

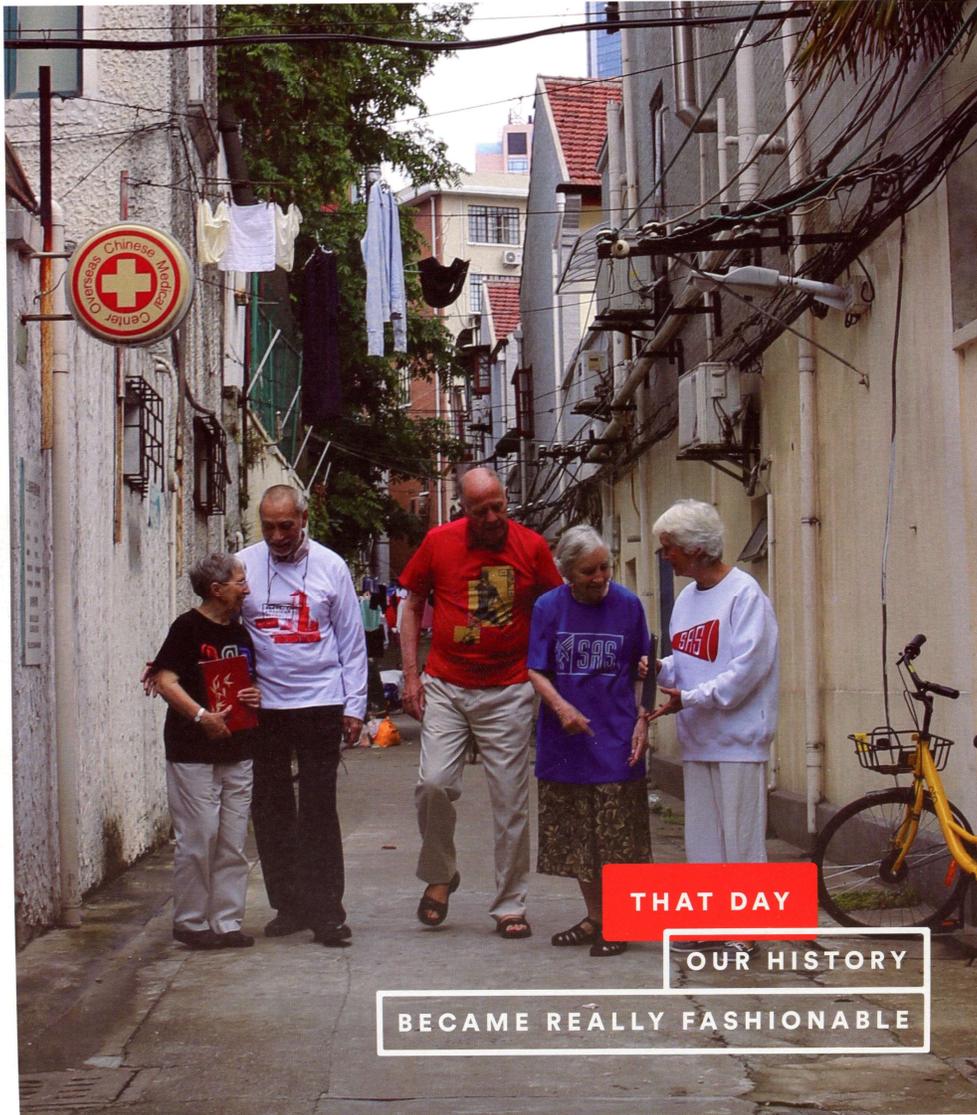


The first Founders Week at Shanghai American School, an annual event, was attended by alums from the class of 2007 (their 10-year reunion) and these five from our era: left to right are Betty Barr Wang ('49) Teddy Heinrichsohn ('49) Joe Wampler ('51) Anne Lockwood Romasco ('51) Marybelle (Mimi) Brewster Gardner ('52). All are modeling t-shirts with the new school logos. Much more about this remarkable week inside!

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THAT DAY

OUR HISTORY

BECAME REALLY FASHIONABLE

From the Editor *Mimi Gardner '52*

It is with a heavy heart that I share this page with Calem and Senta Romasco's beautiful message about the passing of their mother, Anne Lockwood Romasco (SAS '51). She was my friend and colleague in all things SASA - related. For many years our paths didn't cross at all until we began to have regular reunions. It was while planning for the 2008 reunion that we became buddies and so enjoyed working together from then on and also visiting and sailing on Goodnight Moon around and out of Marblehead Harbor and sharing several trips to China. I can't quite imagine life without Anne. We will do a special tribute to her soon.

The other, quite joyous parts of this issue include the reports and pictures about Founders Week at SAS in September. Anne was very much a part of that time, as you will see. There are notes about new books – one by Carl Scovel (SAS '49) and one by George Wang (Betty Barr's husband) that you should note and add to your collection. We return to John Liu's excellent ecological study of the Loess Plateau and its potentially hopeful ramifications for many parts of our world in this time of obvious climate change. And please note a couple of invitations – one in NYC very soon and one that is open-ended and long-term.

There are other alums whose lives we honor in their passing – some we knew, such as Myles Walburn and James Gillespie, and others who were from a different era. The brief life stories in SASA News highlight such interesting pursuits. We are ever grateful for family members who pass the word along so that we can honor these friends from our past.

Take it all in and keep in touch.

Dear Friends and Family,

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we convey the news of the passing of our Mom, Anne Lockwood Romasco. She died peacefully at her home on the morning of October 29th, 2017, surrounded by Senta, Calem and close family. She was greatly incapacitated at the time and had not regained her ability to speak after a massive stroke. The stroke occurred in her bed at home in Brooklyn, more than a week after returning from a five-week trip around China. While in the hospital she was able to enjoy visits from family and dear friends. We read her books, poems, sang songs and



Anne and Calem at the Gala
Photo courtesy of SAS

hymns to her and told her how much we loved her. When she opened her eyes she often seemed to know we were with her. Later, at home on Hall St., her hospice bed in the living room kept her near the aromas of good food, the hum of intelligent conversation and, when the family played piano, clarinet and guitar, she kicked off her hospital boots and tapped her feet to the rhythm.



Photo courtesy of The Columbian

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We are devastated and I'm sure you will be saddened reading this news. We regret losing her so soon, but given the severity of the stroke, a quick and painless passing was a blessing. She did not want to be incapacitated and kept alive by machines. Anne's body is being cremated and we are anticipating a memorial service and celebration of Anne's remarkable life at a later date. At this time we ask for folks to send cards and updated contact info rather than calling. In lieu of flowers please donate your time or otherwise to a local or international cause, or take the time to enjoy some poetry.

We are a good team, Senta and Calem, both in taking care of Anne while she was alive and now in taking care of each other in our grief.

Blessings and love,

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Founders Week at SAS September 2017

There were five of us alums: Teddy Heinrichsohn, Joe Wampler, Anne Romasco, Marybelle (Mimi) Gardner, and Betty Barr.



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From Mimi's journal notes and Betty Barr's reflections:

Monday - Betty came to the Hilton Monday morning to greet Don and me and to walk us to the Old House Inn so that we would know the way – 10 minutes later we found Teddy, Anne and son Calem Romasco, and Joe sitting around in one of the suites. Chia Lun Huang (SAS 2000) joined us a bit later. After hugs all around, we hung out and caught up a bit. Soon to lunch at a Chinese restaurant where the locals eat just down the street and Teddy ordered up a delicious feast.

Then we all walked to the Hua Shan Hospital nearby where George, Betty's husband, was recuperating well from pneumonia – a lovely, rather long visit that George seemed to enjoy mightily. A light supper later at a nearby French Café and to a good rest for the night.

Tuesday – SAS staff met us at the Inn – Crickett and Brittany were our thoughtful and delightful hosts and are alumni relations staff.

Crickett's little boy, Magnus, is now 14 months old and is bi-lingual because he has an amah. Brittany is from North Carolina, came to study in China for adventure and loved it so she applied to SAS and came back. Kevin and Kelsey and Kendall are production staff for Eagle Review and a film of the week's events and whatever other promotional pieces are decided on. Kevin is the mastermind of ideas about filming and print material. Each was a delight to work with. I suppose anyone who decides to go to China to work at an international school is likely to be adventurous and interesting by nature.

They had brought new SAS gear – t-shirts, one with a water tower and 1912 logo on it; a sweatshirt with a megaphone for ancient cheer leader; a jacket and hat etc. We donned these and got photographed for the cover of *The Eagle Review*, the current SAS magazine that this crew produces, as you see on the front page of this issue of SASA News.



Magnus Kasper
Photo Courtesy of Crickett Kasper



Brittany and Crickett
Photo Courtesy of SAS

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The next event was hilarious. Kevin had thought up questions that were first asked to kindergartners, like what is the dust bowl; the space race; the big bang theory; YOLO; who is the “iron lady” etc. The kindergartners had much more imaginative answers (“the big bang is a dog with a humungous poop”) than we did on camera. Then we were filmed on the stairs singing “All Hail to Thee...” in rather creaky voice.

The filming finished and we had lunch with York Chi Harder at the Inn. I wrote in my journal: “a classy, smart, lovely, Chinese but western woman. A lawyer who met her American husband in law school in the U.S.” She is ending her 5th year as Chair of the SAS Board. She has seen it through turbulent years of recovering with Richard Mueller as head of school and now things are much better. She thinks SAS is in good hands with Marcel Gauthier. The Board is working on who to replace her. The need is for strong leadership with a passion for the vision of students achieving their dreams – not just getting them all in Ivy League schools, which has too often been the Board’s main interest in the past. Increased staff and focus on alumni relations is very apparent now.

Wednesday – to Pudong campus, through heavy traffic. After a cup of coffee and goodies in the cafeteria, the filming started. Several students who were choir members volunteered from an English class to join us. They had learned the school song – OUR school song – quite recently to start getting it adopted at SAS today. The volunteers were very cute and very excited



Photo courtesy of SAS

to be joining us.

Betty’s notes: “We were asked to sing our School Song many times because the school is making a video and wants to include the song. We sang it in different venues, just the five of us, with a recorded background of singers provided by the school. It was even more fun – and sounded much better – when we sang it with the students on both campuses. How I wished that Ted Stannard, ’48, and John Hsu ’49, creators of the song, could have been there to hear it being sung 6- years later.”

The next event was on stage, first for the whole high school and then the junior high kids. Crickett conducted an Oprah-style interview, asking us each to introduce ourselves, to note the differences between our SAS and the current one, to speak of how SAS and China shaped us.

As both a participant and witness, I found our individual answers very interesting and varied. The kids were very attentive, even the younger ones. Time was given for their questions of us. Many hands went up, asking about the war experience and school facilities and many things. Great fun! The day ended with dinner at an excellent French restaurant called *Cuivre*. We in SASA hosted it as a way to thank the SAS administration for its considerable hospitality over these many years when there have been SASA guests in large numbers and small,



Photo courtesy of SAS

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often at the time of the annual lecture but also the Centennial celebrations in 2012 and various reunion groups. An unexpected extra was the sharing of a bottle of superb 1983 French red wine from an anonymous donor to celebrate the re-founding of the school that year.



Mimi, Anne and Don in front of the willow tree
Photo courtesy of Calem Romasco

Thursday – to Puxi campus. The willow tree that was a SASA gift to the school in 2004 is thriving and lovely outside the front door of the admin building. To me, this place is more compact and inviting in a warmer way than Pudong.

More singing and filming of singing with several students who had strong, beautiful voices. Then just one assembly with the same routine. At the end, three young women from the student council came up to greet and thank us.

A yummy lunch at a dim sum restaurant, a rest, and a delightful evening watching a film that Joe Wampler had brought – “The King of Masks.” It was filmed in Sichuan about 10 years ago with English

subtitles – very clever story and very beautiful filming.

Friday – a day of relaxing and some exploring across the pedestrian overpass of Yan’an Road. It drops down into a lovely park which connects to Nanjing Road where all the designer shops and buildings are – so very Shanghai/Paris/New York City/cosmopolitan.

Betty’s notes: “One highlight was an evening exhibition entitled ‘Legends of SAS’ which took place in a museum on a ‘cultural street’ not far from my home. The School’s ‘Alumni Team’ had put a huge amount of work into it and one of the features was mobiles hanging down from the high ceiling giving the place and date of SASA Reunions held over the years. There were also exhibits of events in more recent years, the present school now creating its own history.”

Parents and faculty and Board members – in short, the whole SAS adult community – was invited, including those celebrating their 10 -year reunion, of which there were about 30 alums present. There were giant pictures from old year books and very interesting text to trace all that rich history that is ongoing. Marcel Gauthier gave a moving speech and Betty Barr was especially honored at one point. It is apparent to us this time that lifting up the long history and traditions of the school is very much a good public relations focus in the current competitive environment with many international schools attracting students. Once again, our friend, Kevin Lynch was the mastermind of this museum-quality exhibit and gathering.

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Brittany, Teddy, Mimi, Anne, Joe, Betty, Crickett and Marcel
Photo Courtesy of SAS

Saturday – Betty’s notes: “For the five of us, one of the most special moments was, of course, visiting our former campus at 10 Hengshan Lu, formerly Avenue Petain. The Administration Building and Girls’ Dorm, with the colonnade between them, have recently been carefully restored and the present occupants were proud to show them to us. They were very interested in the black and white slides which Joe had brought along and asked many questions. I think that of all the times when we have visited in recent years, this was the warmest reception we have ever had.”



Photo courtesy of SAS

We were invited into and up the stairs in the girls’ dorm, right past our own rooms – the doors were closed but one room was open and looked like a work space. No cameras or cell phones allowed. Then we went across the street to the Community Church – 6,000 members now, several pastors, English head phones in the balcony at the Chinese services. We were greeted by a pastor who is now mainly working for the National Christian Council.

The day ended with our traditional Peking Duck dinner – perfect!

Sunday – Betty’s notes: “Sixty local people with an SAS connection had signed up for walks. Walking around the streets of Shanghai is a favorite occupation for foreigners living here now. We were divided into three groups; mine was led by a Frenchman who knew a great deal about the architecture of several buildings we passed en route. When we arrived in front of our former school my group gathered round and I told them ‘my story’.”

And that was the last official event. From there we each went our separate ways. For me (and my husband, Don Gardner, and my daughter and grandson, Julie and Josiah Olson) an adventure lay ahead with my niece who is doing graduate work at the Shanghai Theatre Arts School. We all got the bus right down to the Bund, walked along to the Peace Hotel and went to the upper cocktail lounge to enjoy the view and watch the lights of Pudong come up as the sun went down. Spectacular! Each time I visit, there are another several interesting buildings across the river. A fine ending to a fine week! We wish each of you could have enjoyed it with us.

Joe Wampler (SAS ’51) weighs in with his unique take on things:

The school held a special assembly on each of the SAS campuses. Cricket Kasper had the five of us pre-1950 alumni on stage and moderated a discussion of our memories of by-gone days at SAS and what our lives have taught us about what is important, both in school and in life. Then the discussion was opened to questions from the students who asked about the different experience we had as compared to their school life: the impact of war, the different school ethnic population, the different requirements for going to college, etc. This format worked very well. The students were attentive and eager to hear our stories, and at each campus we were rewarded with cheers and a standing ovation. Even after the assemblies were dismissed, a number of students crowded to the front to ask more questions.

As part of the SAS celebrations, the school wanted to illustrate the “generation gap” to both us old timers and the students. So they asked questions such as, “What does YOLO mean?” And “What did Margaret Thatcher do?” None of us “old timers” knew what “YOLO” meant, although it and the hand gesture that accompanies it had been prominently in the news recently. Both of my nieces, who joined me in China recognized the expression and added that it is often paired with swag, as in “YOLO swag.” For your homework, I’ll let you research the expressions!



Photos courtesy of Joe Wampler

Betty’s husband George has written a new book called “From Wheelbarrows to High Speed Trains.” After the SAS Founders Week I took my nieces to North China and Shanxi. We went by train and at one rail stop I took a picture of other trains that were on neighboring platforms. I thought that the three trains that one could see out of our train window were a good illustration of the evolution of China’s rail system. From the back to the foreground one can see green rail coaches aka “green skin train” that represent the old style trains, then one

of the first high speed engines using borrowed Japanese technology and finally the newest Chinese high speed engine that is capable of running at 350 km/hour (about 220 mph). China’s high speed rail is said to have carried 1.4 billion passengers last year and BBC reported that at Zhengzhou, China’s biggest high speed train hub, there are up to 300 high speed trains a day. The woman running the train operations there told the BBC reporter that if there were three trains in a day that were delayed, that was a bad day. (<http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20170605-inside-chinas-incredible-train-network>) Truly a remarkable achievement!

On our last days in China we returned to Shanghai. At night the lights on the buildings along the Huangpu River are breathtaking. But then it occurred to me that since the Chinese have always had a special love of lanterns, it might not be surprising that they have proudly draped their modern architectural achievements in colorful light displays. The fact that the Shanghai Tower, with an occupied height of 2,073 feet, is the world’s second tallest building and the Shanghai World Financial Center, with an occupied height of 1,614 feet, is the world’s ninth tallest building gives the lights on the river an unmatched grandeur and splendor.



Reflections and Wisdom from Teddy Heinrichsohn

Editor's note: In some sense, all that we have been up to in the last 25 years or so as SASA is because of Teddy's leadership with us and consistent link with the school. Always available to support, suggest, challenge, encourage, contribute, he is a good friend and interesting travel companion. We all owe him a huge debt of gratitude that the well-being of SASA has been an important interest of his in his otherwise busy life. So here are his good words as we wind down some of what our generation of SASA has been up to in these last 25 years:



Photo Courtesy of SAS

“During the last 20 years I visited Shanghai and the Shanghai American School many times, first as an interested alumnus and later on between 2003 and 2012, as President of SASA (Shanghai American School Association).

“During my tenure as President of SASA the annual visit to Shanghai was one of my favorite times of the year. On one hand, it was a trip down memory lane to visit the city where I had lived for 15 years as a teen ager and a young adult through the days of the Japanese occupation, the end of WWII, the establishment of the Peoples' Republic of China and during some years after that. On the other hand it was fascinating to witness the changes in Shanghai that were so rapid and on a grand scale, so that during many years it seemed that every year Shanghai gave the impression of a 'new' city.

“One place I visited every time was the emerging 'new' SAS, first in Puxi at a small location, later on the large new campus and then, concurrently to developing Pudong, where the place in front of the entrance gate was a messy mud patch because it had rained heavily the night before the visit. It has been fascinating and gratifying to witness the steady growth, adaptation and change of SAS in accordance with the changing circumstances in Shanghai.

“One constant during all these years was the unfailing hospitality and enthusiasm of the SAS leaders, administrators, staff and last but not least the students of all ages on both campuses.

During many meetings with students of nearly all ages in classes and auditoriums, the enthusiasm, interest and talents of innumerable students were evident. Questions ranged from such subjects as what we wore during our days at school to what activities we engaged in, how we got on with our teachers, etc. and, last but not least, what kind of pranks we were up to in the 'old days.'

“The visit of several SASA members in 2017 during September was spectacular and included an extended visit to the old campus on Hengshan Lu.



Photo courtesy of Don Gardner

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Our reception by the authorities was welcoming and warm, more personal and extensive than various visits in the past. Our hosts were most interested in some old slides that Joe Wampler was able to project onto the screen of the meeting room where we were received.



Photo courtesy of SAS

campuses and spared no efforts to make our visit a memorable occasion. I had the feeling that SAS had embraced SASA and made it its own.

I feel sure that SASA is in the best of hands and trust that it will grow and develop in the coming years and changing challenges to the benefit of students, the school and its alumni community.

“To top it all up, SAS really outdid itself with their schedule for us, including a wonderful evening at a newly established museum in the north of the city. The various exhibits were distributed on the walls of 2 stories and the centerpiece was a hanging design showing all the alumni gatherings SASA has arranged over the years. Many persons at SAS spent a great deal of time, thought and expense to put on this exhibition. SAS also generously hosted us on various occasions and during our visits to the

Invitation to join Foreigners in China Network

(academic and non-academic) with serious interests in any aspects of the history of foreigners or foreign entities in late Qing and/or Republican China. The network presently has more than 180 members, including prominent scholars from eighteen different countries, and a variety of people who lived as foreigners in pre-1950 China. There are no dues, and joining the network does not involve any obligation or expectation to do anything. One of the network’s members, Andrew David Field (Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs at Duke Kunshan University), is on the Board of Trustees of present-day SAS. Anyone from pre-1950 SAS who is interested in the history of foreigners in China is hereby cordially invited to join this network by contacting Steve Upton, of the Upton Sino-Foreign Archive (uptonrs@gmail.com). Other persons with ties to pre-1950 SAS or to present-day SAS who may be interested in joining should contact Upton and provide some information about their backgrounds and their areas of interest regarding foreigners in pre-1950 China.

On April 11-12, 2017, an international conference about the history of foreigners in China was held at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. The conference participants have established a network of individuals

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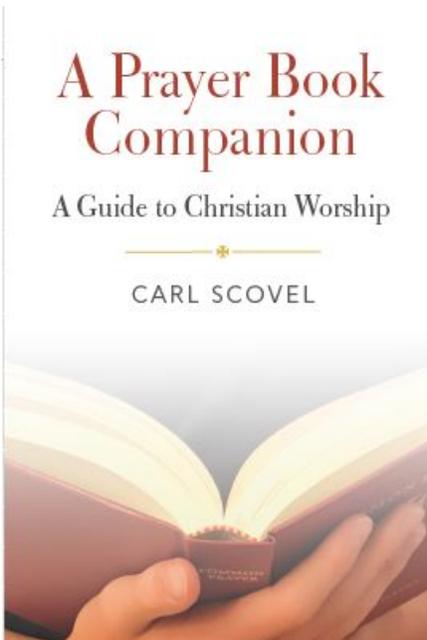
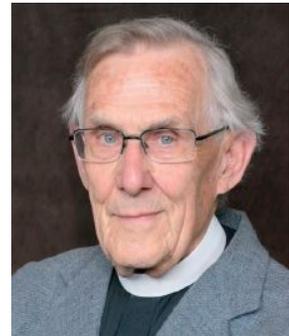
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Notes from You



Jacky Breen (SAS '48) B.J. and Dave Elder's friend, Lou Mo, who attended both of the last two reunions, visited Jacky Breen in Switzerland in June. They enjoyed a lovely dinner together and Lou took this picture of Jacky. Jackie doesn't travel much anymore and she "is not a computer person but is happy to receive mail." Jacky's address is Appt.674H, Chemin Colladon 5, 1209 Geneva, Switzerland.

Carl Scovel (SAS '49) and a whole village of readers and editors have produced a book on the history, theology and reasoning behind Christian worship, a text intended for interested inquirers as well as people in the pews. Written in clear, non-academic English and formatted as a series of short essays, this book describes the evolution and current state of such



major services as morning prayer, holy communion, baptism, burials and weddings. The book includes articles on such elements of worship as hymns, sermons, psalms, covenants, creeds, and the Lord's Prayer. Another section describes the major festivals of the church year. The book concludes with brief autobiographies of key figures, a glossary of liturgical terms, and a general and a biblical index.

Such a book might be useful as a Christmas gift to friends and family as well as a basic guide to worship for the interested reader.

A Prayer Book Companion, A Guide to Christian Worship by Carl Scovel, 2017
236 pages, paperback, \$16.00.

This book is available on Amazon.

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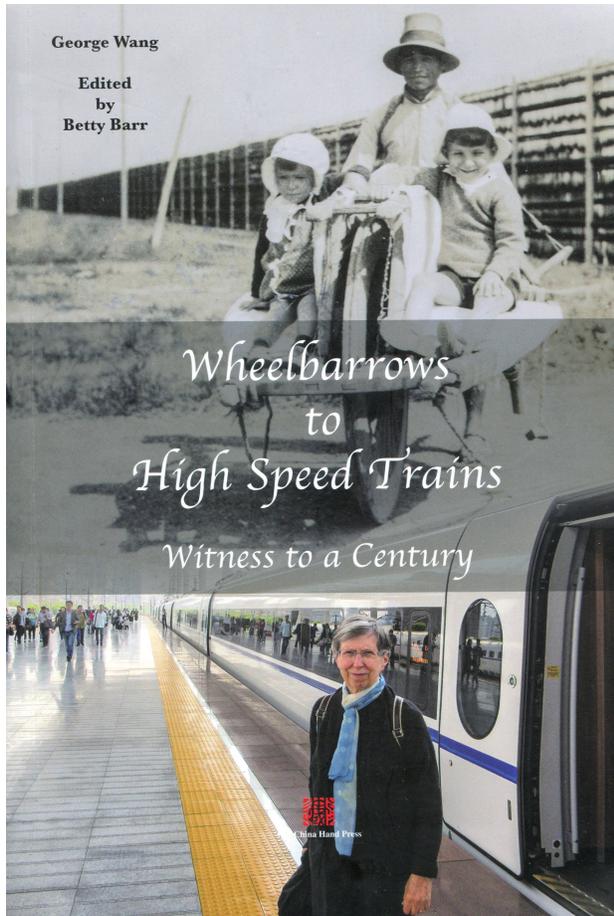
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Wheelbarrows to High Speed Trains, Witness to a Century

By George Wang, edited by Betty Barr

For any of you who know George Wang, husband of Betty Barr (SAS '49) reading this delightful collection of stories is like having a conversation with him. He is observant of details colored by his unique life experience and enjoys relating those observations. Perhaps some quotes from his own "Foreword" and "Afterword" in the book will give you the best taste of the flavor of this book and its author.



"In 2015, in order to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the victory in the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, China Central Television made a documentary, *A Record of Six Cities*. Betty and I were honored to have been invited to take part..."

"I was born in 1927 and according to the Chinese lunar calendar I am already 90 years old. I realized that it is my duty to write some true stories about how poor people suffered during those days..."

George goes on to recount the very sad story of his family and the amazing ingenuity that enabled survival and then better days. He describes details of Chinese customs and celebrations and the incredible changes that have brought us to today in China, all with his very personal observations and sensibilities.

Excerpting from his "Afterword": "My only hope is that some of these materials may provide our readers with food for thought...I have gradually go into a habit: whenever I see something unusual or come across some interesting piece of information, I try to write a few lines or even an article. I have found that in this way

I may produce an article for my own reference.

Through writing and cutting out clippings from newspapers, my brain is automatically being oiled and not so rusty...Some of our Western friends suggested that a book should not be too thick. It is true that a heavy book is not easy to hold or even to carry somewhere to read...My dear wife Betty's name is given as the editor of this book. In fact, she is the co-author of all the books I have written..."Some of our Western friends suggested that a book should not be too thick. It is true that a heavy book is not easy to hold or even to carry somewhere to read...My dear wife Betty's name is given as the editor of this book. In fact, she is the co-author of all the books I have written..."

There is tragedy and delight, keen observation and deep history, a Chinese voice to be valued in this collection of articles. We are fortunate to have George at our side and Betty's for lo these many years.



In Memoriam

Myles Walburn (SAS 1947)

1929 to 2017

Information courtesy of his wife, Barbara

Myles Hugh Walburn died August 26, 2017 at home in hospice care.

Born September 10, 1929 in San Diego, CA, he was the son of Hugh F. and Vera E. Walburn, who took their family to Shanghai, China in 1939. Hugh was the Business Administrator for the Armed Services YMCA. Myles attended the Shanghai American School until returning to the USA before the start of WWII. After the war, the family returned to China and Myles graduated from high school in Tsingtao (now Qingdao). Returning to the USA he earned a bachelors degree at George Williams College in Chicago.

Following theological education at the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, he was ordained for the ministry by the Evangelical and Reformed Church, now the United Church of Christ, and served a congregation in Maywood, Illinois.

In 1951 he married Donna J. Barkey. In 1959 the couple, with their two daughters, went to Makasser, Indonesia where Myles taught at the Theological School of Eastern Indonesia. Their son was born in 1963. Health concerns made it necessary for the family to return to the USA in 1966.

For the next 30 years Myles worked for the United Church Board for World Ministries, now the Board for Wider Ministries of the UCC. Twice his work took him on trips around the world and for visits with churches in more than two dozen countries in Asia, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the islands of the Pacific.

Myles married Barbara L. Smith in 1982 and they began their married life in New Jersey. In 1992 Myles and Barbara went to live and work with the United Mission to Nepal in Kathmandu, Nepal. They retired in 1994 and moved to Carolina Meadows in Chapel Hill, NC in 1995.

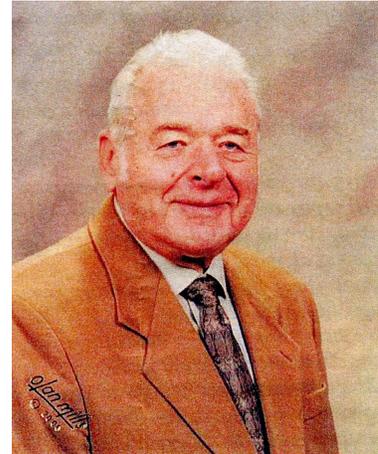


Photo Courtesy of Barbara Walburn



Photo courtesy of Craig Gillespie

James P. Gillespie (SAS 1949)

1931 to 2017

Information courtesy of his son, Craig

James died in his sleep on August 19, 2017. HE was born in 1931 in Beijing to Baptist missionaries Arthur and Pauline Gillespie.

James and his three brothers spent their childhood moving between China and the southern U.S. He earned a BS from Wake Forest University in 1953 and a MS from the University of Tennessee in botany in 1955 and a PhD in education from Vanderbilt in 1970.

He worked for the He worked for the Maryland Department of Education and Carroll County Public Schools in the decades that followed and taught biology at Essex Community College, Steven-

son University, and Frederick Community College. He was an avid Amateur Radio Operator (K3DQ) and used Morse code to talk every night with his identical twin brother, Arthur, in North Carolina.

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James wrote a memoir: "Around the World and Headed South, Growing Up a Twin and a Missionary Kid". We reviewed this delightful book a few years ago in SASA News. It is available on amazon.com. The early chapters chronicle his experiences in China as a boy and attending SAS. James is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marilyn, their three children Laine, Craig and Alison; two grandchildren Sam and Grace; and his brothers, Paul and David. His twin, Arthur, died in January.



Photo courtesy of her daughter

Margaret Staats Pola (SAS 1937)

1921 to 2017

Information courtesy of Cape News

Margaret Pola of Brewster, MA, and formerly a longtime Sandwich resident, died at age 96. She was the wife for 71 years of Carlo Pola, who died in 2015. She was born in Camden, New Jersey, to Florence P. and William H. Staats. The family moved in 1927 to Yokohama, Japan, where she attended The American School in Japan. In 1931, they moved to China where Margaret attended Shanghai American School. She finished high school in New Jersey at the top of her class and attended Drexel University, where she earned a degree in home economics.

A Navy veteran, Ms. Pola was an officer in one of the nation's first WAVES units. She trained at Smith College and served during World War II as a lieutenant j.g. in Washington, DC. It was there, in 1944, that she met and married Carlo Pola. The couple moved to his hometown of Sandwich, MA, where they raised their nine children and where they lived until 2012.

Ms. Pola was elected to the Sandwich School Committee for multiple terms, serving many years as chair. She was a founding member of Women in Military Service for America and belonged to the Americal Division Veterans Association and Reserve Officers Association. She served as Sandwich chair for the United Way, as a member of the Nursing Advisory Board, and as a volunteer for Elder Affairs, the Sandwich Health Association and the Well Child Conferences, among other charitable organizations.

Ms. Pola loved to travel. She and Mr. Pola visited all 50 states, every Canadian province and many nations. For several years the couple traveled around the country in a camper, logging more than 646,000 miles visiting their children.

She leaves a sister, Barbara Staats Wolfe and was predeceased by a sister, Jane Staats Hall. She also leaves her children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is buried at the National Cemetery in Bourne, MA.

William Reynolds Braisted (SAS 1935)

Information courtesy of John Braisted, nephew, and Pumphrey Funeral Homes

On June 14, 2017, Bill died at the age of 99 in Gaithersburg, MD. He was the son of the late Frank A. Braisted, Sr. and Margaret Buzard Braisted. Traveling as the son of a U.S. Naval officer, Bill spent several of his early years in Asia, living for extended periods in the Philippines, Hong Kong, and China.



Bill attended SAS for a portion of his high school years while his father was stationed in Shanghai. Time in Asia inspired him to later focus on Asian history and culture. Starting at The George Washington University, he earned a B.A. degree from Stanford and finally his MA and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Bill was a professor of history at the University of Texas at Austin from 1942 until 1988, writing three books on the role of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. In 1988 he was appointed to the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd class, by Emperor Hirohito of Japan.

Editor's note: Bill remained a paid-up, interested member of SASA for all the years that I have edited SASA News. His nephew wrote, "We have been receiving the SASA News for many years and my uncle had very fond memories of Shanghai and SAS...His time in Asia and SAS inspired him to teach Asian history. Thank you for keeping his memories of SAS alive for so many years."

I quote from the wonderful tributes of former students and colleagues of Bill on his obituary page: "His Chinese history was one of the most memorable of all my courses at the University of Texas at Austin, 1956-60. I treasured my detailed notes for years, and will always be grateful for the privilege of hearing his lectures."

"I met Dr. Braisted in 1967 when I was the Graduate Advisor's secretary in the History Department...He was truly a gentleman and scholar."

"I have directed the US Navy Japanese/Oriental Language School Archival Project, at the Special Collections and Archives, University of Colorado Boulder Libraries since 2000. He was among the many distinguished historians who attended the JLS/OLS...Over the past 17 years I have had the privilege and pleasure of contacting and conversing with hundreds of WWII veteran language officers and found them by turns to be accomplished, wise, humble, fascinating, wry, interesting, committed, funny and crusty...(Bill among them).

In the Spring, 2009 issue of SASA News, we noted Bill's new book, *Diplomats in Blue: U.S. Naval Officers in China, 1922-1933*. This was a personal account, not just scholarly, because his father was one of those officers in blue.



Leighton Shields, Jr. (SAS 1942) 1925 to 2015

Information courtesy of his wife, Gail Shields

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Leighton Shields, Jr. spent his early years in Alexandria, VA when his father held positions in the Justice Dept. under FDR. Leighton and his older sister, Mary Louise, attended SAS from 1936 to 1939 when his father was District Attorney to the U.S. Court in Shanghai. In 1937, with Japanese military advances, he and his mother and sister were evacuated to the Philippines where he attended the Bishop Brent School for one year, then returning to Shanghai. In 1940, the three were evacuated to the U.S. where Leighton attended Berkeley, CA schools. His father remained in China and was eventually placed under house arrest by the Japanese. He was returned to the U.S. as part of the first exchange of diplomats in 1942, sailing on the Swedish ship, the Gripsholm. The family moved to Cambridge, MA where Leighton finished his senior year in high school.

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Leighton graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Bates College in 1948 and received his MA from Harvard. He worked as an economist for the Office of Price Stabilization before returning to Harvard for further graduate work. He was a professor of Anthropology and Economics and History at Massasoit Community College in Massachusetts, teaching full-time until he was 88. A scholarly, kind man, he attracted friends from all walks of life. He often recalled his years at SAS, particularly much-admired teachers Frank Cheney and Theodore Herman. He leaves his wife, Gail Sisson Shields, and a daughter, Hilary.



Environmental Education Media Project for China—Part 4

By John Liu

Editor's note: We continue with the next part of John Liu's timely and most interesting study of the Loess Plateau in China. We are doing this in short segments over time when there is room in SASA News. Earlier parts are available.



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Restoration: Theory and Practice

The fundamental lesson of the Loess Plateau rehabilitation is that it is possible to rehabilitate large-scale damaged ecosystems including those that have been degraded over the course of centuries or even millennia. This is of enormous importance given the huge areas of the earth that have been degraded by humans since the advent of settled agriculture, and the emerging risk from human-induced climate change.

Imagine the enormous degraded areas of the Middle East, the Mediterranean, large areas of central Asia, parts of North and South America, Australia, Europe, and north Africa that were once functional, geologically diverse, fertile, and productive. What if these areas could be restored? What would restoring the earth to Productivity over vast areas mean in terms of mitigation and adaptation to climate change, availability of food, economic security, social cohesion and even military security?

Internalizing Externalities:

Following the Chinese Revolution of 1949, the People's Republic of China was shunned and isolated from the Western World. In the early 1960's, the Chinese also broke relations with the Soviet Union and were essentially isolated until the death of Mao and other revolutionaries allowed for the opening to the outside world in the late 1970's. Since 1978, the Chinese have been implementing what they call socialist market economics. In theory, this comprises using market forces to spur productivity for the social well-being of everyone, not just those who produce and sell things. In terms of increasing productivity, the evidence is very clear in the nearly -consistent double-digit growth of the Chinese gross domestic product (GDP) year upon year for decades. Yet, what we are seeing is that the GDP is not a holistic measure of societal progress. The way the GDP economy calculates growth is to simply exclude issues such as pollution, climate change, biodiversity loss, desertification, health consequences, poverty, and disparity, by calling these externalities.

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Without externalizing these effects, it is impossible to see current economics as positive. And it highlights the deficiency of using such an imperfect measure that doesn't take into account issues central to society's well-being.

On the Loess Plateau in the 1990's, the Chinese scientific community had begun to realize that without a natural vegetative cover there was very little infiltration and retention of rainfall in situ during rainfall events. This massively increased evaporation rates, which led to very little of this moisture being available to plant life and other ecological functions like climate regulation, despite the area's average rainfall amount of approximately 500mm annually. While this led to a localized cycle of ecological destructions and poverty, it also led to annual siltation of the Yellow River, because all the loess soils eroded into the river as runoff during even normal



rainfall events, not to mention in extreme rainfall situations. When the Chinese calculated the cost of annually mitigating the sediments in comparison with the restoration of vegetation on the Plateau, they realized that the cost of annually dredging the river and raising levees was vastly more expensive than restoring vegetation on the plateau.

The initial economic calculations led to the related realization that not only were the costs for restoring vegetation lower than those of annual sediment control, but also the exact value of the vegetation restoration was difficult to measure because along with the vegetation, myriad additional valuable benefits including improved soil moisture, relative humidity, carbon sequestration, biodiversity, and increased agricultural productivity emerge. Although it was difficult to find absolute values, it was easy to see that the relative value of ecological function was vastly more than the value of production in the degraded landscapes.

Capital Investment

When value was assigned to the perpetual functionality of the ecosystem and compared to the short-term value of the derivatives extracted from the system, making a capital investment in restoring the Loess Plateau was a straightforward choice. This was made possible by a US\$500million development loan (essentially a very complex revolving line of credit) provided by the World Bank, together with project design and strategic technical assistance. In the early 1990's in China, this was a significant investment, which also created the necessity for stringent management systems. National, provincial, and local project officers were created to develop the strategy, and to manage and report on the dispersal of the funds, as well as to oversee and document the implementation of the project.

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Innovations in it to Improve Stakeholder Understanding and Management

When the Chinese project management system was set up, it included enterprise software that could track investments and link them with geographic information system (GIS) satellite maps. Satellite maps were created for each watershed (even individual streams within each watershed were given addresses) which meant every intervention and investment was connected to a unique address, allowing for very effective data collection in order to analyze the cost and benefit of every aspect of the project. This level of analysis provided insights for experts and locals alike. Farmers were presented with GIS images, together with a clear verbal explanation, which led to broad support for the project goals. Spatial analysis proved to be effective and was an integral part of the restoration effort.



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