

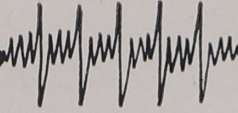


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It's a distinct pleasure for me to write this editorial. This is the first time that we have been able to publish a summer issue of BEACON, and it seems to me that this is a good omen with which to begin our fourth volume of Emerson's own alumni magazine.

BEACON was conceived as the brainchild of a number of alumni, and believe me, from the editor's chair, it's as thrilling to watch a magazine grow as it is to see the development of a child. From sixteen pages to a regular 28-page issue is quite a piece of growth in two years.

Let us not, however, beat around bushes.

I don't think BEACON is a perfect creation. I'd be astounded if anyone thought so. But an editor, like any parent, learns as he goes. He makes mistakes, and corrects them. And, *deo volente*, each issue is a little better than the one before it.

So it is with BEACON. Not perfect, but improving. And I think that the forthcoming year will see more improvements yet. A pleasanter format, more articles of intellectual depth, more alumni news. I think the BEACON staff will please you even more in the year ahead.

I think, too, that we can claim a little credit for reaching some alumni who have never bothered with Emerson before. And that's another reason that it's a pleasure to write this piece.

In the last issue, the Fund Drive report painted a rather dismal picture, and one about which we editorialized.

At the close of the Fund Drive on June 30, however, the grand total was over \$10,000 for the second year in succession.

Did we have something to do with this? I don't know, and there's small chance of finding out. But Leah Scott, Paula Shaer and I like to think that BEACON's voice was heeded, at least by a few.

So thank you, one and all. Thank you for helping to give Emerson another successful fund drive. Thank you for working for your college.

And thanks, too, for reading us.

Have a wonderful summer.

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Clean up the world, kid!



Commencement, as always, was a time of both purpose and fulfillment. Emerson's 81st Commencement weekend was typical in spirit, and considerably beyond the typical in enjoyment. Here's a welcome to the Class of 1961, and a recapitulation of the outstanding events of the weekend of June 9-10-11.

JUST about the time that Dick Lewis, of the Class of 1961, arrived at the Hale Chapel for the Baccalaureate service on Saturday, the sun, which had been sulking throughout the morning and early afternoon, broke through the clouds.

Dick, dressed in his academic regalia, pulled up in a taxi through the sun-drenched puddles. He paid the fare, and opened the door of the cab. The cabbie, a hard-bitten type, cast one glance at Dick's mortarboard and gown, grinned, and keynoted Emerson's 81st Commencement Weekend.

"Clean up the world, kid!" he said.

It is, indeed, a time for cleaning up the world, and there is no doubt that the seniors who received their degrees on June 11 were aware of this. An aura of purpose and of realization pervaded the college.

Perhaps, looking back, this aura has been with us all year. But it was particularly evident during the weekend of June 9-11. Even at the Alumni-Senior dance on Saturday night, there was little cutting of capers . . . just a sense of ease and smoothness and pleasure that made the dance one of the most memorable in recent years.

Emerson's 81st Commencement weekend began Friday night with a performance of *Where Stars Walk*, by Michael MacLiammoir, in the College Theatre. Directed by Emerson's retiring Director of Theatre, Gertrude Binley Kay, the play was well-received, and well-attended by alumni.

Saturday morning opened with a continental breakfast at Emerson's newest building, the Mansion, at 150 Beacon Street. Following this, the annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held.

Presiding was AA President Helena Cook Beale, '25. The

new officers were elected (for results, see *Short Takes*) The new constitution was approved, and other business was transacted.

"It is always my pleasure to award the Issachar Hoopes Eldridge Citation," McKinley told the alumni. "And this year . . ." He smiled and looked at the woman in the print dress.

"Biz Sampson," he said, "will you please come up here." And he forthwith presented the Eldridge Citation for 1961 to the Class Agent of 1926. Elizabeth Wellington Sampson.



ELIZABETH WELLINGTON SAMPSON '26 receives the 1961 Issachar Hoopes Eldridge Citation from Dr. McKinley at the annual alumni meeting on June 10.

Then the roll of the classes was called. The class of '26 was there in full force, with '36 close behind in numbers, and equal in enthusiasm.

Alumni who had come the furthest for the weekend were Alice Watson Jeppe '26, from New Orleans; Marion Steeve Anderson '18 from Oakland, California; and Franc Skirball '51, who dropped in at the banquet on his way home from Europe. Ione Robertson Holt '36 was east from Cincinnati, and Virginia Robards Morton '26 came up from Baltimore.

After the Alumni Association meeting, the theatre was turned over to the traditional senior recitals, this year again under the direction of Prof. June Hamblin Mitchell '35, and Ken Crannell '55. These recitals, including excerpts from *The Moon is Blue*, *Auntie Mame*, *Peter Pan*, and *L'Aiglon*, delighted a capacity audience of alumni and parents.

Food again came to the fore on the day's agenda, and reunion classes gathered for luncheons. Those alumni who were not having reunions joined members of the faculty and staff for lunch at the Mansion. The tuna salad and potato salad combination went well with a rainy, humid noon.

Baccalaureate crowned the afternoon's activities, with the sun coming out just in time to strike colors from the hoods of the faculty procession as they moved down Berkeley Street toward the Hale Chapel. For the first time,

the service was held in the chapel rather than the church, and the change was much for the better, even though the chapel was crowded.

Following the Baccalaureate service, there was a break until half past six on Saturday evening, when the clans and classes began to gather again, this time at the Sheraton Plaza for a social hour, banquet, and dance.



ELBERT FOLAND '01 was back for his 60th reunion, and here is seen chatting with (l. to r.) his son, Elbert, Jr., Prof. Charles E. Phillips of the Broadcasting Department, and TOM CARROLL '57, Chairman of the '61 Fund Drive.

The Nicholas Lawrence DiFoggio '45 Memorial Award presentations were made by Tom Carroll '57, Chairman of the 1961 Alumni Fund Drive Committee. The DiFoggio winners in 1961 are Zeta Phi Eta and Phi Alpha Tau. Receiving the awards were Zeta national president Marjorie Spriggs Gilchrest '36, and Tauman Haig der Marderosian '54.

Haig then entertained the alumni with several selections from *Paint Your Wagon*, and the banquet ended in the best of humor.

Tradition, which is always a moving force at any college commencement, decrees that the weekend's activities close with Commencement and the President's Tea.

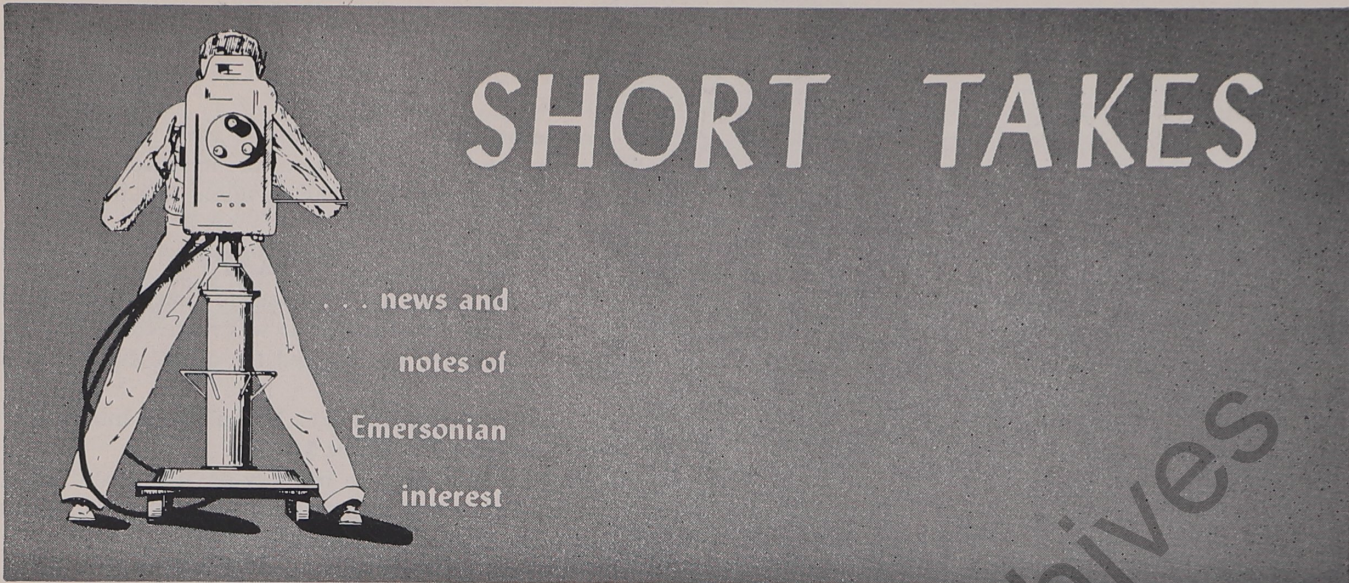
Sixty-five men and women joined the class of 1961 on June 11, and more received their Master's degrees, including Jerry Goldstein '56 (Speech Ed.), Steve Langley '60 (Theatre Arts), and Agnes Clinesmith Shipp '47 (Speech Pathology).

Receiving honorary degrees at Emerson's 81st Commencement were Anne Doris MacDougall '36, who was given an M.A., and retiring Director of Theatre Gertrude Binley Kay, who received the Litt.D. degree.

Will the class of '61 "clean up the world?" Who knows? As we said earlier, it could stand some cleaning. Perhaps, when BEACON writes the story of their 25th reunion, in 1986, we'll see what they have done as human beings, as Emersonians, as Americans.

Until then, we can only echo the wish of the cab driver who delivered Dick Lewis to Hale Chapel.

"Clean up the world, kids!"



SHORT TAKES

news and
notes of
Emersonian
interest

AID TO SPEECH THERAPY REORGANIZES

Aid to Speech Therapy, the fund-raising auxiliary of the College's Samuel D. Robbins Speech and Hearing Clinic, is being reorganized over the summer months, it was learned by BEACON recently.

A group of people, headed by AST's founder, HELEN VOLANSKY ROSE '38, have begun the formation of a state-wide foundation to aid the speech and hearing handicapped.

Because of dedication and foresight, Mrs. Rose and those who aided in the formation of Aid to Speech Therapy have left the College a wonderful legacy.

"This is part of the natural evolution of such an organization," President McKinley said to BEACON. "Although we do not like losing these people as dedicated workers for Emerson, the job they are proposing to do will be good for the College, and it will undoubtedly be good for clinics, colleges, and research into speech and hearing problems all across Massachusetts."

The establishment of this foundation has necessitated the reorganization of AST.

A nominating committee, headed by NAN W. CARNEY '56, is working on a new slate of officers for AST, which will now coordinate closely with both the Alumni and Development Offices at the College.

The purposes of Aid to Speech Therapy will remain identical with what they have been: to help maintain, through raising funds and providing volunteers, the Robbins Clinic and the Department of Speech Pathology.

A full report on the reorganization of Aid to Speech Therapy, together with the new officers and plans for the future, will be found in the October issue of BEACON.

PHILLIPS TO HEAD BROADCASTING

Associate Professor CHARLES E. PHILLIPS has been named Acting Chairman of the Department of Broadcasting, following the resignation of Dr. Stuart A. Postle.

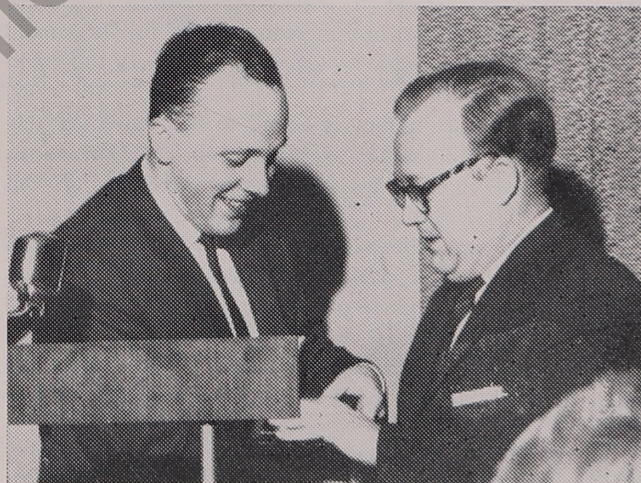
Mr. Phillips, known to all as "Ted" since coming to Em-

erson in 1958, is a graduate of the University of Illinois, where he received both his B.S. and his M.Ed. degrees.

He is married to the former Ann Coombes of Mounds, Illinois. The Phillips have two children: Margaret, 11, and Robert, known as "Teddy", who is 7.

In addition to his work in Broadcasting, Mr. Phillips will continue as Director of Athletics at Emerson.

MAN OF THE YEAR



THOMAS F. CARROLL '57 was honored by his brothers of Rho Delta Omega when he received the "Man of the Year" award by the Rho Delt Alumni Association at their annual banquet on May 20. Over 100 Rho Delt alumni gathered at Nick's Restaurant in Boston for the festivities. Tom, who is Production Supervisor for WBZ radio in Boston, is also Chairman of the 1961 Alumni Fund Drive Committee. In the photo above, Tom receives the award from Brother EDWIN V. JOHNSON '51. Ed, a trustee of Emerson, lives in Haverhill, Mass., where he teaches at Haverhill High, and is with WHAV radio.

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TRUST FUND FOR '60

A new departure in Emerson class history occurred shortly before Commencement this year when the Class of 1960 invested \$800 in the Dreyfus Voluntary Open Trust. This trust agreement, negotiated through B. C. Morton and Company of Boston, Inc., was signed by PAUL AUSTIN and PHIL AMATO on June 8, 1961.



ON HAND FOR THE SIGNING of the trust agreement were JOAN WHITNEY and PHIL AMATO of the Class of 1960. In the center is H. Manuel Dobrusin of B. C. Morton Co. Watching the ceremonies are (from left) Winthrop S. Carlson, Emerson's Comptroller; Dr. McKinley, and Philomena Ferrara, the Bursar.

To quote from the trust agreement, this money "shall be held in trust until the date of the twentieth reunion of the class, at which time [it] shall be distributed . . . to the President and Trustees of Emerson College for its general uses and purposes as may be approved by vote of the members of the class . . ."

Even if no more money is added to this trust, the maturity value in 1980 stands to be over \$10,000. This value, of course, will increase as '60's alumni add funds for this purpose.

It is hoped that other classes of the College will turn to the same method for raising funds for their *alma mater*, and, as BEACON goes to press, the class of '61 is indeed planning a similar program.

Here is a new departure in Emerson alumni fund practice, and one which promises to be of vast benefit to Emerson.

NEW HAVEN CHAPTER NEWS

The first meeting of the New Haven Chapter of the Connecticut Emerson College Club was held on June 18 at the North Haven home of DOROTHY BRUSON '56. After a delicious hot-weather table of punch, tea sandwiches, and a molded salad, the group saw a slide show on the College, and then sat around for discussion and conversation.

Down from Glastonbury was Connecticut Emerson President BILL HENNESSEY '56, and representing Emerson was BEACON's editor, Tony Van Riper.

The other guests at the meeting were ACHILLE RIELLO '41 and Mrs. Riello; Mrs. LILLIAN MACLEOD HURDER '26; Mrs. SYLVIA BOTWINIK KORN '27 and her husband David;

MIKE DAUGHN '59; and DAVID BARRON '54.

Also present were two members of the Class of 1965: SUSAN STILL of New Haven, and MARJORIE BARON of Branford.

Another meeting is planned for the early fall, and it will be one in a series of Connecticut county chapter meetings which Bill Hennessey is organizing throughout the state.

\$10,000 TO SPEECH THERAPY

The second largest gift to come to Emerson since the beginning of the Double Decade was received by Dr. McKinley on June 19, and boosted the capital fund total to over \$75,000.

The will of the late Helen C. Noerdlinger contains a bequest to Emerson College of \$10,000.

This bequest is made in memory of Mrs. Noerdlinger's daughter, PATRICIA NOERDLINGER BLOOMFIELD '50, whose tragic death shocked the alumni in 1956.

The bequest is restricted to the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Also received by the Department recently was a check for \$3,000 from Aid to Speech Therapy, to benefit the Research Fund of the Department.

Plans for the use of the bequest from Mrs. Noerdlinger will be announced in the October issue of BEACON.

DIES IN PLANE CRASH

Killed in the crash of a private airplane in Queens on July 18 was STEPHANIE WAGNER ALTSCHUL '54. Mrs. Altschul, a resident of Manhattan, was flying from LaGuardia field to East Hampton, L.I. Shortly after taking off from LaGuardia, the pilot of the plane radioed that he was turning back, and within minutes, the plane was a flaming wreck in Jackson Heights. All four persons aboard, three women and the pilot, perished.

Mrs. Altschul was married on April 29, 1956 to Arthur G. Altschul, who is Chairman of the Board of the General American Investors Company, and a nephew of former senator Herbert H. Lehman. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephan R. Wagner of East Orange, N.J. She was 29.

Mrs. Altschul was the mother of two boys: Stephen, 4, and Charles, 2. She was expecting a third child in October.

Also killed in the crash were Mrs. Angier Biddle Duke, wife of the Chief of Protocol of the State Department; Mrs. Stanley W. Metcalfe, of Auburn, N.Y.; and the pilot, Paul A. Dubuke.

While at Emerson, Mrs. Altschul was a broadcasting major, and prior to her marriage, was with the Grey Advertising Agency in New York.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The officers of the National Alumni Association of Emerson College were elected at the annual meeting on June 10.

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Waiting for the sightseeing bus for a tour of Boston (right) was only one of the highlights of Emerson's first Parents' Weekend. It was a highly successful function, and here, the Executive Secretary of the newly-formed Parents' Association tells about the weekend of May 12-14.



PARENTS' WEEKEND

by PAULA R. SHAER

THE first annual Emerson Parents' Weekend was held at the College May 12, 13, and 14.

Attending this tradition-making "first" were over 200 people representing eleven states including Indiana, Maryland, Texas, and Virginia. 55% of the total number attending came from parents of freshmen students with the sophomore, senior, and junior classes following.

The Weekend officially began at 9:00 A.M. Friday morning and several parents braved threatening weather to arrive at the College ready to join their sons and daughters for classes. Follow-up questionnaires have indicated a high degree of enthusiasm for this particular Weekend feature with requests for more of the same on future Weekends.

Besides the "open door" policy of Friday, the Weekend offered many diversified activities. A Friday night reception for parents and faculty was held at the Robbins Speech and Hearing Clinic following dinner in the College

Dining Room. This informal reception provided a relaxed atmosphere for friendly chats with faculty and other Emerson parents.

As ordered, the sun emerged on Saturday just in time for an early morning sightseeing tour of historic Boston (how much of the Hub have you seen?). Then from bus to Dining Room for a salad luncheon before dashing off to 130 and 168 Beacon Street for demonstrations by the departments of broadcasting, speech, and the Robbins Clinic.

While the majority of parents were enjoying late afternoon dormitory open houses, a small group gathered in the conference room of the Alumni Office to discuss the future of a newly formed organization known as the Emerson College Parents' Association. At this, the first formal meeting of the Emerson Advisory Council, Max W. Borkum of Newton Centre, Mass. (Mrs. Borkum is the form-

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OVER the TOP

AFTER a slow start, which had the 1961 Fund Drive Committee reaching for wholesale lots of Miltown, the Alumni Fund Drive picked up a head of steam in the last quarter of its course, and passed the \$10,000 mark for the second year in a row.

The five-figure magic was not achieved, however, until the very last day of the drive, on Friday, the 30th of June, when checks totalling \$33 arrived in the morning mail.

Statistically, the figures show both improvements and regressions in the 1961 drive. The total was down by over a thousand dollars, and the ranks of the LYBUNTS (those who gave *Last Year BUt Not This*) were swelled by some 53 people. The average gift was off 62 cents to \$14.60.

But for all that, the *percentage of our known alumni* who gave was up from 19 to 22%. This is the most accurate figure on percentages we have had, and it entirely due to the herculean efforts of Mrs. Leah C. Scott, Director of Alumni Records, who late in the spring completed bringing our records up to date. Without these now accurate records, we would have been utterly lost.

Total numbers of alumni contributors to Emerson also rose during 1960-61, with 59 alumni giving to the Double Decade as well as the 687 who contributed to the Fund Drive. This gives a total of 746, up from the 720 alumni who contributed to the College in the previous high year.

The competition between classes was in some cases very keen during this year's drive. The reunion class of 1926 had both the largest number of contributors (31) and the largest total gift (\$775).

The big surprise of this year's drive, however, was the fact that *in no other category did a reunion class win either top or second place honors!*

The class of 1907 had the highest percentage of donors (60%), and 1932 came up with the largest average gift (\$36).

In the average gift category, '13 and '22 ran '32 a close second, with an average of \$35 each. The class of 1950 had the second largest total, with \$666 contributed. '59 had 29 contributors, for second place, and 1915 had a contribution average of 48% second only to 1907.

The Century Club, those who have given one hundred dollars or more to the Fund Drive in any one year, has 16 Emersonians on the list this year, as opposed to 17 in 1959-60. Seven alumnae belong to the Century Club for the first time this year.

All things considered, the 1961 Alumni Fund Drive was highly successful. There is quite evidently an increasing awareness, among Emersonians, of the current and future needs of their College, and the Fund Drive is one way of expressing this awareness.

THE CENTURY CLUB — 1961

ZITELLA EBERT BASS '96

MARGARET ADAIR DAVIDSON '12*

AMELIA GREEN WYNER '13

HELEN GUIDE PETERSON '18*

NEVA MARIE WRIGHT '18*

WINIFRED OSBORN HEARD '20

PAM ESTES WILLIAMS '22

ELIZABETH BUCHANAN GOLLY '26*

ALICE SANDERS LISSNER '26

EDNA CASS NOLL '26

ELIZABETH WELLINGTON SAMPSON '26*

ASTRID ANDERSON '29

LENORE MCLEAN REED '32*

BETTY HUGHES MORRIS '35

EDNA ALLEN DORIOT '37

MARTHA MACDOWELL CARPENTER '50

*new member

ALUMNI FUND REPORT

JUNE 30, 1961

CLASS	Number of known addresses	Number of donors	Percentage of donors	Total Contributions	Average gift	Number of known addresses	Number of donors	Percentage of donors	Total Contributions	Average gift	
1891-1900	60	14	23%	\$243.00	\$17	1931	71	12	17	115.00	10
1901	12	2	17	30.00	15	1932	60	5	8	180.00	36
1902	19	4	21	60.00	15	1933	53	11	21	75.00	7
1903	19	4	21	27.00	7	1934	50	7	14	84.81	12
1904	17	7	41	50.50	7	1935	60	10	17	186.00	18
1905	15	2	13	26.00	13	1936	49	15	31	207.00	14
1906	22	2	9	50.00	25	1937	45	11	24	188.00	17
1907	40	24	60	228.00	10	1938	35	7	20	91.00	13
1908	31	6	19	90.00	15	1939	30	8	27	78.00	10
1909	33	10	30	93.00	9	1940	46	4	9	61.00	15
1910	30	10	33	122.00	12						
1911	26	6	23	81.00	13	1941	35	9	26	90.00	10
1912	33	15	45	194.00	13	1942	42	6	14	75.00	13
1913	38	10	26	352.00	35	1943	38	7	18	65.00	9
1914	36	8	22	61.00	8	1944	44	8	18	105.00	13
1915	33	16	48	191.00	11	1945	56	9	16	96.00	11
1916	17	2	12	20.00	10	1946	44	10	23	78.00	8
1917	28	7	25	89.00	13	1947	47	9	19	64.00	7
1918	43	14	33	340.00	24	1948	65	7	11	75.00	11
1919	30	7	23	62.00	9	1949	79	13	16	205.00	16
1920	47	9	19	214.00	24	1950	154	25	16	666.00	27
1921	25	6	24	38.00	6	1951	177	18	10	190.00	11
1922	22	4	18	138.00	35	1952	111	14	13	166.50	12
1923	40	15	38	163.00	11	1952	110	14	13	116.50	3
1924	43	9	21	92.00	10	1954	87	7	8	55.00	8
1925	53	19	36	316.00	17	1955	89	11	12	88.00	8
1926	68	31	46	775.00	25	1956	89	17	19	102.00	8
1927	73	12	16	94.00	8	1957	82	15	18	119.00	8
1928	50	7	14	55.00	8	1958	120	25	21	124.50	5
1929	68	16	24	293.00	18	1959	164	29	18	217.50	7
1930	50	10	20	77.00	8	1960	152	22	14	138.00	6
							3345	673	22%	\$8766.31	\$13.00
						1961		3		28.00	
						1962		1		3.00	
						Faculty		3		44.00	
						Non-alumni		3		91.69	
						Pledges to be paid		4		1097.00	
						GRAND TOTALS		687		\$10030.00	\$14.60

TOPS IN 1961

MOST CONTRIBUTORS: 1926 (31)
1959 (29)

BEST % OF CONTRIBUTORS: 1907 (60%)
1915 (48%)

LARGEST AVERAGE GIFT: 1932 (\$36.00)
1913 (\$35.00)
1922

LARGEST TOTAL GIFT: 1926 (\$775.00)
1950 (\$666.00)



Isabelle Burton Kamon of the Class of 1941 seems to have involved with the world almost all her life. When she was young, she was concerned with agriculture, and how the world lives. Later she turned to real estate, on which the world lives, and later still to oil, by which the world lives. All her life she has been concerned with God, for Whom the world lives. Since 1923, however, Isabelle Kamon's life has been inextricably mingled with the

WILDCAT'S WORLD

by ANTHONY VAN RIPER

HALF a century ago, when a girl named Isabelle Burton was just growing up in the small citrus town of Sparr, Florida, the rich Texas oil fields were overrun with men seeking the newest of frontiers. Many were associated with the big oil companies; as many more were the "wildcatters," looking for the one big strike . . . the thundering spray of black gold which would mark the abrupt transition to a life of ease.

They aren't called wildcatters any more, but the wildcat spirit still lives in many people. Isabelle Burton should know . . . she and her family all share that restless urge.

Isabelle Burton . . . now Mrs. Rudolph Kamon of Cisco, Texas . . . first satisfied her urge to do things when she won a prize in debating women's suffrage at the University of Chattanooga, which she attended before coming to Emerson College. After returning to her home in Sparr, near Ocala, Florida, with this plaudit, she found that the church was badly in need of money to buy a bell.

Putting her talent to use again, she put on a one-girl entertainment to raise the money. The show was a one-night stand. There was no need for a repeat performance, for the needed funds had been raised.

Isabelle's father decided that he had a talented daughter on his hands, and from a host of catalogs, the Burton family chose Emerson, way up north in Boston, for Isa-

belle's college education.

Money was a problem for the young girl, and she, together with classmates Belle McMichael and Ethel Bailey, earned their tuition for 1914 selling books in Beverly, Massachusetts.

"A benign and friendly way . . . she makes you understand." This was Isabelle's characterization in the 1914 *Emersonian*, as she graduated in the first year of the first world war.

After graduation, Isabelle Burton opened her own studio of expression in Jacksonville, Florida, but, as she says, "the lure of real estate soon took me away from the teaching profession." Here again was the restless urge.

She entered into the real estate business in a big way, working for the Burton-Welch Real Estate company.

It was in 1921 that she visited Casper, Wyoming. Her business was selling land in the citrus country of Florida, but the people around Casper in 1921 weren't nearly as interested in oranges as they were in oil.

A Polish geologist named Rudolph Kamon had, not long before, drilled the first shallow oil well in Wyoming's Oregon Basin Field. Following this first oil well Kamon and his associates were to promote deep drilling in the same area which has resulted in the production of over 70 million barrels of oil.

Rudolph Kamon was born and raised in Poland. After attending Vienna University in Austria, he had come to the United States to go to Chicago University. A husky man of medium height, who looks as if he could outwork many a man before lunchtime, Kamon was also responsible for the design of a plant to recover oils and asphalts from refinery waste. This design was part of the Midwest Refinery, which was at that time the largest refinery in the Rocky Mountain District.

Calling at the offices of the Kamon Real Estate Company in Casper, Isabelle Burton and Rudolph Kamon met.

Perhaps the smell of oil in the air had something to do with it. Or perhaps it was the restless spirit of a woman who wanted to grow with a country. Looking back forty years, who can tell?

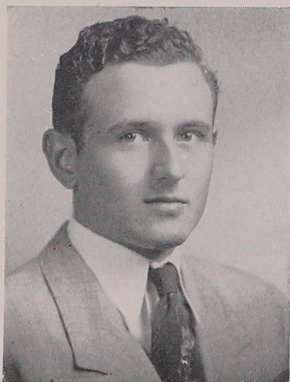
But Isabelle Burton gave up her job in Florida, moved to Wyoming, and went to work for Rudolph Kamon. And on Christmas Day, 1923, she married the boss.

The next years fled fast. Mrs. Kamon's son, Robert, was born in 1927. In 1929, after the Kamons had brought in producing wells in the Salt Creek Field, and had developed oil production in the Notches Field, they left Wyoming and moved south to Forth Worth, Texas.

The Kamons kept right on looking for, and finding, petroleum and natural gas fields. He made several discoveries in Coleman and McCulloch counties in Texas.

Acting as a consulting geologist, Rudolph Kamon discovered the East Texas Talco Fields which have brought in over 30 million barrels of oil.

Robert Kamon took his degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas in 1949, and a book, written since his graduation, is now used as a textbook by his *alma mater*.



ROBERT KAMON

Following World War II, the Kamons began to take an interest in overseas property in line with their oil explorations. Generally, they will purchase oil rights to a block of land, explore it geologically, and then produce a prospectus, which is sent to companies who drill for oil. The

oil rights are then purchased, with the Kamons keeping an "override" of interest in the land. The opening paragraph of a letter from Robert Kamon concerning an overseas oil field is a good example:

Would you like to own one of the world's most profitable oil fields? In a world-wide survey we found an oil field with 24 producing horizons, ranging between 800 and 10,000 feet in depth . . . got into production at the end of World War II and in this short space of time has produced over a billion dollars worth of oil.

Young Robert Kamon, for example, recently went to Australia, came back with a 3 million acre oil "block," sold it within a month, and has since sold over a quarter million more acres to American interests.

The Kamons still keep a subsidiary interest in real estate. Until April of this year, they had owned a 1,365,000 acre ranch in Australia's Northern Territory and had operated it under the name of the Australian Grazing and Pastoral Co., Ltd. Although the ranch has now been sold, AG&P is still in existence, along with the Kamon Petroleum Exploration Company.

"We three are partners in business," Isabelle Kamon says. "Rudolph and Robert are always hopping here and there over the world, but I generally stay put to keep things moving from this end."

Christmas weddings are getting to be a tradition in the Kamon family. Robert Kamon married Effie Hart of Cisco on Christmas Day, 1957. The younger Kamons have one son, Ken. It begins to look as if Ken is going to have troubles if he follows in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. At the rate they are going the Kamons will have discovered all the oil there is in the world before young Ken learns to spell "scintillometer."

Hopping around the world is no exaggeration. At the present writing, Rudolph Kamon is still in Australia, and Robert has just returned from a trip that took him through Australia, Iran, India, Turkey, and Switzerland. He also had a couple of side trips, one by boat along the Great Barrier Reef of Australia where, he says, "a shark wouldn't dare bite a Texan," and another through the jungles near Port Moresby, New Guinea. His guides there were native headhunters. They had apparently heard about Texas, for Robert came through unscathed.

As if being up to her ears in business and grandmotherhood weren't enough, Isabelle Kamon is a devout Presbyterian, and is Chairman of World Missions for her Texas Church. This, at least, was foreordained, for in her days at Emerson College, she belonged to the Y.W.C.A., where she was Chairman of the Committee on Missions. As a hobby, she raises flowers, which isn't too easy in some parts of Texas, and takes them to shut-ins and to her church.

The urge to be doing is still strong in Isabelle Kamon. "Australia is something like this country was a hundred years ago," she says. "There are so many opportunities. I hope to get over for a visit some day, if old age does not catch up with me."

She is now 67, she adds, "just the right age to be really spry!"

The wildcatters, as a breed, have disappeared, at least in name. But the spirit still lives in many people. There is a restless urge in the Kamon family . . . there always has been. Both in the young woman who raised her voice for women's suffrage, and the young man who believed America to be the land of opportunity, and proved it.

"We are not educators," Isabelle Kamon says proudly of that urge to take a chance . . . that need to do. "We are producers."

Too often, in this modern society which seems to be losing track of its goals, people are inclined to "let George do it."

In Cisco, Texas, "George" isn't doing a bit of it.

But Isabelle, Rudolph, and Robert Kamon most certainly are.

SHORT TAKES

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Returning for her second term as President is HELENA COOK BEALE '25. First and Second Vice Presidents are HAIG DER MARDEROSIAN 'ED and THOMAS F. CARROLL '57.

Re-elected as Secretary was GERTRUDE MORRISON '15, and as Treasurer, ETHEL CURRIE ODELL '13. NAN WHELPLEY CARNEY '56 was returned as Past President.

Five new Members-at-Large were elected. They were MARY PARLIN HUDDY '07, EDWARD SULLIVAN '41, FRANCES CROWLEY LASHOTO '44, WALTER STELKOVIS '49, and JOAN B. WHITNEY '60.

HOPKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The sisters of Phi Mu Gamma sorority have established the Joan B. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship, in memory of the former President of Phi Mu whose tragic death at Christmas shocked the College.

A fund of over 800 dollars was presented to President McKinley at Hand-Me-Down Day ceremonies in May.

HAND-ME-DOWN DAY

In addition to the Hopkins Scholarship noted above, there were several other gifts to the College given on Hand-Me-Down Day.

Rho Delta Omega gave \$200 to the Library Fund, and the 1960-61 Student Government Council gave another \$200 to the Double Decade.

A new fund was opened by the newly-formed Girls' Athletic League, who began the Emerson College Gymnasium Building Fund.

HARTFORD CLUB ELECTIONS

The new officers for the Hartford Emerson College Club have been elected. President for the forthcoming year is RUTH ADAMS PARKER '10, of West Hartford. DORA MITNICK NAHUM '26 of Hartford is Vice President; MARIAN COLBY CLAPP '12 of West Hartford is Secretary, and MIRIAM BERKOWITZ WEIDER '25 of West Hartford is Treasurer. The Hartford Club, first of Emerson's alumni clubs to be organized, is planning a book review program and play presentations among other events to be held in 1961-62.

PARENTS' WEEKEND

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er Freda Berger '37), and Angelo R. Musto, Jr. of East Boston, Mass. were unanimously elected Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Association.

Enthusiasm and interest ran high and all indications point to a successful and fruitful marriage of the Association into the Emerson College family.

Highlight of Parents' Weekend 1961 came on Saturday evening. First a pre-theatre banquet at Boston's Statler Hilton Hotel. The keynote address, "Emerson and the Future Hour," was delivered by Loomis Patrick, prominent Boston attorney and Chairman of the Emerson Board of Trustees.

New England Mutual Hall was the next stop for a special parents' performance of Emerson's 8th annual musical presented by the Department of Theatre Arts. This year the Broadway and Hollywood hit, *Bells are Ringing*, became an Emerson "smash."

A fitting close to a perfect Weekend came Sunday when Dr. and Mrs. McKinley played host to over 100 parents and guests in their lovely Beacon Street home.

Parents Weekend 1961 offered an unusual opportunity for the College to meet and talk with many Emerson parents and friends. It also afforded Emerson parents a chance to become acquainted with the Emerson family and to experience, at least for one weekend, its way of life. Not only were individual problems discussed, but education and Emerson College as a whole. Deep concern was expressed over the present limited classroom and dormitory facilities and much interest was shown in Emerson's plans for future expansion, the construction of the Abbot Library and the purchase of the Fuller Mansion.

Can we safely say that Emerson's first Parents' Weekend was a success? Let the following statements from Emerson parents themselves answer that question:

"... it was an exceptionally well-co-ordinated weekend with activities so varied it would be impossible to select the event most memorable."

"I do not think any weekend could be more pleasant. Everyone was so kind, and we were shown every courtesy."

"If it were just as nice in 1962 as 1961, I would be very pleased."

"We thought it very well planned and executed in 1961. We were quite satisfied."

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

BEACON is proud to be able to bring to Emersonians a thought-provoking article by Dr. Isaac Asimov. Dr. Asimov, a professor of bio-chemistry at Boston University, has written provocatively upon man and communication, and poses a problem of some considerable weight. Be sure to read

"FOUR STEPS TO SALVATION"

in the next issue of BEACON, due at your home in October. Watch for it.



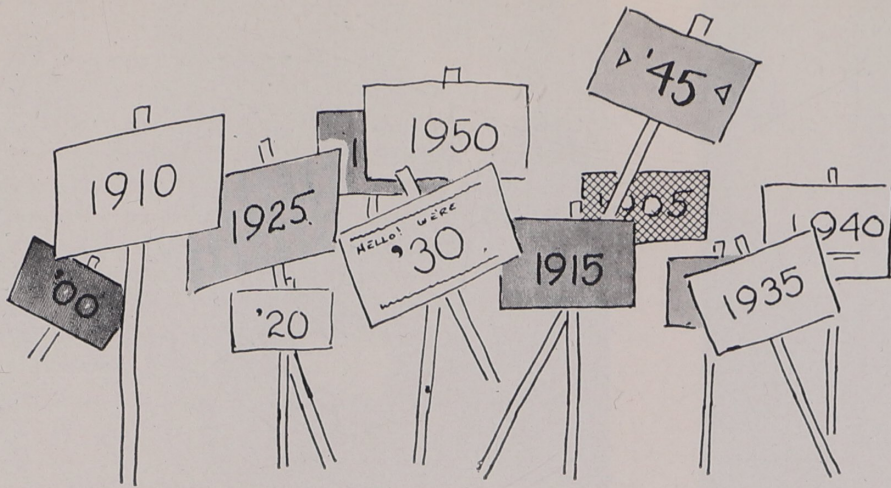
DAVE RODMAN '48, above at left, chats with Dr. McKinley and Evening Division Director JOHN W. ZORN '4, before the awarding of broadcasting certificates to evening division students early in June. DIRECTLY ABOVE, the testimonial dinner for MAGGIE KAY in May produced this threesome remembering when. From left, DON PERKINS '57, Mrs. Kay and LESLIE BIDWELL '44.



A CUP OF COFFEE, A SANDWICH, and Sue Demond '63 doing the serving was part of Alumni Day on June 10. Wondering what's good are ANNE MacDOUGAL '36 and MARION STEVE ANDERSON '26. At the right, Dr. THEODORE THASS-THIENEMANN comes to the podium to speak after receiving the dedication of the 1961 *Emersonian*. At left and right are FRANK SANSONE '62, and FRANK O'MARA '61.



EMERSON IN PICTURES



ALUMMNEWS

GUYS AND DOLLS . . .

Among engagements made official since the last issue are those of:

MARY ELIZABETH DELANEY, '34, formerly of Tarrytown, N.Y., now of Columbus, Miss., to John Young McPhee of East Gloucester, Mass. Miss Delaney is Director of Dance at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Miss. Prior to joining the faculty at M.S.C.W., she was Director of Dance at Marymount, New York City, and Tarrytown, N.Y. During World War II the bridegroom served four years in the Navy on active service in the Asiatic, Pacific, American Area, Philippine, and Euro-

pean Thettries. Mr. McPhee is affiliated with Gorton's of Gloucester.

Carol Daiker of Bridgewater, Mass., to DAVID LOTHROP WALKER, '57, of Taunton and Point Connett, Mattapoisett, Mass. Miss Daiker is a graduate of Thayer Academy and of Endicott Junior College. Mr. Walker served two years with the U.S. Navy and is associated with WRLP television station in Greenfield as an announcer. A Sept. 30 wedding is planned.

Janice Dianne Buckholtz of West Hartford, Conn., to ROBERT SANBORN SIDNEY, '60, also of West Hartford. Miss Buckholtz is employed as contract writer with

Travelers Insurance Company. Her fiance served three years with the U.S. Army and is employed at Hamilton Standard, Division of United Aircraft Corp. The couple is planning a Fall wedding.

CYNTHIA MARIE GALLANT, '58 of Orleans, Mass., to CARL W. EASTMAN, '61 of East Bridgewater, Mass. Miss Gallant is presently employed as a bookkeeper at the Nickerson Lumber Company in Orleans. Her fiance is studying for his Master's degree at Emerson. No date has been set for the wedding.

Sheila Ester Gershman of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, to EDWARD SWERLICK, '59 of Everett, Mass. Miss Gershman is a graduate of the Roosevelt School of Stamford, Conn., and attended Chamberlain Junior College in Boston. Mr. Swerlick is now program director for radio station WNPB, Newburyport, Mass. An October 22 wedding is planned.

TWO ON THE AISLE . . .

We are happy to report the weddings of:

DOROTHEA JOAN LeBOFF, '56, of Lexington, Mass., to Harvey Melvin Snyder of Fall River on the evening of May 29, 1961, at the Southern House, Brookline, Mass. Rabbi Herbert Rosenblum officiated at the 6:30 ceremony. Mr. Snyder is an alumnus of Brown University, and of the Wharton School of Finance at the Univ. of Pennsylvania. He is associated, in an executive capacity, with the Uncas Mfg. Co., Providence, R.I.

PATRICIA MARIE SMITH, '56, of Pawtucket, R.I., to Robert Joseph Renn of Lake Hiawatha, New Jersey, on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, April 22, in St. Raymond's Church, Providence, R.I. Rev. John J. Reichert, O. P., celebrated the nuptial mass. Mrs. Renn, a teacher, and her husband, who is employed by the U.S. Post Office in Lake Hiawatha, are now residing in Stanhope, N.J.

SHEILA KRUTE, '58, of Brighton, Mass., to Albert Savitsky on May 30, 1961. Mrs. Savitsky will start her third year in Billerica as Speech Therapist in the public schools.

Angeline Pantos of Worcester, Mass., to GAREY W. WALSH, '59, formerly of Bloomfield, Conn., on May 14, 1961, in St. Spridon's Greek Orthodox Church. Mrs. Walsh is a graduate of Worcester School of Business Science, and is employed as traffic manager for Radio Station WAAB. Mr. Walsh is Assistant News Director at WAAB, Worcester, Mass.

MERIEL JUDITH PRATT, '60, of Abington, Mass., to Richard Irvn Anderson, USAF, of Stuart, Florida, on Sunday afternoon, May 7, 1961, in All Souls Universalist—Unitarian Church, Braintree. Mr. Anderson was employed by Eastern Airlines in Miami, Fla., before entering the Air Force. He is stationed at Newburgh, New York.

SANTINA MARIA RELLA, '61, of New Rochelle, N.Y., to James Lindsay Jamieson on Saturday, April 22, 1961, New Rochelle, N.Y.

JOAN ANNE PIKE, '56, of Ogunquit, Maine, to Oscar Hatch Hawley of Rockport, June 10, 1961, at the Church

of St. Peter's By-the-Sea, Ogunquit, Maine. Mr. Hawley prepared at Cushing Academy for Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Lexington, Kentucky will be the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley.

Elizabeth Eunice Costa of Westbrook, Maine, to ROBERT LOUIS CLARKE, '56, of Great Barrington, Mass., June 10, 1961, in Meloon Chapel of Woodsfords Congregational Church. The bride has taken a position as fourth-grade teacher at Plain School, Stockbridge, Mass. She graduated from Falmouth High School in 1957 and from Gorham State Teachers College in 1961. Mr. Clarke is News Director of Radio Station WSBS, Great Barrington, Mass. He is a member of the Army Reserves, Pittsfield.

Leona Ruth Berkowitz, '60, of Swampscott, Mass., to ALAN EDWARD FINN, '60 of Brookline, Mass. Rabbi Halpern and Cantor Harry Lubow performed the ceremony at Temple Israel of Swampscott and Marblehead. The couple is honeymooning in Bermuda.

Marillyn Ann Tuft of Park Ridge, Illinois, to JOHN C. ZACHARIS, '58, of Bradford, Mass., Saturday, March 18, 1961, in St. Luke's Lutheran Church. The bride received her degree from DePauw University and her M.A. from Indiana University. Mr. Zacharis is debating coach and instructor at California Polytechnic College.

Roberta Lois Lubarsky of Quincy, Mass., to MACEY G. LEVIN, '60, of Brighton, Mass., June 13, 1961, in the Beacon House, Brookline. Rabbi David Jacobs and Cantor Norman Geller of the Temple Beth El in Quincy officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride was graduated from Simmons College, School of Publications. Mr. Levin is studying for his master's degree in theater education at Emerson. He will be a member of the staff at Lowville Academy, Lowville, N.Y.

DONNA LINDA ZOLOV, '61, of Portland, Maine, to Arthur Charles Silverman of Lewistown, Maine, Sunday, June 18, 1961, Temple Beth El, Portland. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Mass. Institute of Technology and will attend Columbia University Law School in the fall. The couple will live in Pittsfield.

Myra Faye Greenblatt of Brockton to STEPHEN J. SEGAL, '59 of Everett, Mass., June 18, 1961. Mr. Segal, formerly announcer at WNMP, Newburyport, Mass., is now associated with L. Grossman's & Sons (building materials) as sales counselor.

Shirley Linda Writer of Newton, Mass., to NORMAN MICHAELS, '61 of West Newton at Blue Hill Country Club. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler. The bride studied at Syracuse University and was graduated from Boston University School of Fine Arts. The groom is now an announcer at Station WKBR in Manchester, New Hampshire. Following a wedding trip to Nassau and Miami Beach, the couple will make their home in Manchester, New Hampshire.

MARY JO CZARIK, '60, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, to Henry Jon Stonie of Lawrence, Mass., in the Daniel Marsh Chapel of Boston University, on July 8. Mrs. Stonie is secretary to Emerson's Business Manager, Roger C. Wilder, who gave the bride away. Mr. Stonie is Assistant Professor of Social Sciences at Emerson.

IN MEMORIAM

1893

MARY ELMIRA NOONE

1897

MARIAN WATERMAN SMITH

1900

ELLA MURDOCK HOWLETT

1901

A. ELIZABETH DAVIS VIELE
PHOBE CORNISH COTTLE

1903

CAROLINE LYON LYLE

1909

AMY A. FISHER
JEAN HOLT RICHARDSON

1914

ETHEL BEARD TOWNSEND

1952

WILLIAM A. DeWITT

1960

MICHAEL WINSTON

THE BABY SPOT . . .

A daughter, Margaret Muirhead, to Mr. and Mrs. William M. Goulding (VIRGINIA RICHARDSON, '41) of Pittsburgh, Pa., on January 17, 1961. Margaret is the Goulding's second daughter. The other daughter, Anne Poe, graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School, Pittsburgh, last month. The Gouldings' also have a son, Timothy Richardson, age 13 years.

A daughter, Mary True, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palmer Davis, Jr., (GLORIA STANLEY, '49) of Dunn, North Carolina, April 25, 1961.

A daughter, Lisa Anne, to Mr. RANDOLPH P. GOETZE, '51 and Mrs. Goetze, (ANNE T. SCHAEFER, '53) of Canton, Mass., May 18, 1961.

A daughter, Kaatri Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Keith E. Hanson (ELAINE ZIMMERMAN, '58) of Charlottesville, Virginia, April 23, 1961.

A son Peter William, to Mr. and Mrs. David Shair (MICHELLE SOLOMON, '60) of West Springfield, Mass., April 29, 1961.

A son, Mark Chase, to Mr. PAUL J. AUSTIN, '60, and Mrs. Austin (MYRNA LIEBERMAN, '62) of Boston, Mass., April 22, 1961.

A son, Kevin Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Saul M. Schulman (RUTHELLEN POLESHUCK, '60) of Irvington, New Jersey, May 18, 1961.

A son, Frederick Reuben, to Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg (JUDITH SOLOMON, '56) of Reseda, California, April 4, 1961.

A son, Duncan Howell, to Mr. ELDON D. WHITE, '50, and Mrs. White of Denver, Colorado, June 11, 1961. The Whites have two other sons. Christopher MacCallum was 2 years of age June 18, and Brooks Ogilvie will be four on July 31.

A son, Robert John, to Capt. and Mrs. John L. Allen (MARY OLSEN, '54) May 31, 1961. Robert John is the Allen's first baby.

A daughter, Nanci Joy, to Mr. and Mrs. William Palastrant (ELAINE KAYE, '56) of Norwood, Mass., May 25, 1961. Nanci Joy is the Palastrant's second child, second daughter.

A son, Mark Edward, to Mr. JOHN FLYNN, '61, and Mrs. Fynn of Dedham, Mass., July 4, 1961. Mark Edward is the Flynn's second son.

CLASS NOTES . . .

'01 Class Agent: Dr. JESSIE ROYER GREAVES, 118 South Valley Rd., Paoli, Penna.

Miss PHOEBE CORNISH COTTLE passed away after a long illness at her home, 15 Copley Street, Jamaica Plain, Mass., on June 14, 1961.

'03 At the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children held in Boston, Mr. ERNEST W. CARMAN, Attorney and Counsellor at Law of Springfield, Mass., was presented the 1960 John B. Whitmore award for outstanding service rendered. Over the years that he has served as Director, Advisor, Secretary and President, Mr. Carman did the day's work with never a thought of any recognition. Consequently, the award was greatly appreciated.

'09 Class Agent: BERENICE WRIGHT (Mrs. Issac K.) LEWIS, 18 W. Constance Avenue, Santa Barbara, California.

AMY A. FISHER of Salem St., Lynnfield, died in the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, May 20th, where she had been for the past ten days. She was 78. In 1952, Miss Fisher retired as an instructor at the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance in Boston, which position she held for 25 years. Her only survivor is a brother, Charles of Boston.

MARY SLIFER (Mrs. Frank) MacMURTRIE of Tucson, Arizona, has recently concluded her 30th year as director of the Tucson Children's Theatre with the presentation of her original dramatization of Hans Christian Andersen's "Snow Queen." Mrs. MacMurtrie dates her interest in drama to her own childhood. One of seven children, she remembers putting on plays in the attic or basement. "I have a theory," she says, "that our basic purpose is not to put on plays but to develop children—to have them acquire poise, develop better speech habits and learn to work with others. I know of no better way to do this than putting on plays."

'14 Class Agent: BERTHA McDONOUGH (Mrs. Joel M.) MELICK, 75 Park Avenue, Worcester, Massachusetts.

We are very grateful to Mr. Mack L. Townsend for informing us of the passing of his wife, ETHEL BEARD TOWNSEND, on April 9th, 1961. She died of a heart attack, coronary thrombosis, after only about three weeks illness. He further writes: "It was a sad parting for me, after nearly 60 years, almost a life-time together. I would have felt there was nothing left to live for, had it not been for our daughter and five sons. In becoming the wonderful wife and mother she was, she still always had her heart in dramatic interests, participating in the Little Theatre every where we fere, the later years in Burlington, Iowa, and the last twenty in Boulder City, Nevada. She was always in demand, casting, directing, and in make-up. She also was active in speech therapy, especially with children."

'23 Class Agent: EUGENIA G. TERWILLIGER (Mrs. William C.) HIDLAY, 414 Market Street, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

GLADYS FERNANDEZ (Mrs. Charles) BATCHELDER of Waban, Mass., Was President of The Compass Club of Newton this past year and was presented a lovely gold charm inscribed with the emblem of the club.

'24 When VIVIAN BURTON went to a casting call at the Hickory, N.C. Community Theatre this spring, she planned to offer her services to the group in lighting or scene design. Instead, the director asked her to read for Eliza Gant in Ketti Frings' *Look Homeward, Angel*. "Thanks to my Emerson training I can read," Vivian writes to BEACON, "and at the age of 62 I made my stage debut with fear and trembling." Vivian is speech therapist for the Hickory City Schools, and she did pretty well in her first part. We'll let the Hickory *Daily Recorder's* Mary Elliot Willis tell the rest of the story: *The star of the show was Eliza Gant . . . in this leading role Miss Burton was exceptional . . . the acting of this delightful newcomer to the local theatre group was outstanding.* But there was more to come. On June 6, the Hickory Community Theatre held its annual awards dinner at the Lake Hickory Country Club, and there, Vivian Burton received the "Kay" award as best actress of the year, for her role as Eliza. A BEACON bouquet for a job well done to VIVIAN BURTON.

'25 Class Agent: HELENA COOK (Mrs. Charles) BEALE, 17 Rosemary Rd., Needham Heights, Massachusetts.

EVELYN SCHNEIDER (Mrs. Harold) PEARL of Braintree, Mass., was initiated into Pi Lambda Theta, the National Honor Society for Women in Education, Alpha Gamma Chapter of Boston University School of Education. Mrs. Pearl will receive her Master of Education degree in August. She is employed as a speech therapist with the Sharon public schools.

'28 Class Agent: RACHEL BATSON (Mrs. Kenneth) ROBIE, 20 Copley Street, Brookline 46, Massachusetts.

Mrs. MILLICENT DISCOE VAN DEUSEN is living in Norwich, Conn., where she has just finished building a modern, hilltop house which overlooks the entire town. She is teaching English at Waterford High School, and a graduate course in drama at Willimantic State College.

'29 Class Agent: LAURA CONVERSE (Mrs. Richard) SHEPP, 51 Delmar Place, Delmar, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton C. Bales (DOROTHY KENNISON) of Lowell, Mass., observed their 25th anniversary recently. They were married June 6, 1936 at the Eliot Congregational church in Newton. They have two children: a son, Calvin, and a daughter, Barbara Bales. Mrs. Bales was a former president of the Women's Guild of the Highland Congregational church.

'31 Class Agent: LEONA ROTHSTEIN (Mrs. Alexander) BEAL, 419 Beacon Street, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

Mrs. IMOGENE S. WILSON, charter president of the Kennebec Valley Chapter, National Secretaries Assn., was named the chapter's Secretary of the Year. Mrs. Wilson, who was the first to be cited for the Chapter honor, is secretary to Kenneth R. Dorr, chief of Intelligence Division, Internal Revenue Service. Before joining the IRS Staff she was social secretary at Blaine House for Mrs. Horace A. Hildreth and Mrs. Frederick G. Payne. She is program chairman for the Maine-New Hampshire-Massachusetts Division, NSA.

'33 Class Agent: RUTH BURNHAM (Mrs. Millard J.) DECATUR, 24 Oak St., Reading, Mass.

ANN SNYDER (Mrs. Abraham) MARGOLIS of Haverhill, Mass., recently addressed the Lewiston-Auburn Chapter of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee. She is a member of the National Board and president of the Haverhill Chapter. Mrs. Margolis is a member of the Massachusetts Bar, the Federal Bar, with authorization to plead before the U.S. Supreme Court.

'35 Class Agent: JUNE HAMBLIN (Mrs. George F.) MITCHELL, 10 Clisbee Sq., Revere 51, Massachusetts.

At the final meeting of the Melrose Mothers' Club for the current season entertainment was provided by the Choric Speaking Choir of Emerson under the direction of Mrs. JUNE MITCHELL and KENNETH CRANNELL, '55 who interpreted prose and poetry spoken in solo and in unison. The Emerson group is the only one of its kind in the East.

'42 Class Agent: WINIFRED SEYMOUR (Mrs. Kenneth G.) DALTON, 28 Brewster Road, Brockton 57, Mass.

RUTH McDEVITT (Mrs. Walter P.) NICKERSON of Springfield, Mass., was commentator recently for "Coiffure Cavalcade," a pageant of hairstyles and fashions presented by the Women's Club of Holy Cross parish. Mrs. Nickerson is speech therapist for the Springfield Public Schools. She has taught at Academie Moderne, Boston, conducted courses in poise and personality for the Adult Education Council, Springfield, and been commentator for many fashion shows in the Springfield area.

'44 Class Agent: Miss LESLIE S. BIDWELL, 540 E. 20th St., New York 9, N.Y.

Prof. ALBERT R. THAYER of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, officiated as Bee Master at the state spelling bee held recently for the coveted trip to Washington and a try for the national crown. Prof. Thayer is Harrison King McCann Professor of Oral Communication in the Department of English at Bowdoin. He has done graduate work at Harvard, Johns Hopkins and Columbia Universities.

'46 Class Agent: Miss JUNE ELAINE GLOVER, 200 East 16th St., New York, N. York, N.Y.

RICHARD W. JOHNSON of Hamilton, Mass., real estate broker, appraiser and insurance agent is marking his 15th year of dependable service to the Hamilton community. Dealing in all types of insurance, but representing the famous Traveller's agency and mutual companies the Johnson office offers excellent and capable service. On leaving college, he was employed with Pequot Mills, Salem, and later with the Utica Knitting Mills, New York. He served as sub-contractor for the Daystrom Instrument Co., Eliabeth, N.J. and 15 years ago started his own insurance business. He is married and has two sons. When the Hamilton-Wenham Lions club was founded he became its charter president. He serves as a director of Community Service, Inc., Hamilton, and is a member of the Salem County club, serves on the Flivver League bowling committee and the Hamilton Badminton club.

'47 Class Agent: ELAINE DUCHARME (Mrs. Walter) FOWLER, 56-K Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

In a recent letter from LEE WHEELER (Mrs. George, Jr.) BENEDICT she writes: "My husband has opened up his own law practice in San Diego after working for a large Los Angeles law firm for 10 years and life has changed its complexion. In fact, I have 2 more children since I las reported to you—Ruth Elizabeth born June 7, 1958 and Jonathan Wheeler, born April 1, 1960. Last fall I appeared in Sherwood's *Road to Rome* and had a ball and since then have been baby sitting while my husband got started in San Diego. Hope I'll run into some former Emersonians while there."

AGNES CLINESMITH (Mrs. David) SHIPP received her M.A. in Speech Pathology at Emerson's 81st Commencement on June 11. Mrs. Shipp, who teaches in Bennington (Mass.) High School, wrote thesis on *The Integration of Speech Pathology, Social Studies, English, Speech, and Psychology in the Public School*. Since 1960, the Shippes have lived in Nabnasset, Massachusetts.



SHIPP

'48 Class Agent: ROBERT SILVERMAN, 226 Bradford St., Everett 49, Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the Stoneham School Committee held recently, the teaching appointment of your class agent was announced. He will serve as a teacher of English and dramatic coach at Stoneham High School. For the past two years he has been a teacher of English at the Lyman Memorial School in Lebanon, Conn., and also a director of dramatics.

Mrs. ELINORE ZIFF GREENE, dramatist, of Newton, Mass., presented a varied interpretation entitled "Little

Theatre" at the Oak Hill Group of Hadassah. Mrs. Green is a member of the Margaret E. Richardson Concert and Lecture Management, and is associated with the Flora Frame Lecture Bureau as a dramatic interpreter.

'50 Class Agent: ADELE WENTZELL (Mrs. Stanley J.) SOBOCINSKI, 35 Lee Street, Cambridge, Mass.

MAUREEN WENK (Mrs. Thomas J.) HANIGAN of Springfield, Mass., was guest speaker at the Ladies Auxiliary of the Massachusetts Veterinary Asso., held recently in the Plymouth Room of the Univ. of Massachusetts. Mrs. Hanigan has had experience as director of a speech and drama studio and as a lecturer and actress. She discussed "Secrets of successful speaking", "Learn how to speak effectively and with confidence", and "How to make yourself heard over the sound of knocking knees."

They're planning a hospital in Tinley Park, Ill., as a memorial to Tony Bettenhausen, the auto racer who registered the fastest lap in the tryots on the Indianapolis Speedway but was killed 18 days before the big 500-mile race. One of the organizers of the hospital finances drive is a former Haverhill boy, FRANK "Bill" GERMAN. Bill man (MARY GIBBS, '48) and Bill have an active life in is the manager for Chicago radio station, WBEE. Mrs. Ger-Tinley Park. They have four children which keeps any mother busy, but she finds time to help Bill entertain children at a neighborhood community center on Sunday afternoons, he projecting movies, and she selling popcorn, etc.

'51 Class Agent: HELEN CULLIVAN (Mrs. William) BROTHERTON, 59 Abington Avenue, Peabody, Mass.

NORMAN FERDINAND of Brookline, Mass., portrayed the role of "Sky Masterson" in the production of *Guys and Dolls* with the Hovey Players which was presented last month in the Junior High School, Waltham. Mr. Ferdinand has been connected with theatrical work since his high school days when he appeared in musicals and dramas. He has also had roles with the Triangle Players, the Beacon Hill Drama Theater and the Boston YMCA. In 1958 he appeared in the Independent Producers Production of *The Shrike*. Mr. Ferlinand worked as an extra in Univesary International's *Six Bridges to Cross* and Warner Brothers *Home After Dark*.

PHILIP CHRISTIE of Andover, Mass., formerly with WBZ, Boston, is now the Program Director at WCCM in Lawrence. Last year Phil came close to death in an automobile accident and spent a great deal of time convalescing.

JAMES W. FOX has been named Director of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs at Dean Junior College, Franklin, Mass. He takes over the direction of Dean's alumni office after serving for eight years as Director of Admissions. A resident of Halifax, Mass., he came to Dean in 1953.

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FRANCES NEILY (Mrs. John) PARKHILL's play *By Passion Possessed* won Special Mention (4th) in the 23rd Annual Canadian Playwriting Competition 1960-61 (Ottawa Little Theatre Workshop). Eighty-three one-act plays were entered. Mrs. Parkhill formerly lived in Groton, Mass., but may now be reached: c/o Toronto Public Library, College and George Sts., Toronto 2-B, Ontario, Canada.

WILLIAM A. (Bill) DeWITT, 35, of Pittsfield, Mass., died at his home, May 12, 1961, after a long illness. He was staff announcer for radio station WBRK. Mr. DeWitt spent two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1944, after ammunition ship explosions at Port Chicago, Calif., where he was stationed, he was cited for his "courageous pursuit of duty, coolness and bravery" following the blasts. A member of the Town Players, Mr. DeWitt gave a memorable performance in *The Teahouse of the August Moon* in January, 1960, as Sakini, irresistible Okinawan rogue. He was a member of South Congregational Church, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Besides his parents and his wife, he leaves a daughter and a son.

'53 FRED PAUL STRASSMAN of Boston, Mass., received the degree of M.S. (School of Social Work) from Simmons College, June 11, 1961.

RICHARD "Dick" ERICKSON, singer and dancer, formerly of West Springfield, is now appearing in the off-Broadway musical comedy his *Little Mary Sunshine*. As a dancer he studied with Martha Graham, Erik Hawkins, and Yvonne Patterson. He enrolled in the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo School and began studying voice with the famed Ora Witte, vocal coach for Broadway and Hollywood stars. *Little Mary Sunshine*, which is a musical spoof of the Jeanette MacDonald - Nelson Eddy movies, has been running for two years and is still playing to capacity audiences. Erickson's credits as a song and dance man can be traced back to his 'teens when he was active in the Springfield Civic Theatre and the Longmeadow Players. *Little Mary Sunshine* marks his New York debut.

'54 Class Agent: Mr. HAIG DER MARDEROSIAN, 325 Hunnewell St., Needham Heights, Massachusetts.

The Marco Club (married couples) of the First Universalist Church, Melrose, Mass., recently served its third annual smorgasbord buffet supper, and after the supper, your class agent gave an interpretive reading of the musical, *Paint Your Wagon*, which was first produced on Broadway in the Shubert Theatre, New York City, on Nov. 12, 1951. Mr. Marderosian is president of the New England Forensic Association, coach of the Norfolk Prison Debate Team, coach of the Emerson College Debate Team, coach of the Emerson Wrestling Team, which he organized last year, and is vice president of the Emerson Alumni Association.

'55 Class Agent: Mr. KENNETH C. CRANNELL, 5 Nira Street, Malden 48, Massachusetts.

Franklin County Hearing League celebrated its 33rd birthday last month as it continues to serve the needs of the hearing handicapped. The hearing and speech rehabilitation program of the league is under the direction of JON M. FITCH, executive director of Williamsburg, Mass. Since September, 1960, the league has offered a speech rehabilitation service which includes speech and voice therapy for children and adults.

Your class agent KEN CRANNELL will attend Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill., this fall to study for his doctorate. His wife, Pat will teach speech therapy in a nearby school.

We dropped in to see RENA ABORN (Mrs. Larry) MILLMAN in Norwich, Conn., the middle of May. After

college, Rena taught English in Ashland, and later in the Belmont schools. She married Navy Lieutenant Larry Millman and now has a two-year-old daughter, Dale. Lt. Millman is at present teaching at the U.S. Navy Submarine School at New London, following sea duty aboard the U.S.S. Tusk.

'56 Class Agent: PATRICIA WEHKOJA (Mrs. William J.) DONAHUE, 50½ Boeske Avenue, Maynard, Massachusetts.

This past spring, Boston radio station WBZ received an award for their documentary "1962: Year of Terror." The hour-long show was produced and written by BZ's Radio News Supervisor Ed Fouhy and newsman DICK LEVITAN. The Certificate of Merit was presented jointly by Broadcast Music Incorporated and the American Association for State and Local History.

'57 Class Agent: Mr. ROBERT CATHCART, 98 Ashland Street, Melrose, Massachusetts.

The partners of Boit, Dalton & Church, (Insurance Since 1865) 89 Broad Street, Boston 10, recently announced the association of your class agent with their firm.

VINCENT M. BEVILAQUA of Champaign, Illinois (formerly of Haverhill, Mass.) has received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Illinois. His wife, Patricia Cunningham, received a master of science degree from the University of Illinois with a major in textiles and clothing.

'58 Class Agent: Mr. JACK C. LeBLANC, 217 Groveland St., Haverhill, Massachusetts.

The guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Meriden Society for Retarded Children was Miss NANCY HOLDEN, who is at present associated with the North Haven school system as a speech therapist. Miss Holden explained that a speech therapist is one who helps children to speak so that they may be understood easily, and so that no embarrassment will be felt on the part of the child because he does not speak well. Many children who talk so poorly that they cannot be understood readily, or are made fun of when they speak, do not want to talk at all. A speech therapist can help to correct this.

Under the auspices of UNIVAC division of Sperry Rand Corp., JACK LeBLANC has just published a 7 session training course entitled, *Communications and Human Relations Training Course*. Our congratulations, Jack! Any Emersonian who finds that they have communication problems in business or industry might do well to contact Jack.

'59 Class Agent: Mr. HARRY W. MORGAN, 133 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

MICHAEL DAUGHN of East Hampton, Conn., was recently accepted as a member of the Connecticut Association for Reading Research. Mike is the reading consultant at the Amity Regional Junior High School in Orange. He is presently enrolled in the graduate school of Boston University.

The superintendent of the King Philip Regional High School, Plainville, Mass., announced recently the appointment of ELIZABETH KIDNEY of Dover, N. H. to the position of speech teacher.

Specialist RALPH D. LADESTRO of Stamford, Conn., participated in Exercise Mayflower, a Seventh U.S. Army medical field training exercise in the Stuttgart-Munich area of Germany last month. Ralph is assigned as a training specialist in the 30th Medical Group's headquarters. He entered the Army in October 1959, received basic training at Fort Hood, Texas, and arrived overseas last September.

GAIL COHN sends greetings from the sunny south! She has been most fortunate in receiving all expense-paid trips to Cali, Colombia, South America and Port-au-prince, Haiti, as a chaperon for one of her girls who is Miss Miami and represents the city in the festivals there. Last month, they went to Quito, Ecuador for the Pan American conference. While in Haiti, Gail was offered a partnership in a fashion business there, but she feels it is a big step and is taking time to think about it. At present, she is the owner and director of Charm Modeling School and Agency, 277 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, Florida.

MYRNA REICH of W. Orange, New Jersey is teaching in the Columbia Elementary School (third grade), East Orange, N.J.

LOIS COLITZ of Weehawken, N.J., has established and set up the whole system of speech therapy, in Cliffside Park, New Jersey School System.

RICHARD K. WEEKS of Slingsland, N.Y., will be studying at College of Education, State University of New York, Albany, this coming September.

LEN SEYFARTH has been given an \$1800 teaching assistantship in psychology for the coming year from the University of Oregon. He will continue work toward a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. While working for his Master's this past year at the Univ. of Nevada, he had an assistantship in experimental social psychology.

'60 Class Agent: Mr. PHILIP P. AMATO, 42 Dakota St., Dorchester 24, Massachusetts.

The tragic death of MICHAEL WINSTON was reported to us just before press time. Mike, who was with a summer theatre this summer, died suddenly on July 9th. Mike, a native of Brooklyn, graduated from the High School of Performing Arts in New York, and received his B.A. in Theatre Arts. While at Emerson, he was on the *Emersonian* staff as well as active in public productions. Following his graduation, he went on to Yale University to do graduate work in theatre arts. He was twenty-two.

YVONNE KOLMAN writes: "Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate getting the BEACON and all the news of my favorite Alma Mater. Have been in Europe for almost a year now, spent two months of this time in Budapest and the rest of it in Rome, Paris, and here in Zurich, Switzerland. I am finally getting some practical theatre experience. The City of Zurich is producing a Kalman Festival in open air. The Operatta *Czardasfuerstin* will be partly modernized and will be played on three stages in 33 scenes. This is all terribly exciting to me, as it is the closest I have come to the live stage since my days in Mr. Nikole's theatre management class."

'61 Class Agent: JUDITH C. ESPINOLA, 17 Merrill Rd., Cranston, Rhode Island.

Your class agent has been awarded a teaching assistantship at the University of Oklahoma, where she will be studying next fall for an M.A. in Speech Education. Her Oklahoma address will be in the October BEACON.

DAVID E. PARNIGONI of Barrie, Vermont, has recently assumed the position of account executive with Radio Station WWCO in Waterbury, Conn. While at college he majored in speech and minored in English and broadcasting. A member of Rho Delta Omega for the past three years, he served as treasurer his senior year. David was also station manager of WECB since his sophomore year.

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