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Barn Blaze Causes Severe Loss

Most Disastrous Event in Ten Years, Headmaster Says

On Tuesday evening, September 24, 1957, a catastrophe befell Lenox School. A fire broke out in the barn behind the Coop at about 9.30 p.m. The event was received with incredulity, wonder and finally glee. The fire, started by unknown causes, was well underway when the first measures were taken against it. David Taft of the VI form removed the school truck from the barn, while Skip Britton, a prefect, piloted the bus to safety.

The flames quickly mounted to an inferno, bursting in sheets out of the windows and licking at the eaves. By this time a large crowd had appeared consisting of Lenox School and the surrounding townspeople, through which the fire companies came, representing Lenox, Lenoxdale, Lee, and Stockbridge. With the help of many of the older boys, they succeeded in fighting the blaze down to a sizzle, in the process wetting many people and breaking many windows. The blaze was concentrated in the center of the building and the smaller, south end, leaving the north untouched. The main attack of the fire company was centered on the big double door of the south end and fighting on in. The blaze was pretty well extinguished by 11.00 p.m. and by 12.30 the faculty in the St. Martin's Hall evidently thought the school was recovered enough for a fire drill at that time.

The building appeared to be more damaged than it was. From the outside, with the cavernous window frames and scorched bricks, it appears to be a shell, gutted on the inside. This is not so, for the building merely received a good charring. The beams and wooden members of the frame, staircases, door jambs and window sills are all charred to a depth of about one inch, but not burned through. The furniture inside was irreparably burned and the papers in the south wing were scorched but not burnt. The upstairs was as charred as the lower part; but the floor is not burned out, and the north end of the whole building is untouched, as are the sub cellars. The worst damage is around the chimney, where the only collapse is the gaping hole on the roof. The building is not ruined but impractical to repair. The crowning touch of the fire is that the sixth forms' mascot, Venus di Milo, has changed nationality.



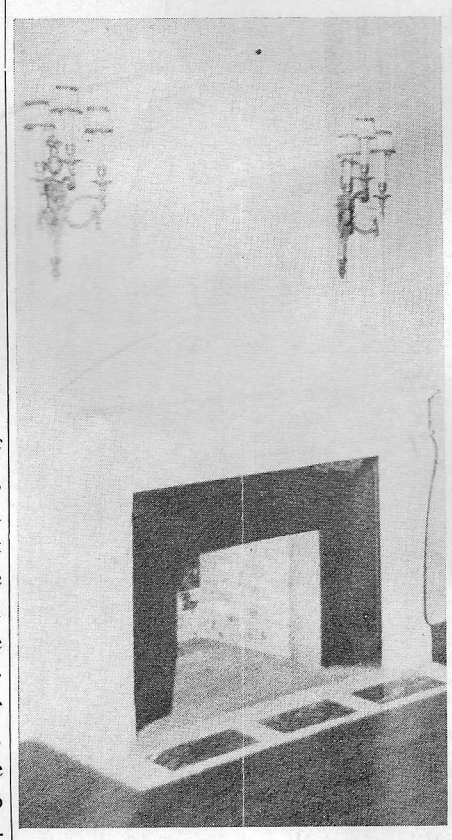
by Pen and Scroll photographer, Maude

Lee fireman prepares to extinguish smoldering dormer window.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF SCHERMERHORN HOUSE SHOW THE ELEGANCE, GAIETY OF '90s

Polished Walnut and Mahogany, Sculptured Plaster Abound

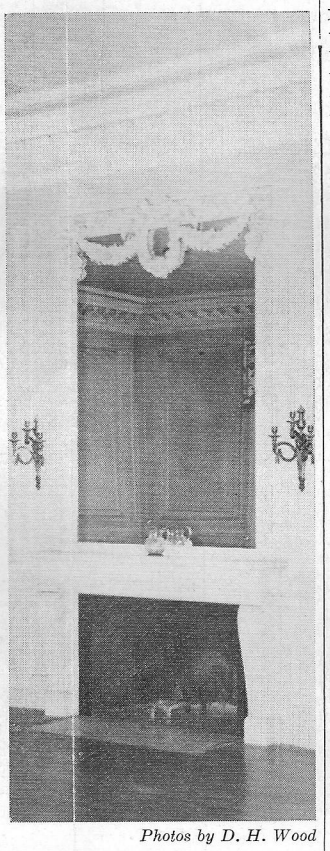
This is the delicately carved fireplace so typical of the Edwardian period of architecture.



During the past 63 years people collectively worth millions of dollars have passed before this impeccable main staircase.



Notice the extravagantly ornate ceiling moulding in the Headmaster's new office.



Photos by D. H. Wood

Holiday Greetings from The Staff

Mansion Fulfills Expectations

Last June the Board of Trustees announced the gift of the Schermerhorn property to the School. It is by far the largest gift the School has received in twenty years. The property includes a thirty-two room house, a garage, and twenty-five acres of land.

The house was built in 1894 by John E. Alexander, and in 1929 Arthur Schermerhorn purchased it. Upon Mrs. Schermerhorn's death last year, the estate was set up in trust to benefit "religious, educational, and charitable institutions." The School fit into all three categories and immediately applied for the property.

It was assumed that by the opening of school on September 17th the house would be ready for occupancy. But because of the long delay in the transfer of the deed, registration was held in Clipston Grange and a temporary housing plan had to be used. The deed was received during the first week of school, and at once the buildings were prepared for dormitories and offices. New furniture was moved in and a rubber floor covering was laid in the hallway to protect the beautiful flooring.

Twenty-eight fifth-formers, including a prefect, moved in on Saturday, September 28th. The boys found their rooms a delight. They are spacious and accommodate two or three boys each. The "wall to wall" carpeting was highly approved.

Occupying the second floor single master's apartment is Mr. Brooks Butler. His room is very spacious with an adjoining bath. Mr. Butler had to fight for the use of his bathroom, however, since it was usually filled with covetous boys planning how to melt down the gold-plated fixtures. Mr. Baker and his family live in the former servants' quarters. The Headmaster pointed out the ethical significance this has in relation to the school motto.

The administrative staff hope to move into the first floor soon. The library, a comfortable room with a big fireplace, to your left as you enter the enormous hallway, will become Mr. Curry's office. The secretaries will have their office in the room next to that. The remaining rooms on the first floor will be reception rooms.

The house is now undergoing two alterations. It was found that the roof needed replacing, and this is being done. Also, in order to save the beautiful front stairway and to cut down on commotion in the hallway, a separate stairway for the dormitory is being put in.

This fine old house, with its exciting view of the Berkshire Hills, is indeed a great asset to the School.

EDITORIALS

HEADMASTER'S COLUMN

It is a pleasure to report that school is off to the smoothest and fastest start in years — this in spite of a fire in the school barn in the first week of school, and the fact that we opened in crowded conditions since we did not have the Schermerhorn property. The fire showed cool-headedness and quick efficiency on the part of boys, masters and the Lenox fire department. The crowded rooming conditions were taken in stride by the boys — this is excellent.

Much happened in the school over the summer. We extended the new playing field and got it seeded with grass growing, so that it will be ready in the spring. All the grading and seeding was completed around the new wing, and work on fixing up the grounds around the "Coop" has started. A road was built from the hockey pond to the Barn via the soccer field; the old road running along the south property line was reopened. We did some painting, much cleaning up, and as many people are saying — you have to visit the school often these days or you won't recognize the place when you do come back.

The big news of course is the Schermerhorn property into which we have started to move. This magnificient building which is in excellent condition is now housing 29 boys, one bachelor master and one married master and his family. By the time you read this issue of the *Pen and Scroll* the administrative offices will be moved in with more room than we have ever had before (including a fireproof vault for all our permanent records). In time the tremendous basement will be utilized for many needs of the school. I am sure we can safely say that this is the largest single gift the school has ever received, and has made it possible for us to do many things which we could not have done otherwise.

School opened not only with record numbers — 180 divided between 150 boarders and 30 day students, but we believe record quality and classes for the first two weeks are way ahead of last year at the same period, and the anxiousness to learn and to do good work is the most refreshing aspect of this new school year.

We are pleased with the start which the new members of the faculty and staff have made, and we believe that they have sensed from the beginning what we are trying to do in the field of Christian Education, and have entered whole-heartedly into the community.

One of the unusual things I find is that at the start of this year we are working and planning for next year: prospects are coming on Saturdays *now* to talk to us about next September — this is new for Lenox.

The major project for the year ahead is to mount a capital funds drive. We are now entering the first phase of that project and have engaged a firm to help us with it, and you will be hearing more about it later in the fall.

So we are back at our eternal task of teaching God's truth, of trying to help boys come closer to the God who is their Creator, Judge and Father, and to have them sense that within a Christian community they can find God, and also find an outlet for their talents and abilities so they may be useful citizens, for it is in "giving that we receive." This is our task and it is a distinctively Christian task, and it is the task which distinguishes us from much in the American scene and within the field of education.

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College Board Exams; Are They Necessary?

It is rather evident that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get through those golden gates of higher education. Today the college is looking for the well-rounded student, so the admissions departments take choice bits of information about a prospective pupil and "process" them through a great pandemonium of psychological apparatus. Many test tubes later, they arrive at a decision and the candidate is either accepted or rejected according to the bowels of the "machine."

The College Board Examination is a major factor in determining the acceptability of the student. These examinations prove absolutely nothing; they are both unfair and asinine. They measure the degrees of test-taking ability and nothing more.

Last year, one student improved his test score by three hundred points while another improved his score two hundred and fifty points. Likewise, other students dropped considerably in their ratings. This exposes a gross inaccuracy in the methods by which the colleges pick their students.

Some colleges, however, realize this fact and don't base their acceptances on this flimsy intelligence rating. They base more on the high school record and the interview of each student. This is the only sane way, the only really fair way that the choice can be made.

These Board exams are not fair and let's hope that someday we will see the end of this evil. Let's hope that a sensible and honest system will evolve with the result that that man or woman who is seeking entrance to college will be given a fair chance to make it.

1970 . . . ?

The first impression a new boy should receive upon registering at Lenox School is an impenetrable chaos, revolving around Clipston Grange and the immediate vicinity, not abating until nightfall. This has been the unorganized entering for years and it cannot be helped a great deal. However, the fact remains that there are more boys in the school than ever before, almost forty more than last year, and still only an intermediate step toward an enrollment of 200. The school has been enlarged, remodeled, and repaired to admit the influx, but there are unfilled bottlenecks in many regions. The new dining hall seemed a vast space when occupied last year, and now it has become, if anything, a little uncomfortable. Where will the twenty boys to be in the final step, be placed.

An example of how fast the school has grown is the old dining hall. Now it is confined to scattered meetings of not more than fifty boys. The whole school, if placed in chairs inside the dining hall, would just about fit, and if tables were added, a room of twice the size would be needed. Can a school which has doubled its size in half a decade, keep its facilities up to this alarming rate? The dining hall is not the only place that has appeared to have shrunk. The pantry and kitchen are becoming crowded, as is evident by every meal when waiters are forced to go in turn. This naturally makes the meal a little longer, and the congestion after meals is bad, especially when waiters are unloading dishes. The most significant thing, however, is the crowded conditions in halls and doorways, which can only bring to mind the similar plight of high schools, who soon after are forced to begin split sessions.

Advances have been made in spite of this, and the lockers head the list. What was a deplorable condition last year is acceptable now. If work like this is done, a smooth path to longer and better school could be effected, but work and money could not be spared.

Obviously, the school cannot be torn down and rebuilt. Therefore the human element must be considered, and in that respect the whole school is responsible. Everyone must do his share, whether it be picking up papers, running the school yearbook, or just helping out when work has to be done. If everyone saw his duty and carried it out to the best of his ability, why then there would be no problem whatsoever. This will never happen. But, if enough try, the result may encourage others. Let us hope that many will do so.

None of You Should Read This Editorial . . .

There are a certain few in the school that the extracurricular organizations can always count on for work when it's wanted and when it's needed. You will find that these are the students who are taking five subjects, are well up on the scholastic ladder, and are out for just about everything that the school has to offer. These are the men who are interested in the school and seeing its programs succeed.

As for the rest of the student body, some do go out for extracurricular's and some are members of several of the school clubs. But when it comes to the showdown and the deadline arrives, they can't produce. They fall flat on their faces in the face of work. These are the type of individuals that society calls "buck-passers." They talk very loudly and suggest all over the place, yet little or no work eminates from their desks. Characters such as these are undesirable in the community. They are worthless and shouldn't be here. But they are.

Yet the work gets done in spite of any obstacles. This is because there is always that small group, those select few that shoulder the burden for the entire community.

Work is a very interesting thing. It is easy to find and hard to escape. Some, however, are very industrious yet not overworked. This is due to the fact that they enjoy work; they seek work. Anyone in this category would be completely lost if he didn't have a project to keep him going, to keep him alive and vital. This is the type of person that America was built on and is crying for today.

It is a plain and simple fact that the happiest of all people are those who have purpose in life. They are the people who concern themselves with community groups, not just to sit around and blabber, but to get out and work to better the town or city.

Just look around you at Lenox. Observe the people who go out for dramatics and try to make it a success, the people who find themselves writing five articles for the *Pen and Scroll*, or the men who do the work on the yearbook. These are the workers and this school can be proud that they have as many as they do.

Non-Ministrari; Sed Ministrare

Lenox School has been spiritually blessed this year in the form of a special church service held for all the schools in the area. In view of the School's swiftly growing enrollment, it has become necessary to offer another separate service. Three schools are attending Trinity Church an hour before the regular service at 11.00 p.m.; they are Lenox, Fox Hollow and Windsor Mountain.

On the first Sunday of school, September 22nd, this service was conducted with the help of the Lenox School Choir and acolytes. The ushers were also members of Lenox School. It is expected that each school will participate in the service on alternate Sundays. The Reverend R. S. S. Whitman was in good form as he expounded on the bad sermons he had heard when he was at Lenox. Let us hope that we here will not become corrupted in any such manner. However, as he pointed out, one sermon well listened to is worth all the preacher's efforts.

The service comes immediately following breakfast and lasts from 10.00 to 11.00. The Sunday quiet hour comes at 11.15 and continues until dinner time. Thus far this new idea is working out very satisfactorily. It certainly gives the boys a more orderly Sunday, which is highly desirable.

School Welcomes New Faculty Members

From Broadway To Lenox

Mr. Harold B. Fletcher is the third new man to join the faculty this year. He is the son of the school nurse who also joined the staff.

Mr. Fletcher was born in North Adams, Mass., in 1931 and has lived there almost all of his life. He attended public school in North Adams until high school; then he left to study at Mount Hermon Academy, graduating in 1945.

At Northeastern and Ithaca Colleges he studied drama for theater, radio and T.V. Before he could finish his education at college, he was drafted into the Army and was sent to Hawaii. There he learned commando techniques in jungle warfare. He returned to Ithaca in 1956 and received his B.S. in drama.

Last summer he worked with the Shelley Players, a summer theater group located near Albany. He starred in "Born Yesterday," "The Hasty Heart," "The Bad Seed," and in "Janus."

Mr. Fletcher has had many years of theatrical experience. While in the service he appeared in the Schofield Theater in Hawaii as Henri in "My Three Angels," as John in "John Loves Mary," and as Clive in "See How They Run." He was also seen in a recent movie, "Between Heaven and Hell" with Robert Wagner.

While at Ithaca he played in "Hamlet," "Merry Wives of Windsor," "Taming of the Shrew," "The Shrike," "Enemy of the People," and "South Pacific." He has written two one act plays and has done Community Theater Work.

Mr. Fletcher is teaching English and is the assistant director of the dramatic club.

Hot and Gold Running Water

Like Mr. Hubbard, who came to us last year, Mr. Butler has left the business world for the academic one. Until last month, he was working with the personal trust department of a large New York bank. He was born in Boston, attended St. Paul's School in Concord, N. H., and was graduated from Westminister School in 1949. His study at the University of Pennsylvania was interrupted by a stint in the Army, chiefly in Europe, where he was in the military police and also worked in a department dealing with criminal investigation. He is living up the hill, in the new "Palace." He is teaching English and also helping out with public speaking, dramatics and tennis.



Photo by Baker

Four new faculty members pose in Master's Commons Room. *Left to Right:* **Mr. Faxon, Mrs. Fletcher, her son and Mr. Butler.**

Mrs. Fletcher Wields Stretcher

While registering on the opening day of Lenox School most old boys noticed a new woman in the office and they were impressed by her efficiency, warm smile and friendliness. They soon knew her as Mrs. Fletcher, the new school nurse. This appearance of Mrs. Fletcher undoubtedly stems from many years of nursing experience, which she started at North Adams Hospital in North Adams, Mass. After her elementary course she went to Bellevue Hospital in New York for further training. From there she worked in may nursing jobs including General Duty, Private Nursing and three seasons of Polio work for the American Red Cross in Pittsfield, Mass. Her most recent job was as industrial nurse at Berkshire Hathaway Mills. While working there she heard of Lenox School's need for a Nurse.

After being here for almost a month, Mrs. Fletcher claims she likes the boys and the job very much, despite the hectic and the long hours she must keep. She must also be constantly alert and do many odds and ends, but she does find time to relax and do some sewing and reading.

Mrs. Fletcher also has her son here. He is one of the new masters at Lenox. Mrs. Fletcher's daughter, Joan, is a famous hat designer. She is to be married this June to an Annapolis graduate.

All in all, Mrs. Fletcher likes her job at Lenox and admires the general good health of the boys, which she attributes to the well-balanced diet provided by our kitchen staff. We hope that she will be with us for a long time.

Facts on Faxon

Mr. George Ryder Faxon, a teacher of wide and varied experience has joined the faculty at Lenox School to teach math and physics. Mr. Faxon is 48 years old and has a family now living in Brookline Mass. He is the father of three girls. One of his daughters attends the University of Wisconsin. The others are remaining in Brookline High School until the elder graduates in June. Next year Mr. Faxon will be reunited with his family here in Lenox. At present, Mrs. Faxon can visit Lenox only weekends.

Lenox is truly gifted in having a man of so great a wealth of knowledge and experience. Mr. Faxon has studied at Boston Latin School, Harvard University (B.A.), University of New Hampshire (M.S.), London School of Economics, (England), University of Marburg, Germany. He has also held numerous teaching positions and thereby gained much experience. He has been on the Faculty of Emerson School, Exeter, New Hampshire, Marblehead High School, Northeastern University Night School, and many Boston Schools including Boston Latin School. For the last five years, he has been a building contractor. He has found that he would rather teach than build.

Mr. Faxon chose Lenox School from a number of schools which were offering him a place because of Lenox's "relaxed atmosphere," as he put it. He found everyone "so very nice." This is fine compliment, for Lenox has much appreciated the coming of a man of such broad horizons.

Alumni Committee to Discuss Fund Drive

Word will go out shortly to all Lenox Alumni Class Agents and all former officers of the Alumni Association concerning the date and agenda of a meeting to be called in late October. The general purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the Alumni Association's role in the forthcoming capital funds drive of the School.

Alumni Routed in Baseball; Enjoy Dinner Anyway

About sixty persons including alumni and their wives, the headmaster and Mrs. Curry, trustees of the School and some members of the faculty gathered in the new dining hall for the annual alumni banquet on June 8th. This was the 25th anniversary of the first Lenox School alumni meeting, held at the Village Inn in June 1932. It was there that the Alumni Association was formed and the first officers elected. As a special feature of the 1957 occasion, the Alumni Association extended invitations to the dinner to all trustees and masters of the School. As many as could conveniently do so attended. Many of the alumni present expressed the hope that this practice might become traditional.

In the absence of any of the Alumni Association's officers, the business agenda scheduled for this time was postponed until the following morning. The headmaster addressed the group on the subject of the School's growth and immediate plans. A corsage was presented to Mrs. Helen Jejeian, resigning school nurse.

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Saturday afternoon an alumni baseball team suffered defeat at the hands of the School nine; fortunately the score has been forgotten. In the late afternoon many of the alumni gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Dana, who again held open house for the alumni at the cocktail hour. Others gathered around a punch bowl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kennard on campus.

"Gramps" Howland Has Busy Summer

"Gramps" Howland, casually puffing in his monkey-faced pipe, takes great delight in discussing the achievements of a hard-working foursome (Mr. Howland, Mr. Mercier, Imre, Lazslo) around the grounds during the summer.

The hardest work of all, as he says, was the landscaping and seeding of the slope between St. Martins and the Coop, which, he adds, wouldn't have grass yet if straw hadn't been strewn over the area after seeding.

The banking by West Cottage was done late in the Spring term. As soon as the boys left, the four prepared for the arrival of the musical girls. Gramps takes a deep puff and exhales the smoke; "If we weren't preparing for girls, we were cleaning up after them preparing for the opening of school in September," he observes. The Coop and the Ramsbothams rooms were painted with some old paint "to get rid of it."

With all this and the routine upkeep and mowing, Mr. Howland had time to take some fishing equipment (and himself) up to Cabonga Lake in Canada for some enjoyment. This was only the second time in fifteen years he has been off the grounds overnight — and the fishing was awful. However, he asserts, he will get away more during the coming bird season. At that, the keen observer sees the stuffed pheasant over Gramps' T.V. shiver and blink as Gramps hauls out a tin of Half and Half and begins to load his monkey-faced pipe.

ALUMNI PAGE

Class of 1931

Standish Van Voorhis has been appointed Assistant Branch Manager of the Burroughs Corporation at Phoenix, Ariz., and has moved there with his family from Milton, Mass. His new address is 525 West Flyn Rd., Phoenix, Ariz.

George I. Willis has been appointed Assistant General Manager of the Electronics Department of Hamilton Standard Propellors, Inc., at Windsor Locks, Conn.

Class of 1932

Dr. Robert J. Tracy of 211 Holmes Rd., Pittsfield, Mass., was elected President of the Lenox Alumni Association at the annual meeting in June. Bob has a son, David, in the Third Form; also serves as School physician.

Paul R. Brinkerhoff stopped in to call on the Alumni Secretary on Cape Cod during the summer. He and his wife and four children live at Woodland Court, Norwalk, Conn. at which site Paul operates a growing mail-order photography business.

Class of 1934

E. Elliot Richardson was finally visited by the Alumni Secretary this summer at East Brewster on Cape Cod, where he had just completed his second successful season as owner-manager of a small summer hotel, with the arresting name of *Linga Longa by the Sea.* And apparently many of his customers do just that. Innkeeper Richardson has also become a master of the skillet and gas range, turned out breakfasts and lunches for his guests all summer without a casualty.

Class of 1936

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Parker, Jr. visited the School recently at registration day to enroll their son in the Third Form.

Class of 1939

Charles D. Miller writes that he is busy these days (in his spare time) serving as a trustee of a new school at St. James, L. I.

Paul R. Warren is Sales Manager for The Fyr-Fyter Company at their main office at Dayton, Ohio.

Class of 1940

Charles Penrose, Jr., is reported by The Duchess to have visited the School during the summer. His present correct address is 11 Rocaton Rd., Darien, Conn.

Class of 1947

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Henderson, Jr., announced the birth of a daughter, Patricia Ann, on the 15th of September.

Stuyvesant F. Morris writes to ask the eternal question: does the football forecast look any brighter? He also urges that for another year we try to arrange for alumni weekend recreational facilities at the Pittsfield Country Club. Two of his *three* boys recently had a joint birthday party.

Class of 1948

The Rev. and Mrs. Carl E. F. Bergstrom announced the birth of their third child, David Russell, on August 11th.

Roy J. Bayless, Jr., is among a small group selected by the Equitable Life Assurance Society for a two-year training program with that company's commercial loan department. Jerry graduated from Colorado College in 1952 and received a masters degree at Denver University just recently. He and his wife live at 1401 Elmira St., Aurora, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Schneider announced the birth of a son, Eric Bergheim, on July 20th. Harry is on the faculty of the Hackley School at Tarrytown, N. Y.

Class of 1949

Edward C. Day is working for the Harvard University Press at Cambridge, Mass. He and his wife now make their home at 2 Orchard Dr., West Acton, Mass.

Class of 1950

The Rev. David P. Ellms recently visited the School as a member of a Western Massachusetts Diocesan Clergy Conference. After spending two months in Europe during the summer he is now back at work at Christ Church, Fitchburg.

Lt. Victor M. Onet, Jr., was married on Saturday, June 15th, to Mary Paula Armstrong at Jacksonville, Fla.

G. Norris Watson, who graduated from The University of Virginia in June, was married on July 13th to Catherine Anne Oliver of Richmond, Va.

Class of 1951

Lt. George H. Hepburn, Jr., writes in August that he is temporarily stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, T.H., awaiting further assignment, probably in the Orient. After a serious back injury which hospitalized him for nearly a year, he is just about fully recovered. A considerable amount of free time in Hawaii has not been too tough to take, he says.

Richard L. Wiggin, II, was married on June 22nd to Alice Bemis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan C. Bemis of Concord, Mass. They will make their home at 67 Old Orchard Rd., Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood I. Bicknell visited the School on the 16th of September to inform us of their marriage just a week before. He is a junior at Columbia College, N. Y.

Class of 1952

Raymond B. Jacoby sends us a postcard from Rome, where he has stopped enroute to Abadan, Iran. Ray says he has also visited Copenhagen, Munich and Salzburg. He will spend the next two years at Abadan Institute as an instructor.

Class of 1953

Stuart S. Tuller graduated *cum laude* from Amherst, with honors in English. He was a member of the Sphinx and Scarab, and co-captain of the varsity lacrosse team. "Pete" was president of the Amherst Christian Association and received the Amherst Memorial Fellowship in Theology. He is currently at the Virginia Theological School, Alexandria, Va.

Lawrence C. Ferguson has begun his first term at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass. He graduated from Haverford College in June, where he was a member of the Drama Club, Glee Club, Psychology Club and of the Student Christian Movement.

Robert D. Price will be a classmate of Pete Tuller's at the Virginia Theological School this fall. He is a June graduate of Tufts University. Together with Pete and Larry Ferguson, he visited Lenox School in early September at the occasion of the Diocesan Clergy Conference.

G. William Wilde is stationed at the Marine Training Center at Quantico, Va.

Class of 1954

Philip L. Given, Jr., was married on June 29th to Janet F. Kirschbaum at the Goddard Chapel of Tufts University, Medford, Mass.

A. Kenneth Blaydow writes an interesting account of a West Coast trip he took during the summer. After a stay in San Francisco, he and his Princeton colleague proceeded south to the Santa Clara Valley working as pickers of apricots, peaches and beans — in that order, as the season progressed. They planned to return east via the Canadian Rockies. Ken will be a senior at Princeton this fall.

Class of 1955

Bruce D. Bennett reports that he is leaving for an Arctic cruise on the *U.S.S. Rice County* in September. Sounds real cool!

Mr. and Mrs. William Keep announced the birth of a daughter, Susan Lynda, on August 24th.

Class of 1956

Robert G. Spaulding, Jr., writes that he is transferring to the University of California, at Los Angeles. He worked during the past summer with Fred Kellogg '54 selling Ford cars at Burbank, Calif.

Morton O. Nace wrote to us in August that he expected to be at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex., in September. He has enlisted for a four year Air Force training program.

Class of 1957

George M. Case, Class Representative of the Class of 1957, has requested that we publish an urgent plea for his classmates to send to him (or to the Alumni Secretary at School) their initial alumni dues of $5. Thus far, only a handful have done so. He also requested that we publish a list of the college addresses of the Class of 1957. This we have done. Some of the men are in Military Training units, and we do not yet have their addresses; so the last home address has been given.

The Class of 1957

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Attempt Made To Streamline Alumni Organization

A handful of alumni met at Clipston Grange on Sunday, June 9th, and decided that something had to be done to reorganize the Alumni Association. Rejecting a slate of officers suggested by the Alumni Secretary, the members voted to elect Dr. Robert J. Tracy '32, of Pittsfield, as Alumni President, and a three-man board of directors — all residing in the Lenox-Pittsfield area. This is patterned after the Executive Committee of the School's Board of Trustees, which is able to meet frequently during the year because its members all live within a radius of a few miles of the School. The new Alumni Directors, spanning roughly the three decades of the School's life, are: The Rev. Robert S. S. Whitman '33 of Lenox; Donald G. Methven '44, of 66 Harryel St., Pittsfield; and W. Kent Kackmann '55, of 142 Elizabeth St., Pittsfield. This group plans to hold its first meeting sometime in October. Other alumni will be called upon to help with the regional reunions.

POINT AND COUNTERPOINT

"Squidlet"

A Note to New Boys: Point and Counterpoint rarely has a point, and thus naturally cannot have a counterpoint. It is what is known as "high" humor. You don't *have* to be high to understand it, but it certainly helps.

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Summer's over . . . never know it by watching some people . . . understand that they're going to give the sixth form coffee at every breakfast from now on; someone found out that it was keeping them awake mornings. Met a nice guy the other day. Told me all about his summer. Says he, "The wife and I used to have a good time down at the beach. First she would bury me in the sand, then I'd bury her . . . one of these days I'm going down and dig her up . . ."

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Grass is all through being cut for another year. Gramps took the mower apart today . . . Ever notice the number of dogs on campus? Take Susy, for instance. No doubt Mr. Sawyer would appreciate it. Susy is about the happiest dog in dogdom. She had adopted the Newmanian theory prevalent in the fifth form, "What, me worry?" Susy is real small so she only eats little kids. Ever see Mr. Ramsbotham's dogs out walking him? I like the funny part where they both dash for opposite sides of a telephone pole and Mr. Ramsbotham can't turn and . . . he ought to do what one parent did when his boy ran away from home . . . gave him ten dollars and told him to try a little harder.

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Things are looking up for the masters. Mr. Curry has a new Buick, Mr. Gleason, another road hog, Mr. Buchanan a new chain for his bike . . . speaking of Mr. Buchanan, last Saturday morning he was playing his phonograph at a fairly earsplitting level. I asked Mr. Hinman, "How do the kids up here think with all that noise?" His cold, "Are you serious," reminded me that I was in the third form dorm. Another interesting thing has taken place there on the second floor of St. Martin's. Mr. Faxon is in the process of being moved. So far all his furniture has been moved to East Cottage with the exception of his bed. This is almost as bad as the case of the Bakers who moved to Schermerhorn and can't find any of their kids.

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Big dance coming up. Most old boys are arranging conflicts for that night. Fifty signed up the first day that the list was posted, after church, Sunday twenty-seven erased their names. Heard Valentino Minnifie on the phone making plans with a Foxhollow co-ed for the big? night. "Bet you wouldn't want to go to the dance with me."

Word has it that she not only called his bet but raised him five.

LENOX 11 SHOWS STRONG POTENTIAL

Despite the poor showing in the score column, the strongest Lenox football team to take the field in many years played what might be called an excellent game on opening day. Berkshire won the toss, and elected to receive, hoping once again to march straight downfield to a touchdown as in past years. They were rather unpleasantly surprised when they met the wall-like defense of the Lenox line and were halted on about the 30 yard line. Lenox took posession and after a short advance was forced to kick. The see-saw battle continued for the first quarter with the score tied 0-0. In the second quarter during a Lenox lapse, Berkshire scored twice, and at the end of the half, Lenox was moving strongly on the ground.

The kick-off of the second half was taken by Seely who returned to about the Lenox 30 from where he led a powerful 70 yard ground advance also headed by backs Taft, Gill and Lichtenstein through gaping holes opened in the Berkshire defenses by Morrison, Sheppard, Foote, Co-captain Smith, Wood, West and Rainsford. Unfortunately, after this, two costly mistakes in the Lenox pass defense allowed two more Berkshire T.D.'s which added up to the imposing final score. The general opinion seems to be that the Lenox 11 outplayed Berkshire but lost in the all important breaks. In the future we can look forward to a stronger and better team with no mistakes and a lot of wins.

Lenox Line-up

Offense	Defense
Guards	Guards
(11) Foote	(16) Purtil
(25) Wood	(19) McCullough
Tackles	
(6) Sheppard	
(4) West	
Center	
(10) Smith	
Ends	Ends
(24) Morrison	(18) Mason
(21) Rainsford	(27) Howard
Halfbacks	
(13) Lichtenstein	
(17) Taft	
Fullback	
(7) Gill	
Quarterback	
(5) Seely	



Seely makes an end run against Wilbraham.

Junior School Soccer Plays Close First Game

Due to the loss of much of the Jr. Schools first team to the J.V.'s it was doubtful at the start of the season what kind of a team might come out of the pieces . Luck however was with the Jr. School for many of the new boys going out for soccer had some knowledge of the game. This luck plus the fine coaching of Mr. David Southworth and Mr. Harold Fletcher has turned the team into a highly trained, well organized machine.

The first game was played on Saturday the 28th of September against Windsor Mountain School at Windsor Mountain. The Jr. School lost to their J.V.'s by the narrow margin of 1-0. Although the opposing team outsized our players our team played a fine defensive game and never lost any of the spirit that they had upon leaving the school. All in all the chances look good that the Jr. School could when playing people their own size come home victorious.

The following is a list of games the Jr. School will be playing this season:

Sept. 28.....Windsor Mountain
Oct. 5....Williamstown Boys Club
Oct. 12.....Eaglebrook
Oct. 19.....Williston
Oct. 30.....Albany
Nov. 2.....Hotchkiss

Jr. Reserve

Oct. 16.....Pine Cobble
Oct. 19..Berkshire Country Day S.
Oct. 30.....Jorman

Powerful New Soccer Team Unexpected

Soccer in 1957

Our Varsity this year commenced the season with practically a brand new squad. After two happy seasons with the Junior School, Mr. Rutledge began his varsity work with some good prospects up from the Jayvees, three strong lettermen and two new halfbacks, John Taft and Robert "Penelope" Parker — a rough man to collide with in his center halfback position. Both boys are newcomers to Lenox. Our three lettermen include Captain Skip Britton, center forward; Jim Braim, outside right; and Bill Willis, left outside. The Varsity is lucky in its enthusiasm, for it must work very hard to make up for a serious lack of experienced men in the critical inside forward positions. Currie, White, Arnoldus and Herliczek have a hard job before them before our Varsity can mount the offensive it needs. But if the determination and drive shown in the opener with Berkshire (Berkshire won, 2-1) can be continued, they promise a good season to our school.

J.V. Soccer Team Finally out of Woods

The J.V. Soccer squad has been working in close conjunction with the Varsity this year, the result of which has been a maximum opportunity for all candidates to display their ability. However, with the season opener only three days off, the squad seems to be in rather good condition, and competition is still running high for all positions. Among the brighter and harder working candidates would seem to be John Braim, whose brother has already set a high family standard in this sport at Lenox. John has been working at center forward, flanked by Pete Stokes, Paul Hart, (both legacies of the Junior School, with previous work under the capable Coach Rutledge) Billy MacNeill, (whose previous soccer has been in Liberia) and the new faces of Jim Pendleton, Dave Algren and Sweeney.

At outside positions Jim Davis, Robin Ros, Chris Oakman, Beardsley and Barry Paige have provided the rookie talent; while Mike Alsterlund, Houston Stokes and Jon Chase have demonstrated the virtue of prior experience at Lenox.

Chase has also worked well at halfback, as have Bill Robinson and Bruce Clarey — both familiar names on Lenox soccer fields. Geff Mason, Alan Wilkins and Dave Friel have brought new competition and spirit to these key defensive posts.

Veteran Bob Hardman has led the fullback candidates, followed closely by Bill Ruggles, Dick Moody, Al Jenkins and Larry Humason. New faces in the deep backfield have been identified as Gordie "Auk" Auchincloss (the way an Englishman would pronounce "hawk") and Chris Johnson.

A promising third former, Jay Turner, has been working well in the goal, backed by another denizen of early study-hall, Andy Kauders from Marblehead, Mass.

Despite a lack of experience in several key areas, the team is progressing rapidly toward the working unit necessary for the season. After an exhaustive afternoon's search, we managed to locate the coach (an unidentified gentleman in a black sweater) and his two managers, Paul Maffei and Pete Johnson, who all seemed optimistic. (They had been in the woods for three days without food or drink, looking for lost balls.)

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Mr. Thomas Moxon plans to have three double quartets this year. Two or three numbers will be sung by all three groups combined. Mr. Moxon also plans to have these double quartets sing at one or two Sunday morning services at Trinity Church.

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Charles Little, John Hastings, Richard Curtis and William Davis, all of the Class of '32, are now freshmen at Harvard. James S. D. Cooper is a freshman at Hamilton College; Francis James and Lester Brown are at the University of Virginia; Richard Nelson and William Dall are at Williams; David Hunter is at M.I.T.; Kyril Tourmanoff is at the University of Brussels.

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The senior football schedule is as follows: Oct. 8, Troy Country Day School; Oct. 14, Kent Second Team; Oct. 22, Deerfield Second Team; Oct. 29, South Kent; Nov. 5, Hoosac; Nov. 12, Wooster.

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Excerpts from the *Pen and Scroll* of October 21, 1932.

There are twenty-five new boys this year, which means that approximately one-third of those in our midst have had to adjust themselves to new surroundings and different discipline.

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Mr. C. Robert Swanson, who graduated from Kenyon College last June, has joined the faculty as a member of the mathematics department. At college he won basketball letters three years, football letters three years, tennis letters three years and baseball letters two years. He was made a member of Phi Beta Kappa and majored in mathematics.

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Mr. Gilmore was married on the twentieth of August to Miss Katherine Miller, formerly a teacher at the Hudson High School, Hudson, N. Y. Mr. Hey was the best man and Mr. Noble was also present. At Lenox School they will occupy the Dunn Cottage.

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Mrs. Baker, the new housemother and secretary, has taken over and combined the posts formerly held by Mrs. Alden and Miss Downing.

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Mr. Trudeau Thomas, formerly a master at Lenox School, was married this summer to Miss Martha Botsford at Winonah Falls, Minn. Mr. Thomas is now a master at Fountain Valley School, Colorado.

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