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## 1920'S FIFTEENTH REUNION

**P**ROUD is 1920 to report that nearly half of her class came back to celebrate the fifteenth reunion, and this is to tell those who couldn't make it what a grand time they missed!

From the gray dawn on Saturday till long past midnight, Blackstone's halls reverberated with events that piled up happy memories. On Sunday we continued to have a gay time in spite of the rain that fell in torrents, for the Bolleswood picnic turned out to be a very hilarious get-together for '19, '20, '21, and '22 around the open fire in Holmes Hall on Nameaug Avenue . . . more intimate and less buggy than the woods, and the breakfast which Helen Collins Miner and her committee prepared was nobly devoured.

Of course the biggest thrill on Saturday was to see our old friends in the other classes celebrating with us, and to relive those first four years of college history. Nothing like it can ever happen again! After the alumnae meeting in Fanning Hall, we assembled in Thames for the trustees' luncheon to the alumnae, where noble speeches were made by trustees, faculty, and "Prent," Captain of the "Normous Reunion Activities." Dr. Leib, Dean Nye, Miss Ernst, Miss Dederer—familiar faces at every turn—and then on to Class Day at 3:30. . . . A memorable sight in spite of the gray afternoon—Seniors of '35 marching down the graded terrace to the arboretum with the laurel chain carried by undergraduates; 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 fol-

lowing afterwards, distinguished by their scarves in class colors worn over white dresses; then other reuning classes. We, the old alumnae, drank in the beauty of that simple Class Day service, held in front of the lovely pond, surrounded by evergreens and budding laurel, and marveled at the change which the landscaping of recent years has done for our college—new dorms, green trees, ivy growing, shady walks, the outdoor amphitheatre.

The fun of the week-end was concentrated in the gymnasium where, at 4:30 on Saturday, the "Collapse of Time" was broadcast by Agnes Leahy and her troupe—Chippy, Jake, Betty, Dave, Dottie Greg, Sperry, Ann Slade, Ray, Bobbie, Al Horrax, Virginia Rose, Joan, Evelyn Gray, etc. "Halt Cecilia," "O, O Aladdin," "Pierrot," and other Big Events of our college memories were reviewed in a fashion peculiar to their own geniuses. . . . Anna Flaherty and her "Hot Fudge" solo . . . even B. T. who sat in the audience surrounded by his old friends was moved to a tear of mirth.

The Class Dinner scheduled for 6:30 in the Norwich Inn was precluded by a visit to Dot Marvin's tea room where hors d'œuvres and cocktails were served at Dot's invitation. After the delicious menu, planned by Agnes Bartlett Clark, our sister class (also dining at the Inn) sang to us from an adjoining room. Dottie Stelle Stone presided at the head table and introduced the speakers—our hon-

orary members, Miss Howe and Dr. Marshall; Miss Dederer, Dr. and Mrs. Leib; and our charming class baby, Edith Gaberman, now twelve years old. Our Pep-py place cards were the work of Clarissa Ragsdale who unfortunately could not be with us.

The inimitable Gage, urged on by Leah Nora and Hester, entertained us with a "Cloverblossom" solo, after which several dances and songs cooled us off. At the class

meeting which followed the dinner Dot Stelle announced our gift of two hundred dollars to the Alumnae Scholarship Fund. Jessie *Menzies* Luce, chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of officers for 1935-40: President, LaFetra *Perley* Reiche; Vice-President, Helen *Collins* Miner; Treasurer, Leah Nora *Pick* Silber; Recording Secretary, Edith Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Edith *Lindholm* Baldwin.

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

THIS year's Commencement address, given by Miss Josephine Roche, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, occasioned much favorable comment and discussion. Miss Roche is perhaps best known for her efforts to better conditions in the bituminous coal industry. She is the president of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company of Colorado, of which company she has been a director for many years. She is a staunch supporter of union labor, and her address was a plea for the study and betterment of social and economic conditions.

"Perhaps," Miss Roche said, "if there were any one word which I would choose to express what seems to me the most needed thing today it would be the word—pioneering. Probably I choose it because my earliest and most lasting impressions are all tied up with our western pioneers—the men and women who risked and dared in the building of our western lands. They knew no security save what they wrested by their own untiring efforts from nature. But they had the chance to battle for it at least, and they held ceaselessly, as did the earlier pioneers on your eastern coast, to their dream of a better world of security and opportunities for their children. They tamed the wilderness and laid the foundations for the material and scientific development of these recent years, which outdistances imagination in its swift advance. Yet the heritage they handed us was more spiritual than material and the cities of stone and marble they left will crush us with their dead weight unless a new pioneering vision,

like the old, masters the material tendencies of our time and converts them to the needs, uses, happiness, and well-being of mankind. Courageously applied to social science, economics, and government, the pioneer virtues which built America never were more necessary than now. Man is fighting today those forces which disregard human coöperation and human rights in seeking that kind of individual profit which is gained at the expense of his fellows. Only through the submerging of individual desires into unselfish and practical coöperation can civilization grow.

"... You come therefore to a pioneers' job as did your ancestors, none the less challenging and vital—in fact more so, because it lies in this field of intricate human relations. We have to make infinite progress in the social sciences before we can catch up with those achievements in physical science of which we are so proud...."

"So I would say, join us not only with realization of all the hard problems and injustice that lie ahead but with the spirit of pioneers, and above all do not let any of my generation talk you out of being impatient with the human and economic wastes that are all about us, but sustain that impatience and let it ever be a driving force to the fullest utilization of all your knowledge and experience, in helping in the battle for human rights, in holding ever to your dreams of the time when children, women, and men will have those rights as living realities, and can in turn give themselves to pioneering for a still fairer and juster world."



THE FIRST FACULTY OF CONNECTICUT COLLEGE—FALL, 1915

*Left to right:* Mr. Dondo, Miss Woodhull, Dr. Coerne, Dr. Sykes (seated), Dr. Rondinella, Miss Wood, Mr. Osburn, Miss Cary, Mr. Crandall, Mrs. Bostwick, Miss Nye, Miss Barr, Miss Sutton, Dr. Kip, Mr. Selden. *On the faculty, but not present in picture:* Mr. Bauer, Mr. Weld, Miss Thompson, Miss Hoagland.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Read at the Annual Business Meeting of the Alumnae Association, June 8, 1935

BEFORE reporting upon my second year's work as Executive Secretary of the Alumnae Association I wish to express to Janet Crawford How as president of the Alumnae Association my appreciation of her generous and intelligent leadership during the past year. I also wish to thank the members of the Executive Board for their enthusiastic help. I think we all should be especially grateful to Elizabeth Hartshorn, our treasurer. In spite of an extraordinarily heavy teaching schedule and the innumerable outside demands made upon her time, she has somehow found the time and energy to do well and graciously the detailed work which is part of the treasurer's position. To the many members of the Alumnae Association

whose growing interest and enthusiasm are the chief stimuli of my work, I am greatly indebted. I also want to take this opportunity of thanking the college and the Personnel Bureau, specifically its director, Alice Ramsay, for making available to us the services of students who are working on F.E.R.A. funds. These students have helped with the files, with typing, with mailing out communications, and in many other ways. Without their assistance the Association's bill for office help would have been much larger than it is.

During the past year I have visited seven chapters—Boston, Fairfield County, Waterbury, New Haven, New York, Chicago, and Cleveland. The last two chapters I was able

to visit en route from the Pacific Coast last summer. These visits to chapters I find extremely helpful from my point of view, since through conversations with alumnae living in different parts of the country and engaged in all kinds of work I learn how the alumnae regard the college, what they think they can do to help the college, and what the college should do for the alumnae.

In October, 1934, I attended the annual meeting of District I of the American Alumni Council which met at Middlebury College in Vermont. District I includes most of the New England colleges, and it is of great value, particularly to one who is new as an alumnae official, to hear how other colleges and alumnae associations have met problems similar to our own. There is a very cordial feeling among the alumnae officers, and the Council is a most pleasant group with which to be associated.

I have continued this year to have weekly conferences with Miss Blunt, and find them interesting and of great benefit to me in my attempt to make the alumnae office serve as a link between the college and the alumnae.

During the past year I served as a member of the Alumnae Week-End Committee, of which Dean Nye was chairman. Upon the decision of a committee composed of trustees, faculty, alumnae, and students, Alumnae Week-End will be combined next fall with the celebration of the twentieth year of the opening of the college. The date will be October 12.

I have of course served as a member of the staff of the *Alumnae News*. Except for the first issue which was published last fall I have had very little to do with the content of the *News*, so I think I can say that our quarterly publication has seemed to me to be very interesting this year, as it was last.

The Executive Board at its December meeting requested that I attempt to find out from the students whether or not they would be interested in hearing vocational talks by alumnae who would be brought to the campus at the expense of the Alumnae Association. I was instructed to arrange for such a talk if

it were financially possible to do so, and if the students showed sufficient interest. The students were very much interested in the plan, and after talking with Alice Ramsay, who felt that such a program would be a splendid thing from the vocational point of view, we arranged for the first vocational talk. On May 18 Henrietta Owens Rogers of the Class of 1928 spoke to approximately twenty students who are interested in advertising and related fields. The students were very enthusiastic about the talk, and said they found it doubly interesting because it was given by an alumna. Next year we hope that we shall have sufficient funds to bring back for such talks a number of alumnae representing various fields. We feel that the students will receive valuable professional advice, and we also feel that through them a more natural and personal relationship will be furthered between the students and the alumnae.

Such a relationship between students and alumnae, while highly desirable, is nevertheless rather difficult for the alumnae secretary to develop, since to be of any lasting value it must come from natural contacts and associations. I believe that we are developing some natural contacts between students and alumnae, and as a result I think some of the students are becoming a little more aware of the interest of the alumnae in the problems of the students, and are beginning to realize that when they are alumnae they still will be a very important part of the college.

When Mary Chipman Morris found it necessary, because of lack of time, to resign as chairman of the Sykes Fund, the Executive Board requested that I learn from the students how they wished in the future to handle the money which students have earned for the Student-Alumnae Building and Sykes Funds. I had several conferences with student officers, and Janet Crawford How, Elizabeth Hartshorn, and I met with a group of five students at a luncheon meeting held for the purpose of discussing the Funds. We as alumnae felt that this was a very successful meeting.

With the same idea in mind of furthering

closer relationships between alumnae and students, the Executive Board instructed me to talk with the officers of the Student Government Association regarding the possibility of having each outgoing senior class elect a representative who would serve as a member of the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association. The students approved of this plan, and accordingly Marjorie Nicholson, now president of the class of 1935, will be a member of the Executive Board next year. Miss Nicholson will be an asset to the Board I am sure, both because she is an interesting and intelligent girl, and because she will be sufficiently close to the students to know their point of view.

When the college rule concerning drinking was under discussion last winter the president of the Student Government Association asked me if I would attempt to obtain information from the members of the Executive Board as to their individual opinions of the kind of rule we should have. The members of the Executive Board responded promptly and with a unanimity of liberal opinion which I think was surprising to the students. The alumnae felt that rules would not prevent drinking, and that the inculcation of high standards of personal conduct was more important in a college community than carefully worded restrictions. The students appreciated this expression of alumnae opinion, and published in the *College News* the letter sent by Henrietta Owens Rogers.

During the past year I have tried to formulate more clearly the functions of an alumnae office on our college campus. As I said previously, the alumnae office should be a link between the alumnae and the college. Representing as it does all those who have been students of the college, it should function as a vital and indispensable part of the college. Those in charge of the alumnae office should know the present faculty well. They should know the quality and character of the student body. They should know the financial situation of the college and Alumnae Association. They should know the curriculum and its strong and weak places. They should know

the needs of the library. They should know the manner in which the Board of Trustees functions. I say "they," because while the alumnae secretary should have as broad a knowledge of all these things as possible, it would be difficult for one person to be thoroughly informed about all of them, and also the viewpoint of more than one person is very necessary.

The alumnae president and the members of the Executive Board are representatives of the outside alumnae point of view. The alumnae trustees are perhaps our most important representatives, because through them we are beginning to have a voice in the actual governing of the college, and in formulating the fundamental educational and administrative policies of the college.

Unless the alumnae secretary and the other alumnae officers are informed as to alumnae opinion, however, they cannot be intelligent representatives. For that reason opinions from chapters are important, as the chapters furnish an excellent cross-section of alumnae opinion. I am aware that some alumnae frequently feel so far removed from the college that they feel they have no definite information, and hence no definite opinions. To such alumnae I can only say that I think the *Alumnae News*, the college catalog, talks given at chapter meetings by members of the Executive Board, talks given by members of the student body and by members of the faculty, attendance at teas given by chapters for students now in college and for prospective students, and as frequent visits to the campus as possible are the best sources of information available concerning the college and the Alumnae Association. . . .

The small college should have as its aim not only the transmitting of information by distinguished scholars and the stimulation of interest, but it should consciously attempt to send its students out more poised, better integrated persons than they were when they entered college. . . .

As alumnae of a small college we too have obligations to help maintain the college at a high standard, and there are some specific

things which we can do without great expense or difficulty.

We can acquaint ourselves with the curriculum of the college. This can be done by reading the college catalog, the president's reports, and by obtaining information which is perhaps more readily available to the alumnae office. I should like to see a group carefully chosen by the Alumnae Association appointed as the Alumnae Committee on the Curriculum. This committee would make a close and exhaustive study of our curriculum, and would make suggestions to the administration regarding changes which the alumnae as the result of their experiences after leaving college believe to be desirable. The administration I am sure would welcome such suggestions.

As I have pointed out, we could with great mutual benefit have a much closer relationship with the faculty and students. Our chapters would profit by having a student speaker at least once during the year. I believe that the alumnae should have some sort of general meeting on the campus with the students at least once a year, a meeting at which we could inform the students about the organization of the Alumnae Association, but which would also be informal and enjoyable. The students have in fact asked for such a meeting.

Certainly our college education should not end with four years' residence on the campus. We should be just as much a part of the college after graduation as before, and we should not forget that the college responsibilities to the alumnae are just as real as those of the alumnae to the college. Before we can make the college our mental base, so to speak, we must know the faculty well. Frequent visits to the campus, faculty visits to the chapters, letters to the faculty when information or help in their fields is desired will help us to know the faculty better.

I should like to see a meeting of chapter representatives held on campus at least once a year, and perhaps the time will soon come when that can be managed.

One of the most important services which any alumna can perform is to send good stu-

dents to the college, and when I say good I mean outstanding.

No one need point out to us I am sure the inestimable advantage which a student-alumnae house would be to the college, or the benefits which everyone concerned would derive from such a building.

When we came to Connecticut College, a privately endowed institution without a large alumnae body, we chose the kind of school which always will need much more help from its alumnae in a financial way than would a large privately-endowed or state university. We should recognize this fact and not be disturbed by what may sometimes seem too often repeated requests for financial assistance from the college and the Alumnae Association. We can be sure that these requests are justifiable ones, and in the case of the requests for payment of alumnae dues and for chapter contributions they are necessary if we wish to maintain an alumnae organization.

Finally, it seems to me that we are sometimes guilty of indulging in a rather dangerous fault. We are too prone to tell ourselves that we are just as good as other colleges. While we must always be interested in other schools from which we can learn much, we need not concern ourselves with them for purposes of comparison, so long as we can feel that we are accomplishing to the best of our ability our own particular aims as a college. I believe that many of us suffer from feelings of inferiority as alumnae, such feelings no doubt being due to the fact that the college is no longer very young, and that the first flush of confidence and triumph which is the reward of the pioneer is ours no longer. On the other hand we are not old enough to have the assurance of age. We are in a difficult stage of our development, but I believe that we are meeting the difficulties squarely. The college needs the support of an intelligent alumnae group, and we must meet our obligations as alumnae.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHRYN MOSS '24,  
*Executive Secretary.*

## ALUMNÆ TRUSTEES

THE RESULT of the recent Alumna Trustee election was announced by Janet Crawford How, Alumnae Association President, at the annual business meeting of the Association held on Saturday, June 8. After announcing the election of Marion Hendrie Milligan '20, Mrs. How explained that ballots were sent to all graduates who had paid Alumnae Association dues within the past two years, and that a larger percentage of those to whom ballots were sent voted than have ever done so in previous trustee elections.

The Alumnae Trustees hold perhaps the most important offices in the Alumnae Association, since they are the representatives of the alumnae on the general Board of Trustees of the college, and have a voice in formulating the fundamental educational and administrative policies of the college. The alumnae at present are represented by three trustees, each of whom will serve a three-year term. One alumna trustee is elected annually from a slate of three candidates.

The present Alumnae Trustees are Gloria Hollister '24, Agnes Leahy '21, and Marion Hendrie Milligan '20, who was chosen in the election which closed May 1, 1935. Marion Hendrie Milligan succeeds Mildred Howard '20, whose three-year term has just ended.

Mrs. Milligan is thoroughly acquainted with the alumnae viewpoint, and is well qualified to be a trustee. Since 1929 she has held offices in the Alumnae Association, having been President for two terms, from 1930-32, and 1932-34. She has expended a great deal of time and energy in a successful effort to help make of the Alumnae Association a unified, articulate organization, always working to further the best interests of Connecticut College. During the past few years she has been active in civic affairs in Pennsylvania, and is at present a member of the Board of Emergency Relief for Area No. 9 in that state.

The alumnae and the college are fortunate in having three excellent graduates as members of the Board of Trustees.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

THE ALUMNÆ SCHOLARSHIP is growing to encouraging proportions. It is an endowed scholarship which was started in 1932, the first contribution being \$1,000 from the class of 1932. The class of 1933 as seniors gave another \$1,000, and the fund has been increased by gifts from classes meeting in special reunion, and from the various chapters of the Alumnae Association. At Commencement the class of 1935 announced its gift of \$1,600; 1920 gave \$200; 1922 gave \$300, and 1925 gave \$75. The Chicago Chapter sent a check for \$80. The Alumnae Scholarship now totals \$4,945.32.

The interest from the principal is awarded annually to the sister of an alumna, and in future years will be awarded to the daughter of an alumna. As a result of outstanding scholastic ability and general promise three

sisters of alumnae have been awarded this scholarship. They are Eleanor Hine '33; Margaret Baylis '34; and Frances Rush '35.

The scholarship has been awarded for 1935-36 to Elizabeth Fielding '38, of New London, sister of Drusilla Fielding '32.

The Class of 1919 presented to the College at Commencement a fund of one thousand dollars, the income of which shall be awarded as a scholarship whenever the income amounts to one hundred dollars—this award to be made to a daughter or sister of an alumna, special consideration to be given to a daughter of a member of the Class of 1919 who meets the necessary scholarship requirements. The Class of 1919 would like to have their scholarship available particularly to students entering the freshman class.

## TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, October 12, Connecticut College will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its opening. The Alumnae Week-End Com-

mittee will work with the Committee on the Twentieth Anniversary and the two events will coincide.

## REVIEW

**D**URING each academic year there are notable events on campus that should be recorded so that the alumnae will know that the college not only maintains its traditional high standard of extra-curricula interests, but constantly progresses into a wider range and broadens its contacts with the world outside. Some of the events from the year's calendar are listed below, in the hope that the alumnae will share the pride of the college in its achievements.

### Lectures

Among the year's most popular speakers, may be listed the following:

- Louis Adamic, author
- S. K. Ratcliffe, journalist
- Ruth Nichols, aviatrix
- Gertrude Stein, author
- Margaret Mead, anthropologist
- Hilda W. Smith, authority on workers' education

### Music

The college has had a series of concerts in the gymnasium, including the following:

- Manhattan String Quartet
- Frances Nash, pianist
- Two-piano recital: Frances Hall and Rudolph Gruen
- Berkshire Singers

The Victrola hours have continued to be popular. Dr. Erb has arranged very careful programs for two such hours a week, supplementing the music appreciation course.

The college was the recipient of a very fine phonograph from the Carnegie Corporation. The gift included many records of symphonies and accompanying scores. Connecticut was fortunate to be among the few

colleges to which the Carnegie Corporation presented these music sets.

### Athletics

Although rifle practice, riding, and swimming are not all new on campus, they still sound very progressive to the older alumnae. The swimming is made possible by the hospitality of the Coast Guard Academy which opens its pool to the college one night a week. A member of the faculty is always in charge. In the spring a swimming meet was held.

### Conferences

This has been a year of conferences, on campus and off. The largest of these, and one in which the college was indirectly involved, was the Conference on Life Careers for Women, held in New York, March 28, 29, and 30 under the auspices of the Institute of Women's Professional Relations of which Mrs. Woodhouse is Director. Miss Blunt and several students went down from New London, the former having a part in the program. Among the many other participants were Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ethel Barrymore Colt, Norman Hapgood, Margaret Bourke-White.

In May an important conference on campus had as its subject, "Education for Public Affairs." Fifteen colleges sent delegates, many of whom were presidents and deans. The evening meeting had the following speakers: Ruth Taylor, Commissioner of Public Welfare in Westchester County; Marguerite Wells, President of the National League of Women Voters; Virginia Gildersleeve, Dean of Barnard College. At the close of the afternoon and morning of open discussion, Dr. Henry W. Lawrence summarized the conclusions.

The annual meeting of the Connecticut Occupational Therapy Association was held on the campus on March 9. To this, as to most of the conferences, the students were invited. The college hospitality not only acquaints many heretofore disinterested people with the attractions of the college, but gives the students these opportunities not otherwise available to them.

The second annual flower show of New London was held in New London Hall and offered the students a chance to display their aptitude in things floral. Indeed, several of the awards went to the students who competed with local organizations.

Undergraduate conferences in other institutions have given the students several opportunities to represent the college as well as to bring back new ideas to the campus. The Model League of Nations at Mount Holyoke College was probably the outstanding student conference, stimulating an interest in affairs international and political—worthwhile as well as popular on the modern campus.

The Massachusetts State College was host to a Student Scientific Conference, at which the delegates demonstrated their skill with new theories and experiments. This was the first meeting of scientific competition and its value is so obvious that it is hoped to make it an annual event.

The "Wig and Candle" sent delegates to the Intercollegiate Dramatic Clubs Conference at Yale, and another group attended the Dance Symposium at Bennington College.

Although it was not a conference, an off-campus excursion worth mentioning was the trek of the Italian Club to New York to hear "Il Trovatore." The trip was organized by Mrs. Trotta, who managed to have the students eat Italian food and visit galleries devoted to Italy as well as talk Italian.

#### Miscellaneous

A dance recital by Martha Graham was given for the benefit of the Sykes Fund. It

was preceded by a lecture on the modern dance by John Martin, Dance Critic of the *New York Times*. This intelligent order of events so stimulated the enthusiasm of would-be dancers, that an informal group was organized to study creative dancing. Elizabeth Hartshorn '30 was the faculty adviser, and in the spring the Athletic Association sponsored a dance demonstration by this group.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science has presented to the college some apparatus to equip a laboratory (now under construction) for research on plant hormones. This will be one of the first laboratories of its kind, and will be under the direction of Dr. Avery.

Dr. John Edwin Wells has for the third year in succession received a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies to assist him in the preparation of the sixth supplement to the "Manual of the Writings in Middle English."

Miss Blunt has continued her custom of inviting groups of seniors to her home for after-dinner coffee. At each of these gatherings a specific campus problem is discussed, encouraging students to see something beyond their one-sided view of the college, and also giving Miss Blunt many worthwhile ideas.

There was such a large surplus from the blanket tax this year—a thousand dollars—that it was used to buy books for dormitory libraries. In some cases bookcases were supplied, and the books were selected with great care.

During the summer North Cottage will be enlarged to accommodate 24 students instead of 13.

And to prove that, after all, life on campus is not so very different, the students had the usual excitement over mascot hunting. The Class of 1936 had its banquet on the Mohican roof garden and unveiled its mascot—a set of lights for the entrance to Bolleswood.

## AMONG THE CHAPTERS

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The final meeting of the BOSTON CHAPTER was a dinner meeting May 21 held at the Hotel Kenmore, with twenty-two alumnae present. Dr. and Mrs. Frank E. Morris were the guests of the evening. After dinner Dr. Morris gave an informal talk on the college. Plans for raising money for the Alumnae Association were discussed. Plans were also made for a picnic in June. The following officers were elected for 1935-1936: president, Ruth Anderson '19; vice president, Prudence Drake '28; secretary, Elizabeth Perkins '30; treasurer, Elizabeth Norton '31; chairman of entertainment, Ethel Woodruff Pulsifer '27; chairman of publicity, Aura Kepler '24.

The last meeting of the CHICAGO CHAPTER was held on May 21 at the College Club. The winning raffle number on a \$50 merchandise certificate was drawn, being won by one of the members, Katherine King Karslake. As a result of the raffle, the Chicago Chapter is contributing some \$80 to the Scholarship Fund. The next meeting will not be held until the middle of September when the alumnae and undergraduates will gather at a tea to welcome the new freshmen.

A regular luncheon and business meeting of the CLEVELAND CHAPTER was held June 8 at the Mid Day Club. The new officers were announced: president, Ruth Judd Green '32; vice-president, Frances Gabriel '30; treasurer, Normah Kennedy Mandell '29; secretary, Elizabeth Miller Parkhurst '33; corresponding secretary, Jane Petrequin '34; chairman of publicity, Jane Griswold '33. A discussion of the Christmas dance followed.

The last meeting of the HARTFORD CHAPTER was in the form of a first annual dinner, held on May 22, at the Y.W.C.A. Miss Mary Partridge, of the board of trustees, addressed the group. After the election of officers, the members remained for an evening of bridge. Officers elected for next year: president, Ruth Ferree '33 (re-elected); vice-president, Alison Hastings Porritt '19; secretary, Ethel Cooke '29; treasurer, Emma Howe '34; en-

tertainment, Millicent Waghorn '34; ways and means, Dora Schwartz Gaberman '20; publicity, Olga Wester '34; membership, Lucille Austin '34.

With a membership of seventeen alumnae, and a well-organized program, MERIDEN sends a complete report of the past year's work, a part of which was covered in the last issue. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the homes of members, with an average attendance of ten from Meriden, Wallingford, North Haven, and Southington. Dues are one dollar. In April the group were entertained at the home of Ruth Wheeler, and addressed by Miss Rideout of the high school faculty, who reviewed Professor Phelps' course in contemporary literature. In May a dinner at Mrs. Heflin's Inn was addressed by Dr. Morris from college. In June, a picnic at Hurd Park in honor of present and prospective students was scheduled to close the year, with election of officers.

The last meeting of the NEW JERSEY CHAPTER was in the form of a picnic held on May 28. New officers of the chapter will be: president, Elizabeth Johnson Hume '30; vice-president, Mary Langenbacher Clark '23; secretary, Isabelle Heins '32; treasurer, Vivien Noble Wakeman '31; The chapter plans to engage a speaker of prominence for a fall lecture.

Since the last issue, NEW LONDON CHAPTER members have coöperated with the A.A.U.W. in their scholarship bridge. The election of officers was slated for the June meeting, too late for publication in this number.

A dinner meeting at Beekman Towers completed the year's program for the NEW YORK CHAPTER. Addresses were made by the guests of honor, Janet Crawford How, Alumnae President, and Kathryn Moss, Alumnae Secretary. The chapter voted to send \$125 to the Alumnae Association. The following officers were elected for next year: president, Grace Demarest Wright '25; first

vice-president, Dr. A. P. McCombs '25; Westchester vice-president, Florence Appel '23; Brooklyn vice-president, Jean Marshall '33; Long Island vice-president, Florence Baylis '34; recording secretary, Jane *Alexander* Van Nostrand '34; corresponding secretary, Mary *Seabury* Ray '34; entertainment, Mary *Birch* Timberman; treasurer, Caroline B. Rice '31; publicity, Barbara Mundy '33.

PROVIDENCE CHAPTER was happy to have Dr. Leib as guest speaker at a sub-freshman party given April 26 at the home of Ruth Raymond '32. This was our first venture at such an affair and we were gratified to have some twenty guests present. The annual business meeting was held May 14 at the apartment of Marjorie Smith '22, president. During the past year our membership has increased to eighteen active members and two associate members.

Officers elected to take office in September are as follows: president, Dolly Swanson '31; vice-president, Gladys Forster '24; secretary, Ruth Raymond '32; treasurer, Bertha *Francis* Hill '29; chairman of entertainment and publicity, Ruth Lister '34.

In June Harriet Isherwood '34 entertained

at a clam bake at her summer home in Portsmouth. Because of rain supper was served indoors, but that did not dampen spirits or detract from the feast. Marjorie Smith, the alumna most instrumental in organizing the chapter and president during the first two years, was presented with a gift of appreciation for the work she has done, by the incoming president, Dolly Swanson. During the evening Adeline *Andersen* Wood '29, who has had charge of the chapter apron, opened the patches in which money had been sewn by various people, and Providence Chapter became \$7.30 richer. The apron will be passed around again next year among the members and their friends for the purpose of raising money.

The WATERBURY CHAPTER held the April meeting at the home of Gertrude Traurig. Mr. Shattuck talked on the native tribes of the Philippines. The annual May luncheon held at the Hotel Elton, was addressed by Dr. Lawrence who discussed the latest news of the college, then lectured on "Can the United States Keep Out of War?" The final meeting of the year, a picnic, was held too late to be reported for this issue.

## CLASS NOTES

EDITED BY MARY BOND '29, ASSISTANT EDITOR

1919

CORRESPONDENT: Grace Cockings, 82 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, Conn.

BORN—To Marion *Shea* Kirby, ex '19, a daughter on April 18.

Margaret Maher visited in Washington in February and had a chance to drive to California again with friends. They ran into a dust storm on the way and their greatest speed through it was twenty miles an hour with the accelerator down to the floor. Margaret is in Los Angeles at present where she has taken an apartment. When she wrote, she was undecided whether to take the next boat for home, or go to one of the beaches for the summer.

Dot *Gray* Manion and family are taking a cottage at Pleasure Beach, near New London.

Sue Wilcox and friends drove down to Virginia over Easter for Garden Week.

Priscilla *Ford* Schenke has been shut in with her little boy who had an attack of the measles.

Irma Hutzler drove to Bridgeport on business one day not long ago and stopped off at New Haven to have dinner with Sue Wilcox. Irma also had a chance to go to New Bedford where she visited Clementina *Jordan* Goulart for two days. Prent, Irma and Julie Hatch met at the State Conference in Hartford in April. Julie left Connecticut the first of May to go with the Brooklyn Children's Aid Society.

Helen Gough has been very ill with a tonsil infection, but is better and back at work.

Sadie *Coit* Benjamin's husband was operated on for appendicitis recently.

Frances *Otten* Seymour will leave for home (N.Y.) in May.

May Buckley has given up her position with the Rose Menard Studio and is teaching school once more.

Mrs. Potter, Ruth's mother, has been very ill at the Mohican Hotel where they spent the winter.

1920

CORRESPONDENT: Joan *Munroe* Odell, 104 South Broadway, Tarrytown, N.Y.

1921

CORRESPONDENT: Dorothy M. Pryde, Race Brook Rd., Orange, Conn.

More than a third of 1921's members returned for reunion, and like their sisters of the early days, were reminded of past struggles by samples of weather apparently left over from the last hurricane! Not even Rachel's sound effects in the Revue were better! Ruth Wilson should have been there to lead us in "Clouds blowing, wind screeching, rain falling, all of the time."

1921 figured largely in the Alumnae Revue, given in the gym after the Class Day exercises, for Agnes was the head announcer, general manager, and master of ceremonies—and the songs from *Pierrot the Pirate* and *O, O Aladdin* have always seemed to belong especially to us (without infringement of copyright). And surely the "High Muck of the Hot Fudge Isles" was a familiar potentate to '21.

The class dinner at Lighthouse Inn revived pleasant memories, and we were glad to have messages from several members who could not be there, and from "Miss Blue." It did seem that, as Agnes so solemnly intoned before the microphone in the afternoon, "time marches backward," and to have Dr. Marshall with us again brought back the thought of other class dinners, and other meetings of friends.

We were also honored by a visit from Miss Blunt, who brought greetings to our fifteen members. Those at the dinner were Barbara Ashenden, Louise *Avery* Favorite, Anna Flaherty, Abby Gallup, Dorothy *Gregson* Slocum, Agnes Leahy, Marion *Lyon* Jones, Olive *Littlehales* Corbin, Ethel *Mason* Dempsey, Ruth *McCollum* Basset, Roberta *Newton* Ray, Dorothy Pryde, Loretta Roche, Rachel Smith, and Dorothy Wulf. We much regretted that Anna Mae Chalmers could not be at the dinner, but were more than glad to see her even for a brief time in the afternoon and to wish her a good summer and renewed health.

Class officers were elected as follows: president, Marion *Lyon* Jones; vice-president, Ethel *Mason* Dempsey; treasurer, Barbara Ashenden; secretary, Loretta Roche.

1922

CORRESPONDENT: Ann *Slade* Frey, 35 School Street, Hanover, N.H.

Please get in touch with one or several of the following who gathered to reunite on June 9, and hear all the details. Lack of space and time forbids a long account here. Dot Wheeler, Margaret Baxter, Evelyn, Gay, Helen Crofoot, Helen Merritt, Helen Peale, Lucy McDannel, Constance Hill, Ruth Levine, Grace Fisher, Blanche, Gertrude Avery, Ann, Augusta, Olive Tuthill, Jessie Williams, Jeannette. Olive Tuthill stayed all through and delighted us all with her presence; Jess and Grace were there only a few hours.

After our class supper, our worthy President, Helen Peale, called us to order and conducted our class meeting. Margaret Baxter was elected the new President. A vote of thanks was given Dorothy Wheeler for her long and honorable term of office, and she was, of course, urged to continue in the same capacity. The matter of unpaid dues was discussed as was the matter of the class baby fund. The result of all this will undoubtedly be sent you eventually.

Dr. Marshall returned to campus for a few hours on Saturday, greeted us after the class day exercises, attended the Reunion Revue, and made the round of the class suppers in the evening where he spoke informally for a few minutes.

The opinion seemed to be that a good time was had by all over the week-end. The Ravages of Time had left few if any marks on '22—that was the outstanding comment.

Wrey Warner writes of a busy year in Montevideo, Uruguay, where she has been in charge of physical education for the Y.W.C.A.

1923

CORRESPONDENTS: Edith B. Goldberg, 32 Beverly Road, West Hartford, Conn. Helen *Higgins* Bunyan, 435 Webster Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y.

"Mopey" *Mason* Bailey is connected with the Spring Hill School, at Litchfield, Conn.—the same school of which Emily *Slaymaker* Leith-Ross wrote last year.

Hope *Freeland* Allen sends us greetings from the campus bookshop at our Alma Mater, where now, besides text books and supplies, all the latest trade books, gifts of brass, pottery, china, and etchings may be purchased.

Bernice Boynton at the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station is still hard at work on her degree of Doctor of Philosophy which she hopes to get in a year from now. "B" is now working on her thesis problem after completing the qualifying examinations. About her thesis "B" writes: "It is a study of the rhythm of growth in girls from birth to maturity and involves the collection of a mass of data on Physical Measurements of many and various kinds."

We hasten to correct an error. Carmela Anastasia Grenquist has not been in a sanitarium.

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1924

CORRESPONDENT: Kathryn Moss, Alumnae Office, Connecticut College, New London.

In answer to a note from me, Virginia Hays Fisher (Mrs. Irving Fisher, Jr.) sent the following letter from Rome: "Your letter reached me on our arrival in Naples. . . . We left New York at the end of January and have been having quite a glorious trip around the globe, going to the Pacific coast by train and sailing for Honolulu, and then on to New Zealand and Australia, stopping on the way at Samoa and Fiji. Then we went up through the Dutch East Indies seeing Bali and Java particularly and on to Singapore. Then to Burma and across India and up the Red Sea to Suez. We arrived in Cairo Easter Sunday, and after a short stay there came on to Italy for ten days of rest at Capri. We are going on from here to Florence and Venice and make short visits in Zurich and Paris. We will spend most of June in England and sail for home about July first, unless we make a cleanup at the Derby! Our home is waiting for us in Woodbridge, Connecticut, a lovely old farmhouse known as Highfields, and after this peregrination that will be our headquarters for some time to come.

"My husband was in the class of '23 at Yale, and is interested in newspaper and literary work."

News of our other brides came in a recent letter from Genie *Walsb* Bent (Mrs. Bernard Bent, 1502 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.). Genie writes, "Peg Call was married on May 4th to one Richard Ladd of Washington, who is employed in the Congressional Library. They are on a southern trip now and when they return will live with Peg's family until a house which is being built will be finished, probably in June. Then their home will be in Silver Springs, Maryland. Peg had a simple, pretty home wedding.

Her only attendant was her cousin, Frances Jones '27. Betty Phillips '26, gave a bridge party for Peg just before she was married.

"I was married in February in New York and came directly to Washington. . . . My husband is employed by the North Washington Realty Co. which is building houses with Federal Loan and selling them just as fast. . . . He was Syracuse '25, Alpha Chi Rho, and lived in West Hartford before we were married."

Through an error of copying, the news items about Helen *Douglass* North and Helen Dodd were confused in the Spring issue of the *News*. Helen Dodd is teaching history and political science at the West Haven High School, and Duggie is still enjoying life keeping house and taking care of her two boys.

Alumnae reunions were very successful this June. Of 1924, however, only Janet *Crawford* How, Helen Forst, Elizabeth Hollister, Marion Sanford, and I were in New London.

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1925

CORRESPONDENT: Grace *Demarest* Wright, 1225 Park Ave., New York City.

BORN—To Helen *Hewett* Webb, twins, a boy and a girl, Sue and Hugh, in October.

Dorothy Kilbourn sailed on the *Normandie* for a trip abroad.

Olive Hulbert is in the real estate business in New York City.

Sally *Crawford* Maschal has moved to Poughkeepsie, in a house in the deep woods with a roaring river at her back door.

Alice Barrett is working in the Albany Public Library.

Virginia Lutzenkirchen is secretary to the chief of the Income Tax Division of Internal Revenue of Chicago.

Your correspondent is at present in Atlantic City attending the American Medical Association Convention with her husband.

The new class correspondent is Margery *Field* Shaw.

Our tenth reunion was a tremendous success, with over fifty per cent of the class on campus. Connie Parker, Class President, and Peg *Cort* Palmer, Reunion Chairman, deserve much credit for this accomplishment. A banquet was held at the Norwich Inn on Saturday evening. Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Leib, honorary class members, contributed to the pleasure of the evening. Betsy Allen and Dr. A. Parks McCombs gave a delightful puppet show with "Spark-Plug," our class mascot, in a leading rôle.

1926

CORRESPONDENT: Rosamond Beebe, 51  
South Park Street, Montclair, N.J.

1927

CORRESPONDENT: Lois *Bridge* Ellis, 159  
Clearfield Rd., Wethersfield, Conn.

ENGAGED—Dorothea Redman to Russell  
E. Smith, Harvard graduate, of Rockford,  
Ill.

MARRIED—Lois *Penny* Storer to Donald T.  
Stephenson on June 1.

BORN—To Mary *Storer* Brooks, a son,  
Robert Bruce Sterling, on May 28.

To Barbara *Tracy* Coogan, a daughter,  
Eleanor, on May 8.

Peg *Rich* Raley is now living at 54 Sedge-  
wick Ave., Yonkers, N.Y.

1928

CORRESPONDENT: Dorothy *Davenport* Voor-  
hees, Alpine Drive, Brighton Station,  
Rochester, N.Y.

BORN—To Catherine *Page* McNutt, a son,  
Douglas Page, on April 24.

The class extends its sympathy to Reba  
*Coe Ehlers* and to Edith *Cloyes* McIlwaine  
who lost their fathers during the past year.

After three years at the Yale School of  
Drama, Sarah Brown has been appointed As-  
sistant in Play Production at Wellesley Col-  
lege.

1929

CORRESPONDENT: Winifred *Link* Stewart,  
The Embassy, 555 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn,  
N.Y.

MARRIED—Elizabeth Kane to Paul H.  
Marshall in West Hartford, Conn., on April  
20.

Eleanor Rose ex'29 to Dr. Benjamin W.  
Carey, Jr., in New London, on March 2.  
Eleanor and her husband are living at 97  
Binney St., Boston, Mass. Dr. Carey is resi-  
dent physician on the Medical Service at the  
Children's Hospital. In the fall he is expect-  
ing to be head of the Bacteriology Dept.  
there with a teaching job on the Harvard  
Medical School Faculty. Eleanor is one of the  
officers in the Admitting Dept. of the same  
hospital.

BORN—To Dorothy *Adams* Peabody, a  
daughter, Emily Ann, on May 19.

Zeke Speirs has sent us some bits of news

about Commencement. Few '29ers were back  
this year, although Ethel Cook and Jan  
Boomer were about. Beth *Houston* Murch  
had written that she was planning to be there  
too. Zeke arrived just in time for the Class  
Day exercises which were very lovely. Let's  
promise ourselves a grand and glorious get-  
together on our Tenth Reunion which will be  
the next big one for our class. Despite the  
rather strange way the reunion system seems  
to work, Zeke has checked with K. Moss,  
Alumnae Secretary, to make certain about our  
next reunion. So let's all begin to get ready  
for 1939!

Zeke is resigning her job in the Personnel  
Dept. of Yale, and plans to go in for horti-  
culture exclusively. She's hoping to get to  
Felicia for a while this summer and will be  
in and about New London for some of the  
time. She writes of a glorious month spent  
this spring with her sister in Georgia.

Since April 26, Kate *Aikens* Van Meter  
and her husband have been living in their  
own, newly acquired home at 7827 Winston  
Road, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

Lil Ottenheimer is now living at the  
Y.W.C.A. on Broad Street in Hartford,  
where she has an interesting new job at the  
Hart Manufacturing Co.

Mary K. Bell, after doing volunteer social  
work at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland for  
a while is now established there as Registrar.  
She has recently moved to 2899 Hampton  
Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland, Ohio.

Jan Boomer is now on her job at Old  
Lyme, Conn. Jean Hamlet finished her work  
at Columbia on May 18 and is now at Guil-  
ford, Conn., I think. Marion Shaw is off with  
her family to Marion, Ohio, where her father  
is having a college reunion.

Betty *Williams* Moody has rejoined the  
social work field, and is supervising in the  
Queens office of the Emergency Relief Bureau  
of N.Y.C.

Caroline *Terry* Baker writes of their  
change of address to 54 Bonair Ave., Water-  
bury, Conn., made necessary after a recent  
fire in the house on Euclid Ave. where they  
have been living. Although many household  
possessions were lost, Terry, her husband  
Bob, and the new baby "Terry" were safe  
and sound at her mother's house when the  
fire occurred.

In a recent letter from Fran *Wells* Vroom  
she tells of a two weeks' visit to Boston this  
spring where she had a lovely afternoons'  
drive and visit with Bondo. While there she  
heard Prexy preach a fine sermon and after-

wards chatted with him, Mrs. Marshall, and Ben. Jr. This vacation was followed by a two weeks' sojourn to Florida where she met her husband, Bob, who had been in the South traveling on business. Fran recently entertained El *Newmiller* Sidman, Peg *Burroughs* Kohr, and Connie Jacobsen at luncheon.

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1930

CORRESPONDENT: Jane Murphy, 89 West Street, Danbury, Conn.

MARRIED—Ruth B. Jackson to John Truman Webb, on May 11, in Denver.

Katharine Louise Bailey to Harry Ramsay Hoyt, on June 15, in Easton, Pa.

The small, but enthusiastic "fifth reuning" group met for the class banquet at the Norwich Inn Saturday evening, June 8. Two of the honorary members were there—Miss Brett, as attractive as ever, and Dr. Daghlian, who played the rôle of "father" at the head of the table. Those attending were: Betty Capron, Virginia Joseph, Ruth Brown, Dorothy Barrett, Tommie Hartshorn, Elizabeth *Johnson* Hume, Dorothy Quigley, Marian

Geer, Marjorie Ritchie, Evelyn Jeralds, Adelaide Finch, Emily Tomlinson, Margaret *Brewer* Bunyan, and Evelyn Clarke. At a short business meeting it was decided that the class should give bronze lanterns for the gateway at the entrance on the Norwich road. Virginia Joseph is in charge. Adelaide Finch was chosen Class President, and Kathleen Halsey was elected Secretary.

Dorothy Barrett has done graduate work at Columbia and is assisting in psychology at Barnard.

Isabel *Gilbert* Greenwood received her Doctor's degree from McGill University and went to join her husband, a minister, in the Northwest Territory, Arctic Circle, where she will assist as a medical missionary.

Helene Somers' engagement was announced at a party where '30 was well represented, but—to whom?

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1931

CORRESPONDENT: Melicent *Wilcox* Buckingham, Mill Hill, Southport, Conn.

ENGAGED—Gertrude Emily Smith to Dr. E. Dewitt Cook, Colgate '29.

MARRIED—Aurelia Hunt to Rufus L. Robinson, 3rd, on April 28.

Beatrice Brooks to Woodworth Leslie Carpenter, Brown '30, Harvard Law '33, on June 15.

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1932

CORRESPONDENT: Gertrude S. Butler, 7105 Greene St., Philadelphia, Pa.

ENGAGED—Margaret Wyman to John L. Slusser.

MARRIED—Jean Stimson to Stewart Wilcox on June 15.

Ruth Judd to Robert T. Green on June 22.

Isabelle Bartlett to Roger Hoag on June 15.

Margaret Hiland to Mr. Lomas on April 26.

Marjorie Bodwell to Albert Dunlap last fall.

Mary Cullen to Lawrence A. Chappell, Jr., on April 26.

Dorothy Thompson to Gerald Smith, an instructor in English.

Marjorie Evans to Adrian V. K. Babcock of Phoenix, Ariz.

Eleanor Wilcox to William P. Sloan, army aviator, in Honolulu last fall. The Sloans are now stationed near Shreveport, La.

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A son, John Rodman, to Mary Butler Melcher on April 14.

A second son to Jean Richards Schramm.

A daughter, Edith Nancy, to Louisa Rhodes Brown.

There were twenty of us back on the hill-top for our third commencement reunion. The entire group was never assembled at one time, but sixteen sat down to a very pleasant dinner at Lighthouse. We were amazed at the facility with which our aging intellects recalled class songs.

Kay Cooksey is at a museum in Yorktown, Virginia, working for the National Park Service. She makes sketches illustrating the life of the Virginia colonists in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The museum is as yet unbuilt, but is temporarily housed in "Ye Swan Tavern." In addition to doing her sketches by the shore, Kay has ample opportunity for swimming and golf.

Virginia Stephenson has been at the National Education Association for a year and a half. She enjoys her work which is varied and assorted.

Priscilla Moore is teaching at a school in Waverly, Mass.

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1933

CORRESPONDENT: Esther White, 17 Fernwood Road, Summit, N.J.

ENGAGED—Leona Hartstone to Frank W. Lowe, Jr., graduate of Boston University Law School '34.

MARRIED—Marjorie Fleming on June 1 to William Thurman Brown, Construction Engineer with the Treasury Department of the Federal Government.

Virginia Swan to Karl Calvin Parrish, Yale '34, on April 27. Janet Swan was maid of honor. Among the bridesmaids were Eleanor Jones, Elizabeth Boeker, Ruth Ferree, Betty Miller Parkhurst, Elizabeth Carver Perkins. They will live in Barranquilla, Colombia, S.A.

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1934

CORRESPONDENT: Ann D. Crocker, Leavitt Street, Hingham, Mass.

MARRIED: Jean Belden ex-'34, to Allan Clark, on June 21.

Edith Stockman has received her M.A. from Wellesley College.

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*I struck a  
Match in the Rain—*

*I struck a match amid the rain drops  
While there we waited you and I.  
A little flame revealed we both liked Chesterfield.  
You know—I know—They Satisfy.*

*You smiled and said, "They do taste better"  
And I replied, "They're milder, too."  
Those words just fit them to the letter.  
You know—I know—They're true.*

*And now we're furnishing a cottage  
Where we'll be happy by and by.  
Because the night we met, you held that cigarette.  
You know—I know—THEY SATISFY.*