

Mrs. James W. Nichols
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5/17/85

Dear Libby,

How thoughtful of you to send me a copy of the picture of us in our high school class play! Thanks, much. It has me wallowing in nostalgia again, as I have been often recently in correspondence with (big) Sam Silver and Joe Labovsky. By coincidence, after my mother died my older sister sent me a couple of clippings mom had kept and one was about "Jonesy" in the Morning News. I have only three recollections of that play: I was sick and in fact was not able to go to the prom; I hammed it up, by intent, probably terribly, but it went over big; and teasing Eleanor Watson. (To whom I'll return.) At the dress rehearsal I was in the wings, she was on stage and with a loud stage whisper I said, "Eleanor, your ~~skirt~~ petticoat is showing!" She replied, "Silly! Its a slip!"

Sam Silver is a rabbi in Delray Beach, Fla., where the Labovskys spend the first couple of months of the year after his retirement from Dupont. As a nylon plant troubleshooter after retirement he and his wife have seen much of the world.

I remember all the names and all the faces but I have no recollections of only a few of the people in the play. I remember the last time I saw Tommy Tingle, on the train to Wilmington when he was still at Annapolis.

Eleanor's and my paths crossed in 1948, without personal contact, and I've been rather curious about the whole thing, if you or Jimmy can provide any enlightenment.

I was leaving employment as news and special events editor of the Washington Good Music Station, to move to near here and start a farm, when I was informed that she was at the station supposedly investigating me for the so-called Dies committee, the House of Representatives committee on UnAmerican Activities. For some reason, in doing this she stayed away from me, and I wonder about that, too.

I'd had previous experiences with that committee coming from its unsuccessful efforts to frame me on ephemeral charges, all that was usually necessary in those days, when its real purpose was to interfere with a book I was writing about them. They tried also to portray me as some kind of Communist, for which there never was any basis. In the end their agent was indicted for two felonies. I guess those strange people never forgave me for defeating them in their dirty tricks.

But I wondered where and how, if she ever did, Eleanor got the training and experience required to be an investigator (which I had been for the Senate and as an investigative reporter) and how she could bring herself to be associated with such people. They were racists and almost pro-Nazi. They were anti-Catholic, anti-Semitic, anti-labor, anti-FDR, etc. Real extremists. Moreover, I do not remember that in high school Eleanor ever had any serious thoughts about anything. Except keeping her parents from knowing that she smoked, which came to light by accident one night when Jimmy Borup and I were there. (Does either of you know what happened to Jimmy? I heard he and Peg Abbott got married don't know if they did, and haven't heard a word since. He and I were good friends.)

I've also wondered how, knowing how independent of mind I was even then, Eleanor could have possibly believe that I could ever have subjected myself to unthinking Communist discipline. and why she would and how she could "investigate" me while staying away from me, either at work or by phoning me at home. I've never had an unlisted number....So, if you know anything about Eleanor, I'm curious and interested. She may have been using her maiden name but I then thought that she'd gotten to about 35 without marrying.

I remember Pean Midlam as perhaps the sprightliest person in our class. She was sports editor when I was managing editor but really editing the paper because Jimmy Borup, the editor, had been removed because he was in scholastic difficulties.

At Willard Hall school Hugh Blackwell and I were often getting each other in trouble when the teachers mistook us for each other and blaming one for the conduct of the other. I recall once that our mothers were amused about this when they met at something going on at the school.

I've regretted very much not being able to get the class reunion because I think that by and large we were a pretty good bunch of kids most of whom at least should have grown into good adult people.

I appreciate getting this reminder very much! I'm surprised that my fever does not show in my face. My mother was not going to let me appear because she ~~was~~ was convinced I should not be out of the house, certainly not on a trolley, but she relented when an uncle offered to drive me there and bring me home, if I remember correctly, both nights of the two-night production.

So again thanks and my best to you and Jimmy - and any others of those days to whom you may speak.

Sincerely,



May 14, 1985

Dear Harold -

I received several copies of this picture from Jack Hartland who lives in California. He had a rotogravure picture of it and had kept it all these years, and I guess decided to have it reproduced, prompted by a letter from Fran ^{in the middle} enquiring if he still had it (at the 50th reunion he had spoken that he had it)

Thought you might enjoy seeing and having it for your own.

In case you wanted to be in touch with Jack his address is
365 Almond Avenue
Los Altos, California 94022

Sincerely
Elizabeth Heckman Nichols



"LET ME AT 'EM!" What an exciting incident in "Joany," presented recently at Wilmington H.S. School by the Senior Class. Left to right are: Harold
 Weisberg, John Myrtle Johnson, Howard Patterson, Miss Eleanor Nelson, Miss Edith Robertson, dramatic coach; Miss Frances Nidham, Willard Taylor, Miss
 Alice McWhorter, James Tingle, Jack Herliand, Robert Rodgers, Miss Elizabeth Hickman and Hugh Blackwell.

WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FEBRUARY CLASS 1931

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* Attended 50th reunion
** Committee member

*Dear Harold,
Hope your health is okay now
and you can soon travel to see your mother,
Best Regards,
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DECEASED

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George Ballock
Beatrice Banning
Margaret Blair(Mrs. Bill Babcock)
Dorothy Caplan
Leonard Clement
Ethel Cohen
Tyler Coombs
Lillian Compton
Evelyn Cornell(Mrs.Thomas Dowling)
John Coverdale
Ida May Dickinson
Meade Edler
Marie Frank
Kenneth Glenn
Edward Hanlon
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Merrill Hendrickson
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Irene Jacoby(Mrs.Oscar Goldberg)
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Vera Law
Jack Latham
John Lyle
Harvey Maguigan
Horace Maguigan
Groome Marcus
Colin McLachlan
Rose Panariello(Mrs.S.Ferrigno)
Howard Patterson
Lillian Ryan
Willard Taylor
Henry Tazewell
Thomas Tingle
Benjamin Trachtenburg
Harry Weinstein
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Eunice Wood

NOT LOCATED

Anthony Earl Calahan
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Frederick Forrester Hope
Alfred A. Jelonek
Joseph Lauffer
Eugene McDonald
Albert Francis Parker
Elmer Price
James C. Scott
John F. Sullivan

Margaret Julia Bennett
Dorothy Edwards
Anna May Fanning
Hilda Farrow
Louise Forwood Fisher
Catherine Alida Glackin
Ethel Grubb(Mrs.Jimmy Wood)
Florence Horn(Mrs.Paul Adams?)
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Bertha Louise McCall(Mrs.Oberly?)
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Henrietta M. Mohle
Mabel Moran
Margaret Bowers Pyle
Thelma Gladys Rodman
Lillian May Russell
Nellie Estella Russell
Virginia Thomas
Dorothy V. Vaughn
Louise Isabella Webb
Betty Virginia Winkler
Margaret Younkin
Bertha Audrey Yunt

HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE A 55TH REUNION IN 1986. PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE ON CHANGES IN ADDRESS. ALSO IF YOU KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF THOSE NOT LOCATED, PLEASE CONTACT

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