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NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Our President, Cousin Harold W. Wescott, feels that unless the energy crisis improves by Spring, we shall have to postpone our Iowa meeting for the duration of the crisis, just as during World War II the Society had to omit meetings. He is still hoping that this Iowa meeting can be held, and will be greatly disappointed if it cannot. He has been (like so many of us) looking forward to it.

As your Editor is writing this, there is a rumor that the Arab nations may lift their oil embargo before too long. This will not solve everything, but it would certainly help.

Perhaps we could use Amtrak to solve many transportation problems. Your Editor has looked into it only for herself as yet, but has learned that Amtrak's Broadway Limited leaves New York City in late afternoon at Penn Station and arrives in Chicago the next morning about 9:00 A.M. at Union Station. The San Francisco Zephyr leaves Union Station, Chicago, about 4:30 P.M. and arrives in Creston, Iowa about 4:00 P.M. (Your Editor does not understand this yet!) However, our former President, Cousin Dorothy Perdue of Griswold, Iowa, writes that Amtrak's next stop, Omaha, Neb., is much closer to our meeting-place than Creston, Iowa is. Amtrak does not stop in Red Oak, Iowa, as your Editor had hoped. Could the Iowa Cousins please find out how we could get from Omaha to the meeting-place, and let your Editor know soon? Also exactly where will the meeting be held? Is the exact weekend decided yet?

Cousins who live not too far from Amtrak in different parts of the country should look into routes for themselves if the gasoline shortage continues and if we decide to hold the meeting. Your Editor will try to have some definite answers in the next Quarterly.

We have just bought our own typewriter, to save money and have "photo ready" copy for Quarterlies and anything else that calls for photo-offset printing, such as a possible future revision of the Genealogy! The lack of a carbon-ribbon machine plus the high cost of having the whole Quarterly retyped was the reason why the Editor passed the October Quarterly. We could not afford \$100 for printing each Quarterly, in addition to envelopes and about-to-go-up postage. Recently our President, Cousin Harold W. Wescott of Poultney, Vt., saw an ad of Smith-Corona's new Coronamatic 7000 Typewriter, which has interchangeable cartridges for fabric ribbon and carbon ribbon (and a correction cartridge as well.) The IBM carbon-ribbon machine, using only carbon-ribbon, costs over \$600. Our new machine cost only \$330 until the end of January, when the price rose. We just made it. This issue is typed on our new machine. We hope you like it.

Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible

AIMS, ELIGIBILITY, FEES, AND NATIONAL OFFICERS - Annual Statement

Object: To commemorate fittingly outstanding anniversaries and events in our family's history; to memorialize our early family by suitable tablets; to promote genealogical study of our family; to create and develop interest and pride in family achievement; to provide when possible care of ancestors' graves, including official markers for graves of family's wartime soldiers, sailors, etc.; to support and advocate steadfastly the defense and protection of this country which our ancestors helped create, and the conservation of the United States Constitution and the American people's liberty; to meet, know, and enjoy our kindred.

Eligibility: Minimum age 18. Regular Members include: All Stukely Westcott proven descendants and their spouses; probable (not 100% proved) Stukely Westcott descendants and probable (research incomplete) Stukely Westcott descendants, and spouses; descendants of Stukely's sister, Rebecca (Westcott) Cooke (wife of Thomas Cooke) and of Stukely's nephews, and spouses. Associate Members include: adopted and stepchildren of Regular Members, and spouses; proven descendants of brothers or sisters of Stukely's wife, Juliana (Marchant) Westcott, and spouses; Westcott descendants probably not descended from Stukely's Westcott branch, and spouses. Associate Members lack only voting power.

Honorary Members receive this distinction at the discretion of the Board of Directors because of outstanding contribution to the Society, and need no longer pay dues.

Life Members are so named at the discretion of the Board of Directors and need no longer pay dues. Life Membership shall be granted automatically to spouses of deceased past Presidents of the Society.

No initiation fee is charged. As of January 1, 1973, dues are \$1.50 per year for individual membership, \$3.00 per year for family membership, including spouse and children under 18. The first year's dues must accompany the application (which must now be made out in duplicate); in succeeding years dues are payable in January. New members admitted to the Society after September 1 in any calendar year shall pay at the regular rate, but shall not be billed for dues for the following year. A member in arrears for one year's dues on December 31 shall have one year's grace to pay up past and current dues. Anyone still in arrears after this year of grace shall, after being duly notified by the Secretary be dropped from membership if said dues are still in arrears by July 15 of the following year. To become reinstated, a former member shall pay dues for the year in which reinstatement is asked.

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NEW MEMBER

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We are so glad to welcome our new Member.

BIRTHS

Deborah Ann Johnson, born Aug. 22, 1972, daughter of Jerome Richard and Barbara Ann (Ebert) Johnson of Altoona, Pa., granddaughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Ebert of Clarion, Iowa, and great-granddaughter of our member, Mrs. George W. Westcott of Sumner, Iowa. Her parents were married Mar. 4, 1971, at Altoona, Pa. Her paternal grandparents are James Richard and Dorothy Johnson of Altoona, Pa.

Heather Ann Tate, born Sept. 12, 1973, daughter of Michael and Lois Tate, great-granddaughter of our late member, Mrs. Alice (Paugh) Wrench, and great-grandniece of our member, Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill. Little Heather Ann has a five-year-old sister, Lisa.

We are very happy to welcome our two new little cousins.

MARRIAGES

The mystery is solved! In the Spring-July Quarterly, 1973, your Editor asked whether Miss Jane Elisabeth Budelman or Mr. Thomas Williams Heenan, who married each other Sept. 16, 1972, at Hinsdale, Ill. was the Westcott descendant, and through whom. Mr. Thomas Williams Heenan is the son of our member, Mrs. Clyde E.

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(Jessie) Hamilton of Vero Beach, Fla. It was a small wedding at the bride's parents' home, followed by a larger reception. The happy couple live in Chicago, with a weekend home at Dune Acres, R.F.D. Chesterton, Ind. Their weekend home has the Dune Acres National Park on two sides, but is only an hour's drive from the Chicago Loop. He is a partner in the law firm of Chapman and Cutler. We are very grateful to Cousin Bertha Anthony (Mrs. Charles W. Anthony) and Cousin Jessie E. Hamilton (the bridegroom's mother) for this information.

Bruce Edward Shippee, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel A. Shippee of Cranston, R.I. and grandson of our member, Leslie P. Westcott of Providence, R.I., was married on July 7, 1973, to Patricia Ann Moody in St. David's Episcopal Church in Cranston, R.I. They live in West Warwick, R.I.

Richard Rogers Wistar, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Wistar of Palatine, Ill., and grandson of our member, Mrs. Earl A. Westcott of Sylvania, Ohio, was married Aug. 11, 1973 to Clairan Audrey Soli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Soli of Sycamore, Ill. It was a double ring ceremony - "a lovely candlelight wedding" at The Federated Church in Sycamore. The matron of honor was Donna Loferski, a cousin of the bride from Manchester, Conn. The flower girls were Carol Lynn Loferski and Kathy Loferski, also cousins of the bride from Manchester, Conn. Thomas Earl Wistar, a brother of the groom, was best man. David Westcott Wistar, another brother of the groom, served as an usher. After a week's honeymoon at Montego Bay, Jamaica, the young couple are living in Carpentersville, Ill. The bride received her teaching degree from Northern Illinois University and is teaching in Sycamore, Ill. The bridegroom also attended Northern Illinois University, but received his degree in social science and business from Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa. He served with the Marines in Vietnam. He is now with Holland Food Co., Park Ridge, Ill. The news of this lovely wedding was sent us by the bridegroom's grandmother, Mrs. Earl A. Westcott, our member, who attended it.

Linda Wrench, daughter of John Wrench, Jr., granddaughter of our late member, Mrs. Alice (Paugh) Wrench, and grandniece of our member, Cousin Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill., was married Aug. 25, 1973, to Charles Shepherd of Sadorus, Ill. They are living in Champaign, Ill.

The following wedding invitation has just been received by your Editor: "Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Westcott request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Nancy Lee, to Mr. Cletus E. Hamlett, Saturday, the second day of March, 1974, eleven o'clock in the morning, First Wesleyan Church, Randleman, North Carolina." An enclosed card says: "Wedding Dinner immediately following Reception at bride's parents' home." Members who attended the last three meetings, in Rhode Island, Cooperstown, and Poultney, probably remember our Historian's family - and Nancy, who will make a lovely bride. Your Editor will not be able to attend the wedding, but hopes to have a full account of it for the next Quarterly.

We are so glad to have our 1972 "mystery marriage" solved as to the Westcott descendant, and we wish all these couples a long and happy married life.

DEATHS

Mrs. Marian Bate Westcott, widow of John Howell Westcott, had her death notice in the New York Times for Friday, March 2, 1951. Her funeral was held in Princeton, N.J., and was private. She was the stepmother of Mrs. John Q. Stewart and Mrs. H.T. Westbrook. If anyone knows anything about her, will they please tell the Editor?

Robert Wescott, Jr., Sgt. 1st Class, of Hackensack, N.J., died Apr. 29, 1969, in Vietnam. He was the son of Robert Wescott, Sr., of Paramus, N.J., who had died Aug. 24, 1954, and the grandson of Alvin B. Wescott, who was born in Hartford, Conn. and is listed on p.187 of Vol.II in Generation IX from Stukely. He was the "devoted father of Deborah Wescott and dear brother of Nelson and Edward P. Wescott." Funeral services and interment were held at Beverly National Cemetery, Rte. 130, Beverly, N.J. This was reported in THE RECORD, Bergen Co., N.J., May 9, 1969. If anyone knows more about him, your Editor would be glad to be told about it.

Rev. Harry Havey Powell, our member, of Lafayette, Calif., died at his home, Nov. 29, 1972, aged 81 years. He was born at Freeport, Digby Co., Nova Scotia, son of Capt. Byard and Celestia Jane (Gillaland) Powell. He was a graduate of the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass., and served nearly 40 years in churches throughout New England. He held pastorates in: Jay, Me.; Spring Hill, Conn.; Pawtucket, R.I.; and Gardner, Natick, Littleton, Ayer, and North Billerica, Mass., before he retired in 1956. He moved in 1965 from Rockville, Md. to California to be near his 3 granddaughters. During his seven years in California he served as guest minister in several Bay Area churches. Last rites at the Pleasant Hill Community Church were by the Grant Miller Chapel in the Valley. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nita Florence (Nass) Powell; a brother, Baden Powell of Digby, Nova Scotia; two sons, Prof. S. Curtis Powell of Cambridge, Mass., and Dr. Clinton C. Powell of Orinda, Calif.; and granddaughters Pamela (Powell) Kellogg of Portland, Ore., Brenda (Powell) McKean of Oakland, Calif., and Donna Sue Powell of Orinda, Calif. He was a member of the Thomas Tabbot Lodge F. & A.M. of Billerica, Mass. Private family services were followed by scattering of his ashes at sea. He led a long and useful life of service. Those who knew him will regret his passing.

Mrs. Flora (Akin) Brownell, beloved mother of our member, Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell of DeLand, Fla., died May 16, 1973. She was born Oct. 4, 1892, at Washington, Pa., daughter of Romeyne V. and Mary Belle (Barker) Akin. She married Hugh Norman Brownell, Jan. 6, 1917. She was descended from George Westcott, Jr. of Rhode Island, the Revolutionary soldier, through whom she and her two daughters, Mrs. Daphne M. Brownell of DeLand, Fla. and Mrs. Barbara (Brownell) Martin, joined the DAR. She is survived by her two daughters and at least one grandson. Those who knew her will regret her passing.

Mrs. Joseph Sweet (Sarah Westcott) Martin of Binghamton, N.Y., our member, died July 3, 1973, aged 82 years. She was born in Binghamton, Sept. 4, 1890, daughter of our late member, Mrs. Frederick Harvey (Margaret S. Chaffee) Westcott. She married Dr. Joseph Sweet Martin of Binghamton, N.Y. on July 11, 1918; he died 3 months later, Oct. 28, 1918. The year of 1973 had started well for her, her daughter, our former member, wrote. Her cataract operation was "a great success. She had resumed most of her favorite activities during the Spring, until in May she fell in her livingroom and broke her hip." Again she did well and was using a walker, "when suddenly she went rapidly down hill. Funeral services were held in

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Christ Church, Binghamton, with burial in the Westcott Mausoleum in Spring Forest Cemetery there. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Verner Utke-Ramsing, Jr. (Sylvia Mary Martin) of Alexandria, Va., our former member, and 3 grandchildren. Her daughter writes: "Memories of early Westcott reunions in the 1930s come flooding back at this time....It was very exciting - meeting all those unknown cousins." Your Editor wishes to express deepest sympathy on behalf of all the Cousins who remembered "Cousin Sarah Martin" from those early meetings. Your Editor never met "Cousin Sarah," but had always hoped to do so, and had a delightful correspondence with her for some years. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Arthur Everett Westcott of Unadilla RD, N.Y., our former member, died July 4, 1973, at Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown, N.Y., aged 55 years. He was born Apr. 17, 1918, in Unadilla, N.Y., son of our former member, Harvey Lucius Westcott of Unadilla and his first wife, Margaret Buckaloo (Phillips) Westcott. He married A. Charlotte Farmer on Aug. 20, 1940, in McGraw. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in July, 1972, after 33 years' service. He had been widely known as a jazz pianist in the tri-county area for over 30 years. He was a member of the Unadilla Presbyterian Church, and of Musicians' Local 443 AFM, Oneonta. Funeral services were July 7 in Joyce Funeral Home, Unadilla. Burial was in Evergreen Hills Cemetery, Unadilla. He is survived by his wife, his 4 sons: James Stukely Westcott of Unadilla; William Richard Westcott of Long Beach, N.Y.; Arthur Everett Westcott, Jr. of Rochester, N.Y.; and Harvey Lucius Westcott of New Haven, Conn.; his stepmother, Mrs. Raymond (Grace) Gilbert of Gilbertsville, N.Y.; one brother, Blair Phillips Westcott of Unadilla; 3 sisters: Mrs. Eva May (Westcott) Logan and Mrs. Donald (Martha Elizabeth Westcott) Logan, both of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; and Mrs. Matthew (Vernona Margaret Westcott) Pancia of Inwood, N.Y.; and 3 grandchildren. Those who knew him will deeply regret his passing.

Mrs. Marian (Westcott) Rouse (Mrs. George A. Rouse) of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, our member, died very suddenly of a heart attack early Aug. 11, 1973, aged 79 years, at the home of her husband's sister in Spring, Mich., where they had just spent a delightful week. She had been under medical care for the past year with osteoporosis and a heart condition. On Dec. 2, 1972, she fell and broke her hip, requiring placing a metal plate and nails in her hip. After a 3-month post-hospital stay in a nursing home, she had come home, was walking without a cane, and was in good spirits. She was born July 10, 1894, at Chasms Falls, N.Y., daughter of George W. and Emma Dora (Earle) Westcott. On July 1, 1933, she married George A. Rouse of Cleveland, Ohio, Store Superintendent of The May Co. Department Stores, who survives her. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Clara (Westcott) McPherson of Rock Island, Ill., our member, and 2 brothers: Hubert Harrison Westcott of Lyndhurst, Ohio, our former member, and Arthur Keeler Westcott of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, our member. She was a business woman all her life - a Merchandise Manager for the May Co., later Placement Adviser and Manager for Wilson Employment Service of Cleveland. She was a member of Western Reserve Chapter of DAR, Women's City Club, American Society of Women Accountants, and formerly Eastern Star and Oriental White Shrine. She retired at the end of 1960. Her husband writes: "She was most vivacious, and her pleasures were in doing for others. Her passing leaves a void among family and friends that cannot be filled."

Frank Irving Westcott, Jr., recently of Florida, formerly of Garfield, Bergen

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County, N.J., our former member, died Oct. 24, 1973, aged 62 years. He was born Apr. 19, 1911, in Hackensack, N.J., son of Frank Irving and May A. (Bogert) Westcott. On June 4, 1946, he married Dorothy Verdon Smith, who survives him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Frank I. Westcott of Miami Springs, Fla., his son, Frank Irving Westcott III, and his brother, Lyle D. Westcott, of Miami Springs, Fla. He will be greatly missed.

SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND

No new loans have been requested from the Scholarship Loan Fund in this academic year. We hope that that is because those of our kin who want to go to college are able to do so either with their own funds or through other help - not that they have got discouraged and dropped out early. Contributions of any size from \$5 up for future scholarship loans may be sent to 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.

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. (Her address is printed at the upper right corner of p. 1 of the Quarterly.)

CONTRIBUTIONS

This is dues time again, and early this March the postal rates are going up again. This Quarterly should just beat the deadline, but all future ones will cost more for postage - and everything else. Won't you please give something extra to help meet these ever-increasing costs? Even a little counts when many give it. Please?

Would anyone like to make a special contribution toward our new typewriter? Our President, Harold W. Westcott, very generously gave \$100 toward it, and our former President, Dr. F. Howard Westcott, gave \$50. Your Secretary-Treasurer-Editor, who will be using the typewriter, will put in her \$100 gift from the Society when she gets it in July. Would anyone like to help toward the remaining \$80? It would be greatly appreciated.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. F. Howard Westcott, now of San Diego, Calif., our former President, has already sold over 700 copies of his new small book (technically called a "monograph"): WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR DOCTOR AND HOW TO FIND OUT. It was printed by THE VILLAGE PRESS in 1973 and sells in bookstores at \$1.00. In it he tells how new

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arrivals in a community can find a qualified family physician. First he describes the physician's training: 4 years in medical school, then post-graduate work, and continuing education during practice. All reputable practicing physicians belong to their county medical societies, and many are on the staff of local hospitals. Most medical societies and hospitals will say whether a physician asked about is reputable, or will give 3 physicians' names to choose among. Next Cousin Howard Westcott suggests what to expect when first meeting your new doctor at his office, and what to expect of him in the community. The general practitioner is the most important doctor to new arrivals, as he likes people and can handle a wide variety of human illnesses and accidents. He can also refer serious cases to the best specialists in their fields. A chapter on Medicare deals with costs and charges, and some operating defects, but says little about Medicare benefits. A final chapter, by Allen L. Sander, D.D.S., suggests how to select a dentist. This monograph is "an informed improvement over the usual word-of-mouth referral... in a new community." It has been bought by 5 large industrial companies for their personnel and medical departments. Single copies are available by mail. Send \$1.25 (including postage and handling) to Dr. F. Howard Westcott, Box 28013, San Diego, Cal. 92128. If you plan to move, or want to give a helpful moving-away present to a relative or friend, do send for one or more. It would also make a nice bridal shower present or extra wedding present, as young couples often move several times.

Mrs. Earl A. Westcott of Sylvania, Ohio, our member, was honored at a tea on Nov. 27, 1973, at the Toledo, Ohio, Chapter of the American Red Cross for 45 years of volunteer work with the American Red Cross. She has volunteered at the Toledo Chapter every Monday since 1966, when she moved from Cleveland. She says she has always been a volunteer, and during her 20 years of volunteer work in Cleveland, she did about every job from main office work to the bloodmobile. We are very proud of her! Pasted on the back of her envelope is a charming quotation: "Happiness is like a butterfly ... the more you chase it, the more it will elude you. But if you turn your attention to other things, it comes and softly sits on your shoulder." We know she has received this butterfly.

Cousin Daphne Brownell of DeLand, Fla., our member, has been very busily accomplishing things since we last wrote about her. By early May, 1973, she had completed a second volume of cemetery inscriptions. A bound volume of these has been presented to the DeLand Public Library by the local DAR Chapter. Her first book, also given to the local library, was OAKDALE CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS, DELAND. The second volume is called CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS OF WEST VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA. Both volumes are also in the Dupont Library at Stetson University, in the National DAR Library at Washington, D.C., in the Library of Congress, and in the Florida State Library at Tallahassee. She is now on the second half of Vol. III of inscriptions from the same cemetery, and hopes to complete them this Spring. She is also compiling records on all the families, with emphasis on the first 3 generations in this part of the county. She wants not only to preserve data on the families, but to get help from someone interested in preserving this biographical history for the libraries and the State, before this valuable data is lost forever. We hope she finds someone to help. She was a panel member in a discussion of genealogy which was a feature of a meeting of Volusia County librarians in the DeLand Public Library, Aug. 23, 1973. We are sure she "knew her stuff" thoroughly!

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Arnold descendants will be interested in a clipping sent your Editor - that a Dr. Vincent A. Lindner of Scotch Plains, N.J., a history lecturer and newscaster, has petitioned the Army to set Benedict Arnold's traitorous record straight. Dr. Lindner believes that 2 of 8 earlier charges against Benedict Arnold were trumped-up, and were crucial in making him so bitter that he "fell into the pit of treason." Before the Army can render a new verdict on the old court-martial, it must be sure that the request for investigation comes from a relative of the deceased. Dr. Lindner had found, through a news item, a 19-year-old Skidmore Sophomore, Mary P. Carroll of Ridgewood, N.J., who claims to be a many-great cousin. So her genealogy and the investigation will go ahead together. If her genealogy fails, perhaps one of our Arnold descendants may be closer.

In July, 1972, Frank Westcott of North Attleboro, our former member, was one of the Boston Intercity Champs who defeated the challenging bridge team from Denver in the annual intercity competition. A picture showed him holding the large trophy bowl. A letter has just come from Cousin Susan Handy, enclosing his obituary. He "was fatally stricken" in Hamilton, Bermuda, where he was attending a tournament - Jan. 26, 1974. The full write-up will be in the next Quarterly.

LETTERS

Cousin Daphne M. Brownell of DeLand, Fla. wrote last August that she planned to go soon with a small group on a tour of Scandinavia, and then to leave the tour and visit her sister, who is living for 3 years in Germany. She must have had a lovely trip and visit.

Cousin Myrta Grace Paugh of DeLand, Ill. wrote last October that their whole Centennial celebration went off very well. The only shower cut short their first old-fashioned free Saturday night show. They opened with a birthday party May 20 - one of the 4 days the surveyors laid out the town. Everyone wore long dresses (to avoid a fine, unless you had bought a "high hemline button.") Most men had begun to sprout beards or mustaches. There was a band concert, recognition of over-80 citizens and long-time businesses, followed by a songfest, ice cream, and the town birthday cake. Cousin Grace kept the town hall open, where she was displaying her pictures, and her books went on sale. She has about 400 pictures in her collection, which will belong to the community and be cared for by the library. She has collected them over 25 years. During the Summer they had several picture shows and square dances. On July 8 the Methodist Church celebrated its 102d year in the community. (It had started in a rural school 2 years before the village was laid out.) The 3d and 4th Sundays of August were for tours of homes having antiques. The main events began after school Friday: games for children, a dog show, judging dresses and beards, choosing Mr. & Mrs. DeLand (one of the oldest couples), and a square dance. One farm man rigged up a threshing machine and demonstrated old-fashioned threshing both days. Saturday there was a 154-entry parade with 3 bands, the annual horse show, a musical program, and the Pageant. The Pageant went off beautifully. "We even had a pony that stole the show and pawed in time with the music! Even its owner was surprised. The outstanding scenery was painted by a local artist. Cousin Grace helped narrate for the Pageant. Her picture and an interview were in 4 papers and on TV. Her book has sold well and people like it,

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so she feels that all her hard work was worth while. "It was a year to remember." When Cousin Grace wrote, harvest time was "in full swing," with "dry, warm, sunny days for over a week, and trucks flying to and fro filled with corn. They no longer leave the corn in the field to dry, pick it and crib it. The combines do all the different things to process it at one time, and it is dried at the elevator. Only we older people remember the sound of ears of corn striking the bump boards in the early morning. We even had husking contests, and in the fall, men from Kentucky and southern Illinois came and helped with the harvest. This is one of the finest corn-producing areas in the nation. We used to raise oats too, but now it is beans." We wish we all could have gone to their celebration. It must have been great fun!

Cousin Susan E. Robinson of Friendship, N.Y. wrote last October that she holds various offices in 4 or 5 organizations, which keeps her busy. Last year she went with another retired teacher to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and on to Florida. In August they attended the Canadian Exposition in Toronto, and in October they were going to Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Va. All were Bluebird tours. It is fine that retired people can keep busy and take such trips.

Cousin Cynthia Westcott of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., the "plant doctor," sent her usual long, newsy Christmas letter. She writes: "It is now 3 years since my activities were abruptly curtailed, but time goes by about as fast. My disability remains about the same, and I am quite content here. I can do a little gardening." Last Fall, bending over from her chair, she planted "lots more bulbs.... There has always been a bird feeder across the walk, but now I have a tiny, suction-cup one on the window. The titmice that visit it almost constantly are a special joy. I also enjoy a squirrel that fears birds and animals, but has complete trust in people. He came to Rose Day with all the other guests and let a little child feed him. That was a lovely Sunday - perfect weather, and the roses in full bloom for the many visitors. In May I was driven to White Plains to receive the 1973 R. Eugene Curry award as the Westchester County Outstanding Senior Citizen." For her one other out-of-town event, she drove by taxi to New York City to the All-American Rose Selections Press Luncheon, to meet old friends. The 4th edition of THE GARDENER'S BUG BOOK, proofread in April, was finally published in November. "In September, along with 10 men, I was designated a Fellow of the American Phytopathological Society. As a woman, I was gratified by this recognition in a predominantly masculine field. You are invited to the 34th annual Rose Day, Sunday, June 9, 1974. If you can't come then, try the next week, when the roses may be even better." We are so proud of her!

Cousin Jessie Hamilton (Mrs. Clyde E. Hamilton), now of Vero Beach, Fla., plans to take with her husband the Kungsholm North Cape-North European cruise, sailing this June 27 and returning to New York on Aug. 13, so unless the date for our Biennial Meeting is changed, they will not be able to attend. We still hope to hold our meeting, and will tell them of any change. We wish them a lovely trip.

Cousin Olive H. Shippee (Mrs. Ansel A. Shippee) of Cranston, R.I. writes: "Dad (Leslie P. Westcott of Providence, R.I.) is in wonderful health, and is still playing golf and driving his car at 93!" He is wonderful! Cousin Olive and her husband have retired, and are building a home in Florida, where Cousin Leslie Westcott will spend part of the year with them. We hope they will enjoy their new home.

 JUNIOR NEWS

The note from our member, Mrs. Earl A. Westcott of Sylvania, Ohio, about her grandson's wedding (Richard Roger Wistar and Clairan Audrey Soli) mentioned that the Best Man, Thomas Earl Wistar, is a freshman at Western Michigan University. Good luck to him!

Cousin Olive H. Shippee also wrote that their daughter Carolyn (Mrs. Ronald Harve Christian) and her husband "and 4 wonderful boys" live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (Iowa Cousins, please notice!)

 GOLDEN HONOR ROLL

Cousin Susan Amy Whipple, now of Waltham, Mass., was eligible for our Golden Honor Roll July 7, 1970 - her 90th birthday. Your Editor regrets she did not realize this earlier.

Cousin Adah Dexter (Westcott) Austin of Providence, R.I. joined our Golden Honor Roll Oct. 4, 1973 - her 90th birthday. She still gets about well.

Ellen (Hoffman) Witzel (Mrs. Harry E.)	Manlius, N.Y.	95--May 24, 1973
Howard L. Westcott	Oswego, N.Y.	95--Dec. 26, 1973
Edmund L. Westcott	Waukesha, Wis.	94--Apr. 2, 1973
Leslie P. Westcott	Providence, R.I.	93--June 2, 1973
Susan Amy Whipple	Waltham, Mass.	93--July 7, 1973
Adah Dexter (Westcott) Austin (Mrs. Richard S.)	Providence, R.I.	90--Oct. 4, 1973

We are very proud to have so many Golden Honor Roll members.

 REMINDERS

1. Save the 1st 2 weekends of August, 1974, in case we can meet on one of them.
2. Can you spare something toward the ever-rising costs of our Society? Can you help on the remaining \$80 cost of our typewriter? How about \$5 or more toward the Stukely Westcott Memorial Scholarship Loan Fund, to help our own kin?
3. Wouldn't you like to order WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR DOCTOR AND HOW TO FIND OUT for yourself or as gifts?
4. Please send items for the Quarterly, and always put on your Zip Code.
5. Please be careful not to send coins by mail.
6. Send address changes promptly. Third Class mail is destroyed if addressee has moved out of town.

 A GOOD WINTER TO ALL!
