

**"BRIGADOON" (Continued)**

Jean Lucente as Maggie Anderson; Don Neiman as Andrew MacLaren; Bruce Weir as Archie Beaton; Arthur Earle as Angus McGuffie; Alexander Kennedy as Mr. Lundie; Frank Olmes as Frank the bartender; and Bette McCormick as Jane Ashton.

**Dancing Chorus**

The large dancing chorus of eight includes: Dixie Dugan, Dorothy Gardner, Ruth Gardner, Ruth Heydt, David Cook, John Leiper, Walter Rubel and Richard Swartz.

Singing and cavorting through the show are these chorus members: Jean Ball, Lina Carauddo, Shirley Connor, Alice Draving, Jean Fischer, Barbara Glueck, Betty Lockyer, Lillian McElhone, Myrtle Neiman, Florence Ober, Claire Parker, Peg Raiser, Mary Schrader, Lee Shriver, June Worthington and Anne Zerbe.

Male chorus members are: Ralph Angstadt, Dick Carpenter, John Castor, Trevor Clinton, Roger Dudley, Lester Earnest, Elmer Fischer, William Montgomery, John Raiser, Edward Robson, Walter Rubel and William Scott.

Betty Solly is directing her sixth show for the Music Theater and Thelma O'Brien, of Glenside, immediate past President, is again conducting the dialogue. Elizabeth Weir is official accompanist for the seventh year. C. Eugene Moore, of Abington, is President of the Theater and Donald Neiman is Vice President. The assistant Director is Frank Olmes and the Secretary and Treasurer are Florence Ober and Walter Young respectively. Kay Eckert and Jean Lucente are handling the choreography in this new venture in dancing scope.

**Business Staff**

Appointed Business Manager in 1956 is Marvin Neely, Jr., of Wyncote, and Harley Shriver, Jr., is Stage Manager. Committee chairman assisting him are Taylor Oughton, art director, set designer and painting; Lois Gerding, costumes; Esper Dix, publicity; Robert Solly, program advertising; Jack Garvin, tickets; W. Richard Gerding, properties; Norman Bee-

bee, house; Don Neiman, program; William Schrader, lighting; and Betty Oughton, makeup. Librarian is Lillian Shriver.

Over 1800 attended last year's production of "The Student Prince" by Sigmund Romberg. Tickets for all three nights are sold out early so you are urged to contact any member of the company or chairman (and Alumni President) Jack Garvin, 648 Edge Hill Rd., Glenside, at Turner 4-7486 or business manager Marvin Neely.

**GHOST GOSSIP (Continued)**

West Palm Beach, Fla., on June 17 . . .

**William Bliss**, Roslyn, has been promoted by Leeds and Northrup Co., Germantown, to a station head in the inspection dept. Bliss is chairman of the Science Club committee of council, the governing group of the company's Cooperative Assn. On the lighter side, he plays the saxophone and clarinet in the firm's Hillbilly band . . . **Sp./3c Kenneth Olsen '50**, has returned after a leave, to Beale Air Force Base, Cal., where he is in charge of public information and schools for the 856th battalion. Prior to enlisting in the service, he had been acting editor of the Newtown (Pa.) Enterprise . . .

**Mrs. Thomas P. Glassmoyer** has been named president of the Suburban Univ. Club, Glenside branch of the American Assn. of Univ. Women. Mrs. Glassmoyer, who taught English at Abington junior high school, is serving as co-chairman of the childrens' theatre committee . . . **Margaretta Schenbecken Plewes '35** is the director of all the school cafeterias in Abington township . . . **Kathryn Curran '35** was selected by poll as the most typical, all around teacher in the Abington elementary schools . . . **Madeline Harper '35** has been working for 12 yrs. with very young children at Chestnut Hill Academy. In the Jan. 14, '56 issue of the "Sat. Eve. Post," Helen Moak pays tribute to her.

**Jack Garvin Named Prexy; Homecoming Day Planned****Alumni Meeting—March 28**

President Pro Tem Jack Garvin has called a general meeting of your Association for Wednesday, March 28, at the high school. Dr. W. Eugene Stull, the new principal of the high school, will speak to the Association and meet the members attending.

**School Records Needed**

Irvin Karam, a high school faculty member, is compiling a history and record of our alma mater up to the present day and is sorely in need of all and any archives, records, papers, etc., which might be in your possession or which you may know about. Many Abingtonian files and other papers have been lost. Please contact Mr. Karam at the high school if you have any valuable information of any kind.

John P. Garvin, '35, a past President of your Association, was named temporary President—because of the lack of a quorum for voting—of the Alumni Association at its last general meeting at the Casa Conti on February 22. Another former President, Michael Penecale '39 was reelected Vice President. William Davies, Jr., '53 had resigned as President at the January meeting and appointed Garvin until the next regular session.

Mary Farmer '36 was reelected Secretary and Esper Dix '34 will continue as Treasurer. Five members-at-large are serving the second of their two year terms: Don Neiman '44, Thomas Ober '24, Vincent Purpura '35, Pete Swift '53, and Walter Young '28.

**Special Alumni Program**

Heading a committee of three who  
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**CAST OF 55 REHEARSING "BRIGADOON" FOR PRESENTATION APRIL 19, 20, 21**

An enthusiastic, talented cast of 55, the largest in its history, are rehearsing weekly for the Music Theater of Abington's seventh annual musical comedy production, "Brigadoon", by Frederick Loewe and Allan Jay Lerner, to be presented on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, April 19, 20 and 21, at the Abington Senior High School auditorium. Profits provide scholarships for graduating AHS students through the T. Carroll O'Brien Memorial Scholarship fund.

The local favorites, Robert Solly, of Ambler, and Beth Oughton, of Jamison, will take the leading roles of Tommy Albright, the American who stumbles upon the enchanted village, and of Fiona MacLaren, the lovely

girl he falls in love with. Their blending soprano and baritone voices have pleased thousands in five of the previous six shows.

**Cast Members**

Kay Eckert, of Glenside, sings, dances and acts the part of the male mad maid, Meg Brockie, who pursues Tommy's sarcastic friend, Jeff Douglas, played by John Scherff, of Philadelphia. Dosie Daniels and Earl Fries are the young, romantic couple to be married on the day the two visitors wander into Brigadoon, a blessed Scotch community which returns to the earth one day each hundred years.

Others with dialogue roles include: Donald Sherwood as Harry Beaton;  
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### •Where Are We Going?

The aims of the Abington Senior High School Alumni Association are few but very concrete. The primary one is to do good for your Alma Mater.

The interest shown by a few persons in your association is very gratifying but on the other hand the criticism and lack of participation of 99% of the Alumni is very discouraging.

We are one of the too few Alumni Associations now functioning. There is only one reason for this. You may say that the above mentioned few are crazy for trying to carry on your lack of **School Spirit** but I for one don't think so. If we don't get more cooperation from the Alumni as a whole I can tell you in plain everyday language where your Alumni Association is going, and that is, **DOWN THE DRAIN**.

I personally think that you can help keep YOUR ASSOCIATION moving forward by taking a more active part in its activities. By this I mean attending our meetings and graciously giving us better cooperation if you still have some of the spirit that I think you still have. This can be attained by giving approximately two hours of your precious time a week. If you think I am asking too much, come out to your association meetings and speak your piece. I am willing to listen, because I think I have some good answers.

To stay away from these meetings means **THAT WHERE WE ARE GOING IS DOWN THE DRAIN**, and I can guarantee that this statement may come true very shortly without your attendance.

**JACK GARVIN**  
PRESIDENT PRO TEM

## -: Ghost Gossip :-

by Madeline Harper

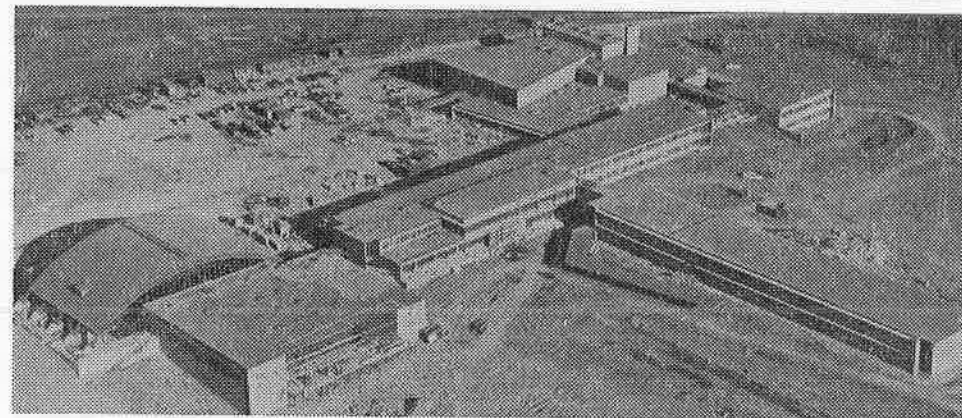
Among the sophomores at Cedar Crest College, Allentown are: **Virginia Conti**, **Carol Lieble**, **Joan Fernandez**, **Janet Tucker**, and **Carol Condon** . . . Engaged are **Helen Ventresca '53**, of Abington, and **John A. Hagy**, of Springfield . . . The Rev. **Donald Morris '44**, has been installed as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Exeter, N. H. . . . **Barbara Bliss '52**, who was a Dean's list student at Cedar Crest College, is engaged to **Buell Miller**, of Jenkintown. . . .

Also betrothed are **Virginia Rishel '53** to **Charles Gehret, Jr.** . . . **David Weinman '51** is now an ensign in the U. S. Navy and is stationed at Key West, Fla. He graduated cum laude from Amherst College in '55 . . . **Richard B. Toothill '54** received the Wm. H. Chandler prize at Lehigh Univ. The prize is awarded annually to the highest ranking student in chemistry and chemical engineering. When he graduated from A.H.S., **Toothill** received the trophy presented to the graduating student with the highest scholastic standing. At Lehigh, he is Sec'y. of the Delta Omicron Theta debating society . . . **Philip Roberts** and **Rita Day** plan a spring wedding . . .

**Pvt. Donald Turn '53** has graduated from the Military Police Training Center at Camp Gordon, Ga. . . . **Gene Stout '37** has been appointed Publicity Director of TV station WPTZ. With a background of 18 years in Phila. radio, newspaper, magazine and publicity work, **Gene** has been the Editor of TV Guide for the past two years. Somehow she finds time to serve as a Notary Public and to be active in little theatre work . . . **Sherry Bea Dooley**, an A.H.S. alumna, whose father **Harry, Jr.** graduated in '35, is engaged to **Arthur Mignogna**, another alumnus . . .

**Barbara Walker's ('52)** parents have announced her engagement to **Francis Shive**, of North Hills . . . **Edward Ed-dowes**, who attended Duke Univ., will tie the knot with **Elizabeth Evans**, of

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## NEW HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPT. 1

An aerial view of the new six million dollar Abington Senior High School as it neared completion two weeks ago. Intended for occupancy and use by September 1, it will feature 68 modern classrooms and 25 additional rooms to accommodate 1,500 pupils with expansion of another 500 student wing planned for 1959. The school and grounds include: community auditorium accomodating 1,200; two student dining rooms seating 300 each and a faculty dining room for 40 all served by a central cafeteria-kitchen; a huge gymnasium double the size of the old gym; a main library to seat 150 and contain 18,500 volumes; an audion room for 250; six tennis courts; three baseball fields; two volleyball courts; a six lane regulation swimming pool; a rifle range; a wrestling room; corrective health and exercise rooms; four parking areas to hold 725 cars; a snack bar for public games in the gym; an industrial arts wing; shower and locker rooms; practice football field; and public address systems for the gym and auditorium.

## HOMECOMING (Continued)

will present a special alumni assembly program for the junior and senior classes at Abington High on Friday, April 6, are **Penecale**, chairman; **Dix** and **Neiman**. A complete picture of your Association's history, purpose and current plans will be given. Our affiliated Music Theater of Abington will also participate.

**Penecale** was also appointed chairman of the 1956 Alumni Homecoming Day scheduled for late fall. The homecoming will include a major Abington high school football game, a complete tour of the new high school facilities, dinner in the new school cafeteria with appropriate talks and ceremony and the annual Alumni Dance. A school faculty committee, led by Dr. W. Eugene Stull, principal, will work with the Alumni committee on details, date and other arrangements. Alumni from all over the U. S. are expected to attend.

### Awards and Scholarship

Fourteen awards will be given to

graduating seniors from your Association in late May. Gifts will be presented to the top boy and girl scholars and to the best boy and girl athletes and their names will be engraved on the permanent plaques in the main hall. Ten prizes of five dollars each will be presented to selected student leaders from each scholastic department.

The annual \$300 Alumni scholarship will also be presented to a graduating senior selected by the faculty scholarship committee with the requirements of urgent need and use if sufficient revenue is realized from annual dues now coming in. Bills were issued to 1,000 alumni two weeks ago for \$1.00 for the year 1956-57.

## Living Memorial Planned

The class of 1935 is planning a living memorial to their deceased classmates on the new high school grounds with the dedication of a suitable tree this fall. The project has been approved by the school board.

W. G. Knorr, Jr. '40  
 Richard Koenig  
 Marie Koerber '35  
 Arthur Koiner '38  
 Dorothea Kootz '50  
 Ellen Koser '35  
 Kay Kreider '43  
 Barbara Kryder '49  
 William Kuhn '33  
 Florence Kulp '40  
 Doris Landis '46  
 Edith Layman '34  
 William Lefferts '05  
 Otto Lehmann '49  
 Dorothy Levens '47  
 Edwin Lewis '35  
 Robert Linck '48  
 JoAnn Lissfelt '48  
 Michael Liuzzi '48  
 Frances Locher '48  
 Evelyn Long '25  
 Barbara Lower '48  
 Ritz Lutz '46  
 James MacFadden '50  
 Walter MacGregor '48  
 Kay Mackenzie '50  
 Barbara Mallory '32  
 Lewis Mallory '27  
 Margaret Marshall '36  
 Ruth Maxon '42  
 Shirley McAllister '47  
 Albert McClay  
 Ethel McClintock '35  
 William McGee '34  
 Janet McMahon '44  
 Margaret McPherson '36  
 Thomas Meeder '43  
 Charles Meder '35  
 Cecilia Michener '35  
 George Michener '31  
 Robert Miles '35  
 William Miles '31  
 Charles Miller '35  
 Ed. Miller '37  
 Mrs. William Miller '41  
 Yvonne Miller '47  
 Miriam K. Mohs '27  
 Ruth Montanye  
 Celinda Muir '30  
 Arthur Mulley '49  
 Joan Murray '49  
 Charles Myers '22  
 Marie Myler '42  
 Samuel Neely '41  
 Lillina Neuhaus '45  
 Sara Newman '36  
 Betty Nostadt

Kenneth Olsen '50  
 Evelyn Ortolani '35  
 Taylor Oughton '43  
 Mrs. Taylor Oughton '43  
 Virginia Outterbridge  
 Russell Parkhouse '34  
 Vincent Pannepacker '31  
 Herbert Peck '43  
 Michael Penecale '39  
 Emily Pennypacker '35  
 Mrs. John Peterson '36  
 Anthony Pileggi '50  
 Edwin Plewes '35  
 Margaretta Plewes '35  
 Mildred Powers '12  
 Alma Powers  
 Jacqueline Priester '49  
 Alan Quay '49  
 Margaret Ransford  
 Phyllis Rapp '35  
 Craig Ream '50  
 Marilyn Regan '50  
 Morris Reigart '48  
 George Reimherr '49  
 Mrs. Russell Rease '23  
 Robert Reisse '37  
 Betty Renninger '37  
 Edyth Rhoads '37  
 Grace Riehm '50  
 Virginia Robinson '26  
 Jeanne Roachat '48  
 Robert Roth '41  
 Clayton Sacks '29  
 Adele Saporitz '28  
 Rolland Scherbaum '24  
 Robert Schmitt '43  
 Doris Schroeder '44  
 H. W. Schroeder '43  
 Elsie Schroepe '41  
 Howard Shaffer '33  
 Joseph Sherill '35  
 Richard Shook '43  
 Enos Shupp '33  
 Miriam Siefken '39  
 Erik Sjostrom '28  
 Eleanor Smith '38  
 Harold Smith '49  
 Kenneth Smythe '43  
 Robert Solly '41  
 Virginia Sonneborn '41  
 Elizabeth Spencer '49  
 William Steltz '36  
 Gordon Stott '36  
 Evelyn Stover '44  
 Howard Street '17  
 Donna Strohmeier '50  
 Warren Strohmeier '45

Florence Sutch '35  
 Creston Sutch '42  
 James Sutch '35  
 Polly Sutch '42  
 Delno Supplee  
 Betty Taylor '35  
 Charles Taylor '35  
 Doris Thomas '39  
 David Thompson '48  
 Virginia Tiley '49  
 Dorothy Towill '17  
 Charles Townes '35  
 Robert Tredinnick '40  
 Ellis Turner '41  
 Margaret Tyler '50  
 Madelene Ullman '45  
 Margaret Ulrich '50  
 Minerva Vandegrift '27  
 Louise Virnelson '49  
 Berth Warnken '16  
 Anthony Washofsky '49  
 Janet Wegmann '49  
 Bruce Weir '43  
 Clyde White '44  
 Doris White '43  
 James Wilkins '41  
 Sarah Willet '24  
 Joseph Williams '34  
 Carolyn Wilson '50  
 Silvanus Wilson  
 John Wolan '50  
 Mary Wood  
 Carol Wrigley '49  
 Howard Yoder '30  
 Marguerite Yoder '30  
 William Yost '35  
 Herbert Zebley '41

#### \$1 Supporting Members

George Burlington  
 Dorothy Cathell  
 O. H. English  
 Carl Hedner  
 J. Ira Kreider  
 Catharine Lobach  
 Jane McKinley  
 M. B. Messinger  
 Katherine Miller  
 Edna Powell  
 Lillian Reichard  
 E. U. Smiley  
 Glenn Snodgrass  
 Alice Weaver  
 J. S. Woodruff  
 Edward Zepp

#### Adopted Life Members

## Fall Dance Scheduled For Cedarbrook, November 24

### Membership Topped 450 In Current 1950-51 Drive

With the membership of our Association now over 450 and still climbing in the current drive which opened August 16, the campaign committee announced last week that an all-time high has been attained and the unannounced goal of 400 surpassed, more than doubling last year's total.

Seven classes from 1901 to 1918 are represented and every class since 1922 is included in the membership. The '35 class leads with 41 members.

Response has disclosed that the "Alumni News" has brought the personal contact to members that it was meant to, and has helped renew interest with full information on the activities, purpose and accomplishments of the Association. Every paid member will receive a copy quarterly.

Special life membership cards for paid \$10 life members are being distributed.

### SORRY FOLKS

The Editor and Club officers wish to apologize to readers of the "Alumni News" for the lack of news in this issue with the use of two pages for publication of new members' names as promised.

### Alumni Sponsors Court Squad

Your Association will sponsor its 2nd annual Abington basketball squad in the nine-team Main Line league as decided Wed., Oct. 18, at its monthly meeting.

Under the veteran management of Michael Penecale, '39, the local team will play every Monday night as part of a doubleheader, alternating between Abington High and Cheltenham High gymnasiums. The Alumni will pay the \$20 registration fee, provide suits and officials for home games.

### Plans Include Don Reilly's Band, Many Prizes, Myriads of Balloons

Bedecked with colorful balloons and packed with bodacious prizes, the Abington Alumni Association will present its fourth annual fall dance at the newly redecorated Cedarbrook Country Club on Friday, November 24, the day after Thanksgiving. The Association's own Don Reilly, '44, and his orchestra will provide the smooth and hot refrains.

Dancing will proceed from 9 to 1. At 11 p. m. a drawing for door prizes will take place and at midnight several hundred balloons will be released from the ceiling. Some of the balloons will contain tickets entitling the lucky holders to more prizes.

#### Finest Facilities at Cedarbrook

The Cedarbrook Country Club has been recently modernized and now affords the finest and largest dancing facilities in this area, accommodating 225 couples on the dance floor. The price per couple has been reduced to three dollars this year, including tax. Two tickets are being sent to every paid member.

Class pennants for each class represented in the membership will be gayly displayed in the ballroom. Don Reilly, of Elkins Park, and his band perform weekly at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

The annual dance offers a prime opportunity to renew old class and school friendships. It'll be bully if we all turn out and make this the greatest dance in four years. Agree?

### '44 Reunion

Members of the class of 1944 will hold their first reunion on December 29, 1950, beginning at 6 P. M. at the Casa Conti Hotel, Glenside. Class members contact Richard S. Gernert, 214 Abington Ave., Glenside, for tickets.



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### • From Our Mail Bag

Miss Jacqueline Preister, '49, a recent Alumni Association scholarship winner, dropped us a note with her membership dues:

"... Being the recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship last year, I experienced first hand the encouragement that can be realized with financial aid to increase incentive.

"My first year at Ursinus is now a memory. I feel that I have completed a happy and successful freshman year.

"I have been fortunate in having been chosen to give laboratory tests for other students this coming year, which is considered a singular honor and awarded for meritorious work in chemistry. This is also a financial aid.

"The Alumni Association's policy of awarding a collegiate scholarship to a deserving graduate each year is, in my opinion, a most worthy project. I do hope that the Association will receive the necessary cooperation to continue this practice..."

**President Esper Dix, '34, visited Dr. O. H. English, new Superintendent of Abington Schools, and exchanged greetings. Dr. English commented:**

"It is indeed a distinct privilege to extend greetings to the Abington Senior High School Alumni.

"You are most fortunate to have graduated from an excellent high school and to have enjoyed living in this lovely community. I am certain that you are proud to be an Alumnus of Abington and you have always endeavored to be an outstanding credit to your Alma Mater.

"To each one, I wish much success and happiness. Please remember your highschool and call upon us whenever we can be of service to you."

## :- Ghost Gossip :-

... **Louise B. McClure, '41**, received an M. S. at the U. of P. in June and was elected to Pi Lambda Theta, national education honor society ... **Herman Benninghoff, '51**, has entered Penn State College and made the track team ... the former **Kathryn Zitzer, '45**, and Theodore Abel were married Aug. 26 in Abington and now live in Willow Grove ... **Robert Dunlap, '44**, just won a \$2,000 voice scholarship to Columbia U. opera workshop after singing at the Tanglewood Music Festival in New England ...

... Resident surgeon at the Henry Ford hospital, Detroit, **Dr. Henry Burlington, '37**, and wife Charlotte have a new son ... wed in Oct. were the former **Jean Hemmerly, '45**, and Eugene J. Fridey who reside in Roslyn ... **Victor Koenig, '37**, was married in Sept., lives in Pineville ... a new baby girl arrived for **Mike Penecale, '39**, and wife last month ... **Leonard Clark, '40**, and the former Clarise Kull took vows Oct. 7, now reside in Rockledge ... **Marian Brogan, '44**, former grad. nurse at Abington hospital, has joined the Navy Nurse Corps ... **class of 1940** held its 10-year reunion (second) in June with 60 turning out from everywhere at the 107th Field Artillery Armony, Phila., for a dinner-dance: Pres. **Roy Zackey, Dave Wood, Bob Hesse, W. Griffith Knorr, Jr., Bea Kingsbury, Jim Chatterton, and Betty Patersen** helped run things ...

... **Fred Trescott, '47**, has written and is acting and singing in Swarthmore College's major play production of the year ... Ronald is the new son for **Evelyn Engle Rhoads, '44**, and husband Bob ... former **June Meinel, ex-'46**, and Edward Gubb were united in Sept. ... just engaged are **John Gourley, '44**, and Willetta King ... another knot was tied as the former **Josephine Spitzer, '46**, graduated from Bryn Mawr C. and married Brian Mead, Jr. ...

... **Richard Protis, '44**, and wife **Ruth (Dantzer), '46**, anticipate the stork ... **Gloria Lugar, '44**, has rejoined the Navy Nurse Corps ...

## ADDITIONAL PAID MEMBERS 1950-51

### \$10 Life Members

Leroy Ash '12  
 Roberta Dewey '45  
 Richard Gernert '44  
 G. H. Glaesser '35  
 Alberta Lang '34  
 John Mallory '34  
 Louise McClure '41  
 Norman Reeves '34  
 John Shields  
 Howard Smith '35  
 Marie Sterrett '39  
 Mrs. Albert Turner '33

### \$1 Annual Members

Robert Adams '40  
 Eugene Adler '50  
 Evelyn Anderson '37  
 John Anderson '34  
 Albert Armstrong '41  
 Nancy Bailey '48  
 Charles Baldwin '49  
 Helen Bauerle '50  
 Rosa Bauerle '50  
 Betty Beans '46  
 John Beatty '46  
 Marion Bechtel '23  
 Leonte Beck '28  
 Warren Beltz '38  
 Herman Benninghof '50  
 Marion Bickford '43  
 Lindley Bigelow '45  
 Florence Binder '42  
 Arthur Bisbee '30  
 Harold Bitman '38  
 Floyd Bloom '43  
 Stewart Boerner '40  
 James Borell '50  
 Robert Boutcher '50  
 Elsie Brown '34  
 Norman Brown '30  
 Albert Bruner '46  
 Robert Bugel '43  
 Thomas Bugel '47  
 Henry Burlington '37  
 Jean Campbell '28  
 Anne Cantley '26  
 Paul Carmon '35  
 Leon Cardon '38  
 Frank Chesterman '18  
 Jeanne Chesterman '46  
 Watson Chesterman  
 Helen Clark '24  
 Wesley Clem '50  
 William Clem '50  
 Mrs. Edw. Clemmenson '46

Richard Clover '43  
 Thomas Cluck '37  
 Elizabeth Coates '39  
 Walton Coates '34  
 Barbara Cook '48  
 Margaret Coley '33  
 Robert Colflesh '36  
 Kathrynella Colladay '40  
 Mary Conrad '46  
 Betty Copeland '43  
 George Copeland '38  
 William Corbin '27  
 Jane Coulston  
 Dorothy Craig '35  
 Elizabeth Cutting '30  
 Romeo Dagostino '35  
 Margaret Dando '35  
 Mary Daniel '47  
 Louis Daniels '45  
 Allen Dascher '49  
 Margaret Davenport '35  
 J. Davidson '36  
 Charlotte Day '47  
 Robert Derck '49  
 Mary Detwiler '35  
 Howard Dicker '34  
 Thomas Dicker '40  
 Mrs. John DiDomenico '47  
 Russell Dilks '47  
 Amario DiLuzio '48  
 Richard Dolfman '37  
 Pauline Dolfman '39  
 Weir Donaldson '31  
 Betty Donohue '49  
 Robert Dorn '38  
 Louise Dress  
 Courtland Dudbridge '35  
 Alan Duke '35  
 Stuart Eichert '38  
 Irving Einhorn '46  
 Seymour Einhorn '50  
 Michael Enelow '50  
 Martin Evoy '49  
 Nancy Farra '50  
 Elsie Farmer '28  
 James Ferguson '50  
 Peter Fetterolf '49  
 Caroline Force '34  
 Diane Foxhill '46  
 Francis Frankowski '48  
 Grace Freedman '47  
 John Funk '30  
 Dorothy Gardner '22  
 Patricia Gardner  
 Robert Gardo '43

Eve Garforth '16  
 William Garvin '35  
 Louisa Gefnert '33  
 Rebecca Geissler '36  
 Guy Gerhart '50  
 James Gerhart '48  
 Robert Gibson '35  
 Mrs. Robert Gift '33  
 George Gilmour '36  
 Dade Golden '35  
 Lois Grant '49  
 Joyce Greer '49  
 Linwood Grub '34  
 Edith Haddock  
 Herbert Haldeman '16  
 Francis Hall '48  
 William Hammer '44  
 Phyllis Hampp '48  
 Al. Handschumacker '46  
 Betty Harkins '30  
 Jane Harner '44  
 Kathryn Harris '50  
 Joseph Harrison '50  
 Michael Hartman '48  
 Carleton Hedner '49  
 George Helverson '34  
 Olive Helverson '33  
 Kathryn Hendrie '39  
 Henry Hermanns '38  
 James Herron  
 Charles Hertz '49  
 Kathryn Hess '35  
 John Heyman '48  
 Mary Higgins '49  
 Elizabeth Hirst '35  
 James Hughes '48  
 Elizabeth Hunsberger '48  
 Louie Jackson '49  
 Margaret James '49  
 John & Mary Jarvis '33, '34  
 Betty Jenkins '46  
 Ethel Jensen '30  
 Elizabeth Johnson '43  
 Henry Johnson '30  
 John Johnson '30  
 Donald Jones '50  
 Mrs. John Kelleher '27  
 Agnes & Harry Kelley  
 Kenneth Kenyon '50  
 Reginald Kidd '49  
 James Kiel '47  
 Kenneth Kiel '50  
 Frank Kinsey '33  
 George Klauder '50  
 Virginia Knight '40

# FOUR RETIRING TEACHERS HONORED

Four retiring veteran teachers at the Abington High School, Mrs. Zaidee Garr Wyatt, David E. Krueger, Walter Albright and Ralph Wright, were honored by the school faculty this summer at the Casa Conti in Glenside. All four are respected and loved by students and alumni alike.

E. B. Gernert, principal; Dr. O. H. English, Abington Township school Superintendent; and Edward Northam, assistant principal, spoke at the dinner.

J. Mervin Gottshall, school vocal music director, led a group of faculty members, the "Songsters", in the entertainment. The singers were George Burlington, Lloyd Cole, Allan Glatt-horn, J. Ira Kreider, Glenn R. Snodgrass and William Grun.

## Wyatt Here 36 Years

Mrs. Zaidee Garr Wyatt, a teacher at Abington for 36 years, came to the high school in 1917 as an English instructor after receiving her bachelor's degree from George Washington University in 1911. She soon became Dean of Girls and head of the English Department at Abington and retained these duties until her retirement this year. Most school dramatic functions were under her supervision as were public speaking activities and classes including commencement valedictories. She received her Master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1925.

Head of the Commercial Department at Abington, David Kreuger arrived at Abington in 1919 after graduating from Kutztown Normal School in 1911 and teaching at the Rochester Institute. His four children all graduated from Abington.

Kreuger was township auditor for 22 years, an instructor at the Taylor school for 10 years and a Church pianist. He was recently named registrar and career advisor at the Pierce School of Business Administration in Philadelphia.

A baseball coach for a time at the high school, Kreuger also sponsored the typing, rifle and commercial clubs. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association, the National Education Association and the Friendship lodge, No. 400, F. & A.M., Jenkintown.

## Vocational Chairman

Ralph Wright, chairman of the vocational department, began teaching at the high school in 1928 after instructing at Carnegie Institute. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1923 and received his Master's degree in 1928.

A sergeant in the medical corps in World War I, Wright picked up abilities to railroad, handle freight demurrage, act as ticket agent, puddle steel and repair plumbing. He collects roses and stamps.

## Mathematics Chairman

A graduate of Muhlenberg College, class of 1923, Walter Albright came to Abington in that year to head the mathematics department. He taught for 10 years and was principal of the Blooming Glen High School before arriving here. He received his Master's degree in 1928.

A football team captain in college, Albright also coached baseball at Abington. He is a champion chess and checker player.

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Abington High School Alumni Association

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OCTOBER, 1953

## Crucial Alumni Meeting Called Wed., Oct. 28; Elections, Dance Plans, Awards Head Agenda

A crucial meeting of your Alumni Association will be held Wednesday night, October 28, at the high school at 8 P.M. In addition to election of officers and two members-at-large, President Michael Penecale '39 has announced that attendance and interest in the meeting will indicate the value of continuing an active Alumni organization.

## \$1200 In Scholarships Awarded to '53 Graduates

They're off to college! Our 1953 graduates who received alumni scholarships.

The 1953 T. Carroll O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded \$600 to Janet Smith, 618 Jackson Avenue, Ardsley, and \$300 to Mary Jo Murphey, 732 Roseland Avenue, Fox Chase Manor. These scholarships are financed solely by profits from The Music Theater of Abington.

Janet had already received a full tuition scholarship to The Curtis Institute of Music for her excellence in vocal music and our award covers her transportation and incidental expenses. Mary Jo is attending the Women's College of New Jersey (associated with Rutgers). Our award is paying the cost of her vocal instruction, which is not a part of her regular curriculum.

Our \$300 general scholarship was awarded to Virginia Mae Hance, 2247 Charles Street, Glenside, and she is now attending Penn State.

Other Alumni Association awards to the graduating class included: outstanding girl scholar, Dorothy Grant, 707 Seminole Avenue, Fox Chase Manor; outstanding boy scholar, Robert Neale, 1010 Wellington Road, Jenkintown; outstanding girl athlete, Mary Deans, 1159 Rothley Avenue, Willow Grove; outstanding boy athlete, Jack Wenner, 1635 Huntingdon Road, Abington. These were represented by medals to the girls and trophies to the boys, and are also recorded on permanent plaques displayed in the school building.

Decisions will also be made on the sixth annual Fall Thanksgiving dance, awards and scholarships. With more members and more active interest at association meetings and affairs, many aspirations and plans could materialize for student benefit.

## Election of 5 Officers

Election for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and two year terms of Russell Rhodes '38 and Dorothy Rapp '28 are scheduled. An attendance of 25 members is necessary for a quorum.

Over 1,000 notices and bills launch the 1953-54 membership drive accompanying this issue of the "Alumni News", both distributed to all Alumni at this time. Future issues will go exclusively to paid members. Yearly memberships are one dollar. Of the record 554 who joined last year, 105 have life memberships. These are still available at \$10.

Membership includes full voting rights, a subscription to the quarterly "Alumni News", participation in all association activities, notification of all events and meetings and reunion with fellow alumni.

## Dance Plans

Jack Garvin '35 has tentatively arranged for Don "Bud" Reilly '44 and his orchestra at the LuLu Temple Country Club for the Thanksgiving dance.

The year's budget is basically financed by memberships: including our \$300 annual scholarship to the outstanding graduating senior not receiving a similar award; special fund-

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### *-: Ghost Gossip :-*

**Mrs. Isabelle Smiley Kneedler '28**, daughter of our own E. U. Smiley, is teaching in the Lansdale school system . . . coaching football and baseball at Glen-Nor High School is **Howard Cunningham '39**, of Glenside . . . **David Charters '43**, of Glenside, is assisting John Metzger, athletic director at Abington Junior High, by coaching the football squad there . . . leaving the high school last spring for a sales position was **John Davidson '32**, history teacher . . .

**JoAnn Lissfelt '48**, of Abington, became graduate assistant in chemistry at the American University in Beirut, Lebanon. A 1952 grad of Beaver College, JoAnn was a graduate assistant in chemistry at the Univ. of Indiana last year. Her father was a social studies instructor at Abington High before taking his present position as Superintendent of Upper Moreland School District . . . the stork toted in a third son for **Mrs. Dorothy Stiteler Wadleigh '44**, of Aurora, Ill., in September. Her husband, Theodore, is a sanitation engineer there . . .

**Floraella Ransford '50** and **Robert Gardo '43**, both from Ardsley, announced their engagement in Sept. He is associated with GM's insurance claims depart. . . . another betrothed couple are **Martin Evoy 3d '49**, of Baderwood, and Hildegard Strang, of Palmyra, N. J. Martin is also a grad of Lafayette College . . . **Carol Ann Schworer** and **Arlene Young, both '53** and from Glenside, have enrolled in the school of nursing at the Woman's Medical College of Penna. . . . wedding chimes for **Frances Locher**, of Abington, and **Arthur Kritler**, of Jenkintown, last month. They are residing in

**Anita L. Blessing '53**, of Glenside, and **Fran Jacoby '53**, of Abington, have been admitted to Centenary Jr. College, Hackettstown, N. J. . . . a son was born to **Mrs. Ruth Sullinger Eger '46**, and husband Capt. Charles in Dayton, Ohio, in July . . . **John Lotspeich '51**, of Glenside, stationed in the Adjutant General's office, Eighth Army Headquarters, Seoul, Korea, was recently promoted to Corporal. He was top man in his class at the Fort Knox, Ky., clerical school last year . . . working this summer as copy boy for the Phila. Inquirer, **Robert Naylor '52**, is a sophomore at Penn State College . . .

**Virginia Walton '52**, of Glenside, and **Earl Rishell**, of Oak Lane, became engaged in Sept. Rishell is attending Drexel Institute . . . also betrothed are **Jean Peacock '52**, Roslyn, and **Pvt. Robert Fitzgerald**, of Ardsley, stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va. . . . **Phyllis Hampp '48**, of Glenside, a 1952 grad of West Chester State Teachers' College, and **Ray Kessler**, of West Hartford, Conn., tied the knot last month. Phyllis is teaching at Lansdowne High School . . . married in Texarkana, Texas, were **Betty Stuhltrager '52**, of Roslyn, and **Pfc. Clyde Badgett**, of Jenkintown . . .

**Barbara Jean Lehr '51**, of Glenside, and **Hood van den Arend, Jr.**, of White-marsh, a senior at the Univ. of North Carolina, were engaged this summer . . . stationed in Korea this summer was **A. Messina '51**, of Abington, who had been a carpenter's helper . . . **Pfc. Norman Henry, Jr., '51**, of Roslyn, and **Janet Ziegler**, of Hatfield, strolled down the aisle in Phila. this summer. They are living in Alexandria, Va. . . . a faculty member at Abington High, **Phyllis Lamont**, of Jenkintown, is engaged to **James L. Bruggeman**, of Pittsburgh . . .

**John E. Christ '29**, of Glenside, was appointed director of personnel relations at the Franklin Institute in July. He formerly was industrial relations manager for the Roberts & Mander Corp., Hatboro. His son, **John '48**, was teaching science & math but is now in the service . . . engaged this summer were **Patricia Gayley '51**, of Abington, and **Elmer Miller**, of Willow Grove . . .

Engaged are **Eleanor A. Gutgesell '51**,

## MUSIC THEATER AUDITIONS LOCAL SINGERS NOV. 2 FOR 5th ANNUAL SHOW, HERBERT'S "THE RED MILL"

Auditions for the cast and chorus of "The Red Mill", by Victor Herbert, given for the benefit of the Music Theater of Abington's annual music scholarship presented by your Alumni Association, will be held on Monday night, November 2, at 8:15 P.M. in the high school auditorium. The Music Theater will present its fifth annual show for three nights, April 22, 23 and 24.

Experienced, amateur singers from the local area are particularly needed in addition to stage assistants, program and ticket workers. Those attending the auditions are asked to bring some familiar music with them.

### *-: Ghost Gossip :-*

of Elkins Park, and **Harry D. Rankin**, of Cheltenham . . . **2nd Lt. Larry Guenther '49**, of Hollywood, is a jet pilot instructor at the Wichita, Kansas, A.A.F. base . . . Some class of '52 tidbits: **Robert Naylor**, Roslyn, is sports editor of the Penn State Ogontz Center student newspaper, "Campus Crier". **Mabel Brodt** is on the secretarial staff at the Ogontz Center. **Carole Kerns** is at Sharp and Dohme and **Nancy Hirschbuhl** is with Linde Air Products. Studying at Temple U. is **Raymond Belcher**. All these grads are residents of Ardsley. **Nancy Bierlin**, Roslyn, is studying at the Charles Morris Price School of Journalism . . .

**Pvt. John A. Bonek** is stationed in Korea.

### Scholarships (from Pg. 1)

In addition, we gave small cash awards (totaling \$50) to students who excelled in various departments.

If, in the past, you have not taken a part in the work connected with these awards, you are missing a pleasure—show up at the meeting October 28!

### Oct. 28 Meeting (from Pg. 1)

gifts, 10 five dollar graduating awards, two athletic awards, contributions to school facilities, administration expenses, etc.

YOU ARE ESPECIALLY URGED

**Betty Solly** will direct the musical comedy, as she has three of the four previous shows—H.M.S. Pinafore, by Gilbert and Sullivan, and Herbert's "Sweethearts" and "Naughty Marietta"—with the cooperative help of Music Theater President **Mrs. Thelma O'Brien**, who directs the dialogue and supervises the production, as she has done on all past productions including the first, Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado".

Other officers and chairmen for the production of "The Red Mill" are **John Mallory**, Vice-President; **Walter Young**, Treasurer; **Miss Carolyn Cook**, Secretary; and **Mrs. Lee Shriver**, librarian. **Vincent Purpura** will be Business Manager and **Harley Shriver, Jr.**, will manage the stage. **Mrs. Elizabeth Weir** will accompany the group for the fifth consecutive year.

**Taylor Oughton**, art director, set designer and painting; **Jack Garvin**, tickets; **Esper Dix**, publicity and scholarship; **Harry Reese** and **Carolyn Cook**, properties; **Creston Sutch**, house; **Robert Solly**, program advertising; **Don Neiman**, program; **John Mallory**, membership; **Kathryn Gerding** and **Betty Oughton**, costumes and make-up; **William Schrader**, lighting; and **Norman Beebee**, scenery set-up.

More than 1,200 attended last year's show, "Naughty Marietta", which provided two music scholarships totalling \$900.

Rehearsals will start on the first Monday in January and continue every Monday evening.

## Display Plates On Sale

Vice-President **Donald Hendrie '37** is in charge of the sale of the new souvenir display plates with hand painted portraits of the High School etched on the front in maroon. Made specially for your Association, they sell for \$2.25 at the high school and convenient locations throughout the local area.

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## 6th Annual Card Party Drew 136 at Casa Conti

136 alumni and friends attended the annual Alumni Association card party on Monday evening, February 23, with over 100 prizes awarded to participants of the three games. A profit of \$153 was turned directly over to our annual scholarship fund.

The committee in charge included: Jane N. Garvin '38, chairman; Isabelle Mitchell, Gertrude Friskets, Betty Hermanns, Lillian Garton, and President Mike. Vincent Purpura handled the Alumni KP crew.

Robert Solly, George Walton and Margaret Raiser, of the Music Theater of Abington's coming "Naughty Marietta" production in April, performed several numbers from the show.

### GHOST GOSSIP

O'Hara '52, North Hills and Frederick Gartling '52, Ardsley . . . Ens. Robert Gernert '49, Abington (son of Principal E.B.) and Joyce Powell, Westfield, N. J., were married in Dec. . . . former Diane Foxhill '46, Abington, and Zane Carothers, Jr. '42, Jenkintown, were married recently.

William Sutton, 3d, '48, Abington, has been admitted to the Grad. School of Univ. of Michigan. He was a honor student at F and M College . . . Frank Minnick, '45, stewardman, USN, Glenside, was awarded the good conduct medal on board the submarine USS Cobbler in the Atlantic fleet . . . married on the "Bride and Groom" TV program and recipient of numerous gifts including wedding rings were the former Virginia Tiley '50, Glenside, and Charles Weber '50, Roslyn, recently . . .

### MEMBERSHIP REACHES 555

Paid members of the Alumni Association increased to 555, another new record high, with an increase of 38 this year and life memberships at 105 for 1953-54.

### "NAUGHTY MARIETTA"

Dix, Robert Solly and Richard Gernert, all members of the Theater executive board.

Over 1,200 local people attended last year's Victor Herbert production. Gilbert and Sullivan's comedies, "Mikado" and "HMS Pinafore" were the previous shows in 1949 and 1950.

### Annual Election Meeting Scheduled for June 17

Elections of officers and two councilmen for 1953-54 will highlight the annual election meeting of your association on Wednesday, June 17, at the high school.

New officers will be nominated from the floor for the year 1952-53. Election will be held for all five offices and for two councilmen (terms of Dorothy Rapp '28 and Russell Rhodes '38 expire) for two year terms. Incumbents Gordon Stott '35 and Don Neiman '44 continue as members-at-large for another year.

The officers and councilmen now serving are listed on the back page. An attendance of 25 members is required as a quorum for elections. A special invitation is extended to all 1953 grads to attend this meeting, their dues are waived for the first year after graduation.

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## APRIL FEATURES "NAUGHTY MARIETTA", HOMECOMING FOR NEW SCHOLARSHIP

With fresh, lavish scenery and costumes and trained performers the Music Theater of Abington will present its fourth annual operetta, Victor Herbert's immortal comedy, "Naughty Marietta" for three nights, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 23, 24 and 25 in the Abington high school auditorium at 8:30. An Alumni Homecoming will precede Thursday night's performance at 7:30 in the cafeteria with a social get-together, and short talks on the high school and school district situation today.

Principal E. B. Gernert and Dr. O. H. English, superintendent of township schools, will speak briefly on the present and future status of our alma

### 1,600 Operetta Tickets On Sale In Eight Towns

Over 1,600 tickets for the fourth annual Music Theater of Abington's operetta, "Naughty Marietta", went on sale last week under the direction of chairman Vincent Purpura, 738 Garden rd., Glenside, (Og. 6319) and a growing staff of 50. Tickets are \$1.25, including tax, and .75 for students for the three nights, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 23, 24 and 25.

They can be purchased from any member of the show cast, any of the Alumni officers and councilmen or from these stores in any of eight local communities: **Abington**—high school, Susquehanna st. at York rd.; **Glenside**—Ace Cut Rate, corner Easton rd. and Keswick ave.; **Jenkintown**—Music Box, 115 York rd.; **North Hills**—Apfelbaum's, corner Mt. Carmel and Tennis aves.; **Oreland**—Ad-a-lite Electric Co., 5 Allison rd.; **Rockledge**—Hollywood Drugs, corner Huntingdon pk. and Fox Chase rd.; **Roslyn**—Veterans' Home Assn., 1140 Easton rd.; **Willow Grove**—Harvey's Garage, Easton and Welsh

mater at the homecoming. A special presentation will be made to Miss Gertrude L. Turner, English and journalism instructor and publicity manager for the high school, who recently retired after 31 years of service.

#### Show Directors

Betty Solly is directing the production in association with Thelma O'Brien, dialogue director and Music Theater President. Both in the same capacities they held for last year's show, "Sweethearts". In the lead roles are the familiar and colorful Beth Ann Oughton and Robert Solly as Marietta (Contess D'Altena) and Captain Richard Warrington, leader of the corageous, benevolent swamp rogues.

#### O'Brien Scholarship

The Music Theater has set up a new annual T. Carroll O'Brien Memorial Scholarship to be awarded by your Alumni Association to outstanding vocal students who urgently need financial assistance to further their education. This scholarship will be made in addition to the regular Alumni Scholarship and financed entirely from operetta profits.

The scholarship is named in honor of the late T. Carroll O'Brien who headed the high school's vocal music department for 21 years from 1926 to 1947. He also taught at Beaver College, Ogontz Junior College, Ogontz Camp, N. H., and gave private instruction. He began the annual operetta, A Cappella

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#### NEXT MEETING—APR. 15

Your Alumni Association holds its next regular monthly meeting at the high school on the third Wednesday of the month, April 15. Please try to make it at 8. This is YOUR Association—see that YOU

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### • A Song In Our Hearts

Although the Music Theater of Abington has now been in show business successfully for three years at the same place on our local Broadway, Abington High School, and is about to produce its fourth show this April, some people still ask me, "Who are you? What's the Music Theater all about?"

I always start off by saying enthusiastically that we are a hard working group of amateur local musicians who are dedicated to the idea of offering to the community a chance to see good musical comedy at a low price with high quality of performance; that we are supported by the Abington High School Alumni Association; and that we give a sizable amount of our profits for scholarships for the high school. These are the facts.

But I really "warm-up" when I talk about the people who make up our group. We are mostly members of the local community and graduates of the high school who are parents and taxpayers, housewives and businessmen, singers, teachers, college kids, and other ordinary people.

But we are extraordinary in our unpaid enthusiasm for music and its dramatic production. We hire baby sitters and put rehearsal nights before other social activities for long hours for many months so that we can have the fun of singing, acting, making costumes, building scenery. We walk many miles and make endless phone calls selling tickets and building up community support. We work hard and call it fun.

We think it great that, in addition to the fun, we have been artistically and financially successful. Your won-

## :- Ghost Gossip :-

2nd Lt. **Larry Guenther '49**, Hollywood, home on leave in March en route to Moody AAF base, Georgia, for six weeks instrument training then he'll be permanently stationed at Dow, Maine . . . studying nursing at U. of P. Hospital is **Mary Jane McNiell '52**, Willow Grove, where she heads her class, she says, because of her Abington derived chemistry knowledge . . . **Ruth Keller '50**, Roslyn, majoring in journalism at Temple U., made the dean's list and is co-city editor of the "Temple News", editor of the "Templar" yearbook and an officer of two honorary societies . . .

**Edmund McClatchey '51** (now of USN) and former **Dorothy Cherry '51**, Glenside, have a new daughter, Linda Louise . . . married in Feb. were former **Naola Toler '48**, Roslyn, and **Elmer Pollock, Jr., '47**, also Roslyn. Naola graduated from Concord College, Elmer from Drexel. He is employed by the Phila. Suburban Water Co. . .

Vows taken in Jan. by the former **Joan Redstreake '51**, Roslyn, and **Robert Stauffer**, also Roslyn . . . **James Sullinger '49**, Glenside, and the former **Isobel Smith**, Willow Grove, walked down the aisle in Nov. . . . **Jane MacFarland Moore '39**, now of Portland, Oregon, taught 3 years at Lower Merion and Portland high schools. She is married and has two sons . . . a graduate

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### ALUMNI MEETING — APRIL 15 A. H. S. — 8 P. M.

finances and we count on that again for this year.

If you like fun and hard work and have a talent for singing, sewing, selling or hammering, join us for future productions. Come see us in practice on Monday night. Be sure to get your tickets for this year's show, "Naughty Marietta" at the high school on April 23, 24, 25 and treat yourself to a happy evening of beautiful singing and laughter.

Thelma O'Brien  
President

## HERBERT COMEDY SET FOR APRIL 23, 24, 25

choir and Elizabethan singing group at Abington. O'Brien, who was an NYU graduate with a master's degree from Temple University, inspired the present group to form the Music Theater through his previous vocal work. Many of the present members were his students in the past.

### Cast Members

Silas Slick, Captain Dick's fumbling crony, will be played by George Walton, who portrayed "Ko-Ko" in the Theater's first production, "Mikado". Lizette, the frustrated Casquette maid, is in the hands of veteran Margaret Raiser and newcomer John Christ plays the suave villian, Etienne Grandet. The gullible marionette keeper, Rudolfo, will be portrayed by Don Neiman, who has been in all four Theater shows, and Shirley Sacks, a new performer, will play the sultry and vehement Adah.

Also in his fourth appearance, Bruce Weir is cast as the chicken-hearted Lt. Governor Grandet. Taylor Oughton, who played the comedy lead in "Sweethearts" in 1952, will perform as Florenz, the patronizing Governor's secretary and Albert McCormick will be the Irishman Sir Harry Blake in his first cast part. The flower girls, Nanette, Fanchon and Felice, will be played by regular Polly Sutch and Dorothy Brand and Deborah Craig.

In the girls' singing chorus are Pauline Astle, Lee Shriver, Mary Schrader, Susan Scott, Elizabeth McCormick, Mary Weir and Phyllis Clark. Making up the male chorus are Donald Hulmes, Elmer Fischer, Nevin Hurley, Carlo Pacetti, Harry Reese, John Raiser, William Montgomery, and William Scott.

Bette Peters and Katherine Eckert are the choreographers and a new dancing chorus features Myrtle Neiman, Catherine Morris, Phyllis Clark and Beatrice Nagel.

### Business and Stage Staff

Managing the entire business staff is Esper Dix, Alumni Treasurer. His staff includes: Richard Gernert, Program; Vincent Purpura, tickets; Marjorie Reich, publicity; Carolyn Cook, secretary; and Helen Albrecht, corresponding secretary.

Stage manager is Philip Egan, who handled it last year, and William Shriver is in charge of scenery construction and procurement and house arrangements. Charles Schrader, Jr., is supervising lighting effects; Walter Young, properties; and Kathryn Gerding, costumes. Taylor Oughton designed the sets and is art director. Most of the scenery and costumes are being made by the members this year.

The new scholarship was formulated by a special Music Theater committee of Donald Neiman, chairman, Esper

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## GHOST GOSSIP

of Germantown Hospital School of Nursing is **Dorothea Schuetter '49**, Ardley . . . **Barbara Lockhart '52**, Abington, and Harry Hulmes, 3d, also Abington, tied the knot recently . . .

**Sgt. William Gerding, USMC, '48**, Glenside and former Lois Ann Burton, Overlook Hills, were married recently . . . engaged are **Joanne Mathers '52**, Glenside, and **Richard Brigham '52**, Jenkintown Manor. Richard is in the Navy and Joanne is with the Penna. Salt Mfg. Co. . . **Ruth Lefferts '44**, formerly of Baederwood, now of Tucson, Ariz., and S/Sgt. James Stapleton, Chesapeake, O., are betrothed. Ruth graduated from Linden Hall Jr. College . . . planning to wed are **Margaret**

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The graduating class will be offered the ten-inch plates of fine china and craftsmanship beginning this year with all profits from sales going directly to the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Cpl. Richard T. Kennedy '46, son of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Kennedy, 416 Roberts ave., Glenside, was killed in action in Korea on September 18.

24-year-old Kennedy was a member of the 7th Regiment, 3rd Infantry division, on patrol duty in the front line. He will be buried in Arlington cemetery, Virginia.

After enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1946, Cpl. Kennedy served three years, then attended Temple University. In 1950 he enlisted in the Paratroopers and trained at Ft. Benning, Ga. Sent overseas in April of this year, he was transferred to the infantry in Korea. He was born in Glenside and attended St. Luke's school there.

Cpl. Kennedy is the first Abingtonian to be killed in Korea.

## E. U. Smiley Ceremonies

tions are: girls, Dorothy Brand, Paulville, Pa., grammar school and later of the Newville, Pa., high school.

When he came to Abington in 1912 to teach history and latin, he coached all sports and organized the social studies department. Later he was one of the organizers of the Philadelphia Suburban League. Smiley was chairman of the local rationing board during World War II.

More contributions are necessary to complete the fund for making the ceremonies and gifts possible. Please mail yours to: The Alumni Association, Abington High School, Abington, Pa. The need is urgent. He did much for us. This is our only chance to do something for him.

## Naughty Marietta (Cont.)

ine Astle, Lee Shriver, Virginia Malory, Mary Schrader, Norma DeGastono, Susan Scott, Elizabeth McCormick, Katherine Eckert, Mary Weir, Patricia Beckman and Myrtle Neiman; men, Albert McCormick, John Raiser, Harry Reese, William Montgomery and William Scott.

Mrs. Elizabeth Weir will again accompany the group when rehearsals begin in January and Wilma Ray will assist her. Supervising the business of the Music Theater is Esper Dix assisted by Vincent Purpura, ticket chairman; Richard Gernert, program chairman; Carolyn Cook, secretary; and Helen Albrecht, corresponding secretary.

Philip Egan is stage manager aided by William Shriver, scenery and house chairman; Kathryn Gerding, costume chairman; and Walter Young, property chief.

Male chorus members are urgently needed. If you like to sing, please contact Betty Solly at Ogontz 4335 J.

Over 1,200 attended last year's production of Herbert's "Sweethearts", doubling the previous attendance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" and "H.M.S. Pinafore" in 1949 and 50.

## J. C. WEIRICK ILL RECENTLY;

A basket of flowers was recently sent to former school district Superintendent J. C. Weirick, of Howard, Pa., who was seriously ill.

## EDWARD S. LING, 81, NOV. 8

Another past Superintendent, Edward S. Ling, celebrated his 81st birthday on Nov. 8 at his new residence, 2721 Bedford ave., Johnstown, Pa.

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## Sixth Annual Dance Set For Lulu C. C.

*"Bud" Reilly's Orchestra  
Featured On Friday, Nov. 28*

### NEXT MEETING

Your Alumni Association holds its next regular monthly meeting at the high school on Wednesday night, November 19. Please try to make it at 8. This is YOUR Association—see that YOU run it.

## E.U. Smiley Ceremonies For A.H.S.-Chelt. Tilt

Special ceremonies for Edwin U. Smiley, 65, former athletic director and history and social studies head for 40 years at the Abington High School, are scheduled by your Alumni Association between the halves of the traditional Abington-Cheltenham football game on Saturday, November 22.

President Michael Penecale is supervising the arrangements in which numerous local organizations are participating and he will make the presentation of a plaque and gifts. Principal E. B. Gernert will make the citation speech.

"Mr. Abington High School", as Smiley has been affectionately known over recent years, retired this fall under the compulsory township school laws, but is continuing in his second term as an Abington township commissioner from district one. He is also a Mason, an elder at the Abington Presbyterian Church, a charter member and Past President of the Glenside Kiwanis Club and a co-founder of the Old York Road Schoolmen's Club.

### SPORTS STAR

While attending West Chester State Normal School, Smiley captained the baseball and basketball teams for three years and set a track record. After graduation in 1908, he took additional work at Temple and the University of Pennsylvania. He then became Principal of the Trumbauers-

The sixth annual Thanksgiving alumni dance will feature the music of Don "Bud" Reilly, '44, and his orchestra at the Lulu Temple Country Club in North Hills on Friday evening, November 28, from 9 until 1.

Tickets for the affair are priced at three dollars per couple, the same as last year. Two are enclosed with this month's copy of the News. Provisions have been made for 150 to 200 couples.

### TICKETS AVAILABLE

Past president Jack Garvin '35 is chairman of the committee in charge of the affair assisted by Shirley Cook (Turner 1454), Nancy Hirschbuhl (Ogontz 8902), Mabel Brodt (Ogontz 4402 J), President Michael Penecale (Ogontz 6261) and Vice Prexy Don Hendrie (W.G. 1922). Call any member of the committee for additional tickets or information.

Last year's dance drew about 200 alumni and friends, but just paid expenses. Better attendance would provide more opportunities to renew old class and school friendships and help increase the scholarship fund of your Association. Garvin has suggested that you form a group or party of friends and other alumni to make it a rip-snorting event.

### HELP FOR '45 REUNION

Robert E. Handschumacher '45, formerly of Glenside, is attempting to organize a reunion of the February class of 1945. He has only 15 correct names and addresses to date. If you are a member of this class please contact him at 130 E. Gilman st., Madison, Wisconsin.



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### • You Can Help . . .

Our 1952-53 paid membership is already above the 400 mark—a definite improvement over last year's total at the same date. It is still not close to what it should be with over 5,000 alumni in our potential.

With eight months to go, let's make this an enthusiastic all-out drive for paid members. Perhaps the most important reason that the membership does not increase sufficiently is the fact that your Association does not have correct addresses. Approximately one-fourth of our up-to-date mailing list of 2,000 were returned for wrong addresses in September when the notices were sent out.

What can you do to help us?

The lovely ladies who are married after graduation and change their names and addresses should notify us of the switch immediately. The men can place the Association on their regular notification list to be contacted when they change jobs or residences requiring a new address. If you know people who are graduates and do not receive the Alumni News, you know they are not members. Let us know who they are and where they live. In these ways you can help us immeasurably.

Many new faces appeared at the last two regular meetings of the Association—a fresh and encouraging sign. Let's keep the pace and all make a point to attend all sessions on the third Wednesday of each month—NOV. 19 WE'LL EXPECT YOU THIS MONTH!

Michael Penecale  
President

ALUMNI MEETING — NOV. 19

## —: Ghost Gossip —:

**Richard S. Brigham '51**, now in the Navy at Bainbridge, Md., announced engagement to **Joanne Mathers '52** on her graduation night in June . . . Now ass't plant manager for Suncrest Dairy in Butztown, Pa., **Ed Witherald '47**, graduated from Penn State in '51 with B.S. in Dairy Science. He married Dorothy Quier, Hellertown, Pa., in 1950.

**Bob Maitland '45** has entered the General Theological Seminary in N.Y. to prepare for Episcopal ministry. He graduated from Lafayette in '50 and was called back into the Navy . . . Serving on a mine sweeper in the Navy since April is **Ronald Fay '51**, of Willow Grove. . . **Alex Maitland '48**, is in his 2nd year at Yale Medical School . . . wedding bells this summer for **Walter MacGregor '48** and Peggy Clark, of Hatboro. Walt is serving with 7th Army in Germany . . .

Teaching biology and coaching track and wrestling at Easton High, is **John Maitland '47**. He received his degree last year at West Chester S.T.C. . . . **John Christ '47**, won his M. Ed. from Temple Univ. in Aug. and married Carolyn Herber, of Lebanon, Pa., the same month. He is now teaching math and science at Upper Moreland High . . . Undergoing Air Corps training at the Geneva, N.Y., base is **Frank Heger, Jr., '52** . . .

**G. Wallace Roberts '50**, Glenside, has been in Korea since March as Corporal with signal operation battalion . . . **2nd Lt. Alfred Brodhag '48** graduated from Univ. of Delaware this summer with B.S. in Physical Education. He is now stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas . . . betrothed in Oct. were **Allison Mumford '47**, Glenside, and Raymond Miller, Phila. Allison works for National Airlines . . . also engaged are **Isobel Smith '49**, Abington, and **James Sullinger, Jr.**, of Glenside. Isobel is working at Standard Pressed Steel Co., Jenkintown, and Jim is employed at the Frankford Arsenal . . .

## "Naughty Marietta" Cast Selected Oct. 20

### 1952 Membership Drive Tops 400 In Record Year

Paid memberships for the year 1952-53 have already topped 400, running considerably ahead of last year's drive at a similar date. Included are more than 75 life memberships, a new record in this category.

Every class from 1922 is represented and those from 1901 to 1918 have at least one member in the Association. Russell Rhodes '38 is chairman of the membership committee with Lillian Garton '17, corresponding secretary, handling the tedious detail work. They can use any assistance you can offer.

Dues may be paid by mailing a dollar in cash or check to the Abington Alumni Assn., Abington High School, Abington, Pa. Every paid member receives a copy of the "News" quarterly, has voting rights and can participate in all activities.

### GHOST GOSSIP (Continued)

**William Brodhag '50**, Willow Grove, is a dean's list junior at West Chester S.T.C. this fall majoring in math and science and playing on the varsity football squad . . . visiting his parents in North Hills in Sept. was **Bob Thornton '44**, now of Detroit, with his wife and new twin daughters . . . **Dick Brodhag '52**, entered West Chester S.T.C. this fall to major in music. . . .

After graduating from Swarthmore College this Spring, **Robert Gernert '48**, of Abington, son of Principal E.B. Gernert, entered the U.S. Navy and is now serving as an Ensign with the Supply Dept. at Bayonne, N.J. . . . **Jeanne Gernert '51**, Dick's sister, has been named to Beaver College's jr. varsity hockey squad where she is a sophomore majoring in education . . .

Commercial girls of class of '52 held their first reunion in October at the Casa Conti. **Jo Ann Mathers** was chairman, **Carole Riemenschneider**, secretary. Four faculty members spoke. The girls will meet every year . . . **Ed Charters '48** is starring at halfback for the Temple U. Owls football team. He

Most cast and chorus selections were made for the 1953 Spring performance of Victor Herbert's "Naughty Marietta" by the Music Theater of Abington after completion of tryouts on Monday evening, Oct. 20, in the high school auditorium. The fourth annual show will be produced for three nights on April 23, 24, and 25 of next year.

Director Betty Solly and Music Theater President Thelma O'Brien, who also directs the dialogue, have announced that Robert Solly and Beth Oughton will play the romantic leads of Captain Dick and Marietta.

### CAST MEMBERS

Other cast members are: George Walton as Silas Slick; Shirley Sacks as Adah; John Christ as Etienne; Don Neiman as Rudolfo; Margaret Raiser as Lizette, Taylor Oughton as the Governor's secretary Florenz and Bruce Weir as Sir Harry Blake. Two other parts have not been decided upon. Mrs. Sacks and Christ are new to the Theater group and Walton returns after a two year absence.

Singing and dancing chorus selected  
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## P. T. Gantt Honored At Night Soccer Game

Paul T. Gantt, instructor and soccer coach at Abington High School for more than 27 years, was honored at special ceremonies between the halves of the Abington-Lower Merion night soccer game on Friday night, October 24.

Over 1,000 spectators, watching the first night soccer tilt in P.I.A.A. history, heard Samuel Cunningham '26 commend Mr. Gantt for service to the school and winning soccer record. Cunningham, who was chairman of the soccer alumni group and the present squad planning the event, also presented several gifts to Mr. Gantt, including a plaque.

Gantt, known and loved by thousands of graduates, has coached soccer at the high school since its innovation in 1926. He was deeply moved by the

**GHOST GOSSIP (Cont.)**

Greek sing contests went to **Dolores Lucente '49**, Glenside, in spring.

She graduated in June. . . **Bob Derek '49**, elected President of his social fraternity and named to honorary architects fraternity at Syracuse U. . . a grad of Wilson College, **Lois Emerich '47**, Abington, made honor roll at Columbia Institute School of Secretarial Studies, Phila. . . married this month were **Margaret Moore '48**, Roslyn, and **James Dietrich**, Huntingdon Valley . . . **Donald Morris '44**, Glenside, was made assistant pastor of the Needham, Mass., Baptist Church.

**1952-53 Program Drafted At July Annual Meeting**

A tentative 1952-53 activities program was drafted at the annual election meeting held at the high school in July.

The planned social events include a Thanksgiving dance, a February card party for the benefit of the scholarship fund, a home coming in the Spring and partial sponsorship of the Music Theatre of Abington's 4th annual production "Naughty Marietta" at the end of April. Jack Garvin '35, immediate past president, is in charge of the dance. He needs volunteers as soon as possible.

Citation ceremonies for retiring E. U. Smiley, scholastic and athletic awards, special gifts and grants, and the scholarship fund and other activities will be planned at the September meeting.

**October Tryouts Set For "Naughty Marietta"**

Tryouts for the cast and chorus of Victor Herbert's immortal comedy, "Naughty Marietta", given for the partial benefit of your Alumni scholarship fund will be held on Monday, October 20, at 8:15 P. M. in the high school auditorium. The Music Theatre of Abington will stage the show for at least three nights on April 23, 24 and 25, 1953.

Experienced soloists are critically needed as well as ticket, program and stage assistants.

Those attending tryouts should bring some familiar music with them to sing. Dancers are also desired.

**Solly and O'Brien Direct**

Betty Solly will direct the musical, as she has two previous shows (H.M.S. Pinafore and Sweethearts) with the coordinative aid of Music Theatre President Mrs. Thelma O'Brien, who will supervise the production and direct dialogue, as she also has done in the past. Over 1100 attended last year's production of "Sweethearts." "Naughty Marietta" will be the Music Theatre's fourth annual show. Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" was the first in 1949.

Rehearsals will start on the first Monday in January and continue every Monday evening.

**ALUMNI MEETING — SEPT. 15**  
**AHS — 8 P. M.**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 1952-53****OFFICERS**

**Mike Penecale '39**, Pres., 2289 Jenkintown Rd., Glenside—Og. 6261  
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**COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

**Dorothy Rapp '28**, Glenside  
**Don Neiman '44**, Oreland  
**Russell Rhodes '38**, Ardsley  
**Gordon Stott '35**, Huntingdon Valley

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**2,000 NOTICES MAILED THIS MONTH TO LAUNCH 1952-53 ANNUAL ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

With the issuance of 2,000 notices and bills, the executive council of the Abington Alumni Association under President Michael Penecale '39 launched its annual membership and dues campaign for the 1952-53 year ending June 30, 1953, this month.

Membership notices and September issues of the "Alumni News" were distributed to all Alumni. Future issues will go exclusively to paid members of the Association. Yearly memberships are one dollar. Of more than 500 alumni who joined last year, 72 took life memberships. These are still available at \$10. Membership includes full voting rights, a subscription to the quarterly "Alumni News", participation in all association activities, notification of all events and meetings, and reunion with fellow alumni.

**Season Tickets, Special Football Section Available**

E. B. Gernert, Principal of Abington High School, and Glenn Snodgrass, athletic coordinator, through special arrangement with your Association, have announced that season tickets for all high school athletics are available to all alumni.

In addition, a special section will be reserved exclusively for alumni at all home football games provided the ticket purchases warrant it. The price and privileges of the season tickets are equivalent to the students' Athletic Association ducats.

Since these advantages have been requested and approved, the responsibility for utilizing them lies with every member of the alumni. The home football schedule this year is: Sept. 20, Germantown; Sept. 26 (night), Penn Charter; Oct. 3, (night), Haverford; Nov. 8, Chester; Nov. 22, Cheltenham.

ALUMNI MEETING SEPT. 15

The year's budget is fundamentally financed by memberships: including a \$300 annual scholarship to the outstanding graduating senior not receiving similar award; special faculty gifts, 10 five dollar graduating awards, two athletic awards, other contributions to school facilities, administrative expenses, etc.

With more members and more active interest with attendance at association meetings and affairs many hopes and plans could materialize for students: recreational supervision and expansion; job placement; college and course advising; hospital and medical aid; poverty case assistance; and avocational instruction.

**Penecale Named Pres.; Don Hendrie, Vice-Pres.**

Michael Penecale '39, of Ardsley, was elected President of our Association, at the annual election meeting held at the High School on Thursday, July 3.

Mike was Vice-President of the Association last year and coach of the championship Alumni basketball squad in 1950. He was a varsity basketball and football player at Abington.

Elected Vice-President was Donald Hendrie '37, of Willow Grove, a former council member-at-large. Incumbents Esper Dix '34, Treasurer, and Lillian Garton '17, Secretary, were re-elected unanimously. Ruth Bach '31, of Glenside, was appointed Recording Secretary.

Two Members-At-Large were elected for two year terms, Gordon Stott '35, of Huntingdon Valley, and Don Neiman '44, of Oreland. Russell Rhodes '38, of Ardsley, was named to a one year stint as Member-At-Large to fill the unfinished term of Louis Oswald, Jr., '24, Abington, who resigned. Continuing her two year



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### • No Team Players

It is hard to believe that the Alumni Association is in such excellent financial condition and has an unprecedented membership, but at the same time is so close to actual death that it alarms me and all of the officers. The reason is simple: so few members have shown active interest.

I plead to one and all that have any spirit of loyalty to their school, any desire to see it improve and grow, any wish to help good students who cannot help themselves, to make it a point to attend the September 15th meeting at the High School.

We who have been active in the past several years know that the same members have been officers of the organization year after year. This is an extremely unhealthy situation. It is a matter of life or death as far as the Alumni Association is concerned for members to become active.

As I said, financially and numerically, the Association is stronger than at anytime in its history. However, unless we get active members we are doomed.

We have important items to discuss and plan in the september meeting—E. U. Smiley Night, the fall dance, home-coming day, football season tickets and special alumni section, awards and scholarships, for instance—and each of them requires your attention, your suggestions, your vote, your attendance. PLEASE BE THERE.

Mike Penecale '39  
President

ALUMNI MEETING — SEPT. 15

## :- Ghost Gossip :-

Named to Syracuse U.'s Dean's list, **Ruth Schmidt '50**, Baederwood, is now a junior in the college of Fine Arts . . . former **Barbara Lockhart '52**, and **Harry Hulmes**, both of Abington, married in June . . . editor of the Wesleyan U. year book "Olla Podrida" is **Donald McKenzie '50**, Meadowbrook, a senior there . . . **Mary Kern '49**, is Vice-President of the Day Students' Council at Beaver College. She's majoring in physics . . .

Betrothal of **Marie Vassalotti '52**, and **Howard Bean, Jr., '50**, announced in April . . . **Anna Matthews '48**, Glenside, named to Dean's list at Syracuse U. college of Fine Arts in Spring . . . **Jo Ann Lissfelt '48**, awarded a graduate assistantship in chemistry at Univ. of Indiana. She also received student medal from American Institute of Chemists at Beaver C. . . .

Church bells for former **M. Carolyn Loose '46**, Roslyn, and **Clarence Brown '45**, Phila., in June . . . **Robert B. Murphy, 2nd, '49**, Abington, graduated from Pensacola Naval Pre-Flight School in April and is now taking primary flight training at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. . . . **Herman Benninghoff, 2d, '50**, wed to former Sara Bowers, Elkins Park, in August. Herman is excelling in physics at Penn State C. . . . NROTC scholarships awarded this summer: **Ludwig Probst** and **Richard Lindfors**, both '51, at Penn State; **James Gibson '52**, at Princeton Univ. An athletic scholarship went to **John Moore '51**, also at Penn State . . . **Herb Aarons '43**, is studying for his Ph.D. at Penn State . . . the stork brought a daughter, Elizabeth, to **Robert Sanders '44**, and wife Dianne, in Belleville, Ill., where he is economic advisor for a large trucking concern . . .

**Robert H. C. Kidd, Jr.**, Abington married former Peggy Frazier, of Kentucky, in May . . . A Phi Beta Kappa at F & M is **William Sutton '48**, Abington . . . **Joyce Greer '49**, Ardmore, awarded senior scholarship at Bryn Mawr College . . . **Pat Abel '49**, Ros-

## NORMAN SHRIVER AWARDED \$300 SCHOLARSHIP; 13 OTHER ALUMNI AWARDS PRESENTED JUNE 6

Norman Shriver '52, of Abington, received the Abington Alumni Association's unrestricted \$300 scholarship at graduation ceremonies on the high school athletic field, Friday, June 6.

Shriver was selected for his ability and relative need by a special faculty committee. The scholarship provides \$200 for the first year and \$100 for the second at any college of his choice.

Special gold statuettes for excellence in athletic activities were presented to Ilene Meany and Joseph Myers, who were chosen by athletic administrator E. U. Smiley. They also had their names engraved on the permanent plaques which hang in the main hall of the high school.

### Academic Awards

Similar awards for academic versatility were given to David Kleinbard and Bethany Ann Hoot. Nine cash awards of five dollars each were presented for outstanding individual class work to: Alice Beck, art; Paul Smith, Spanish; Pasquale Mignogne, vocational; Werner Ulrich, German and math; Dorothy Hoppner, German; Robert Bailey, school spirit; Jo Ann Mathers, home living; and Douglas Glaser, helpfulness and loyalty.

### AN OBLIGATION

An important general meeting of the Association will be held this Wednesday, September 15, at 8 P. M., in the high school. YOUR ATTENDANCE IS IMPERATIVE. PLEASE ARRANGE TO BE THERE.

**Bernice Daubert '50**, Willow Grove, and **Frank Brown**, Mt. Holly, N. J., now in Marines, betrothed this spring . . . **Margaret Lurley** (now Gilson) '36, Abington, chmn. of operation college committee of Suburban Chapter of Amer. Assn. of Univ. Women which brought grad delegates of 60 schools to Jenkintown convention . . . permanent possession of Temple Univ. Teacher's College gold plaque for

### Special Ceremonies Planned For E. U. Smiley On Nov. 8

Your association has received numerous requests to hold a special E. U. Smiley night at one of the home football games this fall. Smiley retired this summer after 40 years of service at the High School.

Between the halves of the Abington vs. Chester football game on Saturday, November 8, special ceremonies and gifts will be presented according to present tentative plans.

### GHOST GOSSIP (Cont.)

lyn, enlisted in the Air Force program and is training at Lackland base, San Antonio, Texas . . . touring the southwest and Mexico this summer was **Joyce Hallinger '44**, Baederwood . . . **Alma Ash, '44**, now a member of the Highland School faculty, toured Europe this summer . . . now associated with Wilhelm Realtors in North Hills is daughter **Corinne '46** . . . former **June Jones** (now Purvis) '48, joined her husband, Sgt. Edwin Purvis, with their son, Ed, Jr., in the Philippines in July . . . former **Nancy Branin**, Abington, and **Henry Rems**, Glenside, both '49, engaged this summer . . . touring New England and Canada this year is **Suzanne Williams '44** . . .

**J. Newton Hunsberger, 3d, '40**, engaged to Shirley Minker, of Wilmington, Del., in August. He was a naval lieutenant in the last war and is currently connected with the duPont Saavannah River atomic plant, Ga. . . . **Donald Clem '44** and wife, Jean, have new son, Steven C., in Birdsboro, Pa. . . . **Leona Maurer**, Glenside, and **Marcel Kunz '44**, took vows in June . . . engaged are **Frank Edgar '44**, Ardsley, and **Emma Oberholtzer**, North Hills . . . **Evelyn Huth '51**, is student nurse at Abington hospital . . . down the aisle in spring went **Jeanne Chesterman '46**, Abington, and **Robert Dau-**

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**32 In "Sweethearts" Cast**

Raiser, Nancy Eckel, Polly Sutch and Betty McCormick. Bruce Weir will take the part of Captain Laurent and George McCarey, the footman. Three peasant men are played by Harold Miller, Montgomery and Harry Reese.

The chorus includes: Virginia Mallory, Lee Shriver, Pauline Astle, Mary

Weir, Betty Dennis, Susan Scott, Patricia Painter, Nancy Hunter, William Scott, Ted Gilson, and Albert McCormick.

Tickets are \$1.25 and available from any member of the Music Theatre or at the Music Box, York rd., Jenkintown; Abington Y.M.C.A.; and the Ace Cut Rate Store, Easton rd. and Keswick ave., Glenside.

**NEW PAID MEMBERS 1951-52**

**LIFE MEMBERS**

Gordon Hendricks '51  
John Kaufman '26  
Fred Moreland '48  
B. S. VanArtsdalen '26

George Eckel '39  
Frank Edgar '44  
Dr. Samuel Faris  
George Gilmour '36  
Fred Hecht '37

Richard Morrow '46  
John Murry '38  
Celinda Muir '30  
George O'Brien '38  
Russell Parkhouse '34  
Mike Penecale '39

**ANNUAL MEMBERS**

John Cassady '50  
Mrs. Edward Coley '33  
David Charters '44  
Samuel Clayton '38  
Fred Conti  
Stuart Dinwoodie '26  
Ralph Dicker '44  
John P. Donahue '38  
Mrs. Louise Dress  
John Durkin '44

Margaret Haldeman '48  
James Herron  
Helen Kneezel '22  
Clemment Kneezel '24  
W. G. Knorr, Jr. '40  
Frank Kinsey '33  
Virginia Knight '40  
James Klos '44  
Charles Meder '35  
Ruth Montayne '42  
Mrs. Andrew Mitchell '36

Joseph Rodgers '39  
Robert Root '44  
Jeanne Rochett  
Miriam Seifken '39  
Isabella Smith '15  
Mrs. H. W. Schroeder '44  
Joyce Wentz '51  
John Wolan '50  
Howard Wenner '49  
Frank Zenzer '38

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Ruth Bach '31, Glenside  
Robert Dorn '38, Philadelphia  
George Eckel '39, Feasterville  
Jane Garvin '38, Abington  
Donald Hendrie '37, Willow Grove  
John Mallory '34, Ivyland  
Don Neiman '44, Orelan  
Louis Oswald, Jr., '24, Abington  
Dorothy Rapp '28, Glenside  
Russell Rhodes '38, Ardsley

**5th Annual Card Party Scheduled February 25  
For Benefit Of \$300 Alumni Scholarship**

Valuable table and door prizes, four card games and scrumptious refreshments will adequately fill the agenda for the fifth annual Alumni Card Party on Monday evening, February 25, in the main dining room of the Casa Conti, Easton and Jenkintown rds., Glenside, at 8 P. M.

**MEMBERSHIP OVER 450**

Membership of the Association jumped to more than 450 during the past three months with the addition of 43 annual members and four life members. Standing now at 70, life memberships reach a record level.

Any graduate who has not paid his dues may mail a dollar in cash or check to Abington Alumni Assn., Abington High School, Abington, Pa. Every member receives a copy of the News quarterly, has full voting rights, can participate in all functions.

Given for the benefit of the Association's fifth annual Scholarship, the party appeals to bridge, pinochle, canasta and bingo connoisseurs who are asked to donate one dollar each. This is the only unrestricted scholarship awarded to an Abington senior selected by a special faculty committee. The Association is striving to increase the \$300 scholarship awarded in past years.

**Jane Garvin Chairman**

Jane N. Garvin '38, is chairman of the committee in charge which includes Lillian Garton, Ruth Bach, Margaret Gibson, Olive Helverson, Dorothy Rapp, Isabelle Mitchell, Margaret White, Esper Dix, Robert Dorn and President Garvin.

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**Music Theatre Began "Sweethearts" Rehearsal Jan. 7;  
Bob Solly, Beth Oughton Top Victor Herbert Cast**

Rehearsals for Victor Herbert's saucy musical comedy, "Sweethearts", were begun by The Music Theatre of Abington, which is sponsored by your Association and local patrons, on Monday night, January 7, in the high school auditorium. The third annual show will be presented Friday and Saturday nights, April 17 and 18, in the auditorium at 8:15 P.M.

Mrs. Thelma O'Brien is supervising the entire production and Betty Solly will direct the musical. They were responsible for the successful Gilbert and Sullivan presentations of "The Mikado" and "H.M.S. Pinafore" in 1950 and 51. Jack Mallory is in charge of production, assisted by George Eckel, George Gerding, Spencer Meschter and Philip

Richard S. Gernert is Business Manager with a staff including Carolyn Cook, secretary; William Montgomery, publicity; Joe Olsen, program; and Richard Morrow and Helen Albrecht, tickets; plus 85 ticket salesmen and program solicitors.

Robert Solly and Beth Oughton, in a cast of 32, will play the leading roles of Prince Franz and Sylvia. The other cast principals are: Taylor Oughton as Mikel, Lillian Hunter as Dame Paula, Rachel Hay as Liane, Richard Swenson playing Karl, Don Neiman in the role of Slingsby, Joseph Stone portraying Canniche and Grant Bishop as Van Tromp.

The six young laundry girls will be played by Beatrice Peasley, Margaret

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### • Come In and Sit Down

I have been a member of the Abington Senior High School Alumni Association since it was organized in 1946 and I have also been an officer or a member of its Executive Council for the past three years. In that time, from the summer of '46 to this day, I have missed exactly one business meeting and not one council meeting.

That, I think, is an exemplary record—one worth duplicating many times over.

This Association was formed to aid, in its fullest capacity, in upholding and increasing all that pertains to the traditions of Abington High School. Meetings were originally held quarterly, but for the past two years, after the decline of members' interest, Executive Council meetings were held the third Wednesday of each month. These meetings are open to every member of the Association and you are invited to join all discussions.

Now, even the Council meetings are beginning to decline in attendance. That, to me, proves one point: that the members of this Association do not appreciate or care about the numerous activities such as dances, card party, home comings, operetta, and so forth.

We cannot make a solvent, going organization of this Association without more interest in these meetings by the membership, officers and Executive Council members. Innumerable decisions and activities await the action of you and your Association this year. Come to the meetings; join in the discussions; EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Jack Garvin '35

## —: Ghost Gossip —:

**Cpl. Andrew J. Nehlig '46**, 445th Ord. Amn. Co., is serving in Korea . . . Back from 2 years in Korea in Nov., **Lt. Edward A. Bailey '43**, U.S. Marines, received the Bronze Star for "heroism in action" as exec. officer of a rocket battery. His wife **Joy Rogers Bailey '44**, and three children have joined him this month at Parris Island, N.Y. . . . **Sgt. Carl Lobb, '44**, US Marines, is recruiting supervisor for this area . . . another Marine, **Pfc. Norman Smith**, now stationed at San Diego, Calif. . . . sister **Marion E. Smith** married Cpl. W. C. Guenst, Jr., of Cheltenham, in Denver, in Oct. . . .

**Carolyn Eitzen '50**; and Louis Griffiths, both of North Hills, married in July in Maryland . . . **Dorothy Gardner '51**, is a freshman at West Chester S.T.C. . . . a master's degree in Education from Temple went to **Alma Ash '44**, in Sept. . . . Graduated from Temple business school in '50, **Carolyn Cook '45**, is now secretary to famous throat specialist Dr. Chevalier Jackson at Temple Hospital . . . **Ken Smythe '43**, Jenkintown, is engaged to Philly girl . . . **Marylou Cyr '38**, Glenside, married to Alex Berret, Jenkintown . . .

**Dick Gernert '44**, sales representative at Yale and Towne. **Dick Marsh '43**, also engineer there . . . **Margaret Dittmar '51**, Roslyn, engaged to Donald Carlson, Willow Grove . . . this year's student government President at Beaver is **Carol Dunham '48** . . . **Diane Foxhill '46**, and Zane B. Carothers, Jr., Jenkintown, are engaged . . . **Mary Alice Wunderle '41**, Rydal, a Wells college grad, currently on Philco's "T.V. Playhouse" after Equity Library Theatre lead . . . betrothed are **Carolyn Loose '47**, Roslyn, and **Clarence Brown '45**, Germantown, also a 1950 U. of P. grad. . . .

**Don Wallace, Jr., '44**, Hartsville, married Catherine Fatzinger, Cataqua, Pa., in Nov. He is associated with Fisher & Porter, Hatboro. . . . **Doris Hampp Schroeder '44**, and husband **Hans, '42**, are on Stork's list . . . married in Dec. were **Nancy Wannemacher '46**, Rydal, and **Lt. Eric Loder**,

**Elizabeth Klos '49**, Baederwood, is engaged . . . **Ed Kern '49**, Willow Grove, is a Marine serving in Korea . . . at Fort Meade, Maryland, is **Raymond Lutz '49**, Willow Grove . . . **Richard Derr** recently played the lead in Kauffman's "Grand Town" . . .

Just betrothed were **Nancy Bailey '48**, Hallowell, and **Fred Groshens '48**, Glenside . . . **Nick Park, Jr., '44**, was promoted to master sergeant in Korea last month . . . graduated from the Pierce School of Business Administration is **Georgia Horst '49**. She is working at Jenkintown Bank & Trust . . . a daughter, Emily, was born to **Charles Terry '44**, and wife, in Silver Spring, Md., last month . . . **Jane Neide '51**, Willow Grove, won the freshman First President's Premium in Latin at Pembroke College of Brown U. . . . **Carolyn Martin '48**, North Hills, chosen one of Cedar Crest students to be published in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" . . . named to chapel choir at Bucknell U. last month was **Joy L. Cooper '51**, Willow Grove.

### 1946 Reunion Attended By 27 Members, Oct. 13

27 members of the class of 1946 met at a class reunion on October 13 at the Casa Conti, Glenside, for dinner and entertainment. The class graduated 182 from Abington High School.

The committee in charge of the reunion included: Mrs. Amelia Doran Clemmenson, Jeanne Chesterman, Mrs. Sonia Cole Salisbury, Carolyn Crout-hamel, Margaret O'Hara, Adele Turn, Ruth McLeod, Margaret J. Godshall and Martha Hart, who could not attend.

Also joining in the reunion were Mrs. Betty DiGregorio, Grace Earwaker, Mrs. Mae Erney Leedom, Mrs. Marie Fitzgerald Hearn, Joseph Conti, Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Dagostino Goodman, Jr., Mrs. Virginia Tull Mackin, Mrs. Mary Strecker Conrad, Mrs. Anna Tyler Heger, Walter Hulton, Jr., Mrs. Louise Huttlin Raffery, Margaret Janke, Mrs. Betty Garvin Knouse, Harold Gold, Andrew Nehlig, Nicholas Vassalotti, Charles Gilson, Vincent Reuteman and Mrs. Betty Fogle Beans.

All records for future class reunions

## Alumni Soccer Team Lost To A. H. S. Varsity, 3-2

In a tightly fought soccer game, our Alumni squad succumbed to the more practiced Abington High School varsity, 3-2, in their annual contest on the school field, November 12.

Our "old vets" presented an array of college and divisional players, a real problem for school coach P. T. Gantt.

The Alumni took an early lead with a driving score by Tony Washofsky '49, now at Drexel. Fred Groshens '48, of Perkiomen, exhibited adept defensive work as goalie through the first half, retaining the Alumni lead of 1-0.

The Abington varsity sparked into flame in the third period to score all three of its winning goals. Fred Reichert tallied two on head-ins and Craig Leatherman the other.

Just before the whistle, the Alumni checked in again as Jay Ely '48, Ursinus, booted one past Tom Lee, varsity goalie, Strong in the Alumni attack were Quay '49, of West Chester; Victor Bean '50, of Penn State; and Al Wacker '42, All-American from Drexel. Russ Parkhouse '34, and Henry Meisel '33, former Abington backs, helped at crucial points.

Others playing for the Alumni were Dave Blumenthal '42, Lane '49, Brecht '50 and McGowan and Waeltz. Bill Jobling, team manager in '33, was named permanent manager for the alumni squad.

## 5th Card Party Planned

Prizes are needed. Call Jane Garvin (Og. 3031) if you can donate one. Gibson (Og. 8392-W) and Rapp (7587-W) are handling the tickets.

## 220 Attend Thanksgiving Dance

220 attended the fifth annual fall Thanksgiving dance on Friday, November 23, at the LuLu Country Club dancing to the music of Don "Bud" Reilly '44, and his orchestra.

The Fall dance this year is scheduled for the Friday following Thanksgiving.



**GHOST GOSSIP** (from Pg. 2)

John Carver, N.Y.C., engaged in April. Both will graduate from Cornell next month . . .

**George Finley '44**, Phila., and his wife the former **Ruth Gibbons '44**, Jenkintown, blessed with son, Stephen J., in Jan. . . . another son born to former **June Adam '42**, and husband **Ernest Sullivan**, Mt. Airy, in April . . . former **Mary Ellen Miller '44**, and husband **Richard Wainwright '44**, Glenside, had daughter in Feb. . . . **Caryl Ulmer '46**, Abington, and **George Fulton**, Gladwynne, are engaged . . .

**B. W. Rapp Qualifies for Point**

B. Williams Rapp, '50, who received the Alumni Scholarship at his graduation has just been appointed to the United States Military Academy.

Bill qualified for West Point in academic tests in 1951. He will enter the Academy on July 1 if he passes the Point's physical examination.

At Abington Bill played varsity football and set a school record on the track team in the 220 yard dash. He won the district title and competed in the state finals as a member of the relay team. After graduation, Rapp entered East Stroudsburg State Teachers College, where he is on the Dean's list.

**Class of 1932 Plans Reunion**

A 20-year reunion of the class of 1932 will be held Saturday, May 17, at the Aldan Park Manor, Wissahickon ave. and School House lane, Germantown, at 7 P.M.

Reservations are obtainable until May 9 through Harold Wildrick, 312 Hamel ave., North Hills. Marguerite D. Stackhouse is in charge of publicity.

**Alumni Awards Scholarship, Athletic Trophies on June 6**

Your Alumni Association will award its fourth annual \$300 scholarship and athletics-scholastic statuette and permanent plaque awards at the senior class graduation ceremonies on June 6 in the gymnasium.

The unrestricted scholarship of \$200 for the 1st year and \$100 for the second will go to a student selected by a special faculty committee for his or her potential training ability and financial inability to otherwise attend college. E. U. Smiley, school athletic administrator, will choose the most outstanding boy and girl athletes to receive the statuettes and to have their names engraved on the permanent plaques which hang in the main hall of the high school.

The Alumni scholarship is the largest unrestricted cash scholarship.

**NEW PAID MEMBERS 1951-52****LIFE MEMBERS**

Donald Hendrie '37  
Patricia Gardener

**ANNUAL MEMBERS**

John W. Ewan '31  
Robert T. Reese '37  
Roland Sherbaum '24  
William Shedden '36  
W. S. Gebhardtshaus '26  
Herbert Carothers '40  
Robert Gibson '36  
Margaret Gibson '36  
Louise V. Becker '33  
Mrs. C. A. Briggs '36  
Mrs. G. Friskets '38  
Mrs. R. G. Schubert '38  
Claire Little '44  
Mrs. Vera L. Harris '31

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Ruth Bach '31**, Glenside  
**Robert Dorn '38**, Philadelphia  
**George Eckel '39**, Feasterville  
**Jane Garvin '38**, Abington  
**Donald Hendrie '37**, Willow Grove  
**John Mallory '34**, Ivyland  
**Don Neiman '44**, Oreland  
**Louis Oswald, Jr., '24**, Abington  
**Dorothy Rapp '28**, Glenside  
**Russell Rhodes '38**, Ardsley

**1200 APPLAUDED MUSIC THEATER'S PRODUCTION OF VICTOR HERBERT'S "SWEETHEARTS" APRIL 18, 19**

Over 1,200 people laughed and applauded the smash performance of Victor Herbert's immortal musical comedy, "Sweethearts", in the high school auditorium on Friday and Saturday nights, April 18 and 19. The show was presented by The Music Theater of Abington, local operetta group sponsored by your Association and local patrons, as its third annual production for the benefit of your scholarship fund and other gifts to the high school.

**Annual Election Meeting Scheduled for June 11**

Important issues will be discussed at the annual election meeting of your association on Wednesday, June 11, in the high school study hall.

New officers will be nominated from the floor for the year 1952-53. The question of setting a fund aside from the heavy influx of dues must be decided upon. Though the total membership of 475 is slightly under last year's total, the increase in life members to '72 has set a record in income. Holding part of the life membership payments in lieu of no further dues from these members is a crucial issue requiring your opinion and vote.

Elections will be held for all five offices and for two councilmen (terms of Don Hendrie, '37, and Bob Marsh, '41 expire) for two year terms. The officers and councilmen for the year now ending are listed on the back page. An attendance of 25 members is required as a quorum for elections.

A special invitation is extended to all 1952 grads to attend this meeting. 1952 graduates may join as guests the first year.

**CARD PARTY DREW 150**

150 attended the annual Alumni Association card party on Monday evening, February 25, at the Casa Conti, held for the benefit of our scholarship fund. Numerous prizes were awarded.

The committee in charge included: Jane Garvin, chairman; Lillian Garton, Olive Helverson, Dorothy Rapp, Peg White, Peg Gibson, Isabella Mitchell, Ruth Bach, Bob Dorn and Esper Dix. The party was not a financial suc-

Betty Solly capably directed the two-act show as she did the two previous productions—Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" in 1950 and "H.M.S. Pinafore" in 1951—and Thelma O'Brien, President of the Music Theater, deftly supervised dialogue and production.

Accompanying at the piano through rehearsals and mainstay of the four-piece orchestra (first time for orchestra this year) was faithful, patient, Mrs. Elizabeth Weir in her third year with the group. Bette Peters cleverly handled the choreography.

**Oughton, Solly Star**

Golden-voiced Elizabeth Ann Oughton and Robert Solly gave credit to the lead parts of Prince Franz and Sylvia, turning the difficult trick of making stereotyped romantic roles both fascinatingly exotic and humorous where suitable. Their baritone and soprano voices were the inspiration of the show. In the comedy lead of Mikel Mikeloviz, Taylor Oughton, a commercial artist with little acting experience, proved the pivotal figure of the performance in wit, in characterization and in ease of delivery.

A fresh, alluring interpretation was brought to the part of Liane by contralto Rachel Hay and Mary Elizabeth Sutch (who will have a baby in two months) properly rowdied the brash role of Mother Goose (Paula). Lyric tenor Richard Swenson added dashing zest to the overbearing romeo Lt. Karl. Three slap-happy schemers, Hon. Percival Slingsby, Perus Van Tromp and Aristide Caniche, took bouncing life in the hands of Don Neiman, tenor; Grant Bishop, baritone; and Joseph Stone.

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### 'SWEETHEARTS' (from Pg. 1)

The six bubbling, devilish daughters who worked in Dame Paula's Laundry of the White Geese in Bruges, Belgium, were portrayed convincingly by warblers Margaret Raiser, Nancy Eckel, Virginia Mallory, Elizabeth McCormick, Edwina Rummel and Jane Keller. Other cast players: Bruce Weir, Captain Laurent; Harold Miller and William Montgomery, peasant men; and Harry Reese, footman. A specialty dance was offered by Katherine Eckert and choreographer Peters.

Responsible for the professional polish was the background of spirited, expert choral work and dance routines of the chorus of girls and soldiers: Pauline Astle, Jean Fischer, Mary Weir, Lillian Shriver, Susan Scott, Patricia Painter and Katherine Eckert; Albert McCormick, Bruce Weir, Creston Sutch, William Scott, Miller, Reese and Montgomery.

Richard Gernert supervised the business staff with poundingly successful results on ticket sales and program advertising. Montgomery handled publicity and program make-up with the help of Charles B. Solly, Bob and Betty Solly, Scott, Sutch, George Gerding and Neiman.

John Mallory managed production and Philip Egan perspired as able stage manager. George Eckel was house manager. Wardrobe and costume work (girls' costumes made by them) was under Kathryn Gerding with the aid of Creston Sutch, Elizabeth Oughton and Elizabeth McCormick. Carolyn Cook, assistant to the director, executed secretarial duties and ticket distribution was headed by Helen Albrecht. Lighting was supervised by Paul Rummel and Charles Schrader.

Herbert's colorful "Naughty Mari-

## :- Ghost Gossip :-

**S.F.C. James S. Kiel, Jr., '47** arrived home from Korea in March, thanked the Assn. for sending him the News. He is residing in Hollywood, Pa. . . . **Paul Daniels '48**, seaman recruit, USN, of Ardsley, is training at Bainbridge, Md. . . . elected editor of the Cedar Crest College newspaper "Crestiad" in April was **Marilouise Rohrbach '49**, who is also on President's advisory council . . . wedding bells for **William Wood '48**, Glenside, and former Joan Kelly, Phila., on Feb. 2. Wood graduated from Temple U. They will live in Lynnewood Gardens . . . **George Hampshire '47**, Roslyn, and Nancy Orne, Marblehead, Mass., engaged. Hampshire graduated from Wheaton College in '51 and is now at Eastern Baptist Seminary, Phila. . . .

. . . named to Phi Beta Kappa at F & M College in April was **James Regan '48**, Jenkintown . . . **Grace Riehm, William Rapp** and **Alfred Freeland**, all '51, made dean's list in 1st semester at E. Stroudsburg State Teachers' College . . . elected President of Beaver College chemistry club and captain of rifle team is **Jo Ann Lissfelt '48** . . . **Cpt. Thomas Moore, Jr., '39**, Abington, holder of Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal from World War II, serving in Florence, Italy, with H.A.A.F. of southern Europe. He was recalled in '50 . . .

. . . betrothed this Spring were **Margaret Ransford '49**, North Hills, and **George Purvis, Jr., '48**, Glenside. Purvis is at Millersburg State Teachers College . . . **Marilyn Schad '51**, Baederwood, made dean's list at Centenary Jr. College, Jaccettstown, N.J. . . . former **Doris Hampp '44** and husband **Hans Schroeder '43**, Glenside, had a daughter in March . . . science degree went to **J. Nelson Forker '43**, Glenside, from U. of P. in Feb. . . . **Raphael Liuzzi '51**, Roslyn, made cast of "Yellow Jacket", Lehigh U. Mustard & Cheese Club production this year . . . **Norman Green '44**, is now an army jet pilot . . . married are former **Nancy Farra '50** and **Harry Krum**, Oreland . . . **Elizabeth Hunsberger '48**, Glenside, and

### MARIAN BICKFORD RESIGNS

The resignation of Marian Bickford '43 as Recording Secretary was accepted with regret by the officers of your Association last month. The Association extended appreciation for her loyal, efficient work.

### Gertrude Turner Retires After 31 Years at A.H.S.

Miss Gertrude L. Turner, instructor at Abington High School for 31 years, will retire under school district requirements next month.

Graduating from the Girls' High School in Phila., Miss Turner went on to receive her B.A. from Bucknell University where she was an honor student and won her Master's degree in German there in 1921. She took further graduate courses at the University of Pennsylvania.

After teaching for nine years in New Jersey and Ohio, Miss Turner came to Abington in 1920 where she taught history, Latin and Problems of Democracy for three years. Since 1922 she has taught English and supervised public relations for the school as organizer and administrator of the Junior Fourth Estate.

Miss Turner was an organizer of the Pennsylvania Scholastic Press Association and the first woman recipient of the Columbia University Gold Key for outstanding international publication work. She has taken groups of students to C.S.P.A. conferences in New York City every year and has been a featured speaker on numerous occasions. Editor of the publication "Around the Township" during the war years, Miss Turner has also written interviews and animal stories for national magazines and church publications. She has started 25 or more regional and local press associations.

A member of Theta Sigma Phi, national honorary woman's journalistic fraternity, Miss Turner's texts on school publications is used in many college textbooks.

She writes a weekly column for a local newspaper, the "Easton Road Guide" and will continue in professional literary work after her retirement.

### 40-Year Dept. Director Edwin U. Smiley Retires

After 40 faithful years at Abington High School, Edwin U. Smiley, 65, athletic director and head of the history and social studies departments since 1912, will retire permanently in June. Abington township school laws require that all teachers retire at the age of 65.

Smiley attended West Chester State Teachers College and took graduate courses at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, was principal of a grammar school in Trumbauersville, Pa., from 1908-09. He was at Newville High School, Pa., from 1909-12 when he came to Abington.

Elected a Commissioner of Abington Township from district one in 1943, Smiley is now serving his second term in that capacity. He was one of the organizers of the Suburban One League and was a member of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association District Executive Committee for eight years. He is a charter member and past President of the Kiwanis Club of Glenside and an elder of the Abington Presbyterian Church. A dinner in his honor will be rendered by the high school faculty early this summer.

Smiley will continue his governmental work after retiring.

### Emelus Wortman, 66, Died In Retirement

Emelus G. Wortman, 66, of Elkins Park, founder of the Abington High School print shop and instructor here since 1928, died in Germantown Hospital on April 9 after a short illness. He had retired in June of 1951.

Mr. Wortman was educated in Philadelphia schools and certified as a printing teacher by the University of Pennsylvania. He turned out thousands of jobs for the school systems and student groups. He was loved by many Alumni who knew him only as a friend.

Mr. Wortman was a member of Typographical Union No. 2, Phila., and the Friendship Lodge, F. and A.M. Jenk-

**GHOST GOSSIP** (Cont. from Pg. 2)

... Working and studying retailing in Dallas, Texas, is **Max Pincus, '41**, of Rydal ... **Doris Winder Meschter, '44**, presented a new baby to husband **Everett, '40**, last month ... vocalizing on WPTZ-TV every Saturday night with the "Stars of Tomorrow" program is **Beth Ann Oughton, '44**, of Jamison ... **Robert Sanders, '44**, Richmond, is being paid by a trade publication to write his master's thesis on inter-state commerce. Bob is teaching and studying for his MA in economics on a fellowship at the University of Virginia. . .

**ADDITIONAL PAID MEMBERS 1950-51**

Wallace Bindrim, '38	Virko Keder, '50	Robert Stahl, '50
Edwin Boerner, '45	Mrs. Myrtle Kehoe, '37	Mrs. Edna Staley, '27
John Boorse, Jr., '50	Mrs. C. Klockentheor, '35	Mrs. Mary Tawney, '31
Mrs. Louise Becker, '33	Harry Kneedler	William Thomas, '31
Hazel Clark, '26	Mrs. Isabelle Kneedler	Wm. W. Thomas
Frank Conti	Donald Knight, Jr., '41	Lois Unseitig, '49
Fred Conti	David Krueger	Janice Walker, '46
Richard Dickinson, '35	Joan Maher, '50	Mrs. Doris Weinman, '40
Mrs. Rosetta Dix	Richard Marshall	June Worthington, '50
Lenore Evoy, '21	Dan Ortolani, '49	John Young, '46
Martin Evoy, '20	Val Ortolani, '47	Frank Zenser, '38
Theodore Fannelly	Richard Oughton, '46	
Courtland Frick, '48	Anthony Palomba, '49	
Barbara Furlong, '49	Kenneth Pickard, '49	
William Fulton, '49	William Redstreak, '50	
Barbara Garypie, '49	Henry Reinhardt, '49	
Mrs. F. T. Glassmoyer, '36	Marilouise Rohrbach, '49	
Robert Good, '50	Charlotte Russell, '50	
Leroy Gottshall, '28	Fred Schaefer, '30	
Edward Hill, '27	John Stahl, '48	

... the class of 1944 held its first reunion, Dec. 29, at the Casa Conti, Glenside, with 70 attending the dinner and entertainment. Planners were: **Richard Gernert**, chairman, **Mary Jane Sutch Macchia**, **Don Neiman**, **Myrtle Butler Neiman**, **Carol Cyr**, **Alma Ash** and **Al Granieri** . . . in the U. S. Coast Guard as of Jan. was **Aaron Bitman, '46**, Roslyn . . . **Jim Chamberlain, '44**, has re-enlisted in the Navy and left for duty early in January . . . married Jan. 13 were **Frederick Geuther, '31**, Glenside, and the former **Elsie Seitz**, Phila.

**LIFE MEMBERS**

**Richard Bitzer**  
**Norman Reeves, '34**  
**Edna Sorber, '36**

**CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS**

**Gertrude L. Turner**  
**Zaidee G. Wyatt**

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**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

**Donald Hendrie '37**, Willow Grove  
**Robert Marsh '41**, Philadelphia  
**Mike Penecale '39**, Glenside  
**Kenneth Ritter '41**, Glenside

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

**Ruth Bach '31**, Glenside

**Robert Dorn '38**, Glenside  
**George Eckel '39**, Ardsley  
**Jane Garvin '38**, Abington  
**Jack Mallory '34**, Southampton  
**Donald Neiman '44**, Willow Grove  
**Max Pincus '41**, Rydal  
**Russell Rhodes '38**, Ardsley

**Card Party Planned at Casa Conti, Feb. 26  
For Benefit of Annual Scholarship Fund**

Replete with loads of table and door prizes, scrumptious refreshments and four games to choose from, the Association's fourth annual card party is scheduled for Monday, February 26, in the main dining room of the Casa Conti, Easton and Jenkintown rds., Glenside, at 8 P.M.

The card party for bridge, pinochle, canasta and bingo experts is for the benefit of the fourth annual Alumni Scholarship. This is the only unrestricted scholarship awarded to an Abington senior selected by a special faculty scholastic committee. The scholarship has been \$300 in the past. The charge is only one dollar per person for the party.

**Dix Chairman for '51**

Esper Dix, our President, is chairman of the party committee. Working with him are Lillian Garton, '17, chairman in 1949; Jane Garvin, '38, last year's supervisor; and Dorothy Michener, '33.

Since the card party is the only source of revenue for the annual scholarship, attendance and ticket sales for this affair decide whether there will be an award or not. You certainly want the scholarship to continue and you don't want to miss the fun and reunion with friends at the party. So it's a date, huh?

Esper Dix '34

**Operetta Committee Selected "H. M. S. Pinafore"**

The Alumni Association's operetta committee selected Gilbert and Sullivan's ever popular "H. M. S. Pinafore" for its presentation in 1951 at a meeting early last month. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19 in the High School auditorium.

Thelma O'Brien, '28, of Glenside, who directed last year's show "The Mikado", will supervise the new production and Betty Solly, '40, of Ards-

ley, who played the part of "Pitti-Sing" last year, will direct. Auditions for parts in the production ended January 31.

John Mallory, '34, of Southampton, will again take over the chores of business manager. Publicity is in the able hands of Association President Esper Dix, '34, of Havertown; and George Eckel, '39, of Ardsley, and Spencer Meschter, of Glenside, will also aid in the production.



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### • The Problems We Face

Our American form of government and the freedom of the individual under that government are dependent upon a continually developing system of universal education. This education must lead to understanding. The difficulty facing us today is how shall education meet the problems which it constantly finds at its doorstep — an ever-expanding list of demands.

The alumni of any school justify their existence as an organization not alone for good fellowship, but for their zeal in understanding and supporting education in its attempt to keep pace with the growing complexities and demands of our present civilization.

We welcome the opportunity of chatting with those interested alumni, thereby hoping to more closely determine the degree to which we meet the present needs of the young men and young women of our school — the student body.

E. B. Gernert,  
Principal

### Annual Dance Drew 262

Two hundred and sixty-two lively Alumni helped to make the Association's fourth annual fall dance at the Cedarbrook Country Club, Nov. 24, a romping success.

With Don Reilly's orchestra, prizes, balloons and class pennant displays, the crowd had fun and met numerous old classmates and friends. The committee in charge included: President Esper Dix, '34, chairman; Lillian Garton, '17; Kenneth Ritter, '41; Jack Garvin, '35; and Donald Hendrie, '37.

## -: Ghost Gossip :-

**W. Griffith Knorr, Jr., '40**, of Glenside, and Margaret L. Armstrong, of Lansdale, announced their engagement in January, will wed in March . . . two highest awards, the Lockwood award and the Brooks cup, went to **Russell C. Dilks, '47**, for his work on the Dartmouth College debating team, he has also won a Rhodes Scholarship and is a Senior Fellow . . . **Lois E. Jones, '44**, of Glenside, and Howard Agnew, Phila., became engaged in Dec. . . . at Concord College, West Virginia, **Nala B. Toler, '47**, has been listed in "Who's Who in American Universities" . . .

. . . **Lois J. Robinson**, Abington, and **Clement H. Darby, '47**, Glenside, announced their intentions to wed in Dec. Lois is studying Home ec. at Juniata College and Clement is in engineering at Princeton . . . **Joy Rogers Bailey, '44**, Elkins Park, and husband Marine Lt. **Ed Bailey, '42**, had their third child, Edward, Jr., on Nov. 18. Ed is commanding rocket gun groups in Korea . . .

. . . **Evelyn Salisbury Stover, '44**, Ivyland, and spouse, Johnny, are expecting a second addition in May . . . walking down the aisle on Nov. 18 were **Barbara Furlong, '49**, Elkins Park, and **Jack Young, '46**, . . . a bouncing boy, David, came to **Joseph Conti, Jr., '45**, Glenside, and wife, Jean, Glenside Gardens, on Nov. 14 . . . **Herman Bocher, '47**, Glenside, was drafted into the service in Jan. . . . fighting in Korea is **Dick Dunlap, ex-'46**, of Palo Alto, Calif. . . .

. . . **Betty F. Meurer**, North Hills, and Donald R. Kirkpatrick, Glenside, announced their engagement last month. The wedding will be in the fall. . . . **Bill Dunlap, '41**, Arcata, Calif., is majoring in drama at Humboldt State Teachers College, is married and has two children . . . the stork visited **Richard Protis, '44**, and spouse **Ruth Dantzer, '46**, with a daughter, Emily, in Dec. . . .

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## Katherine Miller Retired

Miss Katherine Miller, who taught English at Abington High School for 29 years, retired last fall and returned to her home in Port Allegany, Pa., where she lives with her sister.

In appreciation of her contribution to all of us, a bouquet of flowers was sent to her accompanied by the following letter from the Association:

Dear Miss Miller:

Almost every member of the Alumni Association has benefited, in some manner, from your 29 years at Abington.

Teaching can be solely a means of livelihood. Or it can be dominated by a desire to add to the knowledge and well-being of youth, as it passes to maturity.

Your's was known to be the latter, evidenced not only by your classroom teaching, but also by your extra-curricular undertakings.

May the memories of your years at Abington, and the knowledge of our appreciation of your service and help, enrich your life for many years.

Sincerely,

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
ABINGTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Miss Miller returned the following letter of thanks:

Dear Esper:

Such a beautiful, thoughtful thing you Alumni people did in sending those magnificent flowers to me. Nothing could have been better timed. Just as I was coming from the car into the house, the florist's delivery brought the flowers with their message of good wishes from you people. It made me feel very humble when I grasped the greetings they brought. Even the florist's delivery man was so pleased with the flowers and happy at my reaction.

I do thank you people — you and the committee — for the thoughtfulness which prompted their message. You gave me one of the richest compensations of teaching in doing what

## Assoc.'s Abington Basketball Team Holds League 3rd Place

Holding a strong third place in the nine-team Main Line League, the Abington basketball team, sponsored by your Association, has won nine contests out of 14 starts this season with some 13 yet to play. Abington always plays the second game of a doubleheader at 8:30 with Cheltenham playing in the first game.

Mike Penecale, '39, is coaching the squad for the second year. Helping him are Jack Garvin, '35; Robert Garvin, '36; and Robert Dorn, '38. Alumni included among the 15 players are: Robert Flemming, captain and high scoring forward who can no longer competes since making the Temple U. varsity; Richard Reeves; William Hughes; William Quay; Walter Quay and Aaron Bitman, who has joined the US Coast Guard. Center Anthony Kazakos is leading scorer.

### 10 Games Scheduled

Abington's remaining schedule for 1951: all doubleheaders at the Abington gym, Feb. 6, Narberth; Feb. 12, Wayne; Feb. 13, Haverford; Feb. 15, Narberth; Feb. 19, Pottstown; Feb. 26, Norristown; March 5, Cheltenham; March 6, Wayne at the Arena, Phila.; March 8, Cheltenham at the Arena, Phila.; and March 9, Phoenixville.

The Alumni pays the \$20 registration fee, provides team suits and officials for home games.

you did. Will you convey to Alumni who are interested my appreciation and my thrill at such a gift of beauty?

And, Esper, I treasure with it all your letter. I know I shall keep it for the years ahead. Thank you for saying it so beautifully.

Let me wish for all you Alumni everything good the year ahead can bring each of you. Let me wish for the Alumni organization a long and successful future.

Sincerely yours,  
Katherine Miller

**ABINGTON WON** (Cont. from Pg. 3) placement in the school trophy case at a student athletic rally on Friday, April 27. The team's name will also be inscribed on the three-foot rotating league trophy.

Helping Penecale were Jack Garvin, '35; Robert Dorn, '38; and Robert Garvin, '36.

**"PINAFORE"** (Cont. from Page 1) Scott; and six men: William Garvin, William Gellert, Jack Lawless, William Montgomery, Harry Reese, and William Scott.

Eleven members of the present company also participated in last year's first Alumni production, "The Mikado". Refreshments will be served after the Saturday night performance for cast and audience in the cafeteria.

Heading the production staff again is Jack Mallory and George Eckel is business manager. Other production staff men are: Philip Egan, stage; Creston Sutch, costumes; George Gerding, properties; and Richard Morrow, assistant business manager. Alumni President Dix is handling publicity.

### ADDITIONAL PAID MEMBERS 1950-51

#### \$10 LIFE

Robert Rapp '23

#### \$1 ANNUAL

Barden Allison  
Leonard Apflebaum  
William Cox  
Fred Eckel  
Herman Goodman '43

William Hughes  
Charlotte Klockenthoer  
Claire Little '44  
June Lynch '44  
Sam Miller '43  
Dorothy Rapp  
Joe Rufino  
John Speese '34  
Frank Yost

#### ADOPTED LIFE

Charles Ambler '20  
Haseltine Lever '20  
Maxey Morrison '24  
Thomas Ober '24  
Louis Oswald '24  
Walter Oswald '26  
Margaret White '29  
Isabel Walker '09  
Dagmar Zapf '24

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 1950-51 OFFICERS

Esper Dix '34, Pres., 1625 Woodmere Way, Havertown—Hilltop 6-5862  
Jack Garvin '35, Vice Pres., 648 Edgehill Rd., Ardsley—Og. 7486  
Helen Clark '24, Corr. Sec., 204 Walnut St., Jenkintown—Og. 2148-R  
Verdon Dix '29, Treas., 2114 Oakdale Ave., Glenside—Og. 1345-M  
Lillian Garton '17, Rec. Sec., 2424 Independence Ave., Roslyn—Og. 7985

#### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Donald Hendrie '37, Willow Grove  
Robert Marsh '41, Philadelphia  
Mike Penecale '39, Glenside  
Kenneth Ritter '41, Glenside  
Ruth Bach '31, Glenside

### Annual Athletic Cup Awards Reinstated for AHS Students

Arrangements have been made to reinstate the two silver cups previously donated by the Alumni Association and inscribed annually with the names of the most outstanding boy and girl athletes in the High School. The last inscription was in 1935. Those to be honored for 1951 will be determined by E. U. Smiley and the announcement will be made when the student body assembles for athletic awards this spring.

**ANNUAL MEETING** (From Pg. 1) floor for each office at the June 11 meeting. An attendance of 25 members is required to constitute a quorum for elections.

Come out and help select your officers for the new year. Don't be afraid of being "stuck" with a job—no one is asked to serve against his will; there has always been enough willing persons to carry on our work.

A special invitation is extended to all 1951 graduates to attend this meeting. You new grads: The Alumni Association welcomes you as its guests.

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## Alumni Present 'H.M.S. Pinafore' May 18, 19

### Annual Meeting, June 11 To Name 5 New Officers

Come to the annual meeting at 8 on Monday evening, June 11, in the high school! It's the job of ALL to see to it that our Association is kept in good hands for the coming year.

Elections will be held for all five offices (Pres., Vice-Pres., Corr. Sec., Rec. Sec. and Treas.) and for two councilmen-at-large. Present councilmen Don Hendrie, '37, and Bob Marsh, '41, continue into the second year of their two-year terms.

The officers and councilmen for the year now ending, are listed on the back page. The Associate Council is not an elected group, but includes persons requested by our President to assist him this year because of their previous demonstration of interest in the Association's progress and familiarity with its work.

President Esper Dix announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to that office. "I believe it in the best interest of the Alumni Association, that the President not succeed himself", he said.

Nominations will be made from the  
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### Betty Solly Directing Cast of 21 In 2nd Annual Fund Raising Show

"H.M.S. Pinafore", Gilbert and Sullivan's popular operetta, will be presented as the Alumni Association's second annual operetta on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, in the high school auditorium at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are one dollar; 75 cents for students and can be obtained from any company member, at the high school or at the door.

Directing the new production is Betty Solly, '40, of Ardsley. Thelma O'Brien, '28, of Glenside, is supervising and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Weir, of Glenside, will accompany. In the lead roles are Robert Solly as the Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph, K. C. B. (First Lord of the

### FRANK McLEAN RETIRED

A box of his favorite cigars and a letter of good wishes were sent to Frank McLean upon his retirement as a vocational department teacher in December. After 29 years service, Mr. McLean sent us a note of thanks from his residence in Ocean City.

Admiralty); Joseph Stone playing Captain Corcoran (Commander of H. M. S. Pinafore); Richard Swenson as Ralph Rackstraw; Beth Ann Oughton portraying Josephine (the Captain's daughter); and Marian Wolfinger as Little Buttercup (a Portsmouth bumboat woman).

Other cast roles are taken by Bruce Weir as Dick Deadeye (able seaman); Rachel Hay as Cousin Hebe (Sir Joseph's first cousin); Donald Neiman playing Bill Bobstay (Boatswain's Mate); and Walter Gellert as Bob Becket (Carpenter's Mate). Making up the chorus of 12 are six women: Pauline Astle, Dorothy Brand, Elizabeth Weir Dennis, Virginia Mallory, Myrtle Butler Neiman, and Susan

## Alumni Basketballers Copped Championship

With a record-setting surge of 13 victories out of the last 14 games, the Alumni Association's Abington basketball team moved from fifth place to a tie for third and a playoff berth in the Main Line League, then handily copped the championship with four wins out of five playoff contests.

Michael Penecale, '39, coaching the squad for the alumni, led the team through two successive semi-final triumphs over Narberth, 67-62 and 65-60. After these hairbreadth battles,

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### • Past, Present, Future

As this is the last issue of Alumni News to go out to you while I am President, I asked for this space to set down some thoughts about our past, present and future.

The most encouraging development this year, of course, was your response to the membership campaign. Our membership now totals 534, or approximately one out of every 10 graduates during the history of Abington High School. We're depending on you to help make even more progress in 1951-52.

The energetic and able efforts of the groups responsible for success of the operetta, basketball team, card party, dance and the News, were most heartening and I hardly feel competent to express sufficiently my appreciation of their support. I only hope they have been repaid by their own social enjoyment and by the knowledge that their work has benefited many persons in many ways.

In July, we start a new year. I sincerely ask that it have your increased support. I have tried to keep the Association one of which both those within and without are proud, and I am sure the persons you shall honor with the Presidency in the future will follow a similar course.

Our Constitutional purpose is "to uphold the standards and prestige of Abington High, to encourage higher education, and to maintain undergraduate friendships". We are presently fulfilling these purposes, as evidenced by the other articles in this News. There is plenty of room, however, to enlarge our accomplishments . . . if you really want the Abington Alumni Association to grow, it shall.

Esper Dix '34

## :- Ghost Gossip :-

**Jim Kiel, '47**, of Hollywood, wrote from Kumhae, Korea, to thank the Association for sending him the quarterly "News". Said Kiel, " . . . It had gone from Camp Atterbury to Camp Carson, then to Camp Stoneman and finally here." . . . announcing their engagement were **Kenneth Ritter, '41**, of Glenside, and **Barbara F. Still**, of Jenkintown, last month . . . **Donald W. Jones, '50**, became a member of the Sigma Deuteron chapter of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity at Lafayette college in Feb. . . .

**1st Lt. Roland R. Dewees, '39**, has been recalled to service at Fort Ord, California. He has resided in Los Angeles . . . **Marion Bell Payne, '44**, and husband, Don, of Lansdale, have a new son, Robert, born in March . . . listed in the new issue of "Who's Who in American Colleges" is **Floyd Justice, '45**. He's a senior at Ursinus and a member of student council . . .

**Benjamin Branch, '49**, of Glenside, was named manager of the tennis and squash teams at Dartmouth College. A sophomore, he is also editor of the freshman Green Book and a varsity rifle team member . . . new feature editor of "Tech", M. I. T. undergraduate newspaper, is **Edward Leonard, '49**, of Abington, who is also director of the college news broadcasts on WMIT and a student delegate . . .

**Robert Handschumacher, '45**, of Glenside, received a Master of Science degree at the University of Wisconsin mid-year commencement . . . **Polly Warrington Sutch, '42**, and husband **Creston, '42**, expect the stork's visit in May . . . accepted at the medical school of Western Reserve U. is **Fred TreScott, '47**, of Noble, who will study for a degree in neurology. . . .

**Joseph Creighton, '44**, made the dean's list at Lehigh Univ. . . . elected editor of the "Crestiad", Cedarcrest College, Allentown, Pa., newspaper for 1951-52 was **Elizabeth Mullan, '50**, of Glenside . . . **Sumner Sharman, '45**, was named a member of the Old York Road Kiwanis Club in March.

## President Represented Alumni At School Board Conference

Representatives of all local school and civic groups were invited to attend two School Board meetings in March for the purpose of obtaining opinions on whether or not additions should be or could be made to school facilities and buildings in the township to improve the education provided and to relieve crowding.

Dr. O. H. English, superintendent, had prepared an extensive report indicating that Abington teachers' salaries are presently less than any other Philadelphia suburban township. However from the standpoint of average professional training, the teachers rank lower than all others except Springfield.

### Expenditures Low

That Abington's expenditure per pupil is below the average of the other townships, but that the township's total real estate value per pupil (the principal basis for tax) is less than all others locally except Lansdowne; that preliminary 1951-52 budget estimates require a school tax increase of \$6 per \$1000 of assessed value (about a 20% increase) without including any additions to teaching facilities or buildings (except nominal already planned items), but providing for committed salary increases.

President Esper Dix attended these meetings and presented his personal views. "Much as I hated to say it", Esper says, "my opinion was that the financial situation could not support all the desirable projects proposed by Dr. English and others."

### Teachers Before Facilities

"Of the two alternatives, I believe excellent teachers with crowded classes and poorer facilities, are preferable to poor teachers with smaller classes and ideal facilities; if the teacher does not have the ability to get the subject across to the pupil, the size of the class or the facilities aren't going to do it for him, whereas the excellent teacher will get his subject across in spite of handicaps. I am in favor of whatever can be done, reasonably, to maintain an excellent teaching staff."

## 2d Card Party Success Assured Scholarship

A 1951 graduate will receive an Alumni Scholarship of \$200 towards first year college tuition and \$100 towards second year tuition—owing to the success of the card party on February 26 at the Casa Conti hotel, Glenside.

Approximately 200 persons enjoyed an evening of cards, friendship and refreshment.

A total of 100 gifts were distributed at the tables, and some at the door. The feature gift was a beautiful pull-up chair, awarded to Ruth Bach, '31. Merchants and friends supplied the gifts. Refreshments included coffee, tea and cake.

Lillian Garton '17, Jane Garvin '38, Dorothy Michener '33, Bob Dorn '38, Ken Ritter '41, Jack Garvin '35 and Esper Dix '34 made up the party committee.

The scholarship award will be made at commencement exercises on Friday evening, June 8. It is the largest unrestricted cash scholarship presently available to an Abington graduate.

## ABINGTON WON (Cont. from Pg. 1)

the finals were no relief. Abington grabbed the first two, 49-44 and 75-72 with the second game going into an overtime period after forward and captain Bob Fleming tied the contest at 68 all with two seconds to go.

The third tilt of the finals went to Haverford, 63-61, but Abington finished off the contenders with a 53-49 victory on Wednesday evening, April 4. Fleming and Anthony Kazokas were the outstanding players of the starting lineup which included Robert Walsh, center, Howard Landa and William Harley, guards. Kazokas tallied 115 points in the six finals and Fleming, 74. Substitutes were Hoag, Hughes, Brown and Quay.

Abington ended the regular season with 20 wins and 12 losses. The championship brought a permanent silver trophy that will be turned over to E. B. Gernert, high school principal, for

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## Thelma O'Brien To Head 'Sweethearts' Company

"Sweethearts", a two-act comedy operetta by the immortal Victor Herbert, is scheduled for presentation in mid-May under the sponsorship of the Alumni Association in the High School auditorium.

Mrs. Thelma O'Brien will supervise the entire show; Betty Solly, last year's director of Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore", will direct; Jack Mallory will head the production staff and Dick Gernert will be business manager.

Present plans are to present the production for three consecutive evenings or more. Tryouts will be held on several nights in January. The operetta group is now functioning under its own name, "The Music Theatre of Abington".

### Professional Results

Over 600 attended the performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore" on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 18 and 19 in the High School auditorium. Experts called the show "definitely professional".

Betty Solly directed the show with the help of Mrs. Thelma O'Brien, supervisor, and Mrs. Elizabeth Weir, accompanist. Included in the cast were: Beth Ann Oughton, Bob Solly, Joe Stone, Marian Wolfinger, Rachel Hay, Bruce Weir, Dick Swenson and Don Neiman. The chorus included: Virginia Mallory, Pauline Astle, Susan Scott, Elizabeth Garvin, Bill Scott, Walt Gellert, Bill Gellert and Jack Lawless.

Jack Mallory headed production and his staff consisted of George Eckel, Philip Egan, George Gerding, Creston Sutch and Spencer Meschter. Esper Dix was business manager and Dick Morrow handled tickets.

## PAID MEMBERS 1951 - 52

Members who have paid dues in advance to date:

Life Members		\$1 Annual Members	
Charles Ambler	'20	Louis Oswald	'24
Leroy Ash	'12	Walter Oswald	'26
Richard Bitzer		Max Pincus	'41
Roberta Dewey	'45	Henry Raab	'28
Richard Fetter	'24	Robert Rapp	
John Garvin	'35	Norman Reeves	'34
Richard Gernert	'44	Joseph Sherrill	'35
G. H. Glasier	'35	John Shields	
Alberta Lang	'34	Dr. Howard Smith	'35
Dr. Hazeltine Lever	'20	Edna Sorber	'36
Louise McClure	'41	Marie Sterrett	'39
John Mallory	'34	Mrs. Albert Turner	'33
Maxey Morrison	'24	Isabel Walker	'09
Thomas Ober	'24	Margaret White	'29
		Dagmar Zapf	'24
		Mrs. M. Brackenridge	'31
		Stewart Brackenridge	'31
		Theodore Fannelly	
		Bert Freeston	
		William Garvin	'35
		Fred Geuther	'31
		Charles Myers	'22
		Don Neiman	'44
		Myrtle Neiman	'44
		Albert Ruoff	'31
		Harold Spencer	'31
		Mrs. Elsie Vickery	'31
		Frank Weaver	'25

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 1951-52

### OFFICERS

Jack Garvin '35, Pres., 648 Edgehill Rd., Ardsley—Og. 7486  
Mike Penecale '39, Vice-Pres., Jenkintown Rd., Glenside—Og. 6261  
Lillian Garton '17, Corr. Sec., 2424 Independence Ave., Roslyn—Og. 7985  
Esper Dix '34, Treas., 1625 Woodmere Way, Havertown—Hilltop 6-5862  
Marian Bickford '43, Rec. Sec., A 7936 Forrest Ave., Phila. 19—Livingston 8-5103

### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Donald Hendrie '37, Willow Grove  
Jack Mallory '34, Southampton  
Louis Oswald '24, Abington  
Dorothy Rapp '28, Glenside

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Robert Dorn '38, Glenside  
George Eckel '39, Ardsley  
Jane Garvin '38, Abington  
Oliva Helverson '33, Willow Grove  
Donald Neiman '44, Willow Grove  
Max Pincus '41, Rydal

## Alumni Membership Campaign Launched August 1 With Issuance of 1500 Cards

Over 1,500 membership cards and bills will be sent out this week as the Abington Alumni Association's executive council under President Jack Garvin opens the membership and dues campaign of 1951-52 year ending June 30, 1952, as decided Monday, May 23, at a special meeting.

## Garvin Elected President At Meeting Held June 11

John P. Garvin, '35, of Ardsley, was elected President of the Association at the annual election meeting held in the main study hall of the High School on Monday evening, June 11.

Jack, was Vice-President last year and is associated with Philadelphia Electric Co.

Other new officers named at the meeting are: Mike Penecale '39, vice-president; Lillian Garton '17, corresponding secretary; Esper Dix '34, treasurer; and Marian Bickford '43, recording secretary.

### Three Members at Large Selected

Three Executive Council members-at-large were named since Robert Marsh '41, resigned for the second year of his two year term. The new councilmen are: Jack Mallory '34; Louis Oswald '24; and Dorothy Rapp '28. Donald Hendrie '37, will complete his term this year.

President Garvin, continuing the practice of appointing associate members of the council, raised the total from eight to nine and a total administrative force of 18. Those serving in the new term are: Ruth Bach '31, Verdon Dix '29, Robert Dorn '38; George Eckel '39, Jane Garvin '38, Oliva Helverson '33, Don Neiman '44, Max Pincus '41, and Russell Rhodes '38. All were incumbent except Dix and Helverson. Other active members may be appointed by the President.

Members attending the meeting represented a span of 50 years from the class of 1901 to 1951 (two from each).

Membership notices will go to the 524 present members, all past and prospective members, the classes of '40, '50 and '51, and those holding reunions this year — '26 and '31. Copies of the "Alumni News" will go to all 1,500, but future issues will be sent to paid members only.

### Membership Fees

Life memberships are still available at \$10. One dollar covers a year's membership. To the member for his dollar goes a subscription to the "Alumni News", published quarterly; full voting rights; open participation in all association activities; and friendships and reunions with fellow alumni.

The tentative budget for the year will be financed mainly by membership dues and donations including: the annual \$300 scholarship for an outstanding graduating senior selected by a faculty committee and not receiving a similar award; \$50 for athletic and scholastic awards to four seniors and for faculty gifts; coverage of administrative and miscellaneous expenditures (i.e. postage, printing, etc.)

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### YOUR DUTY

As a member of this Association, as of any organization, YOU have a basic responsibility — ACTIVE participation in meetings and activities. The executive council on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 P.M. in the High School study hall. The Association needs YOU. A quarterly general meeting will be held on

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### • ARE YOU A MEMBER?

Are you a member of the Abington Senior High School Alumni Association? If you are, do you know someone who is not a member but would like to join? This can include anyone—classmates, old or young friends, who has attended Abington High School for at least two years.

The membership of this association has been growing each year since it was reorganized in 1946. It is my opinion that it shall continue to grow. However, it certainly will not if the officers and the too few other active members do not receive the necessary cooperation from the rest of the eligible alumni. We have a predominance of non-active members.

No one in this association will try to force anything upon you, therefore it is my opinion that we can and should have a larger and more active group than the 524 we now have.

Many of the potential members of this association are very skeptical about joining, because they do not think that we can continue progress. Others are slowly but surely beginning to see our accomplishments.

If you are convinced that we do some good for the school and the community as a whole and are not a member, join now and help us with your interested participation in our work.

Cooperation is small and the criticism is great. Criticism can be constructive or destructive. If you can't boost don't knock, and if you have to knock see me first. I can take it and also give it, if you know what I mean.

## :- Ghost Gossip :-

Class of 1946 planning a reunion for this Fall. Class members are urged to contact **Jeanne Chesterman**, 1129 Edgehill rd., Abington, with a post card . . . **Betty Kauffman Oughton '43** and hubby **W. Taylor '43**, of Abington were blessed with a son late in April. Yes he's a junior . . . now in Spokane, Wash., **Elsie Jane Brown '34**, of North Hills, left May 9 to join her husband Nelson T., who is now in the service . . .

25 members of the class of '40 met at a picnic reunion on June 22 at Riegelsville, Pa. Class President **Roy Zackey** and wife, **Edith Chubb Zackey**, ('40) supervised the affair . . . **Tom DeFlavis** and **Doris Bindrin** organized a class of '31 get together at the Roslyn Inn on June 15 . . . the following week the class of '26 gathered at the same place on June 23 . . . **Lorraine Chapman Cameron '44**, and spouse **Walt '43**, of Oreland, announced the birth of a son in May . . . a boy was born to **Elaine Gilbert Sharer '38**, of North Hills, also in May . . .

The former **Jackie Rotzell '44**, and **Fred Trimble, Jr., '46**, of Glenside, wed in April. Fred, a 2nd Armored Division P.F.C., is now in Europe . . . ordained as a Baptist minister in June, **Donald Morris '44**, is serving as an assist. pastor in Needham, Mass. . . **Bruce Gerwig '47**, of North Hills, won the \$1,500 Stewardson fellowship in architecture for designing a peace memorial; will use it abroad . . . engaged in June were **Robert H. Thornton, Jr., '44**, of North Hills, and **Alice Johnson**, of Wethersfield, Conn. Bob just received his engineering master's degree at Indiana U. . .

**Ronald J. Leavesley '47**, of Noble, became engaged to **Barbara Ann Lawrence**, of S. Orange, N. J., in June. A Temple grad, he is now with the personnel dept. of Nat'l Drug Co. . . married July 3 were the former **Virginia Freed '46** and **Albert Brunner '46**

## JOHN L. TURNBULL RECEIVED \$300 SCHOLARSHIP; FOUR OTHER AWARDS PRESENTED ON MAY 25

### Faculty Committee of 13 Selected Class Winners

Five awards were presented by the Association to graduating seniors in June, including a scholarship, two plaques and two keys.

John L. Turnbull received the annual \$300 scholarship at graduation ceremonies on June 8, providing \$200 for the first year and \$100 for the second. Selected by a faculty committee, Turnbull intends to study chemical engineering at Penn State College which has accepted his application for Fall entrance. The faculty committee consisted of: E. B. Gernert, chairman, Miss Lobach, Miss Milne, Miss Richards, Mrs. Wyatt, Messers. Albright, Gantt, Gottshall, Krueger, Messinger, Smiley and Wright.

### Student Awards

Jane Neide and T. Rodman Wood, leading scholastic students of the class, were awarded a gold key and mahogany plaque respectively at a special assembly May 25. The plaque will hang permanently in Abington's main hall with the names and year of annual winners engraved. Dorothy V. Rapp and Walter E. Oswald, Jr., the class's outstanding athletes, received similar awards.

Miss Neide plans to major in English at Pembroke College of Brown University and Wood will study science at Antioch College. A three letter winner, Miss Rapp was on the hockey, basketball and softball varsities and Oswald was a baseball and basketball star.

### Campaign (Cont. from P1)

Increased membership will mean more finances available for the association's objectives and activities. But, even more important, active members mean the realization of new groups to aid students with: recreational supervision and expansion; job placement aid; college and course advisory service; hospital and medical aid; poverty

### '51-52 Program Includes Dance, Card Party, Operetta, Awards

A new program for the year 1951-52 was drafted by the Executive Council at an extraordinary meeting in the High School on Monday, July 23.

Tentatively the schedule includes a dance in November, card party in February, presentation of Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts" in May, and awarding of a \$300 scholarship and four athletic and scholastic recognitions to graduating seniors in June.

Continued sponsorship of the championship Main Line League basketball team is doubtful. Coaching and financial difficulties have intervened. Vice-President Mike Penecale '39, managed the squad last year but will not return this year. He was assisted by Bob Dorn '38, President Garvin and Robert Garvin '36.

### GOSSIP (Cont. from Page 2)

both of Glenside, in Whitemarsh Chapel. Virginia was a graduate nurse at Abington and Albert a Temple alumnus and now a purchasing agent . . .

**Wm. C. Dodson, Jr., '44**, of Rydal, and the former **Rentheia Woodsworth**, of Erwin, N. C., tied the knot in June at Erwin. Bill is a textile engineer in Durham, N. C. . . a few alumni receiving degrees at Temple this Spring: **Selma Eble '45**, master of arts; **W. Eugene Stull, '33**, doctor of education; **Eleanor Alban** and **Marion Lurz '48**, B. S.; **John Carter** and **Julian Staubly '47**, B. A.; science degrees to **Charles Brown**, **Donaldson Cooper**, **Clifford Gee, Jr.**, **Francis Harrar**, **Robert Hogg** and **Robert Lowrey**, all '46, and **Edison Kenyon '44** . . . Walking down the aisle in June were **Babara Jacoby '47** and **Howard Clark '44**. Barbara attended Ogontz Jr. College and Howard graduated from the U. of P. Wharton School in Feb. . .

Starring in N. Phila. tennis championship play is **Joyce Hallinger '44**, of

Henry Johnson	'30	William Mooney	'38	Helen Shaffer	'06
Eleanor Johnson	'31	John Moore	'51	William Sharman	'36
Mrs. John Kelleher	'27	Robert Muller	'49	Mrs. Ruth Shrenk	'32
Norman Kelly	'38	Marie Myler	'42	Enos Supp, Jr.	'33
James Kiel	'47	Barbara Nelson	'51	Norman Smith	
Kenneth Kiel	'50	Joyce Nelson	'51	Marion Smith	
Sue Kiel	'51	Jane Neide	'51	Kenneth Smythe	'43
Harry Kelly		Thelma Norteman	'28	Mrs. Charles Snyder	'26
Mrs. Harry Kelly		Thelma O'Brien	'28	Robert Solly	'41
Nancy Kerr	'51	Kenneth Olson	'50	Elizabeth Spencer	'49
William Kessler	'26	Evelyn Ortolani	'35	John Speese	'34
Reginald Kidd	'49	Walter Oswald, Jr.	'51	Terry Sprenkel	'51
Philip Kind	'33	Taylor Oughton	'43	Betty Stadelmeir	'51
George Klauder	'50	Mrs. Taylor Oughton	'43	John Stahl	'48
Arthur Koiner	'38	Anthony Palumbo	'49	Robert Stahl	'50
Dorothea Kootz	'50	Mary Payne	'49	Doris Straight	'51
Barbara Kryder	'49	Julian Pearson	'29	Charles Stevens	'27
Robert Kuehnle	'50	Mrs. Julian Pearson	'29	Gordon Stott	'36
Charles Lang		Vincent Pennypacker	'35	Thomas Sullivan	
William Lefferts	'05	Emily Pennypacker		Creston Sutch	'43
Otto Lehmann	'49	Betty Peters	'51	Mrs. Creston Sutch	
Edwin Lewis, Jr.	'35	Mrs. John Peterson	'36	Joan Supplee	'51
Robert Linck	'48	Jeanne Piggins		Mrs. William Tait	'31
Michael Liuzzi	'48	Patricia Planes	'51	Charles Taylor	'35
Ray Liuzzi	'51	Herman Plenzick	'51	Betty Taylor	'35
Jane Locker	'44	Edwin Plewes	'35	Mrs. Mary Tawney	'40
Evelyn Long	'25	Margaretta Plewes	'35	Beverly Thies	'51
Rita Lutz	'46	Edna Powell Faculty		Lucy Thompson	'51
Robert MacMinn	'50	Mildred Powers	'12	Virginia Tiley	'49
James MacFadden, Jr.	'50	Margaret Ransford	'48	Jackie Trimble	'44
Jean McCandless	'51	Mrs. Dorothy Rapp	'28	Ellis Turner	'41
Geraldine McGeady	'51	Virginia Rapp	'51	Doris Turner	
Donald McGeady	'51	William Rapp	'50	Jack Turnbull	'51
Ethel McClintock	'35	Phyllis Rapp	'35	Gertrude Turner Faculty	
Roy McConnell	'44	Judith Redondo	'51	Mrs. Thomas Ullman	'45
Marion McCormick	'40	Marilyn Regan	'50	Spencer VanArtsdalen	'26
William McGee	'34	Jane Redmils	'51	Anthony Washfsky	'49
Barbara McKnight	'50	William Redstreak	'50	Alice Weaver Faculty	
Alexander Maitland	'48	George Reimherr	'49	Janet Wegmann	'49
Richard Moll	'50	Joan Reiter	'51	Bruce Weir	'43
Lewis Mallory	'27	Henry Rems	'49	Patricia Wells	'51
Mrs. Lewis Mallory	'32	Russell Rhodes	'38	Clyde White	'43
Ada Mann	'26	Dorothy Rhodes	'39	Mrs. Clyde White	'44
Richard Marsh	'43	Peggy Riddick	'49	Mrs. Albert Willett	'24
Mrs. M. Marshall	'36	Evelyn Roberts	'44	Eugenie Williams	'41
Ruth Maxon	'42	Charles Robinson	'49	Joseph Williams	'34
Mrs. Serama Mellon	'30	Mrs. J. R. Rodenbaugh	'31	Mary Wilson	'50
M. B. Messinger Faculty		Patricia Roth	'51	Robert Wolff	'36
Dr. William Miles, Jr.	'31	Mrs. Amy Rozelle	'42	Jeannette Wolfgang	'51
Gertrude Miles	'29	Albert Schade, III		William Wood	'48
Charles Miller	'35	Fred Schaeffer	'30	Rose Wooley	'26
Carol Miller	'39	Helen Schoellhammer	'51	June Worthington	'50
Mrs. Kenneth Miller	'41	Eleanor Schuemann		Matilda Young	'51
Betty Miller	'45	Judith Schwarz	'51	Walter Young	'28
Mary Moffa	'49	William Scott		Paul Young	'25
Miriam Mohs	'27	Jean Seyferhelt	'49	Edna Young	'32
Charles Mooney	'34	Albert Shaffer	'01	Eric Siostrom	'28

# ALUMNI NEWS

Abington High School Alumni Association

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ABINGTON, PA.

NOVEMBER, 1951

## FIFTH FALL DANCE PLANNED AT LULU C. C.

### 66 Life Members Highlight 1951 Membership Drive

Life memberships have taken the spotlight as this year's membership topped 400 to date in the current drive which opened in August, the campaign committee announced last week. Sixty-six graduates are now life members.

The class of 1951 leads all others with 49 members, including two life. Eight classes from 1901 to 1918 are represented and every class since 1922 is included in the membership. Russell Rhodes, '38, is chairman of the membership drive committee and can use any assistance from interested members.

Any graduates who have not paid their dues may mail a dollar in cash or check to Abington Alumni Assn., Abington High School, Abington, Pa. Every paid member receives a copy of the "News" quarterly, has full voting rights, can participate in all activities.

### SPECIAL REQUEST

If you know any graduates who do not receive a copy of the Alumni News, please mail their name and address to your editor.

### \$25 Given for Exchange Student

A contribution of \$25 was made in October by your Association to the Abington High School Affiliation Fund which will sponsor an exchange student from the Lily Braun Schule, Berlin, Germany, at Abington during the school year 1952-53.

The affiliation of Abington Township and Berlin-Spandau was arranged through the American Friends Service Committee. A High School faculty group of eight make up the Affiliation Committee which is soliciting funds to provide a minimum budget of \$750 for necessary expenses. The School Board

### "Bud" Reilly's Orchestra Featured for 150 Couples

Don "Bud" Reilly, '44, and his orchestra will provide the mellow music for the fifth annual fall Thanksgiving dance held exclusively for the Abington Alumni Association at the Lulu Temple Country Club, North Hills, on Friday night, November 23.

Dancing from 9 to one will be provided for 150 couples. Tickets are three dollars per couple, including tax. One will be sent to every paid member of the Association.

President Jack Garvin, '35, is chairman of the affair assisted by Marian Bickford, '43. Garvin may be reached at Ogontz 7486 to procure tickets or information.

The annual dance offers a first-hand opportunity to renew old class and school friendships. How about helping to make this the biggest and best yet?

### "Sweethearts" Tryouts

Tryouts for the cast and chorus of Victor Herbert's melodious comedy, "Sweethearts", sponsored by your Association and local patrons will be held Monday evening, November 12, at 8:00 P.M. in the High School auditorium.

If you like to sing, you are eligible for the tryouts — and bring a song along. Production assistants are also critically needed and asked to report.

The third annual show of the operetta group, newly named "The Music Theatre of Abington", will be presented in the same auditorium on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 17 and 18.

Mrs. Thelma O'Brien is producing the musical with the help of Betty Solly, director; Jack Mallory, production manager; and Dick Gernert, business manager.

### IN MEMORIAM

William A. White, Jr., 25, class of '44, of Roslyn, died suddenly at Boran,



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**-: Ghost Gossip -:**

Nancy Wannemacher, '46, Rydal, is engaged to **Eric Loder, '44 . . . Newton Cox, Jr., '45**, a Reformed Episcopal minister, was married to Eleanor Richardson, of Atlanta, Ga., in August . . . **Janet Freed, '50**, Glenside, has completed basic training in the Air Forces . . . **Ed Pilgren, '44**, engaged to Katherine Metzger, Willow Grove . . . **Dot Tredinnick George, '46**, and husband Bill, had a daughter, Christa, in August . . . **Bob Tredinnick, '40**, became a lawyer last year, is now in Navy at Long Beach, Cal. . . . **Jim Kiel, Jr., '47**, is fighting in Korea . . . **Clarence Burton, Jr., '48**, is back from Korea . . . **Marine Lt. Ed Bailey, '41**, is also home from Korea after almost two years . . . **Jane Neide, '51**, Willow Grove, on a scholarship to Pembroke college, Providence, R. I. . . . **Amelia Doran Clemmenson, '46**, and husband **Ed**, a former Abingtonian, had a son in July . . . **Betty Jane Deisro h, '45**, married Don Clark, both of Glenside . . . **Lucille Martin Clayton, '44**, now sec'y of Women's and Girls' activities at the Abington "Y" . . . **Paul Landis, '42**, Willow Grove, married Diana Williams, since the last issue . . . **Dick Emerch, '44**, Abington, was married in Aug. to Elizabeth Armbract, of New York . . . **Alex Maitland, '48**, entered Yale Medical college. He is freshman wrestling coach and Middle Atlantic States Wrestling champ . . . his brother **Jack Maitland, '47**, is biology teacher at Easton high school . . . **Allen Okamoto, '43**, and wife have a new daughter . . . **Dot Lutz, '46**, Glenside, married Ed Moranz, Jr., from Elkins Park . . . **Nancy Farra, '50**, Willow Grove, is engaged to Barry Krum, of Orelan . . . **Fred Allen, '44**, Glenside, took as his bride the former Electa Islin, Abington, in Sept. . . . **Jack Raiser,**

**Testimonial Dinner Held For Glenn R. Snodgrass**

Ed Pollock, "Bulletin" Sports Editor, spoke at a testimonial dinner in honor of Glenn R. Snodgrass, physical education director and wrestling coach at the High School, on Monday evening, Oct. 29, at the Casa Conti, Glenside. Almost 250 attended the recognition of Snodgrass' 25 years of service including members of his past great football squads.

Edward Gossling, President of the sponsoring Abington Lions Club, presented a scroll citation to Snodgrass and Tom Lee, past-President of the Abington Twp. Assn., awarded a silver service. Superintendent of schools, Dr. O. H. English, gave the welcome and Miss Gertrude L. Turner, English instructor, read a 25-year history. David Clark, faculty member, was ticket and advertising chairman and John Metzger, Abington Jr. High teacher, was program chairman. Peter Lucente, Lions Club district governor's cabinet member, was the M. C.

comed their 2d son in Sept. . . . **Nona Dean, '50**, Abington, engaged to Navy Middle Tom Keefe, Jr. . . . **Spence Meschter, '41**, Glenside, and Joan Whitaker, Wyncote, were married in Sept. . . . **Jack Davey, '43**, and wife, of Santa Monica, Cal., had a daughter, Mary Anne, on Sept. 29 . . . **Marian Brogan, '44**, is now a Lt. (j.g.) in the Navy Nurse Corps . . . **Joyce Hinchliffe, '49**, and **David McCoy**, also an Abingtonian are engaged . . . **George Eckel, '39**, Ardsley, married to Nancy MacMurtre, Oct. 20 . . . **Ed Towill, '43**, and wife, have a new daughter, born last month. . . . **Joy Kaiser, '47**, Abington, now in Lima, Peru, on a language scholarship to the University of San Marcios . . . **Amy Biagi Rozelle, '42**, and husband, Warren, welcomed a daughter, Susan, in August.

**NEW PAID MEMBERS 1951-52****LIFE MEMBERS**

Ruth Bach '31  
Arthur Bisbee '30  
Mrs. Elsie Brown '34  
Dr. Joseph Bitman '31  
Dr. Boyd Button '28

Jane Coulston '37	Mrs. Thom. Campbell '28	James Ferguson '50
Mrs. Alice Davies '37	Wallace Carroll '51	Edna Fisher '24
Frank DePaul '51	Dorothy Cathell Faculty	Caroline Force '34
Thomas DeFlavis '31	George Chamberlin '51	Barbara Flower '51
L. Robert Feitig '35	John Cheezum, Jr. '51	Francis Frankowski '48
Joyce Greer '49	Frank Chesterman '18	Grace Freedman '47
Lillian Garton '17	Jeanne Chesterman '46	C. W. Frick, Jr. '48
Al. Handschmacher '36	Carolyn Clark '51	Robert Gardo '43
Mrs. Madeline Harper '35	Helen Clark '24	Mrs. R. T. H. Gardener '22
Olive Helverson '33	Mrs. W. Clayton	Jane Garvin '38
George Helverson '34	Wesley Clem, Jr. '33	Robert Garvin '36
Mrs. Evelyn Henzel '28	Mrs. E. Clemmenson '46	Clifford Gee '47
Virginia Holstrom '26	Dr. Richard Clover '43	Dorothy George '46
Dr. George Jennings '26	Mrs. R. Clover	George Gerding '40
Eleanor Laudenslayer '42	Thomas Cluck '37	Guy Gerhart '50
Catherine Lobach Faculty	Elizabeth Coates '39	James Gerhart '48
Barbara Lower '48	Walton Coates '34	Frances Glassmoyer '36
Charles Lower	Mary Conrad '46	Sally Gleason '51
James Lower '50	George Copeland '38	Earl'na Golden '35
W. McCullough '26	Kathrynella Colladay '40	LeRoy Gottshall '28
Christine McKinney '51	Carolyn Cook '45	Robert Graham '49
Kyryl Meschter '31	Joy Cooper '51	Lois Grant '49
Joseph Olson, Jr. '44	Guy Cooper '49	Linwood Grubb '34
Arnold Phipps '26	William Cox '42	Edna Haddock '26
Mrs. Theresa Russell '31	Samuel Cunningham '26	Edith Haddock
Delno Supplee '28	Bertha Cunningham '33	Herbert Haldeman '16
Edith Triol '31	Carolyn Cutting '32	William Hammer '44
Rosner Triol '30	Mrs. E. Cutting '30	Mrs. William Hammer '44
William Yost '35	Romeo Dagistino '35	Phyllis Hampp '48
<b>ANNUAL MEMBERS</b>	Margaret Dando '35	Anita Hancock '17
Albert Adee '34	Paul Daniels '48	Betty Harkins '30
Evelyn Anderson '37	Lewis Daniels '45	Mrs. W. Harkinson '36
Eugenia Adler '50	J. Davidson '36	Jane Harner '44
Robert Adams '40	Alicebeth Davidson	William Harper '31
Helen Bauerle '50	Velma Deisroth '34	Joseph Harrison '50
Victor Bean '51	Bob Dersch '49	Philip Harvey '51
John Beatty '36	Mrs. Mary Detwiler '35	Elizabeth Harvey '43
Herman Benninghoff '50	Howard Dicker '34	Mrs. Leroy Hauser '26
Bonnie Berquist '51	Robert Dicker '50	John Helmbold '26
Marian Bickford '43	Donna Dicker '50	Mrs. Mild. Hendrick '26
Doris Bindrim '31	Esper Dix '34	Henry Hermanns '38
Albert Bird '48	Rosetta Dix	Elaine Hertz '51
Harold Bitman '38	Mrs. Pauline Dolfman '39	Kathryn Hess '35
Floyd Bloom '34	Weir Donaldson '31	Edgar Hepler '26
Edwin Boerner '45	Ruth Donaghy '37	Mrs. John Heyman '48
Marion Boutcher '50	J. J. Doran '51	John Heyman '48
Robert Boutcher '50	Robert Dorn '38	Edward Hill '27
Elizabeth Brown '51	Ronald Doyle '51	Ralph Hill '30
Albert Bruner '46	Margaret Downs '31	Mary Hoover '48
Robert Bubeck '48	Alan Duke '35	Elizabeth Hunsberger '48
Robert Buckwalter '50	Raymond Earle, Jr. '49	Priscilla Hunt '31
Carolyn Buehrer '51	Fred Eckel	Barbara Hunter '28
Robert Bugel '43	Judy Edgar '51	John Jarvis '32
Mrs. Robert Bugel '43	Stuart Eichert '38	Mrs. John Jarvis '34
Lydia Burger '31	Dr. O. H. English Supt '49	Mrs. Betty Jenkins '46
G. E. Burlington Faculty	Martin Evoy, III '28	Ethel Jensen '30
Clarence Burton '48	Mrs. Elsie Farmer	Doris Jobbing '43

## PAID MEMBERS 1950-51

At July 19, the following had already paid in advance their 1950-51 dues. (Please notify us of any errors or omissions.)

<b>\$10 Life Members</b>	Robert Garvin '36	Julian Pearson '29
Jack Garvin '35	Walter Gellert '33	Dorothy Pearson '29
Max Pincus '41	Peg Gibson '36	Mrs. Mahala Peterson '40
<b>\$1 Annual Members</b>	David Groshens '45	Alma Polenz '25
Albert Adey '34	Anita Hancock '17	Williams Rapp '50
Ruth Bach '31	Phyllis Harkinson '36	Andy Reading '38
Fred Bauer '49	Madeline Harper '35	Dorothy Rhodes '39
Roberta Beck '38	Betty Harvey '43	Russell Rhodes '38
Dolly Biagi '48	Donald Hendrie '37	Bertha Rickner '46
Doris Bindrin '31	Evelyn Henzel '28	Kenneth Ritter '41
Joseph Blair '35	Ralph Hill '30	Alice Roberts '44
Ruth Campbell '31	Barbara Thomas	Evelyn Roberts '44
Arthur Chapman '30	Marie Kallenbach '42	Jackie Rotzell '44
David Clark '49	Florence Kamps '35	Amy Rozelle '42
Ralph Coleman '41	Lenore Kaufmann '41	Eleanor Schuenemann
James Copeland '41	Norman Kelly '38	Albert Shaffer '01
Charles Corwin '40	Philip Kind '33	Helen Shaffer '06
Carolyn Cutting '32	Alma Kraski '36	Mary Shmidheiser '33
Alicebeth Davidson '36	Trudy Kreider '49	Ruth Shrenk '32
Alice Davis '37	Jean Lamb '33	Elaine Sommer '45
Velma Deisroth '34	Eleanore Laudenslayer '42	Bertha Starkey '41
George Deming '33	Jane Locker '44	Dorothy Sutton '33
Howard Deming '36	Adolph Lightman '32	Harold Theson '49
Mrs. Howard Deming '36	Sara MacDowell '33	Mrs. Ellsworth Thomas '27
Esper Dix '34	Robert Marsh '41	Meredyth Thomas '32
Fralan Dix '29	Roy McConnell '44	Dorothy Tredinnick '46
Verdon Dix '29	Serama Mellon '30	Edith Triol '30
Ruth Donoghy '37	Dorothy Michener '33	Rosner Triol '31
Bette Ebner '36	Gertrude Miles '29	Kenneth Webb '33
George Eckel '39	Betty Miller '45	W. H. Webster '38
Paul Egner '28	Marjorie Miller '41	Edward Wetherald '47
Samuel Faris '35	Dorothea Millership '44	Mary-Alice Wunderle '41
Mary Farmer '37	Mrs. Andrew Mitchell '36	Polly Yearsley '49
Robert Feitig '35	Charles Mooney '34	Edna Young '32
Lillian Garton '17	Elsie Mooney '34	Paul Young '25
Jane Garvin '38	Donald Neiman '44	Walter Young '28
	Thelma Norteman '28	Kathryn Zitzer '46

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 1950-51

#### OFFICERS

**Esper Dix '34, Pres.**, 1625 Woodmere Way, Havertown—Hilltop 6-5862

**Jack Garvin '35, Vice Pres.**, 648 Edgehill Rd., Ardsley—Og. 7849

**Helen Clark '24, Corr. Sec.**, 204 Walnut St., Jenkintown—Og. 7985

**Verdon Dix '29, Treas.**, 2114 Oakdale Ave., Glenside—Og. 1345-M

#### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

**Donald Hendrie '37**, Willow Grove

**Robert Marsh '41**, Abington

**Mike Penecale '39**, Glenside

**Kenneth Ritter '41**, Glenside

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

**Ruth Bach '31**, Glenside

**Robert Dorn '38**, Glenside

**George Eckel '39**, Ardsley

**Jane Garvin '38**, Abington

**Jack Mallory '34**, Southampton

**Donald Neiman '44**, Willow Grove

**Max Pincus '41**, Rydal

**Russell Rhodes '38**, Ardsley

## ALUMNI NEWS

Abington Senior High School Alumni Association

VOL. 2, NO. 1

ABINGTON, PA.

AUGUST, 1950

## 1950-51 Membership Campaign Opened Aug. 16 As Council Dispatched 3,000 Notices to Alumni

### Officers Elected in June

Esper L. Dix '34 was elected president of our Association, at the annual election meeting held at the High School, in Main Study Hall, Thursday evening, July 6.

Esper has been our treasurer for the past two years, was scholastic leader of his class and is a certified public accountant.

Other newly elected officers are: Jack Garvin '35, vice-president; Helen Clark '24, corresponding secretary; Verdon Dix '29, treasurer. Lillian Garton '17 was reelected recording secretary.

### Three Members-at-Large Elected

Two Executive Council members-at-large were scheduled for election. Max Pincus '41 could not complete his two year term so three councilmen were elected. They are Donald Hendrie '37, Robert Marsh '41 and Kenneth Ritter '41. Mike Penecale '39 will complete his term.

In order to conform with enlarged membership and to insure successful organization of the year's activities, our new president has enlarged the administrative group of nine to include eight associate members of the Executive Council. Those who are serving in this capacity are: Ruth Bach '31, Robert Dorn '38, George Eckel '39, Jane Garvin '38, Jack Mallory '34, Donald Neiman '44, Max Pincus '41 and Russell Rhodes '38.

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### Planned Budget Includes \$300 Annual Scholarship

With the issuance of 3,000 notices, the executive council of the Abington Alumni Association under President Esper Dix launched the membership and dues campaign of the 1950-51 year ending June 30, 1951, on Thursday night, Aug. 16, at Abington High School.

For the first time in the Association's history, notices for membership were being sent to every known living alumni of Abington. The "Alumni News" was distributed to all alumni. Future issues will go exclusively to paid members of the Association.

The committee announced that \$10 life memberships were now available since the change in the constitution. Yearly memberships are one dollar. A membership entitles the holder to full voting powers; a subscription to the "Alumni News", published quarterly; complete participation in all association activities; and to reunion and companionship with fellow alumni.

### Tentative Budget

Money from memberships and donations will finance the tentative budget including: a \$300 annual scholarship to the outstanding graduating senior not receiving a similar award; \$300 for other awards and contributions to school facilities; coverage of administrative and miscellaneous expenditures (i. e. postage, printing, etc.)

Perhaps the outstanding contribution of increased active membership will be the automatic increase of groups which can help the student: recreational supervision and expansion; job placement aid; advising on college and courses; hospital and medical aid; poverty case assistance; and avocational instruction.

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### An Invitation

Intelligent, interested hard workers make the program of the association possible. YOU are needed. Please attend and take part in the monthly meetings of the executive council on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 P. M. in the High School study hall.



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### • Not Somebody Else, YOU

Do you have a child who will attend Abington High someday? The Abington Alumni Association could have a lot to do with the education he or she receives . . . Or are you a recent graduate, with high school experiences still fresh in mind? The Abington Alumni Association could supply the answer to that question you probably expressed at once while at Abington, and which began "Why doesn't the school . . . ?", or "they ought to . . .".

The future of the Abington Alumni Association will be exactly what you and I wish to make it . . . that is what WE wish to make it, not what we wish SOMEBODY ELSE to make it. You and I are the Alumni.

Excepting political parties, there is no other group in the community as large as ours that has as much in common as we graduates of the high school. It is only natural that we should promote an Alumni Association. The greater accomplishments are the results of united effort. And don't think of these possible accomplishments as something remote and of little importance to you. . . your child, or a child who is dear to you, will receive from his education at Abington and (you hope) at college, an important foundation to his whole future life.

I know there are many other family, social and financial obligations claiming your attention—they claim mine too. But we ask very little of you. You can enjoy, or pass up, our varied social activities. You can take an active part in the Association's work, or leave that to those crazy enough to be willing to give the necessary hours every month.

All we actually ask of you is that you make yourself a Paid Member of the Abington Alumni Association.

Esper Dix '34

## —: Ghost Gossip :—

**Bob Sanders '44**, has graduated from Swarthmore College with a B. S. in Economics. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and also was awarded a Master's fellowship in economics at the U. of Virginia. . . married to a Phila. girl in June, **Felix Summa '34**, has moved from Glenside to Drexel Hill . . . **Walton Coates '34**, and the former **Betty Triol '39**, have tied the knot and are residing in Baederwood . . . **Bob Gernert '48**, a junior at Swarthmore College, was selected to represent his fraternity, Delta Upsilon, in San Francisco, this Sept. at a convention . . .

**Hans Schroeder '42**, has been appointed assistant manager of the book department at John Wanamaker's in Philly . . . New daughter this month for **John Robinson '44**, and wife, of N. Hills . . . **Charles Clayton '41**, and the former **Lucille Martin '44**, have accepted the bonds of matrimony, will live in Glenside . . .

Soon to walk down the aisle is **Bart Trescott '42**, Abington, and **Ruth Pretzot, N. Y.**, on Sept. 9 in Harrison, N. Y. Bart continues an economics fellowship at Princeton U. this fall . . . **Ed Smith '44**, is building his own home on Jenkintown rd. and his wife, the former **Catherine DeValerio '46**, expects a second addition in February . . . More than 100 (62 class members) attended a dinner reunion of the '35 class at the Casa Conti hotel in April. **Jack Garvin**, our vice-president, was primarily responsible for its success . . .

**Ellene Hartling '46**, and **Len Gardo '42**, announced their engagement two weeks ago. . . At the west coast ready for embarkation is **Lt. Ed Bailey '42**, USN. His wife, the former **Joy Rogers '44**, and their children will stay in Glenside for the present . . . Now a representative of the Penn Mutual Insurance Co. is **Dick Gernert '44**, who graduated from the U. of P. in June.

### PLEASE NOTE

The next issue of Alumni News will be sent only to those on our Dues Paid list at the time of mailing.

## 600 at Homecoming

Approximately 600 persons enjoyed Alumni Homecoming Day, May 31, and "The Mikado" presented that evening and the following Friday evening.

Homecoming Day began when our Alumni baseball team, under councilman Mike Penecale '39, beat "Pop" Erb's varsity, 7-2, in a seven inning game.

A swell dinner was served in the High School cafeteria and we were honored by the presence of Alumni from such distant points as Philadelphia, Kennet Square, Haddonfield, Palmyra, Ambler, Collegeville, Stroudsburg and New Hartford, N. Y. A good-wishes telegram arrived all the way from California. The classes of '01, '06, '15, '17, and '19 were represented, as was every class from '27 through '49.

The performances of the Gilbert & Sullivan operetta "The Mikado" will not soon be forgotten. The production was under the direction of Thelma O'Brien '28 and she, and everyone who was connected with the show, deserves commendation. The net proceeds contributed to our Scholarship fund.

## Planned Program Announced

A tentative 1950-51 activities program was laid out at the Executive Council's organizational meeting held in Room 1 at the High School, July 19th.

The planned social events include a dance the evening after Thanksgiving, a February card party and a spring entertainment in the school auditorium.

Vice-president Jack Garvin '35 is chairman of the committee responsible for securing the dance floor.

Continuation of the Alumni sponsored Main Line League basketball team is also under consideration. Councilman Mike Penecale '39, former president Bob Dorn '38, Jack Garvin and Robert Garvin '36 were in charge.

A tentative budget was adopted by the Council, which, in addition to continuation of the \$300 Alumni Scholarship, includes an equal amount to be used for other awards, contributions to school facilities, or in similar ways to be determined by our Association. An extensive study will be made before the Council takes definite action.

## Scholarship Recipient Wrote Gratitude in Need to Assoc.

B. Williams Rapp '50, of 2520 Rosemore Ave., Glenside, will attend East Stroudsburg State Teachers College in September. Williams received our \$300 Alumni Scholarship at the commencement exercises in June.

In a letter to the Alumni Association, he says of our scholarship: "It will be of the greatest help to me, as it is necessary for me to work to put myself through college . . . it looks pretty big to a boy who is saving every penny. I am most grateful to the Alumni Association."

The recipient was determined by a special faculty committee. They know the graduates' qualifications and can coordinate the award with others.

### Scholarship to Continue

It has been tentatively decided, by our council, to continue the scholarship award to a worthy 1951 graduate. In the past the money has been made available towards the first year's college tuition. A special Benevolence Committee, under the chairmanship of councilman Russell Rhodes '38, will look into the advisability of spreading the payments over two or more years and determine any other restrictions.

The 1951 Alumni Scholarship will make our fourth consecutive annual award. Jacqueline Priester '49 used it for tuition at Ursinus and Mary V. Burnett '48 when she entered Fisk.

## DUES CAMPAIGN (Cont. from Page 1)

The larger participation must also increase the other sources of club revenue with bigger and better affairs.

## ELECTION (Cont. from Page 1)

James Copeland '41, Walter Young '28 and Charles Mooney '34 were elected as the auditing committee.

Three amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were approved. They provide for optional \$10 life membership (in lieu of \$1 annual dues), permit the acceptance of life members of the previous alumni association upon their application to the Executive Council, and include Abington graduates as honorary members for one year.