



An invitation

A graduate 60 years ago from Westford Academy, Mrs. Marjorie Seavey Johnson, right, invites her former-teacher to alumni banquet June 22. The teacher,

Mrs. Arthur G. Hildreth, 90, now of Chelmsford, came to the academy in 1910. A record crowd is expected to attend this year.

Alumni gathering

Westford A banquet turnout could be record

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WESTFORD — Early reservations indicate that the alumni banquet of Westford Academy will show that the attendance to the 182-year-old school's annual function will be the largest ever, according to the president, Mrs. Eileen McNiff Anderson.

Featured will be group attendance from ten-year classes, ranging from 1914 to 1964, plus a silver anniversary for the Class of 1948.

Probably the oldest graduate to attend will be Mrs. Luella Prescott Collins, '05, with close runners-up from the Class of 1909, which will include Allister F. MacDougall and Carl Wright. The latter's brother Ernest, '15, will attend from New York.

Mrs. Marjorie Seavey Johnson is gathering members of her class for their sixtieth

reunion, and Mrs. Ethel Ingalls Shea, '24, for her class' golden anniversary.

Mrs. Vera Swanson Bellen-court will head the reunion group of her Class of 1934 and Morris Swanson for the members of '44. The Class of 1949 is headed by Mrs. Nancy Paduano Cole and Mrs. Joan Lavigne Mackey and Ted Pearson are rounding up members of the 20-year class of '54.

Making arrangements for the large Class of 1964, which numbered 105 graduates, are Mrs. Virginia Yarnall Balliett and Miss Kathy Ricard. Already they have over 60 reservations from this group.

Principal Joseph Eisi of the Academy and teachers and seniors are specially invited, as are former heads and instructors. Mrs. Arthur G. Hildreth, who as Bertha Norris

came to teach at the Academy in 1910, will be another special guest.

Allister MacDougall, chairman of the Bicentennial Commission, will report on plans for the restoration of the original academy building, constructed in 1792 and now being abandoned after being used for a fire station for half a century.

The trustees and the Historical Society already have pledged \$5,000 as a start for the reconstruction and graduates probably will be contacted as individuals when a fund drive gets under way.

The reunion will be at the Banqueteer in Chelmsford on Route 110, near the Westford-Chelmsford town line, starting with a social hour at six and dinner at seven.

Only a few days are left for reservations to be taken for the affair, which drew nearly 200 last year. Gerald Swanson at Box 118, Westford, 01866, is accepting the reservations and is arranging for class members to sit in groups. He asks that applicants give their class year when applying for tickets.