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NOTES OF THE CHAPTERS--Central N.Y. Chapter, No.1, will hold its reunion in August in the Fairy Spring Park on Lake Otsego.

Last February 12, members of the Rhode Island Chapter, No. 2, held its Winter Meeting at the home of Miss Susan Westcott Handy, Manville. President Webb Westcott Wilder showed movies of the summer meeting in June, 1948.

Greater N. Y. Chapter, No. 3, will hold its annual dinner-meeting on Saturday evening, Oct. 8, probably at the Fifth Ave. Hotel, N. Y. City, as usual.

Northern N. Y. Chapter, No. 5, has scheduled its annual reunion for August in Idlewild Park, Lake Street, Catherine, Vermont.

Southern Michigan Chapter, No. 6, has planned its annual reunion for Grand Rapids in August.

Announcements of reunions of Chicagoland Chapter, No. 7, and Abington, Pa., Chapter No. 8, for this year have not been received.

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NEW MEMBER--National Secretary Mrs. Eleanor Trismen announces a new member to whom the Society extends a cordial welcome--

380 Mr. and \*Mrs. John William Wrench, Monticello, Illinois.

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BIRTHS--Mark Ranney Westcott, born July 17, 1948, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Westcott, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Lauren Jeanne Wescott, born March 20, 1949, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Monroe Wescott, of Sumner, Iowa.

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PASSING OF A LOYAL MEMBER-- Pliny Kilburn Westcott of Brooklyn, former treasurer of the S.S.W.D., died March 16. He was a constant loyal member of the Society, present at many of its gatherings and was greatly esteemed. Surviving him is his devoted widow Mrs. Adelle Reuter Westcott, and one sister, Mrs. Albert Miller, also a member, of Multnomah, Oregon.

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MUCH PRAISE IS DUE--Our Secretary wishes to announce that letters are arriving in connection with Mr. Whitman's retiring, in regard to his untiring work as Editor of the Quarterly. Our society will miss him in that capacity. Congratulations are in store for a very worth while contribution to our Westcott family.

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GOING TO EUROPE--Past National Director, Dr. F. Howard Westcott is off for Europe this June. He will be accompanied by two of his daughters. Dr. Westcott expects to visit some of the scenes in Devon and Somerset where the early Westcotts or Wescotes, as they spelled the family name, lived for centuries. Bon Voyage!!

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A TRAGIC ACCIDENT--The home of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Girden M. Wescott, at Lake Idlewild, Uniondale, Susquehanna County, Penna., was the scene of a tragic accident April 13. While at an electric stove which had just been polished, the polish exploded, setting Mrs. Wescott's clothing afire, burning her so severely that she died at the Carbondale Hospital the following Saturday night, April 17. Her husband in attempting to save his wife, was also terribly burned and had to go to the hospital. Mrs. Wescott, before her marriage, was Elizabeth Jones. She is survived by a daughter Mildred, and a son, Harold Girden Wescott, representative to the Penna. State Legislature. Girden was one of the organizers of the Abington Chapter and is present president. The deepest sympathy of the Society is extended to Mr. Wescott and His son and daughter.

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A FAMILY SCRAPBOOK--National Secretary Mrs. Eleanor Trismen is at work compiling a Westcott family scrap-book, a worthy undertaking which in future years, will be greatly appreciated by those who are really interested in the history of the family. If YOU, a member, will send to Mrs. Trismen old and new newspaper clippings, old letters and other items in which some activity of the Westcott's is mentioned, the contribution will be included in the scrap-book and will be appreciated.

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FROM OUR SCRAPBOOK--Miss Bernice R. Whitaker sent the following anecdote to our scrap-book. "Along in the 1830's or '40's, my great-grandfather, Deacon Jeremiah Westcott, and his wife, Patience, then living on a farm near Cedarville, New Jersey, went to Philadelphia by stage coach to do some shopping. ✓

Previous to the trip they had been visiting folks nearby who had just bought screening for their home.

Great-Grandmother, Patience, wanted some for their home also, so when considering the purchase of same, Great-Grandfather remarked to Great-Grandmother, Patience, "I have never interfered with anything that you could buy before, but now, I draw the line for I do not think that the Lord intended us to breathe strained air"."

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WESTCOTT GENEALOGY? VOL. I--Some copies of the first volume (1932) of the Westcott Genealogy are still available. Those who are interested in knowing the history of the Westcott family from its earliest known time (the year 1142), should possess this book before they are all sold. Inquiries or orders may be mailed to the National Secretary.

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**DIRECTORS TO MEET**--The annual meeting of the members of the Board of Directors of this Society will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, October 8, at the hotel selected for the dinner of the Greater N. Y. Chapter. Among the important business to be considered will be the selection of a place and (tentative) dates for the 8th Biennial Commemorative Celebration in 1950. Places to hold the Celebration have been mentioned all the way from the shores of the Narragansett Bay to the shores of Lake Michigan, namely, Newport, R. I., Albany, N. Y., Trenton and Morristown, N. J., Niagara Falls, Cleveland, Ann Arbor, and Chicago. Where do YOU want to go?

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**PLEASE**--From time to time requests have been made of members of the Society for items to publish in The Quarterly. Only a very few items have been received. Greater cooperation is hoped for, in every Westcott family there is some activity at different times of interest to fellow members. Such items as travel in America and abroad, purchase and sale of homes, farms and business, outstanding hobbies, accidents, deaths, births and marriages are of interest to readers.

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**PURELY PERSONAL**--Former President Dr. Leo E. Westcott and Mrs. Westcott of Kalamazoo, Michigan, have returned home after spending the cold months in San Benito, Texas. His health is much improved. \*\*  
Coulman C. Westcott and Mrs. Westcott of Bomeseen, Vermont, after spending the winter in the south, have returned home. \*\*  
President Allan Westcott and Mrs. Westcott are again at their camp on the St. Lawrence River, after a tour of the south. \*\*  
Joseph A. Mabie reports that his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Harry S. Mabie, residents of Bay Village, Ohio, for many years, have taken up residence at Oberlin, Ohio, with her daughter, Mrs. Russell M. Lawall.