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"Life is my college. May I graduate well,
and earn some honors!" - Louisa May
Alcott

ELLIE NOW ALUM!

DARTMOUTH GRADUATION MAKES NAT'L NEWS, BUT ELLIE SQUEAKS THRU

Hanover, N.H., June 8, ... Ahead of the disturbance, that is. Gradwise she did very well: a 3.3 or 3.4 average out of 4. But due to a communication gap she arrived late for the graduation lineup, and missed her spot in the "J's", and got put after the last "Z" (Zebediah Z. Zissle wisse), which put her just ahead of the anti-apartheid forces who tried to storm the platform at the close of the diploma handouts. The prexy, seeing police grappling with cap-gowned students (& their mothers) just behind Ellie, was noticeably flustered, smile-frozen, & forgot to shake her hand. As Ellie snatched her scroll the gleeclub sprang into action and drowned out the sickening thuds of billy clubs. The photo of Ellie at her Big Moment shows her looking abit nervous too (one of the demonstrators was her friend,) Jackie & Megan, in the audience, were only vaguely aware anything was amiss. The nat'l newspapers made more



NO, THIS ISN'T ELLIE, BUT COMPUTER
ART BY MEGAN JACKSON FOR TREVER D.

WHAT NOW FOR ELLE?

Chicago After working at Kelly Services in Burlington, Vt., till Aug. 8, while trying to unload her 1975 orange & black Renault Gordini, Elle (new professional spelling she's trying out) departed the E. with car unsold -- but nibbles -- and is now seeking permanent employment (preferably high salaried) in the Windy City. With her grit, talents, skills, looks, and a D'mouth degree in English, she ought to do just fine -- but it's scary, we know. Good luck, Elle! You can do it!

of it than there was, but Dartmouth authorities asked for it, by the pres-
trustee's treatment of the whole
shanty town - student news paper -
apartheid business at D'mouth.

ELLIE JACKSON DREW THIS CARD FOR HER COUSIN ON A MAC COMPUTER! TREVER

The State Journal-Register
Springfield, Illinois
Sunday, July 20, 1986

ELLIE JACKSON, daughter of Jacqueline Jackson of Springfield, was among recent graduates of Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. Jackson, a 1982 graduate of Lanphier High School, majored in English and participated in a Dartmouth Foreign Study Program in London where she studied literature. She was a member of the varsity swimming team and the glee club and received a Robinson grant to complete a project working in children's media.

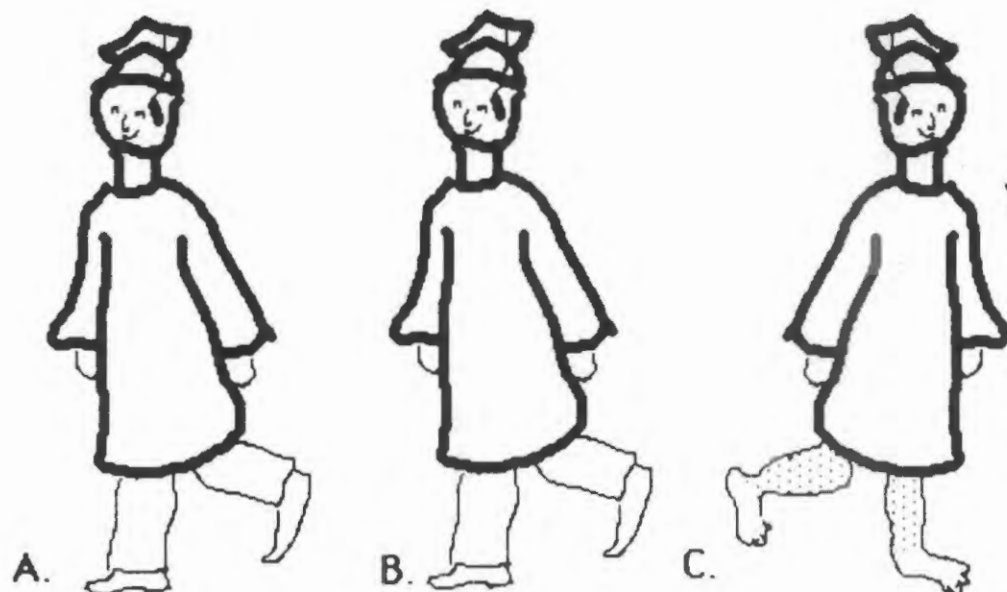
Hanover, N.H. It's not exactly like writing your own obit, but Ellie wrote the above blurb as part of her job at Dartmouth News Service, where in her 2 1/2 yrs working there, she advanced to head honcho. She says the Sp'd paper left out some bits, such as her work at D'm News Service, & that she got them completely computerized this year.

KEEPS AHEAD OF COONS

Beloit R.A. Dougan reports he is eating sweetcorn as fast as he can, to keep ahead of the raccoons, who consider the garden planted for their special benefit.

DOUGAN OF BEAVERCREEK,
OREGON, IS ALUM, TOO!

Which one is Trever?



- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

NEWS BRIEFS

Hinesburg Vt. Jaroslav and Mary Ann Case had a girl, Nina Danielle, 5 lbs. 6 oz., July 7. The handsome stone house on the hill that Jaroslav is building by hand is progressing, albeit slowly.

NYC. Caitlin McGuire spent 3 1/2 wks in England visiting a former roommate, this spring. She + friend Simon (from England) visited a week at Hinesburg Pond. Katie is now taking a computer course in NYC.



London, England—*Shadowlands*, a made-for-television film on the life of C. S. Lewis co-produced by the BBC and the Episcopal Radio-TV Foundation of Atlanta, won two top awards from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts. The British equivalent of a combined Emmy and Oscar award went to Claire Bloom as best actress for her role as Joy Davidman, Lewis' wife, and to the film as best TV drama of 1985. Joss Ackland plays Lewis. The film will be available on cassette after its American television debut.

New Haven Don McGuire was one of a select group of high school teachers chosen to spend 4 weeks at Yale this summer, in a seminar called "Korean History and Culture in East Asian Context." The 20-some participants hewed out a curriculum on Korean Studies for use in high school. Don plans to use it in a class he's organizing on China/Japan/Korea.

Albany, NY. Damaris McGuire is still prowling the corridors of power, in Albany, as head Arts Lobbyist for NY State.

Shanghai When Paul Campagna told his architectural group that he was going in search of the birthplace of his grandfather, they thought it odd that an Italian was born in China! (The Marco Polo was there, long ago.) Paul explained about Wardner, he's 1/2 Italian. Said one architect, "I know a Wardner, and Florence + Rome too? Stand by! he goes to our church." Turned out this was Dr. Lelay Wardner of W. Hartford, Conn., a regular reader of ENNL.

Kansas City ENNLed finally found the letter from ENNL subscriber Keith Boyer, with his prize-winning caption (Non-Family Division) in the "Can You Caption This Picture of Uncle Lewie" contest. The caption: "Did I hear some ten, 4, now has her body say CLAMBAKE?" Thanks, Keith, + apologies for omitting you.

IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN! WHO KNOWS, MAYBE IT'S GOOD. THE U.S. PRESIDING BISHOP THINKS SO!

Minneapolis ENNL readers Bill + Dorothy Hathaway have had their house robbed (along w/ 14 in the neighborhood) and have suffered GREAT DISTRESS!!

London Megan Jackson arrived at Nancy Hocking's (+ Ava's + Tamara's) Aug 20. She'll spend some time sketching at Greenham Common, then bicy-

cle p'raps to Hugh + Jessie's in Dorset; p'raps to Paul + Winnie's in Cornwall; p'raps elsewhere. She has big plans for her 3 wk Eurail pass - Deinike's in Amsterdam, Demi + Sugie's violin maker friend in Germany, Dick + Mary Johnston in Paris ... can she manage all this + the Rock of Gibraltar?

Beloit Grandpa tried to keep ahead of the coons, but the coons won. A very small unit of excellent sweet corn was salvaged. Selah.

Reno Cressida Broten's own library card. (And uses it!)

IS THERE LIFE AFTER KIMCH'?

Hinesburg Pond, Vt. Yes, and Audrey + Don Moore are still around to prove it. Don + Demi McGuire clinched Don's Korean studies by putting on a Korean spread for the Moores, at the Moore camp. The dishes were well prepared + well received, ENNL has learned, even the Kimch'i which is a red-hot radish hyped up in a red-hot red-pepper brine.

BARELY SURVIVES KIMCH'I

Hinesburg Pond Ms. Mary Sue Muffet, after receiving a series of treats from Ellie Jackson + co-criminal Marcus McGuire, was tossed a morsel of Kimch'i which she chomped down on eagerly. She immediately went into respiratory arrest; but after several bad moments, was able to breathe again, in gasps. ENNL Editor says to EJ, MM, SHAME ON YOU!

YE OLDE REFRAIN

U. of Nev. Reno: Su. School class in physics:

G P J
Got an A

BABY FRONTS FOR POACHERS

N. Brunswick Annie Guthrie, 2, w/ 6 bright green pail + yellow shovel collected snails from tidal pools while her grandpa Pat D (in hip boots) quapped a lobster out of his crevice and put it in a Jackson Library Book bag, carried by great-aunt Jackie J, also in boots. Book bag + baby were carried innocently home. The lobster was tasty.

New York Cathedral begins AIDS memorial

At the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City several hundred people gathered for a solemn requiem and dedication of a memorial book in which are inscribed names of those who have died of AIDS or AIDS-related conditions. The book, which was taken in procession to its resting place in St. Luke's bay of the Cathedral, will remain open so other names may be added.

Those attending the November, 1985, ceremony stood for 20 minutes in tribute and remembrance as each name inscribed in the book was read aloud. In her sermon, Dr. Minka Sprague said, "I know God once unleashed divine anger upon creation. And I also know God promised never to do such a thing again. The death that surrounds us in the

AIDS epidemic is not God's anger unleashed upon creation."

Bishop Paul Moore of New York, who spoke at the interfaith service sponsored by the New York chapter of Integrity, said, "I know many of you have wept at night alone, remembering someone very dear to you, and those were holy tears. But we are here to commend the souls of our dear friends to a most loving God who takes them into a life of everlasting peace and joy."

Additional names for inscription into the book can be sent to the AIDS Memorial, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Ave., New York, N.Y. 10025. Donations to the AIDS Memorial Fund can also be sent to this address.



Dr. Minka Sprague (above) receives ENNL, and may even read it! Do you, Minka?

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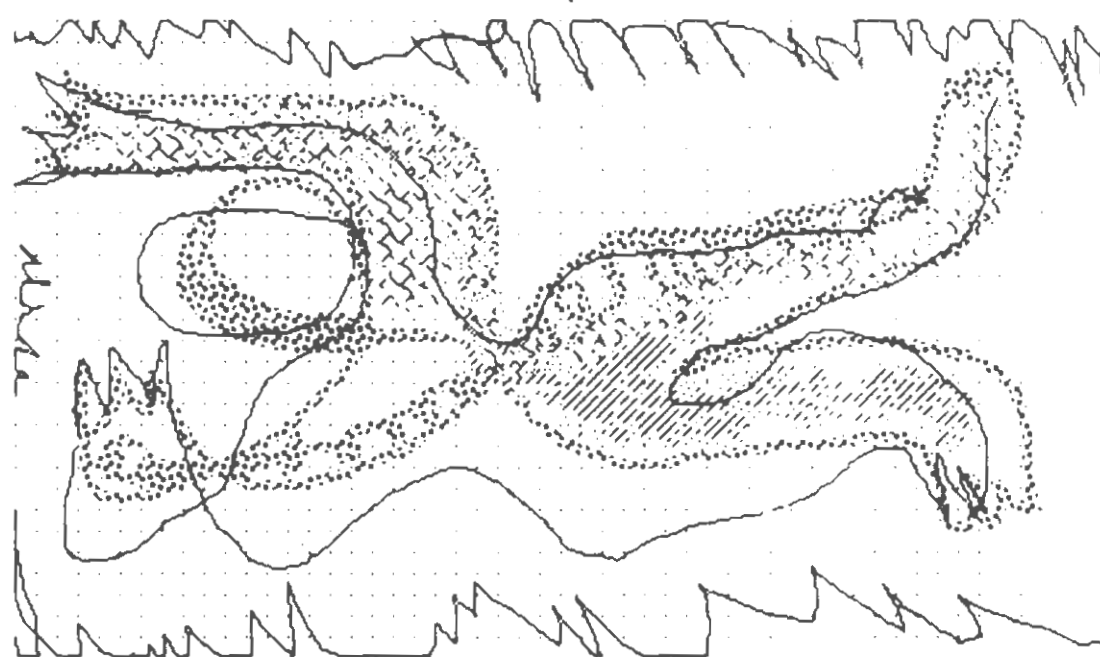
PICTURE A SUCCESS!

Hinesburg Pond, Vt. NOW it can be told! Quite some time ago, Damaris, Madeline, Sarah and Alison, daughters of Chad & Eva Walsh, commissioned artist Megan Trever Jackson to paint a picture of the Walsh camp on Lake Ingois (H'sburg Pond) with all the Walsh clan in it. Megan spent the summer executing this work, in the greatest of secrecy, whilst people up and down the lake sneaked over to the Jackson camp to remark on its progress. At the picture's presentation on August 23, at a gala party in honor of Chad & Eva's 48th wedding anniversary, the pair was taken completely by surprise. Eva reported to the ENNL Ed, "It is simply marvelous! We love it! What an absolute TREASURE!" and other glowing & flatter-gasted comments. The picture has usurped the spot of ENNL Ed's painting of Chad



Walsh ("Chad Walsh Going for His Mail at Middle College") (A new spot will be found for that painting). The artist was unable to be at the presentation as she and her bicycle had left for London on Aug. 19. Had she been there, she would have found the reception of her work very gratifying. This Newsletter will try to reproduce the painting in a future issue, or bits of it, since most of the 18 people in the painting (it's a challenge to find some!) are ENNL readers, and/or known to most other ENNL readers. The peninsula of the cottage juts out into blue lake, under blue sky, and is predominantly green & brown. Grunkin Hall, & cars, groceries & washing are featured as well as people. A frog, a gull & a heron represent the animal life as well as fish caught by Caitlin. Since mothers' opinions of daughters' works are expected to be biased, the Ed, simply says, "She tried."

NO, THIS IS NOT MEGAN'S PAINTING BUT COMPUTER ART BY S. MUDGE OF CAT CHESWICK.



CRAWLS UNDER CHAIR

Chicago Paul Campagna has reported to ENNL that he recently crawled under a chair, something he has not done in a long time, and discovered a lot of muscles he'd forgotten he had. When ENNL Ed asked the aging architect why he had attempted this feat he replied, "Because it was there."

THIS ISN'T MEGAN'S PAINTING EITHER, BUT COMPUTER ART BY DEMI JACKSON

LIFE IN CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE STINKS

Phila. At the time ENNL interviewed Jackie Guthrie, Philly was into its 3rd wk of garbage strike: trash etc piling up at selected sites, crawling w/ flies, dogs, vermin. JJo says Mayor Goode is on collision course w/ sanitation workers, plans to bomb sites. Their own garbage is collected 2x a week by pig farmers in N. Jersey. "Life is as usual here," says JJo. "They found a body at a dump site. A Mafia guy with his legs out of a trash bag."

Could Make Millions in Commercials

Phila. Annie Guthrie, 2, & father Lee have worked out a teeth routine: Lee sings an original "We brush our teeth" song, & Anna swings into action w/ great rhythmical vigor, & Presley pelvic action! When this was 1st captured on videotape, Lee was in shorts, & no tooth paste visible. Refilmed w/ Lee clothed (but Annie still in diapers) Anna held the Crest so its name didn't show. Crest has missed a boom in sales. Paul Campagna says, "Seeing that tape 5 or 6 times is a family MUST. It's unforgettable!"

FIRST JOB: 10-HOLER OUTHOUSE "Nice Jewish Boy"

Starved Rock State Park, IL With Ellie out looking for her 1st post-BA job, thoughts have turned to first jobs. Paul Campagna, with an architectural degree from U of IL (in 1939) was hired by the Nat. Park Service to design 10-holer outhouses at Starved Rock St. Pk. Earlier jobs: he was a bus boy at a cafeteria in Fla. for \$15 a week + week. Also an usher in a Chicago theater for \$9.50 a WK, but got to see the show. He says he saw "One Night of Love" with Grace Moore at least 12 times. Lewis Dalvit reports that between h. school + college he got 5¢ an hour more, in a boiler room job, for crawling inside the steam boilers + cleaning out the turbines. Basic pay was -- lost my notes, but you

NYC That's the name of the furniture moving firm where Marcus McGuire is a top-level employee, but they aren't Jewish, they're Scientologists. You can't rise any further in the hierarchy (ie into management) unless you're a Scientologist, so that cuts out a nice Catholic boy like Marcus!

THAT'S WHERE THE TALL CORN GROWS N/ps. Not in Iowa, or at Grandpa's in Beloit, but in the French Intensive garden of D. Jackson + S. Mudge. Their tallest plant was 9' 3", and, says D., it would be 9' 9" if she could make the tassels stand up + salute. D. says the garden is so lush + lovely she just goes + stands in it several times a day. Mudge says it is the finest garden in S. Minneapolis -- qualified only because she hasn't seen all the gardens in Minneapolis.

Elsworth, ME Marian Stocking, a new reader of ENNL, says she heard in the South, "Bless your wee heart." I like!

Personal from GPJ to DLJ + SM: "You have a sister and a niece in the WEST, you know," Peterborough, N.H. Megan Jackson has refinished Carol Dell's bedroom, down to re-turning the floor to natural wood. Hard work, but so much it's worth!

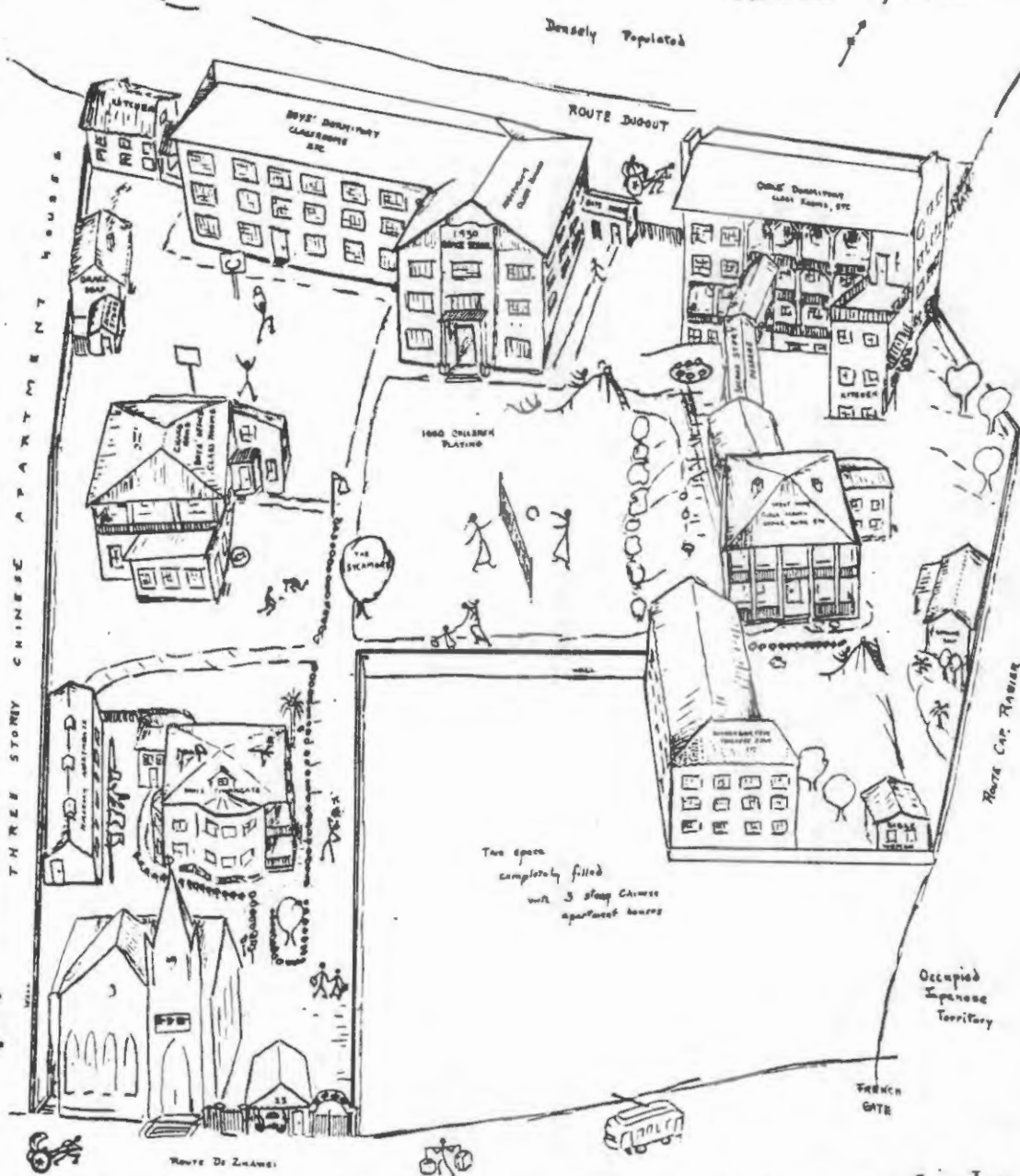
NO, THIS IS NOT COMPUTER ART. STORY THAT GOES WITH THESE

PIX IS ON PP. 5 + 6.



THE CHINA MISSION BULLETIN NO. 19

MARCH 1, 1940.



PUZZLE CONTEST: FIND WHERE ON THIS MAP PAUL CAMPAGNA (ABOVE) IS STANDING.

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SHANGHAI A SUCCESS!

EXCLUSIVE TO THE EMPTY NEST NEWSLETTER

Shanghai, China. Maybe I should give away the story in the headline, & hold suspense: "WAS SHANGHAI A SUCCESS?"

ENNL: Paul, we know you followed, in the past, the Trail of the Honduras Vanilla Bean, using the diary of your grandfather (and mine) as a guide, but what made you want to go to China?

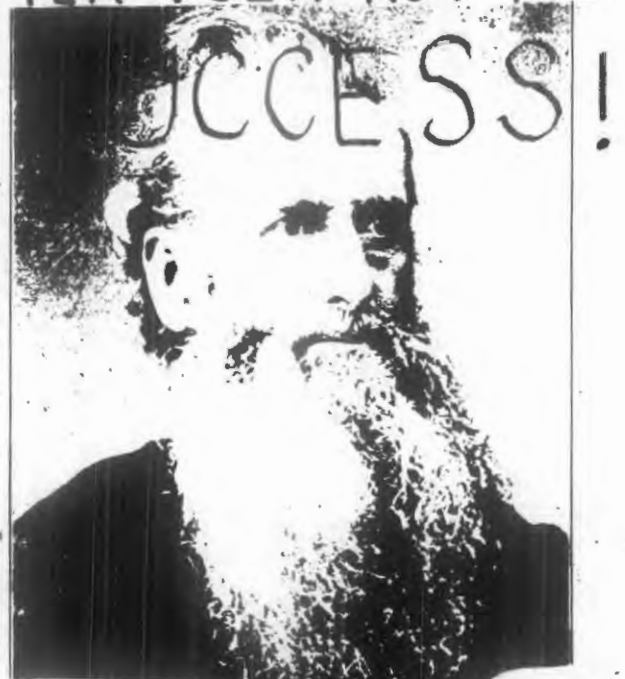
Paul Campagna: Because it was there. ENNL: You've already used that line in this issue. Paul: I received a brochure last Oct. from the Society of Architectural Historians, listing all the places in China a tour would go - it was irresistible. It gave me a chance to get to China, & I'd always wanted to find the Shanghai mission.

ENNL: What mission? Paul: I know you are paying ^{dumplings for the sake of our readers,} but I'll go along with you. The Seventh Day Baptist Mission. ENNL: What interest is this mission of yours? Paul: It was established by my ^{great} grandfather (and yours) Nathan Wardner, & our great grandmother, Olive Forbes Wardner, along with another couple, the Carpenters, in 1847. Nathan was a convert, & became a missionary. ENNL: What made you think you could possibly find this mission, after all those years? Paul: I thought I might find the site, by talking to guides & govt officials. Then, the Archives of the SDB church, recently moved from Plainfield, N.J., to Jonesville, Wis., (just north of Chez Nous) contains all the records of the past, including weekly letters written by Nathan to Head quarters -- loads of them. He was there till 1857, ten years. I read them, & they had clues. ENNL: What did the letters contain? Paul: Descriptions of living conditions, problems, hopes, successes. ENNL: What did he do? Convert souls? Paul: That was the main aim, but the greater need was medical. ENNL: We know his son (your grandfather & mine) Morton Smith Wardner, became an MD, but was Nathan a doctor? Paul: No, but he sent for nurses, and then later, doctors came. He'd had some medical brushing up, attended a course (not a typical med school course) but for that purpose: anyone going away in those days, without a doctor, had to know something: "hygiene," and physiology. Delivering babies. (Even MDs only went 2 yrs. to Med School in those days.) Nathan studied for one year. ENNL: When you got to S'hai you left yr group & went in search of the Mission? Paul: Yes - I'd brought old maps that showed the location - and pictures of the buildings - a recent photo, taken in 1973, taken by a SDB Chinese in the States, who went back, met w/ Chinese at the Mission. He was from 2 generations of SDB Chinese, converted at the Mission many years before. The Church still had a roof on it, & a steeple. ENNL: How did you begin your searches? Paul: We had 2 Nat. China Travel Service guides with our tour, and when I named the street, "Sicawei" they knew it as a neighborhood, on modern maps called "Xijiaui." Nobody knew the street - and there were many more of them than on my old maps. A guide told a cab driver to take me to the area. I hung out the window, on the Xijiaui road, a 2 mi strip, looking left & right, & suddenly cried, "Stop! There it is!" The driver didn't know English but caught my meaning. I paid him 4 1/2 yen. The church had no steeple now, or roof, but I recognized the distinctive windows from the old photos. I went into the compound, & the guards were perplexed till I showed them pics of the school in 1940. One recognized the arched sign over the gates. "Enter to Worship the True God" (in Chinese characters, now gone.)

They took me to a teacher teaching a small class English, who confessed she was "very bad" (at English) and might not understand me. But eventually she did, & I went into her classroom & explained I was the great grandson of the school's founder. They all applauded (we too) & I took pictures promising to send back copies to each student. Then I was escorted around while I took pics. of the school bldgs & dorms, the hospital, the church. ENNL: Are the Baptists still running things? Paul: Oh no, the Chinese took the place over in 1950, but they paid the Church for it. The next day I went back & had tea in the faculty lounge w/ the Head Master & other teachers. We discussed the rebellion in the 1850's and the experiences of Nathan Wardner. ENNL: Our readers should know that little Morton Smith Wardner, age 6 or so -- born in Shanghai -- was shoved in a closet & later they found (Cont p. 6)



Paul & students at former mission



My apologies for desecrating the noble brow of our ancestor, Rev. Nathan Wardner



Mrs. Nathan Wardner

OLIVE FORBES W.!

N. Hampshire, passing Megan worked at "Natives" this winter, as have other ENNLers Sarah & Heather Dell, ... Ellie worked at a seafood restaurant near Hanover this

spring, plans to do some evening waitress-ing in Chicago while working at getting a job. Let's hear it for waitress "J.L. Moe's" Maitland, Fla. It's understood that Mig Shafer has the "China Box" (the box is now disintegrated?) which contains all the personal letters Nathan Wardner wrote home. Mig -- would you Xerox these letters, & other documents? Not only to preserve them, but the ENNL Ed has a strong yen to see them, & to read them to VWD. St. Paul The Quilting Conference and Quilt Show, held at a hotel in St. Paul, lasted 5 days, & 7,000 people went thru it. Damaris Jackson had two quilts up, & someone bought one for \$76, in a silent auction, that she'd have sold for \$50! Mpls. U. of Minn. student Suzie Hodge, taking a class called "Women and the Arts," has written a paper on quilt artist Damaris Jackson.

NEXT ISSUE WILL BE VOL 5 # 1!
 Congratulatory messages anticipated, Suggestions solicited. 'Twill be a BANG-UP ISSUE w/ report on Utah raft trip, the Spd "European Tour," Tom Schmidt's first Milwaukee Journal article, Pictures, Jokes, Cartoons, etc. Don't MISS it!

Shanghai (cont from p.) bullet holes over his head. Had he been a little taller, our branch of the family might not have ever existed! Paul: The school numbers 1500 students, now, and 150 faculty. I reported my findings to my tour group at a banquet, in China, & told the story of the mission. I asked them if they'd care to finance the rebuilding of the church roof blown off three years ago in a storm! I will report in detail on the rest of my China visit if ENNL readers beg me, but this is all abt the birthplace of Nortons. W. WINNER OF "LIMERICK-OF-MONTH-CONTEST" ANNOUNCED

and is "Anonymous." While we're in the orient, a change of tone: "World travelers Baylor and Schmidt At a porn show in Bangkok were witnessed of a banany Shot out of a fanny, And caught by ... well, guess who was idt."



Les Acadiens

by Jeremy Schmidt

DIFFERENT DRUMBEATS

That very independence, according to Acadian economist Aurèle Young, is one reason for Acadia's economic underdevelopment, for its narrow economic base. He writes: "The characteristics of the labour force are quite obvious - low educational level, little specialization, high unemployment and seasonal work related to the primary sector. Workers of this kind are common in the Acadian areas." But employment patterns are changing, and among other things, skilled technical training is needed for new opportunities. However, and here lies the rub, "some reject a high degree of technology because, according to them, it makes man a slave." It makes him an employee.

As a case in point, a Japanese firm opened a textile plant in Caraquet a few years ago, relying on the apparently abundant supply of local labour. It folded after only two years, killed partly by the poor national economy, partly by a strike and partly by a work force that had little interest in year-round employment. Workers viewed it, like other jobs in the region, as seasonal labour, something to do when the fish plants were closed or when they felt like working. One can hear in that attitude the distant beat of Acadian history. Working for someone else is dangerous, say the drums, harking back to the days of owing all to the Robin Company, maybe even to the time when one English lieutenant colonel could order an entire nation into exile.

Of course, no one today worries about being packed aboard ships and scattered off to distant lands. The concern is of cultural survival. The forces that have held Acadians together for so long - language, religion, isolation, a shared sense of resisting persecution - are less strong now. Young people, well educated and trained for a variety of professions, find it hard to remain in the rural Acadian setting. Not many of them would follow LaCroix's example. Prosperity, with all its benefits, also exposes people to a wider world and different values. Many of the characteristics of Acadian culture are tied to a cash-poor, self-reliant way of life - a way of life which is appropriate in the Village Acadien but which few people want to live today. Indeed,

what is Acadian culture? Even that is a source of disagreement among Acadians.

At times, they do seem a contentious lot, given to emphasizing their differences more than their common bonds. A visitor who is willing to listen is soon taken into the micro-politics of the community. He learns that the people who live east of the wharf are a distinct group from those to the west. Their ancestors intermarried with Indians - "They have a dark streak" - and generally do not intermarry with Acadians to the west, who live within a mile or two of them. And if a man named Cormier is asked if he is related to a Cormier in the next town, he might say no, that the other person's ancestors came from one place, while his own originated somewhere else. It turns out that 400 years ago, the two Cormier families lived 40 miles apart in France, and they still do in New Brunswick.

On a somewhat larger scale are the divisions between the Acadians of the Moncton area and their northern relatives on the Acadian Peninsula. Both regions lay claim to being the capital of Acadia and feel that the trappings of such should pertain to them. Moncton has the university, but people on the peninsula have the population.

Eventually, one gets the feeling that were it not for the constraining effects of their history - for the inward pressure exerted by the majority population - Acadians would scatter themselves. One New Brunswick writer, Richard Wilbur, has mentioned "the distressing disunity that continues to plague New Brunswick's French-speaking community," calling the result "a self-inflicted genocide." If the squabbling continues, he warns, it will be hard to stop "le second grand dérangement." His choice of language is stronger than that of other Acadian writers, but the warning is a common refrain.

On one point, however, Acadians are unanimous: they are Acadian. For generations, that awareness has overridden a host of difficulties, and there is no reason to think it will not continue to do so. As Martina Dugas explains, "The best way I can put it ... being Acadian to me is the same as religion."

Bernard Thériault is a bit more specific. "Sometimes, I hazard the same question for Chinese or Italian or Spanish people: why do they have the specific need to keep their language or their culture? We can't explain it, but I couldn't conceive that one day, my children would not be able to speak French." Thériault is optimistic, citing demographic studies that show stability in New Brunswick after a 20-year decline in the number of people who consider French their primary language.

Antoine Landry shares Thériault's optimism, saying history is on their side. "We're the oldest white people on this North American continent; we were the first white settlers in 1604. We have roots in this country. We survived out of the expulsion, and today we still exist, the Acadians, strong as ever."

And the main reason for that? Simple, says Landry. "You can't get out of the Acadian mind the fact that they're Acadian. Never. Never."