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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Your Editor received the Vermont Chapter's plans for our August Biennial Meeting just too late to include them in the December Quarterly. We shall meet on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 8, 9, and 10, at the Poultney Valley Club on Vermont's Route 30. On Friday evening, August 8, we shall have registration, followed by slides and refreshments.

Saturday, August 9, there will be a Memorial Service at 9:30 A.M., followed by our Business Meeting at 10. Luncheon at noon if preferred. At 1 P.M. there will be a pilgrimage by bus to Hubbardton Monument and Whitehall Museum. Dinner will be at 7 P.M. with music, and with group singing and dancing after dinner. The National President, Miss Susan Handy, will speak briefly at the dinner. Also our National Vice-President and former National President, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, will speak on our common ancestor, the original Stukely Westcott.

Sunday, August 10, all the Cousins are invited to attend service, if they wish, at the church on the green in East Poultney at 10 A.M. Afterward all are invited to attend the meeting of the Vermont Chapter and share its picnic dinner at Harold Westcott's farm in Middletown - about three miles from East Poultney.

The Poultney Valley Clubhouse is by the Whispering Pines Miniature Golf Course. It will be well marked, so it can be found easily.

There are many more places to stay now than at the former Vermont meeting. Now there are:

1. Beauty Mart Motel, managed by Mr. Lawrence J. Brown,
111 York Street, Poultney
2. Highland Gray Inn, Poultney, with Clifford Ellis,
Manager
3. Two Editors Inn, on College Street, Poultney, managed
by Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins
4. Eagle Tavern, East Poultney.

According to the Vermont Chapter, all these places seem well managed.

All details as to type of accommodations and prices, as well as cost of luncheon, bus fares, dinners, etc. will be in the June Quarterly.

CHAPTER NEWS

Chapter 2 - Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Chapter will hold a "pot luck" luncheon April 4
Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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at 1 P.M. at Alice Baxter's home in Cranston. Pictures of old Rhode Island houses will be shown.

Chapter 5 - Vermont

The Vermont Chapter held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lewis in Townshend, Vermont, to make plans for being hosts to the National Society's Biennial Meeting in August, 1964. Harold Wescott was named General Chairman for the August meeting. The following committees were also appointed:

Program - Mabel Wescott

Housing - Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Reed, and Charles Jay

Pilgrimage and Transportation - Harold Wescott

Publicity - Mrs. Frances Reed

Dinner - Mrs. Edna Lewis, Mrs. Lucy Jay, Mrs. Elrena Wescott

Reception - Mr. & Mrs. Harold Wescott, Mr. & Mrs. Guy Wescott,

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Reed, Miss Susan Handy, Mrs. Rachel Cottrell, Mabel Wescott

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

Your present Treasurer thought all costs were well under control until she was told that it is the custom for our National Society to pay up to \$100, if necessary, toward the cost of each Biennial Meeting, even if a local Chapter serves as host. This hits the National Treasury like a ton of brick! To make matters worse, our applications blanks are getting low. As none have been printed since the 1940s, this sudden expense has not had to be part of the budget for about twenty years.

When sending in your dues (for which all who have not already paid and who are not Life Members will find the envelopes with this Quarterly), could you please spare a small contribution toward these two expenses? It would be deeply appreciated.

Only four Cousins failed to pay their 1963 dues. I am still hoping that those four will pay for the Quarterlies they received last year.

We have 203 active members as of February 1, 1964.

NEW MEMBER

#A-48 - Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Marcelli
Santa Fe and Ocean, P.O. Box 255, Carmel, Calif.

We are so glad to have you join us.

BIRTH

Christopher Forde, born September 10, 1963, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Forde, nephew of our member Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield of Park

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ridge, Ill., and great-grandson of our member Mrs. B. C. Andrews, now of 37 Dewitt Drive, Sidney, N.Y. Mrs. Andrews' first husband was our former National President, Jarvis B. Sargent.

Our heartiest congratulations!

DEATHS

David Michael Gear, whose birth on January 21, 1963 was announced in the June, 1963 Quarterly, died on August 23, 1963. He was the son of James E. and JoAnn (Marshment) Gear, grandson of Douglas H. Marshment, and great-grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill. The operation on his heart was a success, but he was not strong enough to stand the shock of it. He was only seven months old - but those who loved him will never forget him. His relatives have our very sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Henrietta (Foster) Wescott, mother of our member, Miss Elizabeth M. Wescott, died on October 25, 1963, three weeks after her 85th birthday, at East Orange, from a ruptured or aneurysm of the aorta. She had been going downhill fast all summer. In early Fall she went to a nursing home for two weeks, then to the hospital for what proved to be her final two weeks. This news was sent in by Cousin Elizabeth M. Wescott. She and her sister have our sincerest sympathy.

Mrs. Alice B. (Dunlap) Westcott, aged 67, wife of our member, Arthur K. Westcott of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, died January 1, 1964, from a stroke which she suffered the day after Christmas. She was the mother of our former member, Mrs. Doris (Westcott) Bixby, whose death February 7, 1963 was reported in the June, 1963 Quarterly.

Mrs. Alice Westcott was a member of the Church of the Savior and its Guild, served as Republican precinct committeewoman in Cleveland Heights, and was a volunteer worker for the United Appeal and the Red Cross. She was deeply respected and much loved by all who knew her, and had a host of friends both within her Church and outside it. On Christmas she was completely well. The next day she had a headache; in the afternoon she became unconscious, was rushed to the hospital, and was found to have had a stroke. She never regained consciousness.

She was born in Lordstown, Ohio, and graduated from Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio. She moved to Cleveland Heights in 1918. Services were held at the Church of the Savior, January 4. She was interred in Knollwood Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, three grandchildren, and a brother, John Dunlap of Warren, Ohio.

This notice was sent us by her sister-in-law, Mrs. George A. Rouse of Cleveland Heights. All her relatives have our sincerest sympathy.

LETTERS

Cousin Frances Reed of Poultney, Vt. wrote in December: "Brother Harold is still a busy man with his garage and automobile business.

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Sister Lucy Jay has a small greenhouse - not much winter business, but it is growing. Our son, Franklin Reed, bought out the local TV and electric business and is very busy with TV repairs and electric wiring over a very wide area. I am helping him in the office."

Good luck to our Vermont cousins in their varied ventures!

Cousin Cynthia Westcott reports in her inspiring Christmas letter that her kind of "retirement" is still wonderful. Her article on pesticides in the March, 1963 AMERICAN HOME?, reprinted in the April AMERICAN FORESTS, led to her appearance on the Mike Douglas TV Show in Cleveland, to being the only woman speaker at the 4-day Fifth American Forest Congress in Washington, and to lecture dates in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, etc. She has been to many rose conventions and rose shows. At the North Jersey Rose Show "four award winners told me they had started growing roses from my book, ANYONE CAN GROW ROSES. In July there was a fleeting trip to Texas to receive from the American Association of Nurserymen convening in Houston their 1963 Garden Writers Award, including all travel expenses. My own Garden Writers Association of America made me an Honorary Member at the annual meeting.

"Certainly I am still writing!" Almost all her time this year has been spent revising THE GARDENER'S BUG BOOK. On delivering the manuscript to the publisher, she learned that many of the earlier edition's illustrations "were not suitable for current reproduction. And so, in one week, I made and delivered 45 line drawings. And now a short breathing-spell before the next writing chore."

Did anyone ever need a breathing-spell more? Her letter leaves us sympathetically breathless!

Cousin Wilma Avery of Absecon, N.J. wrote at the end of December that her mother (Mrs. Mabel L. Westcott) spent Christmas with her. She added: "We look forward to meeting you in Vermont."

We all look forward to meeting them.

Cousin Priscilla M. Sharpe of Old Greenwich, Conn. wrote in January that her aunt, Miss Florence A. Westcott, had been quite ill for the past year "and is just now getting better."

We are so glad the latest news is good.

Cousin Elizabeth M. Westcott of Orange, N.J., whose mother's passing is recorded under DEATHS, retired on December 31. She wrote: "It seems very strange not to be at the office plugging away. Of course, I thought Mother would be here. I miss her a great deal. I am staying on at the apartment for a while." Elder members will remember that she came with her mother years ago to the New York Chapter dinners.

Those of us who have gone through similar heartache hope that her adjustment to the new way of life will come easily.

Cousin Joye Satterfield's grandmother, Mrs. B.C. Andrews (whose first husband was our former National President, Jarvis B. Sargent) is now living with her daughter Florence (Mrs. Joseph Sprague), 37 Dewitt Drive, Sidney, N.Y. Her second husband, Dr. Andrews, had to go to an Albany hospital, and as she at 83 could not tend the furnace, she had

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to live with her daughter. Her husband is improving, but she fears they can never again have their own home. She is terribly homesick. Perhaps some of the Cousins who remember her and her first husband would write to her.

Cousin Lena Kibby Munson of Canandaigua, N.Y. writes: "Through the help of our Rachel Cottrell, I traced my Lineage to Stukely Westcott. I have four Westcott ancestors: Stukely (1), Robert (2), Zerobabel (3), Margaret (4). Margaret married Hezekiah Matteson March 8, 1782. I have had typed and bound two Family Genealogies - my husband's Munson-Chapin and Allied Families, and my Kibby-Reynolds and Allied Families. In the two books I have lineages of about 250 Families.

"I am 92 years old and have three sons, six grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

"I get out to meetings of New England Women, Daughters of 1812, D.A.R., and Rochester Historical Society. I attended Westcott Biennial Meetings in Cooperstown a number of years ago, and wish I could be at the Vermont meeting this year."

We all wish she could be with us.

Cousin Edith Marshment wrote last month that her husband was in the hospital with "another coronary along with edema in the lungs." He "has been a semi-invalid for two years with a slow, progressive disease, and as he is 82, he cannot fight it like a younger man.

"By sheer will power and prayers he was able to keep himself in shape for our 60th wedding anniversary, making it a very beautiful affair - on the quiet side, with friends and neighbors coming in to congratulate us, many pots and containers of plants and flowers, and oh! so many cards! also a big write-up in the Waukegan paper. It was very nice to read the note of congratulations in the Quarterly."

As her daughter-in-law teaches, Cousin Edith was alone much of the day with her 11-year-old cat and her hobby of button-collecting, as she cannot get outdoors in winter. She hoped to have her husband home soon.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

At the instruction of our National President, the Corresponding Secretary sent to Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, with a covering letter, a copy of the December Quarterly. Our President felt that Mrs. Kennedy should have the memorial to the late President Kennedy which that Quarterly contained. Mrs. Kennedy's formal card of acknowledgement has just come. The black-bordered, engraved card, in a black-bordered envelope with the personal frank of "Jacqueline Kennedy" granted her for this purpose, reads: "Mrs. Kennedy is deeply appreciative of your sympathy and grateful for your thoughtfulness."

All messages of sympathy received by Mrs. Kennedy will eventually be placed in the Kennedy Library to be built on Harvard University property near the Harvard Business School.

THE SUNDAY POST, weekly newspaper of Paramus, N.J., had this most interesting item on December 15, 1963, headed: TRISMEN OIL PAINTINGS ON

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DISPLAY AT LIBRARY. "RIVER EDGE: Miniature scenic oil paintings are on display in the case at the River Edge Public Library. They are the work of Mrs. Eleanor Trismen, River Edge, artist of renown. Mrs. Trismen's paintings are owned by many people in the United States.

A graduate of Fine Arts, Columbia, Mrs. Trismen is listed in the first volume of "Who's Who of American Women".

The miniatures include seasonal scenes, landscapes, two sailing prints, and a Holland mill. Another well-known forest scene painting done by Mrs. Trismen graces the wall of the River Edge Ambulance Building. This large painting was a gift at the Ambulance Building dedication in 1955."

Heartiest congratulations to our National Vice-President and former National President and Secretary! She is so modest and has worked so hard for our Society for so many years, that it may be a surprise to many Cousins to realize that at the same time she has quietly been going ahead to win success in her own field, in addition to doing some genealogical research and looking after her family. How have her days been long enough to let her do so much? We are very proud of her!

REMINDERS

1. Dues envelopes are enclosed with this Quarterly to all but the few who do not owe 1964 dues. Please pay promptly, as we really need the money.

2. Contributions toward the Biennial Meeting costs would be very much appreciated.

3. Please put your Zip Code on your dues envelope. It will be added to your address and will bring your Quarterlies to you sooner.

4. Please send address changes promptly to your Secretary-Editor. Recently the Post Office has not forwarded Quarterlies. Usually if the address has changed, the Quarterlies are returned to the Editor after about a month, with the new address scribbled on the envelope, but sometimes they are thrown away if the address has changed.

5. Please send items for the Quarterly.

6. Keep looking for new possible members.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!