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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our 1972 Biennial Meeting will be held at and near Poultney, Vermont, Friday, Aug. 11, Saturday, Aug. 12, and Sunday, Aug. 13. The activities will be centered at the Poultney Valley Club and at the Methodist Church in Poultney.

Friday, August 11

2:00 P.M. Directors' Meeting at the Poultney Valley Club

7:00 P.M. Registration and Reception for all Members and their families and guests at the Valley Club. Slides of previous meetings shown.

Saturday, August 12

10:00 A.M. Business Meeting and Memorial Service at Valley Club

12:00 M. Luncheon

1:30 P.M. Choice of Guided Tours:

1. Slate Quarry

3. Marble Exhibit

2. Green Mountain College

4. Local Museums

7:00 P.M. Dinner at the Valley Club

Talk by Rev. Calvin Coolidge Hand, Minister of Poultney's Methodist Church, on Symbolic Art Singing

Sunday, August 13.

Family Gathering for worship at Poultney's Methodist Church Picnic as guests of the Vermont Chapter at the Valley Club

Reservations for the Saturday night dinner are to be sent <u>in advance</u> to: Mrs. Harold Wescott, Poultney, Vt. 05764. The price is \$4.00 a plate for a roast beef dinner.

<u>Places to Stay</u> (Make your reservations as soon as possible, as August is a very busy season.)

Hotels and Motels

- 1. Beauty Mart Motel, 111 York St., Poultney, Vt. 05764
 Phone: 287-5507 Rates: Single \$10 nightly \$16 for 2 people;
 \$2 for each additional person.
 - 2. Panorama Motel, Hampton, N.Y. 12837 (On Route 22A 1 mile from Poultney.) Phone: 518-282-9648 Rates: Single \$10 nightly; \$16 for 2 people; \$2 for each additional person.

 TV Coffee Swimming pool.

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- 3. Bird's Eye Motel, Main St., Castleton, Vt. 05735 Phone: 468-5562 2 double beds in each room. Rates: \$10.50 for 2 people Swimming pool 15.65 for 4 people
- 4. Sbardilla's Hillside Motel, White Hall Rd., Hampton, N.Y. 12837 Phone: 269-4917 Rates: Single \$9; Double \$14; Double beds all rooms. Family Room \$18. N.Y. State tax 7%

Tourist Homes

There are several tourist homes in the area. Any who prefer one should contact Mrs. Harold Wescott, Poultney, Vt. 05764.

For Campers (all kinds):

- 1. Lake St. Catherine State Park (about 2 miles from Poultney)
 Phone: 287-9158 Rate: \$3.50 per night (includes 2 adults and all children under 18).
- 2. Green Fox Lodge, Camping Area, Castleton, Vt. (at Bird's Eye Mountain) Phone: 468-5787 Rates: \$3.50 per night plus 50¢ for electricity, for 2 adults and family. This includes use of swimming pool.

Do, everyone who can, plan to come. It looks like an interesting Reunion.

NEW MEMBER

#579 - Mrs. Ethel M. Mondell 388 La Perle Place, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627

Mrs. Mondell is the mother of #577, Mrs. Robert T. Edge, whom we welcomed in our last Quarterly. We are now very happy to welcome her mother also.

BIRTHS

Jonathan Scott Hawley, born Nov. 4, 1971, second son of Lt. Thomas and Martha (Westcott) Hawley, and grandson of our member, Dr. F. Howard Westcott of San Diego, Calif. Lt. Thomas Hawley is stationed at the A.S.W. anti submarine warfare base. Little Jonathan's mother is the 3d daughter of Dr. F. Howard Westcott, who founded the Stukely Westcott Memorial Scholarship Loan Fund at our last Meeting.

Tamara Sue Kuhn, born Nov. 10, 1971, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kuhn of Delevan, N.Y., granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Horace F. Kuhn, and great-grand-daughter of our member, Mrs. Linda W. Pickens of Arcade, N.Y.

Jennifer Ellen Burroughs, born April 11, 1972, first child of our member, Mrs. Ronald H. Burroughs of Omaha, Nebr., whose membership was announced in our last Quarterly, first grandchild of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Smith of Elliott, Iowa, and great-granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif. She was born at the Air Force base hospital at Omaha, weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz. When she came home, she was "a little doll". Her great-grandmother was

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hoping to see her in June.

We are so glad to welcome these three little new cousins.

MARRIAGES

Miss Janice Mildred Becker and Philip Westcott Place were married Nov. 19, 1971 in the Hillsgrove United Methodist Church, Warwick, R.I. The groom is the son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Place of Warwick, R.I., and grandson of our member, Mrs. Ethel Westcott Place of Warwick. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Becker of Warwick. The young couple are living in Warwick. The groom is attending Johnson & Wales; the bride attends Rhode Island College.

Miss Barbara Ebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Ebert of Clarion, Iowa, and granddaughter of our member, Mrs. George Wescott of Sumner, Iowa, was married Mar. 4, 1972, at 11 A.M., at the Immaculate Conception (St. Mary's) Church in Altoona, Pa. to Mr. Jerome Richard Johnson of Altoona, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Richard Johnson of Altoona. Father Joseph Schnaubelt, cousin of the groom, performed the double ring ceremony and nuptial mass. The maid of honor was Miss Lauren Wescott of Chicago, the bride's cousin; the bridesmaid was Miss Judy Johnson, the bridegroom's sister; the best man was Mr. Gregory Wayne Ebert of Greeley, Iowa, the bride's brother; the groomsman was Mr. James Randall Ebert of Clarion, Iowa, the bride's brother. A buffet luncheon and reception at St. Mary's Memorial Hall followed the ceremony. After a short honeymoon, the young couple are living in Altoona, Pa. The bride graduated from the Clarion, Iowa High School and received her B.A. in English from the University of Northern Colorado, at Greeley, Colo. The young couple met at Colorado Springs. The bride is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Social Sorority and Pi Lamba Theta, an honorary national association for women in education. She is also a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. The groom graduated from Bishop Guilfoyle High School, Altoona, Pa., and, in 1968, from Williamsport Area Community College. He served 2 years in the U.S. Army and is now employed by Penn DOT. The grooms' parents gave a rehearsal dinner for the wedding party the evening before the wedding. The bride's mother and grandmother drove from Iowa to Altoona for the wedding, bringing many Iowa gifts.

Carol Ann Hines, youngest granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif., and niece of our member, Mrs. Raymond W. Smith of Elliott, Iowa, was married March 26, 1972 to Royal R. Beaird. They are living in Rolling Hills, Calif.

Stanley Bracy, grandson of our member, Mrs. Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif., and cousin of Carol Ann Hines above, plans to be married on June 9, 1972, to Nancy Nelson. They plan to attend the school of Evangelism in Lausanne, Switzerland. He is Captain of Evangelistic Crusaders, which is affiliated with Brother Andrew's Youth with a Mission, an international organization for missionary training.

We wish all these young couples many happy years of married life.

DEATHS

Jan Gladson Strong of India, aged 25, grandson of our member, Mrs. Ronald L. Gladson, whose death is also recorded in this issue, died Nov. 24, 1970, when the tractor he was driving on his father's Mission farm at the foot of the Himalayas overturned on him. He was born Dec. 29, 1944, younger son of Rev. Max and Shirley Veo (Gladson) Strong. Interment was in the Bombassa Cemetery near Tanakpur, U.P., India. He had attended school $2\frac{1}{2}$ years in the U.S., and "was a wonderful help at the Mission." All the Mission people and townspeople loved and respected him. He is survived by his parents and his 3 sisters - Maxine and Rebecca Strong in India, Carol (Strong) Keith (whose marriage was recorded in the last Quarterly) near Greenfield, Iowa. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mrs. Florence (Landgraf) Eickelberg, aged 77, our member, of Waterloo, Iowa, died of a heart attack June 23, 1971. She was born Aug. 28, 1893 in Waterloo, daughter of Frank J. and Jane Lavonia (Wescott) Landgraf. She is survived by 3 daughters: Phoebe Jane E. (Mrs. John C.) Kyle of Waterloo; Dorothy E. Balster of Phoenix, Ariz.; Ruth E. Spencer of Ashland, Oregon; one son: R. John Eickelberg of Davenport, Iowa; and 12 grandchildren. She had been hoping to attend our 1972 National Meeting in spite of being confined by arthritis to a wheelchair. Your Editor remembers her from the 1966 Iowa National Meeting. She was very alert and a delightful person. She will be greatly missed.

Carlisle F. Westcott, aged 81, our member, of St. Paul, Nebr., died Jan. 21, 1972. He had been in the hospital since October. His wife wrote: "It is always hard to part with a loved one, but I am thankful he was spared any severe pain or suffering. He just went to sleep." He was born June 6, 1890 at Hillsdale, Iowa, son of Edward Everett and Nellie (Willett) Westcott. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Oct. 2, 1917, in Co. C, 355th Inf., served in France 18 months, and was honorably discharged June 3, 1919. He then was with the Kansas City Southern Rwy. until he retired in 1954. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ferne E. Westcott, his daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Weir (Mrs. Emmett Weir), 2 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Military funeral rites were given him. Interment was in the Elmwood Cemetery, St. Paul, Nebr. Your Editor remembers him clearly at the 1966 Iowa National Meeting. He was very alert and interesting. He will be much missed.

Mrs. Myrtle (Walker) Gladson (Mrs. Ronald L. Gladson), aged 74, of Atlantic, Iowa, our member, died unexpectedly at her farm home Feb. 8, 1972. She had been feeling much better for the past year. The doctor was not sure whether her death was caused by a blood clot or a heart attack. "She slipped away in her sleep and did not have to suffer." She is survived by her husband, her 2 daughters: Mrs. Carol (Gladson) Strong (Mrs. Max Strong) of India; and Mrs. Ruth (Gladson) Provow (Mrs. Douglas Provow) of Ames, Iowa; and many grandchildren. She will be greatly missed - and we shall miss her newsy letters about her interesting family.

Mrs. Dorothy(Westcott) Plazer (Mrs. Efflo A. Plazer), aged 69, of South Euclid, Ohio, our member, died very suddenly at her home of a heart attack the evening of Good Friday, Mar. 31, 1972, surrounded by her surviving son's family, who had come from Cincinnati to celebrate the Easter festivities with the Westcott family. She had a heart condition history and was under medical care. She was born Jan. 21, 1903, at Saranac Lake, N.Y., daughter of George W. and Emma Dora (Earle) Westcott. She married Efflo Atherton Plazer of Cleveland, Ohio, an attorney, Sept. 1, 1923 in Cleveland. The lived in So. Euclid (a Cleveland suburb).

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Her husband died of cancer Nov. 23, 1966. She was a member of the So. Euclid Methodist Church, Western Reserve Chapter of D.A.R., and Western Reserve Historical Society, and was on the staff of Medical Mutual Insurance Co. N.E., Ohio. In January, 1968, after many years with the Insurance Co., they awarded her a diamond wrist watch upon her retirement. She is survived by her younger son, Geoffrey Arthur Plazer of Cincinnati, 2 grandchildren (Peter Earle and Beth Ann), and the remainder of a large family: 2 sisters - Mrs. Marian (Westcott) Rouse (Mrs. George A. Rouse), our member, of Cleveland Heights, and Mrs. Clara (Westcott) McPherson (Mrs. J. Beverley McPherson), our member, of Rock Island, Ill., and 2 brothers: Hubert Harrison Westcott of Lyndhurst, Ohio (our former member), and Arthur Keeler Westcott of Cleveland Heights, our member. "She was the youngest in her family and it was a joy to be with her because of her bubbling personality." She had many friends and will be greatly missed.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT

Dr. F. Howard Westcott recently sent a brief letter of support to the President. Cousin Howard wrote your Editor: "I think it would be within our Society's guidelines to insert this letter in our next Quarterly as a cut out, unsigned, so that any member wishing to express these views could sign and send it on to show where we stand in this time of crisis in our homeland." The letter follows, for any who may choose to cut it out, sign it, and mail it to the President.

Dear President Nixon:

As a citizen of this great republic and a descendant of one of its earliest settlers, I want you to know that I heartily support you in your struggle to keep America a "United States of America".

I sincerely believe you have the interest of every citizen in your heart, no matter what his ethnic, religious, or political status may be.

You can count on me.

Sincerely,

We regret that the company which made the "patches" and colored the shields instead of silver as ordered refuses to redo the order or make and the payment have gold instead of silver as ordered refuses to redo the order or make any adjustment. They required full payment before we could see the "patches". The company returned the full order to our Historian with a nasty letter, saying in effect: "Your Society has paid, so these are yours. You had better find a use for them!" The Historian is now filling previous orders. This is why the shield on the "patches" is gold instead of the proper heraldic silver. However, it is colorful, and a 4" x 4" embroidered cloth red-and-gold Westcott coat-of-arms "patch" would make a handsome addition to a sweater or blazer for only \$3 plus a small postagehandling fee. The smaller (3" x 4") gold-red-and-pink "patches" are still \$2 each while they last. There are not too many small ones left, so orders should be sent soon. For all "patches", send orders to: Mr. Robert A. Westcott, P.O. Box 57, Randleman, N.C. 27317. "Patches" will also be sold at our August Reunion.

NOTEPAPER

Your Secretary-Treasurer-Editor has a good supply of Westcott coat-of-arms notepaper on hand in packets of 25 single sheets and 25 envelopes, at \$1.50 plus postage-handling fee per packet. They also will be on sale at the August Meeting.

QUERY

Does anyone know the parentage of John Wescott, the first of the Wescott line in Virginia? In the Court Records (continuous since 1632) the first mention found of him was in 1677, when he was listed among Tithables at Argoll Wilkins' place. The next was a deposition in 1684, when he stated that he was 25. (Thus he would have been 16 or 17 in 1677, and would have been born about 1659.) He was married in 1689 or 1690 in Northampton Co., Va. to Elizabeth Clarke, widow of George. She died before 1728. He and his son John lived on what is now Hog Island, in Northampton Co., Va. The first John died there in 1728. John (2), born and raised on Hog Island, married Anne (last name unknown). He died on Hog Island in 1733. (John (3), born on Hog Island before 1728, died at Franktown, Va. in 1786. His wife's name is unknown.

Anyone knowing anything about parents, brothers, or sisters of the first John (born about 1659), please write: Mr. B. Gordon Wescott, Nassawadox, Va. 23413.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our Registrar, Louise Harris, has been newly listed in the DICTIONARY OF INTERNATIONAL BIOGRAPHY, London, VOL. VIII and her papers have been filed in the Manchester Central (Reference) Library. She writes: "I understand Manchester is the intellectual centre of England. Will not know where Vol. IX will be filed until the book comes." She now has her 4th Certificate of Merit. England considers her latest book: THE FLAG OVER THE SCHOOLHOUSE, a definite contribution, for she is listed again in 1972 in 2000 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT. Such a listing for a second year is rarely done. Here in this country THE FLAG OVER THE SCHOOLHOUSE HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE White House Reference Library for future reference on the

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Flag. It contains proof that the true author of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was James Bailey Upham of Malden, Mass. It is strange that this authorship should have been credited to another, because "every conference and committee, Haskins Bureau of Information, Congress, and newspapers had the proof all this time, but no one thought to check the time element of printing. All should have known this." This book is for sale at \$5.75. Cousin Louise adds: "This book should be in every library. Every school and every teacher should have it, as well as every family." Cousins who would like to own THE FLAG OVER THE SCHOOLHOUSE, or to give it to their local library or D.A.R. Chapter, should write to: Miss Louise Harris, 15 Jay Street, Rumford, R.I. 02916. (She added as an afterthought that she has had another article accepted for the INTERCONTINENTAL BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION MAGAZINE — in England.)

We have great pride in our Louise. If fact, she really takes our breath away.

Cousin Ashley P. Westcott of Roslindale, Mass., our member, had a full-page write-up-plus-picture in the Boston Sunday Herald-Traveler Supplement Dec. 26, 1971. The article starts: "Most men look on 65 as the age to retire. But for 75-year-old Ashley Westcott of Roslindale reaching 65 meant the start of a new career. The former salesman is now a male model." He has been interested in acting for many years, and has appeared in 8 movies, all filmed locally, and 60 plays. He was usually billed as an "extra", but sometimes is hired as a "day player" with a speaking part. His most recent movie was "Love Story", where he was in a close-up crowd scene. The picture with the article showed him as a model for a fishing industry promotion - sitting on one of many lobster pots against wharf pilings, complete with rubber boots, checked shirt, cap, corncob pipe, and "big apron borrowed from a carpenter". This was one of his favorite pictures. Another TV modeling commercial featured him selling washing machines to a young couple. In private life his wife, Gladys, works for the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. He has two married sons. His daughter, Gwendolyn, attends the University of Mass. Is he satisfied to remain a model? "He wants to be a ship's social director!" Your Editor, who has met him and his family at several Westcott meetings, knows that he would be an excellent social director!

Boston's Hotel Vendome, whose somewhat faded Victorian elegance was the locale of our Boston meeting in 1962, has just had its 2d fire in 3 years - a major disaster. After the 1969 fire, the hotel fittings and furnishings were auctioned off at bargain rates, and the building was sold for remodeling inside into luxury apartments, while keeping its Victorian elegance outside. Early Saturday afternoon, June 17, the manager of the Cafe Vendome in the basement (the only part of the building already open to the public) smelled smoke, ordered everyone out, and phoned the alarm. At the same time electricians working on an upper floor found a small fire in rubbish by an air shaft, which provided draft to let the fire mushroom up through the roof into a 4-alarm blaze. Firemen from all nearby communities helped, and had almost decided the fire was out, when the 100-year old back part of the Dartmouth St. section (near the parking lot) collapsed with a roar. Some men were on the roof with their hoses when it fell 7 stories and the sides caved in. Part of the outer wall fell as a unit across a fire truck below, its ladder still extended. Men on and near that truck were buried deep under rubble. Five injured firefighters were dug out alive, but 9 were killed - the worst disaster to firefighters in Boston's history. Nobody yet

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knows the cause of the collapse, but there will be a full investigation. They say the fire was not bad enough to cause such destruction. It might have been a "freak accident". No decision has yet been made as to the fate of the poor old Vendome - the first hotel in the U.S. to feature an electric lighting system and a bath for every room. Former Presidents Van Buren and Grant, Sarah Bernhardt, P.T. Barnum, and Harriet Beecher Stowe were among the notables who stayed there in its earlier years. We did not realize when we met there in 1962 quite how historic the Hotel Vendome really was.

Otis G. Hammond's NOTICES FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE GAZETTE @ \$10 might be valuable for some Cousins, as it gives full extracts of all death and marriage notices printed in the GAZETTE 1765-1800. The compilation was quite complete except for 1777-1780, when few issues were preserved or few notices appeared. There are notices for all New England, especially Mass., and scattered references to seaboard places (New York, Philadelphia, etc.) They also mention many seamen who died in distant places. The publisher has added indexes of persons and places. Anyone interested should write: Hunterdon House, 38 Swan St., Iambertville, N.J. 08530.

The Trumbull Historical Society, P.O. Box 312, Trumbull, Conn. 06611 offers THEY FACE THE RISING SUN by E. Merrill Beach, about why old burials "face the rising sun" in Trumbull, Stratford, Monroe, Bridgeport, Shelton, Easton, Greenfield Hill, etc., with cemeteries mentioned from Maine to Florida.

SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND

Please don't forget that contributions to the Stukely Westcott Memorial Scholarship Loan Fund may be made in any amount from \$5 up, to help our own kin to get a good education. Contributions may be sent either to the Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Dorothea B. Cogswell, 83 Carver Road, Newton Highlands, Mass. 02161, or to Dr. F. Howard Westcott, 16673 San Salvador Court, Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, Calif. 92128. Dr. Westcott can give any further information desired about the Fund.

LETTERS

Our last Christmas letter from our member, Mrs. Ronald L. Gladson, whose death is recorded earlier in this Quarterly, told that their daughter Shirley (Mrs. Max Strong) in India, was lonely but fairly well. Her capable daughter, Maxine, helps, especially with the orphan babies, and 14-year-old Becky does her part. Their son-in-law, Douglas Provow of Ames, Iowa, received an award for 20 years of service to the Atomic Energy Commission. The oldest Provow girl, Susan, is at the University of Iowa, planning a medical career. Ron Provow, high school senior, is active in sports; Cheryl, at 15, likes crafts, 4H work, and Church affairs. We shall miss these newsy Christmas letters.

Col. Chester W. Wescott of Bergenfield, N.J., our member, was forced to retire in January after his 4th heart attack. He feels fine if he does not do too much.

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Cousin Mary Belle Westcott, our member and daughter of our members, Mr. & Mrs. David L. Westcott of Hammond, Ind., is now a registered Pharmacist in Columbus, Ohio.

Cousin Melvina M. Oehlers of Millington, N.J., was installed in May, 1971, as 3-year Regent of the Basking Ridge Chapter, D.A.R. Congratulations!

Cousin Bill Driver, now of Pompano Beach, Fla., writes that his nephew, Albert Westcott Driver of Westfield, N.J., has been made Secretary of the General Council of J.C. Penney Co., and also a Director. He is a member of the S.A.R.

Cousin Cynthia Westcott of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., the "plant doctor", "learned patience" in 1971. Just before Christmas, 1970, she was suddenly stricken with Guillain Barre syndrome, a rare virus causing partial, usually temporary paralysis. After 2 months on her back, she was plunged into strenuous, all-day therapy. She came home Apr. 17, able to walk a little with 2 canes, and has been slowly but steadily improving ever since. Last Fall the Brooklyn Botanic Garden awarded her its Distinguished Service Medal (though she could not be present). She also got a President's Citation from the American Rose Society and American Rose Foundation, a thank-you for past services. Good luck to her!

Cousin Pauline Clark of Baldwinsville, N.Y., this year has had "30 kids in my homeroom, and with those I bring in for reading and math, I work with 56 a day!"

Cousin Daphne M. Brownell of Deland, Fla. last December finished a 303 page book: OAKDALE CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS OF DELAND, FLA., 1882-1971. She had some printed for D.A.R., and sold a few also. She has clipped since 1966 all obits from the Wellsville Daily Reporter, only daily for Allegany Co., N.Y., and indexed them. She has xeroxed for libraries a 27-page MS from her grandfather's Klondike letters to his wife in 1898. More power to her.

REMINDERS

- 1. Friday, Aug. 11-Sunday, Aug. 13, be at Poultney, Vt. Board Members meet Friday at 2, all others Friday at 7 P.M.
- 2. Send reservations soon for rooms or camping space.
- 3. Send Saturday dinner reservations soon to Mrs. Harold Wescott.
- 4. Wouldn't you like THE FLAG OVER THE SCHOOLHOUSE for family or D.A.R.?
- 5. Does anyone know parents or family of John (1) Wescott of Virginia?
- 6. Can you help build the Stukely Westcott Memorial Scholarship Loan Fund?
- 7. How about a Westcott coat-of-arms "patch" for your young folks?

A HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!