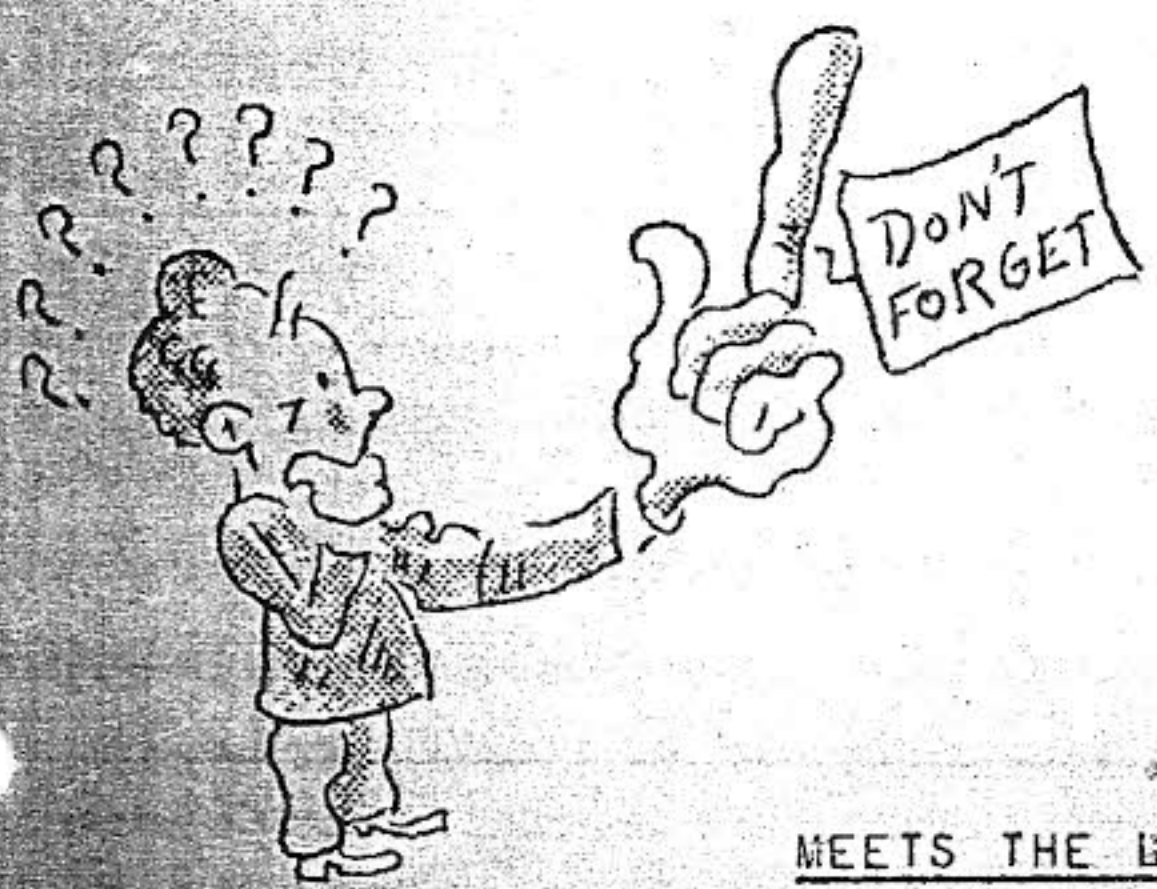
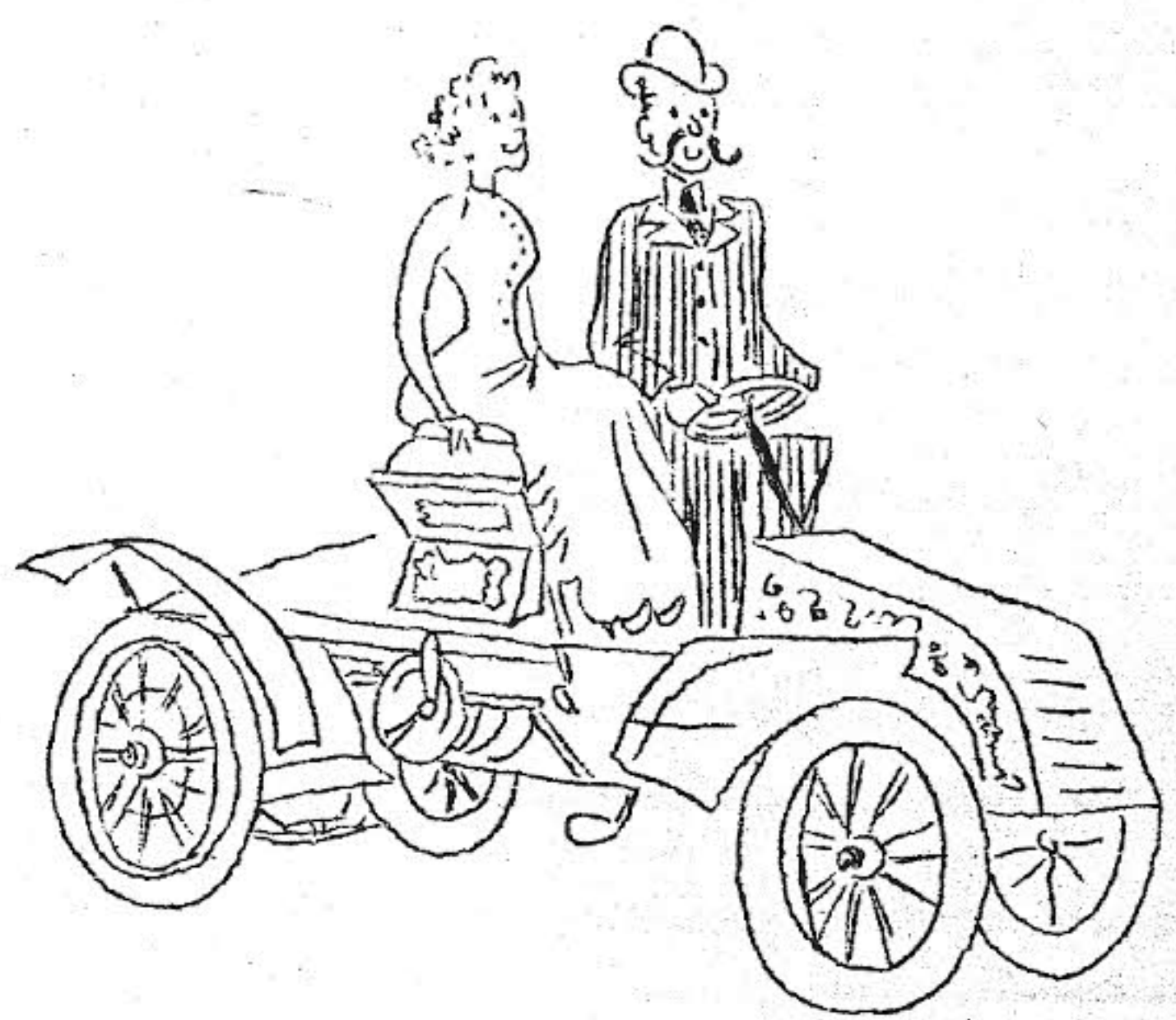


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THIS PUBLICATION IS FOR DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL SCHWACHHAMMER (SWACKHAMER) WHO IN 1730, SETTLED IN NEW JERSEY IN THE LONG VALLEY AND OF PHILIP DU FORD (DUFFORD) WHO SETTLED THERE IN 1738. WE HOPE THESE PAGES WILL BE OF INTEREST.

MARJORIE DUFFORD LOGAN PRESIDENT ELIZA DUFFORD HARRIMAN ... SEC'Y-TREAS.
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THE BIG ANNUAL MEETING

LONG VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1955

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COFFEE, CAKE AND SODA MAY BE PURCHASED

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RECOLLECTIONS OF THE 1954 MEETING

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1954

ON THE ABOVE DAY DESCENDENTS OF PHILIP DUFFORD AND SAMUEL SWACKHAMER OF MIDDLE VALLEY HELD THEIR ANNUAL REUNION ON THE LAWN OF THE ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LONG VALLEY. THIS MARKED THE 14TH MEETING OF THE SWACKHAMERS AND THE 29TH OF THE DUFFORD FAMILIES. FOR MANY YEARS, THE DUFFORD GATHERING WAS HELD AT THE DUFFORD HOMESTEAD AT MIDDLE VALLEY, THEN OWNED BY GEORGE S. DUFFORD. THE HOMESTEAD RESIDENCE, BUILT IN 1747, IS STILL STANDING. SAMUEL SWACKHAMER, BORN IN 1700, SPENT HIS DECLIN-
ING YEARS ON HIS FARM ADJOINING MIDDLE VALLEY CEMETERY, WHERE THE ASSOCIATION HAS ERECTED A MARKER IN HIS MEMORY, REPLACING THE ORIGINAL FIELD STONE. THE REUNION MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLING OF THESE PIONEER FAMILIES, WHO MIGRATED FROM GERMANY, FRANCE AND HOLLAND IN 1730 AND 1738.

DR. FRANCIS PRICE JONES OF DREW UNIVERSITY, A FORMER PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AT NANKING UNIVERSITY, CHINA, WAS THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER. HE WENT TO CHINA IN 1915 AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL RECENTLY WHEN ALL AMERICANS WERE FORCED BY THE COMMUNISTS TO LEAVE. DURING THE YEARS HE SPENT IN CHINA HE WORKED WITH AND WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF DR. C. SHARP TRIMMER, A MEDICAL MISSIONARY WHO WAS BORN IN MIDDLE VALLEY. DR. TRIMMER'S MOTHER, MRS. ELIZABETH TRIMMER NOW OF CALIFON WAS THE OLDEST MEMBER ATTENDING THE REUNION, HAVING PASSED HER 96TH BIRTHDAY.

THIS YEAR THE FAMILIES WERE HAPPY TO WELCOME THE REVEREND AND MRS. N. FRANK SWACKHAMER OF TORONTO, CANADA, DR. AND MRS. RAY T. DUFFORD OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, AND THE REVEREND AND MRS. T. CECIL SWACKHAMER OF GLENDALE, MISSOURI, WHO LEARNED OF THE REUNION AND MADE THE LONG TREK TO ATTEND IN THE VALLEY OF THEIR ANCESTORS.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY WAS A BAPTISM WITHIN THE HALLOWED WALLS OF THE OLD CHURCH WHERE THE PROGENOTORS OF THOSE PRESENT HAD WITNESSED THE AGE OLD CEREMONY. DR. RAY DUFFORD, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AT EVANSVILLE COLLEGE LEARNED OF THE REUNION WHILE ENGAGED FOR THE SUMMER IN RESEARCH WORK IN UNDER WATER SOUND FOR THE U. S. NAVY AT NEW LONDON, CONN. HE CONTACTED HIS SON-IN-LAW AND DAUGHTER, MR. & MRS. JAMES M. LOGAN OF FORREST HILLS, L. I. WHO BROUGHT THEIR INFANT SON MICHAEL JAMES TO BE BAPTIZED IN THE CHURCH OF HIS FOREFATHERS. THE ANCIENT RITE WAS PERFORMED BY THE REV. T. CECIL SWACKHAMER OF MISSOURI, THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE PASTOR, REV. CHARLES S. SCHMIDLING.

DURING THE AFTERNOON MUSIC WAS FURNISHED BY MR. JOHN HARGREAVES AND HIS SON JACK OF CALDWELL, N. J.

A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING WAS HELD AND THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS ELECTED: PRESIDENT - MRS. MARJORIE DUFFORD LOGAN, PLAINFIELD; VICE-PRESIDENT - ROBERT SWACKHAMER, DOVER; SECRETARY-TREASURER - MRS. ELIZA DUFFORD HARRIMAN, PLAINFIELD; HISTORIAN - EVERETT SWACKHAMER, IRVINGTON; AND EDITOR - MILTON SWACKHAMER, TRENTON.

FOLLOWING ARE MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

MEETING OPENED AT 1:50 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND THE TREASURER'S REPORT READ AND APPROVED.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT INSTEAD OF THE S-D ASSOCIATION TRYING TO RAISE MONEY ON THEIR OWN FOR DR. TRIMMER'S HOSPITAL IN PAKISTAN THAT THE MEMBERS TRY TO GET THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH THEY BELONG TO RAISE FUNDS AND FORWARD IT TO THE TREASURER FOR THAT PURPOSE.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGIST WOULD BE TOO COSTLY FOR THE RESULTS OBTAINED. THE SECRETARY IS INSTRUCTED TO ASK DAISY SWACKHAMER OF ARIZONA IF SHE WILL CONTRIBUTE THE DATA SHE HAS ASSEMBLED TO THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

THE PRESENT OFFICERS WERE ALL RE-ELECTED.

MATERIAL FOR THE BULLETIN IS TO BE IN MILTON SWACKHAMER'S HANDS SEPTEMBER 1.

REV. T. CECIL SWACKHAMER FROM GLENDALE, MO., WAS THE SWACKHAMER WHO CAME THE GREATEST DISTANCE.

Spring 1955

DR. RAY DUFFORD OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA WAS THE DUFFORD WHO CAME THE GREAT-
EST DISTANCE.

ATTENDING FOR THE FIRST TIME WAS REV. & MRS. N. FRANK SWACKHAMER A BAPTIST
MINISTER FROM TORONTO, CANADA.

MRS. ELIZABETH TRIMMER 97 YEARS OF LONG VALLEY WAS THE OLDEST.
MICHAEL LOGAN 10 MONTHS OF FOREST HILLS, LONG ISLAND WAS THE YOUNGEST.
\$32.89 WAS COLLECTED OF WHICH \$12.00 WAS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH.

DR. FRANCIS PRICE JONES GAVE A VERY INTERESTING TALK ON HIS WORK IN CHINA.
AFTER THE MEETING REV. T. CECIL SWACKHAMER BAPTIZED MICHAEL LOGAN IN THE
LONG VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

EVERETT SWACKHAMER

FOLLOWING IS THE ROSTER OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED WE HOPE NO ONE NEGLECTED TO
SIGN.

- CHAS. C. DUFFORD, 178 BAY AVENUE, GLEN RIDGE, N.J.
- BOB DUFFORD, 9 WYCHWOOD ROAD, LIVINGSTON, N.J.
- MAUDE DUFFORD, 178 BAY AVENUE, GLEN RIDGE, N.J.
- N. C. DUFFORD, 9 WYCHWOOD ROAD, LIVINGSTON, N.J.
- STAN DUFFORD, 99 SHERMAN AVENUE, CEDAR GROVE, N.J.
- C. R. LOGAN, 675 W. FRONT STREET, PLAINFIELD, N.J.
- MARJORIE LOGAN, 675 W. FRONT ST., PLAINFIELD, N.J.
- HARRIET DUFFORD, 675 W. FRONT STREET, PLAINFIELD, N.J.
- MR. & MRS. F. EVERETT SWACKHAMER, 89 LINDEN AVENUE, IRVINGTON, N.J.
- MR. & MRS. FRANK L. SWACKHAMER, 89 LINDEN AVENUE, IRVINGTON, N.J.
- REV. N. F. & HAZEL SWACKHAMER, 79 PARKVIEW HILLS CRES., TORONTO, ONTARIO, CAN.
- BESSIE EMMONS, 66 MT. AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, N.J.
- MRS. GEO. S. DUFFORD, PLAINFIELD, N.J.
- MR. & MRS. F. P. JONES, DREW UNIVERSITY, MADISON, N.J.
- REV. & MRS. T. CECIL SWACKHAMER, 1325 W. LOCKWOOD, GLENDALE, MO.
- MRS. ELIZABETH TRIMMER, CALIFON, N.J.
- MRS. LESTER APGAR, CALIFON, N.J.
- MR. & MRS. R. T. DUFFORD, 306 S. WEINBACH RD., APT. B3, EVANSVILLE, IND.
- MRS. MAY PELTS, 2438 HAY ST., EASTON, PA.
- MRS. CHAS. W. HALL, SR., LONG VALLEY, BOX 111, N.J.
- MR. & MRS. W. E. DUNN, LIVINGSTON, N.J.
- MRS. CARRIE DUFFORD CHAPMAN, 19 HAZEL AVENUE, LIVINGSTON, N.J.
- MRS. E. L. SWACKHAMER, 216 W. STATE STREET, TRENTON, N.J.
- DELIA C. MOREN, 2268 REDWOOD RD., SCOTCH PLAINS, N.J.
- MRS. HOWARD D. PIERSON, 106 EARLY ST.,
- MR. & MRS. JOHN HARGREAVES, 24 ELMWOOD TERRACE, WEST CALDWELL, N.J.
- MR. & MRS. CLARENCE LOYE, R. D. 2, DOVER, N.J.
- MISS B. R. DEWARD, 77 PENNINGTON AVE., PASSAIC, N.J.
- MR. & MRS. EUGENE J. BLANK, 251 PASSAIC AVE., APT. B-2, PASSAIC, N.J.
- MR. & MRS. JOHN A. STANBERG, 144 MT. KEMBLE AVE., MORRISTOWN, N.J.
- MISS RUTH STANBERG, 83 MOUNTAIN AVE., N. PLAINFIELD, N.J.
- MRS. G. F. CASKEY, 150 NORWOOD AVE., N. PLAINFIELD, N.J.
- MISS MARJORIE SWACKHAMER, LONG VALLEY, N.J.
- R. B. SWACKHAMER, DOVER, N.J.
- WM. K. SWACKHAMER, 1906 FERRY STREET, EASTON, PA.
- MR. & MRS. JAMES M. LOGAN & MIKE, 67-11 YELLOWSTONE BLVD., FOREST HILLS, N.Y.
- MRS. RICHARD S. LOGAN, 1529 FRONT STREET, SCOTCH PLAINS, N.J.
- MRS. OTTIS LANCE, 51 RAILROAD AVENUE, WASHINGTON, N.J.
- MRS. LINDA WHITE, 93 S. LINCOLN AVENUE, WASHINGTON, N.J.
- MRS. BEN WHITE, WOOD ROAD, MORRISTOWN, N.J.
- MILTON SWACKHAMER, 455 W. STATE STREET, TRENTON, N.J.
- FREDERICK T. BIRCH, P. O. BOX 5, LONG VALLEY, N.J.
- GEORGE T. CASKEY, 150 NORWOOD AVENUE, N. PLAINFIELD, N.J.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

IN A PUBLICATION WHICH GOES TO PRESS ONLY ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR IT IS INEVITABLE THAT MUCH OF THE NEWS WILL BE STALE. WE HOPE THE READER WILL BEAR THIS IN MIND. IF THE ITEMS ARE OF INTEREST WE ARE GLAD TO HAVE BEEN OF SERVICE.

THE EDITOR

JULY 1954

MR. & MRS. JOHN POWELL, (GRACE WERT) ARE IN THEIR NEW HOME AT LINTHICUM, MD., THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, JOHN, JR., SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE 1954 BULLETIN, BUT WE DID NOT GET THE NOTICE IN TIME.

MR. & MRS. ALDEN WERT HAVE MOVED FROM BROOKLYN TO THEIR NEW HOME AT 316 ELWOOD AVE., HAWTHORNE, N. Y.

MISS GLADYS SWACKHAMER'S NEW ADDRESS IS 636 ORTEGA STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA.

THE REV. EDWARD G. CONKLIN HAS BEEN CALLED TO THE MINISTRY OF THE MONROE AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH IN PLAINFIELD, N.J. MRS. CONKLIN'S GRANDFATHER, MR. S. S. SWACKHAMER, IS VERY HAPPY TO HAVE THEM BACK IN PLAINFIELD WHERE HE CAN SEE THEM MORE OFTEN.

MISS MARY TRIMMER, DAUGHTER OF DR. & MRS. C. SHARP TRIMMER, WAS MARRIED JUNE 17, 1954 TO RALEIGH SPINGS. HOWEVER, SHE PLANS TO COMPLETE HER LAST YEAR IN MEDICAL SCHOOL AND INTERNSHIP.

MR. F. RICHARD EMMONS, SON OF MR. & MRS. FLOYD EMMONS OF PLAINFIELD, MARRIED MISS CAROL ANN LEUCK OF JERSEY CITY, ON APRIL 10TH. RICHARD IS STATIONED AT THE NAVAL AIR STATION JUST OUTSIDE OF ATLANTIC CITY.

YOUR PRESIDENT AND HUSBAND HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO WASHINGTON WHERE THEY WENT TO WELCOME THEIR NEW GRANDSON, STEPHEN PRICE JONES, BORN JUNE 18, 1954 TO MR. & MRS. PHILIP P. JONES (JINNY).

MR. & MRS. CLARENCE J. MILLER OF SUMMIT, N.J. HAVE A YOUNG SON, JAMES HENRY, BORN MAY 17, 1954.

AIRMAN 2/C JOSEPH C. FARLEY, JR., OF MOUNTAINVILLE, N.J. DIED MARCH 13, FROM INJURIES SUFFERED WHEN HE FELL FROM A HORSE NEAR THE PINECASTLE AIR FORCE BASE AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA WHERE HE WAS STATIONED. HE HAD SERVED DURING WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC THEATRE OF WAR AND CAME THROUGH THE FIGHTING AT OKINAWA.

MRS. ROY SWACKHAMER, OF LONG VALLEY, DIED APRIL 7, 1954, AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.

S. WILLIAM JOHNSON, JR., OF PLAINFIELD, N.J. GRADUATED FROM BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY IN JUNE, HAS RECEIVED HIS COMMISSION AND WILL ENTER THE SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER. HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO FORT SILL.

MISS GAIL LOGAN GRADUATED FROM PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 7TH. IN THE FALL SHE WILL ENTER KEYSTONE JUNIOR COLLEGE AT LA PLUME, PA.

CARSON MEYER, WHO HAS JUST FINISHED HIS FIRST YEAR AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN U. AT LAKE-LAND, FLORIDA PLANS TO GO BACK FOR HIS SECOND YEAR BEFORE HE ENTERS THE SERVICE IN THE NAVAL RESERVE.

MRS. LOIS HIGGINS, OF PLAINFIELD, IS LEAVING FOR MINNEAPOLIS WHERE SHE WILL HELP TRAIN EMPLOYEES AT THE NEW OFFICE WHICH THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY IS OPENING IN THAT CITY.

MRS. ELLA D. BROWN OF 30 PROSPECT STREET, MORRISTOWN, N.J., GIVES US THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF INTEREST TAKEN FROM PAGE 352 OF SLOCUM, C.E., A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SLOCUMS, SLACUMBS AND SLOCOMBS OF AMERICA. - PERHAPS SOME OF US MAY KNOW A DESCENDANT OF EBENEZER HITCHCOCK. IF SO LET'S MAKE SURE THAT HE KNOWS HE IS ALSO DESCENDED FROM AMANDA SWACKHAMER.

EBENE ER HITCHCOCK WAS BORN IN CLERMONT TWP., CHESIRE COUNTY (?), N.H., 27 APRIL, 1815, AND WAS REARED FROM THE AGE OF ELEVEN YEARS AT THE PRESENT SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE HE STILL RESIDES. HE MARRIED FIRST, DECEMBER 24, 1856, MARION, DAUGHTER OF HELEN BUDD OF TROY, PA. SHE WAS BORN 28 JUNE, 1834 AND DIED 2 FEBRUARY 1857. HE MARRIED SECOND, FEBRUARY 20, 1866, AMANDA, DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM SWACKHAMER OF WAYMART, PA. SHE WAS BORN 5 FEBRUARY 1838, AND DIED IN 1880. MR. HITCHCOCK WAS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR POLLOCK OF PENNSYLVANIA ONE OF HIS AIDES-DE-CAMP, IN 1855, WITH THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL. HE HAS BEEN A FARMER AND LUMBERMAN. CHILDREN ALL BY 2ND WIFE.

- I. MARION HITCHCOCK, BORN 16 MARCH, 1867, AT SCRANTON, PA.
- II. HARRIET HITCHCOCK, B. 18 SEPT., 1872; D. 28 DEC., 1878
- III. WILLIAM HITCHCOCK, WAS BORN 4 FEB., 1875, AT SCRANTON, PA.

MRS. WM. REGER INFORMS US THAT A BABY GIRL WAS BORN JUNE 23, 1954 TO MR. AND MRS. JAMES SWACKHAMER OF WHITEHOUSE STATION. SHE IS MISS DEBORAH POPE SWACKHAMER.

MRS. E. GROHMAN, AFTER THE DEATH OF HER SISTER MOVED TO LEONARDO, N.J., P.O. BOX 115. OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO HER IN HER LOSS.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT W. DAVIS HAVE MOVED INTO THEIR NEW HOME AT 693 WEST EIGHTH ST., PLAINFIELD, N.J. MRS. DAVIS WHO WAS EDITH DUBOIS IS A NIECE OF SAMUEL SWACKHAMER, THE FAMOUS LAWYER WHO IS MENTIONED ELSEWHERE IN THIS BULLETIN.

HOMER W. WIEDER WHO MARRIED ALICE RAMSEY THE DAUGHTER OF ~~ALMA~~ ^{RENA} DUFFORD WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE STATE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY STUDY COMMITTEE. HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE YOUTH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE AND AS ADVISOR TO FORMER GOVERNOR DRISCOLL. MR. WIEDER WAS OUR SPEAKER AT THE 1953 REUNION AT LONG VALLEY.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BULLETIN WERE RECEIVED FROM:

MRS. ORVILLE H. WEYDE, BELLEVUE, N.J.	MRS. WM. REGER, WHITEHOUSE STATION, N.J.
MRS. L. K. GARRISON, WHARTON, N.J.	MISS GLADYS SWACKHAMER, CALIFORNIA
DR. RAY DUFFORD	MR. PAGRON DUFFORD
MRS. L. D. WILSON	

WE THANK THEM ONE AND ALL.

WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING FROM SOMEONE WHO DID NOT SIGN HIS OR HER NAME, BECAUSE OF REPETITION WE HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CUT AND OMIT SOME. THEY MENTION THAT MRS. E. TRIMMER IS STILL OUR CHAMPION, BEING 97 YEARS OLD. SHE STILL ENJOYS A LOT OF KIDDING AND HAS RETORTS OF HER OWN.

MRS. HATTIE DUFFORD, WIDOW OF OUR FOUNDER GEORGE IS NOT DOING SO BADLY EITHER. SHE IS 89 AND IS KNOWN AS THE "GADABOUT".

WE MISS SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED REUNIONS OF THE PAST. SOME OF THOSE RECALLED ARE MRS. GUSSIE DUFFORD (AUNT GUSSIE TO MANY). PAYSON REPORTS HER HEALTH NOT UP TO STANDARD. THEN THERE WAS DR. ED TRIMMER WHO USUALLY FILLED HIS CAR WHEN HE CAME AND HELPED TO SWELL THE ATTENDANCE.

WE ALSO ENJOYED HAVING HER DAUGHTER BRING MRS. LINDA WHITE. SHE IS THE ONLY ONE LEFT OF A GROUP OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO USED TO ATTEND REGULARLY. WE WERE GLAD TO HEAR THAT CHRIS DUFFORD HAD REGAINED HIS HEALTH AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE LITTLE ONE WHO WAS EXPECTED IN STAN'S FAMILY.

SORRY TO HEAR THAT HER HEALTH PREVENTED ROBERT SWACKHAMER'S WIFE FROM ATTENDING.

WE HOPE THAT PAYSON DUFFORD'S WIFE WILL IMPROVE IN HEALTH AND THAT SHE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE NEXT REUNION.

AUGUST - 1954

MR. AND MRS. FRANK W. DUFFORD OF DENVILLE AND MIDDLE VALLEY ARE PARENTS OF A SON, FRANK, JR., BORN AUGUST 2 AT SUMMIT HOSPITAL. THIS IS THEIR FIRST BORN. MRS. DUFFORD IS THE FORMER KIRS GEHRS, DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. PAUL J. GEHRS, OF MADISON.

WORD WAS RECEIVED OF THE DEATH OF MRS. LEWIS LARRISON ON THURSDAY AT WHARTON. SHE WAS THE FORMER EMMA SWACKHAMER OF THIS VICINITY. MR. AND MRS. LARRISON LIVED HERE BEFORE GOING TO WHARTON. FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 1954. BEFORE HER DEATH MRS. LARRISON WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO SEND US VERY INTERESTING CLIPPINGS WITH PICTURES SHOWING THE REMAINS OF THE MT. BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "SWACKHAMER CHURCH". THE RUINS OF THE OLD EDIFICE BUILT IN 1844 STANDS ALONG THE ANTHONY-CHANGEWATER ROAD IN LEBANON TOWNSHIP, HUNTERDON COUNTY, N. J. LOCALLY THE STRUCTURE OR WHAT IS LEFT OF IT IS CALLED "THE OLD SWACK CHURCH," AND ITS FOUNDER AND FIRST PASTOR WAS THE REV. LAMBERT SWACKHAMER WHO WAS BORN IN 1805 AND DIED IN 1857.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT WE CANNOT REPRODUCE THE WHOLE ARTICLE WHICH WAS WRITTEN BY JOHN DICKSON NEEL. MR. NEEL WAS A NEWSPAPERMAN WHO RETIRED IN 1950 AFTER HAVING SERVED AS MANAGING EDITOR OF THE NATIONAL CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICA BIOGRAPHY.

HURRICANE CAROL, WHICH DEALT SO GENTLY WITH PLAINFIELD AREA, WAS A THING OF HORROR AND FLIGHT FOR 2 OF THIS CITIES RESIDENTS SUMMERING ON THE NEW ENGLAND COAST, MR. AND MRS. LEO R. LOGAN OF 675 W. FRONT ST., AND THEIR DAUGHTER, GAIL, BARELY ESCAPED WITH THEIR LIVES AS 100-MILE-AN-HOUR GALES SMASHED THEIR WATERFRONT HOME. THEY WERE VISITING MRS. GEO. FOX WHO IS LEE'S SISTER. THE HOME IS LOCATED AT POINT-O'-WOODS, SOUTH LYME, CONN.

MRS. LOGAN SAID TODAY THAT LOCAL POLICEMEN WARNED THEM MINUTES BEFORE 40-FOOT WAVES SMASHED THEIR NINE-ROOM TWO-STORY HOME THAT FLOOD-WATERS SOON WOULD WIPE OUT THE ROAD WHICH IS ONLY EGRESS FROM THE COVE.

THEIR OTHER DAUGHTER, THE FORMER MARY VIRGINIA LOGAN, HER HUSBAND, PHILIP JONES, AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, AGED 2 YEARS AND 2 MONTHS, RESPECTIVELY, LIVING 75 FEET INLAND FROM THEM, ALSO WERE NOTIFIED OF THE IMPENDING DANGER. ALL ESCAPED EVEN AS GIANT WAVES LICKED AT THE HIGHWAY. THEY WENT TO A HOTEL IN OLD LYME, 15 MILES DOWN THE COAST.

RECEIVED A VERY INTERESTING LETTER FROM LEON SWACKHAMER, JR., OF 638 15TH ST., HONOLULU 18, HAWAII. HE SAID HE WAS CURIOUS AS TO HOW WE FOUND OUT ABOUT HIM. PERHAPS OUR VERY CAPABLE AND ACTIVE SECRETARY, MRS. BETTY HARRIMAN KNOWS AND WILL LET HIM KNOW.

LEON TELLS US THAT HIS FATHER WAS LEON SWACKHAMER OF MONTROSE, PA. HIS GRANDFATHER WAS I. L. SWACKHAMER AND HIS GREAT-GRAND FATHER WAS DANIEL WEBSTER SWACKHAMER. LEON HAS A BROTHER, CHARLES, ALSO OF MONTROSE.

LEON IS A TORPEDO MAN FIRST CLASS AND SERVED SINCE 1943 IN BOTH WORLD WAR II AND THE KOREA WAR. SINCE MARCH OF 1954 HE HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE ADVANCED UNDERSEAS WEAPONS SHOP AT THE SUBMARINE BASE IN PEARL HARBOR. HE MARRIED MISS DEANA HALL OF MONTROSE AND HAVE FOUR CHILDREN, DAWNA, 9; DAYLE, 5; LYNNE, 4; LEON III, 2.

LEON SAYS THEIR HOBBIES ARE COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND SQUARE DANCING AND HE IS ASSISTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PEARL HARBOR COMMUNITY CHURCH AND TEACHES A CLASS OF 5TH AND 6TH GRADE BOYS. THEY WOULD ENJOY RECEIVING LETTERS FROM ANY MEMBERS OF THE SWACKHAMER OR DUFFORD FAMILIES WHO CARE TO WRITE.

WE GAVE HIS RESIDENCE ADDRESS ABOVE. ANOTHER ADDRESS IS U. S. SUBASE #128 FLEET POST OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

WE BELIEVE HE IS THE ONLY PERSON IN HAWAII RECEIVING THIS BULLETIN.

SEPTEMBER - 1954

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE HAVE TO REPORT THE DEATH OF GEORGE B. WERT (BEN) ON PT. 12, 1954. HE WAS SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE DUFFORD GROUP ^{until} TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HIS HEALTH MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO CARRY ON. FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MR. WERT WHO RESIDED AT 501 WASHINGTON ST., HACKETTSTOWN WERE HELD IN THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WITH THE REV. JAMES R. MILLER, PASTOR OFFICIATING. HE WAS 79 YEARS OLD HAVING BEEN BORN IN MIDDLE VALLEY, N. J. ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1875.

ONE OF THE EIGHT CHILDREN OF WILLIAM G. DUFFORD PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 26, 1954 AT THE GRAND OLD AGE OF 95 (HIS SISTER SAYS 96) HE SAYS THAT OF THE EIGHT CHILDREN ONLY SARAH-ALICE REMAINS AND SHE LIVES IN OREGON. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HIS MOTHER HAD LIVED IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA UNTIL ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN SHE RETURNED TO HER GIRLHOOD HOME.

WE ALSO RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MRS. R. W. COCHRAN OF 412 RIDGEWOOD AVE., ORLANDO, FLORIDA WHO IS A SISTER OF MR. FORD. HER NAME WAS ELSIE FORD AND SHE ALSO TOLD US OF HER MOTHERS DEATH AND MENTIONED THAT HER FIRST PLANE RIDE WAS IN FLYING TO HER MOTHER'S FUNERAL IN NEW JERSEY. SHE ALSO MENTIONED HER AUNT SARAH ALICE RIBBLE OF OREGON. MRS. COCHRAN SAYS SHE ATTENDED ONE OF OUR REUNIONS A LONG TIME AGO AND THAT SHE HAS FOUR MARRIED CHILDREN AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. THE FOUR CHILDREN ALL FINISHED COLLEGE AND LIVE IN THE NORTH. MRS. COCHRAN GRADUATED FROM TRENTON STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AND HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD EXTENSIVELY. SHE STILL HAS ONE AMBITION - TO TAKE A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD.

ANOTHER LETTER CAME FROM THE LADY IN OREGON WHOM WE MENTIONED ABOVE. SHE SAYS SHE IS 89 YEARS OF AGE AND HER EYESIGHT IS FAILING. SHE LIVES AT 921 SOUTH 5TH ST., COOS BAY, OREGON. SHE MENTIONED THAT HER SON, DR. ROY RIBBLE HAD JUST LEFT BY PLANE FOR HIS RETURN HOME TO MOUNTAIN LAKES, N.J. AFTER VISITING HER. HER LETTER WAS VERY INTERESTING AND GAVE US A MENTAL PICTURE OF LIFE WHERE SHE LIVES. WE WERE CERTAINLY GLAD TO RECEIVE HER LETTER.

HER SON, MENTIONED ABOVE IS A NEW YORK DENTIST AND RESIDES AT 14 CRESTVIEW ROAD, MOUNTAIN LAKES, N.J. DR. RIBBLE HAS ATTENDED A NUMBER OF OUR REUNIONS AND WE HOPE HE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. HE ALSO HAS A SON AND THE FOLLOWING NEWS ARTICLE CLIPPED FROM THE NEWARK EVENING NEWS OF JULY 31, 1954 IS SELF EXPLANATORY.

MOUNTAIN LAKES - LT. (J.G.) RICHARD S. RIBBLE OF 14 CRESTVIEW ROAD, MOUNTAIN LAKES, WAS AMONG THE SEVEN NAVY FIGHTER PILOTS WHO SHOT DOWN TWO CHINESE COMMUNIST AIRCRAFT MONDAY IN THE CHINA SEA, THE NAVY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

LT. RIBBLE, 25, IS THE SON OF DR. AND MRS. ROY D. RIBBLE OF THE MOUNTAIN LAKES ADDRESS. HE IS ATTACHED TO THE CARRIER PHILIPPINE SEA.

"I KNOW HE'S THE TYPE WHO WOULD BE IN THAT KIND OF ACTION IF HE COULD," HIS FATHER, A NEW YORK DENTIST, SAID WHEN TOLD OF HIS SON'S EXPLOIT."

THE YOUNG PILOT WAS HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPION AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, WHERE HE WAS GRADUATED WITH AN NROTC COMMISSION IN 1950. HE ALSO PLAYED FOOTBALL AT DARTMOUTH.

FOLLOWING ITEMS JUST SENT IN BY ROBERT SWACKHAMER, OF DOVER, N.J. ROBERT RECEIVED A CARD FROM WM. K. SWACKHAMER, ONE OF OUR FORMER PRESIDENTS. WILLIAM WAS SPENDING A MONTH OR MORE IN MIAMI. THE CARD WAS SENT IN FEBRUARY.

FRANK L. SWACKHAMER, 78 YEARS OLD OF IRVINGTON, N.J. DIED MAY 9, 1955. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARY ETTA SWACKHAMER, A SON F. EVERETT SWACKHAMER (OUR HISTORIAN) AND A GRANDSON, FRANK F. SWACKHAMER. HE WAS A MEMBER OF FRANKLIN LODGE NO. 10 F. & A.M. WHICH HELD SERVICES FOR HIM ON WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 11TH. HE WILL BE MISSED BY THE REGULAR ATTENDANTS OF THE REUNIONS BECAUSE HE ATTENDED PRACTICALLY EVERY ONE.

ROBERT, RECEIVED WORD FROM WILLIAM SMITH OF TEMPLE RD., DUNKIRK, N.Y. HE SAYS HE MARRIED A SWACKHAMER GIRL WHOSE FATHER, PHILIP WAS BORN IN MONTROSE, PA. WE ARE WONDERING IF SHE IS RELATED TO LEON SWACKHAMER NOW LIVING IN HAWAII WHOSE FAMILY WAS FROM MONTROSE. MR. SMITH ALSO SAYS HE THINKS THAT SUSAN DUFFORD, MENTIONED IN THE LAST BULLETIN, WAS A GREAT AUNT OF HIS WIFE.

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