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

I always felt so fortunate to attend Ward-Belmont. The campus, the beautiful Acklen Hall, charming Club Village, the students and the faculty impressed me. Some of my favorite teachers were Mr. Donners (Spanish), Mr. Rose (violin), Dr. Myhr (English), and the librarian and J. C. Club sponsor, Miss Newhall. Dining was an experience. Marvelous food was brought out of the kitchen on huge trays. Once a week the menu consisted of ham, potato salad, and enormous cinnamon rolls. Trips on the bus to town were looked forward to

and everyone had to be well-groomed with hat, gloves and heels. Having a date on campus necessitated approval by one's parents; the young men had to be on the "list". To go off campus a chaperone was required; seniors could double-date without a chaperone. The two years that I spent in Tennessee gave me an appreciation for the state where my maternal grandmother was born (Waverly). I belong to the Southern Memorial Association in Dallas, an organization that honors our southern ancestors and contributes to the community.

***Where my life has taken me...**

After graduating from Ward-Belmont in 1947, I continued my education at Oklahoma State University (where I received my BS and MS degrees). During the second semester in 1948, I was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and then I became an exchange student to Bogota, Columbia. While there, a former Prep Student exchange student and Bogota resident, Gwen Oliver, invited my mother and me to her family's home for tea. (My mother accompanied me to Columbia and we went sightseeing together after my classes). Just prior to my mother's scheduled return to the U.S., a violent political revolution occurred. We were "holed up" in the hotel for

several days. Later we were evacuated by the U.S. Government to Panama and soon we returned to Oklahoma.

I was in several weddings of Ward-Belmont graduates; Mary Jane McCoy-"Janie" (my sister) was married in 1947; Doris Burks; and Helen Schreiber (my former roommate). Claudia Boyle from Bermuda visited me three times over the years.

I was a June bride in 1952 and my husband Charlie and I recently celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary. We have lived in Texas for 44 years and in Oklahoma prior to that. We have been blessed with an interesting happy life together. His career was in mechanical engineering. (his work in communications has aided the Space Program) and min was teaching. We have traveled extensively. We have no children, but we see my sister and niece often, as well as Charlie's brother and his wife (and her sister), all of whom live in Oklahoma. Janie's grandson and his wife live in Chicago and we meet for vacations (usually in Bar Harbor, Maine or at our vacation home in California). Both Charlie and I are retired, but we keep a very busy life filled with family, friends, church, activities, and other interests at home in Dallas.

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***Where my life has taken me...**

Received her B.S. degree from Vanderbilt in Foods and Nutrition. After graduating from college, I joined the staff of American Airlines and flew all over the world. I later became a supervisor for training and won many top sales awards for the company. In the early 50's I was asked to do the first cooking show in the South over WSM-TV in Nashville. The show led to a career in Radio and TV, doing commercials in print and TV as well as guest and performance appearances. I have also written several cookbooks and serve as Editor and Staff of magazines such as Kountry Kooking, Plantation Recipes, From Phila with Love. I was married to Adolph Hach for 30 years before his death in 1985.

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A special roommate, Charlotte Sutton Hancock; a visit my future