

# THE WESTCOTT FAMILY QUARTERLY

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## NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS

Iowa Chapter - #9 has now issued to the National Society its definite official invitation to meet in the Griswold-Red Oak-Elliott area on the first weekend of August, 1974. The exact dates will be Friday, August 2, Saturday, August 3, and Sunday, August 4. Our headquarters will be in and near Griswold, Iowa - in south-west Iowa, located at the intersection of Highways #48 and #92, about 30 miles south of Interstate #80. (Use the turnoff for Atlantic, Iowa if using Interstate #80.)

### Friday, August 2

2:30 P.M. Meeting of Officers and Directors at the rural home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Perdue, near Griswold. Mrs. Harold (Dorothy) Perdue was our last previous National Society President.

7:30 P.M. Registration and Reception for all members and their families and guests at the Church of Christ in Griswold. Slides of previous meetings will be shown. Also there will be local talent. This Church will be our most frequent meeting-place because it is on one floor and air-conditioned.

### Saturday, August 3

10:00 A.M. Meeting at the Church of Christ in Griswold.

Welcome to Iowa by Mrs. Edna Porter, President of Iowa Chapter - #9. Business Meeting and Memorial Service.

12:00 Noon Informal lunch 5 miles East of Elliott, Iowa (between Elliott and Grant, midway between Griswold and Red Oak), on the grounds of Eshelman's Southwest Iowa Antique Machinery and Threshing Show. Wheat-threshing, corn-shelling, cordwood-sawing, shingle-making, rock-crushing, etc. will be operating, just as years ago. There is also a restored country schoolhouse, railroad depot, log cabin, etc., as well as many antique collections, and many old engines on display.

7:30 P.M. Steak supper at the Nishna Valley Country Club near Griswold. The featured speaker will be former National President Dr. F. Howard Westcott, now of California. There will also be some fine local talent and group singing.

### Sunday, August 4

Family gathering for worship at the Church of Christ, Griswold.

Sunday buffet-meal at the Gold Crown Inn, Red Oak, Iowa.

Short Iowa Chapter business meeting. All are welcome to visit. Music.

*Every "Westcott" Descendant is eligible*

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Reservations for the Saturday night steak supper should be made a week in advance. They should be mailed to Marlin E. Perdue, R.R. 1, Griswold, Iowa 51535, in time to reach him by Saturday, July 27, if possible. The money for the supper will be collected Friday night. The supper will cost approximately \$4.00 a plate plus tip.

Places to stay
Motels:

M. and M. Motel, Box 366, Griswold, Iowa 51535. Phone: (712) 773-2354.

Rates: Single: (1 double bed) \$6.00 for 1 per night plus tax;

\$8.00 for 2 " " " "

Double:(2 double beds)\$12.00 per night plus tax;

\$1.00 added for each added person.

TV, air-conditioned, carpeted, showers, 25 years old, restaurant within a block.

Holiday Inn, U.S. Highway 34, N, Red Oak, Iowa 51566. Phone:

(712) 623-4864.

Rates: Single: (1 double bed) \$13.00 for 1 per night plus tax;

\$4.00 added for each extra person.

Double:(2 double beds) \$19.00 per night plus tax;

\$4.00 added for each extra person.

Children under 12 free. Roll-aways: \$2.00.

52 air-conditioned units, color TV, heated outdoor pool, "véry nice" restaurant on premises (also cafe within walking distance), 6 years old

Camping:

Cocklin Fish Farm, Ray Wilson, Proprietor, Griswold, Iowa 51535, located on Highway 48, two miles North of Griswold.

Rates: \$2.00 plus tax per night. Electricity hookup, no showers.

Transportation to events for those without cars: Mrs. Edna Porter, President of the Iowa Chapter, lives quite near the Holiday Inn and would be available for transportation to various meetings. Also those having cars will undoubtedly share with those lacking them. (This will be worked out at the time.)

All events will be fairly near together. The one big problem is that Highway 48 between Griswold and Red Oak will be under reconstruction all summer, so we must use unpaved, gravel side roads. (However, that will just give those of us from other parts of the country a little extra "local color.")

Public Transportation to and from the Iowa Meeting:

Those who enjoy flying should consult their local airlines or travel agent early enough to be sure of getting seats. Omaha has the nearest airport. Either plan to rent a drive-yourself car in Omaha, or write in advance to Mrs. Raymond W. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 21, Elliott, Iowa 51532. She will plan to have someone pick you up, and will tell you when to expect that person. Those returning to Omaha Sunday afternoon can possibly ride with Omaha Cousins who will be returning home.

Cousins preferring to travel by Amtrak train should soon consult their travel

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agent or Amtrak for costs and reservations. The Amtrak office warned that reservations both ways should be made from 6 weeks to 4 weeks in advance, to be sure of getting accommodations.

Your Editor plans to use Amtrak. She called Amtrak's 800 number in her phone book and got their Philadelphia headquarters without charge. For those living within easy reach of New York City, the New York-to-Chicago Amtrak could be very convenient. An Amtrak train with sleeping accommodations leaves New York City daily at 4:55 P.M. and arrives in Chicago at 9 A.M. the following morning. Only one Amtrak train goes through Omaha daily each way. The West-bound train leaves Chicago at 4:30 P.M. and reaches Omaha at 12:30 A.M. (at night) if not late. Your Editor phoned the Omaha station, and was told that it is "a fine, large, brightly-lighted station, with all facilities you can expect in a large station, and with 7 employees always on duty all night long, every night, 7 nights a week. There are always taxis waiting to meet the trains." When asked if it was safe for an older lady alone, he answered, with true Western hospitality: "You don't need to fear nothin'! We'll take good care of you!" Your Editor plans to have a room reserved (and paid for) at the Omaha Hilton Hotel for the night of her arrival in Omaha, and will warn the hotel that she will be arriving from that train by taxi ~~about 1 A.M.~~ That is one of the nearest hotels to the station - about a mile away. It has 450 air-conditioned units, according to the 1973-4 ALA "Where to Stay Book." Rates: Single \$19-\$24, double \$25-\$30. It has a restaurant and a heated indoor pool. The address is: Omaha Hilton Hotel, 1616 Dodge St., Omaha, NB 68102. Tel.: (402) 346-7800.

For returning to the East, the only East-bound train through Omaha daily arrives at Omaha, according to the Summer schedule, at 2:30 A.M. Sleeping accommodations can be reserved on this train when planning the trip. This train will arrive at Chicago at 10:55 A.M., if not delayed. An Amtrak sleeper leaves the same Chicago station for New York City 7 days a week at 4 P.M. and arrives at New York City at 10 A.M. the following day. Thus one can leave New York City Wednesday, July 31, and arrive in Iowa on Friday - the first day of the Biennial Meeting. Likewise one can leave Iowa for the Omaha station Sunday afternoon or early evening, get on the East-bound train at 2:30 A.M., and reach New York City on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Of course, any Cousins coming from the West by Amtrak will get off at Omaha at 2:30 A.M., and can spend the rest of the night at the Omaha Hilton Hotel. For returning West, they should be at the Omaha station before 12:30 A.M. (at night) and should reserve sleeping accommodations on that train when making reservations.

Single persons traveling by Amtrak can choose between a "roomette" and a "single slumber coach," which is smaller but has other advantages.

Your Treasurer-Editor has been asked to arrive one day early, so that the Society's books can be audited more easily before the Business Meeting. (This must always be done.) She will probably stay on through Monday, having a quieter day, and will start back Monday night. Would any other Eastern Cousins like to follow this plan?

The Iowa Cousins have asked your Editor to: "Extend our very cordial Mid-West invitation to one and all to come see us in August at the big Biennial Meeting of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants to be held in Iowa. We invite all who have

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slides to show, talent to share, or who can add in any way to the enjoyment of all, to feel free to do so. We look forward to seeing you all soon."

Your Editor, who remembers clearly their wonderful Mid-West hospitality in 1966, looks forward eagerly to going again. She hopes that many others, from all parts of the country, will also accept this genuinely cordial invitation.

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CHAPTER NEWS - Iowa Chapter - #9

The Officers of Iowa Chapter #9 met on April 7, 1974, and decided that the gasoline situation had eased sufficiently so that it would be safe to go ahead with the plans to invite the National Society to hold its 1974 Biennial Meeting in Iowa, as the guest of the Iowa Chapter. It was decided that the first weekend in August would be the best time, as that would coincide with the local machinery and threshing show to be held near Elliott.

Since then the Chapter Officers have held further meetings, and plans are well under way. "We want to extend a hearty welcome to all who can attend. We want to encourage the Cousins to make a special effort, as we are planning a good time for all."

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## BIRTHS

Christopher Michael Westcott, born Aug. 12, 1973, son of Robert Charles and Loretta Lynn (Magee) Westcott of Goldsboro, N.C., and grandson of our National Historian, Robert A. Westcott of Randleman, N.C. Little Christopher was born on his grandfather Westcott's birthday.

Allen Eugene Place, born April 1, 1974, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Westcott Place of Warwick, R.I., grandson of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Place of Warwick, and great-grandson of our member, Mrs. Ethel Westcott Place, and the late Alpheus S. Place.

We are so glad to welcome our two new little cousins.

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## MARRIAGES

William Howard Boyle, our member, who first came long ago with his mother to Biennial Meetings, was married July 23, 1970, to Gladys Faith (Damery) Smith at the Martin's Pond Baptist Church in North Reading, Mass. She is the daughter of Charles Frederick and Rebecca (Blundon) Damery. He also became the instant father of three sons: Wayne Edward Smith, now in the Air Force Police in England; Charles Raymond Smith, who graduated from Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute in 1973, and who now works at McGill Industrial Park in Woburn, Mass.; Robert Eric Smith, who attends Junior High School in Reading, Mass. What a fine new family!

Henry James Searles, Jr., son of Margaret (Maas) (Searles) Westcott (wife of our Historian) by her first husband, was married June 17, 1972, to Ellen Marie Stauss in Holy Trinity Church, Syracuse, N.Y. They live in Syracuse, where Jim has

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a Volkswagen repair service and hopes to have a Volkswagen dealership soon. Ellen is a laboratory technician in the Syracuse hospital. Jim might be a Westcott descendant through his father, but this has not yet been proved.

Robert Charles Westcott, son of our Historian, Robert A. Westcott of Randleman, N.C., by his first wife, Dorothy (Holmes) Westcott, was married Aug. 3, 1972, to Loretta Lynn Magee in Greensboro, N.C. He is now in the Air Corps, stationed in Goldsboro, N.C.

Miss Elaine Sprague Berggren, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Berggren of Warwick, R.I., and granddaughter of our member, Mrs. Ethel W. Place, and of the late Alpheus Sprague Place, of Warwick, was married on Jan. 25, 1974, to Joseph R. Langlois, Jr. in a 6:30 P.M. candlelight ceremony at Hillsgrove United Methodist Church. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Langlois, Sr. of Warwick. Among the ushers was the bride's first cousin, Philip Westcott Place, son of our members, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Eugene Place of Warwick. Following a reception at the Warwick Country Club, the young couple left on a skiing tour of New England. They will make their home in Coventry, R.I.

Nancy Lee Westcott, whom all who attended the last three Biennial Meetings will remember as the delightful young daughter of our Historian and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Westcott, was married March 2, 1974 to Cletus Edward Hamlett at the First Wesleyan Church, Randleman, N.C. The 11 A.M. wedding was followed by a reception at the Church fellowship house, after which came the wedding dinner. The bride attended Randleman High School, and before her marriage worked at Norvel Tent Mfg., Greensboro, N.C. Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus James Hamlett of Route 1. He attended Randleman High School, and is now serving with the U.S. Army at Fort Eustis, Va. The maid of honor was Miss Susan Lynn Westcott, sister of the bride, and the child attendant was the bride's six-and-a-half-year-old sister, Miss Bonnie May Westcott, who was our youngest member at the 1968 and 1970 Biennial Meetings, and the youngest member from a distance in 1972. The young couple will make their home in Virginia after a wedding trip through that state.

We hope that all these couples will have long, happy married lives together.

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**DEATHS**

Mr. Aaron Guy Johnson of Alexandria, Va., our member, died Jan. 23, 1973, aged 92. He was born Sept. 1, 1880, son of August and Albertina Lovis Johnson of Bookings, S.D. He married Aug. 30, 1911, our late member, Ruth Marian (Westcott) Johnson, who died in January, 1970. They had three children who grew up. For years they lived in Washington, D.C., but had moved a few years ago to a retirement home in Alexandria, Va. Your Editor had a little correspondence with him, and found him a kindly, elderly gentleman, who sorely missed his dearly-loved wife. We cannot feel sad that they are now reunited.

Miss Amey Steere of Chepachet, R.I., aged 73, sister of our member, Mrs. Clifford W. (Helen Steere) Brown of Providence, R.I., died April 8, 1973 at the Mass. General Hospital, Boston, Mass., after two months' illness. She was born Dec. 19, 1899, in Chepachet, R.I., a daughter of the late John Purkis and Lydia Annie (Olney)

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Steere. She graduated from Pembroke College, class of 1922, and attended Columbia University for postgraduate studies. During the 1920s she was an actress in various stock company productions in New York. In the 1930s she taught in Providence, R.I. at the Esek Hopkins Junior High School. During World War II she operated the Steere Dairy Farm in Chepachet, R.I. (the family farm) when her brother, George O. Steere, went into the service, and she continued this operation through later years. In the 1950s she taught at St. George's School, Newport, R.I. During the 1960s she taught in Medford, Mass. Most recently, until her illness, she had been teaching at the Carroll School, Lincoln, Mass. She was a remedial reading teacher, and was qualified as a specialist in 5 languages. In 1969 she wrote a book: SOLVING LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES. She was a direct descendant of Roger Williams, and was a member of several historical and dramatic societies in Chepachet and Providence, R.I. She was never a National Member of the Society of Stukely Westcott Descendants, but was a member of its R.I. Chapter. She belonged to the Free Will Baptist Church in Chepachet. She is survived by 3 brothers: John P. Steere, Jr. and Walter M.O. Steere, both of Chepachet, and George O. Steere of Forestdale; and by 3 sisters: Mrs. Clifford W. Brown of Providence, our member, Mrs. Robert E. Steere and Mrs. Gerald E. Vanbever, both of Chepachet. Funeral services were held April 11, 1973, at the Free Will Baptist Church, Chepachet. Burial was in Acote's Hill Cemetery, Chepachet. Her friends and her many pupils through the years will deeply regret her passing.

Frank Lucian Marcolli of Carmel, CA, age 61, husband of our member, Mrs. Vernie Annabel (Westcott) Marcolli, died Sept. 12, 1973, of cancer. He was born March 2, 1912, in Trail, B.C., Canada. He married Miss Vernie Annabel Westcott, daughter of Howard Arthur and Anna Gestina (Bakkee) Westcott, Oct. 24, 1951. She survives him. They had no children. Those who knew him will miss him.

Mrs. Shirley Jean (Wescott) Wilson of Bemus Point, N.Y., age 50, died Nov. 29, 1973. She was born Oct. 3, 1923, daughter of our former member, Charles Theodore Wescott, and his first wife, Isabel Florence (Walrod) Wescott. She married Robert Wilson, Nov. 8, 1942. She was the niece of our former President, Eleanor (Wescott) Trismen (Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen) of River Edge, N.J. Those who knew her will regret that she could not live longer.

Edward Francis Jay, son of our late members, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jay of Poultney, Vt., died Nov. 30, 1973, aged 52. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, and by many brothers and sisters. One sister, Mrs. Doris (Jay) Caruso, our member; wrote: "We all miss him."

Frank Tourtellot Westcott of North Attleboro, Mass., our former member, died Jan. 26, 1974, aged 72. He was born July 28, 1901, in North Attleboro, son of Frank Thomas and Elizabeth (Tourtellot) Westcott. He graduated in 1922 from the Mass. Institute of Technology. He was a partner in the Munroe and Westcott Construction Co. until 1940, when he founded the Frank T. Westcott Construction Co., of which he was treasurer at his death. (His son, F. Thomas Westcott, is President.) This firm builds dams, sewer treatment plants, bridges, and buildings in New England and New York State. On Nov. 8, 1924, he married Miss Mildred Cullen, daughter of John Thomas and Mary Alice (Beck) Cullen of North Attleboro. He was a town selectman in 1935 and 1936, was named to the sewer commission in 1945, became its chairman in 1966, and served in that position until his death. He had intended, upon the dissolving of the sewer commission due this year (upon creation of a new public

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works department), to run for a seat on the 3-man public works commission. He was a Republican. He was best known as one of the foremost personalities in the world of contract bridge. He was a past president of the American Contract Bridge League, and twice captained the North American Team in its arduous battles for the world championship with the mighty Italian "Blue Team." He had also served as president of the New England Bridge Conference and the Eastern Mass. Bridge Association. During his long bridge tournament career, he was in the winner's circle more than any other New England expert, capturing every major regional title, and amassing over 8,000 master points. He was fatally stricken in Hamilton, Bermuda, where he was attending a tournament. Despite his high ranking, his wit and charm made him a favorite with rank-and-file players at tournaments. He exerted a calming influence in the sometimes stormy arguments of top-level bridge. His skill at emerging unscathed from tenuous bids and contracts was long a source of wonder to younger experts of a more "scientific" bent. The Bridge Column of the N.Y. Times said that the game had lost one of its most famous personalities. He was also a member of Bristol Lodge, AF and AM, of North Attleboro, a member of the American Society of Engineers, a former director of the United National Bank, and clerk and trustee of the Attleboro Savings Bank. In addition to his wife and son, he is survived by a sister, Miss Cynthia Westcott of Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. (our member), and three grandchildren. Another son, Lt. John C. Westcott, was killed in action in the Korean War. His funeral was held Jan. 31, 1974, at the Community Church, Universalist-Unitarian, North Attleboro. His sister wrote: "Hundreds of people paid tribute to him." Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery. He was a very fine as well as a very famous man, and will be sorely missed.

Mrs. Minnievieve (Jakway) Westcott, wife of our member, Howard L. Westcott of Oswego, N.Y., died Feb. 27, 1974, aged 88. She was born Apr. 12, 1885, daughter of John Ira and Luella (Near) Jakway. On Nov. 26, 1903, she married Howard Leslie Westcott, who survives her. They were married over 70 years, and had four children, of whom one daughter died in her early 20s. In addition to her husband, she is survived by children and grandchildren, and probably great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

Harold Havelock Kynett of Philadelphia, Pa., our member, died between July, 1973 and March, 1974, aged 82 or 83. The last Quarterly, mailed late in February, 1974, was returned in May, with "Deceased" written on it. He was born Sept. 13, 1889, in Philadelphia, son of our late member, Mrs. Emmeline Goodsell (Westcott) Kynett, and the late Harold Havelock Kynett, M.D., of Philadelphia. On Jan. 21, 1915, he married Edna Isabel Gallagher, daughter of William and Theresa (Van-Buren) Gallagher of New York City. He was principal owner of Aitken-Kynett, advertising agents, Philadelphia. They had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Kynett) Speed, our former member, who died in July, 1959. In 1935 he lived in Wayne, Pa., and was still there in 1949. Of late years he lived in Philadelphia. He was probably survived by his grandsons. He paid the Westcott dues for years for a first cousin of his own age. Your Editor has always noticed this proof of his kindness and consideration.

Archibald Hiram Drake, our former member, died in March, 1974, in McClellan Hospital, Cambridge, N.Y., aged 89, after a short illness. He was born Nov. 15, 1884, in Poultney, Vt., son of Hiram Stafford and Fannie Elizabeth (Wescott) Drake. On Oct. 28, 1909, in Middle Granville, N.Y., he married Winnie A. Culver, who died about 6 weeks before he did, early in 1974. He was a 50-year member of Granville

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Lodge, F and AM, a member of Hartford Grange, and of Granville's Trinity Episcopal Church. For the past year he and his wife have lived with their only daughter, Mrs. Hilda Lemira (Drake) Maynard (Mrs. Harold Judson Maynard, our former member), in Hartford, N.Y. At the time of his death, his daughter was in the Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, Vt. Funeral services were held in Trinity Episcopal Church, Granville, N.Y. Interment was in the Poultney Cemetery, Poultney, Vt. In addition to his daughter, he is survived by 3 grandchildren, all married, and by 6 great-grandchildren. He was a very devoted member of the Vermont Chapter of our Association. He will be greatly missed.

## WESTCOTT PLAQUES

1. Tombstone Memorial Plaque: 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, suitable for hanging on wall, measuring about 5"x7", in Bronze mounted on walnut. The older plaques had a chain for hanging. The plaque which the Society bought in 1970 for display at Biennial Meetings had a small metal pull-out loop in the back, to let the plaque hang on a nail with no apparent support.

Your Editor does not know the current cost of either type of plaque. In 1970 the Wall Plaque cost \$25, and arrived 14 weeks after the order and check were mailed. If you get the Memorial Plaque, have your local mason fasten it to your family stone. If you would like either of these plaques, please write for current prices to our former President, Mrs. Ralph D. Trismen, 457 The Fenway, River Edge, N.J. 07661. She has agreed to check current costs and put through any orders.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Edmund L. Wescott of Waukesha, Wis., whom we are proud to claim as our member, was 95 years old April 2, 1974, and is still working! He is the Superintendent of the GAR Memorial Hall, and is exempt from the mandatory retirement age because a statute requires the superintendent to be a Spanish-American War veteran. He is the oldest Wisconsin State employee, but is "nattily dressed," and he awed a lady reporter "by his zest and spryness." He explained to her that the Memorial Hall was established in 1901 to honor Civil War veterans. The rooms also serve as a memorial of all later wars. At 82 years old he applied for the job of full-time Superintendent of Memorial Hall, and has served continuously since then. The Legislature has given him 3 citations for his fine work. In 1969-70 he served as National Commander-in-chief of the United Spanish War Veterans - an honor extended him during their San Diego convention. More power to him! We hope he holds his job firmly at least past his 100th birthday!

Who is Mark Westcott of Portland, Oregon, of the Eastman School of Music, who was 23 years old in 1972? He is a brilliant pianist who won first prize in the Summer



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**ITEMS OF INTEREST (CONTINUED)**

of 1971 at the First International Piano Competition at the University of Maryland. On Feb. 27, 1972, he gave a recital at the National Gallery, Washington, D.C. A special review in "The Star" said: "One enjoys reviewing when a recital is played the way Mark Westcott plays.... He hears in his mind and not solely at his fingertips what he wants to project.... What shortcomings there are in his playing are only a matter of experience rather than musical lacks.... Small matter, though, within the context of the energetic and vital projection that moved the audience to a spontaneous ovation at the end of the first half as well as at the concert's close." Another reviewer, in "The Washington Post," wrote: "His playing shows a thorough background of excellent study,... a concern for both elegantly molded melodies and sonorous tone masses, and security in moving over the keyboard." In Bartok's "Piano Sonata," he "interpreted its primitive qualities with relentless strength, emphasizing the pounding bass chords, the repeated-note motifs, and the irregular accentuations." He has "a feeling for waves of sound and broad, expanding lines." In Brahms' "Sonata in F Minor" he was "less secure technically," but "found its elan as well as its decadence.... He made me like again a piece that has been off my list for a long time." Does anyone know his branch of the Clan?

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**JUNIOR NEWS**

Daryl Satterfield, daughter of our member, Mrs. Robert W. Satterfield of Park Ridge, Ill., was chosen as the 1974 Calendar Queen by the Alpha Kappa chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She graduated in 1972 from Maine South High School, Park Ridge, is a sophomore fashion merchandising major at Stout, and is the captain of the cheerleading squad. We congratulate her!

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**LETTERS**

Dr. F. Howard Westcott, our former President, who will be our chief Speaker at our Biennial Saturday night meeting, wrote that he will visit Ashville, N.C. in June, and plans a cruise to Greece and the Holy Land in October. Let's hope there's truce!

Cousin Elva R. Crum of Redondo Beach, Calif., who will join this fall our Golden Honor Roll of members 90 years and older, hopes to be at the Biennial Meeting in August. We hope to see her there.

Cousin Minita Westcott Shrewsbury of Chicago wrote that she has been in a wheelchair for 4 years with arthritis of the spine and knees. She cannot walk or go out. In 1967 she sold her business (Storms and Westcott). She is a great-grandmother of two - Sean Patrick Illgen and Alana Christina Illgen. We are very sorry that her activities had to end so thoroughly and painfully. Perhaps soon some way will open to cure such problems - or at least to ease their pain.

Cousin Elizabeth M. Wescott of Orange, N.J. is now a member of the Daughters of the Cincinnati. She is descended from Dr. Joseph Browne - an original member of the N.Y. Chapter of the Society of Cincinnati. She was the first to enter through him. Her young cousin, William Albert Wescott, has since joined the Society of Cincinnati's N.Y. Chapter. She must be very proud of this.

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Cousins Alice and Bert Hoffman of Hackensack, N.J. spent a fine winter in Florida, seeing Alice's sister, Marion Dorfler, and her family, also Bill and Fran Driver, Lyle and Tula Wescott, and other relatives and friends. Bert's granddaughter (who lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.) will be married in June. Alice is in good health, with her blood pressure well regulated. They are sorry they can't join us in Iowa. So are we!

Cousin Pauline Clark of Baldwinsville, N.Y. retired in June, 1973. Her adopted mother, Mrs. Emma Watkins, died June 8, 1973, aged 96. Pauline's younger son, Bruce, lives with her. She hoped to sell her house this Spring and live in a mobile home. We wish her all happiness.

Cousin Mary B. Westcott of Columbus, Ohio, one of our younger members, daughter of our members, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Westcott of Hammond, Ind., loves her work at Mt. Carmel East Hospital (where Hans Conried was taken after a stroke, while appearing at a Columbus supper theatre). She went to Austria last Fall, and was going to Amsterdam this Spring. She is certainly a busy person.

Cousins Merritt E. and Cassie D. Westcott of Moscow, Pa., wrote this Spring: "We like to know we are part of the 'Clan.'" They are, indeed, and also their daughter and her family (Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Heater of Vestal, N.Y.), and their grandson, James Westcott Heater of Vestal, N.Y., whose Society number was held for him for nine years, until his 18th birthday. We are so happy to have this 3-generation family.

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**REMINDERS**

1. Make your plans and reservations soon to join us in Iowa, Fri. Aug. 2 through Sun. Aug. 4.
2. Make Amtrak reservations June 15-July 1, to get space for sure - or check airlines or travel agents in last half of June if you plan to fly.
3. Reserve rooms or camping spaces by July 1, to be sure of them.
4. Send Saturday night steak supper reservations to reach Marlin E. Perdue, R.R. 1, Griswold, Iowa 51535, by Sat. July 27 if possible. (Supper money will be collected at Friday night's Reception.)
5. Board Members have meeting Fri. Aug. 2 at 2:30 P.M. at Dorothy Perdue's home, near Griswold. Plan to reach Griswold early enough to attend, if possible. Non-Board Members meet first at 7:30 P.M., Fri. Aug. 2 at Church of Christ, Griswold.
6. Please send items for the Quarterly, and put on your Zip Code.
7. Send address changes promptly. Quarterlies are often destroyed if addressee moved out of town - or are returned 2 months late, postage due, to Editor.

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TRY TO COME TO IOWA!

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