

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Remember, everyone, that our National Society Biennial Meeting for 1966 will be held in Griswold, Iowa, on Friday, June 24, Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26. For the first time we are having our big meeting near the geographic center of our country. We are nearer to the West coast than ever before, so we hope that most of our Far West Cousins will join us, now that they won't have to travel any greater distance than the Easterners. We also hope that a large number of the Eastern Cousins will come and prove to our Mid-West and Far West Cousins that Easterners really are not stuck-up and stuffy, but are just as friendly as everyone else.

Cousins who want to fly will find that the Omaha airport (40 miles west of Griswold) is the nearest. United Air Lines flies East and West into Omaha. If you want North-South lines, check with your local airport or travel agent. (We think it would be Frontier Air Lines, but are not positive.) Cousins coming by air can be met at Omaha if they notify Mrs. Harold L. Perdue as to when their plane is due.

Those who prefer to come by train can take either the "Burlington" to Red Oak (20 miles south of Griswold) or the "Rock Island" to Atlantic (somewhat over 20 miles north of Griswold). Both lines come from Chicago. Get your local travel agent or ticket agent to plan your route. You can be met at Red Oak or Atlantic if you notify Mrs. Harold L. Perdue when the train will arrive there. (The Iowa Cousins would find it easier to meet people at Red Oak, as it is nearer; but they say that if better connections can be made on the "Rock Island", which stops at Atlantic, then Cousins should not hesitate to take it.)

Cousins who drive to Griswold will find that Interstate Route 80 is almost complete from Nebraska to the East coast. Also U.S. Route 6 (north of Griswold) is a coast-to-coast route and runs through Atlantic. Griswold is at the junction of Iowa's Routes 92 (East-West) and 48 (North-South). Route 48 is a branch leading south from U.S. Route 6. Route 34 goes through Red Oak. Cousin Dorothy Perdue (Mrs. Harold L. Perdue) writes: "There are many good highways; most people will choose the one which will take them through the area they care most to see. All roads are hard-surfaced and mostly good."

All who plan to attend the Iowa Meeting: Please write to Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, R.R.#3, Griswold, Iowa 51535, stating how many will be coming and what type of accommodations you prefer. The choices are: the M. & M. Motel in Griswold, rooms with private families in Griswold, the Hill Top Motel in Red Oak (about 20 miles from Griswold), and the

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

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new Holiday Inn in Red Oak (which will open early in June). The hotel in Griswold is mostly divided into apartments and has only a few rooms (none with bath) for overnight guests.

Motel prices and accommodations are:

M. & M. Motel (Griswold): All units air-conditioned, TV in rooms, showers in bath but no tubs.

1 twin-bed room	\$8.50	for 2 people
2 rooms with 2 double beds each	8.50	" 2 "
	or 10.00	" 4 "
6 rooms with 1 double bed each	5.00	" 1 person
	or 7.50	" 2 people

Hill Top Motel (Red Oak): 8 units, all air-conditioned, with TV and telephone.

1 person	\$5.50
1 room with 1 double bed	7.50
2 rooms with 3 double beds each	4.00 per person
	or 12.00 for the room

Holiday Inn (Red Oak):

Singles	\$8.00 to \$9.00
Doubles	12.00 to 14.00

(No further data as yet on the Holiday Inn.\*

In view of the small number of people the motel in Griswold can take, and the present complete uncertainty as to how many Cousins will be wanting such accommodations, please state a second choice as well as your first choice when writing Mrs. Harold L. Perdue. For example, you might say: "Please reserve rooms for 2 people: first choice, Griswold motel; second choice, room in private home. Separate beds required," or "double bed all right". Another example: "Please reserve rooms for a party of 4, Holiday Inn preferred, Griswold motel second choice. Can use 2 double beds in 1 room", or "1 double bed, 2 twin beds".

For Cousins who plan to come with trailers, Cousin Ruth Perdue has accommodations for them at \$1.50 per night. Please write Mrs. Harold L. Perdue for details.

Cousins with tents or "campers" have two choices: a roadside park  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of Griswold, or, with "permission" granted, a fine park about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Griswold. Be sure to write Mrs. Harold L. Perdue and ask for the park which has the most Westcotts.

Friday evening, June 24, at 2 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall at the Church of Christ, in Griswold, there will be registration of the Cousins, followed by an informal reception with light refreshments. Pictures will be shown which were taken at both the 1960 meeting in Rhode Island and the 1964 meeting in Poultney, Vt. There may also be singing of old-time and Westcott songs.

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Saturday morning, June 25, at 9 A.M., there will be a business meeting, at which our National President, Miss Susan W. Handy, will preside, in the Sanctuary of the Church of Christ in Griswold. This will be followed by a Memorial Service. As our National Chaplain, Cousin Webb Wilder, cannot be present, he has asked our National Registrar, Miss Louise Harris, to take charge of the Memorial Service.

Immediately after the Memorial Service, at 10:45, we shall travel by chartered bus from the Church to Red Oak for a buffet lunch at the Gold Crown Inn. This will cost \$1.50 per person, tip included (no special rates for children). During the lunch hour, a Style Show is planned, after which we shall continue by bus, on a tour of various points of interest. The only charge for the bus tour will be 25¢ per person to cover the cost of gasoline and pay the driver.

After the tour, Cousins can either return to their rooms to rest before dinner, or (especially if they have rooms in Griswold) they might like to visit Griswold's Museum, which is on the main street.

Our Saturday evening Banquet will be held at 7:30, at Camp Wakonda, near Griswold. Included on the menu will be "Grilled Iowa T-Bone Steaks!" The cost of the banquet will be \$3.75 per person. Our National President, Miss Susan W. Handy, will give a short talk on Stukely Westcott. Also Dr. F. Howard Westcott, who will be present, has consented to show his slides of some of his experiences with the Ship HOPE - in Viet Nam, Peru, and Nicaragua (where he will be spending this present April and May). In addition there will be entertainment by the "Buttons and Bows Square Dancers".

The Sunday morning service will be in Griswold's Church of Christ. Cousins will please meet in the Church at 10:45 A.M. The service itself will start at 11.

The Iowa Chapter extends an invitation to all the Cousins who are present, to be our guests for Sunday dinner, immediately after the Church service. This dinner will be in Griswold's air-conditioned Legion Hall. Please be sure to send reservations for this dinner, as it is a planned meal. (Its cost will be announced in the June Quarterly.

Because this is the first Mid-West meeting ever held, and nobody knows how many will be present, it is extremely difficult for the Iowa Cousins to make definite plans. Therefore they would greatly appreciate receiving all reservations for accommodations and meals on or before May 15. Late reservations may be difficult to fill, if there is a large turnout of Cousins from both East and West Coasts.

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CORRECTION

Your Editor regrets that in making the heading for the December, 1965 issue of the Quarterly, she carelessly wrote No.126 instead of No.127. Please correct your own copies of the December, 1965 issue to read: Vol.XXXII, No.127.

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#### NEW MEMBERS

- #553 - Mr. & Mrs. Jesse E. Mercer  
1004 West First St., Grand Island, Nebr.
- #554 - Mr. & Mrs. Marlin E. Perdue  
R.R. 3, Griswold, Iowa 51535
- #A-53- Mr. & Mrs. Vane Q. Bates, Jr.  
6830 So. Elizabeth Circle, Littleton, Colo. 80120

We are so glad to welcome you as members; and we hope you can join us at our Griswold, Iowa meeting in June, to get acquainted personally.

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#### BIRTHS

Karin Paugh, daughter of Gerald Paugh and great-granddaughter of the late Hardie Paugh (whose death is recorded in this issue), was born in November, 1965.

Kimberly Tate, daughter of Gary Lee Tate and step-great-granddaughter of former member Mrs. John W. (Alice Paugh) Wrench, was born in October, 1965.

We are happy to know of the births of these new little cousins.

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#### MARRIAGES

John Stanley Clark, older son of our member, Mrs. John F. Clark of Baldwinsville, N.Y., was married June 26, 1965, to Susan Kay Brown. He had graduated June 10 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in Organic Chemistry. They are living in Brushton, N.Y. while he is studying for his Master's degree.

Miss Edith Grace Marshment, oldest granddaughter and namesake of our member, Mrs. Harold T. Marshment of Waukegan, Ill., and daughter of the late Douglas Marshment and his former wife, Evelyn Van Buskirk, was married on Nov. 21, 1965, in Seattle, Wash. to Vernon Patrick O'Neil. He is the son of Capt. Vernon O'Neil of the Naval Air Force Base at Dallas, Texas, and his wife Mary. The bridegroom is also in the Navy.

We wish both young couples many happy years together.

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#### DEATHS

Mrs. Mamie Westcott (Riley) Osborne, aged 83, mother of our member, Mrs. Charles S. (Ellie Osborne) Baxter of Princeton, N.J., died Feb. 12, 1965. She had been very ill with leukemia during 1964. "She slipped from this life peacefully and was put away a few days later in Mont-

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gomery, Alabama, the city of her birth. The outpouring of old friends with their loving expressions gave a very sweet flavor to a sad occasion. As her condition was hopeless from the start, we can only feel that although she apparently did not suffer, still her passing was a merciful release.

Hardie Paugh, aged 86, oldest brother of our member, Miss Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill., died Sept. 4, 1965, in Anderson, Ind. He was survived by his widow, who died at the end of December, by their children and grandchildren, and by this one remaining sister. His children were indeed fortunate to have both their parents until they themselves were in their fifties.

Mrs. Mae B. Westcott of Rochester, N.Y. died Sept. 16, 1965. She is survived by a son, James M. Westcott, a daughter, Mrs. Mildred E. Holt, five grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Interment was in White Haven Memorial Park. Her family and friends will miss her.

Francis Ketchum, aged 70, brother of our member, Leland F. Ketchum of Bennington, Vt., died Oct. 18, 1965. He was born June 2, 1895 in Bennington, son of Aaron Franklin and Jessie E. (Wescott) Ketchum. He used to go to the Vermont Chapter reunions with the Leland Ketchums until three years ago, when they became unable to drive so far. The Cousins who remember him from past reunions will deeply miss him.

Mrs. Anna (Lodge) Wescott, aged 76, wife of our member, H. Clinton Wescott of Pine Beach, N.J. and sister-in-law of our Vice-President, Mrs. Ralph D. Trisken, died at Pine Beach Nov. 15, 1965. She was born July 9, 1889, in Philadelphia, Pa. She was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery in Philadelphia. Those who knew her will mourn her passing.

Miss Florence A. Westcott, our member, aged 84, of Old Greenwich, Conn., died Jan. 17, 1966. She was born Dec. 13, 1881, in New York City, daughter of Nelson S. and Priscilla (Waller) Westcott. For some years she had lived with her grandniece, our member, Miss Priscilla M. Sharpe. She had not been too well for some time. Cousins who remember her will regret her passing.

Mrs. Jessie M. (Leonard) Westcott, aged 82, wife of Gaylord Felt Westcott and sister-in-law of our member, Mrs. Aaron Guy Johnson of Washington, D.C., died Jan. 18, 1966. She was born Sept. 1, 1883, at Revillo, S.D., daughter of Bartley and Caroline (Sterling) Leonard of Goodwin, S.D. She married Gaylord Felt Westcott June 24, 1903. They had three sons and grandchildren. Relatives and friends will miss her.

## LETTERS

The Charles S. Baxters of Princeton, N.J. had a happy business-pleasure trip to Virginia in mid-July, followed by a major operation

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for him. Ensuing dangerous complications kept him in the hospital 34 days and left him with phlebitis in the left leg. The doctors say this will pass. Nov. 1, 1965, he moved up from Vice-Chairman to Chairman of the Traffic Executive Association of Eastern Railroads - the pinnacle of his organization, which he reached 5½ years before mandatory retirement. Congratulations are due!

Cousin Eleanor Trismen, our Vice-President and former President, who was Corresponding Secretary for so many years, wrote in January that her blood-pressure was very high and that therefore she had had to cut down on her activities. We hope it is better by now.

Cousin Louise Harris, our Registrar, now has her second book in print and on sale. It is titled *NONE BUT THE BEST*, and is the story of the "Youth's Companion", Daniel Sharp Ford, and C. A. Stephens. Its price is \$4.95 - and it sounds well worth it. The address for writing for copies is listed under *ITEMS OF INTEREST*. Cousin Louise is now writing her third book: "A CHUCKLE AND A LAUGH, A Story of Norway, Maine" This will be her own story of making the C. A. Stephens Collection. It will be illustrated. Cousins who looked forward to the C. A. Stephens old-time-Maine stories for so many years in the Youth's Companion should certainly enjoy both these books about him and his home and work surroundings.

Cousin Pauline Clark (Mrs. John F. Clark) of Baldwinsville, N.Y. was installed Jan 15 as Associate Matron in the Order of Amaranth, so she must make many evening calls to the 7 other courts in her district. This, with teaching, keeps her very busy. She regrets that she can't get to the Iowa Meeting, as she will still be teaching school on June 24. We shall miss her.

Cousin Helen F. Westcott (Mrs. Norman Marr Westcott) of Wellfleet, Mass. wrote in January that her husband has been living in a hospital for nearly six years now. She had taken care of him at home for 15 years before that. She said she believed that he was the first Secretary of the Rhode Island Chapter; he held that office for two or three years, until his work took him to another state. They have both missed the Westcott reunions. Now she runs a guest house and gift shop from May to October, as well as visiting him regularly at the hospital. Everyone's verdict is sure to be: "She's wonderful."

Cousin Wilma Avery (Mrs. William P. Avery) of Absecon, N.J. writes that her husband is taking an Insurance course at Rutgers Extension. He has already passed 3 of the 4 exams required by the Insurance Institute of America for his Certificate of General Insurance. She herself has applied as a substitute teacher and is taking a brush-up course for substitutes at Atlantic City High School, as well as mothering their four children, from 11 to 4 years old. We wish them good luck!

Cousin Virginia Bepole (Mrs. John A. Bepole) of Chicago took a

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glorious trip with her husband last Fall to Seattle to visit her brother, Edwin Stroup, and his family. They had many exciting experiences going through the Black Hills, Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, and Glacier Park. They were caught on Logan Pass in Glacier Park in a blinding snowstorm. They went "in snow, sleet, and blinding rain, up one mountain and over another until I had my fill of mountains." Then her brother planned a trip to Mt. Rainier - but she wouldn't go. "We had seen Mt. Rainier coming into Ellensburg and that was enough!" They saw many wild animals, including a magnificent black moose. They also went to Victoria and Vancouver. "Home looked mighty wonderful, and the first thing we did was to take a walk to look at our gorgeous Lake Michigan." It's "just beautiful". We hope they'll join us in Iowa and tell us more!

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WESTCOTT PLAQUE - Now available on order. Note current prices.

1. Tombstone Memorial Plaque: at \$28.00 each, in Bronze, measuring about 6"x9", with 4 screws to fasten on stone. The plaque includes our Coat-of-Arms, person's name and Society name. Each plaque is made up individually.
2. Wall Plaque: Westcott Coat-of-Arms only \$17.50 each, suitable for hanging on wall, measuring about 5"x7", in Bronze mounted on walnut with chain for hanging.

It takes a few weeks to have plaques made up, so send in orders early. If you get the Memorial Plaque, have your local mason fasten it to your family stone.

Make your checks out to "The United States Bronze Sign Company" and mail to Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N.J. 07661.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Now ready: "NONE BUT THE BEST", or The Story of Three Pioneers - the Youth's Companion, Daniel Sharp Ford, C. A. Stephens - by Louise Harris, Author of A COMPREHENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF C. A. STEPHENS. Price: \$4.95. Write to C. A. Stephens Collection, Box 1926, Brown University, Providence, R.I. 02912. (See details under LETTERS.)

Edmund L. Wescott of Waukesha, Wis. (cousin of our Vice-President, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen), superintendent of the G.A.R. Memorial Hall in the State Capitol, was honored at a luncheon on April 2, 1964 (his 85th birthday). Now at 87 he is still hale and hearty.

SP/5 George Wescott, son of our former members, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wescott of Randolph, N.Y. and grand-nephew of our Vice-President, was wounded in the leg in Viet Nam by a grenade thrown by a Viet Cong soldier Nov. 16, 1965. He enlisted in the Army Dec. 12, 1961, and has reenlisted to 1970. He is in the Medical Corps. He was wounded before in the hand.

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Fred Wescott, Jr. (unplaced as yet by your Editor) was the ranking Republican candidate last fall for re-election as 4th Ward Supervisor in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was born in Hornell, N.Y., grew up in Elmira, graduated from the State University College at Buffalo, and has a Master's Degree from Alfred University in school administration and guidance. He is married to the former Dorothy A. Calhoun of Elmira. They have four children. Does anyone know his Westcott line?

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JUNIOR NEWS

John Stanley Clark (son of our member, Mrs. John F. Clark of Baldwinsville, N.Y.), whose marriage was announced in this issue, was awarded an assistantship from Clarkson University at Potsdam, N.Y., starting this semester, which pays a little more than his tuition. His bride has been teaching art in two different schools.

Bruce Clark, younger brother of John Stanley, is a Freshman at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Charles Baxter, Jr., son of our members, Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Baxter of Princeton, N.J., last summer became Chief Industrial Engineer with the Winchester, Va. plant of Harris Intertype Company (whose home office is at Cleveland).

Bruce Baxter (brother of Charles) is a Junior at Colgate University majoring in psychology.

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REMINDERS

1. Please send items by mid-May for the June Quarterly, as it will come out early - before our June Meeting.
  2. Please add your Zip Code whenever you write.
  3. Send address changes promptly, to get your June issue on time.
  4. Write Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, R.R.3, Griswold, Iowa 51535, by May 15 if possible, for reservations.
  5. Prospective members are welcome at our Iowa meeting, and will receive application blanks if they ask for them.
  6. Bring a prospective member to our Iowa meeting.
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A HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!