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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Detailed plans for our 1966 National Society Meeting in Griswold, Iowa on Friday, June 24, Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26 will be announced in the March Quarterly, together with instructions for getting there by auto, plane, or train. Cousin Dorothy Perdue, President of Iowa Chapter #9, writes: "We are hoping that there will be many cousins meeting with us here in the mid-west, as it is equally located from all parts of the country."

A leaflet, headed WELCOME TO GRISWOLD, IOWA, "the home of 1300 friendly people", has a small map showing Griswold at the junction of Iowa's Routes 92 (East-West) and 48 (North-South). Route 92 leads East to Des Moines, Ia. (95 miles) and West to Omaha, Nebr. (45 miles). Route 48 leads South to Kansas City, Mo. (209 miles) and North to U.S.6, which leads West to Council Bluffs, Ia. (40 miles) and East through Atlantic, Ia. (16 miles North of Griswold).

After January 1, 1966, the new 1966 Iowa Highway maps will be available free to anyone who writes for them to the Iowa Highway Commission, Des Moines, Iowa.

There is a fine booklet: "IOWA WELCOMES YOU", which is sent free on request by the Iowa Development Commission, 250 Jewett Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. For those who would be interested in parks and recreation, there is a special folder: "IOWA'S RECREATION AREAS AND PARKS", sent free if they write the State Conservation Commission, East 7th and Court Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

Cousins who would like to visit the Amana Colonies, founded over 100 years ago by "a group of God-fearing people of West German, Swiss, and Alsatian ancestry" from New York State (where they had first settled) should write Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, R.R.3, Griswold, Iowa) to ask how they can get the leaflet with the map of the Colonies and description of their old-world culture and fine, hand-crafted products. There are several of these Colonies, located near each other in east central Iowa on major highways within a few miles of Interstate Route 80, a 20-minute drive from Cedar Rapids and just 18 miles West of Iowa City. They are "within minutes" of President Hoover's birthplace and the Hoover Memorial Library at West Branch, Iowa. The Amana Colonies are noted for their solid walnut and cherry furniture, hickory smoked hams, bacon, and sausage, bakery products, rhubarb and ginger wine, fine woolen goods, food freezers, freezer-refrigerators, air conditioners, and handicrafts. They give "a touch of yesterday in an Old World atmosphere". They also contain many scenic spots and places of interest.

Griswold itself has the Cass County Museum on Main Street, housing

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

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a collection of historical items of interest dating from the early 1800s. Admission is free and hours June through August are 12:30-9 P.M. Griswold's City Park is one of its landmarks. Roadside Park, 1½ miles West of Griswold, provides "a sheltered dining-room, drinking water, playground equipment, fireplaces, picnic tables, light (at night) and rest room facilities." Cold Springs State Park is 4 miles North of Griswold on Highway 48 and 3 miles East on a county gravel road.

The Conklin Fish Farm (an artificial lake ~~and park~~ built in 1938 and deeded to Griswold) is 1½ miles North of Griswold on State Highway 48. Open hours are 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. It contains an enclosed dining-room, outside picnic tables, fireplaces, drinking water, and a large playground area with playground equipment and restroom facilities. "The lake abounds with fish, and fishing is governed by state fishing laws."

Camp Wakonda, the Southwest Iowa Council Boy Scout camp, located near Griswold, hosts at least 700 Boy Scouts each summer.

The Nishnabotna Valley, in which Griswold is located, is said by soil experts to be one of the most fertile places in the world. Griswold had 5 churches - 4 Protestant, 1 Roman Catholic. Griswold's public schools serve an area of 250 square miles, with an average of 1300 students. The Griswold volunteer firemen received the Carnegie Hero Award for rescue work in the Nishnabotna flood in 1958. Griswold has both a hotel and a modern motel, and both bus and rail service.

Cousins who plan to fly to the meeting should notify Cousin Dorothy Perdue of the day and time they plan to arrive at the Omaha, Nebr. airport, so they can be met. The airport is about 40 miles from Griswold. Any who prefer to take the train have a choice of two lines. The "Rock Island" line goes through Atlantic, Iowa, only 16 miles North of Griswold. The "Burlington" line goes through Red Oak, Iowa, about 18 miles South of Griswold. Cousins coming by either line can be met if they will notify Cousin Dorothy Perdue beforehand of their expected time of arrival.

We hope that many mid-west and far-west Cousins can "meet us half-way" this June.

AN EXPLANATION FROM YOUR SECRETARY-TREASURER

Last winter and spring, when my doctor forbade me to do more than the absolute minimum in anything, I did not know that checks nowadays must be deposited within a few months or they bounce back with the notation: "Stale Date". Some of the dues checks I deposited late in June promptly "bounced" with this notation. I wrote to some of the Cousins about their checks, but found the letter-writing still too tiring for me. All dues checks received by January 12 or after March 31 have been deposited in the Society's account, as has all cash received during 1965. Dues checks received between January 13 and April 1 (and a very few from 1964) are being returned to the senders in their dues envelopes enclosed with this Quarterly. In this case you are billed for both 1965 and 1966 and I promise to deposit all checks in 1966 well within the time limit,

AN EXPLANATION (CONTINUED)

and also to get out your membership cards, which for much of the year was just too hard a burden. I am really very sorry to have been so inefficient and to have caused anxiety and annoyance to the Cousins.

My failure to deposit these checks at the proper time is creating another problem - shortage of funds. We must have more envelopes for mailing the March Quarterlies. Also the National Society must pay the host Chapter \$100 toward the expenses of the Biennial Meeting. Therefore could you please pay your dues fairly promptly? Also if you could spare a small contribution, it would help very much.

RUMOR

There is a faint possibility that some organized or unorganized group of Eastern Cousins might plan a get-together somewhere during August for those who can't possibly get to Iowa in June. It would not be an official meeting - just an informal reunion. If it seems likely to materialize, please let your Editor know by June 1 at least, so that it can be announced in the June Quarterly.

BIRTH

Judy Wright, born May 4, 1965, at Las Vegas, Nevada, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Wright of Las Vegas.
Our joyous congratulations.

MARRIAGE

David Westcott Wistar, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Wistar of Palatine, Ill. and grandson of our member, Mrs. Earl A. Westcott of South Euclid, Ohio, was married Oct. 2, 1965 to Lynn M. Bennett. He attended Lincoln College and is now with Goodyear. They are living at 1430 So. Busse St., Mt. Prospect, Ill.
Heartiest good wishes to the young couple.

DEATH

Mrs. Mary A. Westcott, aged 81, of Norwich, N.Y., former member and wife of our former member, Norman O. Westcott, died Oct. 19, 1965 at the Chenango Memorial Hospital after a long illness. She was born May 29, 1884 in Trumansburg, N.Y. She is survived by her husband, Norman O. Westcott of Norwich, a sister, Mrs. Eva L. Forthoffer of Middletown, N.Y., a niece, and several cousins. She was a member of the Broad St. Methodist Church. Funeral services were held Oct. 23 in Norwich, followed by interment in the family plot in Lake View Cemetery, Interlaken, N.Y. She was a former schoolteacher in Middletown, White Plains, and Toledo, Ohio. Cousins who remember them will regret her passing.

LETTERS

Cousin Daphne Brownell asks help in tracing her ancestry. "If you are descended from Cliver Westcott and Anne Brown of Madison Co., N.Y., can you tell me who her parents were? She may have been a descendant of the Roger Williams family of Rhode Island. I have her ancestors back to the Williams family, but there is one generation of which I have no proof. I should like more information about the Cliver Westcott family than is printed in the genealogy. Also I know very little about the Esek Westcott boys and girls." Please write to: Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell, 1043 W. New York Ave., DeLand, Fla.

Cousin Joye Satterfield (Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield of Park Ridge, Ill.) wrote a long, newsy letter summarizing their year's doings. Last January she was in a P.T.A. musical production. Her speaking part was small, but she had to spend many hours practising a soft-shoe routine. "While limbered up, I also found myself learning to do a teenage twist dance with seven other parents." She took a course in Child Psychology to try to learn why her active, eager first-grade daughter, Lori, who loved school, caused so many complaints from the teacher. They tried several new ideas, but "Lori always came out on top." At the school's suggestion, Lori started piano lessons, "enjoyed her new challenge, and proceeded to conquer it," but still kept "outwitting the teacher." This fall there is no personality clash with the new teacher, so all is well. Joye keeps "busy antique hunting and refinishing old furniture," and making braided rugs. We wish she were nearer!

Cousin George Wright of Las Vegas, Nev. writes: "I have a fine motel (Nevada Motel, on Highways 91, 466), if any of the cousins are coming to Las Vegas." Also he is now in the Wedding Chapel business! "I own the Cupid's Wedding Chapel and Sweetheart Wedding Chapel. So if any of the Cousins are going to come to Las Vegas to get married, look us up." It might be fun.

Cousin Leonora Graburn (Mrs. Howard R. Graburn of Utica, N.Y.) writes that her husband expects to be on an Engineering project in Hazleton, Pa. for the next two years, while she will be going back and forth between Hazleton and Utica. "I see quite a bit of the Pennsylvania country, which is beautiful, though I'd rather stay in Utica if possible." Many wives with similar problems will agree with her.

Cousin Louise Harris, your Registrar, writes that she has "another book nearly finished." She is amazing - and wonderful! She was in a group picture in the Providence Journal of November 3 as one of the customers making purchases on R.I. Hospital Day, when part of the sales go to the hospital for a new ambulatory center.

Cousin Dorothea Cogswell, your Secretary-Treasurer, was one of seven awarded a medal and plaque by the Boston University Alumni Association on October 29 at a dinner at the Sheraton Plaza in Boston. Hers was for "Distinguished Service to Alma Mater." She has been a Regional Chairman in Boston University's Annual Giving Drive each spring for the

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past five years, and each time her Region has been at or very near the top in "percentage of participation" by B.U. Alumni (meaning percent of Alumni donating). This award is a very high honor, given to only a few in any one year.

Her doctor said just after Thanksgiving that she was coming along well. She is gaining strength steadily, but must continue to be careful. She hopes to be able to join the Cousins in Iowa in June.

A letter just received from the Carlos Merricks of Menlo Park, Calif (originally from Iowa) says: "We have gone back to visit many times through the summer months, and usually hit some very mild, lovely summer weather." This sounds encouraging.

WESTCOTT PLAQUE - Price change - \$3 .00

1. Tombstone Memorial Plaque now \$28.00
 2. Wall Plaque now \$17.50
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COAT-OF-ARMS NOTEPAPER

So many Cousins have asked about the possibility of buying notepaper with the Westcott coat-of-arms that we are going to look into it in January. Several years ago the Society had some Westcott notepaper made up for sale at meetings, but now the only Westcott paper is for official use, with the coat-of-arms in black. The previous Westcott notepaper had the coat-of-arms in red, because the Westcott colors are red and white.

The big problem in selling Westcott notepaper is: Who will volunteer to fill the orders and keep track of money received and mailing expenses? Your Secretary-Treasurer-Editor admits that her spirit quails at the thought of taking on this extra task while still not back to full strength. If several volunteer, we'll divide the country into regions, so there won't be much work for anyone. Please, someone, help!

JUNIOR NEWS

Cousin Cynthia Satterfield, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield of Park Ridge, Ill., entered Senior High School this fall. Last June she and her two younger sisters, Daryl and Lori, took part in a piano recital. Their parents were very proud of their performance.

VANDALISM

Last-minute news: Vandals have knocked over 16 headstones, breaking 3 of them, in the historical Westcott Family Cemetery in Cranston,

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VANDALISM (CONTINUED)

R.I. Less than a year ago 9 stones were knocked over. The city has authority over the cemetery, with a \$1500 trust fund left by Westcotts for its upkeep. Cousin William H. Baxter, who lives down a short path from the small cemetery (which is city-block depth in the woods), keeps it in beautiful condition. He receives \$35 a year for upkeep - but this falls far short of paying for repair of broken stones or resetting of stones pushed off their bases and overturned. Fifty~~six~~ people are buried in this cemetery, including members of the Westcott, King, Burlingame, and Nichols families, and a Revolutionary War veteran. The earliest burial was in 1749 (the date now barely legible on the old slate stone), and the latest in 1957, when our members, Dr. and Mrs. Niles Westcott, died. Cousin William Baxter hopes that when Mountain Laurel Drive, where he lives, is extended past the cemetery and built up, the vandals will find it "less of a sheltered target." The Providence Journal, which showed a picture of the vandalized stones, quoted him as saying: "The vandalism is getting worse and worse. I hope something will help the situation." We all echo this wish.

REMINDERS

1. Please send items for the Quarterly.
2. Please add your Zip Code whenever you write.
3. Be sure to send address changes promptly, as Quarterlies are not forwarded, but returned when addresses change.
4. If anyone wants to sell a Westcott Genealogy, please tell us!
5. Begin planning now to be at the Iowa meeting next June.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM YOUR SOCIETY

TO ALL THE WESTCOTT COUSINS!