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ALUMNI AND GENERAL NEWS

By Gordon W. Clarke

The deaf here were shocked to hear of the death of Paul Dwin, '38 which occurred last April. He



was on the way to Pittsburgh from Chicago where he worked as linotype operator and for some unknown

reason he fell off the train and was killed. He was one of the brightest students ever graduated from our school and his passing causes a heart pang to those who know his worth.

After graduating from our school, Paul Dwin attended Hartford High School for 2 years where he was an honor student. At Howard University, Washington, D.C., he was an associate and literary editor of the student periodical, "Hilltop."

Frank Bolkoski of Waterbury and John Hillman of Griswoldville, Mass., both of the Class of 1945 sent in their subscriptions saying that they are unable to be without the AMERICAN ERA as it tells them so much about their former friends and schoolmates.

Mr. Bolkoski is employed in the Art Color Press in Waterbury. Mr. Hillman is working on his father's farm.

EDWARDS—LANOUE

The marriage of Glenn Edwards of Pittsfield, Mass., and Miss Leona Graciette Lanoue of Meriden, Conn., took place in St. Laurent's Church, Meriden, Saturday morning, January 20th. The marriage, being private, was performed by Rev. Matthew, with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Franceour, sister and brother-in-law of the bride as witnesses. Following a wedding breakfast at the Franceour home, the newlyweds left for Pitts-

field for a visit with the groom's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards attended the American School many years ago, Mrs. Edwards leaving later to enter the St. Joseph School for the Deaf in New York from which place she graduated in 1929.

The bride and groom are now residing in Hartford where the groom has a job. The couple have our best wishes for a happy marriage.

Mrs. Mary Cossette who had been in hospital since last December recently returned to her home at 226 Starr Street, New Haven. Her left leg was amputated above the knee last January. We are told that Mrs. Cossette is cheerful and that she would welcome letters from her friends.

Mr. Edgar Luther, '05, is still ambitious, despite the fact that he is a grandfather. For quite some time Mr. Luther has been attending the State Trade School located in Hartford, where he is taking up advanced tool making three evenings per week. He has been employed in the tool making department by the Niles-Bement-Pond Company in West Hartford for several years and is considered by the company a valuable employee. Mr. Luther finds tool making fascinating and advises any man who has mechanical ability to go into this trade. More power to you, Mr. Luther!

Through the kindness of Mrs. Beth Wetherbee we learn that Mrs. Ann Zaharevitz Lepley, ASD '35, is still living in Worcester, Massachusetts. Her six-year old daughter, Beth, namesake of Mrs. Wetherbee, is in the second grade. Mr. Lepley a hearing man, is serving in the Navy.

According to the New York Journal of the Deaf, Corporal Martin Leeper, son of Mrs. Anna Leeper, is now serving in India. In a letter to his mother recently, he described his initiation into the Order of Shellbacks by King Neptune when his boat crossed the equator. He was on an army transport thirty-five days.

Through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Moss of Hartford, we have the following excerpt from The Wisconsin State Journal, printed in Madison, Wisconsin:

"Several weeks ago Ruth Hazelton, 1417 Northern Court, Madison, Wis., a pupil at East high school, saw a movie starring Alan Ladd in which a deaf woman in the picture was supposed to be reading Mr. Ladd's lips.

"Now it so happens that Ruth, who has been totally deaf since she was a small child, is one of the best lip-readers in town, but she wasn't able to read Mr. Ladd's lips, so she sat down and wrote him a letter.

"I enjoyed the picture," she wrote, "but I don't see how the woman could possibly have read your lips because I couldn't read them and I usually can read almost everyone's lips. Your enunciation of vowels are particularly bad...."

"She pointed out other flaws in his speech, politely but firmly....and this week she received an answer from the movie star.

"Your letter contained the most constructive criticism I've ever had," he wrote gratefully, among other things, and he enclosed an autographed photograph of himself for Ruth."

Incidentally Miss Hazelton is a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Moss, she being a class mate of Mrs. Moss while the latter was attending the Lapham School.

The Ritchies of Reading, Penna., "escorted" by Milford Luden of the same city who attended our school in the thirties were visitors to Hartford for three days. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie were schoolmates of Mr. and Mrs. Durian at Mt. Airy, Penna. Mr. Ritchie and Mrs. Durian were full of reminiscences of the school days and some of their stories kept them convulsed with laughter. There is nothing like the meeting of friends of auld lang syne to mellow us and make us feel kindly toward one another.

Mr. Ritchie is a past president of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf and his work as president has been most highly esteemed. Mrs. Ritchie remarked that Connecticut has attractions for visitors unsurpassed by another other state in the country and that

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Howard University Freshman

We have just received a letter from Paul Dwin, Class of 1938.



Paul writes that he is now a freshman at Howard University, located in Washington, D. C. Paul has been given a signal honor in that

he has been appointed associate and literary editor of the student periodical, "Hilltop."

This is unique in that he is the first freshman to ever hold such a position.

We expect great things of Paul and so far he has not disappointed us.—R.

Following are a few excerpts of his letter to Mr. Boatner:

"I sincerely hope this letter finds you well and as interested as you always have been; for, surely, it is a matter of personal satisfaction to me to let you know about my progress while I am here.

"First I wish to thank you for the co-operation which you have rendered in my behalf. It has put me in good stead with the authorities here. In a way they understand my position much better and also much sooner than I had previously expected. It all goes, however, to make things less arduous, and to eliminate those difficulties which accompany one's entrance among strangers in a large university. So far I have been doing fine in the direc-

tion of getting started the best I can. Of course, lectures, as was to be expected, are giving me some trouble in that I am unable to understand the professors. Lip-reading (you will understand) cannot be wholly relied upon in lecture classes; and, furthermore, it would seem too uncommon for me to request the speakers to keep their heads in my direction and not wait about the platform. Nevertheless, I take part in discussions through the help of fellow students, who in addition give me copies of their notes to make up for what I miss at lectures. This spirit of helpfulness among my classmates is a source of happiness and encouragement to me.

"You will notice the heading of this paper, The Student Council and the officer of the "Hilltop." The "Hilltop" is the student publication here. The election of officers to the highest positions on the paper is generally considered the highest honor next to valedictorian.

"Now I am Associate Literary Editor on the "Hilltop"—the first freshman ever to hold such a high position. This is just what I want—4 years' experience on a newspaper, plus majoring in English. Nothing better could qualify me for a profession of journalism, for which I am preparing.

"I visited Gallaudet College Sunday, and saw Wilkinson, Panara and Krostoski. Mr. Noble, to my surprise, is attending as a normal.

"Your advice and help will always be most welcome. I hope to hear from you, Mr. Boatner."

Ever respectful,
Paul

Panara, '40 Awarded Gallaudet Alumni Prize

The Alumni Association of Gallaudet College every year awards cash prizes for the best literary efforts among the undergraduates in the college. This year Robert Panara who graduated from our school in 1940 is one of the prize winners getting honors for the best poem.

Our Representatives in Gallaudet

Connecticut is sending five students to Gallaudet College this year. They are Henry Krostoski, Grace Peebles and Arlene Stecker in the sophomore class, and Robert Panara and Donald Wilkinson in the freshman class.

"Reunion"

Descendents of Thomas H. Gallaudet who founded our school in 1811 and Laurent Clerc who came from France to be his assistant, work at adjoining desks in the office of the State Defense Council in Hartford, Conn.

Major Herbert Gallaudet, great grandson of Thomas Gallaudet is director of Air Warden Schools. Guy B. Holt, deputy defense administrator, is the great grandson of Laurent Clerc.

Education of the Deaf

We admire the frankness of Prof. Perkins of the American School in bringing to the fore a subject that concerns sound methods in the difficult process of educating our deaf children. The address he delivered to the graduating class of that school last June is our feature article this month and is printed on page 1. Many, to our knowledge, have often expressed identical sentiments, but feared to do so openly. Why a club should be held over the heads of those who dare to frankly express their convictions on methods of educating the deaf is beyond our comprehension.

—Pennsylvanian Society, New

"Well done, Thou good and faithful Servant"

Our annual Halloween Party was up to standard. A great many former students attended. It was a common remark that they looked prosperous. Almost every one had a story of prosperity to tell. They represented nearly all of the occupations.

Any one who witnessed that part or any other assembly of the deaf will say to the school, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The Minnesota Association of the Deaf has \$15,000 or more, and it seems to be making about \$1000 a year.