Freshmen King and Queen
REES H. PARRY

Introducing Mr. Rees H. Parry—to the best of our knowledge our oldest living alumnus; it is always a keen pleasure to introduce one of the "old boys" to our large Alumni family.

Last summer, Rev. John L. Ott, S.M., a former U. D. faculty member, preached a retreat at the Alexian Brothers Rest Resort, Signal Mountain, Tenn. Here he met Mr. Parry, who from 1866 to 1870 attended St. Mary's Institute, now U. D. With his brother, Mr. Parry came to Dayton from Lawrenceburg, Ind., later studied law at Cincinnati, then followed the recommendation of Horace Greeley, "Go West, young man," and settled in Des Moines, Iowa. There he was a successful judge for many years. Now he is passing his declining years in historic Signal Mountain.

Seventy-five years have not dimmed the memory of Rees Parry. He retains happy and interesting recollections of his stay at S. M. I.; he vividly recalls Brother Maximin

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Front Cover: May we present the King and Queen of the Freshmen Welcome Dance, George Hohn and Pauline Fecho. They were crowned by Madeline Unger and Jack Dawson, sophomores, who were co-chairmen of the dance. King George and Queen Pauline were presented during the intermission of the Frosh Welcome, which was held Oct. 13, in the ballroom of the Miami Hotel.
OSKAR HALECKI

The University Lectures present the second speaker of the series, Dr. Oskar Halecki, who will speak on the Polish problem, Sunday, December 9, at 8:15 p.m., at the Biltmore hotel ballroom. Dr. Halecki is one of the most competent and authoritative speakers today on the subject of Eastern Europe and its problems.

Born in Vienna in 1891, he received his doctor’s degree from the University of Cracow in 1913, and lectured on Polish history at that institution from 1913-1916. Dr. Halecki was the expert of the Polish delegation at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 and was appointed Professor of Eastern European History at the University of Warsaw in the same year. He also served as dean of the faculty of arts on several occasions down to 1931.

Throughout the 'twenties and 'thirties he was closely associated with the work of the League of Nations and for a time held membership in the Secretariat of the League. He is currently director of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America and has held memberships in and honors from many intellectual organizations in Warsaw, London, Paris, Brussels and in the United States. He is the author or editor of many works on Polish history and relations. At present he is professor of Eastern European History in the Graduate School of Fordham University and professor of Slavonic history in the University of Montreal.

Dr. Halecki can do justice to the complicated Polish problem which has so long threatened to disrupt relations between the major powers; and he will present the problem from points of view that might easily have escaped the casual observer in the past.

RUSSIA A TOPIC

Other speakers on the University Lectures platform include: William Henry Chamberlin, Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., and Frank J. Sheed. Mr. Chamberlin will appear on Sunday, January 13, 1946. His topic will be Russia. The rapid growth of Russia’s power and influence in world affairs today has created an interest in that nation that demands satisfaction. William H. Chamberlin, journalist, traveler, and distinguished authority on Russia, is one of the most outstanding men capable of satisfying this interest in the nature and character of the present Russian state.

After fleeing from France in 1940 before the onrushing Nazi hordes, Mr. Chamberlin returned to this country and devoted himself to independent writing and lecturing. During the last three years he has lectured at the Harvard School for

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Pro Deo et Patria

WEBSTER SMYERS
Captain Webster C. Smyers, '38, prisoner of war of the Japs since the fall of Corregidor, was lost in action while being transported from Manila to Japan. The ship was sunk by submarine action in the South China Sea.

THOMAS HUMMERT
Captain Thomas A. Hummert, '38, was killed in Cuba on May 5, 1945. Captain Hummert entered the Army Air Corps in 1942. He received his basic training at Baker's Field, California.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON GOLD STARS

Mention was made in the June edition of the Alumnus of the death of Capt. Thomas A. Hummert, and in the October edition of the death of Capt. Webster C. Smyers. They are included in our 68 gold stars and remembered constantly in the prayers of those of us at the university.

Captain Webster C. Smyers was commissioned May 22, 1941. From Fort Hayes, Columbus, O., he went to Fort Mason, Calif. Sailing for the Philippines, he arrived at Fort McKinley, Rizal, July 31, 1941. There he served as surgeon of the 14th Engineers Battalion. When war broke out he was stationed in Bataan and Corregidor. May 7, 1942 when Corregidor fell, Captain Smyers was taken prisoner. May 24, 1942, a communication was received informing Mrs. Sarah Smyers, his mother, that he was missing in action. No further information was received until April 30, 1943, when confirmation was sent from the War Department stating that he was a prisoner of war of the Japs. After capture he was in Camp Cabanatuan, Luzon. In Nov. 1943, he was sent to Davao, Mindanao, remaining there until June 1944, when he was taken back to Camp Cabanatuan. In the fall of 1944, a draft of men was sent to Japan. Capt. Smyers was the Medical Officer. June 19, 1945, a telegram was received by the Captain's mother informing her that 1775 prisoners of war were lost while being transported northward from the Philippine Islands on a Jap ship which was sunk Oct. 24, 1944, and he was among those lost. The ship sailed from Manila, Oct. 11, and was sunk Oct. 24, 1944, by submarine action in the South China Sea over 200 miles from the Chinese coast. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Sarah S. Smyers, two sisters and one brother, all of Dayton.

Captain Thomas A. Hummert, ex '38, was killed in a plane crash in Cuba May 5, 1945. Entering the Army Air Forces in 1942, he received his basic training at Baker's Field, California, and was an instructor in navigation prior to foreign service. Captain Hummert was enrolled in the arts department of the university. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor J. Hummert, Breese, Illinois, three sisters, and four brothers.

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Overseas Administration, at the Yale Graduate Areas School, and is a visiting lecturer on Russian history and Soviet institutions at Haverford College.

TO TALK ON SPAIN

Rev. James M. Gillis, editor-in-chief of the "The Catholic World" since 1922, is a dominant figure in contemporary American letters. In 1941 he completed his twelfth series of Catholic Hour broadcasts, during which time his fame was spread throughout the country. In 1944 and again in 1945, he was the radio speaker on the Angelus hour. A syndicated columnist in many Catholic newspapers, Father Gillis is likewise the author of "False Prophets, Ten Commandments, The Catholic Church and the Home, Christianity and Civilization." Father Gillis will speak on "The Spanish Problem," Sunday, February 10, 1946.

FINAL SPEAKER

The concluding lecture will be given on Sunday, March 3, 1946 by Frank J. Sheed who will talk on "The Church in Present-Day Europe." Mr. Sheed has been compared to the crusaders of the Middle Ages, because of his activities. His mighty weapons are his tongue and pen. In 1926, with his wife, Maisie Ward, he established the London house of Sheed and Ward, and the American office was opened in 1933. Its list includes such well-known authors as Chesterton, Belloc, Dawson, Noyes, Sheen, Lumn, and Martin. Mr. Sheed has written extensively.

In addition to his writing and publishing activities, Mr. Sheed is Master of Westminster Catholic Evidence Guild and is in charge of training the Guild speakers in London. He has addressed well over 3,000 street-corner and indoor meetings in England and America in the last 15 years. It is a real pleasure to be able to include him on our series.

CHAIRMAN OF SERIES

Bro. Elmer Lackner assistant dean and former Alumni secretary, is chairman of the University Lectures. Assisting in the sponsorship of the series are the Knights of Columbus, The Dayton Council of Catholic Women, the University of Dayton Mothers' Club, and Cabos, a uni-

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Hilltop Happenings

CAMPUS ROUNDUP:—A post-war atmosphere blanketed U.D. as the campus was green with freshmen already tagging the property of the illustrious "master" sophomores. Given the works, sophomore style, the members of the frosh class spent their first two weeks in the doghouse, dotted the campus in blue and red bobby socks, and orange hairbows and ties. But the real event was "Froshes" were ducked into final initiation of molasses, flour, paint and limburger, and emerged following their capping exercises no longer the greens of the campus. Climaxing the events all mixed alike at the Welcome Dance at the Miami Hotel. It was also the inauguration of the date bureau, introduced by Mary Beth Wood and Tom McCarthy, which aided the unknowns in meeting just the right size gal and guy. . . . Alpha Rho Tau coeds sponsored a camp supper at Hills and Dales, Oct. 28. . . . Women's Athletic Association held a hike, Oct. 7. . . . Gamma Chi, Women's Chorus, and the Thespians sponsored a tea dance at the Loretto for new members. . . . The annual retreat for students was held Oct. 8-11. Rev. John A. Costello, former student, and director of the Propagation of the Faith in the Fort Wayne diocese, served as retreat master. . . . The education group, Epsilon Gamma, was responsible for the Halloween party for the coeds. . . . The coeds Thanksgiving party was given by Phi Chi, the science group. . . . A home economics club, Upsilon Delta Chi, has been organized with Sister Raphael as moderator. . . . Alice Millar is the first girl to be elected president of the student council. . . . Allan Braun was elected president of the senior class. . . . Ada Kay Bomford, senior arts student, was elected president of the women students. . . . At the first meeting of Sigma Delta Pi, pre-medical society, Father Charles L. Collins spoke on "Psychoneurosis." . . . The Daytonian yearbook will be resumed after two years' suspension. Ted Aponyi, junior chemical engineering student, is the editor of the 1946 annual. . . . U.D. Mothers' Club sponsored a dessert-bridge Halloween party, Oct. 31, in the women's lounge.

WITH THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION:—Father Edwin Leimkuhler officiated in the ceremonies of the annual Holy Name Rally in the stadium. . . . Father Charles L. Collins, and his co-worker, Miss Mary Tuite, attended the 20th annual meeting of the Association of Ohio College Registrars in Toledo. . . . Bro. William O. Wehrle was among the six judges for the school essay contest on the 10 year civic improvement plan. . . . Bro. Andrew Weber has under his direction a graduate course in industrial safety, sponsored by the Dayton Safety Council of the Chamber of Commerce. . . . Sister Raphael and Sister Hilda, of the home economics department, attended the meeting of home economists of Ohio Colleges in Columbus. . . . Harry Baujan addressed the Kiwanis Club recently. . . . Miss Betty Mayl, director of publicity, attended the district meeting of the American College Publicity Association at the University of Illinois. . . . Miss Mary Shay, Alumni secretary, represented the university at the inauguration of Dr. J. Gordon Howard, president of Otterbein college. . . . The Fire and Casualty Insurance Conference was held on the campus Nov. 20, under the supervision of Bro. George Nagel. . . . Father George Renneker, president of the University, was ill, but now is back at his desk. . . . Dr. E. B. O'Leary, chairman of the fact-finding committee, and member of the speaker's bureau, is active in the campaign for the Dayton District Development Committee which was successfully presented to the citizens of Montgomery County, Ohio.

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versity group signifying the campus activity board of service.

All of the lectures will be given in the ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel at 8:15 p.m. Season tickets are available from the various organizations helping to sponsor the series, or from the chairman of the lecture series at the university. Season tickets are still available for the series. The cost of season tickets is $3.00. Tickets for the individual lectures are being sold for $1.20.

DEAN OF WOMEN ILL

Sister Agnes Immaculata, S.N.D., Dean of women at the university, has been ill, and her presence is missed. Miss Mary Horrigan, R.N., instructor in health and physical education at the university, and instructor in social science at St. Elizabeth Hospital, has been appointed acting dean of women by Father George J. Renneker, president of the university. We all wish Sister Agnes Immaculata a complete and speedy recovery.

BUY BONDS

During this final Victory War Bond drive, you can help your country and your school, by buying a bond and contributing it to the Field House campaign.

Letters from the Alumni

HOMECOMING '46

My dear Alumnus:

How do you do? I am Francis X. Tsu of the class of 1924 and am now back in this country seeking for ways and means to re-establish the Chinese merchant marine. There is high hope of success and I am sure the good Lord will help me.

I left the then occupied Shanghai two years ago for the war capital, Chungking, where I sought chance to go to America. I got here last July as a special commissioner for the Chinese Ministry of Economic Affairs to study the shipping industry in America, but my chief aim is to acquire the ships for the much depleted Chinese merchant marine.

How are things at the U.? Is there a football schedule this year? I am just anxious to be back at the U. for a "home-coming" visit, but, when I do, I will inform you ahead. I suppose you are busy now, as the school is about to open. Please pray for me and, in the meantime, please accept my best regards and kindly remember me before your former superiors, professors and friends.

Yours very respectfully,

Francis I. S. Chu,
The Westbury Hotel,
N. Y. 21, N. Y.

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Zehler and his corps of kind, competent instructors, who Mr. Parry says, "made a man of him." Life at the Institute was anything but dull —the swimming and skating trips to the Miami River, the old canal, the visits to the State Hospital to entertain the inmates, the school activities, the large and beautiful chapel. Mr. Parry could tell us of many exciting events of the Reconstruction Era and of pioneering life in the unsettled West.

May he continue to enjoy for many more years, the fruits of a rich, eventful life in the quiet and restful retreat in the beautiful sunny South.
STUDENTS TAKE PHYSICAL EXAMS

TO DETERMINE PHYSICAL FITNESS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHYSICAL education, R.O.T.C., and athletics, all new students at U.D., undergo a physical exam. Caught in the act are, left to right, Jack Strader, with Dr. Leo Lauterbach at the stethoscope; Dr. George J. Rau, ’30, checking up on Stan Lojewski, and Naomi Frazer of St. Elizabeth Hospital, measuring the chest of Herbert Wong of Honolulu.

Class Notes

1916—Col. A. L. Stowell returned to his home in Columbus following his rescue from a Jap prison camp at Mudken by OSS parachute team on Aug. 16. He went to the Philippines in November, 1940, and was Signal Officer of the II Corps when captured.

1917—Charles H. Wassenich, discharged after 37½ months service in the Navy, was a campus visitor. He was commander of the Seaman’s Training Guard at San Diego, Calif., and every day his units trained to the U. S. march.

1924—Francis J. S. Chu has returned to this country from China in an effort to seek ways and means of establishing the Chinese Merchant Marine.

1925—According to latest reports, Adrian Tsu and his family are doing well at home in Shanghai, China.

1926—Peter Babb, Dinamita, Durango, Mexico, in a recent letter recalled his good times and happy years at U. D.

1927—Joseph Kirby, previously in Africa, and now serving with the Air Service Command in Rome, Italy, has been promoted to Lt. Colonel.

1928—Robert Schneble, formerly Captain, U. S. Army, was discharged and a recent campus visitor.

1929—Chief Bosn’s Mate Joseph “Pat” Duffy was among recent alumni to be released from the Navy. Serving 27 months in the Pacific, he participated in the invasions of Munda, New Georgia, and Peleliu in the Palau group. Duffy served as navy court-martial attorney. Theodore H. Hoffman, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Service, Commerce Department, was named Chief of the Caribbean and north coast countries in South America. George Freitas, resident of Honolulu, T. H., was a campus visitor.

1930—Dr. Walter Reiling was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Optimist Club. Also present were Jim Cassidy, Ed Breen and Merle Smith, ’25. Dr. Reiling, also guest speaker at Sigma Delta Pi pre-medical society, related some of his experiences on the battlefield. Dr. Reiling, formerly Major, was recently discharged. Ed Breen is now affiliated with the Dayton Insurance Company, and was elected mayor of Dayton.

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Quatman Subject of Magazine Sketch

Mr. George B. Quatman, a member of the associate board of lay trustees of the university, and president and general manager of the Telephone Service Company of Ohio, was the subject of a biographical sketch in The Telephone Engineer, the national independent telephone magazine.

Mr. Quatman organized the Ohio Telephone Service Company which comprises 131 telephone exchanges serving approximately 90,000 subscribers. Mr. Quatman's civic achievements include the origination of the organization to build the Sidney Hospital at Sidney, Ohio. He served as its first president. During World War II, Mr. Quatman was appointed Executive Director of Civilian Defense for the city of Lima, and Allen county, Ohio. He has also served as Lieutenant Governor of the Ohio Kiwanis Clubs, and has been in demand for delivering addresses before business and civic bodies throughout the state of Ohio.

CLASS NOTES (Cont.)

1932—John Ferree, recently discharged, was a campus visitor.

1933—Rodney Love, formerly chief deputy of the probate court, was appointed Probate Judge of Montgomery County.

1934—Joseph Freamas has resumed his law practice in Dayton following his discharge at Patterson Field. The former Captain has served for three years, and was stationed for a short time at Wright Field just before he was discharged. Paul and Babe Schumacher visited with Jim Brown, former alumni secretary, recently in New York City. Jim also reports that Elwood Follick, Lt. (s.g.), dropped in to see him. Elwood is communications officer on the SS Vixen, Admiral Jonas Ingram's flagship. Follick is doing patrol duty along the eastern coast. T/Sgt. William Yanez had the unique experience of attending the Convention of Missing Men held in Cleveland recently. The exclusive convention consisted of over 100 Allied airmen who were once missing in action. Bill, a radio operator-gunner, was shot down on his first mission over Germany and was missing until encountered by Patton's Third Army. Mrs. Jeannette McCann, wearer of Polish decorations, widely known as a Red Cross worker, and active in the sale of war bonds and stamps, recently visited Dayton. She is a leader in Polish relief. Capt. Irwin Gleim, recently discharged, was a campus visitor.

1935—William F. Bach is making his home in Washington, D. C., and is working with the U. S. Engineers. Lt. (j.g.) Robert Carr had quite a surprise when he met his brother Commander Bruce L. Carr, while awaiting transportation home after 18 months in the Pacific with a civil engineering outfit. Sgt. William C. Beck, 1st Assault Signal Co., Hqtrs. 1st Marine Division, after the Okinawa invasion was sent to Tientsen, North China. There he met John Haswigawa, who attended the University from 1931 to 1935.

1936—Ralph Locher, Columbus, Ohio, attorney, has been named executive secretary to Gov. Frank J. Lausche. Since February of last year, Locher has been engaged as secretary of the Industrial Commission.

1937—Sgt. George Brown had the good fortune to meet his brother in Germany. Dr. Marion Hay has been assigned to the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lipp were recent campus visitors. Bob previously a Major in the army, has been discharged from active service.

1939—Lt. Oscar Rupert, fighter pilot aboard the USS Monterey, was awarded the air medal with three gold stars “For meritorious acts in participation of aerial attacks in the vicinity of Honshu, August 13.” Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Gene May announce the arrival of a daughter, Mary Ellen, born Sept. 16 at the Berea College Hospital, Berea, Ky. Gene will reside in Cleveland with his family following his release from the navy.

1940—Capt. Robert Forsthooff was a campus visitor, having returned home on terminal leave. He expects his discharge in December. Dick Fletcher, now employed at the Cardox Research Company, Chicago, visited the University. Todd Makley is stationed at the 29th Replacement Depot outside of Manila. Father Adrian McCarthy, former U. D. and Chaminade instructor, is Chaplain for the outfit. He and (Continued on page 8)

CO-EDS PLAN TURNABOUT DANCE

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF “THE TURNABOUT TAG” DANCE sponsored by Alpha Rho Tau, arts division coeds, are: seated, left to right, Mary Rose Keville, Alice Millar, vice-president, Marjorie Caporal, and Marjorie Crutecher, chairman of the dance. Standing are Myra Boland, Joan Hussey, secretary-treasurer, and Eleanor Kurtz, president. The dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, at Wampler’s Barn. Al Sprauer’s orchestra will furnish the music.
Todd enjoys frequent discussions of good old school days. Todd recently received a promotion to captain.

John Sherman received his first two minor orders at the Dominican House of Studies, Forest River, Ill., Oct. 28.

1941—Russell H. Schlattman and Bonita Tucker were married Nov. 4, in St. Louis, Mo. Robert Jurgens is currently stationed in New Providence. Lt. Jane Simons, with 1000 miles of travel aboard the C-54 to her credit, will continue to serve for an additional 60 days, aiding in the transportation of veterans to this country. Jane, a former Delco Products nurse, has served in the South Pacific for a year bringing prisoners of war from Leyte to California, received the Air Medal, and recently was guest speaker at a meeting of Sigma Delta Pi, U. D. premedical society. Maj. and Mrs. Robert Shultz announce the birth of a daughter, Sheryl Lee, Sept. 17, at Patterson Field Hospital. Lt. (j.g.) Edward Sheeran and Margaret Vlosak were married Sept. 18 at Holy Cross Church. Lt. William Gauvey, pilot of a scout bomber, after completing 32 sorties against the enemy in the Pacific, has been returned to this country. Lt. Robert Miller, enroute to Japan with the 5th Marine Division, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for facing fire on Iwo Jima, in order to reorganize his company lines after a fierce Jap counter-attack had been repulsed. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jahn (Betty James, '44) announce the birth of a son, David Jerome, Oct. 10, at Air Force Hospital. Lt. and Mrs. Edmund Velton (Caroline Kastl) recently were campus visitors. They are residing in Normandy, Mo., awaiting Ed’s discharge from service. Lt. and Mrs. Clement Williams (Melissa Perky) announce the birth of a daughter, Cynthia, at Miami Valley Hospital, Oct. 26. Miss Clementine Vocke’s engagement to Lt. Bob Schmidt was announced following his return from the ETO, where he was stationed with the engineers. Pfc. Robert Becksted and Miss Janis Bradford were married in Emanuel Church, Nov. 10. Bob is a senior in the Western Reserve School of Medicine. Lt. Edward J. Schlei is Operations Officer at the Air Field at Pisa, Italy, stationed with the 549th Air Service Group. He attended Sunday services in the beautiful cathedral adjacent to the leaning tower of Pisa. Lt. Ellsworth Poland, credited with a year’s overseas duty, is now stationed in Belgium. Ed Henz has returned to civilian life following his discharge from service. Campus visitors include Lt. Frank Doorley and Lt. Jack Murphy. Murphy is on his way to the ETO for patrol duty. Lt. and Mrs. Roman Wiggrenorn are making their home in Roswell, New Mexico, where Roman is attached to the AAF. Lt. and Mrs. William Campbell announce the birth of a son, William, on Oct. 19. Corp. Jack Jones is now serving near Shanghai, China. Paul Kispersky has an Assistantship in Chemistry at Purdue University.

1944—Lt. Jerry O’Grady, who received a foot injury in France, is recuperating at Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, New York. George R. Keller has returned to civilian life. Lt. William P. Yarger, USMAC, and his wife are now residents of San Diego, where Bill will be assigned to flying duty in the Pacific area. Capt. Herman Braun and Miss Betty Miller were married Oct. 27 in Corpus Christi Church following the Captain’s return from the ETO, where he served as a pilot with the troop carrier command. Ens. Ellen Louise Spahr is engaged in work at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va. Marjorie Wehner became the bride of Norman Connors, Oct. 10, at Holy Angels Church. Lt. Henry Froehlich, after having completed eight months’ overseas with the 15th Air Force, was a recent campus visitor, and is awaiting his discharge. Marita Sharkey has arrived in Chabua, 20 miles from Dibrugarh, India, to serve the armed forces as an American Red Cross staff assistant. Jack Fitzharris is in the Pacific theater after serving in the ETO.

1945—Fern Channell was a recent campus visitor. Pfc. Lawrence “Smoky” Davis is expected to make the center post on Col. Dick Hanley’s “Flying Marines” football team at the El Toro Marine Air Corps Station, Santa Ana, Calif. Richard Welsh, and Miss Ann Bourke were married in Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 3. Mae Driscoll recently has accepted an Assistantship in the Physics Department, at the University of Illinois. Pvt. John Farnbacher is following the training course given by the AAF at Keesler Field, Miss. Helen Wise was a recent campus visitor. She is in the Marines, stationed at San Diego. Kay Kunka is working at WING. Paul Swift is in Manilla after service in Germany. Dick Kinn is studying for a master’s degree in psychology at Ohio State University. Lt. Stan and Gertrude (Heinz) Hickey are in Florida.