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From President Brumbaugh

AS Shimer College enters the second century of its history, its future must be planned in challenging terms. The program in general education, introduced in 1950, which is well launched, must be expanded and refined as conditions and experience dictate. The financial structure of the institution must be expanded and re-enforced. Large endowments do not necessarily make great institutions but great institutions must have ample funds to enable them to secure outstanding faculties and to conduct distinguished programs of education. Regularly recurring contributions to the College constitute the equivalent of income from endowment. The plan for Living Endowment, therefore, has large possibilities and must be supported by growing numbers of friends and alumni.

The anticipated increase in enrolments of college students during the next few years raises the question, what should be the maximum size of Shimer College in order that it may carry on its work most effectively? The writer has urged all along that the trustees think in terms of an enrolment of 400 students. Obviously, this increase in enrolment will require an increase in the physical plant. New dormitories with additional dining hall and recreational facilities will be needed, the gymnasium will have to be enlarged,

library facilities will have to be increased, and additional classrooms and equipment will be required. Recognizing the service that Shimer College is in a position to render in the field of higher education, these projected needs should not appear to be visionary or impossible of achievement.

But whether Shimer moves in the direction of enlarged enrolment and increased physical facilities, it must ever continue to move toward offering an educational program of the highest quality. Only by providing education of outstanding excellence can private colleges like Shimer justify their existence and the demands which they make upon their constituency for their continuing support.

● Shimer College's 101st year opened this fall with a slightly larger enrolment than that of the preceding year. The students come from 27 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and Korea. New students arrived during the day, September 20, and on the following day began a series of placement tests, the results of which will determine the actual course registration of each student. The year had its official opening with a special convocation Monday evening, September 28, which was addressed by President A. J. Brumbaugh. A full schedule of classes was in operation on September 29.

The Centennial Cantata

SHIMER'S Centennial Arts Festival (May 8-11) reached its high point in a student performance of Frank Pooler's cantata, "America Was Promises," which had been commissioned by the College for this occasion. Based upon a long poem of the same name by Archibald MacLeish, distinguished American poet, Mr. Pooler's work is written for solo and choral voices with organ accompaniment; the musical sections of the work are connected by passages in which the verse is spoken alternately by a verse choir and by solo speakers.

As presented to a large and enthusiastic audience on the night of May 10, the cantata proved to be a vigorous and vivid composition with two principal themes in modern harmonic style. The first is a somewhat wistful recitative-like theme on a rising fourth, asking in various forms the question, "America was promises to whom?" The second is a sturdy rhythmic motif which anticipates the answer by tracing the shapes of the American dream and the movement of the people to the west. Throughout the work there are choruses of great melodic beauty contrasting with passages of effective solo recitative and the recurrent chant of the verse choir. The cantata ends with a thrilling climax as the chorus calls upon us all as living Americans to follow the pattern of our pioneer forefathers and take possession for us all of this great land of promises.

Interest in the production was enhanced for the alumni by the presence of Mme. Scott who sang the encore of one of the solos. It was a pleasure to hear again her rich well trained voice and feel her strong personality.

Records of the concert are still available through the office of the Dean of Students at Shimer to those who wish to contribute three dollars to the Shimer Choir Fund.

THE Alumni reunions planned for May brought many guests to the campus. One group that we had especially invited was the graduates of the old Mt. Carroll Seminary. There were 22 on the list whose addresses we knew and Mary Miles, '95, wrote a special invitation to each of them. Eight of them answered. It was a good idea but in the end no one of the group was able to come. Rose Glass who was on campus for a month writing the historical section for the July issue of the RECORD had attended the Seminary for two years and in point of time was the oldest graduate present.

The Faculty Reunion was better. Jane Eby, Piano '41-'49, was the chairman of the group and from 104 personal letters she had answers from 32 and 11 of these were here. It was good to see Dr. and Mrs. Eldon Burke. They returned in March 1951 from their 8 year stay in Germany. Dr. Burke has been doing part time teaching at Manchester College and between times he and Mrs. Burke manage the Burke farm near Walkerton, Indiana. The marriage of Alice Burke to David Van Vranken Wend on August 29, 1953 in Walkerton, Indiana was recently announced. Mr. and Mrs. Wend will be living in Ames, Iowa.

Other faculty members whom we do not often see in Mt. Carroll were: Madame Scott and her husband Adrian Newens, colorful and sympathetic guests, Edna C. Dunlap, French and German '04-'07, who had tales to tell of the fire in '06, and Elsie Comstock Doyle, '05 class, and assistant piano instructor.

There were 10 names on the list for the class of '03. Six answered the invitation and two were present to receive a memento gift, Clara Louise Ackerman of Morrison and Mae Hammond Wolfe of Mt. Carroll.

The Centennial Record has had many appreciative readers. It was sent

as you know to all alumni who have paid dues to either the National Association or to local chapters and to those who have co-operated in non-organized Shimer groups. Following are some of the comments made by those who have enjoyed the July issue.

I have read the Centennial Record from 'cover to cover' and looked at the pictures many times. Now I want to tell you how much I enjoyed it and how very much I enjoyed actually being with you for the celebration. I'd like to commend Rose Glass on her most interesting article. Those who did not attend can get through the Record some, but only a small part, of the pleasure we who were there experienced.

A.C.J.

On my return from a short trip to Florida I found the beautiful Centennial Anniversary Record. I am delighted to have it and have already glanced it through — taken the cream off, so to speak — but I am looking forward with a lot of pleasure to reading it through. It brings back those far away days, but too it shows the immense progress Shimer has made.

E.C.D.

An excellent job, and it will mean much to anyone who was, is or shall be connected with the institution.

H.N.

The July issue of the Record is a grand publication in every way and I am so glad to have a copy. The cover is so nice and the photographs are excellent, so varied and full of interest. I've really read the whole issue. The first part was as good as a 'best seller' but I did get slowed down on the 'Shimer College of Today' and shall reread some parts.

E.B.

To Rose Glass: 'I have read your sketch of those four score years and marvel over your skill in giving such an all embracing account of such a long period in so small a compass of space. It is only equaled by your intelligent and loving appreciation of the aims and purposes of those who made the way.

F.T.M.

To Rose Glass: Your history of the early days of Frances Shimer is the best piece of writing the Alumni News has ever produced. It was just delightfully written — both interesting and informative. You chose from the mass of material so wisely. You did a grand job."

S.M.A.

To Dr. Brumbaugh: Congratulations on your fine centennial celebration. A copy of the Centennial Anniversary Record has just come to my desk and brought me up to date. It is a fine Record and an excellent brochure.

R.D.H.

All members of the National Association or of Local groups will receive a copy of the RECORD free of charge. If you are not a member fill out the blank on the last page and send it to us.

FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF

Since it does not seem feasible to make a cut of The Shimer group in Los Angeles for the RECORD, the next best thing is to tell you of Mrs. McKee's great pleasure in seeing the photo. She wrote, "It gave me a real thrill; two old survivals from my own school days — Catherine Masten and Olive Hulsizer. Then Rena Eckern, Helen Huntoon, Pauline Hayward, Ada Ahlswede — who looks just as she did when she was in school. Eva Roberts, Ruth Cornelius, Winifred Ingalls, Helen Carr, Mabel Dougherty and her sister Lou who used to visit her at school — and on down through the list. It was almost as good as a reunion to see so many of the "scattered family." Too bad that there is not room for Mrs. McKee's entire letter. It is being sent to the Secretary of the Los Angeles Chapter. Perhaps they will have it read at their next meeting.

The Rev. George E. Hoffman (English, '37-'42) exchanged parishes from



SAMUEL JAMES CAMPBELL, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SINCE 1924 AND PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD SINCE 1934.

July to September this summer with the Rev. Ernest L. Gordon, vicar of Christ Church in Battersea, England. Father Hoffman was accompanied by his wife, Martha Barnhart Hoffman, '25 and his mother, Mrs. George Hoffman of Wilmette. He has recently been named rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at Paris, Ill.

Ellen Birkett, Shimer '38, who has been teaching in the Natural Sciences at Shimer since 1948, was married on August 15 in Mackinaw City, Michigan to Harry D. Thiers. Mr. Thiers is a member of the Faculty of Texas A. and M. university. They will reside at College Station, Texas.

Much interested help was given in collecting material for the historical account of Shimer by two faculty members, Clarence Millspaugh, English '40-'44 and Robert S. Burgess, Librarian '42-'43, in Albany, New York. Frances Wood and Cinderella Gregory were listed in the old records of the State Normal School at Albany as graduating on September 27, 1849.

Mr. Millspaugh is assistant to the President of the State University of New York, Albany, N.Y. and Mr. Burgess is Head of the Department of Librarianship at the State University College for Teachers at Albany. We were most grateful to these two former faculty members for the help they gave us.

L. Albert Wilson, (Dean '44-'49) from the American Embassy, Karachi:

"I have been handling the Training Program which has sent approximately 150 Pakistanis to the United States for advanced study or consultation and observation. We have found that this program is a pre-requisite" for success in any of the other projects in which TCA is working . . .

I have also been acting as Educational Advisor and have been instrumental in laying the ground work for the developmental programs in 10 educational programs in Pakistan. These

have to do with Agriculture, Forestry, Medicine, Engineering, Teaching and Business Administration."

Jacqueline Kramer is home from her two year term of service as Dramatics Director under Special Services of the Army. She has been resting at the Kramer summer home on Lake Huron and plans after a Shimer reunion in September with the "dirty eight" (Chafa, King, Molina, Elder, Bull, Geister, Frank) to spend a few days at Shimer.

Paul K. Miles died on March 29, 1953, in Savanna, Illinois, after a long illness. A prominent citizen and well known contractor of Savanna he was also a friend and benefactor of Shimer College. For ten years, 1933 to 1943 he was business manager and assistant treasurer of the college and gave without stint his energies and professional knowledge in behalf of the institution. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter Ann, Mrs. Harvey Christenson, of Peoria.

Hugh Wilson died in his home in Mt. Carroll on July 2. He was born in Ayrshire, Scotland and came to the United States when he was 17. From 1922 he was employed by the Savanna Construction Company and moved to Mt. Carroll in 1933 where he was Maintenance Foreman at Shimer until he became ill in 1949.

COUNTY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

● Interesting plans are being made for the meetings of the County Alumni Association this winter. The year opens with a 'gadget sale' to raise money for their scholarship fund and ends with the reunion picnic on campus in June when the new graduates are made members on the National Association.

Attention has been called to two errors in the July issue. On page 16, column 2, line 6 the word should be 'then' instead of 'than' and on page 48, line 5 should read Mr. S. J. Campbell instead of "Mrs."

MILDRED JAYNES

During her 25 years on the Shimer College Faculty Mildred Jaynes, through her work in Physical Education, has probably known intimately more girls than any other faculty member. She came to Shimer from Grand Rapids, Minn. where she had been instructor in Physical Education for three years following her graduation with an A.B. degree from Carleton College.

For several summers she took advanced work in special fields of physical education. Her work with the Red Cross swimming program was outstanding. Especially was she noted for her May Fete productions which drew huge audiences to the campus each year. She had received advanced training in dance in the Pavley Oukrainsky Ballet School and was able to get excellent results in the student productions at Shimer.

Since 1941 Miss Jaynes has been Director of Equitation for Shimer at the Glengarry Stables. Her station wagon will continue this coming year its daily trips to and from the stables carrying would-be blue ribbon winners.

In addition to her professional work Miss Jaynes has been active in many community enterprises, especially in promoting the Red Cross Blood Bank in the Mt. Carroll area.

Miss Pollard, English and Secretary to the President '16-'36, wrote four pages of reminiscences for the faculty reunion from which we have room for only a few.

"There are countless lovely memories, the Fourth of July Picnic that first year and meeting you and Henry Mackay who died that summer; the lovely walks; the picnics on Founder's Day; Mr. McKee's chapel talks . . . the Christmas party . . . the swimming pool; the Chapel speakers — Butler, Soares, Matthews and Amos Stagg . . . the flower beds I worked on; Celia and Emma; the pleasant times at Jessie's when she had her own house . . . the visit to

Jane Addams home; the dinner we had to greet the expected arrival of Madame Scott; what fun they all were!"



ELLEN FRANCKE IRWIN

Dear Alums:

They tell me that West Hall Lounge is now a delight to behold. So even though our Centennial goal was not fulfilled as grandly as we had hoped, some of us helped and its the spirit that counts. After all the letters that I labored over to some of you about how to raise a little money as painlessly as possible, the Washington group came forth with their contribution produced by the simplest process ever divined, the plain little old fashioned piggy-bank. What could be easier.

Maybe that's an idea for collecting your own National dues — those two dollars you are always meaning to send in. In a few months, long before the year is over, you'll have the two dollars and you can quick send it in to Miss Hostetter at the Alumni Headquarters on campus and be a card carrying member. Let's see who can save it up the fastest.

Cordially

Ellen Francke Irwin



MR. SCHATZ



MR. GILLETTE



MR. AKSENAVICIUS



MRS. McBRIDE



MR. GIBSON

INTRODUCING THE NEW SHIMER FACULTY

• Mr. Leo Schatz, of Brownsville, Texas, has his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Cornell University and has completed two years of advanced studies at the University of Minnesota. During the past year Mr. Schatz was employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as a physiologist. Mr. Schatz has published one research paper and has others in preparation. Mr. and Mrs. Schatz and their three children, Ellen, age 4, Harry, age 2 and Carol Dale age 8 months, will make their home in Mt. Carroll.

• Mr. Roy Gillette did his undergraduate work at Wayne University, Detroit, and received his doctor's degree from Washington University, St. Louis. He has taught general biology and embryology at Washington University, John Hopkins University, and in the College of the University of Chicago. He has been interested in the problems of general education at the college level and has had considerable experience with the University of Chicago College courses in biology. His special research interests are in the chemistry and physiology of growth and development. Mr. Gillette and his wife Beatrice make their home in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. They have three daughters, Suzanne, 10, Jeanne, 8, and Alice, 2.

• Mr. Stan Aksenvicius attended the University of Kaunas in his native country of Lithuania from 1932 to 1936, and again in 1941-'42. From 1937 to 1939 he studied French and German at the Sorbonne in Paris. His career as a teacher in a gymnasium in Lithuania was terminated by his becoming a political refugee from the Communists. As a refugee scholar he taught in Germany until he was able to come to the United States in 1951. Finding it impossible to secure a teaching appointment in this country he accepted a clerical position with a business organization in Chicago. He is now serving as a member of the Shimer faculty as an intern for the purpose of becoming acquainted with American education. His major responsibility will be to assist in teaching French.

• Marguerite Poor McBride received her B.S. degree in the School of Library Science, Simons College, Boston, Mass. She has had five years experience in cataloguing, classification and reference work in the John Crerar Library, Chicago. She is the wife of D. Eldridge McBride who has been on the Shimer faculty since 1944. She was acting librarian at Shimer 1946-1947. They have two children ages six and eight.

• Mr. Morgan Gibson has come to Shimer College from the State University of Iowa where he received an M.A. in English Literature and taught contemporary world literature while

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completing most of the requirements for a doctorate. His understanding of literature as an art has been stimulated by participation in creative writing work shops there directed by Paul Engle, Robert Lowell, and other poets and novelists.

He believes he began preparing unconsciously to teach at Shimer when he entered fourth grade of the Laboratory Schools at the University of Chicago to remain through the high school and a year of the college. His convictions concerning liberal education were largely evolved from his experience there. He completed his undergraduate work at Oberlin College, was married the following summer, and is at present enchanted by a two year old daughter.

Mr. Gibson's other special interests are: William Blake whose fusion of art and religion is a source of faith and the subject of a dissertation he is preparing; painting and linoleum block printings and music, particularly folk songs which he plays on the recorder.

THE COLLEGE AND THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The first Baptist Church and Shimer College have had close and significant relationships which go back almost a century. They begin in 1854 when Frances Ann Wood, later Mrs. Shimer, and Cindarella Gregory, her associate in the Seminary, joined the Baptist Church, the thirty second and thirty third members of the congregation which had organized August 28, 1853. Dr. Henry Shimer joined in 1857, having been baptized as a boy in Chester County, Penn. by the Reverend J. V. Allison, who was the first minister of this church. The large circular window at the east end of the building was given by Dr. Shimer as a memorial to Rev. Allison.

Before the erection of the first church building, in 1854, Misses Wood and Gregory offered the use of the Seminary building to the church for its 'Sabbath School'; two years later the Church offered the use of its building

to the Seminary. When the church building was destroyed in May, 1894, Miss Joy and Dr. Shimer served on the building committee, and Mrs. Shimer gave the pipe organ, used for fifty-five years until recently replaced. At a roll-call of the church in 1900 Mrs. Shimer contributed \$1000 to the "society so long sustained by the dear sisters, who have so nobly stood by the financial condition of the church." Likewise, every important fund-raising effort for the college undertaken in the community was led by Baptists.

The Rev. William Parker McKee, Dean of the Academy, frequently occupied the pulpit. The church clerk noted the thanks of the church for his "scholarly sermons and his kindness in ministering to us. The church takes special pleasure in calling particular attention (in the report to the Dixon Association) to the Frances Shimer Academy of the University of Chicago, the successor of the Mt. Carroll Seminary. Many of the teachers and pupils are members of the church, and more are members of the congregation . . . We rejoice in the progress the Academy makes and we have done our best to assist it in financial and moral support. We commend the Academy to the interest and affection of the churches of the Association."

In March, 1921, the Rev. George C. Fetter, the pastor, wrote in his letter of resignation: "It has been a privilege to minister to the students of Frances Shimer School. The opportunity of teaching Sociology in this institution has been a source of intellectual stimulus and development to me personally. I have also tried as best I could to fill an obligation which the church owes to the School because of the part Mrs. Shimer played in the early history of the church and the part the school has always played in its life and activity."

In the life of this church there has never been a time, after the first year, when there was not important partici-

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SCATTERED FAMILY

Editor's note: Because the January issue of the Record was brief and the April issue was the Centennial program and the July issue was the Centennial number, much alumni news has accumulated. Many long and delightful letters have been omitted or drastically condensed and if the tenses of the verbs are wrong in some cases, please forgive the editor and send in the needed changes.

1894

Mary Bryant Barthell was a campus visitor during the summer. We are always glad to have the 'old sem' girls return to see us.

1901

Leona May Hess sent us an account of the death of her father, William H. Hess, in August, 1942, at the age of 99 years and six months. He received his first schooling in 1858 in the basement of the Mt. Carroll Seminary. Even in his late nineties he enjoyed recalling his acquaintance with Dr. and Mrs. Shimer and Miss Joy.

1918

Ruth Stellhorn Mackensen is still with the Army Map Service. She called on Miss Pollard recently in her home in Middlebury, Vermont, for a morning's chat and wrote, "What a glorious time Polly is having."

1922

Willo Coleman Wilkinson died suddenly on March 16 at her home in Los Angeles, Calif. She is survived by her husband and son, Robert.

1923

Della Hinshaw Wheeler presented to the college recently two original serigraphs to be added to our print collection. Such gifts from alumnae are most welcome and useful.

Deceased on Sept. 10, 1952, Leota Blow (Mrs. William) Boetticher.

1926

Dorothy Slick Jeddell writes, "We are busier than ever. My husband is market manager for Pure Milk Association and Sunday School Superintendent. I am working on my Master's degree from Indiana University and teaching reading in the department (Gr. 4-5-6) of LaSalle School at Mishawaka, Indiana." Dorothy has a daughter who is a Junior in High School and a son in the first grade.

Often we do not hear from our foreign students after they leave school. Selma Arosemena is an exception. For 18 years she has been working for HASMO, S.A. Distributors where she is Office Manager and Secretary and Treasurer of the company. Her address is P.O. Box 1272, Panama, R. of P.

1927

Farilyn Crooker Storm is living in Indianapolis where she works as assistant office manager for a large Chevrolet dealer. She has a son 16 years old who is looking forward to engineering in College.

Marjorie Strong Brown was married to Charles Marko on November 1, 1952 at the Oneonta Congregational Church in South Pasadena, Calif.

1930

Connie Bassett Rector and her husband, Lt. Colonel Roscoe G. Rector are on a three year tour of duty with the air force and are now living in Florence, Italy. Jean Cabeen hopes to visit them this fall.

1932

Almost a whole page of the Chicago Tribune on April 24 was devoted to Ruth Richardson Clarke and her sandwiches. A large picture showed Ruth at work and four other pictures showed the results of her skill. Ruth is a Home Economist with the American Institute of Baking, in Chicago.

1933

Janette Frissell Weber, (Mrs. Frederick C. Weber, Jr.) has written a long and delightful letter of her activities. "I am up to my ears and have been for years in various board jobs around town as the Woman's Club, Y.W.C.A., Public Health Nursing and most recently the League of Women Voters. For the past two years I have been chairman of International Relations which has involved me with United Nations work which I love. My committee and I speak before church groups, schools, etc. on various subjects in general attempt to stimulate interest in the U.N. My most recent venture was to take 50 women into the U.N. and arrange for tickets, luncheon in the Delegates' Dining Room, and other details. It is interesting to note that the U.N. has become the No. 1 tourist sight-seeing tour in New York." Janette and her husband have recently announced the birth of a second daughter, Sally, on June 26. Their other children are Susan, age 11, and Stephen, age 5. Their address is 99 Maheer Ave., Greenwich, Conn.

Frances Summerville Machenheimer has been living for five years in Seattle, Wash. She visited campus in June with her husband and two children, Peter, age 9, and Kristine, age 7. Their address is 7015 S.E. 20th, Mercer Island, Wash. Mr. Machenheimer is manager of the Machenheimer Co. an office doing overloads of printing, typing and calculating for other concerns.

1934

After four years in the army Madelyn Miller was in active reserve for a brief time and later graduated from U.S.C. in Journalism. Since then her work has been mainly publicity and public relations. She is in publicity for Bullock's Downtown, the leading Los Angeles retail store. Madelyn attended the luncheon in Los Angeles last fall. The talk by Dr. Wilcox she found most interesting. "The many changes he related were almost too much to believe."

Gertrude Wilkinson has been for fifteen years physical therapist at the Howe Orthopedic School in Green Bay, Wisconsin. During the past summer she served on the staff of the Cerebral Palsy Center in Madison, a joint project of the Wisconsin Association for the Disabled, the University of Wisconsin Medical School and the Bureau for Handicapped Children.

Martha Jane Fields has returned to her home town, South Bend, Indiana, where she will be in charge of the employee training program for Wyman's department store.

1937

Ida Marie Gurney Kelly and her husband announce the birth of a son, John Franklin, on December 23, 1952.

1938

Ann Orvis Cubbon and her two sons are with Mr. Orvis in Europe for two years. Perhaps we shall have a letter from Ann in our next issue.

Ruth Helen Rosholt Banghart and her husband announce the birth of a daughter, Susan, in Mill Valley, Calif. They have two boys, Jimmie and Kim.

From **Marion McCarthy Allen**: "The longer I am away from Shimer the more I reflect on old friends and all the good times we used to share while we were at Shimer . . . Needless to say, with four wild little boys, 6, 5, 3 and 2, running about, my periods of reflection are somewhat scattered, but ever so often thoughts of living in a woman's world once more strikes me as a very happy environment. We have been on the farm now for two years and though I still don't like it wholeheartedly, I find my self resenting less and less playing second fiddle to cows, chickens and the great outdoors."

Mary Kellogg Johnson lives in Belvidere, Illinois. She has two boys and she and Marion see each other from time to time.

1939

Shirley Bruns Nielson and her husband announce the birth of a son, David Bruce, on February 13, 1953 in Orange, New Jersey.

1940

Virginia Williamson was married on June 27 to Joseph J. Suess of Milwaukee, Wis. They are living in Hanover, Ill.

Mary Hall has announced the receiving of her M.D. degree at Marquette University with a bit of poetry of which we give you the last stanza:

'Tis now '53, the year of degree,
And to old friends and family
She'd like you to know
It's been a long way to go,
But at last she's affixed that M.D.

Margaret Van Patter Flaten visited campus recently with her husband and two children, Paul, age 6, and Randi, age 4. Paul expects to return some day and ring the bell in Metcalf tower. Margaret recently represented Shimer College at the inauguration of the new president of Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. The Flatens live in Wayzata, Minn. a suburb of Minneapolis.

1941

Alice Bro Racher received her M.D. degree from the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska, in June in Omaha.

Dr. Emanuel and Alice Bro Racher announced the birth of a son, David Andrew, on October 10, 1952 in Omaha.

Elsie Howarth Yerkey has been our corresponding secretary for the Detroit area. **Barbara Ramsey Wright** and **Elsie** attended the Centennial in May. In regard to her activities **Elsie** wrote, "We have taken up the hobby of harness racing. We are now planning our stable which I would like to be on the order of Glengarry Stables." **Elsie** is President of American Legion Auxiliary Post 413 at Grand Blanc, Michigan.

On July 4, **Anne McKnight Rogosin** won new honors in Naples, Italy, singing the title role in La Gioconda. Maestro **Tulpio Serafin** is quoted as saying, "She is the most promising American singer of the year. If she goes to the Metropolitan she will bring the house to its feet."

Myrtie Heinze Mohlman and her husband announce the birth of a son, Jonathan William, on June 28, 1953.

Betty Ann Taylor Schorger is living at 820 E. Alton St., Appleton, Wis. Her husband is in the advertising department of the Marathon Corporation, Menasha, Wisconsin.

Barbara Stoughton Goodrich and her husband announce the birth of a daughter, Vicki Diane, on April 8, 1953. They have a son Scott Judson, age 2.

Helen Elizabeth Young was married March 28 in Urbana, Ill. to **Kenneth A. Mitchell** of Chester, New Hampshire. Mr. Mitchell is employed at Bell and Howell in Optical Inspection in Chicago. **Helen** is employed in Spauldings Jewelry in the Drake Hotel, Chicago.

Judy Ritenour French is working for Sunset Magazine. Her address is 751 DeSota Drive, Palo Alto, Calif.

1944

Since finishing her work at Smith College, **Caroline Koch** has held two chemical lab jobs in Chicago. Since September, '52 she has been at the University of Illinois working on a Masters in Chemistry which she will get at the end of the summer session.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Crane (Ilene Greenberg) announce the birth of a son Samuel Robert on February 14, 1953.

1945

Betty Bisdorf was married on June 14, 1953, to Dr. C. L. Layton, Jr. at Bellevue, Iowa. They will make their home at Honolulu, Hawaii, where Dr. Layton will be on the staff of the Strong-Carter dental clinic for children. For the past three years **Betty** has been girls' counselor at Muscatine high school. Dr. Layton served four years as a navy pilot and graduated in June from the college of dentistry at the University of Iowa.

Janet Creith Harrison and her husband announce the birth of a son, Michael Kay, on March 13, 1953.

1952 was an eventful year for **Jean Os-good**. In May she toured Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Haiti and Jamaica. On July 3 she was married to E. James Nelson and took a wedding trip thru Canada-destination Montreal. They are now living in Chicago where Mr. Nelson is employed by General Motors, Electromotive Division and Jean by Ford Motor Co. — Aircraft Engine Division.

Dorothy Johnson Glonek is now living in Daly City, Calif. and thinks this moving around is the only drawback to being a F.B.I. agent's wife. She is still working for United Air Lines and finds her co-workers in San Francisco just as fine to work with as they were in Los Angeles.

1946

Peggy Knapp Trenton is living in Jacksonville, Florida where her husband is salesman with Uarco, Inc. Their address is 1360 Huftingham Lane. They have a nice brick house in the country and after living in crowded Chicago the country space and air seems wonderful to their two daughters, ages 4 and 3 and "to their Boxer pup, Major."

Betty Weidler McReynolds and her husband have moved into a lovely new home in Arlington Heights. They have three children.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Blanchard (Caroline Williams) announce the birth of a son, Richard Sheldon, on January 13, 1952.

Rita Montag was married on Nov. 2, 1952 to **Bernard Berks**, a lawyer in Chicago. They are living at 2028 W. Lunt Ave., Chicago.

Marjorie Cox has been employed as a stenographer in a welfare department for a year and a half. She likes her work very much, has recently bought a new Ford, and took a plane trip for her vacation this summer. Her address is Box 154, Summitville, Ind.

Any of you Chicago Alums have a suppressed desire to learn Ceramics, Weaving, Sculpture, Firing enamels, Silk screen? All these things are handcrafted and taught by Florence Spuehler and her associate, 'Nell,' in a creative Workshop which they have recently opened at 120 East Delaware Place, Chicago, Ill. Telephone Whitehall 4-5328.

And more than that. For a limited time they offer eight hours of free instruction with each purchase of their ceramic kit at a price of only eight dollars. Their announcement card is most attractive.

Doris Gunter Streib writes, "We have moved to Iowa City, Iowa. My husband is on the faculty of the University of Iowa and is teaching Engineering Drawing. We bought a home in Coralville, which is a suburb of Iowa City and have been very busy getting acquainted with our new environment. Our address is 408 Chapman, Route 1, Iowa City, Iowa.

G. Forbes Bastian, Marine Corps, husband of **Carol Spiering** was killed in a plane crash recently in New Orleans, La. The accident happened when a navy plane taking Marine reservists to New Orleans crashed into a drainage canal and killed five occupants. Carol and her husband have been living in New Orleans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gifford, Dona Schoening, announce the birth of a son, **Timothy Ralph**, on November 30, in Lanark, Ill.

Donna Zipprich McEncroe and her husband announce the birth of a second son, on July 3, 1952. They have moved to 632 Brent Ave. So. Pasadena, Calif.

Joyanne Blount is now Mrs. **Frederick Mills**. They are living in Urbana, Ill. Faculty Apts. 300 S. Goodwin St.

Such a good letter from **Barbara Walther** deserves to be printed intact: "I hear you are now a part of the University of Chicago. Congratulations. I surely miss 'ye good ole' days at Shimer and that 'ole' gang o' mine." It's wonderful to receive the Shimer News so I can keep up on everyone. All are married and have children but me. I am still single and happy.

After I graduated from Shimer in '47 I attended the University of Oklahoma for one year. Then I spent two years at Chillothe College in Missouri from which I received a diploma in Junior Accounting and also my secretarial training. At present I am a secretary for my brother in the Walther Motor Company. After the new year I want to attend the University of Illinois or enter training to become an airline stewardess. I know that whatever I do decide to do my training and the poise I learned at Shimer will be at my side."

After two years at Oberlin **Alice Shaddle** entered the Art Institute of Chicago. Right now she is taking a general course but her goal is to be some day an artist in residence at Shimer.

A fine appreciative letter came from **Patricia Doud Rolfsen**. She gave good news of herself. "After leaving Shimer, I continued my art work by doing Interior Decorating in Rochester's largest department store. I also tried to carry on the excellent training given me by Madame Scott by singing in our church choir and with the Rochester Grand Opera Company. For seven years I have been a fashion model which keeps me busy two and three days a week. Have done quite a bit of work with the Children's Theatre through our Junior League here, and this year I have been made chairman of that project."

Delores Wilhelms was married June 27 to **J. Harlan Meiners**. They are living in Ashton, Ill. Mr. Meiners is in the Advertising Department of Crest Foods.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ottens, (Myra Schaut) announce the birth of a daughter on February 9, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Croft, (Betty Jo Guyan), announce the birth of a daughter, **Stephanie Gail**, on June 15, 1953.

Margaret Nehls was married on May 27, 1953 to **Frank David Gorman** at Harvard University Chapel, Cambridge, Mass.

June Wolff Hubbard, (Mrs. George B.) and her husband were callers this summer. They were married in Columbus, Ohio, June 6, 1952. June was graduated from Ohio State University in December, 1951 with a B.S. in Education. Mr. Hubbard is an electrical engineer with Good-year Aircraft, Akron, Ohio. Their address is 306 Cole Ave., North Canton, Ohio

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Kathryn Horton is medical social worker for the Alfred Benjamin Dispensary in Kansas City, Mo. After leaving Shimer she attended Richmond Professional Institute in Richmond, Va. and after graduation did post-graduate work at the University of Iowa. Her present address is 19 West 85th St. Kansas City, Mo.

Joanne Salberg was a senior at the University of Illinois last year.

Paula Norris Gits and her husband announce the birth of a daughter, **Frances Mary**, on July 30, 1952. They are living at 341 Scottswood, Riverside, Ill.

Martha Phillips Cies and her husband announce the birth of a son, **William Michael** on July 26. They also have a daughter **Deborah Louise**, age 2. Mr. Cies is Sales Correspondent at Northwestern Steel and Wire Co. Sterling, Ill.

Margaret Spengler Scott and family are now living in Waukesha, Wis. where Mr. Scott is Assistant Professor in Speech and head of the Speech Department at Carroll College. They have two sons **David**, age two and a half years, and **Billy** age six months. Their address is 116 Wright St. Waukesha, Wis. Margaret asks about alumni meetings near Milwaukee. There should be a large group in that area.

Joan Pflugradt was married on September 15, 1951 to **August J. Roggenbauer**. They have a daughter born August 16, 1952 in Milwaukee, Wis.

Mona Newcomer Sorensen is in the personnel office in Clark Mfg. plant in Rockford and likes her work very much. Her home is in Belvidere where her husband, a civil engineer, and a Yale graduate, has an office.

Arlene Sorby Rasmussen and her husband announce the arrival of a daughter, **Sandra Lee**, on September 14, 1952. The baby has a brother **Carl**, two years old. Arlene would like to have news of her old roommate, **Andy Koss**, now Mrs. **William Adams**.

Arlene and her family have recently moved to Arlington, Wisconsin, a small town north of Madison where Mr. Rasmussen and his father are establishing a new hardware and plumbing business. They are living in a huge modernized farm house with a big lawn, lots of shade trees and a fine view.

Marie Kent Effenberger and her husband have their first son, **Charles Kent**, born April 27, 1953. They have almost completed their new home in Escondido, Calif., Star Route, Box 90. They have a chicken ranch.

Alida Tolman was married on February 14, 1953 to **Donald Norman Baster** in Chicago.

1949

Mary Lou Council has left United Airlines and has been a reporter for the Aurora Beacon News.

Shirley Swanson has been living with her parents in Miami, Florida where she teaches first grade at Hialeah Elementary School. Her spare time is filled with work in the Miami Shores Little Theatre group. Her address is 1215 N. E. 97th St., Miami, Fla.

Sally Elder married Paul Luke Flynn on December 6, 1952 in Bryan, Ohio. Paul is in the army and has been overseas in Korea. Sally is working in Chicago.

Lt. and Mrs. Earle A. Malkin (Phyllis Kaufman) announce the birth of a daughter, Sherri Lynn on March 30 at the U. S. Army Hospital, Ft. Eustis, Virginia.

Mary Von Spach was married in June, 1953 to William Klumb of Milwaukee.

Barbara Jean Byrne has been having unusual and exciting adventures for the past year at the U. S. Embassy in Baghdad. Leaving a job at the Armour Laboratories she joined a group of 32 Chicago area young women recruited for jobs overseas in embassies and consulates of the U. S.

Rosemary Cerny was married on August 1 at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church to Stanley J. Vachta. Rosemary has been teaching during the past year and working on her Master's degree at DePaul. Mr. Vachta is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is at present employed as Chief Engineer with Servaire Inc. of Oak Park, Ill.

Lois Reiss Homer and her husband announce the birth of their second son, Fred Samuel, on November 14, 1952. Their older son Jeffery is two years old.

Pat Fisher is Mrs. Fred Essen living at Daytona Beach, Florida, Box 1307.

Pam Maddock is Mrs. James Mattox, stationed in Elkhorn, Wis. at the Air Force Base.

Joan Stark Bause and her husband have moved their trailer home to Fort Bliss, Texas, where they will remain for at least a year while Mr. Bause continues his training with the anti-aircraft school.

1950

Carol Kness plans to enter the University of Wisconsin in February to major in business administration. After leaving Drake University Carol worked for year and a half for the president of the D-Con Company in Chicago and greatly enjoyed that type of work.

Virginia Nelson was married on October 18 in Houston, Texas to Mr. O. B. Dommersnals, a petroleum Engineer for Texas Co. They are living at Daisetta, Texas.

Anne Reber was married on June 4 to Nobby Gullotta in Rockford, Ill. Anne is bookkeeper at the Globe Imperial Corporation in Rockford. Their present address is 422 Whitman St.

Ann Grarup Koenigsberg and her family are now settled in Sheffield, Iowa. She has a son nearly two years old. Ann was graduated in 1952 from the University of Iowa with a B.A. in Home Economics.

Margaret Clifford was graduated in June from McMurray College with a B.S. in Physical Education. She plans to join the Waves.

Barbara Tonsor was graduated from Drake University in June 1952. During the past year she has been assistant registrar at the Wisconsin College of Music which enrolls about 1700 students.

Polly Eberhart is Mrs. Leslie Goslin and is living in Des Moines doing semi-professional work in Ceramics and Silk Screen.

Betty Gossard graduated from Northern Illinois State Teachers College on May 31 and will be teaching second grade in Walnut, Ill. this fall.

Arden Cummings Hyde and her husband announce the birth of a daughter, Denise, on March 24, 1953.

Marilyn Smith was married November 29, 1952 to S/Sgt. Quinton E. P. Price in Park Ridge. Carol Kness, '50, and Shirley Axelson Natale, '51, were two of her attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haenel (Nancy Binner) announce the birth of a son, William Paul, on March 1, 1952 in Evanston, Ill. They are living in Denver, Colo.

1951

A letter from Mary Lou Lundgren from Tokyo, Japan: "Since I've been in the army I've seen quite a bit of the country. Illinois to Virginia to California to Japan takes in quite a bit of territory . . . Japan is a fascinating country. The people, customs, foods are all so different. I'm really enjoying it here. I work in the file section of D-4 (supply) at Pershing Heights. That is the name given to the head quarters of the Far East Command. G-4 is on the top floor of the building and General Mark Clark's offices are on the second. There are three flag poles in front of the building. One is used if there is a visitor from another country at the Headquarters. For instance the South Korean flag was flown the day a South Korean Air Force Colonel was there. Our own flag is flown from one of the poles and the U.N. flag is flown from the center pole. That's really a beautiful flag and one the whole world should be proud of. Every night at retreat an honor guard lowers those flags."

Mary Lou would appreciate news from her friends. Her address is:

Private Mary L. Lundgren W.A. 8505440
G-4 File Section HqsF E C

APO 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Nancy Ann Hommedew was married to Maurice Dean Houston in Mt. Carroll on September 6. Nancy last year attended Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Mr. Houston is a graduate of Iowa State where he received his B.S. degree in ceramic engineering in June. He is employed by the Cincinnati Milling Company. They will reside at 3536 Washington Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Richard L. Gifford was married on June 7, 1953 to Shirley Ann McKinley of Chatsworth, Ill. They are living in Normal, Ill. until Dick has finished his work at the College.

Harriet Lawyer is a junior in music at the University of Texas.

Barbara Smead and JoAnne Nicolay worked last summer in the Navy Department in Washington, D.C. Barbara has been attending the University of Michigan.

Sylvia Garnhart Nelson and her husband announce the birth of a daughter, Terry Lee, on December 10, 1952. They are living in Freeport, Ill. where Mr. Nelson is a business executive in the W. T. Rawleigh Co.

Catherine Franke was married on Sept. 13, 1952 to Gilbert C. Michel in Rochester, Mich. They are living in San Diego, Calif. until Mr. Michel finishes schooling at U. S. Navy Teletype School.

After her graduation from Bucknell University in June **Margaret Bwint** was a Counselor at Seaside Camp, Conanicut Island, Jamestown, R. I. She sailed from New York, August 19 for a two weeks' visit in England before going on to Rangoon, Burma.

1952

Sec'y. **Margaret Hoag**, 6110 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

Margaret Hoag and **Pat Smith**, '53, plan to be "apartment" mates in Cleveland this winter. Pat will be studying at the Cleveland School of Art.

Evelyn Heims was married to **Patrick Parker** on November 12, 1952 in San Francisco, Calif. They are living at 35 Buena Vista Terrace, San Francisco.

1953

Class Sec'y. **Mary Jeanes**, 2613 University, Austin, Texas.

Marvin Gluck is entering the armed service in September.

Collam Kneale is attending Pratt Institute in New York.

Graduates attending the University of Chicago are **Richard Freedman**, **Kirk McMichael**, **Paul Orsay**, **Charles Warner** and **Art Hilgart**. Others who are finishing their course in Chicago are **Leonardo Herzenberg**, **Carol Reevman**, **Arnold Schecter**, **Winifred Vanderwalker**, and **Joe Midler**.

Jerry Kristian and **Mary Jeanes** are at the University of Texas in the College of Arts and Sciences, Mary to study Spanish and Jerry Physics.

Tom Kolls and family have moved to Dallas, Texas to live and Tom is enrolled in S.M.U. in the School of Business Administration as a sophomore.

Si Reynolds reports that he has received his appointment to Air Cadet School. It is a 12 month course with an officers rating awaiting him at the other end—navigation, etc. He will be stationed in Texas.

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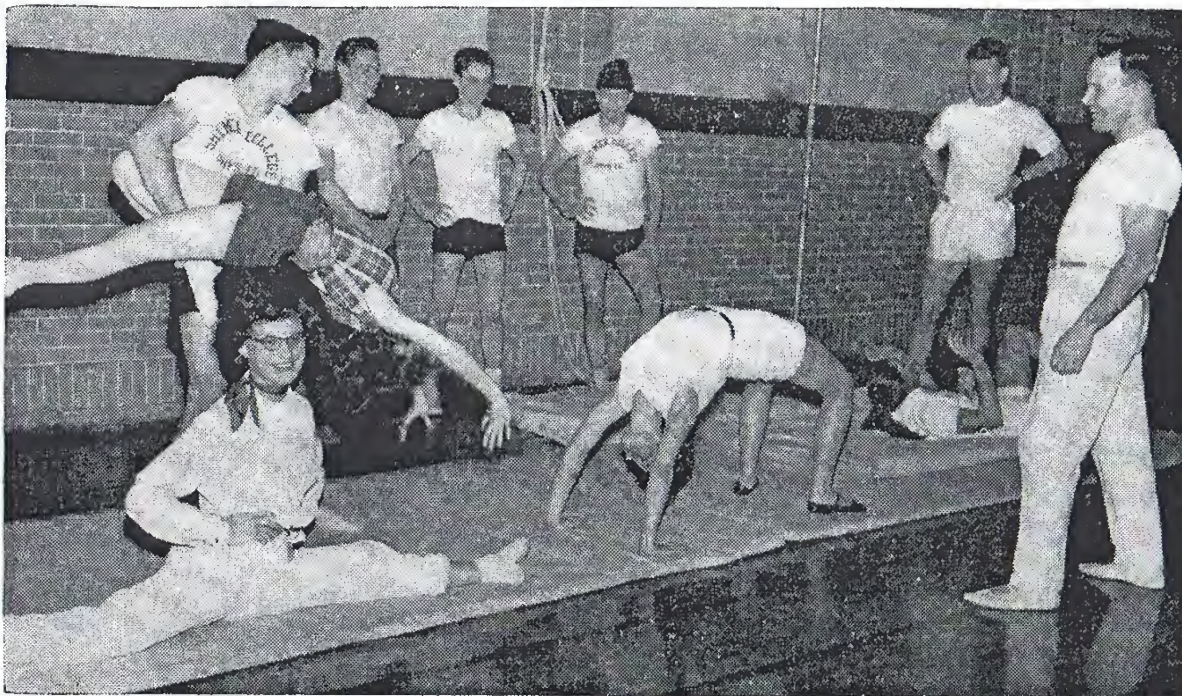
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ACROBATIC ACTIVITY FROM CENTENNIAL RECORD

(Continued from page 8)

pation by the people of the Church in the College program and leadership.

(The preceding article was read by President A. J. Brumbaugh at the Baptist Church on May 10, 1953, at the beginning of the Centennial year of the Church. The church in co-operation with the college is raising a fund with a goal of \$2000 to be shared by the Church and the College. A generous donor has pledged to match any amount raised by the campaign up to \$1,000; more than \$400 has been raised and the fund is growing. Your gift to the Centennial fund can be sent by December 1, 1953 to the First Baptist Church c/o Mr. Nathaniel Miles, Mt. Carroll.)

ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition of works by students from the Shimer College art department was shown at Mandel Brothers in August. The Sun-Times Art reporter commented, "The exhibition which will continue throughout the month, is by no means that of a professional art school. Shimer students, who evidently are given a great deal of freedom, are encouraged to consider art in its broader and cultural aspects. The outstanding exhibitor in the show is Norman Wilson of Chi-

cago. With some two dozen works on view Wilson displays an interest in many forms of expression, including conservative, abstract, surrealist and non-objective. . . . His caricature in pastel, "Rex Styzens," is especially well done." Other Chicago students mentioned are Sally Wanzer and Erin Libby.

Blendon Kneale, art instructor at Shimer, included a large group of his own water colors and oils and Mrs. Kneale showed pieces of sculpture and pottery.

WEST HALL LOUNGE

As usual there has been some re-furnishing of lounges and student rooms this fall. Twelve new chairs went to Hathaway rooms, a little more masculine in appearance than the older ones with the flounces, but best of all are the new furniture and drapes in West Hall Lounge. Gifts from trustees, alumni and friends have made possible couches, chairs, tables and two Welch dressers of Rank Oak, and deep red drapes, apron length, of sail cloth which make the room bright and homelike. More gifts are needed to complete the furnishings. HOW ABOUT MAKING THIS THE PROJECT FOR YOUR ALUMNI GROUP THIS YEAR?

Autumn Quarter Events

Of special interest to alumni and friends

- OCT. 31 - NOV. 1 PARENTS' WEEK-END
Parents and friends are cordially invited to the various activities on campus.
- OCT. 31 ENTERTAINMENT SERIES:
The Pedal Marionettes of Coffey-Miller present "The Rivals". Metcalf Chapel 8:00 p.m.
- DEC. 2 ENTERTAINMENT SERIES:
Mr. Cleveland Grant presents a bird and animal lecture illustrated with natural color motion pictures, Metcalf Chapel 7:30 p.m.
- DEC. 5 FALL PROM
- DEC. 13 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC, COLLEGE GYM
 7:30 P.M.

FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER OF THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Cash on Hand May 13, 1952\$ 616.99

RECEIPTS

Membership dues to May 9, 1953..... 393.00

Endowment Fund
 (15% of total received)..... 99.75

Special Gift for West Hall Lounge..... 55.00

Total Receipts\$1,164.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Incidentals for Alumni Tea.....\$ 7.40

Scholarship Fund 500.00

½ of dues rec'd paid to college for
 RECORD expenses 196.50

Total\$ 703.90

Balance in Bank.....\$ 460.84

Three year summary of paid memberships and endowment gifts:

Paid Members	1950-'51	64	
	1951-'52	77	
	1952-'53	168	
Endowment	1950-'51	32 donors	\$ 280.00
	1951-'52	48 donors	341.00
	1952-'53	99 donors	665.00

Goal for 1953-'54 300 members and \$1,000.00 for endowment.

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