

happy atmosphere. Laurine Sargent, our Home Economics professor wrote in a letter to me, "In all my teaching (16) years no class ever equaled yours. It was a great teacher/student relationship". --The Sunday before graduation we had the College Graduation Ceremony. We dressed in white and the Seniors took their place on the steps of the academic building. They bid their farewells, then the Senior Middle class paid their respect and tribute to the girls whose places they would soon fill. Then we would all sing "The Belles of Ward-Belmont" with tears flowing as we sang. Not a dry eye in the group as we bid each other good-bye. --Everything centered around campus life. All our social activities and ceremonies were right there on campus. The two most elaborate activities were May Day and Washington's Birthday. Also, entertaining the service men with formal dances and casual entertaining in the club houses. We were always busy planning and decorating for these events. This was all so unique and different from large co-ed colleges.

***Where my life has taken me...** My husband Paul and I celebrated our 57th year of marriage this June. We have 3 children (one deceased), six grandchildren and 5 great-

grandchildren. We now spend the winter months in Port Charlotte, Florida. In 1947 I received my B.S. degree in Home Economics and Science from Butler University in Indianapolis, IN. I used my Home Economics training by serving for many years with the 4-H program, helping young girls with classes in food preparation and clothing projects to be shown in the country and Indiana State fairs. I represented Indiana in the Mrs. America contest as Mrs. Indiana. I enjoyed traveling around the state representing different companies doing business in Indiana. I am a member of P.E.O. Sisterhood (helping young women obtain their education goals), Kappa Alpha Theta alumni, D.A.R. and Dorcas Circle of my church. Taught in the Sunday school program for many years.

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***What I remember best about my days at Ward-Belmont...**

I have so many wonderful memories of Ward-Belmont, that I don't know where to start. My first year was 1943, and the war-time was very evident. The city of Nashville had several military installations. The school had dances and often with servicemen. I loved Nashville and the many bakeries and flower shops. It was fun to walk down to the section of Hillsboro or H.B. as we called it. Whenever we went downtown, it was in the best clothes, including hats and gloves. I had some excellent teachers. I was president of the Spanish Club one year. I was majoring in art and Spanish and later taught both subjects.

I still consider my room mate, Doris Burks Vaughan, one of my dearest friends. We have talked on the phone and planned to get together. My sister, Ruthie McCoy Cline, and I were in Doris' wedding in Bristol 45 years ago.

Where my life has taken me...

After graduating Ward-Belmont my mother and Ruthie and I went to study at The University of Mexico, in Mexico City. That summer I ran into Polly, a former suitemate in Herron Hall our first year. Then we ran into Christian Strether, in a restaurant a few days later! I ran into Nanny at breakfast at a hotel in Mexico...what a small world! After Ward-Belmont, I went to Oklahoma State University. I pledged Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Another amazing coincidence, Norma Jean Chase, one of my best friends, and suitemate of Doris at Ward-Belmont, also pledged Theta. I was in the School of Education, majoring in Spanish and English and taking some art classes. I married in 1947. In 1948, my daughter, Lucile, was born. 1948 was quite a year. In April of 1948, my mother and sister went to Bogata, Columbia. They were there when the Revolution broke out in April. Luckily they were evacuated by the American Government.