to report the death of **Mildred Brown Townsend** in August of this year.

Louise Fitts White lives at 593 Pontiac Ave., Providence, R.I. Her friends were all sorry to hear of the sudden death of her husband this summer.

John Healey retired from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and returned to Woodstock where he bought a house on the Hill. He enjoyed being President of the Alumni Association for two years.

CLASS OF 1909

Edith Briggs Fitts lives at 132 Bradley St., Portland 4, Maine. Edith reports that she lives near her son and enjoys her art work. Edith's friends were shocked to hear of Lyman's (W.A. '10) sudden death in October 1959 while on a hunting trip. He was prominent in church and musical circles in Portland.

Bernice Bates Marschall of Stamford, Conn., is seen occasionally while visiting her cousin Myrtle Ware Anderson.

Marion Smith Stone lives in East Woodstock and is active in church work there.

Lyle Turner is retired and lives at Red Tower, Durham, N. H. Lyle and Gladys Sheldon Prescott were seen visiting friends in East Woodstock last summer, and attended church there.

Louis K. Miller, as far as we know, still lives in Shrewsbury, Mass.

CLASS OF 1910

Mary Flynn Blakeslee resides at 1302 North Temple, Indianapolis, Indiana. She is cashier for the Lieber Company.

Louisa Howard Clark teaches first grade in the Woodstock Elementary School. Louisa is treasurer of the Teachers Round Table and Senexet Grange.

Wallace Armstrong was, the last time we heard, an engineer with the Vermont Highway Dept., and lives in Waterville, Vt.

Edith Eddy Sullivan, as far as we know, lives at W. Stafford, Conn., and teaches school at Stafford.

Leonard H. Healey, at last report, was with Stern's in New York, and resides at 269 Candee Ave., Sayville, N. Y.

The Woodstock community was saddened at the death of **Flora Alton Danielson** in May, 1958.

CLASS OF 1911

Dorothy Cox Archer, as far as we know, still lives in West Hartford, Conn., at 71 Beverly Road.

Max L. Connor is one we would all be glad to hear from. Does anyone know how to contact him?

Esther Johnson Dreher lives on Flynn Lane, Middletown, Conn. It was nice to see Esther at the reunion this year. Esther tells us that besides being a housewife, she is active in church, club and Grange work.

Esther Nelson lives in Woodstock and we often see her about town and in Putnam.

Blanche Perry Bosworth lives at Pomfret Center, Conn. She has a grandson who just graduated from Cornell, and a granddaughter. She remains active in church and town affairs.

CLASS OF 1912

Rilla Child lives in Woodstock and takes an active part in the life of the community, busying herself with Church and Grange work, and gathering news for the local papers.

Jarda Carlson Linde lives at 219 South Main Street, Putnam, Conn. As far as we know, Jarda is a housewife.

Carrie Barrett Frink lives in North Woodstock, and we extend sympathy to her in the death of her husband, but note how fortunate she is in having her children nearby.

Grace Ella Myers lives at 49 Sherman Street, Hough's Neck, Quincy 69, Mass. Grace writes that she is working as a nurse and lives with daughter and family.

Helen Perley Cornell lives on Woodstock Hill, and keeps busy with her duties as Town Clerk and Judge of Probate. Helen and her husband took a month's trip this Spring to New Mexico.

Gladys Sheldon Prescott lives at 8 Thompson Lane, Durham, N.H. Gladys writes that she has retired and lives in an apartment attached to her son's house. She spends much time with Lyle Turner who lives nearby.

Olive Whitney lives at 4 Cottage Street, Putnam, Conn., with her mother, and works in the office of General Industries Inc., Putnam.

CLASS OF 1913

William Richardson lives at 7812 South Damen Avenue, Chicago 20, Ill. Billie writes that he has retired from the Chicago Post Office and that he spends part of the winter in Florida, and part of the summer in Conn.

Ida Spaulding Masters lives at 7414 West 93rd Street, Los Angeles 45, Cal. Ida paints portraits and teaches music to private pupils.

Since our last **Gleaner** went to press the Alumni were saddened by the sudden death of **Edmund Anderson**.

CLASS OF 1914

Arthur Anderson lives in South Woodstock, Conn. Arthur retired Jan.

1. 1960 and tells us that he is enjoying the freedom of retirement and the many trips he is able to take.

Ruth Bjornberg lives in No. Woodstock with her sister Helen. Ruth is active in church work and enjoys her retirement.

Carl Johnson lives at 4202 Custer St., Flint 7, Mich. Carl is a tool and die maker.

Susan Sumner Reynolds lives on the Sumner Homestead in Woodstock. Susan had a busy year with the wedding of her daughter Ann, and the celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Leslie Sumner Parker is still at Fiskdale, Mass.

Agnes White Stone lives at 14 South Street, Southbridge, Mass., and teaches a group of eighteen special 'teen age girls at Wells High. Her second grandchild graduated from the Academy this year, the fifth consecutive generation to be graduated from the school.

Rolfe Lyon is a Real Estate broker in Pomfret Center, Conn.

Grace Hawkins Healey enjoys living in Woodstock again, and having her three grandchildren visit during their vacation.

CLASS OF 1915

Ruth Bates Keith lives in Gilbertville, Mass. All who knew Ruth and Merrill were sorry to hear of his sudden death.

Mary Chamberlin is retired and lives at 3002 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Md. We all enjoyed talking to Mary during her last trip to Woodstock.

Florence Lawson Godin, as far as we know, still lives in Glendale, Cal.

Catherine Perry Goodness has not been heard from, so we assume things are the same as the last issue.

Gretchen Rutishauser McKay lives at 315 Jackson Street, Park Clinton, Ohio, and writes that she is a housewife and does volunteer work at the hospital Gift Shop, and the Red Cross bloodmobile.

Harriet Sampson Pitt lives in Woodstock and is serving her fourth term in the Connecticut Legislature.

George Wilcox, whose address is Box 682, Putnam, Conn., writes that he is a grain salesman. We were sorry to hear that George's wife, Mildred Wells, passed away.

Estella Frink Barrett lives at Fairholm Farm. Estella is active in church and community work, and is a Trustee of the Academy. She recently returned from a tour of Europe.

Clara Eddy Cox still teaches at Stafford Springs, and weekends in Woodstock.

Mabel Richardson Hill still resides in Middletown, Conn. Mabel was seen in East Woodstock at the Fourth of July celebration, talking with old friends.

It is with regret that we mention the death of **Mildred L. May** since our last publication.

CLASS OF 1916

Lyman Emerson Hibbard lives in the old Homestead in North Woodstock. Lyman is still a familiar figure in the Woodstock Band.

Wentworth Johnson still lives in Florida during the winter and returns to Woodstock during the summertime.

Marion Perkins McDonald lives at 175 Humphrey Street, Marblehead, Mass.

Bernice Sanger Graves lives at 9238 213th Street, Queens Village, N.Y. Bernice writes that she is a homemaker and interests herself in Church work and gardening.

CLASS OF 1917

Lois Harrington Place lives at 35 Nelson Street, Webster, Mass. Lois writes that they are still selling automobiles and that she now has five grandchildren.

Theodore Perkins lives at 8907 34th Avenue, Jackson Heights, N.Y. We all enjoyed meeting Ted at the Alumni Banquet. Come back more often, Ted.

Eleanor Williams Backus lives in Woodstock Valley.

Owen J. White lives at 5 Carleton Road, West Hartford, Conn. Owen is a civil engineer.

We regret to announce the death of **Eleanor Lindeman** at her home in Woodstock in 1960.

CLASS OF 1918

Helen Bjornberg lives with her sister Ruth in North Woodstock. Helen retired in 1958, and says she is busier than ever in home, church and community work.

Marguerite Bosworth May lives in East Woodstock, and keeps busy as a housewife and enjoys her three grandchildren.

Carolyn Cox Foster lives at 19 Dover Road, Manchester, Conn. She writes that she keeps busy as a housewife.

Julia Johnson Johnson lives at 23 Park Villa Avenue, Worcester, Mass. Julia gives us no further information.

Andrew Lowe lives at Pomfret Center. No further news.

Jean McClellan Whitney lives at 1918 Smedens Landing, Palisades, N. Y. We all hope that Jean is much improved in health.

R. Agnes Peterson writes that she still lives on the home farm, and has many enjoyments and pleasures mixed in with the work.

Otto L. Pike writes from Arecibo, Puerto Rico, that he and his two sons

are in the Retail Flower business and Tropical Agriculture.

Ellen Helen Swenson lives with her brother at the home place. Other news we do not have.

George Paul Swenson lives in Manchester, and is a Tool and Die maker with United Aircraft.

We regret to report the death of **Paul Ringdahl** in 1960.

CLASS OF 1919

Wallace Frink lives on the Old Homestead. He keeps busy with farm machinery and his trucking business.

Hobart Sanger lives in Harrisville, and is employed by the Conn. Light and Power Co.

Merrill L. Healey lives at 11 Montclair Drive in West Hartford, Conn. He is Supt. of construction for Wadhams Construction Co. Merrill is active in church work.

Raymond Safford lives in South Woodstock, and is a dealer in surplus equipment.

Constance Wetherell Peshmalyan reports for the classes 1920 - 1929.

CLASS OF 1920

Myrtle Ware Anderson enjoys her home in East Woodstock and teaches sixth grade at the Woodstock Elementary School. She reports that her Grade Six Cookie Corporation paid a two hundred per cent dividend on a ten cent share in 1960. Myrtle received her BS from Willimantic State College in 1960 and is now working toward her MA.

Newton Carpenter continues his business as a lumber dealer and farmer in Eastford.

Olga Erikson is the secretary in charge of payroll and banking of the American Optical Company in Putnam and is at home on Roseland Park Road.

Signe Anderson Hagstrom this last year moved from her one room school in Wilsonville to the new Thompson Memorial School where she is now teaching fourth grade. Her home is in Thompson and one of her sons lives in Woodstock with his family and another is living in Kansas City.

Dorothy Bundy Healey writes that she is a homemaker in West Hartford, busy with church organizations and her Pembroke Alumnae Club.

Frank Harrington lives in Wellesley. His daughter Claire received her degree from the University of Tennessee in 1961.

Harold Johnston writes from his home in Waterbury. "David, our son, was married in May to Eunice A. McBride and they are living in Naugatuck, where he is a reporter in charge of the office for the Waterbury Republican American. For the past eleven years we have had the pleasure of rearing two of Mrs. Johnston's nephews and the younger one is following in his brother's footsteps by receiving his degree from Boston College this June. It also might be of interest to some of the people in and around Woodstock to know that my father, a former selectman, is making his home with us and that he was 96 years old this past January."

Mabelle Johnston Nelson lives in Waterbury, Conn., where she is manager of the Fanny Farmer Candy Shop at Waterbury Plaza.

Sylvia May White is at home on the County Road and reports that she is happy with her family and grandchildren and her work with the Kindergarten.

Louise Lawton is acting postmistress in East Dennis, Mass.

CLASS OF 1921

Marvin Barrett reports his retirement from the State Welfare Department after 29½ years of service. He

is now the Tax Assessor for Woodstock and is President of the Board of Trustees of Woodstock Academy.

Annette May Clark's home is still South Woodstock.

Spencer Jordan is at home on Quinebaug Road.

CLASS OF 1922

Helen Johnson teaches at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Julia Swenson reports enjoying her teaching in the new Thompson Memorial School.

Beatrice Healey Whaples is in Ceylon with her husband who is Youth Advisor to the government of Ceylon. Note her contribution to Literary Editor.

C. Leonard Anderson is a supervisor for the Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

We received no reply from **Edwin Wilcox**.

CLASS OF 1923

Harold Carpenter reports that his news is the same. He is farming in Eastford and is a member of the Board of Assessors for that town.

Judith Johnson Fitzpatrick writes, "I do the bookkeeping and assist my husband in his business; also help him with secretarial work in his civic activities such as Chamber of Commerce and Danielson Industrial Foundation."

Lester Gallup writes us from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which is now his home.

Alice Cross Hemenway, from her home in Concord, Mass., lists her community interests which are Trinitarian Congregational Church and Concord's Home for the Aged. In addition to her duties as a housewife she is a bookkeeper in a drug store which has existed in the same building for over 100 years.

Elsa Johnson is at home with her mother and sister Anna. They are enjoying their new home on the County Road in Woodstock.

Reginald Pike is a high school teacher in Welch, West Virginia.

We regret the loss of **Carl Feiler** who died in December, 1960.

CLASS OF 1924

Elizabeth Rollins Anderson writes, "Our daughter Dorothy has completed her second year at Clark University and Margaret, her second year at W. A. Presently I am president of the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church."

Alfred Carpenter has built a home in Union and is engaged in the lumber business.

Eric Erickson has an engineering job with Harrington and Richardson Inc. of Worcester, Mass., and continues to live at his home on Roseland Park Road.

Charles Peckham continues to farm in Dudley, Mass.

Robert Scranton lives in South Woodstock and works in Hartford.

Reuben Swanson writes, "I went from submarines at Groton, Conn., to missiles at San Diego, Cal. One of my duties is allocating engines to all Atlas missiles." Reuben's son, Ted, is with General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Conn., and his daughter Sandra is the Librarian at Daystrom Instruments, Inc., La Jolla, Cal.

Lydia Taber Walling lives in Woodstock and is a lab technician with the American Optical Company. We extend our sympathy to Lydia in the loss of her husband in 1959.

Vernon Wetherell is busy with his real estate business and many community activities in Woodstock.

Quintin Sanger is living in Washington, D.C.

CLASS OF 1925

Walter Anderson lives in Rockville Center, Long Island, and works in Brooklyn, N.Y., for the New York Telephone Company.

Clara Baker Closson's home is now in Chatham, N. Y.

Gladys Harrington says her home is in Putnam and she is office manager for the Place Motor Company.

Harry Rutishauser is living in Southbridge, Mass.

Donald and Hope Williams are at home in Sprucedale.

No news was received from **Marion Stahl Hosmer** or **Arnold Johnston**.

We announce with regret the death of **Gerald Phaneuf** in 1957.

CLASS OF 1926

Secretary, Sarah Healey Pedersen

The Class of 1926 of Woodstock Academy held a reunion on Sept. 9th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vilhelm (**Sarah Healey**) Pedersen on Joy Road where they operate a dairy farm. Assisting hostesses were **Miss Selma Johnson** who was on vacation from her duties at Lucky Fork, Kentucky, where she is a community nurse and Bible teacher, and Mr. and Mrs. Karl (**Edith Nelson**) Colburn who operate a dairy farm in East Woodstock. The oldest of their four children is a Senior at Woodstock Academy this year and the youngest will enter school next year. As we gathered around the picnic tables in the yard for our supper some had a little difficulty naming some of their former classmates whom they had not seen for thirty-five years. There were nineteen who graduated in the class. **Betty Kempf Lindgren** and **George Mower** have died. We have lost track of **Oscar Speck** who was from New Haven and a boarding student. **Eleanor Petersen Lawton** with her husband and three daughters have a home at Alexanders Lake. Two of

the daughters are nurses and one is now training for a nurse and **Eleanor** still works at the Day Kimball Hospital several days a week. **Edith Johnson** came down from Brighton, Mass., where she lives and does secretarial work. She reports an interesting trip to Hawaii recently when she took a boat trip over and flew back. Edith's brother, **Richard**, and his wife and family live in East Woodstock. Richard is custodian at the Woodstock Elementary School. They have a son and a daughter. **Irene Esterbrook Stone** and her husband were here from Oxford where they live with their family. Irene teaches at the Oxford Elementary School. Irene says her brother **Harold** is in California where he does construction work. Irene and her husband took a trip to the Blue Ridge and Smoky mountains this summer. **Jeanie Davies Goodwin** who lives in Apponaug, R.I., didn't get back to the reunion and neither did **Laura Cross Pringle**. Laura and George are about to leave for Florida. George is now retired and they are foot-loose and fancy-free. This summer they visited her father in Michigan, have visited relatives in Woodstock and now are making their headquarters in their trailer at Lake Wales. Their oldest son teaches in Litchfield and their other son is associated with the B. and S. Construction Co. in Simsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Morse are living in their new house on Dugg Hill Road. Because of another meeting he was unable to attend the reunion. **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peckham** also live in East Woodstock. Ernest works for the Webster Spring Co. Their daughter is a nurse for Dr. Robinson in Danielson and their son is a Senior at Woodstock Academy this year. **Mr. and Mrs. Nils Shennig** came from Manchester where he works for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co. This year he celebrated 25 years of service with the company.

They have one daughter starting college this year and another daughter in high school. **Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Wetherell** live in West Woodstock. Franklin is manager of the Strand Theatre in Southbridge. Their son is a Senior and their daughter a Freshman this year at Woodstock Academy. **Christopher Williams** who is manager of the Word of Life Inn and Island at Schroon Lake, New York, did not get to reunion. **Raymond Anderson** was married to Clementine Brindley of Rockwell, L.I., in August, 1957. They are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter, Linda Helen, born March 18, 1961. They live in Norwich where Raymond is an insurance agent. We were glad to see them at reunion. It is odd to note that there were nineteen in the class. Several were unable to attend but with wives and husbands who did attend our number present was nineteen. After supper Mr. Allan Walker, Headmaster showed us through the Academy buildings, some new since we attended and others renovated. Three members of the class have sons or daughters who are Seniors this year and some had not returned since they graduated. We look forward to another such gathering in another five years.

CLASS OF 1927

Walter Chrzan would like to hear from his schoolmates. His home is in Willimantic and he is unable to work as he is a victim of multiple sclerosis.

Einar Hansen is active in Church and Youth work in East Woodstock. He is a supervisor of raw glass manufacturing which is a recent development at the American Optical Company in Southbridge. He was recently elected to the Academy's Board of Trustees.

George Smith continues his work as an insurance agent and lives in East Woodstock.

Constance Williams enjoys her work with pre-school classes which meet each week for stories, songs and handwork at the Hartford Public Library where she is an Assistant Librarian.

We had no word from **Charles Nichols**.

We announce with regret the death of **Pearl Cady Butson**, in 1958.

Edna Andrews Johnson is at home on Roseland Park Road.

Ellery Marcy and family live in Woodstock Valley.

CLASS OF 1928

Several members of this class returned to the one hundred and sixtieth reunion banquet and reported their news to each other.

Cedric and Lib Child came and told us about their busy life in Elmvale with four sons, Clarence at Tufts; Frederick graduating from the Academy; Cedric at the Academy and Stephen in elementary school.

Marcus and Claire Johnson came. Marcus retired in 1959 from the Connecticut State Police and is now a Star Route mail carrier from Putnam through Woodstock Valley.

Esther Hicks Larkin came from her home in Unionville, Connecticut.

Constance Wetherell Peshmalyan attended and was able to report on the members of the class not present, having recently received their news letters for the Gleaner.

Rebecca Hibbard Weber drove out from Milton, Massachusetts and enjoyed visiting the new buildings and old classrooms which were open during the evening.

Florence Child Young and Henry had planned to attend but were needed at Valleyside at the last minute.

Ellen Carlson Kallgren is at home in Elmvale. Her daughter Joyce directed a day camp on their farm this summer.

Esther Johnson Norman from her farm in Woodstock writes of her son Dwight's death in June 1960, when his plane crashed. We extend our sympathy to Esther and her husband. In the fall of 1960 they drove to California to visit their son, Edward.

Warren Peckham writes to the news editors from his home in Arlington, Massachusetts and says he is going to return to an Alumni Reunion one of these days.

Kenneth Pike is a missionary linguist and during the summer of 1961 is located at the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Norman, Oklahoma.

Robert Pike continues his work as a Physical Chemist with the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C.

CLASS OF 1929

Evelyn Butts Balfour says she is still at home in South Woodstock and that her daughter enters her Junior year at Woodstock Academy this fall.

Doris Basto Boivin and her husband live on Roseland Park Road in South Woodstock. Their son David is in the Army Reserve and their daughter is a student nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester.

Wallace Child's home is still in Fullerton, California. He returned with his wife and daughter for a visit in Woodstock during the summer of 1960.

Beatrice Child French and her husband Don are owners of the Pomfret Golf Club.

John McWilliam returns each year from his home in Lancaster, California, to visit his parents in Woodstock.

Gertrude Gobin Shippee lives in Willimantic and is the pianist for her daughter Gail Ann in her Dance Studio.

Ralph Tourtelotte's home is in Arlington, Massachusetts and he is Physical Education Director in the YMCA in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Elsie Johnson Wood writes from her home in Leicester, Massachusetts that she now has three grandsons.

Henry Young is a busy farmer at Valleyside and is also the chief of the Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department.

Samuel Zipkin's home is in Worcester.

Agnes Davies Paige. We received no word from Agnes but understand that her home is in Kittery, Maine.

CLASS OF 1930

Secretary, Elinor Perrin

Florence Johnson Dodge has moved from the Johnson Homestead back to her own home in West Woodstock. Her daughter, Dorinda, is attending the University of Connecticut; son, Timothy, is a senior at the Academy and daughter Sandra is in the first grade.

Elinor Perrin finds rewarding satisfaction in doing design work at the Grove Street Greenhouses in Putnam. She also continues as organist at the West Woodstock church.

Margaret Scranton Apte is at her home on Lebanon Hill in Southbridge with her husband and two daughters.

Eleanor Starr continues to live on Woodstock Avenue in Putnam with her father. She has completed eleven years of employment with the Parizek Company.

Roxana Child Williams, who lives in South Weymouth, Massachusetts, with her family of three is now assistant manager of Woolworth Food Bar. She is also occupied with many community projects.

Eugene Hibbard is pleased to report that his daughter Anne Redman

has come to live in East Woodstock, just two doors away.

Anna Johnson Anderson and husband have recently purchased a home in North Windham, and have been busy redecorating. Her three children attend the new school which is right close by.

Eunice Pike spent the summer teaching at the Institute of Linguistics in Norman, Oklahoma. Her brother, Kenneth, was there also. They keep in touch with their friends in Woodstock through annual letters to the East Woodstock church.

Elsie Hibbard Allen returned to the June reunion. Her son Ken Allen, we often hear on the Hartford station, WTIC, news broadcasts.

Marion Cady Poeton still lives in Foxboro, Massachusetts. Her oldest son Cady, is Junior Technical Administrator at the Nortronics Corporation in Foxboro, and her two younger sons, Richard and Thomas are in elementary school there. We hear that all three are chess players.

Ruth Palmer Porter was visited by Pomfret friends last spring in California. She reported having recently enjoyed a trip to Alaska.

CLASS OF 1931

Secretary, Axel Johnson

Sylvia Collins Marcy lives in West Woodstock and keeps busy caring for her husband and family. She has two daughters, Corinne and Faith. Corinne will be returning to Chicago in the fall for another year at Moody Bible Institute where she is majoring in music.

Elsie Erickson lives in East Woodstock and is employed by the American Optical Company, Southbridge, Massachusetts. She works in a laboratory doing both secretarial and laboratory work.

Donald French and family live in Pomfret Center and he is the proprietor of the Pomfret Golf Club. He is also a foreman for the State Highway Department. Donald and Beatrice have three children. Gordon, their youngest, was runner-up in the state Jaycee golf tournament this year and will go to Denver, Colorado for the national tournament.

Raymond Hibbard is employed by the Linemaster Switch Corporation in South Woodstock. He lives in Woodstock and continues an active interest in music. Ray has a B.M. degree from the Hartt College of Music.

Axel Johnson lives in Woodstock with his wife and two children. He is employed by the American Optical Company, Southbridge, Mass.

Howard Johnson writes that he and his family moved to a farm in Westfield, Mass., last year where they raise calves and have two horses. Howard and his wife have five children and they are busy in 4-H work. He is Director of Marketing for Eastern States Farmers' Exchange in a new field, the cooperative marketing of farm products. He is in the Air Force Reserve and is Commander of the Support Group at Westover Field.

Thelma Johnson Ryerson lives in Litchfield, Connecticut, and teaches school in Bantam. She and her husband have 4 daughters and the oldest is attending Elon College, Elon, North Carolina.

Martha Kuper Cozzens and family live in Putnam. She has one daughter and keeps busy running the household.

Jane Lyon Morris and family live on Dudley Hill, Mass. Besides keeping house for her husband and two daughters, Jane is library assistant at Nichols College of Business Administration.

James Meehan continues farming in Woodstock. He and his wife have one

son and Jim is quite busy in town and political affairs. He was a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee for its entire duration.

Joseph Morse and family live in Webster, Mass., where he is superintendent of Packard Mills, Inc.

G. Alfred Wetherell keeps busy farming in East Woodstock and for the past year has also driven a school bus. He and Dorothy have a son and daughter.

CLASS OF 1932

Secretary, Geneva Cross White

Donald Child and wife, Edie, live at 205 Hibiscus Drive, Ridge Manor, Florida. As a building contractor, Don writes, "I came to Ridge Manor when there were about 15 homes, and have seen it grow to 300 at the present. You have to see Ridge Manor to enjoy its natural beauty, located at the corner of 301 and 50.

"As for my community activities—you see two years ago I was defeated for Mayor of our little town, and was sure glad of it, although very pleased that I was asked to run.

"Pat, our oldest, who, with her husband, Francis Szlosek, and their three sons and one daughter, are living in South Woodstock.

"Jacqueline is living in Worcester, Mass. with her husband, Warner Gardner, Jr. and their daughter, Deborah.

"Paul is here with us in the sunny south, where he is a freshman at Dade City High."

Dudley Gifford is employed at the Southbridge News, and is still busy with ceramics.

Elizabeth Gifford is working as a companion at 20 Mayhew St., Framingham, Mass.

Edna Hibbard is employed as a Psychiatric Aide at Mansfield Train-

ing School in Mansfield, Conn., and we imagine is very good at her work. Edna is organist at the North Woodstock church, too.

Frieda Kuper Nisi is a graduate of Fairchild Office School and lives with husband, Victor, and three children at 85 Wyoming Drive, Holden, Mass.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Flurence Neely Mulligan** over the loss of her husband in July. She lives at 8 Summer St., Southbridge, Mass.

Katherine Foskett is living in North Woodstock, and her address is Southbridge, Mass., R.F.D. #1.

Dorcas Johnson Morrison, R.N., lives at 310 May St., Worcester, Massachusetts with her husband James, and their five children.

Rosalma Lachapelle is Mrs. Russell Bates and resides in Indian Orchard, Mass. We received no recent news from her.

Evelyn Morgan Weimann is busy on Senexet Road caring for her son's (Gordon) nursery business, while he is in the service.

Laurence McWilliam as a building contractor, has done very well, as you can see if you should drive along Laurel Drive on the eastern side of Roseland Lake in South Woodstock.

Ida Sheldon Alexander lives at 1 William St., Dudley, Mass.

Sarah Zipkin continues to live at her home in Woodstock.

James R. Child lives in South Woodstock with his wife and three children. He is employed at the Danielson Manufacturing Company as a Quality Control Inspector. Jim is also active on the Boy Scout Committee in Woodstock.

Geneva Cross White is still a resident of Thompson, Conn.

We hope all members of the Class of '32 will make a special effort to attend the Reunion in '62, as it will be our 30th Reunion! ! If anyone has

the address of Mrs. Marjorie Tuttle, please send it to Geneva C. White.

CLASS OF 1933

Secretary, Anna Peterson Mellen

Dorothy Chapman Wetherell is a busy housewife and mother at Westview Farm in East Woodstock.

Evelyn Child Collins keeps busy as a housewife with spare time activities of making stuffed toys and candy for 'Sales for the Blind'. Evelyn's two children are married and she is a grandmother.

Henry T. Child and his family have moved to Florida. Henry is Farm Manager at Indian River Ranch, West Hollywood, Florida. His daughter, Virginia, has completed one year at the University of Florida.

Sophie Chrzan Kowalski is still at home on Senexet Road.

Esther Collins Fairfield is a busy homemaker in West Woodstock.

George Davis is still working at the American Optical Company in Southbridge, Massachusetts. George lives with his family in South Woodstock.

Elizabeth Kallgren Norman keeps busy caring for her family.

Helen Morris Delorme continues to live in Takoma, Maryland.

George Neely lives in East Woodstock with his wife and three children and works for the American Optical Company.

Anna Petersen Mellen is living in Woodstock with her two children and works at the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

Carl Ranta lives in West Woodstock and works as a mechanic at Marcy's Garage.

Edith Tourtellotte Child with her husband and son live in Florida. Their two daughters are married.

Marion Vredenburg Buckingham continues to live in Essex, Connecticut

and works as a private secretary to the president of the Heifetz Company in Clinton, Connecticut. Marion's two children are married. We extend our sympathy to her in the loss of her husband, who died in 1960.

Lloyd Williams is U.S. Agricultural Attache to Burma. Lloyd went to his new post in May 1961. His office is in the U.S. Embassy.

Dorothy Williams Bennett lives on Killingly Avenue, Putnam.

We regret to report the death of **Katherine Lancaster Kriegbaum** in 1958.

Ruth Young Lewis, Class of 1935, has served as editor of the news of the classes 1934 through 1939.

CLASS OF 1934

Secretary, Elizabeth Rawson

Evelyn Basto Davis reports that their two older children, Sandra and George, Jr. are both to be married this fall, in Sept. and Oct. We can see this will be a busy time for them.

Virginia Beams Gately continues to keep busy with her art work, and still lives on Long Island.

Ada Carlson Sprague keeps busy with her family and outside activities at their home on Kenmore Road in Bloomfield. Their two sons are now teen-agers. This summer Ada and her family have been staying at Pond Factory in English Neighborhood.

Mary Hibbard is at home in North Woodstock, and is employed in the office at Linemaster Switch Corporation in South Woodstock. Mary studied nights at the Worcester School of Business Science previous to taking her present job.

The class of 1934 and his many friends were saddened to hear of the death of **Homer Johnson**, this summer. Homer and May, with their five children, lived at Hudson Falls, New York, on a large dairy farm.

Hilda Kuper Neal is working in Belding Hemingway in Putnam and caring for husband Dick and three sons. Hilda is also active in her church organizations, so we are sure she's a very busy person.

Mary Meehan has left the American Optical Company, and now teaches the sixth grade in Mystic, Conn. We are glad to know that Mary has decided to join the ranks of much-needed teachers.

Elizabeth Rawson is at home in North Woodstock and works in the Admissions Office at the University of Conn. One of the interesting things about the job is the requests received from children of people who were in the Academy in the thirties! Sometimes it comes as quite a shock to find how time has passed.

Onni Rutanen still lives on Woodstock Road, Southbridge.

Sumner Spence continues his medical practice in Texas, and teaches at two different colleges. Though Sumner is far from Woodstock, he remembers fondly the town, people and Academy and hopes to make the 30th reunion of our class. Sumner has joined the ranks of grandparent as his oldest daughter has a baby girl.

Bernard Sumner and his wife have a little daughter, Margaret Rose, born Dec. 9, 1957. Their oldest child, Sandra, graduated from Glastonbury High School last June and is now employed at the Aetna Life Insurance Company in Hartford.

Wilma Taylor Pascoe and family live in Pascoag, Rhode Island and Wilma writes that their oldest daughter, Deborah, will enter the University of Rhode Island this fall.

Bertha Tourtellotte Martel has moved from New Hampshire to St. Petersburg, Florida. Their three daughters are all married and Bertha is the grandmother of five. Daughter

Jean lives in Portsmouth with her husband and four children, while the rest of the family are all in the South.

Frank Young has retired from farming since the last Gleaner was published, and now is a carpenter. He also serves on the Boy Scout Council and is Superintendent of Cattle at the Woodstock Agricultural Society. Frank and Anita's older daughter, Mary Ann, graduated from the Academy this year.

CLASS OF 1935

Secretary, Olga Kallgren Johnson

Raymond Anderson continues to live in Stratford, Connecticut and is an aeronautical engineer.

Beatrice Booth Hutchinson continues to live in Florida. She has moved from Clearwater and is now in Dunedin.

Miriam Child Bachand makes her home in Worcester. She and her husband have two children, Henry Arthur and Shirley Ann. Miriam attended the Fairchild's and Worcester School of Comptometry.

Herman Fersenheim lives in Woodstock Valley and is still working at the Tatem Manufacturing Company in Eastford.

Kenneth Ekman is employed as an auto body mechanic at Jackson Ford Sales in Oxford, Mass. He and Gladys live in North Woodstock. They have one son, Robert James who started school at the Academy this fall.

May Foskett Johnson lives on a dairy farm in Glens Falls, New York. She has five children who are active in 4-H work. We extend our sincere sympathy to May on the loss of her husband, Homer.

Veronica Hibbard of North Woodstock attended the Worcester School of Business Science where she was enrolled in the night course. She also

attended Annhurst College in South Woodstock for one semester. Veronica is employed at the Woodstock Town Clerk's office.

Olga Kallgren Johnson lives in East Woodstock with her husband and two children, Richard and Barbara. She is a laboratory technician at the Day Kimball Hospital.

Anita Klausen Young lives in South Woodstock. In addition to her duties as a housewife, Anita is a substitute clerk at the South Woodstock Post Office. She is also treasurer of the 4-H camp committee.

Edna Mattocks Lemanski and her husband make their home in Harrisville. Edna is employed in the laboratory at the Putnam Hertzl Finishing Company.

Dorothy Neely Baker lives with her father in her lovely home in East Woodstock. She is employed at the Woodstock Town Hall where she does clerical work.

Elizabeth Spalding Guertin lives in Woodstock. She attended the Connecticut Institute of Hairdressing and she writes that she is as busy as ever with her profession. Elizabeth's daughter, Joan, is a junior at the Academy and planned to attend the Connecticut Institute of Hairdressing for two months during the summer.

Charles Vaida says he is busy on his farm in Phoenixville trying to raise some good black and white cows. He is a member of the Pure Bred Holstein Association and is active in its youth program. His wife is a teacher in the Eastford school system and his oldest son is with the Air Force, stationed in Paris.

Clara Walker Downs makes her home in Fairfield where she is a home economics teacher. Clara received her B.S. degree from the University of Connecticut in 1939 and is now working for her M.S. degree at the University

of Bridgeport. In addition to her duties as a teacher, Clara writes that she is an advisor to their new chapter of P.T.A. Clara has two children, Bradford and Margaret. Margaret was married last Thanksgiving day to Robert DeGernaro.

Ruth Young Lewis lives in Eastford where she is the postmaster. Ruth and Keith have 3 daughters, Nancy, Joanne, and Susan. Nancy attended Central Connecticut State College and is presently employed at the principal's office at the Woodstock Elementary School. Joanne graduated from the Academy in June and Susan is in the class of '62.

No news was received from: **Luella Carpenter Kristoff, Arthur Morse, Franklin Roberts, Ella Skinner Isley, and Nadgy Shisko Verrillo.**

CLASS OF 1936

Secretary, Louise Hibbard

Sven Arvidson says that he and his brother are kept very busy on the farm. He still finds time to be very active in 4-H and the Church.

We are sorry that there was no news from **Geoffrey Beams.**

Nancy Bjornberg says that she still keeps busy in Woodstock.

We are sorry that we received no news from **Harold Goldman.**

Besides caring for her family **Dorothy Harper Hlavaz** is a practical nurse and Beauty Consultant at Hillshire Farms, Dayville, Conn. She thought her friends would like to know that the creams, lotions and soaps are made from goats' milk. There were only two members of the 25 year class at the Reunion; Dot was one.

Louise Hibbard was the other member of the class at the Reunion. Both Louise and Dot wished that more of the class could have been there. Lou-

ise is working at Senexet House, in South Woodstock.

Jane Johnson Neumann and **Burt** have added another son to their family since the last issue of the Gleaner. **Robbie** was born Feb. 17, '57. With four children we know that **Jane** keeps busy. **Jane** recommends her fascinating craft of authentic early American decoration on old tin and furniture, which she is learning as a hobby, for her New England classmates and friends.

We hear that **Alice Johnson Anderson** and her husband have turned a cow barn into a beautiful home. Besides doing most of the work themselves they find time for gardens, too. They can be found in North Windham, Conn.

We didn't get a reply from **Lois Johnson Janse** but we hear that their oldest daughter is married and has a baby, making **Lois** a grandmother. We believe she is the first in the class. Congratulations **Lois**.

Lillian Kuper Taylor and family are still living in Willimantic. **Lillian** is a waitress at the Pomfret Inn.

Anna Kallgren is a nurse at Day Kimball Hospital, Putnam, Conn.

Rachel Kiuru Fleagle says that from now on they will be spending their summers at their house in West Woodstock. They all love it here, and two of their children have been to Camp Woodstock this summer. Since the last Gleaner they have moved from Pennsylvania to Wilton, Conn.

Keith Lewis is manager of Connecticut Turnpike Service Stations in Plainfield. He also drives the school bus from Eastford to Woodstock Academy.

Betty Perrin is Secretary to the Store Superintendent at G. Fox and Company, Hartford, Conn. during the week but spends most of her week-ends at her home in West Woodstock.

Scott Petersen is at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co., Hartford, and lives in East Woodstock.

Since the last issue of the Gleaner **Lillian Reese Graves** and **Bert** have had their second son. **Glenn** was born April 3, 1959. Besides caring for her family she finds time to be an Avon representative.

Besides keeping up with a very active family **Augusta Starr Swanberg** works at Masin's Lunch Counter, South Woodstock.

Lillian Salling Calhoon is secretary at Calloway Mfg. Co., Murray, Ky. She is also an active member of Church of Christ, Murray, Ky. Her husband's occupation - Calhoon and Speight Motor Sales - Retail and Wholesale - Used cars. **Lillian** says that Mrs. Gwen Withers Potter, class of 1940, visited her in April.

Sorry - no news of **Norman Skinner** except we hear that his address is now Branford, Conn.

Sorry - No news of **Tessie Smoolca Tichon**.

The **Joseph Spaldings** still live in Santa Ana, California. We hear that they had a wonderful time on a tour to Europe by jet this summer.

Presly Wetherell is a Sales Agent (Textile Plant Findings) (Wetherell Sales Co., Atlanta 19, Ga.). **Pres** says that he travels four states (N.C., S.C., Ga. and Ala.) contacting Textile Plants and Converters. He is also active in church, school, and 4-H work. He is tenor soloist in 1st Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.

No news of **Ann Zipkin Pearl** and family except that they are still living in Worcester, Mass.

CLASS OF 1937

Secretary, **Paul Spalding**

Herman Barlow and wife, **Jean**, make their home in Eastford and they have five children; **David**, **Glenn**,

Bruce, Herm, Jr., Dennis. Herman is a partner in a hardware store at Storrs, Conn.

Doris Beams Boyd is living with her husband and two daughters at 12 Flagstaff Hill Terrace, Canton, Mass. Doris is a Camp Fire leader and chairman of the Canton & Sharon District of the Greater Boston Council of Camp Fire Girls. She is Chairman of the Veterans Hospital Service and the Canton Garden Club.

Marjorie Brown. We received no reply from Marjorie.

George Chilkott. No reply.

Norine Durrin Anderson continues to live in Hazardville, Conn.

Anna Floeting Frost makes her home at Twin Hills Dr., R.F.D. #4, North Coventry. She is leading a busy life with home, job, and clubs. She has two children, Everett and Diane. Everett is a physics major in his third year at U. of C. in Storrs. Diane is a senior at Manchester High and hopes to be a Phys. Ed. teacher. Anna worked at several insurance companies, but is now with the Pratt & Whitney Windsor plant doing I.B.M. tabulating machine and key punch work for Spare Parts Technical Dept. She is a member of the League of Women Voters, Order of Eastern Star, the Manchester Couples Club of Coventry Congregational Assoc. and Campers and Trailers.

John Russell Foote and Irene are living at 671 Prospect St., Elmhurst, Illinois with their three children, Gary, Serena, Deane. Russ is a purchasing agent for Argonne National Laboratory, the nation's Senior Atomic Energy Research Center.

Laurence Foote, Jr.'s family consists of six "Footes" or (2 yards); Madelene, his wife, Richard, Steven, Cynthia and Larinda. Their home is at Bailey Drive, North Branford, Ct. He is now Chief Accountant and Credit Manager of the Flexible Tub-

ing Corp. in Guilford, Conn. He is a member of the Cub Scout Committee.

Warner Gardner continues to live in North Woodstock and is employed as a carpenter.

Robert Goldman and family reside at 33 Banbury Lane, Bloomfield. His work in the Dept. of Agriculture consists of market news, reporting on agricultural products, promotion of Connecticut's agricultural products, public relations work with farm groups and people who are in food distribution.

Henry Johnson is in the Woodstock area (R.F.D. 2, Putnam) and is the father of three children; Robert, Linda Ann, and Richard. Henry is a Lens Grinder at A.O. in Southbridge, Mass. He is also a constable for the town of Woodstock. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942-1945 and is now with the U.S.A.F. Reserve.

Frances Piecyk Klukowski is a housewife in Willimantic at 94 North St. She was married in 1944 to Henry Klukowski who is an accountant auditor for the U. of C. Frances and Henry have one daughter, Frances Ann.

Susan Latham Clark is a Senior Scout Leader in Yardley, Pa. where she makes her home at 42 Sutphin Road with her husband, Donald, and three children, Charles, Margaret and Cathy. Son Charles graduated from high school this year and expected to enter Worcester Polytechnic Inst. in September.

Geneva Lemanski Daigle's daughter Jerri will be a senior at W.A. this year and Christine, a freshman. Geneva and Aime live in Woodstock and Geneva works at A.O. as an assembler.

Steve Morse is Sales Manager for the N.Y.C. North American Van Lines. He and his wife Vera and three children, Kit, Stephen and Christopher live at 9 Evergreen Ave. in Westport.

Arthur Newth is living in Eastford. He and his wife, Ruth, have a son, David. Arthur is self employed in construction work.

Helen Ranta is at home in Woodstock Valley and working in the office of the Frank Parizek Co.

Laura Rutanan Monahan. We received no word from Laura.

Paul Spalding was married in 1950 to Avis Frink (class of '49). They own and operate a dairy farm on Joy Road in Woodstock. They have three children; Susan, Sabin and Wayne.

Charles Sandison. No reply.

Charles Saltonstall makes his home in East Woodstock.

Jennie Shisko. No reply.

Gladys Willis Davis is teaching 6th grade in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Her home is at Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Anna Young Cramer is living in White Bear Lake, Minn. (2586 Martin Way). Her husband, Loren, is with the Postal Dept. and Anna has been in the Underwriting Dept. of the Minn. Mutual Life Ins. Co. of St. Paul for the last two years. Her two boys are in junior high school.

CLASS OF 1938

Secretary, Eleanor Wallen Strand

Beatrice Arvidson lives in Springfield, Mass. where she is employed by the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company. Last summer Bea toured Sweden, Norway, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

Pearl Barlow Wicks and family of four children reside in Hampton, Ct.

Margaretha Bennett Guertin is now a proud grandmother. Congratulations Greta.

Hazel Barrington Chappell keeps busy caring for her two children and does bookkeeping for her husband's lumber business. She has also served eight years on the School Board in Union.

Irene Bosworth Foote is vice-president of the P.T.A. in Elmhurst, Illinois and her oldest son, Gary, is attending Dartmouth College.

C. Franklyn Buell has 120 head of purebred Jerseys on his farm and recently was awarded the state 4-H Alumni Award for 18 years as a 4-H club leader.

Catherine Cox Perry has her own restaurant in Eastford, Conn.

Elizabeth Cox Leao resides in Middletown, Conn. where she is employed as a chemist in Research and Development work in the field of Emission Spectrography, at CANEL-AN AEC installation in Middletown.

Conrad Collins with wife and four children now live in Northville, N.Y. where he is Minister of the Northville Baptist Church.

Anna Chernushek Bombeto lives in Hartford. Her daughter is in third year of high school and takes violin lessons at Hartt School of Music.

Marie Carlage Bednarz lives with husband and two sons in Putnam, Ct.

Elmer Fairfield and wife Grace have two daughters, Amber Lee, 11, and Heather, 4.

Ruth Gurwitz Dorfman lives in Newton Center, Mass. and besides caring for husband and two sons, is employed as an office nurse.

Chandler Hibbard has two children in high school, one in grammar school and the latest addition is Linda, 22 months old. They also have a 12 year old girl, Margaret, who is part of their family.

Clarissa Hall Ravenelle lives in Moosup, Conn. and has two children, Christopher 4, and Marjorie, 2.

Myrtle Johnson Thomas besides caring for her husband and 3 children (Holly is the newest addition, 5) has been teaching Art in the Albany schools. This past summer the Thomases were driving across the United

States, taking in many interesting and educational highlights.

Sybil Joy Morse and family reside in Hampton, Conn. Her oldest son, Tony, is in the Navy, and Larry enters Windham High this fall.

Anna Kiuru Abell lives in Arlington, Mass. and attends Boston University - College of Liberal Arts. Expects to graduate in Jan. '62 with A.B. degree.

Frances Latham Black and family live in Brooklyn, N.Y., spending most of their summer weekends in Eastford. Frances is a Girl Scout leader of a Junior High Troop.

Irene Lachapelle McMenemy has eight children, Teresa 4, Debra 2, and a new little girl that arrived August 5th being the newest members. Her oldest son attends college, majoring in Science and Math.

Francis Logee has six children, Mark 4 and Tracy 2, the newest members of the family.

Katherine Meehan McEvoy lives in Putnam and has two children, James 3, and Mary 1.

Helen Peterson Carlson resides in North Woodstock.

Mary Rosyar Navratil busy with her family works as part-time secretary at Allapattah Elem. & Jr. High school in Florida and is also a branch counselor for Miami Daily News, supervising nine boys.

Joyce Townsend Collins and **Sylvia Townsend** have our sincere sympathy in the recent loss of their mother.

Frank Vaida lives in Danielson, Ct. and is employed by the Conn. Light & Power Co.

Eleaor Wallen Strand works in the cafeteria of Woodstock Elementary school. Stephen 8 is in 3rd grade and Kathleen, 11, passed away in June, 1961, a victim of leukemia.

Pauline Warchol is married and lives in Southbridge, Mass.

Carla Carpenter McLaughlin. Would love to hear of or from her!

CLASS OF 1939

Secretary, Mary Todd Grennau

Carolyn Piecyk Tanajes is busy caring for her husband and two daughters, Carol Lynn and Beth Ellen in their Phoenixville home.

Mildred Bosworth Kuper is a busy homemaker in East Woodstock where her husband runs a dairy farm. The Kupers have five children.

Mary Todd Grennan is presently teaching in Putnam. The Grennans have two children, Maureen 14, and Michael 6.

Louise Roy Champney is currently serving as President of the Woodstock Parent-Teachers' Association. The Champneys have three children, Ronald, Frances and Dennis.

Ruth Johnson Norman is a busy housewife caring for her two sons, Clayton 11 and Carl 9, as well as helping her husband with their greenhouse business.

Ruby Creapo Rzeznikiewicz is residing with her husband and children, Alan and Linda, in Brooklyn.

Alice Hunter Irwin lives in Hartford. Alice has two sons, Norman and Paul.

Alfred Sheldon works for Place Motor Company. The Sheldons have a son, Alan, and live in Putnam.

Clarence Fairfield was working at The Mansfield Training School at last report.

Marian Hopkins is home on the farm in West Woodstock.

Lottie Colburn Amberg is a busy housewife now residing in Riviera Beach, Florida. The Ambergs have four children: Charlotte, Harry, Alfred and Sandra.

William Floeting is an Instrument Engineering Assistant now living in Columbia. The Floetings have a daughter, Linda.

Barbara Cooley Peters, her husband Edward and their three children, Kenneth, Edward and Cindy live in Northlake, Illinois. We were sorry to hear of the loss of their daughter Susan.

Alexander Fabian is assistant treasurer of the Tolland Savings Bank. Esther and Alex have three children, Alexander, Jr., Richard and Thomas.

Sidney Bell is living in Putnam but we did not receive any news from him.

Alice Potter Whitten has moved to North Las Vegas, Nevada. The Whitens have three children.

Alexander Smoolca, married this summer, runs a dairy farm in Eastford.

Harvey Gobin is now teaching high school in Bradenton, Florida. The Gobins have four children.

Mitchell Vaida is a District Manager for a New Jersey Insurance company.

No word has been received from **Marguerite Marvin Raboy** or **Harold Dodge**.

Lois Gagnon Walker reports for the classes of 1940-1961.

CLASS OF 1940

Secretary, Dorothy S. Johnson

Gladys Withers Ekman is a busy housewife and mother. She and husband Ken live in North Woodstock. Their son, Robert, is a freshman at Woodstock Academy.

Ruth E. Ranta, our career girl, writes from Forest Hills, Long Island. She is secretary to the manager of Terminal Freight Handling Co. This is affiliated with Sears, Roebuck Co.

Marjorie Newth Chvirko keeps house for her husband, William, and two

daughters. He is a dairy farmer and their address is Pomfret Center, R.F.D., Conn.

Frances Neely Williams is the proud mother of eight children, six boys and two girls. She and her husband, Donald, make their home in Charlton, Mass. Her many friends were deeply saddened by the news that Frances' oldest boy died from leukemia this year.

Arline Young MacFarlane and her husband Robert live in Eastford, Ct. She is an attendant at Mansfield State School and Hospital where she has been employed for nine years. Arline and Bob have three children.

Dorothy Nelson Beadle writes from Waterbury, Conn., where she is a housewife and also secretary to the Pickett Drug Company. Her husband, Richard, is president of the company and they claim to have one of the few drive-in prescription windows in the state. Dick is treasurer of the Waterbury Pharmaceutical Association and they have three daughters.

Anna Mae Goodhall Pallanck sends her address: R.F.D., Stafford Springs. Her husband, Ermen, is 1st Selectman of Union, Conn.

Aleda Williams Sochor and her husband, Victor, live in Thompson, Conn. She is a busy housewife and mother of three girls; she raises Mexican Chihuahuas as a hobby!

Priscilla Spence Hall now lives in Miami, Florida. She is a secretary for a public relations agency there and writes: "It's another education!" She plays the Hammond organ, sometimes professionally, and keeps a home for her husband Allen, an officer with the Federal Savings Bank.

Dorothy Saltonstall Johnson lives in North Woodstock, keeping house for her husband Walter, and three children. Her daughter is a junior at Woodstock Academy and a Cheery

Aide at Day Kimball Hospital. Her two boys attend Woodstock Elementary School. Dot worked as a part-time assistant in the school cafeteria for two years.

William Spalding is living in Lincoln, Nebraska. Bill came East recently and this secretary was fortunate in seeing him. Bill looks very well and enjoys his work as a test engineer at the nuclear power facility out there. He and Betty Jane have three children, John, Frederick and Sally.

Anna Johnson Bonham sent no news personally, but she was a recent visitor to Woodstock from her home in Norwood, Mass. Anna and husband Irving have a new daughter since the last Gleaner, which makes four Bonham children. Anna keeps busy at the piano, playing at recitals and local organizations.

Henry Joy sent no written news, but we know he's a busy man and we all see him here in Woodstock. He's still "Bachelor Bob."

Proctor Foote is a mechanic for Jackson Ford Sales in Oxford, Mass. He and Alice have four children and they live on Federal Hill Road in Oxford.

William Latham continues to live in Eastford, where he has his own business, The Latham Oil Co.

Frances Laukevich Travinski is living on County Road in Woodstock. She and her husband have three boys, Joseph, Stephen and Michael.

There was no word from **Clement Barlow** and **Gwendolyn Withers Potter**.

CLASS OF 1941

Secretary, Margaret Bosworth Logee

Bertha Johnson Brown lives in Oxford, Mass. with her husband and two children, Douglas and Ruth.

Albert Logee is an electronic technician with the Conn. Air National

Guard. He and Nonie Witter Logee and their two children, Karen, 16, and David, 12, live in West Granby, Conn.

Dorothy Hopkins Watson has three children, Patricia, June and Donald. She and her family live in Randolph, Mass. where Dottie does part-time nursing.

Virginia Cole Mitchell has four children, Thomas, David, Jane and Kathleen. She and her husband Joseph and family live in Norwood, Mass. We were glad to see that Ginnie and Dottie made our 20th reunion this year.

Carroll Piecyk is a central office repairman for the S.N.E. Telephone Co. He and his wife Helen, and daughter Vicki, live in Phoenixville.

Antoinette Rathbone Mather now resides in Deep River, Conn. She is co-owner of the Mather Insurance Agency. She is busy in local club work and has the distinction of being the first grandmother in the class of '41. Her step-daughter, Marilyn, is the mother of 2 children. Antoinette's other children include Richard, 23, Faline, 18, and Jane and Paul, 15.

Helen Rosyar Ference lives in Stafford Springs with her husband George and three children, James 9, Louise 4, and Thomas, 1 year.

Rita Roy Cutler and seven children live in Pomfret, Conn. Rita has a full time job being a mother and housewife.

Barbara Barrett lives in East Woodstock and operates a highly popular Beauty Salon in Southbridge, Mass. Barbara and her mother toured Europe this fall.

Jane Danielson lives in East Woodstock and is employed as a lab technician in the office of Dr. David Bates.

Albert Durrin works for a newspaper in Fitchburg, Mass. He and his wife have two children.

Emily Young Bunnell and her family live in Eastford. Emily and Wayne

welcomed a new baby recently, bringing the total to five.

Solomon Andert is still a Captain with the Merchant Marine.

Jack Rooke was recently appointed Adult Education Supervisor of the Norwich Regional Vocation Technical School. Good work, Jack! Jack and Peg and their three children live in Jewett City, Conn.

Ida Zipkin Bernstein, her husband and son, Bruce 13, have recently moved back to Woodstock. Glad to have them back at the Old Homestead!

Margaret Bosworth Logee and husband Fran now have six children. Peter 17, Christine 13, Jonathan 11, Curtis 9, Mark 4, and Tracy 2. They live on the Logee poultry farm in East Woodstock, Conn.

Grace Johnson Fairfield lives with her husband Elmer and two daughters in a lovely new home in East Woodstock.

Esther Meehan Hall lives with her husband Jim on their farm in Woodstock. Jim and Esther have eight children.

Albert Todd and his family have recently moved to West Woodstock. Al is the Assistant State Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He travels the state as a fieldman. Al is also a busy member of the Woodstock Academy Alumni Association.

Marilyn Shead Peterson and her husband Scott, live in North Woodstock. They have a son, Scott.

Doris Bosworth Shead has three children. She and her husband recently built a new home in Eastford.

The Class of '41 was saddened this year to learn of the deaths of two of its members, **John Kiuru** and **Elva Keith Sumner**.

No news this year of **Dick Gobin**, believed to still be residing in Worcester; **Fred Wilcox**, **Rosalie Kempain**

Gwizdala, **Rudy Kempain**, **Raymond Herrick** or **Francis Sullivan Mastrendro**.

CLASS OF 1942

Secretary, Evelyn Johnson Eddy

George Barrett is a successful farm manager in Chandler District. He was married to Cecilia Angelo in 1958 and they have three children: Diane, David and baby Constance.

Wayne Bunnell who resides in Eastford with his wife, Emily, is now employed in Plainfield. They were very happy to add another member, a son, Ross, to their family this past summer. The Bunnell's have five children.

Juliette Collins is now Head Nurse of the Newborn Nursery at the Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam.

Laura Reynolds DeLaura is now living in West Willington, with her husband, Gilbert, a surveyor, and a daughter, Nancy, aged three and one half years. The DeLaura's were in California on their 6 weeks' vacation early in the Spring, and traveling by car, saw the beautiful city of Los Angeles, the Grand Canyon, the White Sands in New Mexico, a large ranch in Arizona, the Rockies, and many other interesting places.

Eva Broughton Dinsdale keeps busy as bookkeeper for her husband, Kenneth, who has his own plumbing business; and they reside in Putnam with their daughter, Pamela. They enjoyed the summer at their new cottage on Quasset Lake.

Thurston and Evelyn (Johnson) Eddy and their three children Ralph, Steven and Kathy spent the summer of 1960 (July and August) in Southern California, living with Evelyn's aunt and uncle. They were greatly impressed with the Southwest, especially with Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Los Angeles, California, Disneyland, Marineland, Hollywood and Beverly Hills,

Pasadena, San Fernando Valley (where they visited Bill and Betty Spalding), Hoover Dam, and the Rockies. Thurston is employed with P. Wajer and Sons Express Co. in Webster, Mass.

Eileen Marcy Gardner is living with her husband, Warner on a large farm in North Woodstock where her interests are many and fruitful. In the last few years she has been experimenting with hens which keeps her busy delivering eggs; and also growing new varieties and new types of flowers and garden products. Eileen is also active in the South Woodstock Baptist Church groups.

Dorothy Place Guertin is a housewife and mother of three children living in Putnam with her husband, an electrician.

George Howlett resides with his family in Riviera, Florida.

David Joy works at the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Co. and is now living in East Windsor.

Phyllis Racine Kuper and her family live on their large farm in North Woodstock. They have three children: Daniel, Kenneth and Lorraine. Phyllis, a Sunday School Teacher at the North Woodstock Church, and secretary of the North Ladies' Aid, is also an active member of the Home Economics Group.

Nonie Witter Logee is an active church member in West Granby and a member of the Auxiliary of Lost Acres Volunteer Fire Dept. An able homemaker, she cares for her husband and children, Karen and David.

Ina Witter Pasay lives in her new home in East Woodstock with her husband, Keaton, who works for the Telephone Company, and their children, Lynda and Gregory. Ina and Keaton are active in local organizations, especially in the Square Dance Club.

Oliva Roy is employed by Pratt &

Whitney Aircraft Co., and he and his wife make their home in Willimantic.

Beatrice Townsend Solomkin and three children are now living in Hartford.

George Willis is married and living in Shelton.

We were unable to locate **Ewald Ratasep** and would appreciate getting his address.

Other members of the class who left before 1942, but with whom we are still in contact are:

Victoria Staveski Antos, lives in Webster, Mass., with her husband and three children. Vickie's daughter, Evelyn, is attending Annhurst College and expects to become a teacher. Vickie is a final inspector for Webster Lens.

Alice Hall Desaulnier has a family of five children and lives in Harrisville with her husband, Bill.

CLASS OF 1943

Secretary, Arline Marvin Bowen

Hester Carpenter Green married Joe, a former classmate, and they live in West Willington, Conn. They have five children: Ralph, 14, Alfred, 13, Melvin, 10, Beverly, 7, and Nancy, 5. Besides her family to care for, and their many club activities, Hester does the bookkeeping for her husband's business, Green's Garage, in Ashford, Conn.

Frederick Clair and family reside in North Woodstock, Conn. Fred and Connie have a son, Danny, 8. Fred is employed at the Simplex Co. in Providence, R.I. The "Clair interest" in horses is showing again as there are two beautiful Morgans roaming the pasture. P.S. The Clair's have added to their family. A daughter, Michelle, was born just before we went to press.

Stewart Dodge. We have not received any recent personal note from Stu but we understand that he is living in

Ithaca, N.Y., his wife's name is Joan and they have one child, Marlo. He has his Ph.D., and has been Associate Professor in English at Cortland State Teachers College. If you care to contact him, try 915 Dryden Rd., Ithaca.

Ernest Freelove has his own home in South Woodstock and is caretaker for the Linemaster Switch Co. We continue to take note of your marital status, Ernie!

Elizabeth Frink lives and works in Hartford, Conn. Betty is with the Phoenix of Hartford Insurance Companies, the accounts department.

Loretta Herre Lyon has four children: Albert, 8, Robert, 5, Bruce, 4, and Ricky 1. Loretta married Albert Lyon, a former classmate, and they have their own home in West Woodstock. Albert is service manager for Warren's Garage in Eastford.

Carlton Hibbard and wife Dorothy live in West Thompson. They have four children: Loring, 7, Bryant, 6, Richard, 2, and Joann is almost one. Carlton is still farming with some time left to be Capt. of the Muddybrook Fire Dept. He writes that he is a past master of the Senexet Grange.

Robert Johnson at the present is spending his time between North Woodstock and Hudson Falls, N.Y., where he is helping with the management of his late brother's farm.

Isabel Lazur Langer, our own R.N. from the School of Nursing at UConn, is now a full-time housewife. Izzy and husband Frank make their home in Woodstock, and they have two little girls: Patricia, 7, and Kathleen, 4.

Arline Marvin Bowen and family reside in Eastford. Arline and Spen have three children: Nancy, 9½, Marjorie, 6, and Stephen, 2½. It looks as though we have a "third generation" of the auto business coming along as young Stephen is possessed over four-wheeled vehicles.

Irene Mason Williams and husband Wade make their home in Apopka, Florida. Irene is the mother of five children: Louise, 14, Mildred, 5, Carol, 3½, Barbara, 2, and Wadean is almost one.

Helen Ratasep Luchuck has one child, a son, and she makes her home in Huntington Station, Long Island.

Albert George Staveski and wife Marjorie live in North Woodstock. They have two daughters, Susan and Kim. George works for the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Co.

Ruth Sundstrom lives in Chicago, Ill., where she is secretary for a contracting firm. Some of Ruth's time is spent preparing material for a Sunday School class she teaches.

Jean Trepal Barlow and husband Herman make their home in Eastford. They are the parents of five little ones; David, 11, Glenn, 10, Bruce, 7, Herman, 5, and Dennis 2½. With five boys and a large house to care for, we wonder how many "spare" moments Jean has!

Edna West Blair and family live in Glastonbury, Conn. Edna and Lennie are the parents of three children; Randy, 13, Timothy, 11, and Lori, 7.

Marjorie Withers Potter lives in Auburn, Mass. with her husband Arthur and their four children; Steven, 13, Daniel, 10, Kathleen, 8, and Gary, 6. Marjorie writes that her son Steven plays saxophone in the school band, and that she is an Avon representative.

CLASS OF 1944

Secretary, Phyllis Hagstrom

Irene French Anderson lives on Star Route, South Woodstock. She is kept busy caring for her husband, Clifford, daughters Katherine and Janet, and son, Raymond.

Marjorie Logee James is the mother of six children: Douglas, Carol, Wendy Sue, Melodie Ann, Serena, and April Mae. At the present they are living in Chateauroux, France where her husband is serving with the Air Force. Marjorie writes that she does Girl Scout work. We imagine she keeps rather busy caring for her large family.

Muriel Marcy Sandness lives in South Woodstock. She is a housewife and the mother of two daughters, Susan, 10, and Gina, 6.

Alice Johnson Foote and husband, Proctor, a 1940 W.A. graduate, live on Federal Hill Road, in Oxford, Mass. The Footes have four little Footes, Timothy, Andrew, Matthew, and Amy.

Walter Johnson lives in North Woodstock with wife, Dorothy, and sons, Richard and Alan. He is active in the Fire Department and presently is employed as a truck driver; "moving North American, 9 States and Canada."

Helen Marquis Spink is a housewife in Eastford, Conn. She has three children, Priscilla, Ellsworth, Jr., and Peter.

George White served in the Army from 1950-1952. He is married to Joyce Brolin and operates a farm in West Woodstock. They have two children, Cindy, 4, and Windsor, 2.

Phyllis Johnson Hagstrom has given up her nursing career for the present to keep house for husband, Robert, and three children: Karen, Greta, and Brian at her Woodstock home. She was the Local and State Champion Cake Contest Winner in 1958.

Marion Paine Morin was not heard from directly but we hear that she lives in Dixon, Illinois and is the mother of two girls, Kathy and Patty.

We are sorry we received no news from **Esther Colburn Straus, Ruth Downing** and **Elsie Floeting Bates**.

Jaunita Todd Spencer is living in Hampton, Conn. and is teaching at the Eastford Elementary School.

Fred Morgan lives in Putnam, and **Franklin Newth's** address is R.F.D. #1, Putnam.

CLASS OF 1945

Secretary, Lois Kenyon Brush

Sixteen years ago girls wore long bobs, short skirts, their brother's jackets and heavy silver identification bracelets. The fellows were pretty much up to date with pineapple clips, a lack of cars, and not much interest in girls. Nineteen students started high school in 1941 during the war. There were fourteen girls and five boys ... did you realize? Of these five fellows two brought dates to their Senior Reception — the other three came stag!

The class graduated with about sixty dollars. We didn't get a trip to Washington, much less to Putnam for a soda. But we made up for it in other ways. We hung May baskets and covered miles of ground, often just making it back for the school bus. The tradition no longer continues. We gave plays and musicals, argued with teachers, sat on our desks eating apples, matured a little, and aged spunky Miss Perkins as she marched down the hall, ruler in hand, after those five big gangling Senior boys. The class president did not learn how to dance until the day of the dance, and the Grand March became very complicated and had to be lead out of the gym. But we did **all** graduate in 1945, with two boys enlisting in the service.

Here is what happened to us in sixteen years.

STATUS: Sixteen of us have married, the average age being twenty years. No one married a classmate, and only two people married Academy graduates. We have thirty-one children, ranging in age from two to

fifteen years. Two members have remarried and one classmate died in 1951.

SERVICE: Our boys served in the Army, Navy and Marines.

EDUCATION: Five members went to college. Woodstock Academy was represented at the University of Connecticut, Annhurst College, Pembroke, St. Francis Hospital of Nursing, Lassel and Tufts Dental School. One student, Aileen Karhu Asselin is now attending the University of Arizona working toward a degree in teaching. We have one Masters Degree in the field of education. Other students have taken courses in the technical and secretarial fields.

RESIDENCE: Five members of our class live in the home town area. We live in various towns and cities in Conn., Mass., R.I., New York, and as far west as Arizona.

PROFESSIONS: We have a dentist, two school teachers, an office manager and assistant treasurer, a draftsman, a dairy farmer and a toolmaker. We have mothers working part time in the secretarial and nursing fields. And we have a volunteer Fire Chief, and one deputy!

On June 18th, 1960, at our fifteen reunion, seven of us sat at the Banquet table under a banner dated 1945. We were: **Vivian Dodge Cheney, Oden Johnson, Charles Cady, Donald Shead, Edythe Wagnell McKown, Kenneth Marvin and Lois Kenyon Brush.** We all knew each other right away, well maybe after a few side glances. And there was a genuine pleasure in talking to the friends you spent four years of your growing up with. And as you looked around the campus and the steeple clock chimed the hour of nine, I think we all had the feeling, "is it possible ... fifteen years." During the evening each of us must have had the feeling of being a Senior on graduation night ... if only for a se-

cond. And as we walked the dimly lighted halls and peeped into former classrooms we wished our twelve fellow members were with us. After all we were the brightest, most intelligent, best looking graduating class of 1945 ... all nineteen.

Elizabeth Bixby Brandt is living at 9 Anne Drive, Box 265, Lanesboro, Mass. Betti and Lee have four children.

Charles Cady and family live in East Woodstock where he is a farmer.

Vivian Dodge Cheney makes her home in Holden, Mass.

Gloria Dumas Fisher can be reached at 29 Morin Ave., Danielson, Conn.

Sylvia Erickson is living in Suffield, Mass.

Arlene French Bowen is a busy homemaker in Eastford.

Oden Johnson is a dentist and has his office on Rt. 83, Talcottville Rd., Vernon, Conn.

Joanne Johnson Baker resides in Babylon, N. Y.

Aileen Karhu Asselin's address is Box 784, Phoenix, Ariz.

Lois Kenyon Brush and family are located in Woodstock Valley.

Mae Killian Eckler lives in Mass.

Kenneth Marvin continues to live at home in East Woodstock.

Ruth Marcy Gasek may be reached on Penney St., Ellington, Conn.

Robert Merrill and his family are in Eastford.

Dorothy Withers Szarkowicz is living in Dayville, Conn.

Martha Witter Zaleski and husband live at 36 Knollwood Rd., Farmington, Conn.

Sorry, we have no addresses for **Edythe Wagnell McKown** or **Donald Shead.**

CLASS OF 1946**Secretary, Robert Frink**

June Bosworth Staveski and husband, are the parents of two children, Craig, 9, and Linda, 5. June is very active in the Eastford P.T.A.

Darwin Clark continues as a Woodstock Academy trustee and lives in his home town of Eastford. He and his wife, Martha, have three children, William, 12, Robert, 11, and Mary Lou, 6. Darwin's Ford Tractor dealership, combined with his lime and fertilizer business would seem to leave little time for the "K.P. duty for my wife," which he notes in his census sheet.

Robert Frink seems to have most of his time taken up at his farm but finds some time to spend as Lieutenant in the Woodstock Volunteer Fire Dept. He has two young farmers coming along (maybe) — Matthew, 8, and Robert Jr., 6.

Russell Hibbard is employed as a stock clerk at Belding Hemingway in Putnam. Russell is also President of Muddy Brook Fire Dept.

Jeanne Kenyon DeBell now lives in Somers, Conn., with her husband and two children, Jeffrey born in 1957 and Sara in 1958. Jeanne is active in the Womens Club and the League of Women Voters.

Alden Shepard Farber and family have just bought a home on Woodstock Hill. The Farbers have three children, W. James III, 12, Phillip, 10, and Jane, 3. Both boys are in scouting. Alden is active in the Alumni Association (secretary) and also sings in the church choir.

Helen Trepal Yulo and husband, Frank, live in Ellington, Conn. Helen teaches Home Economics in Somers. She is a member of the D.A.R. Helen's husband is Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Ellington School System and will also receive his Ed.

D. from Teachers College, Columbia University, this fall.

Helen Szymanski Piecyk lives in Phoenixville with her husband Carroll and daughter, Vicki Anne, who is 1 year old.

Arline Starr Handley now lives at 9 Sutton Place, Easthampton, Mass. She has two girls, Diana 12, and Carole 7. She seems to be busy in community activities as Youth Advisor of Pilgrim Fellowship and Girl Scout Troop Leader for 5 years, also assistant Director of Girl Scout Camp in 1960 and Brownie Day Camp Director for 1959-1960.

H. John Wells recently moved to Norwich, Conn., where he is an instructor at the Norwich Regional Technical School. John and Betty have a daughter, Lynn 9. John is presently enrolled at Central Conn. State College in New Britain.

Ruth Logee Eddy and **Joel Eddy** live in their newly built home in East Woodstock. They have two children, Danny 12, and Debora 8. Ruth is kept busy as a housewife and Joel is working on the construction of our super highways.

Helen Dvorak Shirshac and family live in Willimantic. They have five children, Stephanie 10, Stevie 9, Randy 7, and Andy 1½. There is no need to ask what keeps Helen busy.

George Johnson is farming in Dayville. George and Nora have three children, David 8, Paul 6, and Virginia 4.

Herbert Merrill is stationed at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Herb's address is Box 251, Edwards A.F.B., Cal. They have two children, a boy and a girl. Herb is making a career in the Air Force. He is finishing his 10th year and has re-enlisted for 4 more years.

Barbara Marvin Brown and **George Brown** live in East Woodstock. George is a foreman for the Webster Spring

Co. and is working in their branch plant in East Woodstock. They have three children, Sharon, George and Susan. They are busy with Little League, band concerts and church.

Am sorry but I cannot report on **Ruth Simpson Tameris** of Grand Rapids, Mich.; **Edith Stahl Sauve** of Windsor Locks and **Norman Lowe** of Springfield, Mass. However Edie was at the 1961 Alumni banquet and her friends were delighted to see her.

CLASS OF 1947

Secretary, Muriel Eddy

Joan Aurilio Merrill lives in Eastford with husband Bob and their two sons Timothy, now 9, and Bruce 3. A busy homemaker who loves it, she is Vice President of Ladies Auxiliary, Eastford Fire Dept. and is active in many other community affairs.

Doris Barrett is an IBM supervisor at Hyde Mfg. in Southbridge, Mass. She is very active in 4-H and is Secretary of Conn. Sheep Breeders Assoc.

Muriel Durrin Eddy is a homemaker for her husband Byron and three children, Ross now 7, Susan 5, and Diane 10 mos.

Byron Eddy is employed as an accountant in Plastic Film Co. He is kept busy with many community activities including being Vice President of the Alumni Assoc.

Howard Edwards lives in East Woodstock with his five children.

George Erikson and wife Helene live in Rochester, N.Y. He is employed as a physicist at Eastman Kodak. His address is 29 No. Park Dr., Rochester 12, N.Y.

Theresa Erickson Johnson has moved to Schenectady, N.Y. She is a housewife and mother of four children.

Catherine Lyons Griswold lives in No. Woodstock with her two daughters Sharon 9 and Gail 7.

Hazel Marcy Froehlich is kept busy keeping house for her husband Donald and their three children, Rhonda 8, Donia 5, and Paul 2. They live in Woodstock Valley.

Beverly Noren Stehlik lives in Woodstock Valley and has three daughters.

Richard Spencer, deceased.

Edward Staveski and wife June make their home in Eastford. They have two children, Craig 9, and Linda June 5. Eddy is a partner of Conn. Surge Sales (dairy farm eqpt.). He is president of Eastford PTA.

Shirley Toth will be returning in February following a two years stay in Saudi Arabia, working for the Arabian American Oil Co. This past summer she went on a European tour. Among the countries she visited were Italy, Austria and Switzerland.

CLASS OF 1948

Secretary, Harriet Young Foote

Carl Nelson was married in September 1957 to Paula Mathieu, R.N. He has been promoted to foreman bricklayer and still lives in Harrisville. Carl is the father of two children, Caren 3, and Michael 2.

Jane Staveski is a stenographer for the State Welfare Dept. in Hartford and commutes daily from No. Woodstock.

Sally Korswig May has added another "D" to her list of sons names. Darrell was born in 1961. Sally lives in East Woodstock with her husband Wesley and their other two boys, Dale 8, and Douglas 6.

Jane Neely Bellerive is very busy keeping house, working in a Southbridge beauty shop, and being an active officer of the Southbridge Mother's Club. She has four children, Richard, Laurie, Robert, and Janice.

Robert Peckham has moved to his new home in East Woodstock with

his wife, Barbara, and son, Bobby 4. He keeps busy on his father's farm and still finds time to act as Lieutenant in the Muddy Brook Fire Dept.

Jane Shepard Morse lives at the top of Duggs Hill Road, East Woodstock. Her time is well filled being farmer Lewis' wife and mother to Jeff 11, Kathy 9, David 3, and Gretchen 6 mos.

Archie Mitchell was married following graduation from the University of Conn. in 1957. He and his wife Maryann live in Madison, New Jersey where Archie works for the Western Electric Co. supervising the installation of dial systems. Archie received his M.B.A. from Seton Hall University in June 1960. His family, all females, Diane 3, and Cindy 2. Address: 126 Rosedale Ave., Madison, N. J.

Henry Ask who was a bridegroom at the last Gleaner writing now is the proud father of three girls, Deborah, Donna and Laura. He and his wife, the former Evelyn Nelson, with the girls live in Wapping, Conn. Henry is an Electronics Systems design engineer at the United Aircraft Corp. Address: RFD No. 2, Dart Hill Rd., Wapping, Conn.

Ernest Withers is employed at the Linemaster Switch Co. and makes his home in the New Sweden section of Woodstock. He and his wife Vernette have five children, Keven 10, Brent 8, Jeffrey 7, David 3, and Natalie 1.

Richard May is currently serving as a very active president of our Alumni Association. He works for the Conn. State Employment Service as an interviewer and reports he occasionally sees old friends from Academy days in connection with his job. Dick is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy and an editor of the Gleaner.

Sonja Lindgren Healy is a busy housewife, active in church affairs. She is the mother of three children,

Ruthann 8, Joy 7, and Heidi 4.

Dorothy Trepal Clark was married in October 1958 to Newell Clark and together with their daughter Kimberly, age 1, live in Wethersfield, Conn. Address: 291 Griswold Rd., Wethersfield, Conn.

Hamilton Foote is active in the Woodstock Volunteer Fire Dept., and continues his work as a mechanical technician at the American Optical Co. He did much of the work to convert a barn to the Foote's new home.

Harriet Young Foote works as a teacher in the Putnam Nursery School. She has a 4-H group, is on the executive committee of the Alumni Assn., and in her spare time cares for Beth, Tony and Mitchell.

Della Basto Tucker continues to be a busy homemaker for her husband, Richard, and their two boys in N.H. Della was in Woodstock recently and wished to be remembered to her many friends. She can be reached at Dublin, N.H.

Lois Johnson Eisenhower is a housewife and cares for her family at home on Senexet Road.

The editors were unable to contact **Kenneth Strandberg** or **Janet Durica Lupa**. Word of them would be appreciated.

Donald Marcy lives in South Woodstock and is a highway toll collector for the state of Conn.

Mickey Whittenburg and family are living in Eastford where he has his own business, Whitcraft Metal Fabricators.

Margaret Wilcox Peabody has added one boy, Edward, to her family since our last issue of the Gleaner. The Peabody's live in the Harrisville section of Woodstock.

Myrtle Wagnell Cournoyer and husband Edmund live in a beautiful new home on Woodstock Avenue with their two boys and two girls.

Dorothy Lizotte Leone lives on 34 Worthington Ave., Shrewsbury, Mass., and has several children.

John Simpson, his wife, and their three children, are at 9 Central Ave., Woodmont, Conn. John is employed by a garage.

Laura Johnson Frazee is a homemaker for her husband Earl and their son and can be reached at Prospect St., East Longmeadow, Mass.

While we didn't receive any census sheets from them, we believe that **Nancy Johnson Peterson** lives at Chestnut Hill Road, Lebanon, Conn., and that **Richard Merrill** is still at 24 Pennywood Lane, Willimantic, Conn.

It is with regret that we announce the death of **Elbert Andrews** who attended Woodstock Academy for two years.

CLASS OF 1949

Secretary, Avis Frink Spalding

Gerald Edwards is now a Captain in the Air Force, serving in Japan. He and Pat will be there a total of three years with their three children, Wendy Joy, Anita Marie, and Mark Gerald. "Gee" flies B-57's for the Air Force.

Kenneth Healey is busy with his farm in North Woodstock. He is very active in church and town affairs. He and Sonja have three daughters.

Robert Willis married Doris Ayers in Sept. 1955. He spent two years in the Army and returned home to Chaplin to run his business as a construction contractor. They have three children, two boys and a girl.

Charles Dvorak lives at 3 Hope St., Willimantic. He is in his senior year at UConn. He is a member of the University 4-H Club, the poultry judging team and is chancellor of Alpha Zeta fraternity. He represents the Grange on the Willimantic Jr. Chamber of Commerce. Charles is

married and has two boys. He works part time as a driving instructor.

Priscilla Bosworth Hicks and **Raymond Hicks** make their home in Eastford with their two children. Ray sells and installs dairy equipment and says he "meets lots of interesting cows." Priscilla keeps busy with her home and family, school and town activities.

Avis Frink Spalding and husband, Paul, have three children (two boys and a girl). Avis is a member of the Democratic Town Committee, President of the Democratic Women's Club and secretary of the P.T.A.

Edward Ralph Maass is chief engineer of the Barbour Stockwell Instrument Company in Worcester, Mass. He served with the Navy from 1953-1955 upon graduation from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In June of this year he was married.

Keith Gordon and his wife Roberta are living in Munsonville, New Hampshire where Keith is an engineer in the research laboratory at Miniature Ball Bearings. They have two children. Keith is a member and Deacon in the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Robert Gordon Johnson married Florence Rowe (class of 1952). Gordon is the manager of a large dairy farm in Monroe, Connecticut. They have two children, Robert, Jr. and Pamela.

Hobart Sanger, Jr. makes his home in Quincy, Mass. with his wife Esther and two children. He is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and is operations officer, Boston Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet. He graduated in 1953 from Gordon College with a B.S. and from Boston University in 1956 with an Ed.M.

Dorothy French Horton has four little girls, Linda, Donna, Patricia and Mary. She and her husband Donald live in Stafford Springs.

Norine Toth Nelson and husband **Ross** reside at 81 Brewer St., East Hartford, Conn. They have two children, **Neal** and **Kirk**.

Shirley Keith Frink and **Bob** run a large dairy farm in Woodstock. They have two boys. **Shirley** is on the staff at the Woodstock Elementary School.

David Boivin is a captain in the Army Aviation Corps. He is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia where he flies helicopters and light planes. He recently returned from a 13 month tour of duty in Korea. He and his wife have three children.

Janet Nelson Reardon is living in Windsor Locks. She has four children.

William Rathbone makes his home in Putnam with his wife and three children.

Daniel Joseph Williams and his wife **Carol** live in Putnam with their three girls.

Theodore Peterson is living at 1233 A South 53rd Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. **Teddy** is working in the Export Department of the Chain Belt Company in that city. He still enjoys the status of "eligible bachelor."

Ronald Syriac and his family are living in West Woodstock.

Donald Strand and his family are temporarily living in Woodstock. **Don** will soon become a missionary.

There was no news from **Herman Bennett**, **Francis Douglas**, **Laurence McKinstry**, **Hamilton Nelson**, **Richard Stahl**, **Harvey Tourtellotte**, **Philip Woodbury** and **Inez Swanson Moore**. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these people, kindly inform the Gleaner News Editors. We are compiling a complete list of all Woodstock Alumni and would appreciate any information which would help to complete our records.

CLASS OF 1950

Secretary, Lois Gagnon Walker

Lawrence Phaneuf was married in

October of 1956 to **Janet O'Brien** of Putnam. They have a daughter, **Susan**. **Larry** manages a Texaco Service Station in Putnam.

Kaye Vaughn and wife **Betty** are living in Central Point, Oregon where **Kaye** is a member of the State Police. They have a son, **Thomas**.

Virginia Tripp Dingwell and family are living in Pomfret Center. **Ginny** works part time as an occupational therapist at the Haven Convalescent Home. She and **Stanley** have three children, **Gordon**, **James** and **Sherrie**.

Patricia Szymanski Edwards and husband **Gee** are stationed in Japan and are due to return stateside in May of 1962. They enjoy Japan, finding it very educational, but are anxiously awaiting the sight of home.

Waterbury, Vermont is the home of **Herbert** and **Betsy (Bowen) Erickson**. **Herb** is the high school Athletic Director and coach. His basketball teams are doing very well and his baseball team was runner-up in the Class I championships. **Betsy** and **Herb** have two children, **Jill** and **Jeff**.

Elaine Trepal Mannhardt has recently moved to West Willington, Ct. from Eastford. **Elaine** is kept busy with her five children—two boys and three girls.

Joan Swenson Arvidson has temporarily retired from her nursing career and is devoting her time to the care of her home and daughter, **Carol Ann**. Her husband, **Paul**, works at farming.

Seavey D. Morse, Jr. joined the ranks of the married in June, 1959. **Seavey** is still in the Navy and is working as Department Head, Mathematics and Thermodynamics Department in the Nuclear School at the New London Submarine Base. We recently received the news that **Seavey** and **Claudia** are the proud parents of a baby girl, **Patricia Michele**, born October 7, 1961.

Barrett Frink is the owner of the North Woodstock Paint Shop. Barrett is active in the American Legion, Grange and the Bowling League of Willimantic. He was married in January of 1957 and he and his wife, Hazel, reside in North Woodstock.

Robert and Eleanor (Albrecht) Condon are living in Lebanon, New Jersey where Bob is employed by Esso Research and Engineering Company as a research chemist. They have bought a new home and are happily settled. Three fine children, Joanne, Paul and Richard keep Ellie occupied. It was good to see them at the 1961 banquet.

Gale Maass was married to Robert Rudolph, a lawyer, in August of 1958. They are living in Georgetown, Mass. and have a son, Paul. Gale sings in the church choir regularly and was recently in a minstrel show. She and her husband are members of the Couples Club and enjoyed being in a recent dramatic production of that group.

Ruth Feiler Curtis and husband, Stephen, are living in Woodstock Valley. Ruth works as a department manager in a store in Willimantic.

Mary Krushesky Facas notes that she is "busy." We can understand this as Mary is the mother of four lively children, two girls and two boys. She is a member of the P.T.A. and her church club. Mary and Charles live in Waterford, Conn.

Betty Flugel Hill lives in Columbia, Conn. and is the secretary to the vice-president of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Hartford.

Thomas Barber and his wife, Alfreda, are living in their new home on Senexet Road. They have two children. Tom is employed by the Risom Manufacturing Company.

Grace Lyon Bowen and husband Russell are living in Lakeview Heights in Rockville, Conn. Grace is

kept busy with the children, Margaret, Clifton, Nicholas, Natasha and Grace.

Another classmate listed under the "busy" heading is **Lois Gagnon Walker**. Lois has been working on the news for this issue of the Gleaner. She and husband Allan have four children, Patricia, Allan, Jr., Suzanne and Mary Ann. They are living in East Woodstock.

James Cartier is working on nuclear submarines at the Electric Boat Company and finds his work very interesting. Jim and Jane live on Eden St. in Putnam and have three children, Steven, Scott and Sheila.

John Ellery Bartlett and his wife and children are also living in Putnam.

Franklyn Converse and his wife are living in their new home on Prospect St. in East Woodstock. They have two boys, Tom and Glenn. Frank is employed as a glass press operator at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge.

Robert Carlson is working his farm in Woodstock. He and Joan now have two children, Donna Lee and Glenn Robert.

Barbara Cole McNeil resides on Evergreen Drive in Branford, Conn.

Jeanne Stringfield Fields is living in Putnam with her three children.

Robert Shead was married in September and works at the American Optical company. Bob and his wife are living in Southbridge.

Still active in Nursing is **Charlotte Peckham**. She is now a staff nurse at Roger Williams Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. Charlotte is able to come home to East Woodstock frequently, a quiet retreat after the busy days at the hospital.

John Dvorsky is living in West Woodstock. John is married and has a daughter. He is working at the

Mansfield Training School and also does some truck farming.

Sylvia Peterson Blount resides at 56 Home Avenue, Providence Rhode Island. Sylvia works as a nurse at the Veterans' Hospital in Providence. Her husband, Charles, is a fireman.

Janet Armstrong Amato and family have recently moved from Champagne, Illinois to Massachusetts.

There was no word from **Yi-chi Mei**. Anyone knowing her address is asked, kindly, to notify the class secretary.

CLASS OF 1951

Secretary, **Joyce Brolin White**

Donald Shepard recently moved to Tinley Park, Ill. from Uncasville, Ct. He is employed as a Lab Technician for the Continental Can Co. Pete and his wife, Carolyn, have a son, Brent.

Allan Walker, now Headmaster of Woodstock Academy, received his BA from Dartmouth College in '55 and MA from the University of Conn. in '61. Before becoming headmaster, Allan served two years with the Navy, taught Social Studies and was the Athletic Director at the Academy. Allan, his wife, Lois, and their four children have settled in East Woodstock.

Donald Clair is now living in Memphis, Tenn. with his wife, Jean, and their two children. Donnie is employed as an Abrasive Engineer for the Norton Co. In his spare time, he fancies himself as quite an artist at outdoor cookery.

Lloyd Wilcox is employed by the American Airlines in New York and returns to Woodstock for his week-ends.

Julia Kowal attended Annhurst College. She is now residing in Worcester, Mass.

Ruth Bailey Cayouette lives in Putnam with her two children and is

employed at the Day Kimball Hospital as a food supervisor.

William Benz. There was no report from Billy. We know that he is teaching French and English on Long Island.

Richard Tyler, his wife, Ruth, and daughter live in Phoenixville. At present Dick is still rehabilitating in New Haven from burns he received from a gas explosion two years ago. Besides this, he is also attending a business college in Norwich where he is studying to become an accountant.

Mason Logee and his wife, Evelyn, and their two children live in West Granby, Conn. Mason is now employed at the Kaman Aircraft in Bloomfield.

Alma Kiuru is working as an executive secretary in Boston.

Evelyn Johnson Logee in addition to caring for her home and family is an Avon representative and is an active member of the P.T.A. in West Granby.

Gertrude Rhodes Richmond and her husband, Jimmy, are now living in Norwich. They have two children, David and Pamela.

Gordon Smith is still living in Willimantic with his wife and three children. Gordon is employed by the University of Conn. He has also joined the City of Willimantic Auxiliary Police.

Shirley Witter Phaiah keeps herself busy with her family in Putnam. Shirley and Eli have four children.

Margaret Anderson lives at home in Woodstock and is a secretary at the Sandler-ette Shoe Factory in Webster. Margie is still an active bowler.

Robert Phaneuf makes his home in Hartford where he works at the Pratt and Whitney Co. Bob has two children.

Joyce Brolin White is active as a housewife. She, George, and their two children live in Woodstock Valley.

Donald Brown and wife Pat reside in South Woodstock with their three daughters. Don is employed as a lab technician at the Electric Boat in Groton.

Priscilla Converse Cady and her farmer husband live in East Woodstock with their son Charles, Jr.

Lucien Bergeron, after attending Brown University, Princeton University and the University of Minnesota, is teaching English and is Director of Studies at the Hun School of Princeton in Princeton, N.J. Lucien is also busy recording for the blind.

Fernand Phaneuf is busy managing "Fern's Radio and Television Sales and Service" in South Woodstock. He and his wife, Lorraine, still make their home on Woodstock Avenue in Putnam along with their three year old daughter.

Dorothy Norman went on a camping trip this summer with three other girls. They took in 26 states and three provinces. Starting the first of November, Dot will be employed as a director by the Child Evangelist Fellowship in New Britain, Conn.

Ronald Estabrooks is teaching math at Fitch High School in Groton, Ct.

Dexter Eddy is living in Hartford and is an instructor at the Ward School of Electronics of the University of Hartford.

Marju Hiiesalu is now Mrs. Charles Kuehhas. She is living at 283 Whitehall Road, Garden City South, New York. Marju's husband is on the New York Police force. They have one child. We were pleased that they made the trip to Woodstock Academy for the 10th reunion.

Rene Roy is married and manages a farm in North Grosvenordale.

Lawrence Krushesky runs a broiler farm with his father in Woodstock Valley. Larry was recently re-elected Constable for the town.

Harvey Copeland is married and has two children. His carpentry keeps him busy in and around Putnam.

Ruth Wahlfelt. There was no word from Ruth.

CLASS OF 1952

Secretary, Patricia Converse Brown

Edward Adams married Marilyn Buell since our last Gleaner. They live in Eastford. Roy does electrical work at the Plastic Film Co. in Plainfield. He and Marilyn have a little girl, Deborah, age 2.

Kenneth Andrews is a B-47 Aircraft Commander. He has been stationed in Kansas and has recently been transferred to Pease A.F.B. in New Hampshire. Ken and his wife, Joanne, have two children, John, 3 and Cheryl, 1.

Barbara Buell Sandness lives in Woodstock Valley. She's a homemaker for husband, Orin and two children, Carol and Jeffrey.

Marilla Cole is a W.A.C. Nurse. She is stationed at Fort Meade in Maryland. We hear she enjoys her work very much. Marilla was married on October 21 to S.Sgt. Oliver Ellsworth DeShong at Belmar, Md.

Patricia Converse Brown lives with her husband Don in South Woodstock. Pat is a housewife and mother of three girls, Diane, JoAnn and Debra. Pat also teaches a Sunday school class at the East Woodstock Church.

David Eddy and his wife Evelyn still live in East Woodstock where Dave works with his dad on the farm. They have two children, Susan and David Timothy.

Jean Fowler Dean now lives out in Webster Groves, Missouri. Jean is the busy mother of four, Barbara

Ann, Sindy Ann, Warren, Jr. and baby, Patty Ann. Her husband serves as minister of the Emanuel Episcopal Church.

Jane Goodhall Harwood has also joined the married ranks. She and Laurence live in Union with their little daughter, Donna.

Donald Hughes is another California resident. He and Barbara own a new home in Simi. We hear Don is a leadman in the Aircraft factory where he works. They have added another little girl to their family, Sheree, 3. Their other girls are Kathleen and Deborah.

Patricia Krushefsky Trahan is living in Woodstock Valley. Pat is still with the American Optical Company. Her husband, Richard, works for Arrow-Hart and Hegeman Electrical Co. in Danielson. Both Pat and Dick are ardent bowlers.

Arvard McNeal is a Correctional Officer at the Wethersfield State Prison. He and his wife, Julianna have a son, Arvard II, 4 years old.

Edward Noren and his wife Barbara live in West Woodstock with their two boys, Bruce and Carl. Ed is a carpenter.

Edward Norman graduated from Springfield College in 1958. He then served 3 years in the Marines, being discharged this past June. Ed is married to Elizabeth Beaver of Pennsylvania. They live in Oceanside, California where Ed is teaching high school physical education.

Florence Rowe Johnson and Gordon have moved to Monroe, Conn. since our last Gleaner. The Johnson's have two children, Robert, Jr. and baby Pamela, born in April. They keep her busy as a homemaker.

Charles Sheldon married since we last heard from him, lives on Senexet Road on the Putnam side. Charlie works for the American Construction

Company. He and his wife, Judy, have a three year old daughter, Robin.

Priscilla Sheldon Perkins is a housewife in Mansfield Center. She and Dick have two children, Debby and Michael.

Alfreda Wagnell Barber, husband and two children, Alfreda and Tom, Jr., live on Senexet Road. Al keeps busy as a housewife.

Charles Warren now owns a sporting goods store in addition to farming on the Warren farm. He and Helen live in Eastford and have two boys. Scuba diving is Charlie's specialty and he has become quite an expert in that field.

Dexter and Betty White Young live in South Woodstock on the old Young family farm. Their family includes five little Youngs: Timothy, Douglas, Artelle, Curtis and Ivy. In addition to working with his dad, Deck is a State Police Auxiliary and is active in the Fire Department.

We are sorry we did not hear from **Dorothy Rockwell Case**. At last we knew, she was living in Plainville with her husband and son, Chester, Jr.

CLASS OF 1953

Secretary, Helen Carlson Warren

Catherine Cole Williamson and her husband are living on their farm in West Woodstock. They have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. Katie, we can all see, is kept quite busy.

Warren Day is married to Patricia Stocks and they are now living on Thompson Ave. in Putnam. They have 2 children, Dennis born in Mar. of 1959 and Valerie born in Dec. 1960. Warren is a bank teller at the Cargill Trust Co.

Jean Floyd Everin and her family are living in Thompsonville, Conn. They have 2 boys, ages 2 and 4 years.

Barbara Hicks Hughes and her husband Donald are living in California. They have 3 girls. Barbara has her hands full keeping house and she is probably sewing for her family; she used to be an old hand with the needle.

Janet Kenyon Hansen and her husband Robert are living in Illinois with their 2 children to keep them busy. Jan has a chance to put her "RN" to good use with the family.

Rudolph and Betty Newth Kowalski are living in their home on Senexet Rd. They have 3 daughters. Rudy is working at Pratt and Whitney.

Shirley Williams Rapose and her husband Donald are now living in Hampton, Conn. and have one daughter, Tracy. Shirley also is teaching in Pomfret.

Harry Ratasep is married and living in Chaplin, Conn. with his wife and family.

Alvin Marcy was seen this past summer. He is married and has a daughter and a son. Al graduated from Wheaton College with a B.A. in 1958. He attended Gordon Divinity School and received his B.D. in June of 1961.

Patricia Demers Duprey and her husband and daughter are living in North Woodstock. Pat is teaching school in Eastford, Conn.

Lorraine French Howlett is married and lives in Stafford Springs. She has two daughters, Karren and Beth Ann.

Phyllis Marcy Redfield is married and they have been blessed with a daughter, Pamela. They are living in Glastonbury, but Phyl can be seen quite often in South Woodstock.

Rhoda Toth Chestnut is living with her husband who is a Naval Aviator in Norfolk, Virginia. Their main interest is in traveling. Rhoda taught school after graduating from Willimantic State Teachers College in 1959.

Janet Sanger Kolat is married and lives on Park St. in Putnam. Janet is kept busy caring for her home and caring for Beverly Rose.

Russell Marcy is married and is working as a mechanic at his father's garage.

Richard Phaneuf lives with his family on Childs Hill Rd. in Woodstock, Conn.

Elmer Cole, Jr. is working with the Export Dept. for H. D. Lee Co. and he is now living at 255 Housatonic Dr., Devon, Conn. Elmer served 2 years in the Navy and he attended Yale University.

Helen Carlson Warren lives in Eastford. She and Charles have 2 boys, Mark, age 4 and Wesley, age 2. Helen is kept busy with her home, and keeping the records for their two skin diving shops, one in Eastford and the other in Charlestown, R.I.

Florence Lucas Helbig, R.N., is living in Niantic, Conn.

Helen Forrest Hopkins is living in Dudley, Mass.

Wayland Sheldon and his family are living in South Woodstock.

I am sure that we all want to extend our greeting to our teachers and class advisor, Mr. George Saunders and family.

CLASS OF 1954

Secretary, Kenneth Sherman

Ronald Bruce Beaudoin married the former Denise Carney on August 6, 1960, and they are living in their new home on Coatney Hill Road in West Woodstock with their baby daughter, Marie Bernadette. Bruce spent four years in the Air Force and now drives a bulk milk truck from this area to Providence.

Patricia Gagnon Aldridge and her husband, Ron, live in Court Opalocka, Florida. Pat works as Supervisor of

the Processing Dept. at Washington Security Company in Miami. Pat vacationed in Woodstock this summer and visited some of her former classmates.

Phyllis Andrews Ploughman and her husband, Edwin, live at 69 Kendall Drive, Parlin, N.J., with their four year old son, David Allen. Phyllis also works as a waitress at Howard Johnsons.

Donald Walker is now serving as a Lt. in the Air Force at Hancock Field in Syracuse, N.Y. Don received his B.A. from Dartmouth College in 1958.

David Hicks seems to have the honorary title of "Big Daddy" for the class of 1954. Dave and his wife, Jeanne, have four children, David 5, Lori 4, Kenneth 3, and baby Lynn. Dave works at Pratt and Whitney and is building his family a new home in North Woodstock.

Carl Laurens is living at home and working as a machine operator at Pratt and Whitney.

Robert Hanson married the former Janet Kenyon on August 30, 1958. They live at 110 S West Park Avenue, Libertyville, Ill., with their two daughters, Heidi, age one and baby Robin. Bob graduated from M.I.T. in 1959. and is now packaging superintendent at Avon Products, Inc., in Chicago.

Francis Szynaka is making a career of the Air Force and is stationed at Hanscom Field in Bedford, Mass. Frank works in Radar Research at Lincoln Laboratory. He is active in Base Aero Club, Base Sport Car Club, N.C.O. Club and the Bowling League. Frank and the former Ruth Anderson were married in June of 1957 and have two children, Donna and Stephen.

Shirley Eisenhauer was married to James Hargreaves on December 28, 1957, and they are living at 98 William

St. in Middletown, Conn. Shirley graduated from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing in 1957 and is now head nurse in the nursery at Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown.

George Freeman and **Marilyn Converse** were married in September of 1955, and have settled down in North Woodstock. They have two children, Nancy, age 4, and Richard, age two. George is a lead man in Pershing Missile Dept. 440 at Pratt and Whitney and is in the National Guard.

Constance Phaneuf Riccio and her husband, Leo, live in East Hartford. They have two children, Daniel, age two and baby Carol.

Anne Martin McClellan and her husband, Fred, live in South Burlington, Vermont, with their son, Fred Lee, Jr., age two. Ann graduated from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing in 1958, and is now working as a nurse.

Nancy Aurilio White and her husband Fred live in their new home in Brooklyn, Conn. with their son, Fred, Jr., age two. Nancy is also teaching third grade in Plainfield.

Norman Collins is attending North Park Seminary in Chicago, and is pastor of the Cuyler Covenant Church there. Norman lives at 1614 Byron St., Chicago 13, Illinois with his wife and daughter, Carol.

Shirley Forrest was married to James Winters in January of 1955. They have two girls, Cathy, age five and one year old Lisa. They are living in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Lucien Garceau attended Hartt College of Music and the University of Hartford where he graduated in 1958. He is teaching music at a Jr. High School in Warwick and gives organ and piano instructions on Saturdays. Lucien also plays piano several evenings a week at the Hickory House in Warwick where he lives with his wife, Connie.

John Hibbard, after graduating from the University of Connecticut in 1958, where he majored in Forestry, spent several months in Honduras on the International Farm Youth Exchange program. John also spent a hitch in the Army and has been a local candidate for the state legislature. In 1959, he married Dr. Julia Lampkin of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They make their home in Florida.

Lucille Naines Blackmer and Robert Blackmer were married in December of 1956. They have one son, Bobby, age 2, and are living in their new home in West Woodstock.

Zella McNeal Tinker and her husband live in their new home in Thompson with their two daughters, Beth Robin and Kathy. Zella is also working at Pratt and Whitney.

Richard Patenaude, his wife and three children, Victoria, age four; Richard, 3, and Marion, 2, live in Crosley, North Dakota. Richard is stationed at Fortuna Air Force Base.

Eleanor Peckham Jolley and her husband, Clarence, were married on June 27, 1959 and are living in Danielson with their one year old son, Dennis. Eleanor received her BS from Annhurst College in 1958, and afterwards taught science classes at Killingly High School.

Kenneth Sherman and his wife, the former Deborah Child, live on Southbridge Road, North Woodstock where he is farming in the family business. They have three children: Dawn, age 4, Craig, two, and baby Jill. Ken graduated from the UConn School of Agriculture in 1956 and is now active in Farm Bureau and the Alumni Association of W.A. on the Athletic committee.

Ronald Johnson attended Putnam Technical School where he studied masonry and is now employed at Greetings Service, Inc. in Webster.

Ronnie is living at home in Woodstock and his hobby is traveling in his new Buick.

Barbara Nemec is studying at the University of Connecticut and working part time in the Radio Shop there.

Dorothy Bailey McCann and her husband, Owen, live in Hope Valley, Rhode Island. They have two daughters, Cherie, age three, and Cindy, age two.

Roland Sheldon, who has recently put Woodstock on the map, has made all of us proud of him on having successfully completed his first year pitching for the New York Yankees. See the complete story of Roland's success on another page of the Gleaner.

CLASS OF 1955

Secretary, Deborah Child Sherman

Barbara Albrecht Bufano lives with her husband, Thomas, and baby daughter, Donna Marie, at 4245 Melrose Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla. Barbie graduated from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing in 1958, and later spent 14 months in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. Barbara and Tom were married Sept. 24, 1960.

Beverly Armstrong Hamlin and her husband live at RFD 2, Milo, Maine, where Bev is staff nurse at the local hospital. She graduated from Mass. General Hospital School of Nursing in 1958.

David Laurens is living at home in East Woodstock and working as a machinist at A&M Tool Co. in Southbridge, Mass. Dave is also a Sgt. in the National Guard, Co. D.

Marilyn Marcy graduated from Wheaton College in 1959 and is now teaching elementary school in an all Negro school in Chicago. She is also working with delinquent teen-age girls in social and religious activities. Marilyn resides at 3140 S. Giles, Chicago 16, Illinois.

Alice Dvorsky Russ was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1959 and on August 8, 1959, was married to John L. Russ. Alice and John live at 180 Joseph Drive, Tonawanda, New York where Alice teaches school.

Sandra Davis attended Northeastern Bible Institute in Essex Falls, New Jersey from 1956-58 and is now employed in the laboratory at Putnam Herzl Finishing Co. in Putnam. Sandra married Francis Martin on September 16, 1961. They now live in South Woodstock.

Ruth Anderson Szynaka received a medical secretarial degree in 1957, from Salter Secretarial School in Worcester. Ruthie married Frank Szynaka on June 29, 1957, and they have two children, Donna, age three, and Stephen, age one. The Szynakas reside at 156 Low Road, Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass. where Frank is in the Air Force and Ruth is active in NCO Wives Club and bowling league.

Donald Rhodes lists his address as Eastford, Conn., but is at present in the Army. He wants to have it in print that he's still single and shopping around, girls!

Ronald Rhodes married the former Patricia Perry on Sept. 10, 1960, and they are now living at Eastford with their new baby daughter, Elaine. Ronnie is employed as a meat cutter, and is serving with the National Guard after spending six months' active duty.

Ann Reynolds Campbell graduated from Earlham College in 1959, and on July 24, 1960, married Ensign Fred Campbell. Ann and Fred are now at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where Fred will be stationed for two years.

Gail Ann Shippee resides at 446 Pleasant St., Willimantic, Conn., and keeps busy teaching dancing in her

own dance studios. She also does professional dancing.

Marcia Jordan lives at home in East Woodstock, and after serving in the Air Force, is completing her studies at the University of Connecticut.

Russell Hicks married the former Evelyn Duquette in 1956, and they live in North Woodstock with their two children, Gary, age four, and Susan, two. Russ operates his own building specialties business, and is active in Woodstock Lions Club.

Edward Duhamel lists his occupation as milk truck driver, and is also master of Senexet Grange No. 40, and a square dance caller. Eddy and his wife Lorraine live in Harrisville with their baby son, Eddy Jr.

Nina Townsend Baillargeon and her husband, Edmond, live at 294 Vine Street, Hartford, Conn., with their two children, Ronald, age four, and Rita-Anne, age one. Nina also works at Roppelmann Magazine Distributing Co.

Claudette Beaudoin Marcoux and her three sons, Roger, age four, Ronald, three, and Phillip, two, live on Laconia Street in Putnam. Claudette is employed at Leschke-Puffer Insurance Agency in Putnam.

Cynthia Holmes Danielson and her husband Jim live in their new home in North Woodstock. Cynthia has been Mrs. Danielson since May of 1957 and is a busy housewife. She also works as receptionist-secretary for Dr. Rudolph Klare.

Frances Cartier Geer and her husband, Willey, live on Laconia Street in Putnam with their one year old daughter, Toni, and new baby, Sandi Lee. Franny and Willey were married August 23, 1958.

Bruce Johnson graduated from the School of Practical Arts in Boston in 1958. He is now employed as a commercial artist at Darrell Parutzman

Associates in Providence. He and his wife, the former Nancy Currier, live on Market Street in Putnam with their two year old son, Jeffrey.

Virginia Bradley Marquis and her husband, Arthur, live in Willimantic with their three children, Curtis, Karen, and Robin.

Albert Petersen married the former Janice Anderson on May 18, 1959, and they now live on Market Street, Putnam, with their two children, Paula, age one, and baby Samuel. Al served four years in the Air Force and is now employed as a machine operator at Pratt and Whitney.

Lee Dingwell Racine married Fred Racine Jr. on June 2, 1956. They have a daughter, Doreen, age four, and are living in Woodstock Valley.

Eleanor Sands Ringdahl and **Wesley Ringdahl** were married on August 31, 1958, and are living in Woodstock with their two year old daughter, Sharon. Eleanor graduated from Beth Israel School of Nursing in Boston in 1958. Wesley is employed as a design mechanical engineer at Riley Stokers in Worcester.

Juliana Broden McNeal and her son Dwain, age four, live in Eastford. Julie is employed at Knox Glass in Dayville, where she is also recording secretary of the Union.

Carl Brolin is serving Uncle Sam in Germany as an Army Sgt. in Combat Engineering. He married Miss Pamar Hetzel of North Coventry, a student at the University of Connecticut in September, 1961. They were married in Germany.

Keneth Smith married the former Eleanor Fenner in June of 1956, and they now have three daughters, Kim, age four, Brenda, three, and baby Susan. Ken attended the University of Connecticut from 1955 to 1956, and is now a guage checker at Pratt and Whitney. He is also keeping busy

building his family a new house on Joy Road, Woodstock.

Joan Galenski Winslow was married to David Winslow in June of 1956. They have two sons, Dave Jr., age three, and baby Paul, and are building a new home in Woodstock Valley.

Russell Colburn was fortunate in acquiring not only a bride on September 13, 1960, but also two stepsons. He and the family are living in Mansfield Center and Russ is manager of the Tri-State Aluminum and Carpet Store in Willimantic.

Janet Peckham Harrington and her husband, Paul, were married in May of 1959, and have recently bought a home in Eastford. Janet graduated from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing in June of 1958, and works for Dr. Robinson in Danielson.

Deborah Child Sherman and her husband, Ken, were married June 23, 1956, and are now living on Southbridge Road, North Woodstock with their three children, Dawn, age four, Craig, two, and baby, Jill. Debbie is also a 4-H leader and active in Farm Bureau.

In June of 1960, we were all saddened by the death of our classmate and friend, **Dwight Norman**. Dwight was the kind of a fellow everyone liked and admired, and we all shall cherish his memory.

CLASS OF 1956

Secretary, Signe Anderson

Mildred Albrecht Tucker attended Mount Ida and the University of Connecticut. She, her husband Bob and daughter Lisa, are living in Southbridge, Mass. Millie was seen at the 1961 banquet and wondered where all her classmates were.

Signe Anderson, a 1960 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, is teaching at the Pomfret Community

School. She is studying for her Masters degree in elementary education.

David Ask is now living in Manchester, Conn., and is working at Pratt and Whitney. He completed four years in the U.S. Air Force.

Irene Bolander Wheeler is working at Pratt and Whitney. Irene has a son and is living in West Woodstock.

Carolyn Basto, now Mrs. James Novak, resides in South Woodstock.

A June bride, **Priscilla Collins Himmelwright**, attended Barrington College and graduated from nurses training September 14, 1961. She and her husband are living at their Hunting-ton Ave. address in Boston.

Joyce Foskett Byberg and husband Eric are making their home in Putnam, Conn. They have two children, Bruce and Karen.

Ann Hibbard Redman has settled down in East Woodstock with her two children, Douglas and David. Her husband Robert is stationed at Westover Air Force Base.

Nancy Jones Soule is the proud mother of three daughters, Kathy, Brenda and Pamela. Nancy and Roger live in North Woodstock.

Karl Korswig, an ex-Navy man, is studying and working with electronics at Pratt and Whitney. Karl is also an indispensable fireman at Muddy Brook Fire Dept.

Leonard Marcy is in his second year at Gordon Divinity School at Beverly Farms in Beverly, Mass. He is engaged to Miss Frances Bell of Troy, N.Y. The wedding is set for June, 1962.

Calvin Peterson is a student at Upsala College, East Orange, N.J. where he is majoring in accounting. He served in the U. S. Navy for four years.

Nancy Rowe McGuire is working as a secretary at an insurance office in Hartford. She and Dick plan on

building a new home in North Woodstock.

Allen Sherman attended Upsala College in East Orange, N.J.

Lydia Walling Slater is the mother of a daughter, Beth-Leah. Lydia is a graduate of Bryant College. She and her husband direct "Golden Pines Conference Camp," a camp for children. They live in North Woodstock.

Gordon Weimann owns and operates a nursery at his home on Senexet Road. Gordon received his training in forestry at the University of Connecticut.

James Williams is married and is working for the Treasury Dept. in Washington, D.C.

Sally Withers is a teller in a bank in Hartford. She spends most of her time in Hartford but comes home occasionally on weekends.

Sidney Swenson completed his term in the Navy and is now occupied as quality control process analyst for Kaman Aircraft Corp. He is also becoming quite an expert at the organ.

Evelyn Koschwitz Eddy, husband David and two children, Susan and David Timothy, are making their home in East Woodstock.

Audrey Forrest Hryzan, her husband and son Edwin, are residing in East Woodstock.

Bernard Phaneuf served in the Marines and is employed at American Standard in Wauregan. Bernie was recently married.

Glenn Petersen and family are living in Putnam.

No word was received from **Monica Parent White**, **Wayne Vinal** and **Frances Wetherell**.

CLASS OF 1957

Secretary, **Barbara Marcy Paige**

Arvid Anderson, after serving four years in the Army, has come home

to East Woodstock and is working with his father in the contracting business. Arvid is engaged to Pat King of Eastford.

Devens Arnett attends the Marine Academy at Buzzards Bay. Devens is doing extremely well scholastically at the school. Another interest taking up most of his time off, is the house he is building in North Woodstock.

David Bates is married and lives in Putnam.

Joyce Benenson Frink has one child and is living in New York.

David Boyd is a graduate of Bowdoin College. Dave graduated from Bowdoin with honors. He is now a full-time student at the University of Conn. Law School in Hartford.

John Carlson lives at 1853 Main Street, Newington, Conn. John spends most of his weekends in Woodstock.

Barbara Chase of South Woodstock is working at the American Optical Company in Southbridge.

Laverne Child, after receiving her B.S. in Home Economics at the University of Connecticut, has accepted a teaching position at the North Reading High School in Massachusetts. Laverne loves her work and is going to coach the girls' basketball team this fall.

Sylvia Copeland became Mrs. Charles Illinger in October of 1959. The Illingers and son Paul live in Taftville, Conn.

Marilyn Edwards is serving as Treasurer of the Alumni Association. She is working at the American Optical Company as a secretary and is the organist at the Woodstock Hill Church.

John Ellery is working at farming and is locally employed.

Bruce Hansen married Carlene Bolder. Bruce and Carlene were living in Cleveland, Ohio until recently

when Bruce enlisted in the Army to serve 3 years.

John Frink resides in Hartford and is working at Pratt and Whitney.

Mary Hildreth Cartier was married to husband Paul in August of 1960. They live in Putnam, where Mary is employed in the office of Putnam Herzl Finishing Co.

Susan Hill attended Radcliff and married Walter Birge in the summer of 1960. They live at 664 Worcester St., Wellesley 18, Mass.

Bruce Kosa graduated from Northeastern University.

Carol Laurens is now a graduate nurse and has avoided New England winters by living at Pensacola, Florida. Her address is 4420 Lillian Highway.

Barbara Marcy and **Christopher Paige** were married in August, 1959. Their home is in Eastford. Their daughter Patricia is a year and a half old. Chris works for Latham Oil Co. Both Barbara and Chris are ardent bowlers.

Stella Parent is married to **Charles Campbell** of Putnam. They are making their home in Putnam.

WAF **Anne Marie Patenaude** works with IBM machines at Stewart Air Force Base. Anne Marie's address is 4603 Air Base GP (ADC), Stewart AFB, New York.

Clifford Penniman now lives in Dudley, Massachusetts and is employed in Webster.

After graduating from UConn, **Jotham Reynolds** enlisted in the Army. He was married to Christine Serafin on October 28, 1961. Joe will leave for Okinawa in November for a 15 month tour of duty.

Carol Sheldon has announced her engagement to **Sigurd Swanberg**. Carol works in the office at Gerardi's Supermarket. Sigurd served in the Army and is self-employed in the contracting business.

Charles (Todd) Stevenson is with the Air Force in Japan.

Margaret Tatem, after attending Taylor University, married Robert Jackson. They have a son and are living in Indiana.

Richard Blanchard is living at 34 Chassey St. in Putnam.

There was no news of **Cleone Spurgeon**, **Richard Anderson** and **Fredrick Lyon**.

CLASS OF 1958

Secretary, **Patricia King**

Ellen Bailey is now employed at the State Welfare Dept. in Hartford, Ct.

Gerald Bates has been employed by Charles Bowen Trucking Co. for about two years.

Donald Benoit (YNSN) is serving in the U.S. Navy for 4 years. He is now stationed in Washington, D.C.

Brenda Blair is now in her 4th year of a 5 year nursing program at Simmons College. At present she is affiliating at Mass. General Hospital and enjoys her work very much.

Carlene Bolander Hansen served in the U.S. Air Force for 14 months at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She was married to Bruce Hansen on September 19, 1959. Carlene also attended Windham Regional Technical School for 4 months in affiliation with Day Kimball Hospital's 8 month Practical Nursing Course and became a licensed practical nurse.

John Buell is attending Moody Institute in Chicago, Illinois.

Clarence Child is a senior at Tufts College in Medford, Mass. where he is majoring in History and Government. Clarence is a member of the Air Force ROTC and he spent the month of August at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

Eugene Coutu has been employed by the American Optical Co. in Southbridge, Mass. but since September 1961 he has been serving with the U.S. Army.

Jeanne Froehlich is employed at the Aetna Fire Insurance Co. in Hartford as a clerk-typist. On September 30, 1961 Jeanne was married.

Anne Gagne is employed at the American Optical Co. as a secretary and continues to live at home.

Richard Garceau is a barber at the Putnam Hotel.

Joyce Kallgren is now a junior at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois where she is majoring in Elementary Education.

Linda Kallgren will be graduating from Newton-Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing in September where she is now a student nurse.

Patricia King graduated from Annhurst College in 1960 and is now a medical secretary at the Windham Hospital in Willimantic. Pat is engaged to Arvid Anderson.

Sarah Lawrence's present address is Box 3943, Stanford, California where Sarah is attending Stanford University. She is a member of the Chorus Choir, Student Government and on the newspaper. After graduating Sarah plans to teach chemistry or to continue school and become an MD.

Nancy Lewis attended Central Connecticut State College for a year and a half and she is now secretary at the Woodstock Elementary School.

Robert Liszka has been working at home on the farm since he graduated from Woodstock Academy.

Richard Magnan is working at Belting Hemingway in North Grosvenordale.

Doris Rowe Clark is a recent bride and living at 193 Preston Street in Hartford. Doris is employed at the

Resolute Insurance Co. as a typist and bookkeeper and she will return to Nasson College in February.

Craig Saltonstall lists his occupation as a vertical turret lathe operator at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft.

George Salvas is self-employed on his farm in South Woodstock. He is married to the former Peg Rowe and has a young son, Paul.

Carol Shippee Molnar is now keeping house at 105 Milk Street in Williamantic for her husband, Louis Molnar III.

Sandra Sundberg Forrest attended Boston University in 1958 and had to leave because of ill health. She is now married to Richard Forrest and is keeping busy as a housewife.

Charles Vaida enlisted in the Air Force for 4 years and he is stationed in France serving in the Medical Corps and likes it very much. Charlie is also on the track team.

Lloyd Walling is now serving in the Air Force in the Air Police Squadron as A/2C. He enlisted in March of 1959. Lloyd is stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Richard Weimann is a senior at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass. His major is business management. This past summer Dick went on a 43-day tour of Europe and visited nine countries with several other students from Nichols.

CLASS OF 1959

Secretary, Gloria Gagnon Bates

Many members of our class chose to further their education upon graduation from Woodstock Academy.

Dorothy Anderson is a student at Clark University. Dottie is majoring in mathematics.

Phyllis Ruth Arnold is attending Jackson College and is a member of the Student Council.

Heather Boyd attended two years at Central Connecticut State College. At present she is working at G. Fox and Company. Heather is a member of the Woodstock Players.

Marsha Brown is attending Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass.

Richard Chambers is going to college in Florida. **Allen Day** is in Art School in Boston, and **David Etchells** is a student at Dakota Wesleyan Univ.

Sarah Fitts is a pre-veterinary student at the University of Connecticut.

Robert Dexter joined the Navy in February, 1960. He attended the Naval Machinery Repairman's School, and graduated second highest in his class. Bob married Peggy Chase in August and they are going to live in California where Bob is stationed.

Gale Eisenhower attended Wards School in Hartford. She is employed as an IBM Keypunch operator at the American Optical Company in Southbridge, Mass.

John Converse and **Judy Bartlett** were married in August of 1960. They are living in East Woodstock where John works as a farmer.

Gloria Gagnon Bates is a busy housewife and mother, living in Putnam with her husband Tony and daughter, Donna.

Marilyn Georgio lives in Southbridge, Mass.

Elizabeth Hendrickson is working at Belding Hemingway in North Grovenordale. Liz is engaged to be married; **Diane Hyland** is working at Rose's Beauty parlor in Putnam. Diane recently became engaged.

Carl Kallgren works for Warren's Sales and Service in Eastford, **Aili Kiuru** lives and works in Boston; **Gerald LaPlante** was recently married and is living in Putnam.

Catherine Krushesky is employed as a bookkeeper and office manager for Darwin Clark in Eastford.

Paul Lynn writes that he finds being a student at Earlham College is both fascinating and stimulating. He has been working on Folk Music programs for various community groups.

Dorothy Nieminen graduated with honors from Bryant College with a Bachelor of Secretarial Science degree in July 1961. While attending Bryant she was co-editor of the college newspaper and a member of "Key," Bryant's Scholastic Honor Society.

Richmond Marcy is a student at Barrington College, Barrington, Rhode Island. **Richard Noren** is attending Harvard, **David Osier** is at the University of Connecticut, and **Charles French** is going to school in Indiana.

Nancy Nutter graduated from Dean Junior College in June, 1961 with an Associates of Art Degree. She is working as an executive secretary in Richmond, Virginia.

Lucille Parent is a cashier clerk for the Aetna Fire Insurance Company in Hartford, Conn.

Paul Peterson has joined the U.S. Navy, and **Theodore Anderson** has joined the Army. Teddy is stationed in Germany.

Dana Basto is married and is living in Eastford. He is working for Buell's Greenhouse. **Charles Bailey** is living in North Woodstock.

Doris Kosa Mathurin lives in Danielson, a busy homemaker for husband Eddy and daughter, Dawn Elaine.

Marilyn Milnor graduated from Endicott Junior College. She is now in the executive training program with Jordan Marsh Co. in Boston. Marilyn is living in Brookline, Mass.

There was no word from or of **Nelson Cruso**.

A sad note in our class news is in remembrance of **Joan Flodstrom** who died in July, 1958.

CLASS OF 1960

Secretary, **Barbara Harraden**

The activities of the class of 1960 are extremely diversified. The Aetna Fire Insurance Company employs three of our former classmates. **Barbara Froehlich** and **Phyllis Williams** both work with dictaphones, and **Beverly Bailey**, who also works at Aetna, now lives in Hartford.

The many charms of Florida have attracted four of the members of the class of 1960. **Charlotte Amberg** lives in Riviera Beach and works for the Gulf Stream News, **Donald Demers** is at Eglin A. F. Base, working in Air Traffic, and **Arthur Manthorne** is working as a game warden in that fair state. Also, **George Smith** is attending sonar school for the Navy in Key West, Florida.

Several of the members of our class have acquired lifelong partners. **Mrs. Robert Dexter**, the former **Margaret Chase**, and her husband, are residing in San Diego, California, while **Priscilla Dobson Armitage**, her husband and small daughter Karen Lee are living in Stafford Springs, Connecticut. The newest newlyweds, **Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin**, are living in Putnam, and **Jack Sanga**, who is working at Knox Glass, and his pretty wife, have made their home in South Woodstock.

Bradford Downs, **Edward Kulzych**, and **Dale Shippee** are doing their best for Uncle Sam in various branches of the service. Eddy, an Air Force man, is stationed "in his back yard," Westover Air Force Base, and Dale, who is in the same branch of the service, serves as a secretary and in her spare time models at the Base Hobby Photography Club. She reports that she loves her job and "wouldn't trade it for anything!" Brad joined the Marines and will be stationed at Parris Island.

Three girls have transferred to different colleges to continue their studies. **Dorinda Dodge** will keep her major in Home Economics at UConn after a year at Nason College in Maine. **Barbara Harraden**, who transferred from Bouve-Boston to UConn, will continue in physical therapy, and in her spare time will teach physical education at Annhurst College, and **Jean Kosa**, a transfer to UConn from Northeastern University, will pursue secretarial studies in the School of Business Administration.

Alexander Fabian and **Lowell Spink** both are living at home and working at Pratt and Whitney, Lowell as a machinist apprentice. Also working is **Cynthia Bebbington**, who is employed by the American Optical Company.

Nora Hall will soon start her third year working at Mathieu Ford, and **Cecile Patenaude** is a cashier at Nu-Way Market in Southbridge. Cecile finds the customers' reactions to prices very amusing. **Martha Penniman**, who is now residing in Dudley, works as a junior copy typist at the American Optical Company.

Two members of the class of 1960 will be entering school for the first time this year. **Raymond Ives** will be studying Aviation and Engineering at Ellis Technical School, and **Carol Reed** is at Norwich Art School.

Five former classmates attended summer school to further their education, and all are now back in college studying diligently. **Lawrence Freeman** is majoring in civil engineering at UConn, and **Paul Paquette** at the same university, plans to major in psychology. **Heidi Neumann** enjoyed herself at Harvard Summer School, and is now back at Pine Manor. **Robert Scranton** and **Stewart Morse**, who are both forestry majors at Nichols, spent the summer at Daniels School of Forestry in Rutland, Massachusetts. **Stew** was selected as

a member of the 1960 All-American Junior College Soccer Team after a very successful season at Dean.

Many members of the class of 1960 are continuing their education at different colleges and universities around the country. **Charles Heckler** is in his second year in the Agricultural course at UConn as is **Marvin Sherman**. **Corinne Marcy** is at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago where she is majoring in organ. This summer she played for several churches in the Woodstock area. **Michael McGrath** is a chemistry major at UConn and **Joan McWilliam** is studying philosophy at Smith. **Richard Swanberg** is in his second year at Nason in Maine, and **David Merrill** is at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he is studying mechanical engineering. **Richard Rodensky**, a student at Boston University's School of Business Administration, is active in a fraternity, and is a cadet in the Army ROTC. **Pauline Salvat** takes time from her busy secretarial studies at Annhurst to get on the job experience by working as a secretary at the Woodstock Junior High. **Marilyn McKeague**, who attended the Academy for 2 years is now enrolled in the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Such is the Class of 1960, and it is sincerely hoped that it is as easy to garner news for the next publication of the GLEANER.

CLASS OF 1961

Secretary, Barbara Hawkins

Eighty-two percent of the members of the class of 1961 have chosen to continue their education after graduating in June.

Dorothy Buell is attending Becker Junior College, in Worcester, Mass.

Jay Durst, a recipient of the Connecticut Light and Power Company Scholarship, is taking the four year Agriculture course at the University of Conn.

Bernice Galenski, Michael Janket, and **Diana Thompson** are students at the University of Connecticut.

In the two year Agriculture course at UConn are **Kenneth Geer,** and **Paul Sansoucy.**

Robert Griffin received a scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania.

Margaret Johnson is kept very busy in the Practical Nursing Course at the Day Kimball Hospital.

Marcia Wightman is majoring in business at Lasalle Junior College in Auburndale, Mass.

Susan Klee is taking the pre-veterinary course at the University of Connecticut. Sue commutes from Eastford.

Susan Weed is also at UConn; her major is Nursing.

Gail Grube is studying at the Hartford School of Hairdressing.

Guy Grube is majoring in Photography at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York.

William Mann received a Regular Navy Scholarship and is studying at the University of Miami in Oxford, Ohio. Bill also had received a scholarship to Tufts in Boston but decided to take the four year full scholarship that the Navy offered.

Mary Young is attending Annhurst College in South Woodstock.

Virginia Valentine is in New York studying at the Westchester School of Business.

Mary Lou Stevenson chose the University of Vermont to further her education.

Gail Spink is in nurses' training at the Middlesex Hospital, Middletown, Conn.

William Lovig is studying at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.

Janet Smith is studying art at the Norwich Art School, Norwich, Conn.

Roy Copeland and **Frederick Child** are now attending the H. H. Ellis Technical School in Danielson, Conn.

Marilyn Hobby is at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Barbara Hawkins plans to attend college in February.

In the business world is **Joanne Lewis.** Joanne is employed at the Aetna Insurance Company in Hartford.

Theodore Manthorne is working at the Chaffee-Westfall Company in Putnam.

Charlene Saltonstall soon will be married to Gilbert Armitage. The date is November 25. Charlene is working at the Willimantic Bowling Center in Willimantic.

Judith Basto is working as a secretary at Bowen's Garage in Eastford.

John Clarke is the only classmate in the armed services. John joined the U.S. Air Force in July.

Joyce Benoit LeClerc is living in Putnam and is working as a sales girl in Bugbee's Dept. Store.

Grace Whitely is now Mrs. William Brodin and is living in Rockville, Ct.

Dear Alumni and Friends of Woodstock Academy,

Woodstock like most towns still faces an increasing population and the Trustees of Woodstock Academy have undertaken a building program to accommodate the resulting expanding school enrollment. In 1956 ground was broken for the Holt Science Building, which was completed in 1957 and dedicated at the 156th Alumni Reunion in June of that year. At that time it was felt that the next building project should be the expansion of the Hall Memorial Gymnasium. The added student enrollment taxed the gymnasium space, the locker rooms and shower facilities were inadequate, and the smallness of the kitchen from which hot lunches were being served presented a pressing need.

The financial resources of the Trustees being limited, Alumni were approached and asked to assist with raising funds toward expansion needs, and as a result, the Executive Committee of the Woodstock Academy Alumni Association voted to sponsor a subscription campaign to start raising money toward building an addition to the Hall Memorial Gymnasium. Since that date 211 contributors have given to the fund and the Alumni Association has sponsored benefits such as the Alumni-Academy sports events and Miss Constance Holt's Open House. Most recently, Roland Sheldon asked that the proceeds of the Alumni 'Roland Sheldon Night' be added to the fund. The total now stands at \$6000.11.

The Trustees of the Academy have two committees working on building expansion. Members of the Building Needs Committee are: Molly Crandon, Richard May, Constance Peshmalyan, Allan Walker, Alfred Warren and David Bates, Chairman. Serving on the Building Finance Committee are: Leonard Anderson, Estella Barrett, Helen Bjornberg, Gardner Richardson, and Richard Sears. Preliminary plans for building are being considered and arrangements for the necessary financing are also being considered.

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association thanks all of you who have assisted in the drive to date by your generous contribution or attendance at fund raising events, and it looks for your continued support. The Committee will welcome contributions from those of you who have not yet replied to our letters.

Yours sincerely,

CONSTANCE W. PESHMALYAN, Secretary
ALLAN WALKER, Treasurer

Hall Memorial Gymnasium Fund

EDITOR'S NOTES

The 1961 **Gleaner** was somewhat late in being submitted to the publisher, but the editor hopes that its subscribers will understand that a great deal of time and effort goes into the preparation of this booklet. This year, as was the case five years ago, a real attempt was made to bring you correct, timely information about your classmates and friends, and it is felt that few alumni associations go to such limits as our organization has gone to report alumni news. Constance Peshmalyan, Lois Walker, and the class secretaries have done remarkably well to compile the splendid alumni news section, but they accomplished this only through numerous telephone calls and letters to obtain the needed information. The census sheets that were sent to all members of the association were, of course, immensely helpful. However, all too many of them were returned with little information, and the editors were forced to make unnecessary inquiries to get it. Then, too, a rather high number of census sheets were never returned at all. This made the work especially difficult and, at times, discouraging. In view of the problem, it seems appropriate to quote from the 1956 **Gleaner**. "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 one's 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."

Printing of this issue was also delayed so that a report could be made of the "Roland Sheldon Night" program, which was sponsored by the Alumni Association. This very successful affair not only permitted his fellow alumni and friends to pay tribute to Roland, but added approximately 175 dollars to the Academy's Gymnasium Fund. In accordance with Roland's wishes, the proceeds were donated to the Fund. His thoughtfulness, and the support which was given in the way of attendance by local people, needed to be reported. 1961 proved to be a most significant year in the life of Rollie Sheldon, and the editor feels certain that **Gleaner** readers will enjoy his success story as recorded by Al Todd.

Another "must" article for this year's issue concerns the wartime experiences of the military hero, Vice Admiral Rockwell. Woodstock Academy graduates are very proud of this distinguished Navy man who has maintained an interest in Woodstock and the friends that he made as a student at the Academy. It was hoped that the Admiral and his wife could attend the 1961 banquet, but they were unable to do so this year. His last appearance at an alumni reunion was in 1941, just before he assumed command of the 16th Naval District and the outbreak of World War II.

All of the literary contributions for this issue are greatly appreciated. The editors were somewhat embarrassed by the interpretation given to their appeal for these articles by Mr. Bergeron, but were happy that the request evoked such a delightfully written response by him. Our readers will also enjoy his poems and the verses of other contributors.

Credit for the striking cover picture goes to Allan Day, who is a student in Boston. His elongated drawing of the Academy's tower is unusual and attractive. It is reported that Allan did not have an available photo of the tower and that he made his copy by using a magnifying glass and the crest on his class ring.

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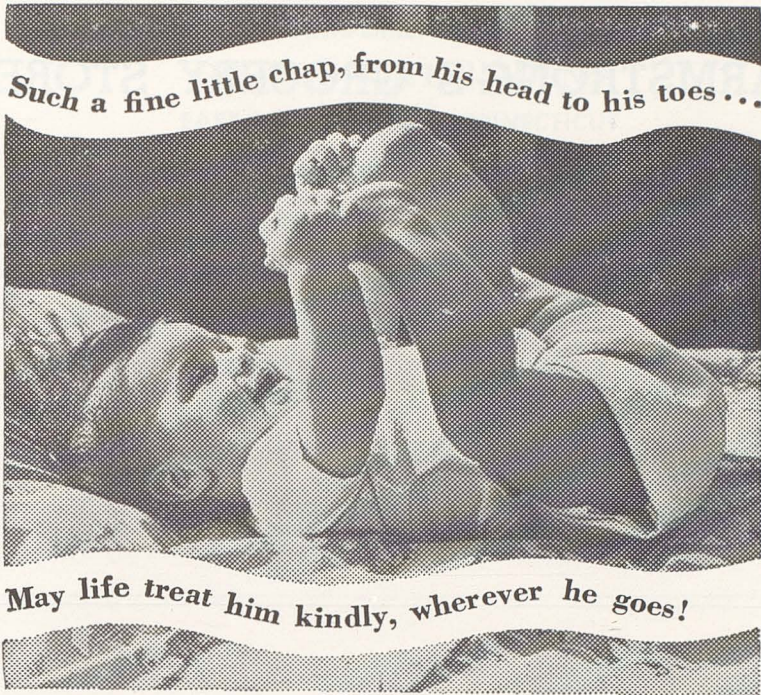
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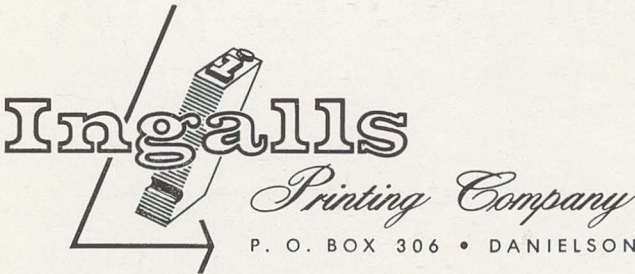
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