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Aggie News

From the editor.

Dear fellow Aggies, in this issue of the Aggie News we again highlight the old and the new regarding our beloved Aggie. Our Buy a Brick Fundraiser for Larkin Cottage is still going on, it is not too late to participate in honoring Ms. Larkin and other fellow alumni.

In this issue you will find a lot of "School Notes"; We cover the 2021 graduation, the first Fruit Instructor at the Aggie, Eagle Scouts, we spotlight several great alumni. Special thanks goes out to Jay Murphy 60', Ken Lane 72', a very special thanks goes out to Karl Preusser for his story about his grandfather-in-law, Bill Somers.

Do not forget the dues page. It is very easy to fill out and send back to Charlie Main, Class of 1956.

If you have a story, you that would like to share about someone you would like to see in the spotlight, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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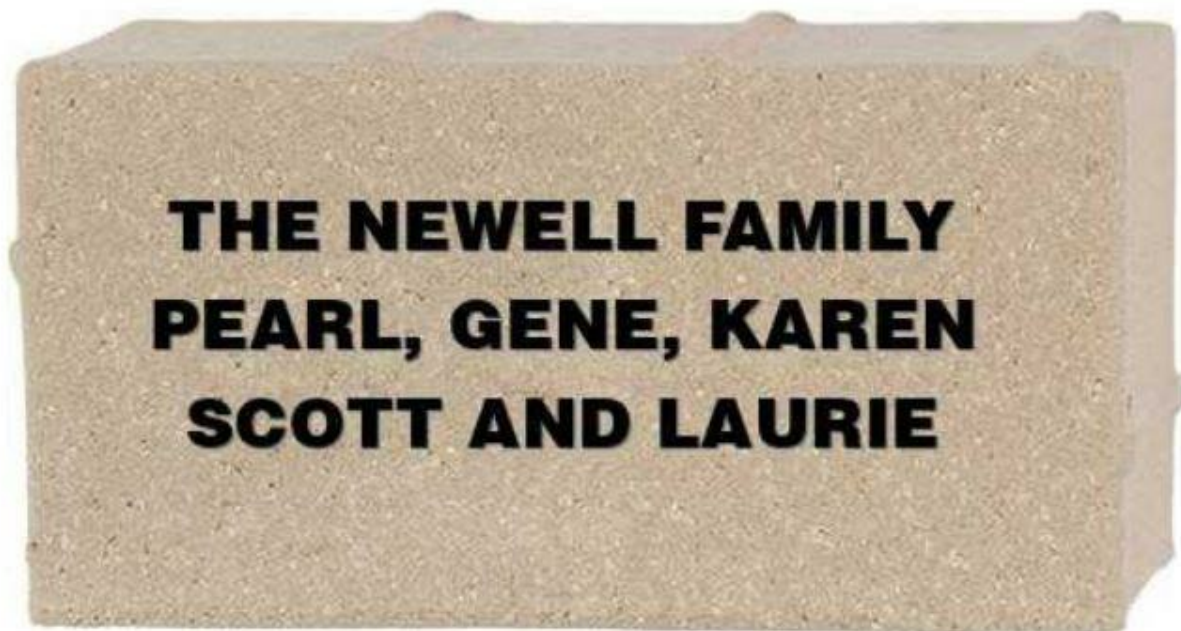
Buy a Brick

The Essex Aggie Alumni Association will be wrapping up our Buy A Brick Fundraiser in the coming months. We wish to thank everyone who purchased bricks. We will find a way to add bricks to the grounds of the Larkin Cottage in the future. At this time, it is not too late to contribute.

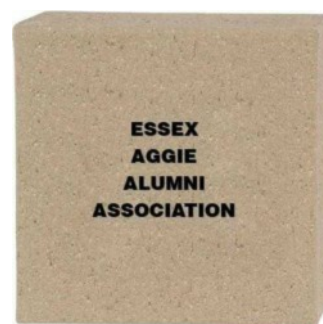
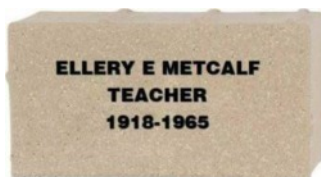
Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School in collaboration with the Essex Aggie Alumni Association is sponsoring a "Buy A Brick" fundraiser campaign to support a rebuild of the Catherine Larkin Memorial Practice Cottage on the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School campus. Second only to Smith Hall, Larkin Cottage is the oldest building still standing on the South Campus. Built in 1950, Larkin Cottage was used for many years as a practice cottage for the Essex Agricultural Homemaking School.

The brick walkway and patios surrounding the cottage will be installed by students and staff at Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School. Each brick will feature an engraved inscription of the donor's choice. Relatives of deceased graduates can purchase a memorial brick to honor family members. This is your chance to be remembered for generations to come by leaving your mark on our beautiful campus.

If you have not purchased a brick, please take time to do so. You can be as creative as you wish. Gene and Pearl, parents of Karen, Scott and Laurie attended evening classes. Karen was in the post grad program while Scott 74' and Laurie 78' attended the high school.



Larkin Cottage Buy A Brick Fundraiser Order Form



Alumni

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Business & Organizations

The first 1,000 bricks purchased will provide an additional \$10.00 Matching Gift donation

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Engraved brick: (4x8) \$100/ea. \$ _____

Engraved brick: (8x8) \$200/ea. \$ _____

Replica brick: (4x8) \$100/ea. \$ _____ (engraved brick with rubber feet for display - includes shipping)

Additional donation to help with financing for the Larkin Cottage rebuild \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (All capital letters, automatically centered)

4x8 brick - \$100.00 each - 1 to 3 lines of inscription - 18 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)

8x8 brick - \$200.00 each - 1 to 6 lines of inscription - 18 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)

Make checks payable to: Essex Aggie Alumni Association

Mail form and check to: ENSATS, c/o Charles Main, 643 Main Rd, Phippsburg, ME 04562

To place your order online and pay by credit card, visit: <https://thatsmybrick.com/essexaggieaa>

<https://essexaggie.org/alumni/alumni.html> E-MAIL: cmain@comcast.net

Essex Aggie Alumni Association is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible

School Notes 1915, School for Beekeepers

A school for beekeepers will be held on August 4, 5, 6, 7, 1915, at Hathorne. Mass. under the auspices of Massachusetts Agricultural College, Extension Service, the Essex County Agricultural School Cooperating. This school is intended to be of help not only to the professional beekeeper, but to market gardeners, fruit growers, growers of cucumbers under glass, small fruit producers, cranberry culturists, managers of estates and institutions, science teachers, librarians and persons contemplating beekeeping as well.

FIRST DAY August 4,

- 10 A. M. Establishment of Bees in Essex County Dr. Burton N. Gates
1:30 p.m. Demonstration and explanation of simple beekeeping— equipment; its preparation and use as hives supers, sections, frames, traps etc. — Dr. Burton N. Gates, Mr. Gladstone H Cale.
Instruction in handling bees (demonstration with live bees) Dr. Burton N. Gates

SECOND DAY: FRUIT GROWERS' AND MARKET GARDENERS' DAY August 5,

- 10 A. M. Demonstration: Maintaining bees in cucumber houses. Mr. Gladstone H. Cale
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The Control of the "Moth." Dr. Burton N. Gates
Demonstration of handling bees. Mr. Gladstone H. Cale.
1:30 P. M. Necessity for Bees in Vegetable and Fruit Production. Mr. S. L. Davenport
The Orchard Apiary; its Establishment. Mr. Gladstone H. Cale

THIRD DAY August 6,

- 10 A. M. The Races of Bees. Dr. Burton N. Gates
The Colony; its Development and Members. Mr. Gladstone H. Cale.
The Products of the Hive. Mr. Gladstone H. Cale.
1:30 P. M. Honey Sources; Important Bee Forage. Mr. Fred A. Smith., Director.
Making a Start with Bees. Dr. Burton N. Gates

FOURTH DAY: BEEKEEPERS' DAY —SPECIAL PROGRAM August 7,

- 10 A. M. Handling of swarms. Mr. Gladstone H Cale.
Increasing the bees. Dr. Burton N. Gates
Transferring a colony of bees to a modern hive. (Demonstrated) Mr. Gladstone H. Cale.
Discussion of Bee Diseases and Their Treatment. I Demonstrated). Mr. Gladstone H. Cale.
Requeening; Italianization. Mr. Geo. W. Adams. Rowley, Mass.
Suggestions for Honey Production. Mr. Gladstone H .Cale.

If the beekeepers have special subjects which they desire discussed or demonstrated, they will please communicate in advance with Mr. Fred A. Smith, Director of the school.
There will be beside bees in glass and other hives, a display of the best and most simple beekeeping equipment.

School Notes 1921

Football, as usual, held first place in sports this fall and an unusually strong team was developed, which in spite of continuous handicaps, due to injuries, overwhelmed our old rival Danvers in the Annual Thanksgiving Day clash.

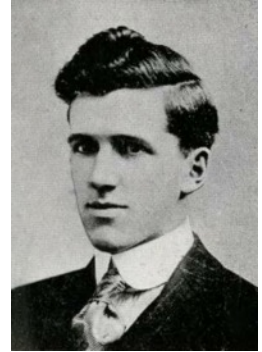
Mr. Page of the faculty, called out the candidates early and the team was in good shape for the opening game with Pinkerton which had already played three games. The Aggies held Pinkerton scoreless till the last minute: 7-0. With the sting of this defeat, Capt. Harold "Scoop" Holden spurred his team on to an overwhelming victory against Johnson High, 51-0. Methuen. The next team proved too strong for Essex, and won 9-0. Holden, Raddin, Ewing and several others being injured, the first two for nearly the entire season.

The Aggies, with a crippled team, braced by many substitutes, did well against the Newburyport team, holding them to one lone touchdown. Norfolk Aggies played Essex to a standstill for 3 ½ periods and then old Essex arose and showed what she could do, by sweeping Norfolk the entire length of the field, Ewing scoring the touchdown, 21-6. The following week Aggie played a wonderful game against Amesbury and held them to a tie for the first half. Forward passes were featured, mostly to Wainwright: score Amesbury 27-7.

Aggies played Salem Armistice Day on a muddy field making our game of passes impossible. Constant Dreano was injured to add to our handicaps which notwithstanding, we held Salem 13-0.



Essex Aggie 1921 Football Players



*Coach, Oral Page,
Nickname, Pete*

Danvers developed a strong team, even defeating Amesbury 20-7. And expected to have the edge on Essex. Coach Page had nearly two weeks to prepare his team and was ably assisted throughout the season by "Hank" Herrick, '21 and the boys were in excellent condition for Danvers. The result was that on the snow, Aggie crushed through the Danvers line for three touchdowns, and held Danvers scoreless; yes, to three first downs, and gave the second team their merited share in winning the game. Score 19-0.

The season was a decided success; for developing fine spirit and true sportsmanship; for winning its big game of the year; and lastly for developing a wealth of splendid material for 1922.

Football letters were awarded to:— Capt. Holden, Peach, Wainwright, Allen, Sargent, Ewing, Murray, Williams, A. Perkins, M. Roberts, Glines, J. Tucker. Anderson, Dreano and Mgr. W. Moore.

As a special merit of reward and distinction class numerals were awarded in football to:— Raddin, Holmes, Wetterberg, C. Hansen, O'Keefe, Johnson.

School Notes 1962, Waldemar C. Kester, Teacher of English

A Summer English Program for Vo Ag Students

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English is a “holy-cow” in the hierarchy of any academic curriculum whether that curriculum be in Vo-Ag Education or the more classical mediums. It is the sum and substance of intelligent communication and cultural revelation. The summation and culmination of learning is given birth and expression through the mechanics of the mother tongue. Abstract ideas of the mind are catalyzed and crystalized through the written and spoken word.

The words, “English Composition,” have become dirty words in the vocabulary of the average American high school student. Nevertheless, we in the English Department of Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute, under the guidance of Director Gallant, are attempting to upgrade our student’s ability to write and communicate intelligently. This is being done through a Summer English Correspondence Program. This method has long been a program of our school. We do not claim to be unique in the employment of the correspondence approach in education, but we are among the first to have employed such a means



Waldemar C. Kester

for reaching the student beyond the regular academic year in Vo-Ag Education. Our program was first initiated by Director Smith in 1916; it was expanded by Director Mostrom in 1942, and is currently being refined by our present Director, James F. Gallant, with the cooperation of the English Department consisting of myself and Giles B. Powell. All student activities are efforts relative this program, are coordinated by Mr. Richard J. White, our Education Manager, who acts as liaison between the student and administrative, academic, and vocational departments.



Richard J. White

High school students in Vo-Ag Education must be taught that words, whether written or spoken, are to be used accurately in order to convey to their recipients what it is they are to understand. The evident lack of ability to do this, on the part of the average high school student of today, makes it clear that the discipline of doing substantial amounts of writing is necessary. The student must be forced to revise poor work until meticulous standards are met. If this is done there is hope that the student will grasp the substance of language responsibility.

We require every student to engage in an active writing program in each of the four years comprising his education at the Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute. This is, admittedly, not, and easy task to accomplish: The student must make a scholastic effort which runs contrary to his desires; the teacher must accept his responsibilities even though they become a burden of sheer drudgery which only a high degree of dedication will compel him to accept.



Giles B. Powell

It is our hope and objective that each boy will develop his talents in reading, writing, and speech to the highest level of his native capacity. We work and live in the belief that writing is the way to learn to write. By following this philosophy, we believe we are living up to the high standards of Vo-Ag Education – in that a student learns best by doing. We are also fulfilling our mission to graduate students culturally capable or preserving our American Heritage.

(Editor's note. Mr. Kester taught English from 1961 to 1969 at the Aggie. Prior to that he was a self-employed landscaper on the North Shore for over 10 years and decided to go back to school and get his teacher's degree at Salem State College. When he left Essex Aggie, he taught social studies at Swampscott High School for another 14 years.

Sometimes we wonder what may motivate people to change careers. I am not saying his wife Anita had anything to do with Mr. Kester's career change, but the following is from Anita Humphrey Kester's obituary, Waldemar's wife of 43 years.

Anita graduated from Edward Little High School in Lewiston, Maine, class of 1944, with high honors. Passing on a full scholarship offer to Bates College, Anita chose instead to help the WWII effort by pursuing and receiving a degree in Nursing (with Honors) from the esteemed Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing.

Anita worked for 30 years at various local and Boston hospitals, which included 15 years as an IV nurse at Lynn Hospital before making a career move to become a research clinician at the Shriner's Burn Institute. There, she was instrumental in the development of growing skin grafts. After receiving a bachelor's degree in Business Administration (with high honors) from Salem State College in 1969, she spent the rest of her career in the medical insurance industry at Blue Cross Blue Shield, retiring as Associate Chief of Claims, a job she truly loved.)

Agricultural Dept. Library 1937



School Notes 1952

Brucellosis Program is Underway

On July 7th, the Essex County Dairyman met in Extension Hall with Dr. Douglas Stern, D.V.M., Extension Pathologist from Amherst, and three local Veterinarians. The problem that brought the group together was Brucellosis. This is a disease, commonly called Contagious Abortion or Bangs Disease, that seriously affects the dairyman from a standpoint of production. Cattle that have this disease fall off in production, are very difficult breeders (if not sterile), lose their calves and have trouble with retained placentae.



Daniel P. Hurl, Jr.

The program can be summed up this way:

1. Testing will be done on farms that desire this service.
2. Test Groups will be formed in numerous locations about the county, and will consist of about 100 cattle per group.
3. Results are to be used confidentially, only general statements on these groups will be made. No individual publicity, either good or bad will be given.
4. The program is the first step to control a singular disease problem since the control program against T.B.
5. The Essex County Dairymen are being urged to vaccinate all calves kept for future replacements before they are eight months of age. This is the first step that must be taken if you hope to become accredited.
6. When buying cattle, be sure to hold them apart from your own herd until they are check-tested by your local Veterinarian. Buying replacements from accredited herds is the safest way of being sure that cattle are not disease carriers.
7. Get on the "band-wagon". The program needs your help and cooperation to succeed. Contact my office or write to me, Daniel P. Hurl, Jr., Associate County Agricultural Agent, Hathorne, Mass., for particulars.

(Editor's note: In 1954 Congressional funds were first approved for a Cooperative State - Federal Brucellosis Eradication Program to eliminate the disease from the country. At the beginning of the program, brucellosis was widespread throughout U.S. livestock, but eradication efforts have had dramatic results. In 1956, there were 124,000 affected herds found by testing in the United States. By 1992, this number had dropped to 700 herds and the number of affected, domestic herds has declined to single digits since then. USDA, APHIS, Cooperative State Federal Program continues to work towards achieving the goal of nationwide eradication of brucellosis from domestic cattle and bison. Currently all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are brucellosis Class Free.)

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School Notes 2021, Graduation



Freshman Mara Stein, a carpentry student of Peabody, then sang the National Anthem at the graduation ceremony. (Courtesy Photo Essex Tech)

Superintendent Dr. Heidi Riccio and Principal Shannon Donnelly are pleased to announce the graduation of 343 students from Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School. A graduation ceremony was held on Friday, June 4th on the football field of Essex Tech's campus.

"If I could describe the Class of 2021 in one word, it would be 'grit,'" Superintendent Riccio said. "This last year was tough, and our students have worked hard to reach this moment. Beyond grit, I would like to express the need to be a good human. I ask that you hold that door open for someone, you get to know your neighbor, you learn another person's culture, you gain an appreciation for another's differences, and you seek to understand others."

Of the graduating class, 75% have plans to pursue either college or apprenticeship training, 23% will enter the workforce immediately and 2% have enlisted in the military.

The ceremony began with a welcome message from Principal Donnelly, who also recognized and thanked those in the audience who are veterans, active members of the military, first responders, frontline workers and graduates entering the military by asking them to stand. Ten graduating seniors who earned the rank of Eagle Scout also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Freshman Mara Stein, a carpentry student of Peabody, then sang the National Anthem.

"We have had quite a year! I want to thank all of you for your amazing flexibility and cooperation," Principal Donnelly said. "All of our students and staff have shown remarkable commitment and tenacity. And I want you to know how proud I am of all of you. I hope that down the road when times are tough and you feel like it may be time to quit, you will remember how hard you worked to be successful during this challenging year."

School Committee Chairman Mark Strout also spoke.

"Graduates, I want you to rest assured that the administration, faculty, and staff of Essex North Shore have prepared you to be highly productive members of the 21st century economy, and to be life-long learners," Chairman Strout said. "The School Committee wishes all of you every success in life, and wants you to know that you will always be part of the Essex North Shore family."

Sen. Joan Lovely then gave the keynote speech.

“I know getting here hasn’t been easy. Over the last year, you have faced challenges unlike any class that came before you, and yet despite those obstacles you have persevered,” Sen. Lovely said. “Every single one of you should be incredibly proud of your accomplishments. For each and every one of you, your diploma is key for your next step, whether that is heading up to two- or four-year program, or heading straight into the trade you learned here at this amazing school.”

Additional speakers included Superintendent Riccio, the salutatorian, Essex Tech’s 2021 MAVA Outstanding Vocational Technical Student, valedictorian, and the class president. Salutatorian Helen “Ellie” Clark, a Biotechnology student of Swampscott, will attend Salisbury University in the fall, where she will major in Biology. In her speech, she spoke about patience.

“Patience is, in essence, all about doing everything you can to achieve your goals and understanding that you may not see the fruits of your labors immediately,” Clark said. “While instant gratification is becoming increasingly common in our world, most things in life still require this kind of patience, and that’s why it’s so important.”

Valedictorian Molly McDonald, an Environmental Technology student of Swampscott, plans on attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. this fall, where she will major in Engineering and minor in Environmental Science.

“Entering Essex Tech in 2017 as overwhelmed, wide-eyed freshmen, we are now graduating in 2021 as strong, confident young adults,” McDonald said. “Collectively, we have the opportunity to determine the future of this planet, to determine what kind of world we want to live in, and to determine how we can each make a difference. No matter what each of you are pursuing next year, whether a job in your field of study, a two- or four-year college program, serving in the U.S. military, or a gap year as you see fit, we can all make a difference.”

The Class of 2021 officers also presented the class gift, a donation to the Catherine Larkin Memorial Cottage Fund, and thanked the Class Advisors, Maura O’Brien and MaryElyse Sullivan, for their hard work and support. Assistant Principals Jennifer Skane and Joel Spruance then presented the diplomas.

Following the presentation of the diplomas, seniors Angela DeAngelis, of Danvers and Kevin Sweeney, of Wilmington sang “Unwritten” by Natasha Bedingfield.

Class President Tyler Geary then gave a farewell address.

“On behalf of the student body, I want to thank all the administrators and our guidance counselors, faculty, staff, parents, and loved ones who have helped guide us to where we are today. I think we all agree in saying that we wouldn’t be here without them,” Geary said.



Naidy Castro, of Salem, a graduate of Essex Tech’s biotechnology program. (Courtesy Photo Essex Tech)

Faculty in the Spotlight / Memorial to Mr. Stearns Lothrop Davenport

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When our beloved member, Stearns Lothrop Davenport died September 21, 1973, the Worcester County Horticultural Society lost a faithful friend. For sixty-four years he had served the society.

Mr. Davenport was born in North Grafton on December 10, 1885, and lived in that town most of his life. He worked his way through Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, now called the University of Massachusetts, by picking up leaves that fall on the floor of the greenhouse until he was promoted to trimming the grapevines. He later taught agriculture at the college and the Essex County Agricultural School. Mr. Davenport held an honorary degree in horticulture from Boston University.



Stearns Davenport

Under the sponsorship of the Worcester County Horticultural Society he re-introduced, at his Creeper Hill Orchard, old varieties of American apples that were almost extinct. At the time of his death his orchard contained more than one hundred kinds of apples that had once flourished in the United States. The orchard was open to the public as an “Apple Tree Museum”. He became internationally known by sending apple scions to Holland, Denmark, Switzerland, and other parts of the world.

He enjoyed working with the 4-H boys and girls and he judged their gardens every summer for many years. He rewarded first prize winners with chestnut trees grown in his orchard. Nut trees were his second love.

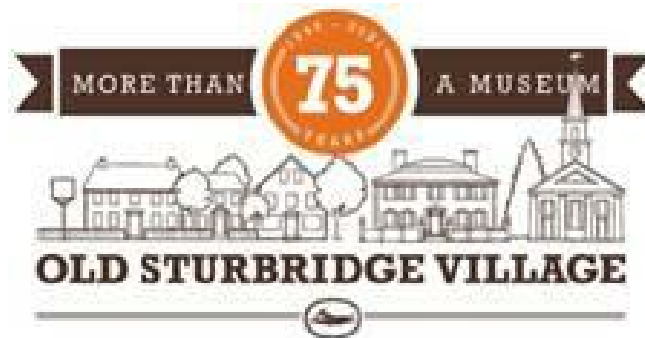
“Stearnie” as he was affectionately called by the young people who worked for him was a true horticulturist. He always carried material concerning the Horticultural Society which he frequently distributed to anyone who seemed the least bit interested – a modern-age “Johnny Appleseed”. He developed and patented several apples, one named Davey another Jean, for his daughter.

He was an authority on apple identification and samples were sent to him from universities, growers, homeowners, and hybridizers. His was a rare knowledge going back eight decades in fruit growing.

He received the gold medal of the Worcester County Horticultural Society after serving as secretary for twenty-five years. Other offices he held in the society were Vice-President, Trustee and Judge of Fruit. His name appeared frequently in the list of winners at the society’s flower and vegetable shows.

It was with great satisfaction that he saw the transfer of the old apple varieties orchard from North Grafton to Old Sturbridge Village, where they will be perpetuated and kept alive for future generations. The orchard is a living monument to his life’s work.

The following article was provided by Camryn Sarles, Horticulture Coordinator of Old Sturbridge Village.



Stearns Lothrop Davenport

Stearns Lothrop Davenport is most known for his important work preserving heritage varieties of apples in the United States. However, Davenport's work did not start until later in his life – during the Depression Era in the 1930s when Davenport was in his early 40s and 50s. During this time the Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association suggested that the Works Progress Administration (WPA) create a work program to remove thousands of abandoned fruit trees through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This work program would be twofold – it would help with the severe unemployment issue in the United States, and it would help improve the fruit industry that faced several insect and disease problems. The WPA accepted the suggestion and under the guidance of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, Stearns Davenport was put in charge of cutting down the abandoned trees. Through this process, some old apple varieties were lost forever.

During the 1940s after the tree removal project, Mr. Davenport became the secretary of the Worcester County Horticultural Society ("Society"). During a meeting with the society's president Myron Converse, Davenport suggested a program to save old varieties of apple trees from going extinct, inspired by his old work with the WPA. His vision for the program was an experimental orchard of his selected heirloom varieties. Apple tree reproduction is not simple – growing an apple tree from seed is like human reproduction where traits from both parents, as well as the grandparents and other ancestors, are present in the fruit of the new tree. To get the fruit to be the same as that of the desired tree, one must take scion cuttings from that tree and graft it onto root stock. So, this was a huge undertaking for Davenport and the society. After many discussions with the University of Massachusetts Horticultural Extension and the New York Agricultural Experimental Station, an initial list of 60 apple varieties was accepted by the Worcester County Horticultural Society's Fruit Committee.

Originally the orchard was planted on Davenport's property called the Creeper Hill Orchard in Grafton, Massachusetts. The society paid Davenport for his care of the trees, but in

1967 Davenport felt he could no longer take proper care of the orchard. The orchard was sold to a commercial fruit farmer, but the horticultural society still held rights to scions of the trees. Mr. Davenport also remained the Director of the Orchard, allowing him to closely work with the trees and continue his work of promoting the preservation of heritage varieties. Unfortunately, this arrangement only lasted until March of 1972 when the commercial fruit farmer would no longer continue to care for the orchard. It was at this point that Old Sturbridge Village (OSV or “Village”) became involved.

Old Sturbridge Village is an open-air history museum in Sturbridge, Massachusetts depicting the lives of rural people in 19th century New England. At the museum, heirloom vegetables, flowers, and fruits are grown. Apples were also a major part of 19th century food culture and frequently used in cooking and cider making demonstrations at the Village. Therefore, when a question of what would happen to the Davenport Collection arose, OSV found it logical that a “preservation orchard” would be housed on site. Thus, in 1968 an agreement was made to continue, and even expand, the work of Mr. Davenport and the horticultural society at Old Sturbridge Village. They immediately worked on creating new grafts of the varieties at the Creeper Hill Orchard that would start to be planted in a nursery in 1971 and 1972, then planted in their final place at Old Sturbridge Village in the spring of 1973. The society also continued its search for more varieties to be planted at the Village in subsequent years.

To date, there are 119 varieties in the Davenport Collection of Apples. Two of each variety were planted at the Perseveration Orchard which stands on 4 acres of land near OSV’s maintenance facilities. However, the original tress planted in 1973 were grafted onto semi-dwarf root stock, a type of root stock that only lasts a maximum of 30 years. It has been 50 years since these trees have been planted, and we are fortunate that they are still producing so well. Proper care from the horticulture and maintenance teams at OSV has been key to this success. The Village approached the orchard as a living collection, just as any of our other collection pieces. The primary concern for the orchard space was the longevity and health of the trees which has been successful for half a century.

However, we won’t be so lucky forever. To prepare for when the original trees inevitably stop producing completely, Old Sturbridge Village will be replanting the entire Davenport Collection in our Towne Orchard. In the spring of 2023, exactly 50 years after the original planting of the Davenport Collection at OSV, the Village will be receiving all 119 varieties from Fedco in Clinton, Maine. This time the scions were grafted onto M-111 root stock which will last 100-110 years. Through generous donations from various donors, Old Sturbridge Village has the proper resources to ensure the success of the orchard. We will be able to install new deer fencing and an irrigation system to keep animals out and provide optimal watering to the trees. This new location will be visible to the daily visitor and can be used as a tool to talk about apples in the 19th century as well as Mr. Davenport’s efforts to preserve history through apple trees.

Old Sturbridge Village is proud to house the Davenport Collection of Apples to honor Mr. Davenport and keep history alive. The collection can also be found at Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, Massachusetts who are also dedicated to preserving these old apple varieties and the history attached to them. Through institutions such as OSV and Tower Hill, we can preserve horticultural history and honor the legacies of great minds like Stearns Lothrop Davenport.

Dec. 20, 1949.

S. L. DAVENPORT

Plant Pat. 906

APPLE TREE

Filed March 30, 1948



INVENTOR

Stearnes Lothrop Davenport

By Orville M. Kile

PLANT PATENT AGENT

Two Hawks who became Eagles, 2021

The final step on the Scouting Trail is to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Only about 2% of all Scouts reach this milestone; an honor difficult to attain, but a title proudly carried throughout life. The rank of Eagle Scout is a lifetime distinction, recognized internationally as a mark of solid character, hard work, organization and leadership ability. What a thrill to have two Eagle Scouts in our family. Matt Brophy is the Scout Master for Troop 49 in Beverly. Allow me to introduce them to you:

Kyle J. Gallucci- Eagle Scout 2019 (Essex Tech Class of 2020, Automotive Technology)

Kyle is a member of Troop 49 in Beverly. He held many leadership roles in the troop, including Scribe, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. Kyle was chosen to participate in National Youth Leadership Training, a rigorous program to hone scout skills like wilderness survival, camping and outdoor cooking, along with leadership training coursework to be an effective communicator, delegator and better leader.



(from left to right): Kyle Gallucci, Ryan Gallucci (father), Alex Gallucci (brother



Don Gallucci (father) and Kyle Gallucci (Eagle Scout)

After earning the required 21 merit badges necessary to go for Eagle Scout, Kyle chose a conservation related project. In the woods behind our elementary school, there are walking trails, streams and animal habitats to observe. Kyle was aware of a footbridge that had collapsed into a stream, inhibiting flow. He came up with a plan to remove the dilapidated bridge and replace it with a functional, well constructed and sound bridge. Once he came up with a plan, he needed to present it to the Beverly Open Spaces Committee for approval. From there, he needed to seek approval from the Beverly Conservation Commission. Once all of the approvals were in order, it was time to fundraise for supplies. Kyle was able to secure funding from Moynihan Lumber and American Sheet Metal, which covered all expenses.

On a perfect day in June, with help from a carpenter friend and several other scouts from Troops 49 and 4, the old bridge was removed and the new one was constructed and installed. Kyle organized all tools, supplies, created teams and job assignments, confirmed all attendees and held

a safety meeting to ensure that the day went off smoothly. Once the project was complete, he finished up his paperwork and prepared for his Board of Review. In October of 2019, Kyle earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Ryan J. Gallucci- Eagle Scout 2021 (Essex Tech Class of 2022, HVAC)

Ryan is a member of Troop 49 in Beverly. Ryan was elected Patrol Leader 3 years in a row. He also served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. It's notable to mention that Ryan was Senior Patrol Leader during the Pandemic. His leadership was instrumental in helping the Troop continue to meet remotely and earn merit badges and rank advancement, despite the many challenges social distancing posed. Ryan was chosen to attend Brownsea Leadership Training. He enjoyed it so much and did so well, he was asked to return the following year as a leader. He has served 3 summers as a Brownsea leader, which has strengthened his leadership abilities tremendously.

When it came time to plan an Eagle Scout project, Ryan chose a cause close to his heart. A friend Ryan made in cub scouts had a sister who was terminally ill with cancer. She and her sister had attended many cub scout outings with their brother, and they became part of the Den. Sadly, Riley passed away in July of 2016. Ryan wanted to honor Riley in some way, so he created care bags for pediatric cancer patients.

First, he met with Riley's parents to learn what items might be helpful to have when traveling back and forth to doctors appointments and treatments. Next, he worked with Todd's Sporting Goods to design a bag with Riley's original artwork. In order to pay for the bags and fill them, he needed to fundraise. He put together a GoFundMe account and raised almost \$1200 for the cause. With this cash, he purchased the bags, cozy blankets, coloring books, mini heart shaped stress balls, mints, anti-nausea lollipops, moisturizer and "Riley Rocks" rubber bracelets . Essex Tech donated hand sanitizer and local businesses donated lip balm and pens.

In January of 2021, with Covid precautions in place, Ryan and his team assembled 100 care bags for The Jimmy Fund. He delegated like a pro, getting all supplies organized, recruiting both scouts and friends to help, and the day was very successful. Once his final paperwork was completed, he sat for his Board of Review in July. As a surprise, Kyle showed up in uniform, in order to be the first to congratulate his brother on his achievement.

On September 11, we celebrated our Eagle Scouts! Family, friends, City and State Representatives and Scouts gathered together to honor Kyle and Ryan and the hard work it takes to get to the highest rank in Scouting. Both boys had an opportunity to speak to the crowd about favorite scouting experiences, special friendships, lessons learned and to thank those who supported and guided them throughout their journey. It was a truly special and memorable day for all of us. We are incredibly proud of our Eagle Scouts!



Peabody Teen Takes Stage with Broadway Stars In 'WILD'

Essex Tech sophomore Mara Stein is part of the Boston Children's Chorus performing with Tony-winning singer Idina Menzel.

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"When I found out I would be performing with Idina Menzel and other Broadway performers I was thrilled and couldn't wait to start rehearsals." - Peabody 15-year-old Mara Stein.

Mara Stein is used to singing in front of huge crowds in massive stadiums having performed the national anthem at a New England Revolution contest at Gillette Stadium and a Washington Nationals game at Nationals Park.

This month, the Peabody teen is getting the chance to sing alongside one of Broadway's most celebrated stars as she shares the stage with Tony-winning performer Idina Menzel.

The 15-year-old Essex Tech sophomore is a member of the Boston Children's Chorus that is part of Menzel's "WILD: A Musical Becoming" at Harvard University's American Repertory

Theater. For one week earlier this month, and a second run Dec. 26 through Jan. 2, Stein will make the trip from the North Shore to Cambridge for an experience she told Patch is personally exciting and educationally significant as she looks to pursue a career in the arts.

"When I found out I would be performing with Idina Menzel and other Broadway performers I was thrilled and couldn't wait to start rehearsals," she told Patch. "Even though I knew I would be performing with Idina Menzel, I was also curious and interested in learning who else was in the cast and what I might be able to learn from them."

Stein began singing when she was 5 years old, and by the time she was 7 she was performing in shows throughout the North Shore. She said she has been in more than 40 productions over the past eight years and has sung the national anthem in front of crowds of more than 30,000. She has been with the Boston Children's Chorus for 3 1/2 years.

"I am extremely grateful for Boston Children's Chorus and the A.R.T. to have given me this opportunity to be able to perform and learn from such talented actors and actresses," she said.

Stein said she attended Essex Tech so she could study carpentry and learn how to build theatrical stage sets. She said she hopes to attend New York University and study musical theater, while minoring in set design, before a professional career in music.

While the chance to sing in the production alongside Menzel — who starred in "Rent" and "Enchanted" and won an Academy Award for Best Song for "Let It Go" from the movie "Frozen" — is an incredible one, it has made for a busy few weeks for Stein, who has been making the daily trek from a full school day to a night of rehearsals and performances.

Stein, however, said it's all part of being a young singer seeking out opportunities to develop and showcase her skills with the help of her parents taking her from school to one show after another.

"I have been able to balance my schoolwork very well between the show and school," she said. "I'm used to this process because I already know what it's like being in a show and trying to balance my schoolwork at the same time.

"I am most grateful for my parents who have given me these amazing opportunities and have driven me everywhere on time."

Stein's first run with the show goes through Sunday before she returns to the stage on Dec. 26 for another week.

Tickets for the show, which is centered around the theme of climate justice, [can be purchased here.](https://patch.com/massachusetts/peabody/peabody-teen-takes-stage-broadway-stars-wild-production) (Scott Souza is a Patch field editor covering Beverly, Danvers, Marblehead, Peabody, Salem, and Swampscott. He can be reached at Scott.Souza@Patch.com. Twitter: [@Scott_Souza](https://twitter.com/Scott_Souza).) <https://patch.com/massachusetts/peabody/peabody-teen-takes-stage-broadway-stars-wild-production>

Alumni in the Spotlight / Ken Lane, Class of 1972



Out of the blue one day my old friend from way-way back Peter Tierney called me and asked if I would write a short article for the newsletter of the “Aggie”. After feeling especially important that I was picked—what do I write about.? In full disclosure I was asked about 8 months ago and I’m just getting to it now. Guess that’s how it is when you are still full-time farming and moving a bit slower than I did not too many years ago.

First, I’ll tell you all that I graduated in 1972. Seeing that year on written paper makes me feel a little old. After a lifetime of raising a family, being a farmer, being the owner of a trucking business, I have come home to the family farm to—retire???. The farm has been in the family since the early 1800’s which makes me generation number 7. Of course, the farm is still in operation boarding 22 horses, feeding 40 (plus or minus) head of primarily grass-fed beef cattle. Also having a farm store on the farm, raising vegetables and farming appx 200 acres of hay and pasture. The hay and pastureland are rented and not on the farm and in 3 different towns, which makes things –interesting--! . We make it work; however, farmland is becoming increasingly harder to procure. Any good land available is used for house lots or developments making farmland expensive and steadily becoming a rarity. We appreciate the people who can afford to keep their land out of development.



Ken Lane, at the Sea View Farm in Rockport, MA

Speaking of reminiscing, as Peter and I were talking a little about the “old days” (first of all I can’t believe that I’m old enough to talk about old days!) and after our conversation I did some walking down memory lane myself. I remember being at the Aggie was a wonderful time in my life. Of course, I did my teenage stupid stuff, but the school was a terrific place to be. I have loved agriculture since birth and here was where

agriculture was spoken all day. I was there when the dairy herd was still there and was able to do and learn a lot about feeds forages and cows. Steve Barton was the dairy science teacher then and was a great teacher. We learned feeding programs, how to make silage and hay and proper milk handling techniques that has taken me through my life as my agriculture careers progressed. I am in fact still in touch with him these days. Then there was Dick Brown with poultry. A great guy that made something I wasn’t particularly interested in at the time, interesting. All the other teachers I had are in my memory as some of the most influential people in my life.

I was lucky enough to milk and feed cows, slaughter steers and chickens, learn feeding programs, go on interesting field trips to different farms and see firsthand how “things” worked. Mostly, I learned that education could be fun. I came from a school I didn’t like too much and coming to the Aggie was an eye-opening experience. The teachers were all down to earth; we even called a few of them by their first name, which for me was a feeling of utter importance! I, as a young teenager who never dared prior to the Aggie even utter a teacher’s first name to myself quietly so no one could hear. Maybe it’s because I loved the subjects, or maybe in my mind agriculture was my calling and that was what I was going to do. Be a farmer. And I was—mostly.

Thinking back, it was such a different time. School was a safe place to be, teachers were your friends. We didn’t worry about getting dirty, and we didn’t have to wear so much safety gear that movement was a struggle. Everything seemed more practical. Maybe I’m now dating myself with these sediments. I’m glad I went to high school when I did, I would hate to be a high school student these days.

(Editor’s note; After the death of Ken’s grandfather, Charlie Lane in 2008, Ken and wife Regina moved from their beloved home in Florida to run the Seaview Farm, in Rockport keeping the family tradition alive. After Ken assumed control, the farm continued exclusively as a boarding facility until 2011, when a beef cow and calf were purchased. This began Seaview Farm’s expansion into the grass-fed beef business. Vegetables were also re-introduced to the farm, and the farm store was re-opened—in its original space—for the first time since its closing in the 1930’s.)

***Alumni in the Spotlight / Lila Blechman, Class of 1941
Sings to a Century November 5, 2021, at 8:36 am Story by Nate Poole
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***Dr. Chip Teel and Julie Terray assist a bundled-up Lila Blechman down the ramp from Hodgdon Green's porch at Hearts Ever Young's celebration of Blechman's 100th birthday.
(Nate Poole photo)***

Members of the Hearts Ever Young performance group gathered at the front porch at Damariscotta's Hodgdon Green Senior Living Home, braving cold and rain, to celebrate Lila Blechman's 100th birthday on Oct. 27.

Blechman, whose birthday was on Oct. 29, joined HEY in 2016 at the age of 95 as a singer, and ever since she has delighted audiences with a variety of dance and comic routines. While she casts a small figure, she commands undivided attention when on stage or in front of a microphone.

Blechman was born Lila Lucy Bullock on Oct. 29, 1921, in Underhill, Vt. She graduated from Essex Agricultural College in the 1940s with the intention of pursuing dietetics, but found herself thrust into a position in a munitions factory in Lowell, Mass., during WWII, according to an email from her son George Hanson.

She married George F. Hanson, a chief engineer in the Navy in 1944, and raised three children, Sarah, George, and Susan, in Methuen,

Mass. In the early 1970s, she moved to Ohio and served as a house mother in a home for delinquent boys.

Never one to sit still, Blechman bounced from one trade to another throughout her life. She worked as a wholesaler of costume jewelry, antique dealer, customer seamstress, and she spent 15 years as a shoemaker.

After separating from Hanson, Blechman met and eventually married Sheldon Blechman, who she eventually returned to New England with in 1987, settling on Damariscotta Lake. Sheldon Blechman passed away in 2006, but Lila Blechman has continued to live "a life of high energy, fun-loving adventure and dedication to friends and family."

"She was an avid skier, loved to camp, was renowned for her cooking and pie baking, and she is still a voracious reader. She always enjoys a good joke and a hearty laugh," Hanson said. True to her reputation, Blechman shared many laughs with the HEY crew on Wednesday. Although the group has not performed since May 2020, they didn't miss a beat as they sang along to songs from their long repertoire as pianist and HEY musical director Sean Fleming led them on the keyboard.

HEY is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that brings together individuals ages 65 or older, to put on performances full of music, dancing, and humor. Usually taking the stage at the Lincoln Theater every year, the group is widely known across the Damariscotta region.

HEY was founded by president and producer Carol Teel in December 2010, and was inspired by the widely known, Massachusetts-based Young@Heart Chorus.

Carol Teel's husband, Dr. Chip Teel, said a few words about the troupe's newest centenarian during the event, and presented her with a (painted) golden cane in recognition of her achievement.

"Lila's message has been consistent forever. It is always to be happy and keep giving and keep moving," he said.

He suggested that what has kept Blechman going for so long has been her resilience and adaptability.

"I don't think I've ever heard her complain when she has had to move from house to apartment to assisted living to hospital or rehab... she always takes it as an adventure where she learns new things and meets new people," he said.

After her cast mates sang to her, Lila returned the favor by showing off her staggering ability to instantly recite rhymes and camp songs, including the "Donut Song," with which she made a name for herself among Hearts Ever Young audiences in 2018.

While warmly wrapped up and seated for much of the celebration, the position didn't restrict her from energetically stomping her feet on the porch as she kept her rhythm. Towards the end of the reception, Blechman showed another inexplicable skill: Writing any message both properly and backwards with both hands at the same time.

Chip Teel explained that she developed the skill when she was in school as a way to pass coded notes to her classmates.

The message read, "Thank you for coming, Love Lila."

Blechman's celebration culminated with a ride around Damariscotta in a 1927 Model T Ford, courtesy of longtime HEY member John Harris.

While HEY's Board of Directors suspended performances in May 2020 due to concerns regarding the pandemic and the vulnerability of its performers, Teel hopes that Blechman and the rest of the seniors will be able to return to the stage in 2022.



Lila Blechman displays her astounding ability to write a message forwards and backwards with both hands at the same time at her 100th birthday celebration on Oct. 27. (Nate Poole photo)

Faculty in the Spotlight / Michael Murphy
Murphy thrilled to catch on as athletic director at Essex Tech

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The excitement in Michael Murphy's voice as he discussed the growth of the Essex Tech athletic program and all the buzz around the Hawks heading into another new school year was impossible to miss.

Murphy had good reason to be enthusiastic, since he'd just given his first speech to the Hawk football team not as an assistant coach but as the school's new athletic director. The 31-year-old has been a teacher and coach at Essex Tech for five years and there's no doubt he'll carry a high energy, positive approach in his new role.



Michael Murphy

"The word I keep going back to is buzz. The way the athletic program has been building up here, my number one goal is to continue that growth," said Murphy, the third AD at Essex since the school opened, following Paul Worth and Farah Lalli. "Everything coach Worth and Ms. Lalli did, I want to continue that. We have programs that are just waiting to explode and we've got great buzz and support around the school, from students and faculty both."

Murphy said working more closely with the "fantastic" coaches at Essex Tech is one of the things he's most looking forward to about his new position. Being able to build on relationships he already has with them is a big bonus.

"Essex Tech is excited to have Mike as the next Coordinator of Athletics. I have watched him interact with kids on the field and know he will do great things for our programs," Essex Tech Superintendent Director Heidi Riccio said. "I am looking forward to watching him in this new role and continuing the great work of our former Athletic Director, Farah Lalli."

The summer was a bit of a whirlwind for Murphy, who called the offensive plays for head coach Dan Connors' football team last year in the Fall 2 season and planned to do so again this year. The athletic director job opened up, though, and shortly after his wedding up in Maine he got the call that he'd be moving up the ladder.

"Administration is always something that's been on my mind as something I wanted to do and it was a matter of waiting for an opportunity to present itself," Murphy said. "I'm really looking forward to the challenge and it's been great so far. I'm learning the ins and outs of looking at things through this lens, learning how a co-op program works, things like that."

A sports loving kid growing up in Chelmsford, Murphy starred for coach Bruce Rich's football Lions and won a Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium as a senior. He went on to have a tremendous career at Endicott College, where he was an All-American wide receiver in 2012 and still has the most receiving touchdowns in program history (27).

A "double Gull" with a degree in physical education and exercise science plus his Master's in athletic administration, Murphy took a teaching job at Essex Tech after he graduated and found a home at one of the state's newest, most beautiful technical high schools.

"My first year was the second year we were open. It was still kind of merging North Shore Tech, Essex Aggie and Peabody Voke and seeing how everyone found their way and came together was fantastic," Murphy remembers. "I fell in love with the place. One of things I love most about Essex Tech is that we get to know the whole student, not just the athlete."

Philosophically, Murphy wanted to be an educator because of all the positive experiences he had with his coaches and role models growing up. From Rich and many others at Chelmsford to coach J.B. Wells and athletic director Brian Wylie at Endicott, Murphy is very grateful to the mentors who helped him get where he is today.

"Aside from my parents all those guys are the biggest influences I had. They kind of showed me the way," said Murphy, who now lives in North Reading with his wife, Sarah. "In the back of my mind, I always wanted to give back, make sure today's kids have the experience that I had."

With tryouts and practices underway for all of Essex Tech's fall sports this week, Murphy is fully immersing himself in his new role. It's a bit different asking athletes for their doctor's physicals instead of their playbooks, but he's getting used to it. He's mostly excited to dig into the nuances of administration, such as planning game day logistics, scheduling and looking at the state's new power rankings.

"I'm already feeling comfortable and I'm so thankful for the opportunity," he said. "I'm so excited to work with our great coaches and obviously, not everything is about winning and losing. We want to keep things strictly positive and keep that buzz about the Hawks going."

School Notes 2021, Beck Hermann

Superintendent Heidi Riccio and Principal Shannon Donnelly are pleased to announce that Essex Tech senior Beck Hermann has been nominated as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education.

Hermann was nominated by Massachusetts Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley. Finalists for the award will be selected and announced by the U.S. Department of Education in April, and will attend an awards breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Each year, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program recognizes up to 161 of the country's most exceptional students. The program was expanded to include and celebrate the accomplishments of students studying career and technical education in 2015.

"Beck has an entrepreneurial spirit! He started a landscaping business in the 8th grade and learned as much as he could at Essex Tech in the Landscaping and Turf Management program. Beck is taking advantage of cooperative education by working at Wolf Hill Garden Center," said Superintendent Riccio. "He is certainly the model student who is sure to excel beyond Essex Tech."

Hermann plans to pursue a career in landscape architecture following graduation.

Hermann actively participates in numerous Essex Tech extracurricular activities. In this school year, he serves as a Student Mentor, School Ambassador, and Senior Class Treasurer.

"We are incredibly proud of Beck and his accomplishments at Essex Tech. He is an outstanding student, serves as a mentor for our new students, and dedicates his time to various community service activities," Principal Donnelly said. "He exemplifies what we hope to see in all of our students and he is very deserving of this recognition."

Hermann also is a multi-sport athlete. He is captain of the Winter Track team, and has run on the Spring Track team. He has played on the Golf team, and intends to play on the Volleyball team this spring.

Hermann also assisted in starting and operating the Hawks Fan Section, helped revamp the Weightlifting Club, and is working with the school administration to start a Ski Club.

Hermann works at Wolf Hill Home and Garden Center in Ipswich through the Essex Tech Cooperative Education Program. He also operates Beck's Landscapes and Gardens, which he started in eighth grade.

He has volunteered with Surfing with Smiles, an organization dedicated to teaching disabled children how to surf, and with Our Neighbors' Table, an Amesbury non-profit that works to alleviate food insecurity.

"I'm excited to represent Essex North Shore and all vocational students for this nomination as a Presidential Scholar candidate. An honor this high doesn't happen overnight, and I am beyond blessed to have had the opportunity to develop myself in this way," Hermann said. "Encouraged by support from my teachers, school administration, co-op opportunities, family and the whole community, I have found that having the proper support makes excelling attainable."



Beck Hermann has been nominated as a U.S. Presidential Scholar in Career and Technical Education

Alumni in the Spotlight / Jay Murphy, Class of 1960



Jay Murphy, Class of 1960

Back in June of 2019 Pete Tierney began work with the Aggie/Tech to honor veterans who left school to serve our country.

Diplomas are available to students who are/were war veterans who withdrew from high school permanently to serve as a member of the armed forces in World War II, the Korean Conflict, or Vietnam and who did not receive their high school diploma.

The young man in this photo is Jay Murphy, Class of 1960. He left the Aggie in 1959 to join the U.S. Air Force.

This is for any veteran who is a resident of the commonwealth, who attended the Aggie, and withdrew from the Aggie prior to graduation to serve in the armed forces of the United States, who did not receive a high school diploma because of that service, and who was honorably discharged from the armed services. Family members of deceased veterans, who

otherwise are eligible to apply for the diplomas, may apply for a diploma for the veteran posthumously under the same guidelines set forth by the department of education and department of veterans' services.

This is in accordance with the Massachusetts Act. Chapter 130 of the Acts of 2005, "An Act Providing Benefits to Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families."

Message from Jay:

Pete thanks again for your help getting my diploma after all these years. It was a pleasant surprise that Dr Riccio called to congratulate me as well as sending me a cap and gown along with the diploma and asked for photos. I will tell you that the education I received at the Aggie has served me very well over the years, as a horticulture major, I retired as a dairy farmer go figure that

Thanks again Jay



Alumni in the Spotlight / William C. Somers, Rockport

“Editor’s note; Bill’s nickname while at the Aggie was “Inky”. He played on the basketball team and his teammates included Richard Brown and Harold Kelley. Bill left school to enlist in the army on January 9th, 1942.

Bill was awarded with the following: Parachutist Badge with combat jump star, Combat Infantry Badge, EAME Campaign Medal with campaign star, Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal. Two Bronze Stars and an Oak Leaf Cluster”

At 2230 hours on Christmas Eve 1942, two C-47s carrying Pvt. Bill Somers of Rockport, MA and thirty-one other paratroopers of the 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, took off from the Thelepte Airfield near Algiers, Tunisia. This was a volunteer only mission. Their mission was to blow up a railroad bridge near El Djem, one of the few remaining supply links for Rommel’s Afrika Korps. After blowing the bridge, the ‘plan’ was to walk back to allied lines, through ninety miles of enemy held territory, many in the 509th commented that it was a suicide mission.



William C. Somers

Bill boarded the aircraft last, and as a consequence, he found himself standing in the doorway, the first to jump. As they passed the drop zone, the pilots alerted the troopers that it was time to jump, so Bill and the rest hooked up, checked their gear, and prepared themselves mentally for what was to come. The C-47’s dropped their supply bundles containing the explosives, the light turned from red to green and Pvt. Bill Somers threw himself into the darkness, on a mission that history would come to view as the first modern-day special forces operation.

The force was supposed to be dropped to the north of the bridge, at which point they would find the north-south running railroad tracks, and then follow them south towards the bridge. Unfortunately, Bill and the others were mis-dropped to the south of the bridge, so when they found the tracks and then proceeded south, they were unaware of the fact that they were getting further and further away from their objective with every step.

By morning, the group had discovered the error. They were twenty miles to the south of their objective with daylight coming on, and they were deep within enemy territory. Dan DeLeo, the commander of the mission, decided to make the most of the now obviously failed mission... they would blow the tracks and a nearby switching station and then try to make the break back to allied lines in small groups. Just as the charges were set to blow, their sentries reported German forces were closing in from all directions. The troopers hurriedly set fuses, blew the tracks, and then headed west... only six would eventually return to friendly territory.

Bill was one of the few of the group that was captured, instead of killed, he was immediately put on a German ship and sent to a prison camp in Italy. Upon arrival, the Italian commander of the camp informed him that he would be shot in the morning, but after a rough night, Bill discovered that he was in fact just to be put into the general population of the prison.

As the tide of the war changed, Italy was becoming less enthusiastic about their alliance with Germany, Bill and several others noticed weakened security efforts of their Italian captors and planned an escape. All at once, dozens of prisoners made a break for the camp's main gates, heading for the mountains, the guards did not give pursuit, just shooting over their heads. This would be the first of Bill's three escapes from the Axis powers.



***Memorial to 65,000 prisoners of war
who died or were murdered by the
Germans in Stalag II-B***

Bill and a fellow escapee he called Patty, ended up living with an Italian family, working with them in their fields for several months, but eventually, they were discovered by a German officer who lived in the area. The family's sons killed the German officer to protect the two troopers, who now made a hasty escape back to the mountains, crossing underneath a suspension bridge full of German troops in the process. Bill would find out later in life that the father of the family was executed for the killing of the German officer.

Bill and Patty ended up connecting with a group that was traveling over a snow-covered pass in the mountains in an effort to get to allied lines. Unfortunately, the Germans were tipped off to the plan and were waiting with machine gun nests on the other side of the pass. As the group came into view, the machine gunners opened up and very few were left standing. Bill managed to run through the deep snow, escaping the bullets hitting all around him, eventually finding a hiding spot in the rocks. Unfortunately, it wasn't a good enough hiding spot, he was soon

discovered. Bill was sent north and ended up in a prison camp in Germany, he never saw Patty again.

The camps were very hard, the main diet for the prisoners was a stew made from cabbage and saw dust. At the limits of their endurance, Bill and two others decided to attempt an escape. As the prisoners worked in a field, two of the men started a fight as a distraction, Bill and the others promptly snuck into the woods and escaped. They hid out in a barn for a few days, until a German column discovered them. After the Germans killed their friend 'D-Bar' (named after his fondness for the Army ration chocolate bars), who was initially reluctant to escape, Bill and the other remaining man were put up against a wall and blindfolded. A firing squad assembled, and it seemed like the end, but just then, a German officer with a sense of morality rushed in and stopped the execution. Their lives were saved, but they were once again POWs.

Towards the end of the war, German forces were retreating from the Russians, and as a part of this retreat, Bill and others were marched across Europe in what today is called the 'European Death March'. One day, as they were marching, allied aircraft strafed the column, everyone scattered. Bill and some of the other survivors hid out in a small village, eventually allied troops overtook the area and they were saved.

Pvt. William C. Somers survived a journey at the limits of human endurance. He was involved in the very first American action against the Germans in WWII, and his struggle lasted all the way until VE day, when he was put on the hospital ship to go home. He returned to Rockport, MA, where he lived with his wife Ruth, until his death from cancer in 2005.

“Editor’s note; I would like to thank Karl Preusser for writing the above story. The following pages describes the existence in Stalag II-B and the forced march”

**The following is from the Military Intelligence Service, War Department,
July 15, 1944; Stalag II-B**



STRENGTH: 4,807 enlisted men, all Ground Force.

LOCATION: Pinpoint: 53°41' N latitude, 16°58'30" E longitude. Camp is situated one and a half miles west of Hammerstein on the east side of a highway leading to that city.

DESCRIPTION: Camp sprawls over 25 acres, divided into 4 compounds and separated by barbed wire fences. Americans occupy 5 one-story stone buildings. Three-tier bunks are too numerous for barracks' cubic space and quarters are overcrowded. POWs sleep on tables, chairs, or on the floor, while awaiting shipment to work detachments. Within enclosure are canteen, small playing field, workshops, rooms for religious services and recreation, dispensary, showers and delouser. Entire camp is surrounded by 2 barbed wire fences. Base camp houses 1,000 Americans, consisting of permanent camp staff, non-recognized NCOs, medics and physically unfit. The remaining 3,800 are on 141 work detachments: some as far 350 kilometers from base camp.

TREATMENT: Treatment was worse at Stalag 2B than at any other camp in Germany established for American PW before the Battle of the Bulge. Harshness at the base stalag degenerated into brutality and outright murder on some of the kommandos. Beatings of Americans on kommandos by their German overseers were too numerous to list, but records that 10 Americans in work detachments were shot to death by their captors. In the fall of 1943, when Hauptmann Springer was seeking men for work details, American NCOs and medical corpsmen stated that according to the Geneva Convention they did not have to work unless they volunteered to do so, and they chose not to volunteer. At this, the German stated that he did not care about the terms of the Geneva Convention and that he would change the rules to suit himself. Thereupon, he demanded that the PW in question fall into line and give their names and numbers for kommando duty. When the Americans insisted on refusing, Hauptmann Springer ordered a bayonet charge against them. At the German guards' obvious disinclination to carry out the command. Hauptmann Springer pushed one of the guards toward an American, with the result that soon all PW were forced to line up as ordered. Typical of the circumstances surrounding the shootings are the events

connected with the deaths of Pfc. Dean Halbert and Pvt. Franklin Reed. On 28 Aug. 1943, these 2 soldiers had been assigned to a kommando at Gambin, in the district of Stolp. While working in the fields, they asked permission to leave their posts for the purpose of relieving themselves. They remained away from their work until the work detachment guard became suspicious and went looking for them. Some time later he returned them to the place where they had been working and reported the incident to his superior. Both of the kommando guards were then instructed to escort the Americans to the kommando barracks. Shortly after they had departed, several shots were heard by the rest of the Americans on the work detachment. Presently the two guards returned and reported that both Pfc. Halbert and Pvt. Reed had been shot to death for attempting escape. The guards then ordered other American PW to carry the bodies to the barracks. On another kommando, the Germans shot and killed 2 Americans, stripped them, and placed the bodies in the latrine, where they lay for 2 days serving as a warning to other PW. Eight of the killings took place in the latter months of 1943, one in May 1944 and one in Dec. 1944. In almost every case the reason given by the Germans for the shootings was "attempted escape." Witnesses, however, contradict the German reports and state that the shootings were not duty but clear cases of murder.

FOOD: Major portion of POWs' food comes from weekly Red Cross parcels. German ration is insufficient, consisting of hot water for breakfast; water soup with 7 small, boiled potatoes per man for dinner, and 3 slices of heavy black bread and a slice of sausage for supper. Food on work parties is usually better than in the base camp.

CLOTHING: Usually no clothing is issued by Germans. The only source of supply is the Red Cross. Each P/W has been supplied with an American uniform and pair of leather shoes. At one work detachment American clothing was taken from POWs and Germans issued one uniform and one pair of wooden shoes per man.

HEALTH: Two American doctors are assisted by American orderlies in caring for the sick and invalid. Medical supplies are urgently needed. Hospital facilities are inadequate. Treatment of teeth is good, but material is lacking. Men on work groups frequently go to nearest city for medical treatment by civilian doctors. Health is generally good.

EVACUATION & LIBERATION: On 28 Jan. 1945, PW received German instructions to be ready to evacuate camp at 0800 the following morning. Upon receipt of these instructions, the MOC set up a plan of organization based on 25-man groups and 200-man companies with NCOs in charge. On the day of evacuation, however, PW were moved out of camp in such a manner that the original plan was a little assistance. German guards ordered PW to fall out of the barracks. When 1200 men had assembled on the road, the remaining 500 were allowed to stay in the barracks. A disorganized column of 1200 marched out into the cold and snow. The guards were considerate, and Red Cross food was available. After the first day, the column was broken down into 3 groups of 400 men each, with NCOs in charge of each group.

For the next 3 months, the column was on the move, marching an average of 22 kilometers a day 6 days a week. German rations were neither regular nor adequate. At almost every stop Sgt. McMahan bartered coffee, cigarettes, or chocolate for potatoes which he issued to the men. Bread, the most important item, was not issued regularly. When it was needed most, it was never available.

The soup was, as a rule, typical, watery German soup, but several times PW got a good, thick dried-pea soup. Through the activity of some of the key NCOs, Red Cross food was obtained from PW camps passed by the column in the march. Without it, it is doubtful that the majority of men could have finished the march. The ability of the men to steal helped a lot. The weather was atrocious. It always seemed to be either bitter cold or raining or snowing. Quarters were usually unheated barns and stables. Sometimes they slept unsheltered on the ground; and sometimes they were fortunate enough to find a heated barn.

Except for one period when Red Cross food was exhausted and guards became surly, morale of the men remained at a high level. Practically all the men shaved at every opportunity and kept their appearance as neat as possible under the circumstances.

From time-to-time weak PW would drop out of the column and wait to be picked up by other columns which were on the move. Thus, at Dahlen on 6 & 7 March, the column dwindled to some 900 American PW. On 19 March at Tramm, 800 men were sent to work on kommandos, leaving only 133 PW who were joined a week later by the Large kommando company from



POWs being marched through Germany during the winter of 1944-45

Lauenberg. On 13 April the column was strafed by 4 Spitfires near Dannenberg. Ten PW were killed. The rest of the column proceeded to Marlag 10C, Westertimke, where they met the men they had left behind at Stalag 2B who had left on 18 Feb., reached Stalag 10B after an easy 3-day trip, and then moved to adjacent Marlag 10C on 16 April. Westertimke was liberated by the British on 28 April 1945.

“Editor’s note; the reason for this march like so many others, is outlined in the Geneva Convention of 1929. Articles 7 and 8 states that prisoners should be evacuated from the combat zone within the shortest possible period, and that Belligerents are bound mutually to notify each other of their capture of prisoners within the shortest period possible. The reality was that the “march” prolonged the war and caused much more hardship, starvation, injuries and/or death.”

Bill was born on April 21st, 1922, and passed away on June 17th, 2005. When Bill was discharged from the Army, he was 5’6” tall and weighed 134 pounds.



Essex County Agricultural School

Roll of Honor

The Service Flag here at Essex County Agricultural School numbered 330, when we printed the Honor Roll in November 1943. There are 670 on our Honor Roll. Last November we had five gold stars, we have added six to the list making a total of 11 and we hope no more.

If you know of any Essex Aggie man or woman in the Service and they are not listed here will you please send their name and service address to Director Harold A. Mostrom.

A

Abbott, George J.
Actis, Louis
*Adams, John Edward
(Declared officially dead after being missing over a year.)
Aldrich, Donald Arthur
Allen, Anthony Augustine
Allen, George G.
Allen, George J.
Allen, Leslie Arthur
Allen, Norman
Ambrefe, John L.
Ambrey, Thomas
*Amidon, Everett S.
(Killed in South Pacific, December 22, 1942)
Amidon, Herbert Maxwell
Anderson, Frederick Lowell
Anderson, James T.
Andreas, Joseph
Andrews, Amy Lelia (Mrs. Will)
Armstrong, Ralph Weber
Arnold, Joseph Moulton
Arrington, Robert F., Jr.
Athanasious, John Arthur
Aylward, David A., Jr.

B

Bacheller, John Francis
Bacheller, Wesley M.
Baczewski, Frank J.
Ball, Kendall M.
Ballard, Lloyd Fuller
Balzarini, John Gerome
Banks, George Francis
Barlow, Joseph Sydney
Barlow, Raymond Edward
Barbin, Robert R.
Barnes, James R.
Barr, Bruce David
Barter, Irving F.
Bartlett, Woodbury M.
Basile, Fred Charles
Basso, Austin Louis
Batchelder, Albert Longfellow
Batchelder, Sidney Abbott
Bateman, John Russell
Beckwith, John
Begin, Alban J.
Bellwood, Stanley

Bergeron, Joseph James
Bernard, Warren Ernest
Berrett, Bernard E.
Berrett, Ralph E., Jr.
Berry, Alvin Frederick
Bertram, Robert Edward John
Bettencourt, Lawrence Anthony
Bezanson, James Harold
Bickford, Stanley Martin
Biery, Francis William
Bingham, Robert George
Blaisdell, Emma Josephine
Blake, Earle
Blake, Irving Warren
Blake, Merritt Chichester
Blunda, Joseph
Boardman, Roger P.
Bolduc, William P.
Bosse, Alphonse
Boucher, Alfred
Bournazos, Kimon
Bowen, Harold Dowsing
Bozek, Matthew
Bradbrook, Robert Arthur
Briody, Leonard Leo
Briscoe, Lloyd
Britton, Henry W., Jr.
Broderick, John Keith
Brown, Edward Thomas
Brown, Ethel Gertrude
Brown, Hilda Marion (Mrs. Meddaugh)
Brown, Richard Milton
Brown, Wallace Eason
(Medical Discharge)
Brown, Warren Ralph
Bruno, Charles J.
Bubier, Paul Rice
(Medical Discharge)
Buder, Archie Francis Xavier
(Prisoner of Japanese since fall of Corregidor)
*Bulgaris, George
(Killed in Normandy, July 13, 1944)
Bulgaris, James
Bunting, Arthur H.
Burbeck, Eleanor Irene
Burger, William W.
Burr, Eugene Foster
Burton, Russell T.
Buxton, Arthur Richard

C

Cail, Donald B.
Camarra, Richard Frank
Campbell, Ernest William
Canney, Augustus Scott
Caproni, Alfred George, Jr.
Carey, John Aloysius
Carl, George William, Jr.
Carnevale, William F.
Cashman, James L.
Cassano, Joseph
Cecelski, Henry Thomas
(Medical Discharge)
Chabot, Robert E., Jr.
Chalifour, Raymond Louis

Champion, Howard Marshall George
Chase, Allison Stewart
Chlebowski, Stanley
Cipolla, Alfred Joseph
Clark, Ansel B.
Clark, Genevieve
Clark, Lorin Gilman
Clark, Loring E.
Clark, Nathan Horace
Clark, Philip F.
Clark, Raymond
Clark, Rodney C.
Clinch, Charles Sager, Jr.
Clinch, Chester Eugene
Cobb, Eugene Malcolm
Cobb, Norman D., Jr.
Coburn, Robert Charles
Colanton, Francis William
Colby, Calvin R.
Colby, Richard White
Collins, Albert Francis
Conrad, William
Conway, Robert
Cook, Arthur Edward
Cool, Arthur Gordon
Corbett, William J.
Corner, Wallace Charles
Coskery, John William
Cotton, John F.
Courant, Alvin
Cragen, Walter Joseph
Crean, Gerald J.
Critchett, James Rodney
Crosbie, John Anderson
Crosby, Alden Edwin
Crossley, Edmund
Croteau, Edward Bush
Cummings, Harold J.
Cunningham, Ronald Russell
Curran, John D.
Currier, Charles Otto
(Medical Discharge)
Curtis, Percy Lewis, Jr.

D

Dalrymple, Horace O.
Daly, William Hardy
Darbe, Clarence Cavis
Davidson, Amos G.
Davis, Carolyn Elizabeth
Davis, Ernest A.
Dawkins, Kenneth Edward Gardner
Dawson, Raymond Bruce
Dearborn, Lauren
Dedcovich, Newell S., Jr.
Dederian, Thomas
Demeritt, Clifton Lloyd
Dennedy, Mary Theresa
DeVeau, Earle Paul
Dichirico, Theodore S.
DiLisio, Nicholas
Dionne, Elisha Joseph, Jr.
Dodge, Franklin N.
Donnelly, Olin Brian
Donohue, John Gerard
Donovan, Charles William
Doore, George E.

Dorman, Ernest S.
Downer, Allen Alfred
Doyle, Hervey John
Dupuis, Leon Callahan
Duratti, Leonard J.
Duval, James L.
Dwinell, John W., Jr.
Dyleski, Walter J.

E

Edmands, Milton Alvah
Edmands, Nathan Melvin
Edmunds, John F.
Egan, Paul Lawrence
Eldridge, Ralph T., Jr.
Ellis, John E.
(Honorable Discharge)
Emerson, Frederick G., Jr.
Emerson, George
Emerson, Robert F.

F

Farrell, Peter Martin
Ferguson, Raymond Shirley
Fielder, Harold M.
Fisher, William Everett
Fitchuk, John
Fitzgerald, Roy
Flanders, Warren J., Jr.
Flynn, William John
Fontaine, Herve Frederic
Forbes, Benjamin H.
Ford, Robert P.
Ford, Roy Clifton
Forrest, Samuel Warren
Foss, David Preston
Fossa, Ruth Louise (Mrs. Anderson)
Foster, George Arthur
Fournier, Gilbert Philip
Fowler, Dorothy L.
Francouer, John Daniel
Frederick, Albert Joseph
Freedman, Saul
Freeman, Charles Gilbert
Freeman, Edward
(Medical Discharge)
*French, Warren Franklin
(Killed in plane crash in Hawaii, Nov.
17, 1941)
French, William Bartlett
Fry, Ellsworth W.
Fuller, Charles C.
Fuller, George Samuel
Fullerton, Thomas J., Jr.
Furey, James Thomas, Jr.

G

Gage, Barbara Jane
Gagnon, Paul Francis
Gagnon, Robert G.
Gardner, Karl H.
Gates, Donald W.
Gaudet, Wilfred Roland
Gauthier, Thomas Warren
Georgantis, George Peter
Gerow, Arthur William
Giardina, Leo
Gibbs, Charles Bromage
Gifford, Parker Endicott
Giles, Aubert Stanford
Giles, Clarence A.
Gillen, Francis Xavier
Gillis, Donald
Gilman, Hector Wilfred

Gilman, Richard Kenneth
Girard, Francis M.
Glackin, Arthur Worcester
(Medical Discharge)
Glowacki, Edward Thomas
Glines, Priscilla Eunice
Golden, William Henry
Goodale, James Godfrey
Goodale, Paul W.
Gordon, Albert B.
Gordon, Arthur Kendall
Gott, Howard Clifton
Gould, Thomas Taylor
Grant, Francis Eugene
Gregg, Burton William
Greenaway, Albert Edward
Griffin, Kenward Morgan
Griffin, Robert Frederick
Groce, George Arthur
Groce, Herbert
Grover, Donald
(Honorable Discharge)
Grover, Warren C.
Gumb, Reina Alice (Mrs. Densman)

H

Hale, Nathan S.
Ham, Bryce William
Hamilton, Robert B., Jr.
*Hanson, Philip Mead
(Lost at Sea March 1943)
Hanson, Frank A.
Hardy, Frederick James
(Medical Discharge)
Harkins, John W.
Harlow, Robert
Harrigan, Helen
Harrington, Richard Parker
Harris, Edgar Richard
(Medical Discharge)
*Haskell, Robert William
(Killed in France July 26, 1944)
Hathaway, Thomas
Hawkes, William Jr.
Hay, William
Hayward, Ralph L.
Heath, Warren
Hennessey, John William
(Honorable Discharge)
Hennessey, Robert A., Jr.
Henriksen, Newton Albert
Henshaw, Lenley M.
*Herron, Donald Brooks
(Lost at sea November 1942)
Hersey, Daniel
Hills, Lester
Hills, Mildred Ruby
Hills, Rodney
Hills, Walter S.
(Medical Discharge)
Hilton, Esmond W.
Hocter, John Joseph, Jr.
Hocter, William Joseph
Hoffman, George Albert, Jr.
Hogan, Joseph F.
Howard, William Albert
Hub's, Thomas
Hull, Edwin
Humphrey, Hale
Hunt, Leo A.
Hurd, Russell Theodore
Hurley, Timothy J.
Huson, Milton Kent
Hyde, Edwin Anthony

I

Ilsley, Frederick Hayden
Irons, David William

J

Jackson, Robert Francis
Jaques, Wendell Noyes
Jaquith, Irving Jackson
Jameson, Miriam Judith
Jenkins, Rupert Warren
Johansen, Roy N.
Johnson, Arthur
Johnson, Lewis
(Honorable Discharge)
Johnson, Peer Prescott, Jr.
Johnston, Frederick Lloyd
Johnston, Sidney
Joiner, Donald Wilkinson
Jones, Harold Wilson
Jones, L'ewellyn
Jones, Marshall E.
Jones, Robert E.
Joyce, Joseph V., Jr.

K

Kallenberg, Gordon L.
Kearney, James J.
Kearney, Joseph W.
Kearney, Robert Edward
Keilty, John Crofton Patrick
Kelley, Andrew Warren
Kelley, Donald Lewis
Kelley, Paul Edward
Kelly, Harold Martin
Kennedy, Raymond Theodore
Kenney, Russell E.
Keyes, Russell Winfield
Kezer, Frederick Gowen
Killam, Franklin
Killam, Henry Dana
Killilae, Francis Carroll
Kimball, Edward Raymond
Kneeland, Warren Bray
Knight, Stafford Russell
Kniley, John C.
Knott, David H., Jr.
Knott, Donald Lesdin
Kopacki, Leo J.
Kukene, John Joseph
Kulakowski, Arthur J.
Kusek, Genevieve (Mrs. Connolly)

L

LaBranche, Victor Philip
Landry, Robert John
Lane, Frank Otis
Lane, William E.
Lanier, Bernadette Louise
LaPlante, Arthur A., Jr.
Larkin, Catherine Marie
Larkin, Kenneth Bradford
LaRochelle, Roland
(Honorable Discharge)
Lasonde, Chanel
Laura, Joseph Jr.
Lawn, Alexander G.
Lee, Albert M.
Lee, Coleman H., Jr.
Lee, Thomas Preston
Lemieux, Ernest Joseph
Levesque, George G.
Lewis, Donald B.
Little, Edward Robert, Jr.
Ljunggren, Arvid
Locke, Edward, Jr.
Long, William Anderson
Low, Carl Melville
Lowe, John Robert
Lowe, Richard T.

Lundberg, Harold T.
(Prisoner of War at Tokyo, May 6,
1942)

Luscomb, Horace Eaton
Luxton, Chester
Luxton, Elmer Thomas
Lynch, Edward Francis
Lynch, John Leo
Lynch, John Malachi

M

MacAfee, Robert Turnbull
Macdonald, Donald Richard
*Mackey, Charles T.
Killed in plane crash in Miss-
issippi December 12, 1942

Magee, Donald
Maguire, Donald
Mahan, Edward James
Mahoney, John Joseph
Mahoney, William Leo
Makin, Herbert Charles
Malley, James Owen
Manock, Arthur F.
Mansell, William
Marsden, Thomas A. Jr.
Marshall, Alger C.
Marshall, Lee Wentworth
Marston, Charles Towne
Martin, Earl F.
Mason, Warren E.
Matses, Harold Theodore
Mavros, Christy
Maxwell, Raymond R.
McBride, Charles Patrick
McBride, Kenneth J.
McCarthy, Mary Louise
McClain, Francis L., Jr.
McCormick, Bernard Stanley
McCourt, Albert Edward
McDermott, Lawrence Luke
McDonald, John J.
McDonough, John L.
McEwen, Harold
McEwen, Leslie
McEwen, Philip
McGlew, Winfred
McKew, Clarence A.
McLoon, Nelson
Mello, Edward F.
Melville, James E.
Metcalf, Eugene Kingsley
Michelson, George A.
(Medical Discharge)
Millea, Lawrence E.
Miller, Thomas F.
Mills, Arthur Cowan
Milnes, William Everett, Jr.
Mitchell, Clarence Edward
Mitchell, Everett
*Mizzi, Joseph Raymond
(Died of wounds July 25, 1944 at
Guam)
Mizzi, Robert
Monroe, John Stewart, Jr.
Moran, Edward Patrick
Moreland, Alden Francis
Morrison, Gordon Bruce
Morse, Winston H.
(Medical Discharge)
Moseley, William Oxnard
Mpelkas, Christos Constantine
Mulally, Richard
(Medical Discharge)
Munroe, Clarence Edward
Munroe, John William
(Medical Discharge)

N

Nault, Roland
Nealey, James Joseph
Neary, John
Nelson, Donald K.
Nelson, Warren Edgar
Neville, James Joseph
Newton, Allen
Nicholson, Arthur J.
Nicholson, Earl Gardner
Nickerson, Harold Stillman
Nicoll, James K., Jr.
Nief, Ada Elizabeth (Mrs. Larson)
(Honorable Discharge)
Nollet, Conrad Joseph
Norwood, Lewis F. Jr.,
Noyes, Albert E.
Noyes, Marion E.
Nugent, James F.

O

O'Brien, Stewart Henry
O'Connor, Francis Charles
O'Keefe, Charles Thomas
Ormsby, Kenneth G.
O'Shea, Thomas J.
Ouellette, Paul Emile
Oulton, Richard B.
Ovens, James George
Owens, Thomas William

P

Page, Warren Ellis
Parker, Phillip C.
Parnagian, Haig
Paskowski, Michael
Patschieder, Ralph Arthur
Patterson, Clarence
Peabody, Roger
Peach, Daniel Alexander
(Inactive Reserve)
Pead, Raymond Otis
Pearse, Robert H.
Peaslee, Ralph L.
Peaslee, Richard Henry
Peatman, Norman
Peckham, Alden Franklin
Pelletier, Gordon E.
Pelletier, Joseph Gerard
Pelletier, Joseph George
Pentilla, Arthur Daniel
Pepper, Ralph Gower
Perkins, Henry Clifton, Jr.
*Perkins, Raymond
(Killed in India, July 1943)
Peterson, Carl Theodore
Peterson, Eric Conrad
Peterson, Ruth E. (Mrs. Kelley)
Petkewich, Peter George
Pettingill, Charles Edmon
Phair, Francis
Phillips, John J.
Pierce, Francis W., Jr.
Pierce, Harold Gregory
Pike, George D., Jr.
Pike, Walter Nathaniel
Pingree, Gordon
Pingree, Phillip Gordon
Pinney, Olive Mary (Mrs. Bennett)
Pitrowski, John Joseph
Pohju, Victor Daniel
Poisson, Leo Henry
Preston, Priscilla G.
Prophet, Stanley
Purdy, Arthur S.

Purdy, Raymond S.
Putney, Chester

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Quinn, Eugene
Quinn, John P.
Quinn, Richard E.

R

Rabchenuk, Michael N.
Ranta, Henry Jacob
Ray, Warren Alfred
Reed, Frederick Henry
Reilly, Bernard Leonard
Reilly, James Joseph
Reilly, James H.
Reinhold, Robert N.
Rennie, David Jr.
Reynolds, Ralph Clifford
Rider, John L.
Riette, Joseph G., Jr.
Riley, John P.
Riley, Robert Bruce
Riley, Ruth
Roberts, B. Allen
Roberts, Barbara Ruth
Roberts, Everett
Roberts, Maurice F.
(Medical Discharge)
Robinson, Ernest
Robinson, Mary Velma (Mrs. Wallauer)
Robinson, Sheldon Murray
Roche, Joseph Thomas
Roche, Thomas Joseph
Rock, Albert Paul
Rodden, Henry Joseph
Rogers, Herbert Stanley
(Honorable Discharge)
Rogers, Russell G.
Rosi, Louis
Ross, Edward Malcom
Ross, John Harry
Rowe, John A.
Rubchinook, John
Rusk, Harold
Russell, Edward Mansfield
Russell, Gordon Warren
Russell, Hugh
Rust, Lawrence B.
Ryan, Joseph Patrick

S

St. Pierre, Emile Joseph
Sanborn, Charles R.
Santin, Patrick Gildo
Satama, Andrew
Savage, Charles
Sawyer, Raymond S.
Scamperino, Yolanda K. (Mrs. Smith)
Scanlon, William M. P.
Scobey, Evelyn Hilda
Scouller, Joseph Alton
Scribner, Fred B.
Senior, William M.
Sevoian, Martin
Seymour, Florence (Mrs. Soucy)
Shanahan, John Lawrence
Shaw, Alonzo Meyrle
Sheppard, Lionel H.
Shields, Edward E., Jr.
Shinner, John H.
Shorten, Austin Howarth
Shtrumpfman, Saul
Silva, Chester Norwood
Silva, Dean Kenneth
Sioman, Charles E.
Skea, Ronald

Smith, Alfred R., Jr.
 Smith, Burton Edward
 Smith, Elmore Galphine
 Smith, George Seddon
 Smith, Robert Arthur
 Snellen, Walter E.
 Snow, Russell Frederick
 Soiett, Morton
 Solomon, George J.
 Somers, William
 (Prisoner of Italians, No. Africa, Dec.
 27, 1942; Prisoner at Stalag III,
 Germany since Dec. 15, 1943)
 Sparks, Francis Donald
 Spencer, John Vincent
 (Medical Discharge)
 Spencer, Robert Wilson
 Spiliotis, Charles
 Spinney, Charles H., Jr.
 Sprague, Robert
 Spurling, Kenneth T., Jr.
 Spurling, Robert E.
 Stacey, Frank Malvin
 Stacey, Walter R.
 Standley, Chester Foster
 Stephenson, Henry Hartwell, Jr.
 Stokes, Ralph Marshall, Jr.
 Stone, Curtis Leonard
 Stone, Howard William, Jr.
 Stone, Porter Howard
 Stone, Russell W.
 Story, Edwin P.
 Strong, William Sherman
 Sturtevant, Richard M.
 Sullivan, J. Eugene
 Swanson, Carl P.
 Swett, Norman Clifford
 Swiniarski, Thomas

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Tarbox, Ellsworth D.
 Tarbox, Ernest Townsend

Taylor, Ralph
 Taylor, William A.
 Teague, Clayton Forbes
 Thomas, Richard
 Thomas, William
 Thompson, Alfred E.
 Thompson, George E.
 Thurlow, Henry P.
 (Inactive Reserve)
 Tillson, Chester
 Timms, Clifton Charles
 Tinsch, William C.
 Tinsley, Thomas Edward
 Titus, Gerald A.
 Toomey, John Patrick
 Toomey, Michael Anthony, Jr.
 Towne, Warren Holland
 Trask, Allyn Russell
 Trethewey, Bradford Neal
 True, Charles Francis
 True, John H.
 Tucker, George C.
 Turcotte, Henry
 Turner, Raymond Joseph
 Tuttle, Sumner J.

V

Vaughn, Harry
 Veinot, Claude E., Jr.
 Venti, Eugene Peter

W

Wadsworth, John Arthur
 Walker, Arthur George
 Walker, David Woodward
 Wallace, John E.
 Ward, Charles Francis
 Ward, John Joseph
 Waters, Grace Francis
 Waters, Joseph V.
 Waters, Robert Marsh
 Weaver, Robert

Webb, Bradford Ernest
 Webb, Donald W.
 Webber, James Philip
 Weed, Gilbert Calvin
 Wegzyn, John
 Weinhold, Russell C.
 (Medical Discharge)
 Weinstein, Hyman
 Welch, Charles F., Jr.
 Welch, Dorothy Cecelia
 (Honorable Discharge)
 Wheeler, Douglas
 White, Kenneth Howard
 White, Richard J.
 Whiteside, William, Jr.
 Whitten, Norman E.
 Wildes, George Francis
 Wilkins, Ralph Warren
 Williams, David James
 Williams, Marvin Tasker
 Williams, Myron A. Jr.
 Wilson, Howard Payson, Jr.
 Winn, Alanson S.
 Winthrop, Frederic
 Winsor, Kenneth Charles
 Wojtunik, Julian
 *Woodman, Orin Walter
 (Killed in action in Cassino, Italy
 Feb. 2, 1944)
 Woodworth, Beatrice Lavenia
 Worsman, Robert
 Wright, Vernon

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Yeaton, Ralph
 York, John Philip
 York, Myron A., Jr.
 Young, Frederick J.

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Zielski, John Michael

—Corrected to October 1, 1944

Changes, by Phil Ochs

Sit by my side, come as close as the air
Share in a memory of gray
And wander in my words
Dream about the pictures that I play of changes

Green leaves of summer turn red in the fall
To brown and to yellow, they fade
And then they have to die
Trapped within the circle time parade of changes

Scenes of my young years were warm in my mind
Visions of shadows that shine
One day I returned and found they were
Victims of the vines of changes

The world's spinning madly, it drifts in the dark
It swings through a hollow of haze
A race around the stars
A journey through the universe ablaze with changes

Moments of magic will glow in the night
Fears of the forest are all gone
But when the morning breaks
They're swept away by golden drops of dawn of changes

Passions will part to a strange melody
As fires will sometimes burn cold
Like petals in the wind
We're puppets to the silver string of souls of changes

Your tears will be trembling, now we're somewhere else
One last cup of wine we will pour
And I'll kiss you one more time
And leave you on the rolling river shores of changes

Aggie Alumni who passed away



Rosemary E. (Tucker) Anketell, Post Grad

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/lynn-ma/rosemary-anketell-10261366>

Emily George Arrigg, Benefactor

<https://obituaries.andovertownsmen.com/obituary/emily-arrigg-1082500504>

James J. (Jim) Auge, Instructor

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/mississippivalleypublishing/name/james-auge-obituary?pid=199043932>

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<https://everloved.com/life-of/melissa-dailey/obituary/>

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<https://lynch-cantillon.com/obituaries/2021/05/22/leina-r-lee-romanuk-desimone/>

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https://www.capemaycountyherald.com/community/obituaries/article_fafe4dda-e5fa-5c15-af49-486a6d3cc8f8.html

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<https://berubefuneralhome.com/obituaries-berube/2021/4/29/judy-sharpe-greeke-81>

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<https://obituaries.newburyportnews.com/obituary/willard-hall-1082540971>

Robert C. Hawkes, Class of 1951

<https://www.dumontsullivan.com/obituaries/Robert-Hawkes-2/#!/Obituary>

William R. Johnson, Class of 1965

<https://www.brooksidechapelfh.com/obituary/william-johnson>

Helen E. (Murach) Little, Class of 1950

<https://www.carrierfuneralhome.com/obituary/helen-little>

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<https://ccbfuneral.com/obituaries/matthew-ryan-mcdaid/>

M. Louise (Minichiello) Meola, Class of 1937

<https://www.brooksidechapel-fh.com/obituary/m-meola>

Brian John O'Loughlin, Class of 1964

<https://www.cataudellafh.com/tributes/Brian-Oloughlin>

Benedict "Ben" James Sgro, Post Grad

<https://www.dolanfuneralhome.com/obituaries/benedict-ben-james-sgro-of-nashua-nh/>

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<https://www.odonnellfuneralservice.com/obituary/JamesWoody-ONeillIII>

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<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/21330113/Kenneth-Normand-Paquin/Dracut/Massachusetts/Dracut-Funeral-Home>

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<https://wilmingtonapple.com/2021/09/04/obituary-gerald-gerry-picanso/>

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<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/20203431/Antonio-G-Veiga>

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<https://www.greelyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/William-S-Billy-Wakeling?obId=21712528>



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