

Illuminating The Alumni -- BY SHELBY EATMON

Again this month "Alumni in General" is my topic. From reports heard it appears that almost everyone likes this better than he does just one big topic.

WEDDING BELLS

Most alumni seem to have the sound of wedding bells ringing in their ears.

February 14, Helen Jordan will become Mrs. Frank Harroll. The couple will live in Durham, where she has been working.

On February 8, Thomas Perry and Helen Jean Brown "tied the knot." Thomas is in the Army and Helen Jean is living at home with her parents. After their marriage Helen Jean will remain at home, while Thomas serves his country.

June is supposed to be the month of brides, but it seems as if the Alumni of Bailey have chosen February. On February 13, Scott Lewis will "take a wife and live happily ever after", we hope. Scott and his bride will reside in Washington D. C., where they are working.

Barbara Farmer considers April her lucky month for matrimony. On April 3 she will become the wife of an agricultural teacher, Robert Sutton of Goldsboro. He has just recently received his discharge from the Armed Forces.

Former teacher of Bailey High, Mrs. James M. Hopper Jr. (or better known to all around here as Miss Wilma Johnson) has a baby girl, Martha Jackson. This family resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.

SERVICE BOYS

Boys who have been serving their country to help make it a better place in which to live have come home for a visit.

Bobby Ferrell is on his way home from Alaska with his final discharge awaiting him.

With the Navy, Percy Murray Jr. is at home on leave.

Former student of Bailey, Grady Boykin, who now serves the Army, spent a few days at home recently.

In Arabia now, George Pittman was home at Christmas on a furlough. His wife, the former Vara Kaye Bunn, is living with her parents near Bailey.

PAST GRADUATES

Married to Derl Pace, Mary Ann Miller is working in Raleigh. They have a small baby boy.

Working with the State as secretary, Barbara High also chooses the capital city for her home.

Mrs. Willis Strickland (Catherine Brown) is living with her husband's parents near Samaria.

Graduating in 1948, Mrs. Marshall Jr. Brock, (Sue Lassiter) is living here in Bailey. She has two children, Susan Marsha and Martha Josephine, who are as cute as can be.

Virginia Liles and Ruby Perry are working in Wilson. Virginia is at Bissette's Drug Store; and Ruby, at McClellans Dime Store. It has been stated by some of the students that both of them handpainted their Christmas cards.

Coach, Cousin, To Thomas Wolfe

Just last week it was discovered that Coach Westall and Thomas Wolfe, one of North Carolina's famous writers, are second cousins. Although Westall didn't know Wolfe personally, he states that as long as Wolfe's mother lived his mother corresponded with her.

WRITING INTEREST

Westall, commenting on Wolfe's writing ability, said that Wolfe's writing interest was probably the result of one of his grammar grade teachers' spending extra time with him because he always preferred reading and writing to games and sports.

Wolfe did his undergraduate work at the University of North Carolina and graduate work at Harvard.

At Columbia University he taught English for a few years. All of this took place before any of his famous writings; but he was "alwasy good" when called upon to write, discloses Westall.

PERSONAL TRAIT

The coach gave another glimpse of his world-renowned cousin: writing came easy to him, but he couldn't organize his material. Pages and pages would pile up and then he would have to get others to sort it and get it organized. Some of his work is still being sorted and published.

In 1938 at the age of 38 Wolfe died.

Westall admits that it is "very nice" to have such a genius in the family.