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Construction Begins on New North Wing

St. Martin's Hall Completed In 1938

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1938, the proud students of Lenox School entered their brand new main building, St. Martin's Hall. According to the September, 1938 Issue of the *Pen and Scroll*, it was pouring rain at the time, and the area around the building was a sea of mud and slime, because it had not yet been landscaped. Now, eighteen years later, work is about to begin on the new North wing which will complete the original design by McKim, Mead and White, the architects. This same firm had also designed buildings for Amherst and Trinity Colleges. When it was first completed, it was pointed to as being a novel experiment in school architecture. It makes use of reinforced concrete construction, which had only recently become accepted for standard use.

The new wing will, of course, be built with a reinforced concrete frame. The walls will be of cement block faced with poured concrete, molded and painted to match its mate. This will incur extra expense, since special forms will have to be made in order to copy the incised detail and scoring. This will, however, be a good deal stronger and is absolutely necessary to the symmetrical design of the whole building. Experience has proved it to be well worth the extra cost.



School Gathers to Witness Beginning of Excavation

New Wing to Be Replica of Old

The second story of the North wing will be almost identical with its older counterpart. It will be able to house thirteen boys and will have a master's suite. The only real difference is that it will have a full bath and shower room upstairs.

Kitchen and Dining Hall On 1st Floor

The Dining Hall

Of the greatest interest to the greatest number of people in the school, however, is the new dining hall accommodations on the first floor. As yet, many details remain unsettled, but the hall will be large enough to seat two hundred and fifty to three hundred people. The floors will be done in block tile rather than hardwood for durability and cleaning ease. The furniture will be of the same kind as has been used in the old dining room at Thayer Hall; there will be round tables, seating eight people each. It has been suggested that the walls be paneled to a height of about thirty inches with painted plaster extending to the ceiling. The lighting will probably be indirect, coming from cove molding running all the way around the four walls. It is to be made clear that the doors from the dining hall to the pantry will not be equipped with electric-eye doors, since these devices are too often out of working order. Instead, each door will be equipped with heavy metal panels, so that the boys may kick them as hard and as often as they wish. Mr. Wood has also informed the editors of the *Pen and Scroll* that the doorknobs will be made of brass.

The Kitchen and Pantry

Its size, and the number of appliances in the new kitchen would frighten the most ambitious housewife, but they will be a source of enormous pleasure to Mr. Roberts, Lenox School's fabulous chef. The room will be arranged so that all the main units, including stoves, sinks, etc., will be located right in the center. At one end will be the serving window, and at the other will be found the bake shop with all the ovens and everything else that could be needed to keep the baker in perpetual glory. A large, walk-in freezer will be one of the most remarkable pieces of new equipment to be added. Everything, with the exception of a few newer machines such as the potato peeler and the meat cutter, will be new, and will include stainless steel sinks and utensils.

Dish Room

Off to one side of the serving window will be another window to the dish washing room, equipped with a brand new machine. Because of the excessive humidity, the dishes will be stored in another room, provided for the purpose, until they are needed.

Thomason Wins Certificate of Merit

Qualifies in Top Two Per Cent in Nation

Late in the fall term last year, two boys from Lenox honored the school with fine showings in the National Merit Scholarship Examinations. Richard Emrich finished in the top fifteen per cent of the honor students from all over the nation who were participating. To qualify for the second and final round, however, it was necessary to finish in the top two per cent, and this is exactly what Melville Thomason did. This final round was based upon the scores achieved in the standard



Melville Thomason

College Board examinations. Mel's fine scores earned him an honorable mention, and he is soon to receive a certificate of merit for his fine work. While he did not receive a cash scholarship award, the certificate will serve as a near-guarantee of acceptance to almost any college in the nation.

Glee Club Has Active Spring

On April 14, the Lenox School Glee Club participated in a dual concert with the St. Agnes School for girls at Albany, N. Y. This is the first of a large and ambitious spring concert schedule.

The first number on the St. Agnes program was "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him," by Prichard, sung with the two clubs combined. St. Agnes' best numbers were probably Weelkes' "The Nightingale" done by the Madrigal Singers, and "Blow the Wind Southerly," an old folk tune sung by the entire Glee Club. Lenox was at its best singing "Steal Away," which was also the high point of our performance at Northfield. The whole program was highlighted by two combined numbers, an old English round entitled "Hi Ho, Nobody Home," and Rogers' and Hammerstein's "It's a Grand Night for Singing." The concert was followed by an informal dance, at which several lads were able to arrange dates for the approaching Senior Weekend.

Busy Schedule Planned

On May 13, the Club is scheduled to perform at St. Stephen's Church, in Pittsfield, at the 11.00 service. That day was designated by the rector as "Lenox School Sunday," and the school will provide not only the music, but also the sermon and a person to read the lessons.

May 20 will bring the Berkshire Choral Festival to Trinity in Lenox. This is a joint performance including the choral groups of Berkshire School, Darrow School, Miss Hall's School, Foxhollow School and Lenox School. This will be the seventh in a series of concerts which have furnished a great deal of pleasure for everyone concerned with their organization.

Sixth Form talent night, May 19, will feature the Glee Club as one of its major attractions. With the exception of regularly scheduled performances at Trinity Church, the Baccalaureate Service held on June 10, will be the last performance of the season.

Congratulations to the Class of 1956

From the 'Pen and Scroll'

Senior Weekend Planning Committee Selected

At the opening of the spring term, the Senior Class of 1956 held a meeting in its commons room to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the coming Senior Weekend on the 25th, 26th and 27th of May. The boys selected were Peter Wilde, Jim Hart, Lou Copeland, Al Jorsey and Timmy Smith.

This year's Senior Weekend will be planned very similarly to the one held last year. The girls will arrive at the school Friday afternoon. There will be a picnic supper on the shore of Stockbridge Bowl and informal dancing afterwards. On Saturday afternoon, the girls will go

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EDITORIALS

Headmaster's Column

The main topic of conversation since returning from spring holidays has been the weather, and April will be remembered as probably the worst month known at Lenox for a long time to come. Three weeks of snowstorms, slush, mud, water and little or no chance to get the spring outdoor program underway. Baseball is played without benefit of practice which we need more than the Red Sox, the tennis team is in the same situation, and the sailing team was ice-locked until the end of the month. The results have not been disastrous as yet but trouble has been starting in certain quarters, and thus we hope for a wonderful month of May to brighten our spirits and give us a chance to work off surplus energy.

Academic Tension

We now await under stress and strain the word from the colleges as to acceptances and rejections — the pressure mounts each year and admission to college becomes a problem never known before in our history of education, and an increasing concern to me is what is going to happen to the solid lad of average ability who may be a bit late maturing and getting started, but who is a fine citizen and adds much to the community at the secondary level?

The V Form college boards were most satisfactory at the top and never have we had so many score so high — at the other end are a number who will be our chief concern for next year.

We are proud that we have a National Merit Scholarship candidate who won a Certificate of Merit — only 252 were given in all New England, and we feel we have fine candidates for next year in this national competition which had sixty thousand competing last fall in the preliminary tests.

We look with interest to the future — the new wing which will be underway within a a few days — to graduation — the farewell to the Duchess — the summer music school — the work involved to prepare for a record school in the fall.

Record Applications

Our inquiries and applications continue to break all records — on May 1 we had 42 new applications which number we have never known before, and many prospects will be coming to see us for the next two months and we expect by July to be filled for next year including the expanded number for the new dormitory.

We count on seeing many alumni and "old parents" at the time of graduation, and the program will be mailed to you soon.

A Party

by Richard Emrich

During the vacation, our family was invited to a party at the home of Mr. Edward Baker, a prominent citizen of our city. The party was to take place at his gracious home in Old Detroit. Not knowing exactly which was his home, we looked for one with many cars parked in front of it. We found the house in this manner and there were two policemen standing in front of it, one directing traffic which crowded the boulevard, the other, keeping clear the space immediately at the end of the walk that led to their house.

We found a place to park the car and walked to the front door which was opened by a butler standing just inside. Our coats were taken by another, and a lady in an evening gown asked us to sign the guest register. I learned later that she had been hired especially to do that all evening. We were then greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Baker and were ushered into their large, but crowded living room. While my parents were talking with friends, I looked around the room. The floor was covered with a thick, green carpet and the bookshelves contained beautifully bound volumes which, I might add, looked as though they had been often and recently read.

There was an orchestra at one end of the room which was barely audible over the voices of the people. Two singers, a soprano and a baritone sang solos and duets between orchestra pieces. Maids passed among the guests with trays of delicious hot pastries and good, but strong punch.

But if I thought the room was crowded when we arrived, could I have looked back an hour later, it would have seemed empty. Among the throng that perpetually poured in the door were such people as the mayor of Detroit, the Lieutenant-Governor who was there only because Governor Williams was away in California at the Rose Bowl. The commissioners of several city departments, three City-Council members, my father, who is the bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, the dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, and several clergy were all milling around as members of a crowd there that represented much influence in Detroit.

One might, at this point, ask what is the importance of all this. For are there not many who put on such parties during the holidays? Are there not many of wealth and affluence whose invitations would oblige the mayor and other men of importance to attend for political reasons as well as for friendship? Don't several citizens in every city command the respect commanded by Mr. Baker? This is all true, but Mr. Baker is a Negro. If his grandfather was not a slave, then his great-grandfather certainly was. Mr. Baker is probably the first member of his family to be well educated.

Point and Counterpoint

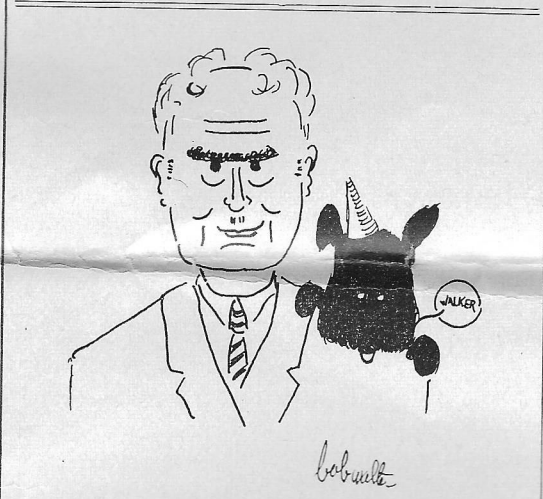
by Robert Walter

I feel that one of the neglected things in American high school education is the study of the arts. The average high school student has no real interest in the arts mainly because he has not been exposed to them. America is not a very cultural minded country anyway, but through introducing the fine arts to America's youth, perhaps interest could be made to grow.

There are those young people who have heard of Rembrandt, Chopin, and Rousseau, but the number is quite small. There is even a smaller number who have heard of the great American contributors to the fine arts such as Whistler, Grant Wood, and Aaron Copeland. I do not think that the American youth respects his artists, as for example, France respects Cezanne and Monet. Probably one of the finest portraits of George Washington was painted by Gilbert Stuart, a pioneer in American art. And yet how few young people know this, although they have seen Washington's portrait many times.

The American youth is exposed to a great commercial world where such things as art and music are almost ignored. Popular music tends to pull attention away from the classics, and comic books and pulp magazines tend to pull attention away from painting. One thing that has really been stepped on, not only by youth, but also by adults is jazz. How many people stop to realize that jazz is America's only truly original contribution to the arts?

This problem is not a critical one in the sense that America will die without a great cultural desire, but it is a problem in the sense that American youth is being deprived of new interests. The only real solution to the problem is to encourage teaching the fine arts in our educational system. Many youngsters might find new interests and have deeper respect for their country's art and music. I feel that America should not only pride itself in military and economic strength, but in cultural strength also.



Lenox Loses Bill Keep

"*Keep's* name will be withdrawn from the school list, as he resigned from the school with the Headmaster's permission on academic grounds. In losing Bill we have lost a fine person and citizen."

These remarks appeared on the Headmaster's daily notices for April 28, 1956. They tell the story concisely, yet it seems a shame to see Bill leave the school community with no more mention than these few brief lines.

He is from East Weymouth, Mass., and he entered the school in the fall as a member of the Fifth Form. He was an enthusiastic member of the St. Martin's Society and in this activity he proved himself to be a willing and dependable worker. His musical ability is considerable and his guitar playing was the pride of his dormitory, Clipston Grange. Along with all this he seemed to have the rare ability to be friendly with anyone, anywhere, at any time. Bill worked hard at his studies, just as he worked hard at everything else, but he was no scholar. In spite of his efforts, he rode the Blue List (failing two or more subjects) for a good part of the year. A week ago he made up his mind that it would be better for him to be out earning some money, and he acted upon his decision.

Bill expects to go into the Navy. He spoke quite often of his experiences while serving in his local reserve unit, and he seemed to have been especially interested in parachute jumping. Once Bill knows what he wants from life, he'll get it. Until then, we can do no less than wish him lots of good luck.

The Calendar Story

The short history of the school calendars is, to say the least, unique. The history doesn't begin with calendars at all, but of all things, matches.

In the year 1949, Lenox School began sending out school matches. They were sent out in boxes. That year there were five hundred of the boxes mailed to various people connected with the school in hopes of receiving donations for the improvement of the school in return. The matches were a great success, and with the gifts which were received, scholarships were built up in order to provide certain boys with a good, fundamental education in preparation for college.

Lenox did not send out the "solid gold Cadillac," but it did send out the solid gold garage. It wasn't the cost of the matches that led to the abandonment of this idea, but the expensive asbestos boxes which the law insisted upon.

In 1950, Lenox first mailed the wall calenders entitled "Lenox in Portrait" to its alumni. This was carried on for two years. In 1952, the calendars were changed from the large wall type to the more compact and useful desk calendar. These have been extremely successful. This year the school is sending out ten thousand of these to graduates, trustees and friends of the school.

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JUNE

Now Clementine was right and proper
Once drinking, it was hard to stop her,
To stop her once I had to bop her:
She is no longer right and proper.

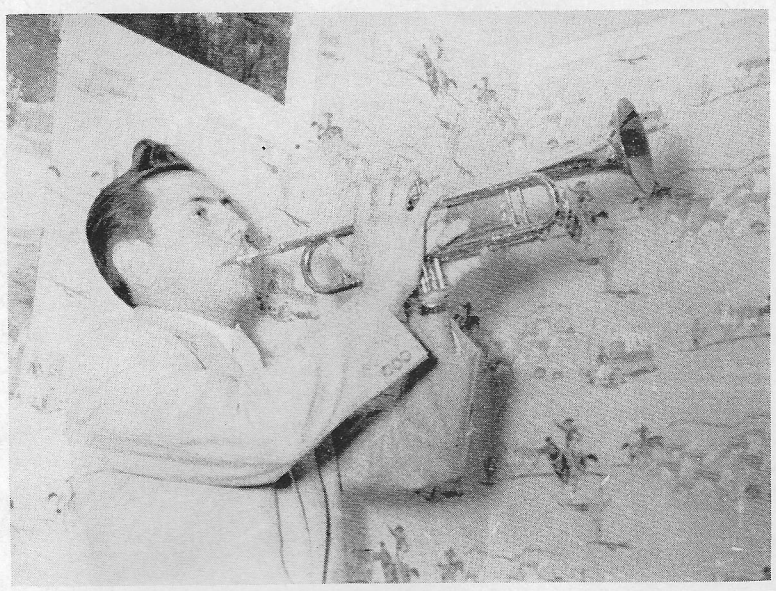
Now sweet Louise would keep a list
Of all the boys she'd ever kissed,
To their cruel charms she'd ne'er resist,
She married one who did persist.

Now Alice Jean was cute and pert,
To many an accomplished flirt,
Her method was to swish her skirt,
To many a heart she did grave hurt.

Now Emmy Lou, born on the Coast,
Would brag about her biceps most.
Then she married Wally Post,
Of twenty Posts now she can boast.

Now comes June, the best of late,
With her I have a special date.
The wait is long, but treasure great,
For June is when I graduate.

David J. Shippey



Gabriel Practices for Talent Night

Talent Night to Help Finance Yearbook

From Morton Nace's vast storehouse of ideas came the suggestion for sponsoring a talent show for the benefit of the *Martin*, the 1956 edition of the Lenox School yearbook. To follow through with the idea, Mort organized a committee of five Sixth Formers to seek out whatever musical talent has been lying dormant in the student body. These scouts came up with a number of possible acts. On Saturday evening, April 28, the committee held auditions, and the following acts were chosen: The Southerners — a group of seven Third Formers from South Cottage under the direction of Dick Emrich; a six piece band featuring Conrad Wiezbicki on the trumpet and Whit Butterfield on the drums; the Lenox School Glee Club and choir, directed by Mrs. Spencer Kennard, Jr.; two Sixth Form quartets with Charles Chipman accompanying them on the piano; John Gordon and George Case will give performances playing the piano. Bill Keep is also expected to appear with his guitar for the performance.

The talent show is scheduled for the evening of May 19, beginning at 8.15 and running no later than 9.30. David Shippey (George Shippey's brother) will be there to act as master of ceremonies. Four judges will be chosen from the faculty to determine the winners of the prize money.

This show has been planned with a three-fold purpose in mind. First, it is hoped that it will give a substantial boost to the yearbook budget. Secondly, it is intended to provide an evening of good entertainment for the parents, friends and boys of the school. Last, it should be a good opportunity for the boys of the school who are musically inclined and who wish to appear on stage.

Lenox Little Theatre Presents "Twelfth Night"

After a term of inactivity, the Lenox School dramatic club will present to the public Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" on the evening of Friday, June 8.

Much time and effort on the part of many will have gone into this production, which should be well worth seeing. If it follows in the tradition of "Androcles and the Lion," "Billy Budd," "Arsenic and Old Lace" and many of the other successful productions of the past, it should be a memorable performance.

Mr. David H. Wood, the director, has shortened the play in the interest of decreasing the playing time. Although the play will be divided into scenes, the Elizabethan style of staging will be used, and no intermission will be observed.

Because of the scope of the production, it has been found necessary to enlarge the stage and playing area. This has been done by building an apron to the stage, extending into the audience section of the auditorium nine feet, and giving an additional twenty-eight feet of playing area in width. A permanent balcony is being built at the upper backstage level, with a winding stair, and some of the scenes will be staged in this area. A second proscenium curtain of the braille type will also be fabricated and installed by the stage crew under Mr. Robert B. Shirley and Mr. Wood.

The large cast is headed by some names familiar to Lenox School dramatics enthusiasts: Fred Emrich and his brother Richard will play the twin parts of Viola and Sebastian; Maria and Olivia, however, will be played by girls (Mary Cass and Beth Bauer, respectively). In the part of Sir Toby Belch will be Charles Chipman, and John Gordon will be the angular Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Malvolio's part will be taken by Dick Currie. The remainder of the cast includes: Schultz, Russell, Voss, M. Swann, Arnoldus, Henderson, Hackmann, Nace, Roach and Russ.

This should be an outstanding event of the spring term, as well as the first Shakespeare play to be staged at Lenox since the "Taming of the Shrew" back in 1950.

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SPRING SPORTS

BASEBALL

Plagued so far this season with a minimum of practice and a maximum of snow, mud and rain, the baseball team got off to a very slow start. Dick Bolster, Ed Poole and outfielder Bob Walter were the only returning lettermen, and Mr. Ramsbotham had to begin building the new team from scratch. Most of the practice during the first week was held either in the gymnasium or on snow covered fields.

Thus, without having had any infield practice to speak of, and without ever having worked together as a unit, the Lenox team set out for Wooster Academy for the season's opener. The result was a five to nothing defeat for the Black and Gold, in spite of good pitching by Dick Bolster, and plenty of hustle on the part of the infield.

After two more days of good practice weather and another of snow, the team was off to Suffield, Conn. for its second match. Playing fine ball against stiff opposition, they again went down in defeat, but this time in glory. The last batter in the last inning scored for Suffield. The final score was 4-3, with Suffield on top.

On Saturday, April 28, Lenox suffered what we hope will be the worst defeat of the season. Sloppy fielding and sloppy hitting gave Avon Old Farm all the opportunities it needed to shelac the varsity nine, needed to shellac the varsity 12-0.

There are many more games left on the schedule in which the Black and Gold will have ample opportunity to show their true mettle. There is no doubt that the team has good potentiality, and spirit is running high among the members. All that is needed is a little break from old man weather.

SAILING

When school opened after spring vacation, the outlook for sailing, as well as for the other spring sports, was not a very encouraging one. Eight inches of snow lay on the ground, and Stockbridge Bowl where Lenox skippers sail skillfully, still had at least four inches of solid ice. Since nothing could be done in the way of preparing the boats for launching, the first week was spent instructing the novices in basic sailing theory and briefing the experienced skippers on the latest official racing rules.

By the second week, work had begun on reconditioning the eight Wee-Scotts owned by the Mahkeenac Boating Club. Each one had to be sanded, scraped, calked and painted. On one boat, the deck had to be replaced. On two others, sections of the internal framework were found to be rotted out and were subsequently replaced.

During this time everyone asked one question, "When will the ice go out?" Some even began to lay bets on the number of days it would take for it all to disappear. Everyone was fooled, however, when, on April 27, every last ice cube vanished in one short night.

The team is looking forward with eagerness to a season of keen, competitive racing. Regattas are scheduled with: Williams College, Williston Academy, Andover, Berkshire, Choate, Pomfret. The Interscholastic Championship Regatta which will be held at the United States Coast Guard Academy will also see Lenox entered.

Skippers Dick Liddy and Jim Hart got off to a good start by winning the private school regatta held at Tufts College during the spring vacation.

TENNIS

Lenox 0 Wooster 7

For its first match of the season, the Black and Gold net men went southward to Connecticut to the Wooster School. There they were greeted by a strong, well-practiced team which proceeded to give Lenox an even worse trouncing than it had handed out the year before. Most of the sets were love-six, with Al Jorsey, Tom Poole and Dave Brown being defeated by this score in the first three singles matches. Mel Thompson, in his singles, and David Brown with Bob Hackmann in the second doubles set, were both defeated in 1-6, 0-6 scores. The high point of the afternoon was Tuckerman Dyer playing fifth singles. In a hard-fought match with many deuce games, Tuck fared best among the Lenox men with a 4-6 0-6 set.

This is anything but a good start, but there are several things to be taken into consideration when one looks at the score. First of all, the Lenox team had not even seen a court since the previous fall and had to start in fresh with nothing more than pre-game warm ups. The Wooster players had had three weeks of practice. It was the impression of Coach Baker, and Captain Al Jorsey that practice was the only and all-important thing which was needed.

Lenox 1 Darrow 3

Unseasonal snow and rain cancelled the match with Berkshire, but also provided the team with its two days of practice before having to face a team. In the game with Darrow, only the first four men were used to try to increase the chance for victory, in both singles and doubles. This strategy of Coach Baker proved to be more effective than that employed during Lenox's last harrowing experience against Wooster. The men on both sides were more evenly matched and all but one of the games took three sets to decide. In the first singles, Al Jorsey, captain, took the set 6-4, but was defeated 4-6 4-6 in the next two. Second singles, like the first, took over two hours to decide, but Tommy Poole was also defeated, 4-6 4-6 in two very grueling sets, one of the games of which ran to deuce twenty-two times. In somewhat the same way as Al Jorsey, Dave Brown also just missed winning in a three set match. The one win of the day came for Lenox when David Brown and Mel Thompson paired up in the only doubles set of the afternoon. They came out to win 6-4 7-9 6-4 in a match, which, like the others, was very long. It is worthy of note that while Lenox lost the scores were very close.

J. V. BASEBALL

The J.V. baseball team, under the coaching of Mr. Robert Kline, has had two hard games to start the season. In the first game, against Millbrook, Bill Flaherty pitched all the way, hurling fourteen strikeouts. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

In the game with Viewpoint School, the Lenox J.V.'s fared only slightly better than the Varsity by coming out on the short end of a 7-1 score. Pitcher Bill Flaherty was relieved in the third inning by Pete Reardon, a newcomer to the Lenox diamond, and Pete held the opponents to only two additional runs. Many of the boys were surprised to find an old classmate, Paul Clare, in the catcher's position. "P. K." played on the Varsity squad at Lenox last year.

Like the Varsity team, the Junior Varsity has been handicapped by the inclement weather, which has twice covered the field with snow this spring. Prospects for the future look good. Four J.V. lettermen returned and three others came up from last year's undefeated Junior School team. In addition, the old timers have been reinforced by some very good new talent. Excellent material for future Varsity squads is in the making.

In spite of the bad breaks supplied by nature, the team has shown marked improvement since it first took the field. Time and the chance to work together will do a great deal for their scores. Coach Kline has the boys divided into two squads with separate practice sessions to give each individual a better opportunity to practice than could be afforded if all were to be on the field at once. Competition is keen for every position. Prospects for winning a high percentage of the remaining games are excellent.

JUNIOR SCHOOL BASEBALL

The ever-energetic Junior School is again flexing its muscles in the athletic department. This time it is baseball, and the youngsters have already chalked up two wins by taking the season's opener with Berkshire 11-7, and then trouncing Trinity Church 11-1. Mr. Southworth, the coach, and his very capable assistant, Jim Braim, have had some of the better athletes in the Lenox lower half with whom to build a team, which includes a strong pitching duo of Stanton and Hibbard (who are equally at home in the field), Hoffman behind the plate, and such promising fielders as Arnoldus, Hurd, Christman and Roberts. Steady pitching, competent fielding, and alert baserunning brought the boys their big win against Berkshire despite two weeks of impossible practice conditions in the gym, in the hayfield under the pines, or wherever space could be found with a minimum of white matter. The Trinity game saw the team on its own soccer field diamond for the first time this year, a feat which had looked unlikely with snow earlier in the week. The juniors are playing only Saturday games this season with four remaining engagements, including Williston, Windsor Mountain, Indian Mountain, and a second match with Berkshire. These games will put the team to a hard test, but it has the "stuff" to win them all.

"The Streets of Paris" St. Martin's Dance Theme

For its spring term project, the members of the St. Martin's Society have elected to sponsor an informal dance to be held in the Lenox School gymnasium on Saturday evening, May 12. A committee of eight was appointed to take charge of all arrangements. Its members were: Ed Poole, Morty Rutherford, Charles West, Jim Hart, Mort Nace, David Taft, Carl Liddy and David Clarke. Suggestions and a final vote by the entire Society determined that the motif of the dance would be "The Streets of Paris." Appropriate scenery will include models of the famous side walk cafes of Paris, perhaps with white-coated underformers to play the parts *des garcons*. Arrangements have been made to have a ten piece band, and refreshments will be served.

Young people's fellowships have been invited from all the surrounding communities. The price has been set at one dollar and fifty cents per couple, and a dollar apiece for those coming stag. While the dance is informal, neckties and jackets are required.

Cash receipts from the project will be used to augment the Society's treasury, so that it may continue its missionary work.

Elk Hound Joins Lenox Pack

It was a fateful day for Walker, the Scottish Terrier to whom Mr. and Mrs. Ricker Ramsbotham belong, when Tryg, the Norwegian Elk Hound was added to the family. For although, as a puppy, Tryg looks harmless enough, it is expected that when he has grown to maturity he will be as ferocious as his Norwegian ancestors who were famous for their prowess in tracking elk and bear through the dense, cold forests of that country and holding them at bay until their masters could reach the scene. It was evident that Walker did not know of the reputation of the breed, for at the first arrival of the pup, he was not only against the idea of the intruder, but he unwittingly took his life in his paws in daring to notify Tryg of his indignation. But happily, Walker overheard someone speaking of it, for suddenly he and the small Elk Hound became very close friends.

Mr. Ramsbotham obtained the dog from the Harts on April 14, and in the short time between then and now, Tryg has learned the ropes in the household. He takes infinite pleasure in arousing Mr. R. from his sleep at the ungodly hour of 5.30 a.m. when even the strongest of us has a hard time mustering a smile. Mr. Ramsbotham did wear a triumphant smile on the morning of April 29th, the day on which we switched from Eastern Standard to Daylight Saving time. The switch had fooled Tryg completely and he had not awakened the house until 6.30.

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Alumni Notes

Class of 1931

William Anthony Paddon was one of seventeen outstanding alumni of Trinity College who received honorable citations at a Convocation held at the College this fall. His citation read: "A member of the Class of 1935, he has since graduated from medical school, dedicated his life, as Medical Director of the Grenfell Mission in Labrador, to the people of the wild and rugged regions of his birth. His work as head of the general hospital and as director of the hospital ship *Marival* represents only part of his efforts on behalf of his fellow countrymen. He directs a boarding school, is a justice and acts as a valued consultant to his government. He has labored valiantly to improve the conditions of the Labrador fishermen."

Class of 1941

Richard Cholmeley Jones dropped in to call on some of the masters at School recently. He is a member of the Market Research Department of the Colgate-Palmolive Company. For two years his area included Rochester, Pittsburgh and Buffalo, but he is now based at the home office in New York City.

Class of 1943

Alexander B. Porter is working for the Blanchard Lumber Company in Boston. His new home address is 675 Chestnut Hill Ave., Brookline 46, Mass. Early in March he visited Washington, D. C. and had dinner with the Monks family.

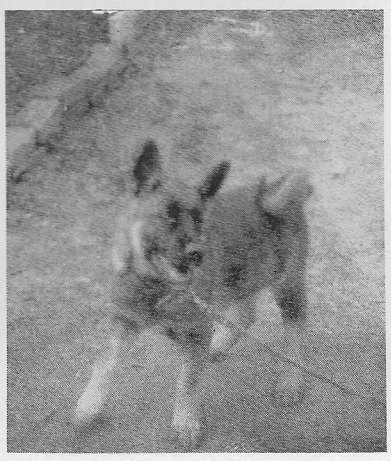
Class of 1945

Dr. Howard Suzuki received his Ph.D. in Anatomy from Tulane University in June 1955 and has accepted a position as instructor in Anatomy at Yale. The Suzukis have two children, Georganne (2) and Joan (1 month).

Paul Cumings, Jr. writes that since his graduation from M.I.T. in 1950 he has been cost engineer on construction jobs in such places as Venezuela, the Azores, and now Cuba. The present project is a 42 million dollar nickel plant in a remote part of Cuba. His address is c/o Snare Merritt Co., Oriente, Cuba.

Class of 1946

Frank Peck is in the Army M.R.U. and has been stationed at Stuttgart, Germany for almost five years. He is married and has a daughter. Home address is Box 488, Old Lyme, Conn.



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Class of 1947

Stuyvesant F. Morris reports that his family has increased with the addition of a third son, born March 21. Richard Lewis Morris and his Mother and Dad are all fine. Home address is 288 Brook St., Plainfield, N. J.

Class of 1948

E. Stuart Mitchell became the father of a second son, Mark S. Mitchell, born on March 6th at Bridgeport, Conn. The Mitchells live at 13 Maple Drive, Sandy Hook, Conn.

Donald Terwilliger has transferred from Columbia University to Ithica College. Don is married and lives at Piper Rd., Newfield, N. Y.

Carl Bergstrom writes that he saw Bishop Lawrence at the seminary (Alexandria, Va.) recently and talked with him about summer work plans. Carl is going to take his clinical training at The Boys' Industrial School in Washington, D.C. His two sons, Eric and Carl, Jr. are fine.

Class of 1950

Paul Mitchell, who has just finished his term in the Navy, is attending Bryant College, Providence, R. I.

The marriage of Miss Barbara Childers, formerly of Kansas City, and *Diego F. Veron* of 10533 Conway Rd., St. Louis, Mo., son of Mrs. James D. Veron and the late Mr. Veron, took place January 28th in Mississippi. The bride, a registered nurse, completed her studies at Deaconess Hospital. Following his graduation from Lenox School Mr. Veron entered military service and served in Japan, Iwo Jima and Korea. He is now a junior at Washington University, studying business and finance. The couple make their home at Mosley Rd., Creve Coeur, St. Louis.

James Proctor visited the School on April 9th with his bride, the former Phyllis Sirois of Methuen, Mass. They were married on the 24th of March at the Methuen Methodist Church. Jim is still in Service with the Air Force, but will be discharged in the fall, and until then will be stationed at the Griffis Air Force Base, Rome, N. Y.

Arthur A. Hyatt, Jr. sends us word that he is currently driving tractor trailers for the Army in Germany. He is with the 97th Signal Battalion and his job is to keep equipment in repair; also has to issue daily reports on his work, which chore, he says, is lightened by his having taken typing here with Mrs. McFerrin. Every three months they have about a month of "field problems." At Fort Monmouth, N. J., Art took a seven-month course in Communication Equipment Repair. Pfc. Hyatt's Service address is U.S. 51295855, W.O.C. 97th Sig. Bn., A.P.O. 46, New York, N. Y.

Class of 1952

Charles Dudley writes that he expects to finish up his course at Boston University Business College in June. He expects to spend two years in military service starting next January and then do post-graduate work in the Boston University Law School.

Harry Leighton, who has been at the McLean Institute, Waverly, Mass., for several months, is much improved and hopes to go to Europe later in the year.

Grant Mitchell is planning to take a trip to Europe this summer, following his graduation from Norwich University. In September he will enter the Army Engineers as a 2nd Lieutenant for a 2-year hitch. He wishes eventually to continue his studies for a degree in Business Administration. He says that Newton Pendleton '55 was recently pledged to his fraternity.

John Hawkins won the "best actor" award at Haverford for his work on their Class Night plays, "in a show for which he wrote most of the music, some of the script, and served as director. He was really great." (Item thanks to *Larry Ferguson*). Johnny is scouting for a job as college music director following his graduation from Haverford in June. Good luck!

Class of 1953

Bruce Woodger, a junior at Princeton, is listed by *The Orange Key*, the undergraduate information service, as having been a member of the Canterbury Fellowship, Crew Manager, and a member of the Jamesburg Committee. (No information as to the nature of the last named organization).

George Shippey is back at Babson Institute; says he sees Chuck Cleworth, Harry Vincent and Pete Noble nearly every day.

Clark Cate is at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R. I.

Robert Price, a junior at Tufts University, instructs young boys once a week in basketball at a Boston settlement house.

Class of 1954

Philip Given, a sophomore at Bowdoin College, is living at the A.T.O. Fraternity House, 65 Federal St., Brunswick, Me.

Kenneth Blaydow, a sophomore at Princeton, recently stroked the Princeton varsity oarsmen in a three-length victory over the 1952 Navy Olympic crew and the Middle varsity. It was Princeton's first victory in two years. Ken's other activities are listed as Glee Club and Chapel Choir.

Henry Larsen is currently on the Dean's List at West Point. Last fall he played on the plebe soccer team, and this spring is on the plebe basketball team. He thinks Lenox could play the West Point plebes in soccer, citing as evidence the fact that he made the first string there "and you know I was no soccer player at Lenox." Kent School beat them in hockey 10-1. On June 5th, he starts a 28-day leave.

Class of 1955

Richard Bell has been initiated into the Fraternity of Delta Sigma Phi at Transylvania College. Dick says that he played the part of a vampire in a ballet act which his fraternity staged for a competitive stunt program — and they won the competition!

David Kellogg is embarking for a European cruise on the *USS John Hood* in June. His address is FA 444-48-09, *USS John Hood,* DD 566, Division R, F.P.O. New York, N. Y.

Robert Gee has completed his training at Bainbridge, Md., and been transferred to the Destroyer *Hugh Purvis,* whose home port is Newport, R. I. Bob is taking a course in radar and hopes to get to a Radar School in February (this is written in December 1955). Bob's address is SA 466-84-89, "O" Division, *USS Hugh Purvis,* DD 709, F.P.O. New York, N. Y.

Alf Heggoy playing on the Freshman Soccer Team at Randolph-Macon College met *Dick Fletcher* who was playing for the University of Virginia Freshmen.

Daniel Ray has just been discharged after serving his stint with the U.S. Marines. At his last post he lived right across the street from Corporal *Allan Cassidy* '53. He sends best wishes to all his former classmates, especially roommate Larry Whitten. Danny's home address is 70 Ocean View Rd., Cape Elizabeth, Me.

Rex Murphy writes from Stanford University that he tried out for the Freshman Crew in the fall term, but had to give it up because of academic pressure. He was planning to go out for track during the winter term. He really likes Stanford and the West, he says, and states that the weather there is just "out of this world."

John Keith is reported by the Class Agent to be engaged with a September wedding date set. (Tell us more).

Bruce Bennett, who visited the School April 15, says that he expects to go to the Great Lakes Naval Station in a month, to attend the electrical engineering school there for about three months or better.

Lee Howlett writes from Boston University that he expects to summer again on Martha's Vineyard at "my old job." He hopes to see some of his Lenox friends at the MacDuffie School Senior Prom, May 12.

Lawrence Whitten has been elected Vice-President of the Conference of Canterbury Clubs of Virginia.

Alumni Weekend set for June 9-10— Twenty-fifty Anniversary of the Class of '31—

The Lenox Alumni Association has announced that the 1956 Alumni Weekend will fall on June 9-10. George I. Willis '31, is in charge of the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of his class. The program for the weekend is as follows, with timing approximate:

Friday, June 8 — Dramatics Club will present "Twelfth Night" at 8.15 p.m.

Saturday, June 9 — Alumni School baseball game, 2.00 p.m.
Alumni Association Business Meeting 4.30 p.m.
Dinner 7.30 p.m.

Sunday, June 10 — Baccalaureate Service, 11.00 a.m.
Buffet Luncheon, 12.30 p.m.
Commencement Exercises 2.00 p.m.

25 Years Ago

Items from the *Pen and Scroll* of May 18 and June 10, 1931.

Lenox School was recently accredited by the New England College Entrance Certification Board, permitting the School to send boys on certificate to any of the colleges which comprise this Board. A boy is eligible to be certified in a subject only if his mark is C or better.

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Next year there will be two changes in the School faculty. Mr. Solandt is looking for a position which will enable him to live with or near his mother, who has been in poor health. Mr. Thomas has been granted a leave of absence to accept a position on the faculty of the Fountain Valley School in Colorado. It is his desire to study at first hand a so-called "progressive school."

The two new members of the faculty will be Mr. Graham S. C. Tatem, a Rhodes Scholar who has been teaching at Hamilton, Bermuda, and Mr. George H. Blackwell, who graduates from Harvard College this June. Mr. Tatem will teach Latin, and Mr. Blackwell mathematics and chemistry. (Mr. Thomas is now Dean of Hofstra College, Hempstead, Long Island, and Mr. Blackwell is Headmaster of the Rivers Country Day School, Brookline, Mass.)

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The standing on the graph sheet for those receiving fewest job and conduct marks is as follows: Sixth Form, Tillinghast, Whitman, Rockwell and Willis. Fifth Form: Tracy, Cooper, Hunter, Woodman and Curtis. Fourth Form: Lawrence, Cox, Little, Mosser and Parker. Third Form: Rockwell, Kennard, Halstead, Peabody and Melville. Second Form: Van Buren, Baker and Hawkins.

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School Notes, May, 1931

Miss Tongring has bought a smart new Chevrolet.

Several members of the school family are planning to spend the summer in Europe. The Rev. Latta Griswold and Mr. Noble will spend two months in England. VanVoorhis and Murray will go abroad with their respective families; and B. Whitman and Mr. Cummings are planning to tour England and the continent together.

The Rev. Angus Dunn was a recent visitor at the School.

Mr. Pennypacker, Chairman of the Admissions Committee of Harvard College addressed the School.

Mr. Gilmore entertained at a French tea.

On Tuesday, April 21st, Salisbury defeated Lenox 11-5 in the season's first varsity baseball game.

On Saturday, April 25th, Lenox defeated the Kent second team in baseball 9-5.

On Monday, April 27th, Salisbury defeated the Lenox midget baseball team 7-6.

On Saturday, May 2nd, Dalton defeated Lenox in baseball 21-2; Deerfield Juniors defeated Lenox Juniors 8-0; Lenox Midgets defeated Deerfield Midgets 9-5. The two Deerfield teams were guests of the School for lunch.

Thursday, May 14th, the School was given a holiday. Since it was Ascension Day, an early service of Holy Communion was celebrated for the School at Trinity Church. The remainder of the morning was devoted to a clean-up of the buildings and grounds.

On Wednesday, May 20th, one of the most exciting games of the season was played here. Lenox defeated South Kent 20-9 in a hotly contested game in spite of the latter's heavy hitters. Mr. Noble took some of the boys to the Stockbridge Bowl for the first swimming of the season.

Tuesday, May 26th, the Junior team routed Berkshire with a large margin, 19-8.

Wednesday, May 27th, saw the most exciting game of the season with the Lenox team playing superbly. Berkshire was beaten by a score of 9-4. A fine drill was held after lights.

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Headmaster's Column
June 10, 1931

This year, because of the current business conditions, a number of the schools have been faced with serious difficulties financially. It is therefor doubly gratifying that present indications point to no deficit for the coming year. It is further gratifying that whereas inquiries generally have been falling off somewhat, we have at the present more applications for the coming year than we have had any previous year at this time. It is not planned to enlarge the school next year, and doubtless there will be, when we open in the fall, somewhere between seventy and seventy-five boys on hand. There are more than a few indications that Lenox is approaching the end of that admittedly difficult period when it no longer has the appeal of something that is altogether new, but has not yet become widely known as firmly established, and of proven worth.

There will probably be no major changes during the summer, as our plant is, for the first time, in such a condition that these are not absolutely necessary. It is our hope that from now on we may be able to concentrate our efforts on erecting permanent fire proof buildings as the need arises, and plans looking in this direction are being drawn up. At the moment we are very adequately cared for, and we are confident that when future needs arise, friends will be ready to help us meet them.

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Prefects

On Sunday evening, May 17th, the new prefects took office. The school is indebted beyond recompense to the old prefects: George Willis, John Thayer, Standish VanVoorhis and the senior, Richard Tillinghast.

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Editorial, May 18, 1931
by William Hatch Cooley

Esprit de corps is a hackneyed phrase, but it stands for an imperishable ideal. *School spirit* is an even more shop-worn expression, but the school that lacks it is in a must unwholesome condition. It is the very breath of its life to a cooperative school like Lenox. Without it such a school would inevitably die, and it would be better dead. There are plenty enough of schools of the luxurious paternalistic type, though to be sure they are available for the most part only to the sons of the rich. There are all too few of the cooperative type, in which the tuition fee is at a minimum and in which the boys actually pay for part of their education by doing a share of the work. It is not strange that these schools usually evoke in the right sort of boy a loyalty that schools of the other type often fail to secure.

Sailing Club Starts Its Own Fleet

Now in its third year of existence, the school sailing club is well on its way toward achieving one of its major objectives — that of building and sailing its own fleet of boats. Over the spring vacation, Coach Gleason and an interested friend of the School purchased build-it-yourself kits for two Blue Jay class sloops, and construction was begun immediately. If present plans are carried out, the fleet will include six sloops by 1958, with two boats having been bought and assembled each year for three successive years.

A Blue Jay is a small boat, thirteen feet long and five feet two inches wide and carrying ninety square feet of sail. It also carries a spinnaker, that is, an extra sail, triangular in shape, used only while running before the wind. It is of sturdy construction with a plywood "skin." It is a centerboard boat, which means that, instead of having a permanently fixed keel, it is fitted with an adjustable metal piece which may be set in or out of the water at will, and which acts as a stabilizer. At certain times during a race, the centerboard may be drawn up out of the water to reduce resistance and thus increase the speed of the boat. A boat of this class is relatively inexpensive, costing in the neighborhood of $400 for a kit. They were originally developed as training boats for children in 1948. It was not until recently that they became popular as a class, in their own right.

At the present time, thanks to David Berndt and his hard working crew, the boats are finished as far as the first coat of paint. The only real problem which remains to be solved is that of finding enough money to buy sails and the necessary hardware fittings. Up to now the boats have been referred to simply as the "Blue Jays," but the suggestion has been made that they be named after the masters' wives. No definite decision has been reached on this, however. We await with eagerness the day for launching.

Current Events Test Result Disappointing

Time Magazine, in an effort to increase the interest of an apathetic public in current National and International affairs, has, for some years now, sponsored a comprehensive news and current events test throughout the nation. This year, Mr. Curry decided that the school ought to take advantage of this service, and accordingly, the tests were administered by the history department. The results were interesting, but with the exception of the few winning scores they were very disappointing on the whole.

The winners were as follows. Melville Thomason won the prize for the Sixth Form, Carl Liddy and Charles Anderson tied for first place in the Fifth Form. Of the Fourth Formers, Eric Lichtenstein took top honors. William Anderson, following in the tracks of his older brother Charles, was the winner in the Third Form, and Tommy Stanton won the prize for both the First and Second Formers. The prizes were supplied through the courtesy of *Time* Incorporated and included several copies of *"Life's* History of the Western World."

A Suggestion . . .

While we're on the subject of the new buildings, dining halls, classrooms, etc., I would like to suggest that perhaps it might not be a bad idea to set aside a special room for the staffs of the school publications to work. I know from experience that it would be a wonderful thing to have a little room, off in a corner somewhere, where I could sit and write and edit, completely undisturbed. It would be nice to have a place where one could lay out the dummy copy of the paper without fear of having the whole mess knocked on the floor. It would be nice to have a reasonably well equipped dark room somewhere near at hand for developing those sports pictures which always seem to come in at the last possible minute. It would be nice to have a business desk where the business manager could keep some kind of a record of money owed, both by the paper and to it. It would be nice just to have a place where material for future issues could be set aside without danger of loosing it.

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What about the yearbook? One of the biggest problems of the yearbook is that of obtaining a good selection of snapshots. The problem of getting them will never be solved, however, until there is some kind of an organization to collect them from the beginning of the fall term. In term, an organization can't function without at least a suggestion of a home base. This is only one problem, but there are many others that can be solved only in this way. How about it, Mr. Curry? May we have our staff room?

Editorial

(25 Years Ago — Continued)

In this school, it seems to a friendly and intimate observer, there is a great deal more liberty given to the boys than in most schools. And that is the right principle. It is better to suffer from mistakes by reason of giving too much responsibility and freedom to boys, than to make the fatal blunder of too rigid a descipline, from which there will inevitably be unfortunate reactions in college. But that liberty imposes on the boys an obligation that should not be abused.

To take a trite illustration — more privileges with regard to smoking are granted to the Sixth Form than in most other schools; and even when boys indulge in smoking against the rules, the offense is not treated like murder or arson as it is in some schools. But such freedom should be jealously guarded by those who have it, and as well by those who look forward to it. The public opinion of the school should not tolerate the breaking of these very liberal rules. By handling such occasional fractions of the rule by the boys themselves would be a

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NEW WING

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Study Hall and Extra Classrooms

The first floor and basement will be square-shaped, as wide and as long as the present length of the old wing. Along the west wall of the basement will be located the new study hall with a seating capacity of at least one hundred and fifty. The windows will, of course, run the whole length of it. This will have two big advantages. Not only will it be considerably larger than the old study hall, but it will also be out of the way of most traffic, and free from the disturbances caused by students passing through the halls outside. The old hall will then be converted into two much needed extra classrooms.

On the front side of the basement will be located an audio-visual projection room. Movies may be shown here for various science and history or geography classes. Remedial English class will have their recording equipment there and eventually the French department may use it to take advantage of the many recorded spoken language courses which have become so popular since the World War.

There will be two other class rooms in the basement also, but their use has not been decided upon as yet.

Ideas for the Future

There are a number of other, less important changes which will come about as a result of this great project. Some of them are mentioned below.

Reception room for St. Martin's Hall. The main building has long needed an attractive reception room for visitors, and a convenient master's commons room. Mr. Curry has made it known that two of the old class rooms, now unused will be combined and redecorated. Walls will be covered with smart looking fielded paneling, and a window alcove will be built at one end. Rich, thick carpets will cover the floors, and the room will be provided with soft, luxurious furniture.

Chapel and Reading Room. Next year, the chapel at its present size will be much too small to serve the entire community. There are two things which can be done about it. It may either be kept in the basement of Thayer Hall where it is, and then simply enlarged, or it may be moved up stairs into what is now the dining hall. The final decision on this matter will be made during the summer months.

The present dining room at Thayer has been set aside as a reading-reference library.

ELK HOUND

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Tryg's life of ease may not last as long as he might wish, for Mr. R. is considering a plan in which he will stock his property in Vermont with Norwegian elk to try to ascertain whether or not the dog is as fierce as he's drummed up to be. Mrs. Ramsbotham has nothing to say for that idea, but she admits that she is fond of the dog. Tryg's only comment was a yap which he tried to make sound as adult as possible.

SENIOR WEEKEND

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to the various athletic games which will be going on. The highpoint of the weekend will be supper at Chef Karl's in Lenox, with a semi-formal dance at the school coming soon after. Mr. Furguson, a good friend of the school, has helped to arrange for a ten piece band to come over from Adams for the occasion. So far, twenty-four boys out of a class of twenty-eight, have planned to bring girls.

Sunday evening, the girls will leave, and the school will gradually return to normal routine activity.

EDITORIAL

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great step toward that more complete self government which is the ideal of a cooperative school. Another illustration is the shirker. The masters should not be put into the position of being task-masters, for that tends to spoil the friendly relations with the boys that exist and that the school would have to continue. It is essential to the cooperative scheme that the boys in the main manage the jobs themselves. School opinion should not tolerate a slacker. A boy is much more responsive to the discipline exercised by his equals than by that of those who have authority over him.



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