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General Alumni Association, University of Maine
The Gilbert Crosby Paine Scholarship

Gilbert Crosby Paine spent the summers of his youth at Prospect Harbor on the Maine coast. He died a hero in World War II. The United States Navy awarded him a Silver Star (posthumous) for conspicuous gallantry when the U. S. Destroyer Callaghan was sunk by a Japanese suicide plane off Okinawa, July 29, 1945.

Ernest T. and Louise Crosby Paine, his parents, wishing to provide a perpetual memorial to their son, felt that in view of his deep love for the State of Maine a scholarship at the State University would be most fitting. They established the Gilbert Crosby Paine Scholarship Fund in 1950.

Although he never attended the University, Gilbert Crosby Paine was the grandson of Oliver Crosby ’76, whose interest in and love for the University prompted him to bequeath $100,000 for the construction of Crosby Laboratory which houses the laboratories of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The income from the Gilbert Crosby Paine Scholarship Fund, amounting to $450 annually, is awarded to a male student of high scholastic attainment and otherwise deserving, preference being given to students from Hancock County, Maine. Failing such candidates, other male students whose homes are in Maine are considered for the award.

The University is proud and honored to have been chosen as the recipient of this Memorial Fund, commemorating one who served his country with such complete devotion.
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Nurtured By Other Maine Men, 
Became A National Force 
Encouraging 

Democracy 
In 
Scholarship

FIFTY-EIGHT years ago this spring a small group of seniors sat in Room 202 on the second floor of the old Oak Hall listening as one of their number explained an idea.

It seemed to him, the speaker, that high scholarship, in whatever line of endeavor, should be recognized; that the men seemingly best fitted for research and theoretical work should be given recognition and respect in the eyes of those with a more practical turn of mind.

He spoke of a new honor society. "I hoped," he said years later, "that this society would be the means of showing the interdependence of these two philosophies of life, while at the same time broadening each. I wanted to bring the various groups of students nearer together and it seemed to me that these men...would be drawn from all classes and all groups and all societies, hence...would have a leveling and social influence."

The speaker's name was Marcus L. Urann '97. He, Charles H. Farnham, and Howard E. Stevens, both '97, carried the idea to President Abram W. Harris '01H, who received it with enthusiasm. Mr. Urann was called upon to draw up a constitu-

Current officers of the University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi are (l. to r.) Alpheus C. Lyon, Jr. '34, marshal; Velma K. Oliver '25, secretary; George F. Dow '27, president; Irwin B. Douglass, vice president; and Herbert J. Edwards, Journal correspondent. Horace A. Pratt '30, not in photo, is treasurer.

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tion and by-laws which he "did one night sitting in my old room, the second floor, a corner in Oak Hall."

Today, the Phi Kappa Phi Society has 65 chapters from Maine to Manila, from Washington to Florida. This great society, a democracy in scholarship which recognizes achievement in all branches of learning, developed from the idea of Marcus Urann, Class of 1897, Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Approximately 85,000 students and faculty have been elected to the society in its 58 years.

At first the society was thought of as a local one. At its founding in 1897, it took the name Lambda Sigma Eta. There was no significance or motto connected with this name.

Membership in the early years was limited to the top ten students in each class providing their grade average was 90 or higher. If there were not ten students who had achieved 90, then fewer than ten were elected. In addition, three members of the faculty were elected each year.

Members of that first group were William T. Bastow, deceased; Stanwood H. Cosmey, Omaha, Nebraska; Lindsay Duncan, deceased; Charles H. Farnham, deceased; Perley F. Goodridge, Detroit, Mich.; William Holyoke, deceased; Andrew J. Patten, Harbor Beach, Michigan; Joseph W. H. Porter, deceased; Howard E. Stevens, deceased; and Marcus L. Urann, Hanson, Mass. Faculty members were President Harris; Prof. George H. Hamlin '73; and Prof. James N. Hart '85, now Dean Emeritus of the University and Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Astronomy residing in Orono.

The Name Is Changed

In 1899 the name was changed to the Morrill Society in honor of Senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont, author of the Morrill Act of 1862 which created the Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.

The following year President Harris had a conference with the Presidents of Pennsylvania State College, University of Tennessee, and Ohio State University. The occasion was a meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations at Orono.

In his office, then located in Coburn Hall, President Harris told his visitors of the aims of the local society and suggested that it be made a national society through establishment of chapters at their institutions. The Presidents of Pennsylvania State and the University of Tennessee were interested; the President of Ohio State was not.

Chapters were formed at these two schools and shortly afterward at Massachusetts Agricultural College. Thus, in 1900 the society became a national organization. A plaque commemorating the meeting of Presidents was later installed in Coburn Hall where it still exists. It reads: The National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi, Established Within These Walls. Local 1897, National 1900.

The Society Grows Up

An outline plan of organization was drawn up at that Coburn Hall meeting. Professor James Stacy Stevens '22H, later Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and a representative of one of the other member institutions, prepared a new constitution and a ritual of initiation. Dr. Harris and Professor Stevens selected the name Phi Kappa Phi because of euphoniousness of the Greek syllables. Dr. John Homer Huddilston '42H of the Department of Greek, now Professor Emeritus of Ancient Civilization residing in Orono, was assigned to select three Greek words which would represent the purpose of the organization. Dr. Huddilston selected Philosophia Krateri Photon, which by a somewhat free translation means "The Love of Learning Rules the World."

President Harris designed the badge. He has written, "It was intended to show the democracy of learning by the symbolism of an eight-rayed sun representing the various branches into which general education may be divided. The first drawings were prepared by Professor Stevens, or by someone under his direction."

Professor Charles P. Weston '96, now Professor Emeritus of Mechanics residing in Orono, composed the Ode to Phi Kappa Phi, and Professor Adelbert W. Sprague '05, now Professor Emeritus of Music residing in Bangor, wrote the music.

At the first national convention held at New Haven, Conn., in 1900, President Harris was elected President General. He served until 1903. His successor at Maine, Dr. George E. Fellows '26H, followed him in the office of President General and served from 1903 to 1911. Dean Stevens was elected Registrar General at that first convention, an office he held until 1919 when he became the third President General from the University of Maine. He served in the society's highest office until 1923 and was Historian General from 1927 to 1935. Present as a delegate at that first convention was Dr. M. C. Fernald, the first President of the University. Dean Roy M. Peterson, later Professor Emeritus of Romance Languages, served as Editor in 1924 and 1925 and became Editor General in the latter year, an office he held until 1947.

A Job Well Done

Marcus Urann could have hardly suspected on that spring night in 1897 that his idea would grow into one of the largest and most respected societies in the world dedicated to promoting and recognizing scholarship. Still a very active businessman (see Alumni Names section), Marcus Urann and his fellow Maine men who played such a large part in the establishment and development of Phi Kappa Phi can look back over 58 years of credit to their ideas and efforts.
February Brings Mid-Term Exams And A Two-Week Layoff For The Athletic Teams

Still failing to match State Series and Yankee Conference competition, Coach Russell DeVette's varsity basketball team approached the end of the first half of the schedule with a 1-7 record.

Despite the dismal record the Bears have continued to improve since the Christmas layoff. After losing two one-sided contests to the power laden University of Connecticut 99-58 and the University of Rhode Island 89-63, Maine pushed the tall and able Colby Mules into an overtime period before losing 74-73 in the thriller which left the Maine crowd limp and almost happy over the moral victory.

Two days later the Bowdoin Polar Bears came to Orono seeking revenge for a 56-55 overtime loss to Maine in the first round. The taller Bowdoins controlled the backboards for the most part throughout the game, but Maine hung on doggedly and was still trailing only three points 64-61 with two minutes to go. Still very much after that revenge win, Bowdoin caught fire and outscored Maine 13-4 in the last two minutes to win 77-65.

Polese Takes Over

In the first three games of the season, Mike Polese, a 22-year-old 6-1 junior from Belmont, Mass., played only briefly. He performed well enough in the few minutes allotted to him but didn't break up any ball games.

In the first Bowdoin game, however, he got a longer time to show what he could do, and Coach DeVette liked what he saw. The coach elevated Polese to a starting berth for the Connecticut-Rhode Island trip, and he came through. He was second highest Maine scorer in both games accounting for 11 against Connecticut and 12 against Rhode Island and grabbed more than his share of rebounds.

Then came the near upset of Colby. Mr. Polese really hit his stride against the Mules. He notched 21 points to lead both teams in scoring, led the Maine team in the all-important rebound department by controlling 12 times, and put those scores in just when they were needed to keep the Bears in contention. It was he who scored a basket and, under terrific pressure, two foul shots to bring Maine from behind and tie the game up with seconds to go, and he contributed three of the seven points Maine scored in the overtime.

In the second Bowdoin game, Polese was again hot despite Bowdoin's concentrated efforts to cool him off. He scored more than one-third of the team's points with an individual mark of 23 points, the most points a Maine man has scored in one game this season. And, in general, paced the team throughout.

Despite only brief appearances in the early games, Polese in four games as a starter had taken over the scoring lead of the Bears with a 10.7 average for eight games.

A Good Athletic Year

In 1954 University athletic teams captured four State championships and one Yankee Conference championship.

Going back to the beginning of the year, Coach Ted Curtis '23 and his varsity ski team brought Maine its first championship of the year when they recaptured the trophy held by Bowdoin the two previous years.

The Maine baseball team under Coach Tubby Raymond, who later moved to the University of Delaware, and behind the very capable pitching of Charlie Otterstedt, Chester, N. Y., ran off with the State Series championship.

Coach Chet Jenkins' outdoor track team captured the first state track title for Maine since 1950 when they scored 48 points in the state meet to lead Bates 42, Bowdoin 28, and Colby 17.

In the fall, Coach Harold Westerman's football Bears soundly defeated all three state foes to win the fourth state championship.

Indoor Track

The Maine indoor track team piled up an 89-37 point margin over Bates in the first dual meet of the season. Bill Calkin, Orono, won first place in his specialties the high and low hurdles and also in the 50-yard dash for 15 points. Jim Varner, Bronx, N. Y., won the broad jump and was second to Calkin in both hurdles and the dash for 14 points. Paul Firiotte, Ellsworth Falls, won the mile and 1000-yard run, and Bill Johnson, Greenwich, Conn., won the discus and hammer events for ten points each.

Freshman Basketball

The Maine freshman team recorded wins over Maine Central Institute 77-72 and Portland University 91-53 during the month to make their record 4-0 for the season.

Baseball

Coach Walter Anderson has a group of 15 pitching candidates and six catching candidates working out in the field house. Twelve of the 15 pitchers are sophomores.

Candidates for other positions will begin practice February 7.

1955 Baseball Schedule

Southern Trip

April 2 West Point
4 Villanova
5 Catholic University
6 Howard University
7 Quantico Marines
8 Princeton University
9 Upsala

Regular Schedule

April 21 Massachusetts, away
22 Rhode Island, away
23 Connecticut, away
27 Bowdoin, home
29 Rhode Island, home
30 Colby, away
May 2 New Hampshire, home
4 Bates, away
6 Bowdoin, away
7 Connecticut, home
11 Colby, home
13 Bates, home
20 Colby, away
21 New Hampshire, away
24 Bates, away
26 Bowdoin, home

State Series Standings

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Safely Back In Quiet, Peaceful Hawaii,
W. W. Flagg '35 Recalls Hectic U. S. Trip

(Ed. Note—The following article is composed of excerpts from a letter Warren Flagg '35 wrote to Mrs. Thomas McGuire, class secretary.)

By Warren Flagg '35

Early in May my company sent me back to Columbus, Indiana, for some technical training at the factory of the Cummins Engine Company, makers of the famous Cummins Dependable Diesel used so extensively in heavy duty trucking which forms the backbone of the power requirements of cane hauling in the Hawaiian sugar industry.

Being so far east I felt that another 1,000 miles was nothing, so on the Saturday before Memorial Day I left Indianapolis and flew into old Gotham. Monday morning I flew on up to Bangor. Tuesday morning I grabbed a bus for the Maine campus. It was really a thrill to step off the bus down by the old power house and start up the walk. Then I missed what I had been looking for when I wanted to take a picture. No tower on Wingate Hall. It just didn't seem right.

I had a wonderful meeting with President Hauck who formerly was in Honolulu at famed Punahou School. Spent time in the Alumni Office and roamed the campus using up roll after roll of 16 mm movie film in color.

Tuesday afternoon I bid a reluctant farewell to Maine and flew back into New York. Left early the next morning for Los Angeles. Therein lies quite a story. Sounds like an old Mack Sennett comedy.

When I first arranged my schedule and bought the tickets, the flight I wanted left for Los Angeles from LaGuardia. On June 1st the flight left at the same time but from Idlewild. I didn't get the change made on my flight plan, but I sort of remembered it was to be changed. However, being just a poor kanaka boy in the stone canyons of New York, I took a cab right from the hotel to LaGuardia. Got checked in at LaGuardia and looked out at the flight line to see what I was riding in. Oops, no plane. Sez me to the clerk, what? plane not ramped yet for L.A. Sez he, nope. Hey, wait a minute, doing a double take. Mister, your plane leaves from Idlewild in thirty minutes. All broke loose. Got my baggage back from the loading ramp. Caught a special shuttle bus, and off we zoomed for Idlewild all the way through Jamaica.

Naturally, we made every red light and detour, and my fingernails got progressively shorter and shorter. Then, to cap the climax, we pulled up in front of the old "Longuyland" railroad station in Jamaica, and a crazed negro comes screaming out of the station, claws his way into the bus and hides under the seats protesting loud and long "There's a man in there with a gun, and he's going to shoot me."

Oops, pilikia gotch, as we say in Hawaii. Not so good. Try again. Still no good. Back to the loading ramp. Sorry, folks, but due to a minor mechanical failure the prop wants to stay full feathered, we must wait a few minutes for a check.

Twenty minutes later they pile us into special busses, and off we go again for LaGuardia, happily bouncing back through Jamaica, back through all the red lights. No spare planes anywhere else, so here I am back where it all started. Who's confused? Me!

Two hours later we get into the air, and two hours late we reach Los Angeles through the smoke and smog. "Next time take the train," but that's another story.

I hadn't ridden a real honest to goodness full-gauge railroad since I left New England. So what happens. My first ride on the New York Central from Cincinnati to Indianapolis, returning to Columbus after a week end visit in Cincinnati before going east, on a real old-fashioned, smoke belching, steam puffing, iron rattler, it blows up in the middle of an Indiana corn field thirteen miles from nowhere. Three hours later the NYC finally found a spare locomotive which they backed down the main line and towed us belatedly into a way station where they switched iron horses and off we chugged to Indianapolis. Three and a half hours late by now, past dinner time, with the candy butcher on the train sold out of everything including last year's stale peanuts. Did I get a nice note of apology from the NYC? Don't be silly. That why a few weeks later Bob Young took over control of the Central. From now on I stick to something safe like flying.

Two weeks later I was home in sunny Hawaii. Ten pounds heavier and a few dollars lighter, I could look back on my brief return to staid quiet New England and think, though the Indians have gone these many years, a man just ain't safe back there in that civilized neck of the woods. I'll stick to my pig and poi, my bare feet and Aloha shirt, and let the hectic pace of civilization rush on its way to nothing.

The author relaxes in Hawaii following a hectic trip to the mainland.

Ten minutes later (and all this time not one of New York's finest in sight) they get the man off the bus and away we go, lurching and lumbering, stopping for each push cart, velocipede, pedestrian, and nine million red lights.

Finally we chug up to the building at Idlewild just as the squawk box calls "Last call for Flight—for Chicago and Los Angeles." Frantically we check in, throw our baggage to an attendant, and pant up the ramp and almost into the arms of the stewardess, who was the best thing about the whole mess.

We crank up, go down to the end of the runway. We check #3, then #4, then #1, finally #2 engine.
Receives Fulbright Grant

Dr. Marvin C. Meyer, Professor of Zoology, and a widely known parasitologist, has been awarded a Fulbright Research Scholarship. His research specialty is leeches, and he will collaborate with an authority at Victoria University College in Wellington, New Zealand. He will leave for New Zealand in June and will return to the University in January, 1956. Since joining the Maine faculty in 1946, Dr. Meyer has written and published more than a score of technical articles on parasites.

His valued analysis and judgment on parasites have brought specimens to his laboratory from such varied places as Europe, India, Korea, Africa, and South America.

Writes Articles on Painting

Professor Vincent A. Hartgen, head of the Art Department, is the author of an article entitled “The Watercolors of Vincent Hartgen” in the current issues of Pen and Brush and Today’s Art, both well-known art magazines. He is scheduled to do other articles on pastel, crayon, pen and ink, and other techniques, using the Maine scene for a setting. His current article describes in detail how he creates a watercolor painting.

Announces French Contest

Plans for the Maine division of the National French Contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French have been announced by Miss Lilian Avila, Assistant Professor of Romance Languages, who is president of the Maine chapter. The contest is held on the secondary school level, and scholarships of $200 are offered by Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, and the University to a Maine chapter winner.

Addresses National Meeting

Speaking at a general meeting session during the annual convention of the Modern Language Association in New York City recently was Prof. Wilmarth H. Starr, head of the Department of Modern Languages and Classics. The topic of his address was “Foreign Language Study and Intercultural Understanding in America.” Last fall Dr. Starr was co-chairman of a Conference on Foreign Language Teaching and Intercultural Understanding under the sponsorship of the MLA.

With The Faculty

Prof. Herschel Bricker

Theatre Month Chairman

Herschel L. Bricker, director of the Maine Masque, is chairman of International Theatre Month for the liaison committee of the American Theatre Association.

International Theatre Month is sponsored by the U. S. National Commission for United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organizations. Its theme is better international understanding through theatrical presentations.

Professor Bricker is asking theatre groups, from professional to children, to do a radio, television, or stage drama during March which exemplifies the UNESCO purpose.

Bulletin boards, theatre displays, program articles, and newspaper stories are also being encouraged by Chairman Bricker.

Members of Professor Bricker’s committee include Dr. Hilda M. Fife and Professor Vincent A. Hartgen, of the University; Marc Connelly, New York producer and playwright; Rosamond Gillder, New York, of the International Theatre Institute; Jean Dalrymple, New York producer; and Darwin Payne of the University of Southern Illinois.

Elected Director

Howard A. Keyo, Publicity Director, was elected a director of the American College Public Relations Association’s District One at the annual convention of that group in Providence, R. I., recently.

Authors Technical Article

An article by Dr. Harold E. Young ’37, Associate Professor of Forestry, in the December issue of Photogrammetric Engineering has gained international attention.

The American Pulpwood Association of New York is securing 1,000 reprints of the article, which deals with the measurement of pulpwood piles through use of aerial photos, for distribution to its membership. The Montreal Branch of the Canadian Institute of Surveying and Photogrammetry scheduled the article as a feature of its January meeting. It probably will be republished later in The Canadian Surveyor.

Program Chairman

Professor Wofford G. Gardner, head of the Speech Department, was chairman of a program on “Enthymeme” at a recent meeting of the Speech Association of America in Chicago. Professor Gardner also attended meetings of the American Forensic Association and the National University Extension Association which were held at the same time and place.

On Executive Committee

Elected to the executive committee of the Eastern Association of College and University Business Officers at a recent meeting in Washington, D. C., was Prescott H. Vose, Comptroller. He has been comptroller at Maine since 1950.

Issue Research Report

Professor Gregory Baker ’24 of the Forestry Department and Neil McGowan ’54 have issued a progress report on “Durability of Maine Woods for Fence Posts.” The report was published in the Forestry Department Technical Notes series and deals with the comparative durability of certain Maine woods placed in the ground for long periods of time.

Dean Deering Honored—

Dean Arthur L. Deering of the College of Agriculture was awarded the Superior Service Medal for “vision and leadership” in the training of agricultural extension personnel at ceremonies in Washington, D. C. The event honored 144 Agriculture Department employees from all over the country.

At National Committee Meeting—

Business Manager and Purchasing Agent Henry L. Doten ’23 attended a meeting of a National Federation of College and University Business Officers Association committee in New York.

This group is sponsoring a study of 60 small arts colleges to determine whether a standard classification of financial accounts can be established.

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Local Associations

North Shore, Mass. Alumni—

On January 13, the North Shore Alumni met at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem with Judge Norman N. Espovich '31 as guest speaker. Judge Espovich addressed the group on “Juvenile Delinquency.” Leland Carter '42, President of the North Shore Alumni, presided at the business meeting preceding Judge Espovich’s address.

Attending alumni enjoyed a social hour at the close of the meeting.

Portland Alumnae—

The Portland Alumnae met in January in the Alumnae Lounge of Westbrook Junior College. Guest speaker at this meeting was Mrs. Anne Pride who spoke on the progress of retarded children.

The Portland Alumnae are currently making plans for a meeting to honor undergraduate women from the Portland area.

Chicago Alumni—

On January 9, the Chicago Alumni held a successful breakfast meeting at the Milk Pail in Elgin. Host and hostess at this enjoyable affair were Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kilburn '17.

Attending alumni were pleasantly surprised by the special delivery arrival of a package of frozen chocolate doughnuts sent from the campus by Dr. H. H. Brugman of the University faculty who had been guest speaker at a Chicago meeting earlier in the winter.

Portland Alumni—

The Portland Alumni joined with the Portland Alumni in a gala Dinner Dance on January 28 at the Cedar Inn in Scarborough. Honored guests were President and Mrs. Arthur A. Hauck.

Dr. Hauck addressed the group on the University’s legislative request for the biennium 1955-57.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening of speaking, dancing, and entertainment marked the highly successful meeting.

Black Bear Club of Rhode Island—

The January meeting of the Black Bear Club of Rhode Island was held at the home of Russell Walton '35. Guest and speaker at this dinner meeting was Head Football Coach Harold S. Westerman.

Host Walton provided his alumni guests with a splendid dinner.

Auburn-Lewiston Maine Club—

The Maine Club of Auburn-Lewiston met on January 20 at the American Legion Home in Auburn with Don Taverner '43, Alumni Secretary, as guest and speaker.

Mr. Taverner discussed late developments at the University and briefly outlined the University’s legislative program for the biennium 1955-57.

John McCobb '25, president of the Club, presided at this dinner meeting.

Coming Meetings

Pulp and Paper Alumni
Hotel Biltmore, New York
12:00 noon, February 23
Speaker: Martin McHale '12

Somerset County Alumni
February 16
Watch for details

Maine Club of Auburn-Lewiston
February 17, 6:30 P.M.
Legion Home, Auburn
Speaker: President Hauck

Southern Aroostook Alumni
February 9, 6:30 P.M.
Al’s Banquet Hall, Houlton
Speaker: Don Taverner '43

St. Petersburg, Fla., Alumni
February 12, 12:30 P.M.
Pennsylvania Hotel

Chicago Alumni
February 11
Home of Harry Hartman '28
Clarendon Hills

Southern Connecticut, Northern Connecticut, and Western Massachusetts Alumni held a joint dinner meeting in Cheshire, Conn., in November at which President Arthur A. Hauck was guest speaker. Prominent at the meeting were (1. to r.) Dr. Hauck, Mrs. Hauck, Donald V. Taverner '43, executive secretary, Mrs. Malcolm E. C. Devine, and Mr. Devine '31, president of the Northern Connecticut group, who presided.

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Alumni Names

Miss Helen M. Philbrook '39, Augusta, has been named assistant to the director of the Memorial Union effective February 1.

A dietitian for several years after taking the B.S. degree in home economics at Maine, Miss Philbrook has served for the past two years as social secretary and hostess at the Blaine House in Augusta for Governor and Mrs. Burton M. Cross. She served as a food supervisor in the Pentagon Building, Washington, D. C., in 1943-44, dietitian at the University in 1944-45, and dietitian at Maine Central Institute from 1946 to 1952.

In her new position, she will assist Nelson B. Jones, director, in the management of the Memorial Union.

As an undergraduate, Miss Philbrook was a Sophomore Eagle, a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and Pack and Pine. She also participated in women's athletics and student government.

A native of Shelburne, N. H., she prepared for college at Gould Academy in Bethel.

Named Fraternity Editor

Jackson W. Schurman of Northeast Harbor, Maine has been named assistant editor of the international publications of Sigma Chi Fraternity was named in mid-January. He is Richard C. Schurman '52.

Mr. Schurman has served as assistant editor of The Magazine of Sigma Chi, the fraternity's principal publication, since he graduated from Maine with the B.A. degree in English in 1952.

Formerly of Northeast Harbor, Mr. Schurman studied at Gilman High School in that town and Higgins Classical Institute before entering the University. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he is married and has one son. The Schurman's make their home in Evanston, Ill., where the national headquarters of Sigma Chi is located.

Heads National Group

Marcus L. Urann '97, president of the National Cranberry Association and chairman of the co-operative's board of directors, resigned in December after 47 years' service to the cranberry industry.

Mr. Urann, now 80 years old, will not retire but is reducing his responsibilities and activities on his doctor's orders. He will keep active in the cranberry industry.

As an undergraduate, he founded the society that shortly grew into the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Mr. Urann has retained an active interest in the progress of the University.

A native of Sullivan, Maine, he has been a leader in the development of growing and marketing cranberries since 1907.

Promoted to Major General

George M. Carter '18, '48H, who has served four Maine governors as adjutant general, was promoted to major general by retiring Governor Burton M. Cross in early January. General Carter's promotion cleared the way for the Army Department to raise his federal rank to major general.

He was first appointed adjutant general March 17, 1941. He is state director of Selective Service, a member of the First Army Civilian Components Advisory Group, and a member of the Executive Council, National Guard Association of the United States.

Receives Interfraternity Gold Medal

Two high honors have come recently to Dr. Maurice Jacobs '17 of Philadelphia. At the 46th annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, Dr. Jacobs received the Gold Medal of the Conference, the highest award a fraternity man can receive. The award was made "for distinguished service to youth through the American College Fraternity." He has been chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference since 1946 and is the first University of Maine man and the first man of the Jewish faith to win the award.

Dr. Jacobs has also been appointed acting chairman of the national commission of the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service Bureau. President of the publishing house that bears his name, he has for many years been very active in Jewish service, educational, and church organizations.

THE MAINE ALUMNUS 10 FEBRUARY, 1955
Maine Alumni Are Members Of The State’s 97th Legislature

When the 97th State of Maine Legislature convened on January 6, twenty-four seats in the two houses were filled by University of Maine people, several of whom held high offices.

Topping the list is Senator Robert N. Haskell ’25 of Bangor who is the new President of the Senate. Veteran legislator Haskell served one term in the House as a representative from Bangor and has been a Senator from Penobscot County since 1947.

Rep. Jesse P. Fuller (summer sessions) of South Portland, who was Majority Floor Leader in the House in 1953, was a candidate for Speaker of the House but did not get the nomination.

Succeeding Mr. Fuller as Majority Floor Leader is 31-year-old Rep. Dana W. Childs ’46 of Portland. Another candidate for the Majority Floor Leader post was Rep. Raymond Potter ’16 of Medway.

Other alumni members of the Senate are Samuel W. Collins ’19, Caribou; Wilmot S. Dow ’34, Waldoboro; Ralph W. Farris, Jr., ’39, Gardiner; Carleton S. Fuller (summer sessions), Buckfield; and Roy V. Sinclair ’36A, Pittsfield.

Alumni in the House in addition to those already mentioned are Gordon E. Brewster ’21, Ogunquit; Robert L. Browne ’48, Bangor; Edwin E. Ely ’43, Brooks; Raymond K. Greenleaf ’46, Boothbay Harbor; Morton A. Lamb ’46, Eastport; Peter M. MacDonald ’14L, Rumford; John H. Needham ’22, Orono.

Elwood N. Osborne ’25, Fairfield; John T. Quinn ’22, Bangor; John H. Reed ’42, Fort Fairfield; Harry F. Sanborn ’25, West Baldwin; James S. Stanley ’38, Bangor; Richard C. Willey ’27, Ellsworth; Harry R. Williams ’16, Hodgdon; Wallace Woodworth ’29, Benton.

The following important committee chairmanships in the two houses are held by alumni: Appropriations, Senator Collins; Agriculture, Senator Fuller; Education, Senator Dow and Representative Fuller; Inland Fisheries and Game, Representative Potter; Labor, Senator Farris; Legal Affairs, Representative Childs; Natural Resources, Representative Williams; Public Utilities, Representative Osborne.

Alumni Achievement

Presiding over a new paper-testing laboratory for which he drew the plans is Chief Chemist E. Whitman Strecker ’31 of the Esleeck Manufacturing Company, Turner Falls, Mass. Recently appointed manager of the Underwriting Department of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Boston is Ernest Y. Rowe ’38 who lives in Reading. He joined NEM in 1944 following Army and civil service. A new assistant vice president of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company is Henry R. Condon ’23. He joined the company in 1922, became assistant engineer of distribution in 1949, and now becomes engineer of distribution.

Harold M. Peasley ’50, a member of the industrial relations division of a New Britain, Conn., manufacturing company, is chairman of the New Britain blood program, a position that makes him responsible for promoting blood donations for 39 bloodmobile visits from a population of 120,000 in the New Britain area. The people of Richmond, Maine, are thanking Richard N. Berry ’37 these days. He purchased the water company and engineered a completely new water source from a drilled well in the Kennebec Esker. Richmond people find the pure well water a great improvement over the highly chlorinated Kennebec River water they previously used.

Robert N. Haskell ’25

Is Your Class One Of These?

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If so, it is not too soon to begin making plans now to return to Orono in June.

Members of non-reunion classes will be most welcome, too. You will find much to enjoy on the full program.

80TH REUNION

JUNE 10-11-12, 1955
Necrology

1898

Edward Harmon Davis. On December 12, 1954, Edward H. Davis of Salem, Mass., died. He was in the employ of the Hinman Asbestos Corp. of Cambridge, Mass., with whom he had been associated for 26 years as an estimator. His former residence was in Medford, Mass. Survivors include a daughter, a sister, and three grandsons. Mr. Davis was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

John Franklin Thomas, Sr. John F. Thomas, Sr., former resident of Brownville, died on December 15, 1954. He was an architect in Bangor and Boston. In Bangor he was associated with the Thomas and Crowell Co. Survivors include his wife, one son, five daughters, three sisters and three brothers.

1900

Frank Jackson Small. On November 10, 1954, Frank J. Small of Augusta, died. He was assistant attorney general as head of the State Inheritance Tax Division until his retirement in 1946. Formerly he practiced law in Waterville. He was a native of Old Town, graduate of Bowdoin College, and held a law degree from the University. He held membership in the University. He held membership in the American Bar Association and was a member of the board of directors of the Augusta YMCA. He is survived by a son.

Clarence Arthur Brown. On January 3, 1955, Clarence A. Brown of Portland died. He was a partner in the Linnell, Brown, & Toulon law firm. He was a member of the board of selectmen for 8 years, was town clerk for 11 years, tax collector for 13 years and also operated a large farm. His wife and two daughters are listed as survivors.

1901

Thomas Hale Ward. Thomas H. Ward, former superintendent of stations for Western Massachusetts Electric Company, died December 23, 1954. He was a resident of Greenfield, Mass., and a native of Fryeburg, Maine. His wife had died several years ago. Mr. Ward was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Ralph Downing Bean. The Alumni Office has received notification of the death of Joseph P. Littlefield as occurring on December 9, 1954. He had been residing in Ogunquit, Maine. His wife survives. Mr. Littlefield was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

1909

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Carl Joseph Gooch. C. Joseph Gooch of Brookline, Mass., died on December 19, 1954, at a hospital after a long illness. He was a consultant engineer for the New England Electric System until his retirement two years ago. He was a native of Maine. Survivors include his wife, a brother, and a sister—Mrs. Marie Ashby Bengis—Maine ’19. Mr. Gooch was a member of Phi Eta Kappa Fraternity.

1913

George Stevens Simpson. A resident of Plainfield, N. J., George S. Simpson died on April 11, 1954. He was chief control chemist for the General Electric Company in New York. Mr. Simpson had previously been associated with E. I. du Pont de Nemours Co., the Calco Chemical Co., and the American Cyanamid Co. His widow is listed as surviving. Mr. Simpson was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

1919

Clarence Arthur Brown. On January 3, 1955, Clarence A. Brown of Portland died. He was a partner in the Linnell, Brown, Perkins, Thompson & Hinckley law firm. He was a graduate of Bowdoin College before attending the University of Maine Law School. Active in community affairs, from 1939 to 1942 he was a member of the Portland School Committee. He is survived by his wife, his brother, a sister, and a granddaughter. Mr. Brown was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

1925

Hervey Selden Bean. In a tragic fire at Lincolnville, Maine, on the night of December 15, 1954, Hervey S. Bean and his wife, along with three young boys, who were in their custody, perished. The Beans were working for the Edward W. Grove family of St. Louis, Mo., as housekeeper and caretaker when the estate burned. Until recently the Beans had been at their farm in Vienna, Maine. Mr. Bean was a farmer and director of the Maine Milking Shorthorn Society. He is survived by two wives—Mrs. Marie Ashby is Maine ’51, a son, three brothers and a sister.

Madeleine McPhtetres Bean. Mrs. Hervey S. Bean perished in the same fire as her husband on the night of December 15, 1954, in Lincolnville, Maine. She was employed as housekeeper for the Edward W. Grove family of St. Louis, Mo., and had the custody of three young boys who perished at the same disaster. She was a native of San Francisco, and her home was in Vienna, Maine. Survivors include two daughters, one—Mrs. Marie Ashby—Maine ’19, three brothers, and two sisters. Mrs. Bean was a member of Delta Zeta Soriety.

1926

Warren Reginald Martin. Warren R. Martin died on December 15, 1953, while at work at his grocery market. He was a resident of Gardiner, Maine. He is survived by his widow. Mr. Martin was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

Maurice Elmore Leavitt. Maurice E. Leavitt died unexpectedly on December 30, 1954, in Auburn. He was educated in the Augusta schools before attending the University of Maine. For three years he had been a grocery salesman for the Monarch Food Company of Somerville, Mass. Survivors include his wife, a son, a brother, and a sister. Mr. Leavitt was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

1929

Harry O. Beale is wintering at 10940 54th Ave., North, St. Petersburg 8, Fla. Another classmate is also in Florida; Prentiss E. French gives as his address P.O. Box 742, Zephyrhills, Fla.

1932

Earle R. Richards, 11 Parent St., So. Berwick, Maine, writes that he is now living at 543 Montrose St., Clermont, Florida, and that his address is no longer at 148 W. Douglass St., Reading, Pa.

George H. Hill, who retired in 1953, writes that he is now living at 543 Montrose St., Clermont, Florida, and that his address is no longer at 148 W. Douglass St., Reading, Pa.

John P. Simmons retired Oct. 1, 1954, from the N. J. State Highway Department and is now permanently located at his home in Belfast, Maine.

Frank A. Banks has made his second trip around the world this past year in connection with his service on the Board of Consulting Engineers for the construction of the Bhakra Dam in India where 6 million acres of land will come under irrigation.

1939

Herbert S. Norton, 815 Main St., New Haven, Connecticut, is now living at 111 Old Village St., Andover, Massachusetts.

50th Reunion, June 10-12, 1955

Mr. Earle R. Richards is located at 302 Market St., Centralia, Illinois.

Mr. Frank A. Banks has made his second trip around the world this past year in connection with his service on the Board of Consulting Engineers for the construction of the Bhakra Dam in India where 6 million acres of land will come under irrigation.

1946

25th Reunion, June 10-12, 1955

Mr. Roderick C. Gibb is living at 220 West 59th St., New York 20, N. Y.

Mr. Harry O. Beale is living at 10940 54th Ave., North, St. Petersburg 8, Fla.

Mr. Maurice E. Leavitt is living at 2222 37th St., Plainfield, N. J.

Mr. George H. Hill is living at 543 Montrose St., Clermont, Florida.

Mr. John P. Simmons is residing at 225 W. Broad St., Utica, N. Y.

Mr. Earl W. Farnsworth is living at 235 Main St., Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. John P. Simmons is residing at 225 W. Broad St., Utica, N. Y.

Mr. George H. Hill is living at 543 Montrose St., Clermont, Florida.

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Mr. Roderick C. Gibb is located at 302 Market St., Centralia, Illinois.
1917 Mrs. Charles B. Shannon (Claire E. Patridge) is now living at 71 Hillside Ave., Wollaston 70, Mass.

1918 The following comment came to the attention of the Alumni Office from a member of '18. "I was very disappointed to have missed my class reunion. I'm always checking the Alumni for the '18 column, and unfortunately it's missing too often. If all the class secretaries were as active as Mr. Richards, Mr. MacDonald, and Evelyn W. Harmon, I'm sure the class members would be more interested in the Alumni. I really get a kick out of it."

(Editors' Note—If this strikes a responsive chord amid the class members your editors will be pleased to hear from you.)

1919 Mrs. Estelle S. Robbins (Estelle Spear) formerly of Storrs, Conn., gave as her address R. #1, Scarborough, Maine.

1920 Fred S. Willard of Asbury Park, N. J., informs us that his mail now goes to River House Rd. 3, Ft. Myers, Fla.

35th Reunion, June 10-12, 1955

Mrs. John McGhee (Ava Weymouth) now gives as her address: Hq. Bn. 32 F. A. Bn., lst Inf. Div., A.P.O. #1, New York, N. Y.

1921 Mrs. Harold P. Wood (Leta Weymouth) North Berwick

Roscier Barber can be reached at Northwood, N. H., now. He formerly lived in East Barrington, N. H.

Orrville Emery has moved from The Plains, Va., to a slightly warmer climate in Charlotte, N. C. The street address is 2303 Vail Ave.

A Christmas card from the Richard Kurths tells us they have been vacationing in Florida over the Holidays (that's Martha Woodbury Kurth) and husband. On the card was a picture of "Fay-daway" Acres in No. Sandwich, N. H., where Richard and Martha will live when Martha finishes teaching. Very lovely spot, Martha and Richard.

JUST A FEW COPIES LEFT

This may be your last chance to get a 1952 University of Maine Alumni Directory. Just a few copies of the first alumni directory published since 1938 are left in the Alumni Office. These last copies are being sold at the reduced price of $2.00* per copy.

The directory contains:

- Listings by class (class listings provide addresses and occupations)
- Alphabetical listings of all graduates and former students

Make checks payable to General Alumni Association, 44 Library, Orono, Maine.

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1922
Mrs. Albert E. Libby (Minnie Norell)
55 Bayview Ave., So. Portland
Does some loyal and interested member have some suggestion for an effective method of extracting news from classmates? Our reunion in ’57 could be very worthwhile if a great many of us started thinking in that direction.

Upon noting the name of Mrs. P. Leo Crespi recently in the Portland Press Herald as winner of a bridge tournament at the Falmouth Hotel I followed up by phone as she happens to be our classmate, Mabel Sewall. She transferred to Maine from normal school in ’19, stayed out a year to teach and returned to graduate in ’22. She married an osteopathic physician, grad of Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, and they have lived in Portland the past twelve years. Together they enjoy the game of bridge regularly at the Portland Club. Their only child, a son, Henrick, is a member of the cross-country and track team of Portland High. And at present he is favorably considering Maine upon graduation in two years.

I learned from Ida (Collins) and Myron Watson that they have sold their Wellesley home and taken an apartment at Longwood Towers, Brookline, Mass. They spend some week ends and summers at their place in Dennis, Mass.

1923
Mrs. Norman Torrey (Toni Gould)
9 Poplar St., Bangor
Congratulations to the Fernald Stickneys on the birth of their third child, William Hampton, on Nov. 1, 1954. Their address continues to be 34 McKinley Ave., West Caldwell, N. J.

The Walter Wilsons have returned to their home at 1421 West 10th Street, Erie, Pa., after spending the month of December in Florida.

Ted Curtis, faculty Manager of athletics at Maine, was among the graduates and speakers at Lee Academy's banquet honoring the State Champions.

A surprise shower was tendered the Newell Horrs recently in celebration of the completion of their new home in Hampden. Newell has been with the N. E. Tel. & Tel. here in Bangor for many years.

And another new address is that of Alice Duncan. It is 1410 a Buchanan St. N.W., Washington, D. C. Wish I knew what she is doing out there. That goes for a lot of 1923ers wherever you are!

1924
Mrs. Clarence C. Little (Beatrice Johnson)
Box 558, Bar Harbor
Conrad E. Kennison moved from Manchester, Maine, to 12 Congress St. Augusta, Maine.

Ivan R. Pease has an interesting address at Central Romana Corp., La Romana, Dominican Rep.

1925
Mrs. Merrill Henderson (Anne Thurston)
Quechee, Vt.

30th Reunion, June 10-12, 1955

How disappointing! Christmas cards and letters brought not a single news item. The Alumni Office did not contribute their bit for the first time in nearly five years.

YOU MUST WRITE if there is to be news in the column. Please let us hear whether you are planning to attend reunion in June.

1926
Mrs. Albert D. Nutting (Leon Dakin)
17 College Hgts., Orono


Capt. Philip A. Rowe is now reached at the following address: Hq. 8020 A. U., A.P.O. 3, San Francisco, Calif.

1927
Mrs. Robert Thaxter (Edith O'Connor)
159 Fountain St., Bangor

George N. Martin who resided in Evanston now informs us that he's living at 600 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 6, Ill.

Wilder C. Stickney tells us that he has changed street addresses in Pittsburgh. From Trenton Ave. to 159 Spring Grove Road.

1928
Mrs. William B. Ledger (Emma Thompson)
75 Woodmont St., Portland 4

Come, come, 28ers, we mustn't admit we are getting err-on certainly not old. Some of you must be a little active yet and do something interesting once in a while or at least your children or grandchildren do. Write! Pictures are most welcome too!

Carroll Osgood is the Secretary of the Travelers Insurance Company and is located at the head office in Hartford. They live in West Hartford and have a son and daughter, Jay and Judy.

Carroll Osgood tells us that he has not only moved to the Middle Road, Falmouth, near Portland, a lovely spot by the way. Thank goodness he isn't a toll call as I have had to do a lot of thinking about your news. George claims he hasn't any special titles, but he is plenty important in these parts, and if you are ever near Woodford's Corner drop in at Dudley & Weeds and ask for George. He will make you remember the "Maine Hello" and rekindle that warm feeling around your heart. Incidentally he will pick up a little news for me too—I hope. Thelma is Pres. of the local Y.W.C.A. Their two daughters have entered the business world: Ann with Blue Cross and Carol with The Canal National Bank. Carol also plays in the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

1922 Mrs. Albert E. Libby (Minnie Norell)
55 Bayview Ave., So. Portland

1923 Mrs. Norman Torrey (Toni Gould)
9 Poplar St., Bangor

1924 Mrs. Clarence C. Little (Beatrice Johnson)
Box 558, Bar Harbor

1925 Mrs. Merrill Henderson (Anne Thurston)
Quechee, Vt.
Miss Barbara Johnson
32 Orland St., Portland
Dick Holmes of Orono tells us that he recently saw George and Ruth (Greenlaw) Sawyer while they were at the Bangor Airport waiting for a plane to Presque Isle. They live at 440 Third St., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. George is a salesmen for Wisconsin Consolidated Paper Co. of Stevens Pt., Wis. He travels the SouthWest of the country mostly by air. One daughter is through college and teaching school, his son, Tom, is a freshman at the Univ. of Michigan, and the other daughter is a senior in high school. George and Ruth plan to be in New York in February for the Pulp and Paper Convention in New York and hope to see many Maine people.

25th Reunion, June 10-12, 1955
Jack Atwood is living on Berwick Avenue, 32 Orland St., Portland, Maine, P.O. Box 1096. He lives in nearby Falmouth.

Horton Flynt is with General Electric Co., in Portland, Maine, P.O. Box 1096. He lives in nearby Falmouth.

Lauren Bagley has moved from Fulton, New York, to 518 Lee Place, Frederick, Maryland.

Russell Athrop, manager of W. T. Grant Co., in Bangor, is still the good citizen. (A letter was received from him. He had the picture of a lovely bride, Mrs. John York (Susan Ashton). Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ashton of Norway, both members of the class of '33. Susan and her husband are students at the University. Is Susan the first of our sons and daughters to be married?)

Don Wilson is connected with "Wilsons on Moosehead Lake" which I believe is a summer resort.

Charles M. Austin is located at A. C. Electric Motor & Equipment Corp., Auburn, Maine.

In Lowell, Mass., George M. Thurston has changed his street address to 19 Warwick St.

On Damariscotta Lake
Jefferson, Maine

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Olive Taverner, Maine '43
Shirley Westerman, Mich. '40

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Hal Westerman, Michigan '41

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1936
Mrs. Edwin P. Webster, Jr.
(Phyllis Hamilton)
238 Norway Rd., Bangor
We have several changes of address this month: The new addresses are as follows:
John Coombs, 134 Academy St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Mrs. Donald Day, 227 Clyde Rd., Bangor, Me. (Natalie Saunders)
James Hooper, 125 Grant St., Bangor, Me.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erskine, 135 Richard St., West Haven, Conn.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Wharton, N. J. (Helen McKechnie)
Mrs. Dean Peaco, Oxford, Me. (Helen Carpenter)

1937
Mrs. Gordon Raymond
(Barb Lancaster)
37 Glenwood Ave., Portland
The Christmas mail did not produce any startling news, but we did have cards from several friends who have been mentioned at times in this column. Now I am waiting to hear from some of you who made a New Year’s resolution to write me about yourselves and other ’37ers whom you may see or hear from during the Holiday (just passed, that is). We are still begging you to send along some photos of yourselves and/or families to make things more interesting, how about it?

This fall the president of the Department of Classroom Teachers for the National Education Association addressed four groups in Maine. Her itinerary included a visit to the State House to meet state officials and employees of the State Department of Education. Samuel Brocato, treasurer of the department and conference secretary, was a member of the party touring the State House in Augusta.

Our congratulations to Dr. Winford C. Adams who was recently elected president of the Penobscot Conservation Association at a meeting held at the Pilot’s Grill in Bangor. I am now quoting from the Bangor Daily News: The new president, Dr. Adams, has been one of the association’s most active members. He has spearheaded the clean-up and summertime regatta over the past two years, and in both instances his leadership has brought the club a large profit from each promotion. Dr. Adams also has been the leader in the association’s purchase of twenty acres of land next to the Penobscot Salmon Club at the Bangor Salmon Pool. The land was purchased from funds realized from outboard regattas staged under Dr. Adams’ chairmanship. The well-known Brewer physician and sportsman will undoubtedly continue to exert his continued efforts toward the construction of a club house on the newly acquired land.

According to the signature on James (Red) Morrison’s card they have an addition to the family by name. Could he be James B., too? Congratulations to you and Charlotte, Red. Incidentally we noticed that the postmark was Mechanic Falls which means you have a new home. By the way, what is your new address?

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Gowell and usurped by Treas. Sherry. Having a quorum on hand we immediately proceeded with business and even Duffy Dunlap was there. The big discussion was the problem of raising money for the 25th reunion gift to the University. Dunk and Midge Cotting (bless their souls) kindly “volunteered” to be co-chairmen of our fund raising committee—with Buzz Sherry as co-administrator of the fund. It was felt that with 414 known members and 74 unknown (as of now) and by starting our campaign now that the class should be able to raise the largest fund, or present the finest gift to the University, of any 25th reunion class. So it was our goal to have all class members surely to have paid one dollar per year since graduation by our 20th reunion to be continued to our 25th reunion. In other words, we hope that you will all have paid $25.00 by our 25th reunion. It was also felt that the sooner this fund was started the better. Dunk collected about $40.00 from those present and it is already earning interest. Now—all interested class members please send your cash or checks to Duncan Cotting, 166 Dickerman Road, Newton Highlands 61, Mass. This is a very ambitious program and needs everyone’s support. Be sure to attend our 20th reunion June 20th to see our gift to the University shall be. It was felt that we would rather make a definite and concrete gift as opposed to just a sum of money.

(Editor’s Note: The present address of the Gerald F. Hart family is 30 Harlow Street, Brewer. We gave you an incorrect address for them in the December copy.)
to Maine in three years; and he says this will be a reunion worth coming to. So if you’d like a good time and a sight of old-time friends, do mark the dates in red on your calendar and join the mob heading for Orono.

Douglas Miller has moved from Wal­laston to Fairfield Ave., Naugatuck, Conn. Edward Wadsworth’s address is 70 High St., Eastport; and Frederick McIntire & Co., Portland.

Bob and Dottie Currier Dutton sent a card with such a cute picture of their two daughters. I used to think that Pam looked exactly like Bob; but Nancy seems to be even more Daddy’s girl—though I’d guess that her eyes are blue. Dottie says they’re all fine, but Nancy has reached the “into everything” stage at 15 months.

Dana Bunker is still with the United Shoe Corp. in Beverly, and he and Peg have their own home right across from the ocean in Manchester, Mass. Diane is a second Peg Brown, and Jeff has certainly grown into quite a young gentleman since we last saw him.

My mail also consists of notes, letters, post cards, and other scribbled messages from the other class officers. In case you have lost one of these, these are the list-thinking people (working comes later!):

President—Don Crossland, 3201 So. Elm, Denver, Colo.

Vice President—Joe Walstein, 52 Garden St., Sharon, Mass.

Treasurer—Barbara H. Bodwell, 26 Orchard Rd., Florham Park, N. J.

The executive committee is composed of Dottie Currier Dutton, Isabel Ansel Jacobs, Barbara Bennett and Tom Boerke in the Portland area and Al Smaha in Bangor.

For further news about an evening get-together, breakfast, class gift to the University (we were always too poor to make one before, though it’s customary to do so at a class gift to the University), and other goings doings, read this column each month between the dates in red on your calendar and join the mob heading for Orono.

In Orono June 10-12.

Mrs. A. D. Gamber (Terry Dumas) Route 5, Box 824 G Everett, Wash.

It was nice receiving cards from you—especially when you also sent pictures of the young ones to be exclaimed over.

My first Christmas card came from Esther (Libby) Surber. The best news on that card was that the Surbers: Esther, Bob, Janet—5 years old, and Mark and Shirley—3 yrs. old, were starting out for Maine on December 15th and were planning to be in Portland a month. After seven years away they surely did miss Maine.

Flora and Dana Smith are announcing the birth of a son, Baxter Alan, born October 28. Dana is the principal of the high school in North Haven, Maine.

Five of our illustrious class received their Master of Education degrees from Maine this last August. They are: Harold Farmer, Clyde Hichborn, Bill Kopp, John McLeod, and Yellav Minner.

Many thanks to those who sent Christ-
payers Association, and is also active in the local reserve unit. Thank you.

I have a new address for Clifford Worthing—802 Wakefield Drive, Cincinnati 26, Ohio.

Mrs. Hastings N. Bartley (Jayne Hanson) 4 Maine Ave., Millinocket

More on what’s doing with ‘49ers...

Received notice of Anna St. Onge’s marriage to Edwin J. Minner of Egypt, Pa. Anna has been teaching at Milt High School in Edwin is a grad of Muhlenberg College and is employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. They are living in Allentown, Pa.

We have a change of address for John Stanley. He now lives at 1636 Pleas­ondale Rd., Cleveland 9, Ohio.

Hear that Alton Sproul has changed his Rutland, Vt. job and is now a sales engineer for Westinghouse in Hartford. Al is married to Mary Bachelder ’48 and they have two sons, Jimmy 4 and Bill 2.

How’s about a new address?

Dick Sprague is an instructor of Eng­lish this year at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. After receiving his B.A. at Maine, Dick studied at Yale and got his M.A. in 1951. He then taught at Maine in the English Dept. until called back into service as a Communications officer in the Navy.

We forgot to add when writing of Roland Blake that he received his Doc­tor of Philosophy degree from the Univer­sity of Minnesota in July.

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mas cards; I certainly do appreciate all the news items.

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Mrs. N. (Fogler) and Donn Hobbs arrived back in Maine in December. Their address is Box 255, Waldoboro, Maine.

Flora Maddocks Fairfield writes that their new address is Box 62, 11 Carpen­ter Avenue, West Barrington, Rhode Island. Dick is branch claims manager for the Boston Insurance Company in Providence.

Pat Rozzi is working in Montreal, Canada, for the Frank DeRice Restau­rants.

Grace (Murray) and Blaine Beal have adopted a son, Bruce Murray, an infant who is the apple of his proud parents' eye! They are living at 615 East 7th Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Louise (Hamlin) and Jack Hussey ('49) had a daughter, Deborah Ann, born 18 Dec.

Neal Martin, 909 Longfellow Street, N. W., Washington 11, D. C., is attending George Washington Law School. Neal is married to the former Dorothy Clark of Lewiston. He reports Dick Gill, Elton Crossland, Dick Johnson, LeMar Ahern, and Charles Ellis are also in D. C.

Dick Adams has been named assistant professor of Dairy Science on the extension staff of Pennsylvania State University. He received his Ph.D. Degree at the University of Minn.

Frederick Dean is in Alaska studying muskrats in hopes of determining their age so that conservation officials may determine if there are enough of the animals to trap in various sections of North America. He also teaches in the department of wildlife management of the University of Alaska.

Jean Smith and John Bache-Wig were married November 5th. At the calls for the 1950 Class Columns.

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Mrs. W. Gregor Macfarlan (Winnifred Ramsdell) 751 Stevens Ave., Portland 5

Here are some fall engagements and marriages of our classmates we're hear­ ing about.

Miss Joanne Stormann became engaged to Robert Littlefield in November. Miss Stormann is employed at the Uni­versity Store Co., U. of M. Bob is em­ployed by the Maine Agricultural Ex­periment Station, Orono.

The engagement of Miss Dorothy Cataldo of Franklin, Mass., to Donald Swanbeck has been announced. Don is employed by the American Steel & Alloys Corp. in Franklin, Mass.

Miss Ruth Haskell of Auburn became Mrs. Roland Lange in late October. Ro­land is a resident Manager of Parlin Pond Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Detremont (Miss Jeanne Cummings of Benedicta) who were married August 2. Art is employed by the Great Northern Paper Company, Millinocket.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coombs (Miss Lila McCue of Belfast) who were married in August. Clair is em­ployed with the New England Tel. and Tel. Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lashey (Miss Doris Wolverton of Corning, N. Y.) married August 14. Henry is a Mechani­cal Engineer with the Ingersoll Rand Company in Painted Post, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Detremont (Miss Jeanne Cummings of Benedicta) who were married August 14. Art is employed by the Great Northern Paper Company, Millinocket, in the Bureau of Research and Control. Their address is Birch St., Millinocket.

Mr. and Mrs. James Crowley (Carlene Hoyt '51) married on August 28. Carlene is advertising manager for Charma Com­pany, Inc. in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Angus (Miss Harriet Menides of Lynn, Mass.) who were married in September.

Some of our classmates have been studying for advanced degrees in their field. Receiving Master of Education de­grees from the University of Maine in August, 1954: Butler Matthews Eames, of Hartford, Conn., Elbridge Hutchins of Rumford, Mrs. Margaret Pattershall of Lewiston, and Raymond Trabold of Crompton, Conn.

Neil Michaud has received his Master of Social Work degree from the Florida State Univer­sity.

William Annis was welcomed back to the teaching staff of Kennet High School, North Conway, N. H., from service in the Armed Forces. While in the service he was athletic director of boxing and baseball. At Kennet, Bill is teaching agriculture and acting as director of the Future Farmers of America.

Anne (McKiel) Whatley is teaching Home Economics at Technical High School at Bangor, Maine. William Annis was welcomed back to the teaching staff of Kennet High School, North Conway, N. H., from service in the Armed Forces. While in the service he was athletic director of boxing and baseball. At Kennet, Bill is teaching agriculture and acting as director of the Future Farmers of America.

Frederick Trimm is teaching general and vocational agriculture at the New Salem School in Orange, Mass.

Chester Morris, Jr. (51) and his broth­er, John Morris 2nd, have been granted the sale and service franchise of Kaiser-Willys for the Bangor area.

First Lt. William Derby returned re­cently from the Far East Command and has been assigned to Fort Dix, New Jer­
Fred Fitanides is stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Fred's address is Pvt. Fred Fitanides, U. S. 11219501, Support Co., 511th Air, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Had a nice visit with Ruth Curtis recently. Ruth is a service representative at the New England Tel & Telephone office in Portland.

**Banannex**

William Ellsworth is with Northrop Aircraft, Inc., as an assistant engineer. Northrop Aircraft, Inc., is in Hawthorne, California, where Bill has been living since May. Bill is a member of the Engineering Development team that produced the famed Scorpion F-89D all-weather interceptor and guided missiles for the U. S. Air Force.

**In the Field of Education this Month...**

Leon Berkowitz is teaching Civics and Social Studies at Jack Junior High School in Portland. Berkly is quite at home in the classroom...and is quite apt at giving the kids something to do when they were doing something wrong at the time they were supposed to be doing something.

Gerald Yerxa is teaching agriculture at Madison High, and has quite a challenge on his hands as it's a new course.

Marilyn Harmon is teaching Home Economics at Houlton High. Marilyn was at Homecoming and weathered the game very well.

Carl McDermott is football coach and head of the Guidance Department at Ayer High School in Fairhaven, Mass. Also, he and his wife Betty have two children, Maureen Ann and Thomas Edward.

Barbara Hobbs is teaching Freshman English at the high school in Brewer. I saw Barb at Homecoming and she had nothing but the best to say of teaching.

Hugo Cross started something new at Perley High in Georgetown, Mass., in September. He started a 6 man football team—new to the school. Hugo was met with great enthusiasm and success with this new undertaking...and he's surely qualified to do the job.

Rita Morancy was married to Owen Gordon on Nov. 6. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are living on Hanson Street in Winthrop. Also, Rita is Home Demonstration Agent for Kennebec County.

In line for the big step is Lefty Harrison Homans, engaged to Margaret Thompson. The wedding is planned for July. Lefty is employed with the C. Woodman Company of Brewer, and Margaret is Dir. of Phys. Ed. at Belfast.

**New Offsprings to the Class of 1952 are...**

Margaret Anne Dennis...born to Phip and Joanne Dennis in September. The three Dennises are doing fine, and are happily living on Emery Street in Portland. Phip is teaching English and doing some coaching at Portland High School.

The Browns (Norm, Class of 1951, and Nancy Mosher Brown) can now boast of one Jay Greely Brown, born to them on the 28th of October. The four Browns, Norm, Nanc, Jay, and Kimbly, age three, are living at 26 Noyes St. in Portland. Norm is working with Union Mutual Insurance Company in Portland.

1953 Miss Helen Strong 198 Albemarle St. Springfield, Mass.

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Here's the scoop for February...Jane Pusceli is employed as secretary to the manager of the Order Dept. at Eastern Corporation in Bangor. Her address is 60 Ohio St., Bangor, Me.

Louise Goodspeed of R.F.D. #4, Port-
land is employed as a Legal Secretary to Edward Newman, attorney in Portland. Bob and Louise (Davis) Packard are now living at 2614 Palisade Ave., Weehawken, N. J. Louise is a nurse at the Lying-In Hospital of the Connell Medical Center. She is working for an electronics factory before joining Uncle Sam. She is working for a Master's Degree in Forestry. His address is 336 Church St., Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

Dick Leavitt is teaching English, Math, and Social Studies at Williston Junior High School in Easthampton, Mass. Chuck Saboites, who is employed in an electronics factory before joining Uncle Sam, is living at 400 Old Post Road in Walpole, Mass. Kirby Kirkland and Helen Fox are both attending Tufts Medical School in Boston. Mary Pelletier became Mrs. Richard Buchanan in Sept. They are living at 30 Hillside Ave., Old Town. Pat Parsons and Joyce Hobbs are enrolled in the Retailing course at the G. Fox Dept. Store, in Hartford, Conn. Pat Turner has a teaching position in Wells High School. He is also the varsity basketball and baseball coach. Robert Toth is working as assistant biologist for the Fish and Game bureau for the State of Vermont. Faith Canty is on the faculty of Ricker Classical Institute in Houlton where she is teaching French and English. Frank Smith is teaching history and is the assistant coach of football at Massachusetts Academy in Lincoln. Amy Brown is teaching Physical Education in Needham, Mass.

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One out of every two colleges and universities in the U.S. is today operating in the red, and rapidly increasing enrollments mean they face a mounting deficit every year.

To American industry, which depends on healthy schools for its trained manpower, the question is, “How can we help—and encourage others to help?”

A “Corporate Alumnus Program” is now announced for 1955 by the Trustees of the General Electric Educational and Charitable Fund. Here is how the plan works:

For every gift made by a G-E employee to an accredited four-year U.S. college or university at which he has earned a degree, the Fund will make a gift to the same school. Within the limits of the plan, it is the intent to match each employee’s contributions, up to $1000 in one year, on a dollar-for-dollar basis. This is in addition to the scholarships, fellowships and grants-in-aid provided by the Fund.

The Corporate Alumnus Program will not itself lift the colleges’ dollar burden, but it will be a good start in stimulating increased alumni and industry support—and, as we see it, a good example of progress in the American way.
Until after the Revolution, social distinctions in Portland followed the pattern established in England. "The Quality" were ministers, judges, governors, and those persons of wealth who had large landholdings. Their houses were larger and finer, and they had slaves or indentured servants to perform household tasks and work in the fields. Their clothes were mostly imported from England, as were household furnishings. Willis says that the cocked hat, the bush wig and the red cloak were envied marks of distinction in early Portland.

Men's coats were made with long cuffs reaching to the elbows, and low collars. They were long and full-skirted, fastened with brass or silver buttons. Elaborately embroidered vests had long pocket flaps, also embroidered. Linen shirts had either linen or fine lace ruffles at throat and wrists. Buckskin breeches, or scarlet breeches, had brass or silver knee buckles. Low, square-toed shoes and silken or ribbed hose completed the costume. Face masks were carried in winter for protection against wind and cold, by women and the younger dandies.

The trappings of social rank were always donned by "The Quality" for social occasions, with elaborately curled and powdered wigs to top off the display. At business, more serviceable clothes and plain queue wigs were worn.

The wigs were as expensive as the clothes and had to be replaced about as often. Portland's own Parson Smith wrote: "August, 1765, had a new wig and clothes." Again, in 1769: "another rich wig and hat." Mr. Deane's famous diary tells us that in 1766 a wig cost sixteen pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence.

Men's and even children's heads were shaved to accommodate the heavy wigs. For comfort's sake, at night, and when at home, the wigs were removed and turbans of silk or wool substituted, to protect shaved heads from drafts—which explains why contemporary portraits always show men with either a wig, turban or hat covering the head.

An interesting note is that in 1771 three silversmiths, Paul Little, John Butler and Joseph Ingraham, were busy in Portland making knee and shoe buckles and brass buttons.

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