

HAPPY NEW YEAR



CHRISTMAS CARDS

As usual, Veda and I received many Christmas cards and letters this year from the Almy Family. We want to thank each and everyone of you for sending them. We appreciate your greetings and the family news contained in the letters and notes. We are unable to send cards to you in return, so the Newsletters will have to serve as our greetings to you. Thank you very much.

SUSAN SCOTT
(1407-1426-212)

Susan Scott, sister of Deborah Ann Scott, graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, in 1989, and is now Assistant Orchestra Manager for the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

REMEMBER WHEN

You could get free maps at the gas station?

MARRIAGE OF DEBORAH ANN SCOTT (1407-1426-211)

Deborah Ann Scott, daughter of Gerald D. and Jane (Almy) Scott, was married in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on June 1, 1991, to John Edwin Child, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Child of Manchester, NH.

The bride is a graduate of Radnor High School and Brown University. She is employed as an associate campus director at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) with Campus Crusade for Christ. The bridegroom is a graduate of M.I.T. with a bachelor's degree in biology. He is studying for a master's degree in molecular biology at Boston University.

MARRIAGE OF TINA NORENE ALMY (1233-4668-1321)

Tina Norene Almy, daughter of Harold D. and Beth (Tryck) Almy, was married in Anchorage, Alaska, on June 1, 1991, to Steven William Bragg.

ALMYS IN DUST STORM DISASTER

Some of you may have read about the massive and disastrous pile-up of cars on I-5 near Los Angeles on November 29 due to a dust storm. Three of the Almy Family were in the midst of it. They were Donald G. Almy (1407-1C74-31), his wife Louise, and his mother-in-law Blossom Brady. The following is taken from an article in the Los Angeles Times for Sunday, December 1, 1991.

"Louise Almy, 58, said paramedics who were racing to the scene of one wreck, became trapped in another collision, stepping from their stranded ambulance directly into the scene of the disaster.

"The paramedics helped Almy's 88-year-old mother, Bea Blossom Brady, onto a helicopter to be evacuated. The elderly woman had suffered injuries to her back and neck.

"Later, Louise's husband, Donald, tried to console a 16-year-old girl who had been separated from her parents. "I know you're scared," Donald told the girl. "I'm scared, too."

The above newspaper article was sent to me by Mary and Bill Barnes (1232-1218-3211) of Santa Barbara, California.

UPDATE: Don and Louise's Christmas letter stated "It's a long story, but you all must have read about the chain reaction crashes on route I-5 on the day after Thanksgiving. Well, we were involved. We don't have the energy to go through the whole story, but we hit a car in front of us and then were hit by a large semi-trailer. In spite of seat belts, we were all tossed

around a bit. Don and Louise suffered only bumps and bruises and aches and pains, but Louise's mom, in the back seat with only a lap belt, was thrown sideways and suffered a fractured pelvis. She's in a rehabilitation hospital and we don't know how long it will be until she's home and back to herself. We were very lucky to walk away from it, but our car was totalled and things are in a state of confusion, which is slowly sorting itself out.

But, having a bad experience reminds you how precious life is, and how important it is to have friends and a support group, people who care about you and whom you can count on to help you in time of trouble. We are very blessed, and would think so even if things had gone much worse than they did. We look forward to a good year, with a new car and bodies that can heal. Our love and best to all of you, with God's blessings for a happy and healthy year."

MARRIAGE OF CAROLYN F. ALMY (1233-8618-1531)

Carolyn Frances Almy, daughter of David and Louis (Handy) Almy, was married in Manchester, Massachusetts, on September 7, 1991, to Francis Joseph Whitmore Boogaerts, son of John Boogaerts of Greenwich, Connecticut.

Both Francis and Carolyn finished the Middlesex School in Concord, Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of Vermont in 1987. She is a potter and is on the staff of the Radcliffe College ceramics studio. He graduated from Tulane University in civil engineering in 1987. He is with Cygna Consulting Engineers in Boston.

**CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY
CAPTAIN JOHN H. ALMY, II
(1408-6612-121)**

To the right is the invitation to the Change of Command ceremony that Veda and I attended on November 8, 1991. On page 2 of Newsletter No. 60 (Oct 1989) I told about the Change of Command ceremony where Capt John H. Almy II assumed command of the USS Georgia (SSBN 729) (Blue). This time he was relinquishing command of the USS Georgia to go to his new assignment in San Diego, California. Again it was a very impressive ceremony with the speaker's platform on the hull of the submarine. Captain John Almy gave an interesting talk in which he recognized our attendance as representing the Almy Family.



*The Commanding Officer, USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (BLUE)
requests the pleasure of your company at the
Change of Command Ceremony at which
Captain J. H. Almy II, United States Navy
will be relieved by
Captain R. D. Raaz, United States Navy
on Friday, the eighth of November
at ten o'clock
at the Delta Pier
Naval Submarine Base, Bangor
Silverdale, Washington*

*R.S.V.P.
Card Enclosed*

*Participants: Full Dress Blue
Military Guests: Dress Blue
Civilian: Appropriate Attire*

The beautiful ceremony was a great credit to the United States Navy, Captain John H. Almy, and the Almy Family.

**TRAVELS OF DOROTHY JOHNSON
(1408-3822-11W)
(Widow of Frederic S. Almy)**

I received the annual Christmas letter from Dorothy telling of her 1991 trip to Portugal. She writes very interesting accounts of her travels. In her added note this year she said "here's my story about my trip -- my 17th! I call it my 'swan song;' -- after all, at going on 86 I think I should stay home!

I think it is wonderful the way she travels all over the world.

**FAMILY NEWS FROM SYLVIA NICHOLS
(1233-5147-233)
(Charlottesville, Virginia)**

Sylvia reported the following family changes: Birth of Ryan Edward Reisler (1233-5147-2332-21) on May 8, 1988. Birth of Timothy Colin Reisler (1233-5147-2332-22) on February 16, 1991. Marriage of Brent Harris Nichols (1233-5147-2332-1) to Karen Knesevitch on September 21, 1991. Marriage of James Eric Stannard (1233-5147-2331-3) to Lisa Ann Varady on December 14, 1991. Death of Marcia Clark Littlehales on June 24, 1991.

IT'S A GIRL!

Brandi Leah Almy (1922-3463-X2) was born on 25 September 1991 to Jeffrey and Barbara Ellen Almy of Great Falls, Montana. Congratulations!

FRUIT HILL FLASHBACKS

By Richard R. Almy, Sr.
(1233-5143-242)
of Front Royal, Virginia

(This is a continuation of the article on pages 3, 4 and 5 of the October 1991 issue.) "Fruit Hill Flashbacks" will be printed in the Newsletters as space permits.

While I was still working at Manville-Jenckes Corp., back in 1930, I became interested in the Americas Cup races, which were to be held in September, off Newport, Rhode Island. As I recall the Challenger was Sir Thomas Lipton, an English Tea Merchant, who had challenged for the Cup before without success. The American defenders were "J class" sloops made by Herreshoff's Boat Yard in Bristol, Rhode Island. These crafts were considerably larger than the smaller and less expensive boats now used in America's cup races.

The race course consisted of a Triangle with 15 mile long sides, and in order to see a race it was necessary to have your own boat or buy a ticket on excursion steamers, which followed the races each day. The cup went to the winner of 4 out of 7 races. I believe that Mr. Harold S. Vanderbilt was the American skipper that year and Prof. Zenas Bliss of Brown (one of my former teachers) was navigator. I bought tickets for myself and a friend on one of the steamers and enjoyed the general spectacle

of hundreds of sightseeing craft of every imaginable type and size following the progress of the races around the course. The actual races were not always close and some people said "it was like watching grass grow."

At the end of each race there would be a tremendous din of horns and whistles, particularly if the American sloop won, which it usually did. Three or four years later I again went to the Americas Cup races. The American defender again won as it continued to do every time, up until 1984, when the Australians finally took the Cup home with a radically different boat design.

To back track a bit, I will mention some other items from the Great Depression. After leaving Simonsville, my father missed having his Cider Mill to operate each Fall. A few years later he decided to go back into business and bought some land on Atwood Ave., near Thornton, RI., on which he built another mill with one cider press (instead of the 3 press former mill.) This helped him to survive financially during the Depression.

(To be continued.)

GRADUATION OF GENE H. ALMY, JR.

Gene H. Almy, Jr. (1407-1C73-413) graduated from Texas A & M University on December 20, 1991. Congratulations!

FUTURE ISSUES

I still have information on unknown Almy lines and documents of interest to put in future issues. Please keep the current family news coming.

LOREN B. ALMY
(1407-1C74-4)

Loren Billings Almy, 81, a resident of Vista Village in Lacey, Washington, died December 11, 1990, in Olympia, Washington. Loren was born on January 9, 1909, in Ewing, Nebraska, the son of Billings G. and Ada (Marks) Almy.

He was married to Jean A. Bobbitt on April 14, 1934, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Jean died on December 7, 1989 (See page 3, Newsletter No. 61, January 1990).

Loren went to the hospital a year to the date that his wife Jean had; and it is fitting that the date of his funeral, December 14, was the same as hers was the previous year.

Loren was a professor emeritus at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. He had taught there 30 years in the civil engineering department, where his colleagues held him in great respect.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Following is a listing of those cousins who have sent in contributions since the last issue of the Almy Family Newsletter to help defray the costs of printing and mailing. This help is most appreciated. Many thanks to each and everyone of you.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Almy Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>
William B. Barnes	1232-1218-3211	California
Frances Almy Culler	1232-1218-411	Ohio
Hazel V. Almy	1233-4655-11W	South Carolina
Harold D. Almy	1233-4668-132	Washington
Donald L. Almy	1233-4668-151	Washington
Robert L. Almy	1233-4671-12	New York
Everett C. Atwell	1233-5180-33W	North Carolina
Constance M. Price	1235-4131-1111	Ohio
Molly Anderson	1235-4131-1113	Ohio
Phyllis Stearns	1235-4131-1114	Massachusetts
Larry Turner	1252-9137-1132	Virginia
David L. Almy	1252-9531-6112	Massachusetts
Jane Almy Scott	1407-1426-21	Pennsylvania
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BE HAPPY !