

# Aggie News

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## From The Editor:

Greetings Classmates,

In the last issue of The Aggie News we included an article outlining the courses offered at the Aggie back in the 1920s & 1930s. This issue will continue our historical coverage with an article that appeared in the October 1950 issue of the Essex Farmer and Homemaker about the Catherine Larkin Cottage.



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Charlie Main Class of '56

## Campus History Project:

This summer we have begun a project to document all the locations and buildings on the Aggie campus. The intent is to document the history of all the buildings, when they were built, who they were named after, their past and present use, etc. This will be a big job but when complete should give us a nice set of documents. Pete Tierney '75 has volunteered to photograph all the buildings on the Aggie campus. Those photos, along with some we already have will be used in conjunction with a map of the campus to be placed on the alumni web site. The idea here is to be able to click on any building or location on the map to bring up a photo of that location. Pete has also volunteered to undertake the research project to document the history of all the buildings. If anyone would like to help Pete with this important historical project he can be contacted at:

Peter Tierney, 69 Albion Street, Everett, MA 02149 [ptierney@faulknerhospital.org](mailto:ptierney@faulknerhospital.org)

The Alumni Association would be interested in receiving any old photographs or documents of historical interest that anyone might have tucked away somewhere. Of special interest would be materials covering the apple orchard, the poultry complex, etc. because they are now extinct. Materials can be sent to:

Charles Main, 643 Main Road, Phippsburg, ME 04562

## Thank You:

Your alumni association officers would sincerely like to thank all those who have made contributions to their alumni. To those who sent us news, notes and photos; to those who helped us to locate missing classmates; to those who have loaned us their yearbooks for establishing class rosters; to those who have paid dues; to those who have made donations to the treasury; your contributions are much appreciated by all.

Alice, Charlie, George, & Lillian

## Aggie History:

### The Catherine M. Larkin Memorial Practice Cottage



#### From Essex Farmer & Homemaker Oct. 1950

A perfect Indian Summer day saw 300 friends and relatives of the late Catherine M. Larkin at the dedication ceremonies of the Catherine M. Larkin Memorial Cottage at the Essex County Homemaking School, on Saturday, September 30.

There was a military touch to the affair as the Tilton School of Haverhill Drum and Bugle Corps gave a drill during the afternoon. Lt. Eleanor I. Burbeck, ANC, formerly of Salem and now located at Selfridge Field, Michigan, gave the Tribute to her former classmate at the school. Some of the Salem Hospital Nurses were also in uniform as Catherine was a graduate of this institution too.

Congressman William H. Bates a former Navy man and a long time friend of the Larkin family gave the Memorial speech as follows:

"From the earliest times of recorded history man has recognized the brevity of his span of life. He was also aware of the shortness of his memory. And there arose in those years men of great stature--greater than the rest, and the story of these great men was story of their era.

But the deeds and words of these men would soon be forgotten or compromised in the frail mind that is given to man and their fame would surely pass when the measure of life of their contemporaries had been reached. So in their wisdom those of early years realized that if the value of their heroes was to serve as a reminder of them while they lived and as an inspiration to succeeding generations, their words and works should be indelibly inscribed and a fitting monument to their greatness should be erected. It would only be in that way that great achievements and sacrifices could live on. It has been so through the ages. It is so at this hour.

So we are gathered today to dedicate a monument because from our midst there was taken from us a woman who volunteered her services to her country and her services meant

her life. It has been to the men of this nation that has been given the duty and responsibility of protecting the freedom and ideals of their country. To woman there has been given a sheltered place in war. Theirs has not been the task of taking up arms and facing the dangers that an enemy might inflict. Theirs has been to remain at home, to continue the duties of their domestic life while they mourn the absence of their loved ones and live in the fear they may not return.

But in October 1941, after two years of war on the continent or Europe, it appeared inevitable that our country would soon be actively involved in World War II. The Government of the United States sent out a call for nurses to volunteer for duty. To reply to this call meant the indefinite privation of loved ones; it meant the denial of the ordinary comforts of life; it meant a price that could not be readily assessed. It also meant, regardless of the cost, an opportunity to serve our country and our fellow man. It paralleled the supplication of Our Lord in His Beatitudes--to heal the sick. Nurse Catherine Marie Larkin, Salem, Mass., heard that call. Second Lieutenant Larkin, Nurse Corps, U. S. Army, was ready for duty.

She was immediately assigned to Harding Field, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where because of her native talents, her personal sacrifices and devotion to her cause, she was selected as Chief Nurse and promoted to First Lieutenant.

As the war advanced and the manpower of our nation was heavily taxed and the bitterness of the fighting paid a heavy toll in those wounded, another call was heard and First Lieut. Larkin was ready for duty on foreign soil.

She served with honor and distinction until that tragic day, March 4, 1945, at Calcutta, India, while in the pursuit of establishing an advanced hospital base, her duty here on earth was ended. While it is not possible for us to reflect on that moment without rekindling the heartaches of our recent sorrow, our grief is lessened by the pride we have in her courage and her accomplishments, our faith consoles us in the knowledge that it was the will of God, and we are comforted in the thought that those who die for others shall live forever.

While we realize we cannot add to the glory that is hers--we cannot pay further honor to the greatness of her deeds and the sacrifices she made for us--we are assembled here this afternoon to dedicate a monument to her as a reminder to ourselves and those who come after us. It is significant, I think, that this monument should be fashioned, in a sense, after her own life. It is not an ordinary monument but one that can be of service to the people. It is a living monument. A monument that is practical. It is significant, too, I believe, that this cottage is to be used for the purposes of bettering the American home. It was for the sum total of all American homes--our country--that she gave her life.

In the years to come, those who pass through these portals will inquire of her. They will find that she was born in Salem, Massachusetts on January 21, 1915, the daughter of Edward (Continued on page 6)

## News From The Classes:

### **Marilyn (Pierce) Caron, Class of 1948**

I just received the January issue of The Aggie News. I recognized Bill Holland, Vernon Reinhold, Bill Walsh & Gene Somerby. They are still as handsome as ever. Even though I graduated in 1948 I am there every day as a bus driver. I pick up kids in Lynn and Saugus. I am Bus #12. Please tell the guys I said Hi and they look great.

PS: My daughter Lisa Caron graduated in 1982.

### **Elizabeth (Karolides) Gehling, Class of 1954**

I pass the school every day and think of all the great people the girls had in our class and Catherine Larkin Cottage still looks good to me. I graduated in 1954 and if any of my classmates wish to write or call 978-777-5027 I'll try to get together when it's warmer weather. My address is 1 Old Hundred Lane, Middleton, MA 01949

### **Robert Grant, Class of 1956**

Bob & Tracey Grant exhibited 4 bulls from their Grantland Farms Highland herd at the Mid-Atlantic Highland Show on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Grantland Altair and Stamina each won their class. Grantland Winston placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and Grantland Rawhide was 3<sup>rd</sup>. We also were 1<sup>st</sup> in Produce of Dam and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Get of Sire class. We exhibit at all the major shows and hope to show at the Big E in September.



The winning Produce of Dam entry

### **David Lane, Class of 1976**

I am happy to let you know that my daughter will be attending Essex Aggie in the fall of 2003 as a freshman. She is planning to study Environmental Science. I am still living in Ipswich and have been married for 15 years to my wife Stephanie. We have 3 children, Shannon 14, David 11 and Robbie 9. We have a 17 acre farm and retail greenhouse business that we run as a family under the name of Lanes' Farm and are having a good time with it. I am still involved in agriculture and hope that all my kids will follow in it too. Look forward to getting back in touch with the Aggie.

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### **Scott Greaney Class of 1982**

The Greaney's new little farm hand, Adam Spencer Greaney, arrived Friday April, 18 at 5:50 a.m. He was 6 lbs 11oz



### **Penny (Cameron) Briggs, Class of 1996**

I just wanted to share with you all that my husband Jim Briggs class of '96 had his double lung transplant on April 28, 2003. Jim is doing well. The doctors are pleased with how he is doing. The surgery was 10 hours long which was pretty short for this type of surgery.

## **Deceased Classmates:**

### **Ray F. Allen Class of 1949**

Ray F. Allen, 73 died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003 at the E. N. Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford, MA. Ray was born in Salem and was a U. S. Air Force veteran of the Korean war. He was the former owner of Ray's Gulf Service Station on Bridge Street in Ryal Side. He was a former member of the Immanuel Congregational Church, the church choir and the Beverly Men's Singing Club.

### **Robert E. Smith Class of 1954**

We were informed by Robert's wife Carol that Robert E. Smith of Lynn, MA died December 30, 2002 of multiple myeloma a very aggressive form of blood cancer. Carol informs us that Robert was always very proud of being an Essex Aggie graduate.

### **Daniel P. Barry Class of 1965**

Daniel P. Barry, 56 of Pantry Road in West Hatfield, MA died Feb. 18, 2003 in his home. Barry had been a professor at Springfield Technical Community College for 33 years. Until 1988 he had owned and operated locally the former Hampshire Landscapes and Barry's Nursery. He had served on the Hatfield Planning Board since 1992.

### **Richard Kawadler Class of 1957**

We had been actively looking for Richard Kawadler until we were sadly contacted by his brother Marvin of the following news article. It provides another interesting view of the life and times of another of our classmates.

### **Las Vegas Yellow Cab Co. Dispatcher Kawadler dies**

By Warren Bates - Review-Journal

Richard "Dick" Kawadler was never shy about expressing his opinion. When Las Vegas police recently arrested three cabdrivers on charges of participating in drug deals in Meadows Village,

Kawadler said he would "put our number of arrests of cabdrivers against Metro's number of arrests of police officers anytime." When the Taxicab Authority decided to put more cabs on the street in 1995, Kawadler called it "a disgusting example of a (private) industry controlling a regulatory industry." He argued for safety enhancements for cabbies and often took up the personal causes of drivers in his publication, Trip Sheet, a small and boisterous newsletter.

Kawadler, a dispatcher with Yellow Cab Co., died of heart failure Wednesday in Brockton, Mass. He was 58. "Probably on a monthly basis he would take on some decision of the Taxicab board or me," said Robert Anselmo, Administrator of the Taxicab Authority. "He didn't do it in a personal way and I respected him. I think he was their (cabdrivers') public voice," Anselmo said. "The larger cab companies have unions inside. But he attempted to be the conscience of the cabdrivers from the little guy to the big guy."

Kawadler's brother, Marvin, said "He always took it upon himself to help those who didn't happen to have power, and he did it in a way that was fair and equitable to all. He had a wonderful outlook on life even though he knew his health was failing," the brother said. "He would look at the lighter side with things and say you should not get mired in worrying about what people think of you, just do what you think is right."

Kawadler, a Yellow Cab employee since 1983, had recently taken a trip to London and Paris, meeting with publishers of cabbie newsletters there, his brother said. "It was his whole life," he said. Kawadler also was chief steward of the Las Vegas chapter of the Maritime Union starting in the mid-1980s, Union Vice President Ruthie Jones said. "He was the lifeline to the drivers through his Trip Sheet magazine," Jones said. "The drivers read it religiously," she said of the publication, in operation since 1986. Jones recalled Kawadler had trouble sleeping and would sometimes call her at 2 a.m. to talk about cabbie issues. "He continued to pay his union dues even though he was management," she said. "It was such a loss to me and it's so emotional."

## Reunion News:

### Class of 1982

Cindy (Allen) Essler has begun to work on a reunion for the class of '82. Cindy would like to have everyone from the class of '82 contact her to let her if they are interested. [Essler05@aol.com](mailto:Essler05@aol.com)

### Class of 1983

A class reunion is scheduled for July 19th at the Courtyard Marriot in Concord, NH. Happy hour starting at 6 pm, cash bar with hors d' oeuvres. Dinner to be served at 7 pm. Appetizer, salad, main course choices of Prime Rib or Herb Stuffed Chicken, dessert. DJ. We have the place until midnight. Exit 15W (202W to 3) off Rte. 93, right at lights to stop sign (Courtyard), 2nd driveway on right (Grappone).

Contact Elaine Flanagan  
[irishhearts\\_03442@msn.com](mailto:irishhearts_03442@msn.com)

### Class of 1984

Next year is a reunion year for the class of '84. Jill (Delaney) Hewitt and Fred Trecartin will be working on getting one together.

Contact Judy at: [jhewitt@email.smith.edu](mailto:jhewitt@email.smith.edu)  
or Fred at: [fredze65@worldnet.att.net](mailto:fredze65@worldnet.att.net)

After a long sabbatical from school Judy is graduating from Smith College this year. Smith is a Liberal Arts college where she majored in Biology with a concentration in environmental & fresh water issues.

### Other Reunions

There may be other reunions being planned in addition to those mentioned above but at press time these three are the only ones we have received notification for.

We are still looking for a volunteer from the 1960s to set up a decade reunion for the 1960s. There are lots of people from the '60s that would like to get together.

## News from The School:



### MAJOR SMITH HALL RENOVATIONS COMPLETED

The first major building renovation on campus in 25 years is just about completed on the campus administration building, Smith Hall. The school trustees had approved a \$1.5 million renovation plan that involved replacing the slate roof of the 85 year old building, installation of an elevator to make it handicapped accessible. Also completed are upgrades to the entrance portico, the cupola, electric and plumbing systems and new restrooms. Smith Hall houses administrative offices, and classrooms. The project is largely being financed from state funding.

Visit the school web site at <http://www.agtech.org> for all the latest news of the school.

### Teacher Notes:

We received a call from Bud Kelley last February. Because of his arthritis he is unable to answer correspondence but he wants to thank everyone for the letters he received. Mr. Kelley can be contacted at: 9 Summer Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

### School Open House:

The school no longer holds the Spring Open House that you might remember was called Suburban Living Days. There is an Open House in the fall, usually mid-October, that is directed towards middle school students and their parents, but is open to all. The date will be posted on the school web-site and ads are placed in local papers, however most of the promotion for it is in the middle schools that are our sending schools.



## History Corner: Catherine Larkin Cottage

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and Nora Larkin, and the sister of Margaret, Edward, John and Robert. She attended St. James School of Salem, the Essex County Homemaking School of Hathorne and graduated from the Salem Hospital Training School for nurses. She was further trained in hospitals in Providence and Salem. She joined the Army Nurse Corps and gave her life to her country.

They will perhaps think of her, as we do, when the verse of William Wordsworth is heard:

"A perfect woman, nobly planned,  
To warn, to comfort and command,  
And yet a spirit still and bright,  
With something of angelic light."

So today we salute you, First Lieut. Catherine Marie Larkin, Nurse Corps, U. S. Army, daughter, sister, relative, friend, heroine, American."

Harold A. Mostrom, Director of the School, presided. Rev. Robert Hilton of St. James Parish, Salem, gave the invocation; Lt. Burbeck not only gave the Tribute but unveiled the plaque on the door of the cottage. Miss Ethel M. Moore, Educational Manager of the School, acknowledged the many gifts that had been given to help furnish the cottage. Many of these were given in memory of Lt. Larkin.

Following the formal exercises, those present had an opportunity to inspect the cottage. This building will be used by the students of the Homemaking School in their work of actually keeping a home. Already they have had many practical experiences in connection with the building. Some of the girls put the maple finish on the dining room table and four chairs which came unfinished. They studied and chose the wallpaper, curtains and some of the other accessories for the cottage. The present student body served refreshments on the school grounds following the formal program.



Photo from January 1955 of one of the practice cottage exercises where two of the girls prepared a meal and served it. Sometimes they had to serve the teachers & that's when they really got nervous. Left to right: Ruth Tolman, Laura Fairbanks, Carol Ward & Rosemary Lessard.  
Photo submitted by Laura (Fairbanks) Senter '55



The Larkin Cottage today

## The Alumni Website:

The alumni website at [www.essexaggie.org](http://www.essexaggie.org) contains many resources for use by all alumni.

**Class Rosters:** View any class from 1928 to 2003. Class yearbook photos are included. Check to see who we have found and who we have not located. E-mail addresses are indicated for those that have them so they can be easily contacted.

**Classmates on the Net:** A list of classmates who have websites that can be visited.

**Register:** A form that can be used for registering with the alumni association or notifying us of any change of address.

**Volunteer:** A form to fill in for anyone interested in volunteering their services.

**Newsletters:** A copy of all the newsletters published since 1998.

**Photo Album:** Photos of the campus, alumni events, reunions, classmates' activities, etc.

**Links:** Links to other alumni related websites.

**Reunions:** Past reunions, reunion planning guides and information on upcoming reunions.

**Message Board:** The alumni message board can be used to post messages on any subject.

**Dues & Donations:** A downloadable form for submitting membership dues or donations to the alumni association.

**Business Cards:** A list of business cards that have been submitted by Aggie alumni.

The site is updated frequently so check back often.

If you notice any of your classmates that we have not located and you know where they are, let us know.

We have a problem with the growing number of invalid e-mail addresses on the class roster pages. Everyone should check their class roster listing. If the e-mail address is listed as ????? it means a message sent to your address has been rejected as invalid and we need updated information.

Sometimes alumni news and announcements that we send out are undeliverable because someone's mail box is full and is rejecting all new messages. E-mail accounts should be checked at least once per week to eliminate this problem.

# Essex Aggie Alumni Association Membership Registration Form 2003

Membership dues for 2003 will be \$20.00

Please fill out the form below

We need your support



Member Name and Address: (Please Print)

Class of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) High School Division (\_\_\_\_) College Division

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children Names \_\_\_\_\_

## Please register my membership for 2003

I am enclosing my check for \$20.00 for 2003 Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, I would like to donate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed for membership & donations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Check should be made out to: Essex Aggie Alumni

**Mail this form to: Essex Aggie Alumni Association, George P. Jones, III, Treasurer, P.O. Box 49, North Salem, NH 03073**

Occasionally our members move and forget to notify us of their new address. This often results in us never being able to find them again. Also, sometimes communication will unexpectedly stop and we are concerned about someone's health. Please provide the names of up to three people who will always know how to find you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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