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Dear Helen,

I really hate to write these things, which always sound like boastful Christmas newsletters, but I do enjoy reading about other people so I guess I should contribute too:

REID, CONSTANCE (BOWMAN) 1938 (Cap and Gown, Aztec, Del Sud editor), 70 Piedmont Street, San Francisco 94117, (415) 664-2296. Little did I think when Slacks and Callouses came out during World War II that fifty years later I would be described by the College Mathematics Journal (May 1994) as "the foremost mathematical biographer of our time". My most recent book, The Search for E. T. Bell Also Known As "John Taine," is the biography of a mathematician who was also a best selling writer on mathematics and a science fiction pioneer. It has just received the Honorable Mention for Excellence in Publishing from the Scholarly and Professional Division of the Association of American Publishers. I had a lot of fun writing this book because it required detective work in England and Scotland as well as in Sri Lanka, where I had help by fax and phone from Arthur C. Clarke, a great admirer of "John Taine". My husband, Neil, remains "Of Counsel" with the law firm he founded but now has more time to pursue his (and our) many interests and see more of our two children and three grandchildren. Trained as a pilot during World War II, he has flown our Cessna 180 over a lot of North and South America with me in the passenger seat. Next year, however, when he and a friend will have finished building an "experimental" aircraft called a Firestar II, I am thinking seriously of learning to fly myself.

Best to you, Helen, and thanks for all the work you are doing in gathering the news about the Class of 1938,

Constance