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We, the members of the Graduating Class of 1950, dedicate this issue of The Owl to Mr. Frank Charles Butcher in grateful appreciation of his long and unselfish service to the School, his music, his interest in us, the ever-ready cheering smile and pat on the back.

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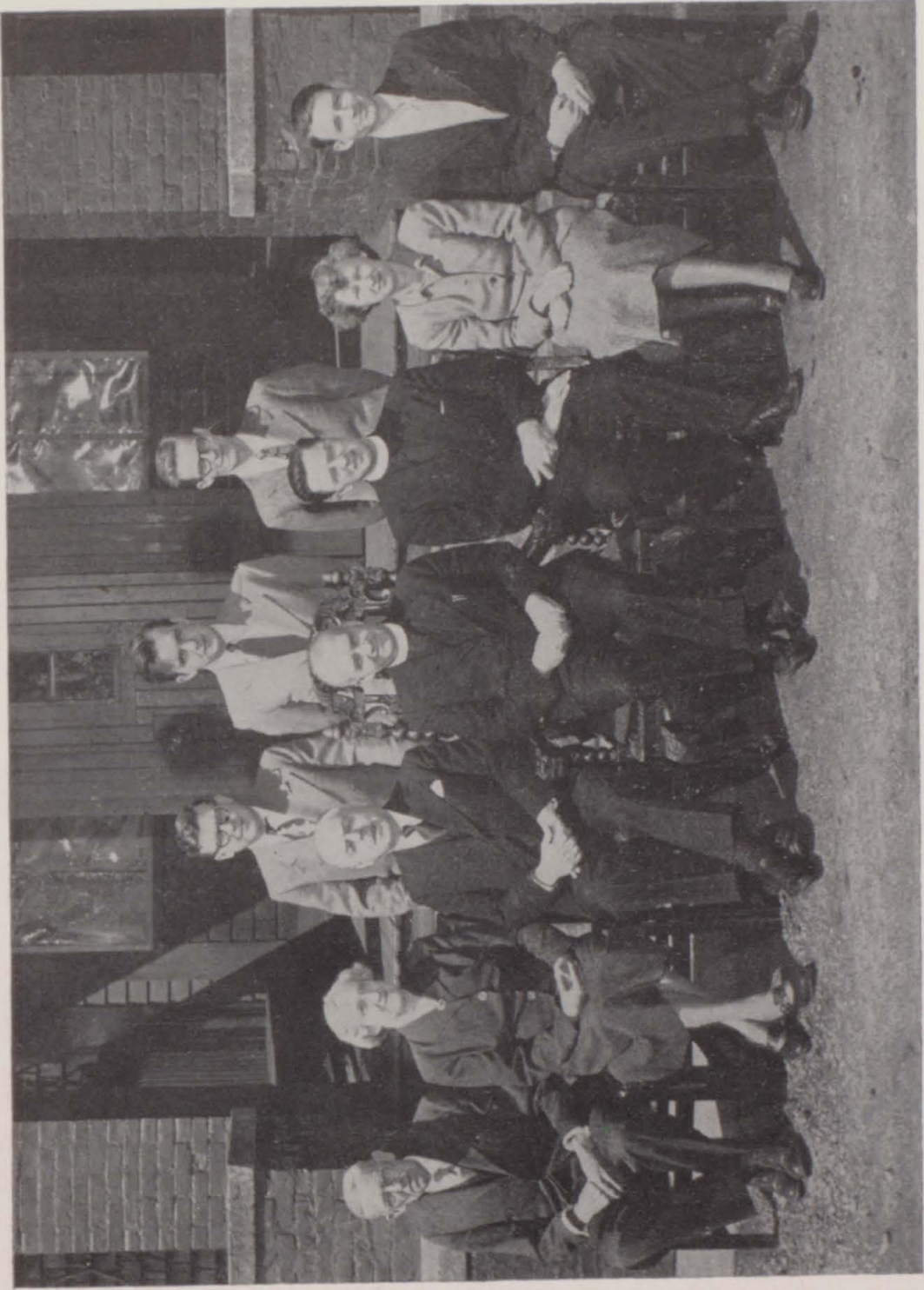
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William Graves Sharp, III

"Sharpie", "Ace", "Bill". Bill was born on July 28, 1932, in New York City and is now living at 654 Main Street, Brockton, Mass. He is a Hoosac boy of long standing, having entered the Second Form in the Fall of 1945 from the Cohannet Public School. He was appointed the Senior Prefect on All Hallow's Eve, 1949.

Athletics: Football (II, III, IV, V, VI); Basketball (III, IV, V, VI); Fencing (III); Baseball (II, III, IV, V, VI).

Societies and Committees: Antonian Club, President (VI); Decorating Committee (IV, V, VI); Liturgical Choir (II, III, IV, V, VI); Dance Committee (VI); Vestry (II, III, IV, V, VI); Dramatic Society (II, III, V, VI); Bellringer (III); Dining Room Committee (VI); Grounds Committee (II, III, IV, V); Flag Raising Committee (III, VI); Dormitory Prefect (IV, V, VI); Student Council (VI).

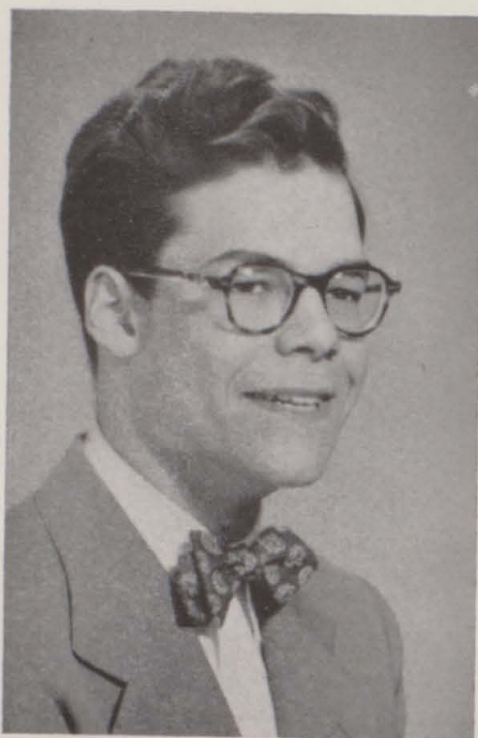
Publications: The Owl and Owlet Board (V, VI).

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Eastern Torch Bearer (II, III); Shepherd (IV); Mustard Bearer (V); Plum Pudding Bearer (VI); Sword Dance (V, VI).

Future Plans: Plans to enter the University of Michigan in September.

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The Junior Prefect



Robert Langmuir MacFadyen

"Mac", "Bob". Mac was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on December 30, 1932 and now lives at 246 Kenmore Road, Havertown, Pennsylvania. He entered the Fourth Form in January of 1948 from the Colt Memorial High School in Bristol, Rhode Island. He was appointed the Junior Prefect on All Hallow's Eve, 1949.

Societies and Committees: Antonian Club; Decorating Committee (V); Liturgical Choir (IV, V, VI); Dance Committee (VI); Vestry (V); Dramatic Society (V, VI); Library Service Club (V, VI); Debating Society (IV); Dormitory Prefect (V, VI); Student Council (V, VI).

Publications: The Owl and Owlet Board (V, VI, Editor-in-chief).

Boar's Head and Yule Log: King of Africa (V); King of Asia (VI); Sword Dance (VI).

Future Plans: Plans to enter Seminary in September.

Class of 1950



Richard Gorman Algie

"Dick". Dick was born on January 16, 1931 in Norwood. His present address is Norwood, New York. He entered the Sixth Form in the Fall of 1949 from Saint Paul's School, Garden City, New Jersey.

Athletics: Football, Baseball.

Societies and Committees: Antonian Club, Debating Society, Dance Committee, Liturgical Choir, Student Council.

Publications: The Owl Board.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Beef Eater.

Future Plans: Will enter Tusculum College in September.

Class of 1950



John Davidson McLanahan, Jr.

David was born on December 31, 1932 in New York City and now lives at 850 Park Avenue in New York City. He entered the Fourth Form from The Hackley School, Tarrytown, New York, in the Fall of 1947.

Athletics: Manager of all sports (V, VI).

Societies and Committees: Antonian Club; Dining Room Committee (IV); Liturgical Choir (IV, V, VI); Bellringer (IV, V, VI); Milkman (IV, V).

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Eastern Torch Bearer (IV); Shepherd (V, VI).

Future Plans: Will enter the University of Vermont in September.

Class of 1950



Arthur Donald Smith, Jr.

"Art". Art was born in Boston, Mass., on November 19, 1931 and now lives at 19 Fairmount Street, Medford, Massachusetts. He entered the Sixth Form in the Fall of 1949 from the Medford High School.

Athletics: Football, Baseball.

Societies and Committees: Antonian Club, Flag Raising Committee, Vestry, Liturgical Choir.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: European King.

Future Plans: Will enter the University of New Hampshire in September.



The Henry

Foreword

In this, The 1950 OWL, we have attempted to tell the story of the Hoosac School Year through the article **EXCERPTS**, an assortment of the more important articles from The Owlet jointed together with a few excerpts from our everyday life here at Hoosac during the past School Year.

It is our hope that this year's book will give you some of the life, atmosphere, and spirit of Hoosac School. To Alumni it will bring back memories; to friends of the School it will provide a picture of life at Hoosac.

THE EDITOR.

Congratulations

The Rector's Letter

This has been a very good school year. Morale has been high, co-operation excellent, initiative good. Boys have assumed a far greater share of responsibility than ever before, lightening my own load and freeing my mind for important problems involving the long range development of the school, as well as for many Diocesan and National Church affairs.

We have had a very full schedule, so much so that we have wondered how everything could possibly be done. And yet our lessons have not suffered but in fact they have improved substantially. For the most part, boys have shown an ever increasing interest in studies for their own sake.

Here are a few of our achievements:

1. The Yule Log Celebration was one of the best despite our small numbers.
2. Daily jobs in rooms, halls and stairways have been done efficiently.
3. Friday afternoon work periods have been tackled with a will.
4. The play, "The Monkey's Paw," given for the benefit of the parish was a great success.
5. The Alumni Week-end was a lot of fun for everybody.
6. The Spring Prom went off beautifully.
7. The boys and masters who went to visit six other leading boarding schools came back with many new ideas and greater loyalty for our own school.
8. Leadership on the part of Prefects and Council has shown increasing effectiveness.
9. Church services, both on Sundays and week days, have been offered with fine cooperation and understanding.

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It has been a year of which we can all be proud. Naturally, I have been pleased for it means we are doing the work we are meant to do with interest and satisfaction.

Viewing it all in longer perspective, I can see our boys growing quite naturally, step by step, into more important responsibilities, with minds and hearts and wills directed toward creative ends. The world needs men of vision and sound training. Hoosac can assist in developing the right kind of young men for the future. The times are very critical, yet if we can take our daily work in stride, we shall find ourselves ready, when the call comes, to lead our nation through hard times. By doing our daily tasks effectively, we shall be preparing ourselves for tomorrow's tasks, and next year's, and those of ten years from now.

I wish to express my appreciation for a good year, and to extend to our entire school family my hearty congratulations for work well done.

Your Friend and Rector,

MEREDITH B. WOOD.

June 1, 1950.

Excerpts

By means of this article, "EXCERPTS", we hope to present a fairly complete view of life here at Hoosac during the School Year of 1949-1950. "EXCERPTS" is composed chiefly of various articles that have appeared in **The Owlets** published since last September. Of course many of those articles did not contain enough of that personal quality that we feel to be so essential for a year book, so we have "juggled our quotes" here and there in an attempt to make the re-reading more interesting.

The School Year 1949-1950 opened on September 20, 1949, at the Old School. We were not able to move to the Mansion property this year but, even so, the usual "Hoosac Spirit" prevailed and no signs of great disappointment were seen. The School was considerably smaller this year, only thirty, and for awhile it seemed that the New Boys might gain, or at least try to gain, the upper hand.

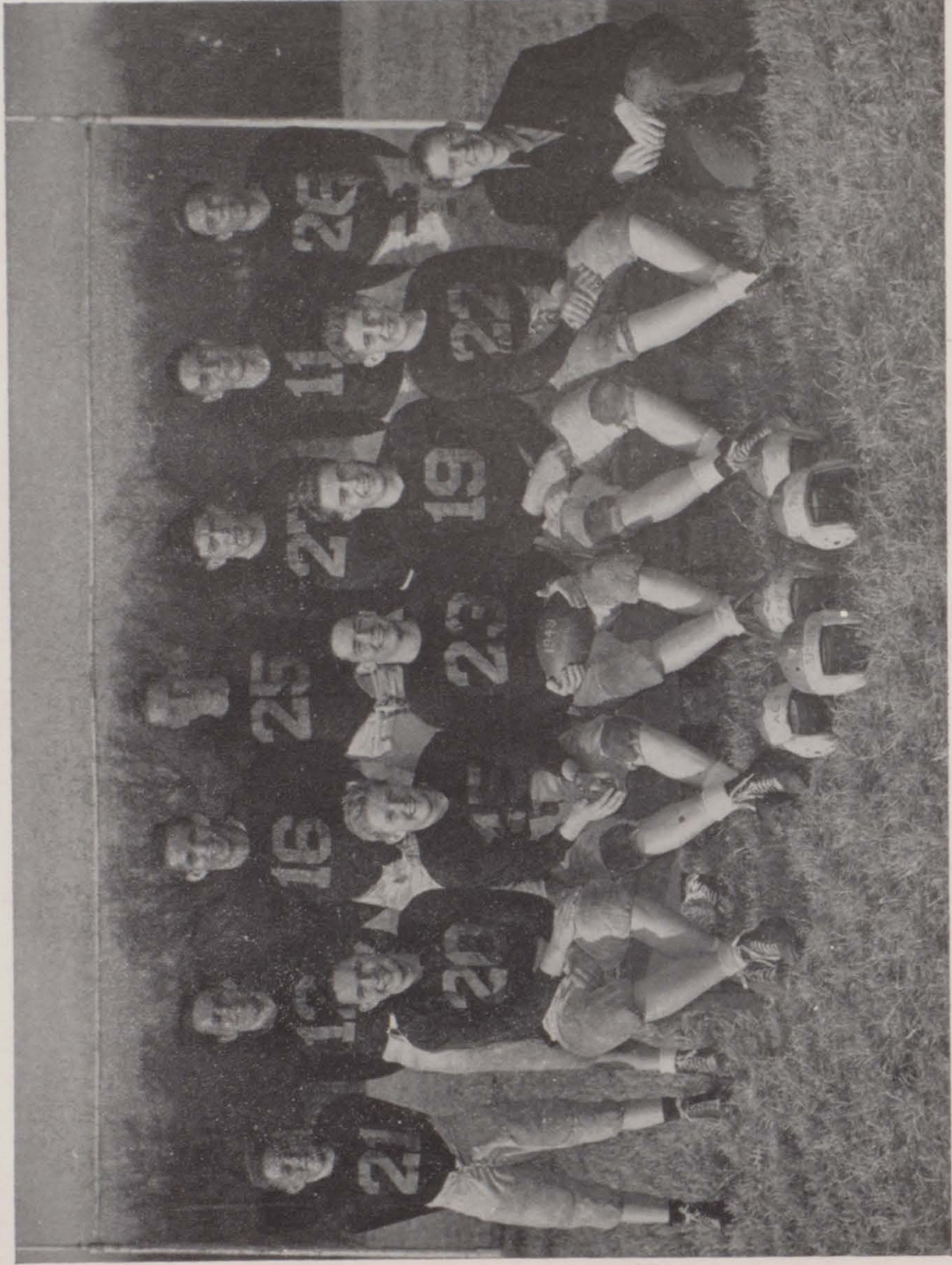
NEW BOYS AT HOOSAC

Harry Adams, Troy, New York; William Adams, Troy, New York; Richard Algie, Norwood, New York; John Austin, Dedham, Massachusetts; Frank Bulkley, Red Bank, New Jersey; James Hyslop, Paterson, New Jersey; Gerard Irving, Greenville, New York; John Pulsifer, Portland, Maine; Arthur Smith, West Medford, Massachusetts; Harry Wiard, Skaneateles, New York; Richard Youmans, Cazenovia, New York.

Soon after our return football became the center of our attention. Here we turn to Bill Sharp, Owllet Sports Editor, for his account of the Football Season.



The Basketball Team



The Football Team

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FOOTBALL

This year marked the first time in a great while that the Crimson six dropped every game of the season.

In the backfield three members of last year's first string varsity returned. They were Bill Sharp, George Parker, and Dan Adams, who switched to the backfield after a successful year at center. These three men were joined by two newcomers, Bill Adams, who proved to be an exceptionally fine runner, and Jim Hyslop, a very good passer.

The center position was ably shared by Paul Nash and Art Smith, both of whom did some fine blocking and tackling.

The end position was well taken care of with five players out for it. Russell (Stonewall) Hergesheimer and Ron Farnsworth, two of last year's men, strong on both defense and offense, were helped a great deal by three new boys, Dick Algie, John Pulsifer and Frank Bulkley.

The Hoosac Six played their first game on October 17th with Salem High School at Salem.

Bill Adams started the first quarter off with a beautiful touchdown and Bill Sharp followed with another in the second quarter. Although Salem also pushed over for two touchdowns, George Parker's extra point was good and the Crimson led at the end of the half by one point. Algie, Nash, Smith, Farnsworth, and Hergesheimer had done some wonderful defense work on the line in the first half, stopping many threats by Salem and protecting the slim lead.

Salem quickly jumped ahead at the beginning of the third quarter on two quick touchdowns and could not be halted thereafter. Hoosac made one more touchdown on a nice pass by Jim Hyslop to Hergesheimer, who then stepped over the goal line.

The spirit shown by the Crimson Warriors in the first half was for the most part not evident in the third quarter, and although it did return in the final quarter of the game, it was too late. The final score was 47-19 in favour of the Salem High School.

On October 21st the team again met with defeat, this time at the hands of Fort Ann. The final score was 51-28.

Fort Ann took the lead in the first quarter with two touchdowns and added another at the beginning of the second quarter. Sharp then hit pay dirt for Hoosac behind some fine blocking by the line. Farnsworth also went over on a nice run but the lead was protected by Fort Ann and the half ended with the score 33-15, the Crimson trailing.

Fort Ann added to their score in the second half and were never threatened despite the fact that George Parker took a Fort Ann kick-off and went over for the Crimson on a beautiful run. Bill Adams also made a touchdown on another run.

Dan Adams should be commended for his wonderful work on the offensive. He made many important key blocks that paved the way for the runners, and also shone on the defense.

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The third and last contest of the season was played on October 27th, once more against Salem High School. The result was a 39-18 setback.

Salem cracked ahead in the first quarter with two touchdowns. The Crimson line really showed their stuff holding Salem for three downs within the ten yard line on both touchdowns. Hoosac almost tied the score, but twice with very few yards to go, the ball was fumbled.

The score remained the same throughout the second half, the defense on both teams being perfect. Nash, Hergesheimer, Algie, Farnsworth and Smith, with able assistance from Bulkley and Pulsifer, really showed what they could do in this quarter, making some great tackles and stopping the enemy backfield almost completely.

Salem took control in the third quarter and rolled up a safe lead.

The fourth quarter, however, was a different matter with the Crimson Warriors, pushing over three touchdowns on passes to Farnsworth and Hergesheimer. The blocking by the team as a whole was superb during these three touchdowns, this last quarter scoring was not enough to overpower the Salem six and Hoosac dropped their last game.

Although the Crimson fell apart in the third quarter they played good football in the other three, especially in the fourth where they showed some real fight which they lacked at other times during the game. With a little luck and no fumbles in the first quarter the score would have been much closer and perhaps victory would have been the result.

Next season, with only three men of this year's team graduating (Algie, Sharp and Smith), Coach Ward should have a fine squad.

Of course our life was not entirely centered about the playing fields and on October 15th we had our first dance of the year which was highly successful. The Owllet says:

ST. AGNES DANCE

The first dance of the school year fell on the 15th of October, 1949. As far back as people could remember this was the first square dance ever held at Hoosac. It was an informal affair and yet it seemed to cause more trouble than any of the other dances of the year. Everyone was running about for days looking for lumberjack shirts and dungarees and trying to get the Dance Committee (Mr. Prigge) to allow the wearing of loafers. Everyone was definitely excited, except Dick Algie who calmly played with his yo-yo. Bob MacFadyen was seen going through a number of dance steps trying to remember whether you swung your partner with your left hand or the right one, while Mr. Prigge kept moving corn stalks around the dining hall.

The girls arrived at four and after the introductions the movie **Molly and Me** was shown. The movie over, a buffet supper was served in the Hallowe'en decorated dining hall. No one seemed to mind sitting in the hay with their partners—did they Bud?

The main event of the evening, square dancing, came immediately after the supper. Russ Hergesheimer proved to be quite a caller and dancer—Dick Algie has a picture as proof (quite a dancer). In between

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the squares there were polkas and waltzes. As the evening progressed Paul Nash learned how to square and even stopped stepping on his partner's feet.

Well, all good things have to come to an end and so did the dance. Mr. Prigge announced the last square, which might well go down in History as being "the longest square dance ever danced".

But to get on with the year's events. As in the past we have had our share of "Sunday Night Forums". The first was an address by Mr. William Trent reported thus by Dan Adams, Owllet contributor—

MR. TRENT SPEAKS

Hoosac School was honored on Sunday, October 16th to have Mr. William Trent speak to the school.

Mr. Trent is at present the Executive Director of the United Negro College Fund. He has been in Government service as a special adviser to the Federal Security Agency, as well as having held a deanship at Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina. He was graduated from Livingston College in Salisbury, North Carolina, where his father is president.

Mr. Trent was introduced by Arthur Smith and spoke on the source of the problems confronting the Negro who is eligible for college and graduate study. He said that opportunities for the Negro who has a college education were on the increase.

His talk was interesting, informative and somewhat humorous. He succeeded in making all of us see how foolish and silly we are on the question of racial prejudice.

Not long after Mr. Trent's visit the School was entertained by the Library Committee who sponsored a reading recital. We read in the Owllet—

MR. MACKARNESS GIVES LECTURE

On Sunday, October 23rd the Library Committee presented a most distinctive programme consisting of selections from Rudyard Kipling, Robert Browning, Stephen Vincent Benet, Sydney Lysaght, and others. The well-known lecturer, Mr. Hugh J. Coleridge Mackarness, read serious and light prose, poetry, and verse, after which was held a silver tea for the benefit of the library.

The leaves were turning brown and the team was deep in practice. The air was growing cooler and the days growing shorter when we suddenly realized that a GREAT DAY was coming nearer. Strange meetings were being held and suddenly one night the Council called a special School assembly—the week of weeks was here!

HALLOWEEN

It was Halloween and Hoosac was ready to celebrate it in its usual fashion. The guests and Faculty had taken their places on the north side of the dining hall, the logs in the fire place were ready, tables decorated, and Mr. Butcher was at the piano. The boys now entered the hall and took their places opposite the guests. The Rector began the traditional service

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of commemoration for all of the School's benefactors and those connected with it.

When the service was over all took their places at table and, after the Rector had sung the grace, the banquet began.

Toward the close of the meal the Athletic Ode was sung followed by the Rector's greeting to the guests. In his greeting he told of how Le Grand Tibbits used to stutter and stammer. One day he read about a company that guaranteed to cure stuttering and stammering for only ten dollars. He sent them a check and within the week received a large package. Upon opening it he found it to contain a large plaque bearing the words, "Keep your mouth shut".

The Rector then introduced the three new members of our Faculty—Mr. J. A. Davis from Toronto, Canada, Mr. A. L. Howard from Boston, Massachusetts, and Mr. R. A. Mason from Gardner, Massachusetts.

Mr. John Alexander Davis, B. A., Trinity College, Toronto, was born in Barnsby, Yorkshire, England, on December 10, 1925. His secondary schooling was started in England, but due to the war was finished in Canada.

After graduating from high school he served in the R. C. A. F. as a navigator. Upon his graduation from college, he was recommended to Hoosac and came to teach French, Latin, and geometry.

Mr. Arthur Lincoln Howard, A. B., Trinity College, Hartford, was born on October 31, 1923, in Boston, Massachusetts. He attended South Kent School and started college at Oberlin. The war, however, interrupted and he served in the American Field Service on the Italian front. When he was released he transferred from Oberlin to Trinity where he finished his education, concentrating in history and languages. Mr. Howard teaches French, Latin, English and history.

Mr. Richard Francis Mason, B. S., was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but received his secondary schooling in Athol, Massachusetts. He attended the University of New Hampshire, but his college career was interrupted by the war. He served in the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Forces as a sergeant. When the war ended he returned to the University of New Hampshire to finish his college education and was graduated in 1949. Mr. Mason teaches physics, mathematics and mechanical drawing. It is to be noted that he helped found the first weather bureau in the Hoosick area.

At this point the Hoosac Bards, Fr. Dunkerly, Mr. Davis, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Prigge, sang two madrigals, "Come, Come Again" and "My Bonny Lass".

The Rector now called the New Boys to the dais and introduced them to the guests. He next had the Antonian Captain, William Sharp, and the Graftonian Captain, George Parker, come up and draw for their new teammates. The Antonians drew Algie, Bulkley, Austin, Wiard, Irving and Mr. Davis. The Graftonians drew Smith, Harry and William Adams, Pulsifer, Mr. Howard and Mr. Mason.

When the New Boys had returned to their seats the Rector read the list of appointments for the year and named the Council: from the Sixth Form,

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Algie; from the Fifth Form, Dan Adams and Nash; from the Fourth Form, Parker; and named Sharp I the Senior Prefect and MacFadyen the Junior Prefect.

The final event of the evening was a speech by the Rev. Fr. Donald Woodward, Rector of Saint Peter's Church, Bennington, Vt.

As his topic Fr. Woodward chose to define a saint, a subject well in tune with the current season in the Church's year. He built up his argument on the premise that all people are called to be saints.

A saint must have three definite facets: First, he must be strong, not only in his physical body but also in his mind. He must be strong willed and have a strong intellect. He must have a strong sense of loyalty and love. Secondly, a saint is not lazy. He is always willing to do a good job and never lies down on the job, even though he may be tired or irritable. In a word, a saint is one who runs the good race, finishes the course, and keeps the faith. In the third place, a saint is beautiful. This does not mean he is handsome or conforms to the standard of beauty set down by feminine fashion. A saint, rather, has a holy beauty, one which can be seen frequently by the priest as he distributes the Sacrament to the people.

Some people among us, and there are many, have this beauty, this willingness to do a good job, this great strength of mind.

We are saints in that we have these elements, but only in small amounts. We are, therefore, not big saints, but little saints who are trying to become bigger and better saints.

The evening ended with the singing of the School Ode, "Oculos Meos Levavi".

LITURGICAL CHOIR

The Liturgical Choir got a chance to show itself around this time and on November 6th they went to Ballston Spa where they sang mass and Fr. Wood celebrated. Upon arriving back at Hoosac several people heard that "Grandma" Moses was in Hoosick Falls and that St. Agnes School was also there. Naturally such a lucky combination was not to be overlooked, so-----you can guess where the boys soon congregated!

The second dance of the Fall Term was held on November 12. The Owllet, as usual, had a reporter there so we again turn to its pages to learn about-----

ST. FAITH'S DANCE

Hoosac played host to St. Faith's School for the second dance of the Fall Term on November 12.

The guests arrived at four o'clock and after formal introduction, they were taken on a tour of the school. At five thirty the welcome call of "dinner" sounded through the school and everyone assembled in the dining room for the meal.

Immediately after dinner the dancing began, lasting until nine, when refreshments were served. After this refreshing pause a half-hour of dancing completed the evening.

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There was a slight delay waiting for the bus--but nobody minded it. Eventually it rolled to the front door and sad farewells were said, and, as the traditional saying puts it, "a good time was had by all".

Dance Gossip

This school must have something very unusual in the library--everyone seemed interested in going up there.

So Bill, now we know---what was her name again?

We would like to congratulate "YO-YO" Algie on his expert handling of the same--but Algie, can't you find a better place to practice than on the dance floor?

Townsend, parlez-vous espagnol? But maybe you didn't need to.

Art, how do you do it? You always get the lucky breaks.

We wonder what became of S. Y. S.

TALK ON THE UNITED NATIONS

The next evening we were paid a visit by Miss Iris Marsden, a U. N. Precis writer. Miss Marsden is one of several recording secretaries who make accurate summations of all speeches in the Security Council, not word for word, but giving the essential substance of each one. These are then taken to the speakers for their approval. She gave us real wealth of information concerning that important institution. All of us remember that 'the yearly cost of running the U. N. is just under \$40,000,000, which is less than the \$50,000,000 needed by the New York City Sanitation Department".

FATHER SMITH IS GUEST PREACHER

On Saturday, November 20, Hoosac School was host to the Rev. Douglas Smith, Chaplain at Darrow School, and two students, Peter Hankey and William Hall. Father Smith preached at the School mass and chose as his topic that of the origin and development of the mass. From the conversation afterwards it was apparent that Fr. Smith's sermon was not only interesting but also quite helpful to the boys.

The air was filled with the sound of music, not strange music, but music that had filled the halls of Hoosac at this time of the year for years. There was little time that we were truly able to call our own, word and music practices every afternoon just after dinner, walkabouts and sword dance practices every evening. The Mummies dashing about trying to get more originality into the rendition of their respective lines. Of course they tried valiantly not to let us find out who was who (but, if you have ever been a Hoosac Boy you will know how things like that leak out).

The School was terribly worried about the Jester. After all we knew that there was absolutely no one capable of playing the part, not this year. Of course, Mr. Prigge's strange actions were causing no end to the general consternation, and then, as a final blow to all concerned, MacFadyen appeared on the scene, dancing and holding various secret practices with the Yule Log Sprites and Father Christmas. Of course, all would go well, but

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the directors were no more optimistic than usual. "For the last time, when I play this chord you put the swords back by your sides". So it went, from night to night, sword dancers, practicing their bows and Mummers memorizing their lines.

Thanksgiving slipped past but far from unnoticed.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day, 1949, dawned a gray and very raw day. The somber atmosphere cast over the Quad by the low-hanging, heavy clouds, was broken at eight o'clock when the chapel bells pealed out their old melody. The traditional mass was sung in All Saints' Church with the Rector as celebrant. After mass came breakfast at nine.

Around eleven o'clock guests and parents began to arrive and at one the guests and boys assembled in the dining hall, grace was sung and the meal began. Some peoples' eyes were larger than their stomachs and they left no room for the delicious pumpkin and mince pies that followed the main course. After dinner there was ample time to smoke a cigarette and talk of the wonderful meal.

The afternoon was left free, but most of the boys got no farther than their rooms where they flopped down on their beds to sleep off the effects of the feast. A few, very few, energetic ones went on hikes, some waded in the Hoosic River. (We understand that wading is an old Ogdensburg custom.)

At seven o'clock "traditional" study hall began, ending an otherwise perfect holiday.

At last the Christmas exams were with us again. Time had slipped by before we knew it and last minute cramming was evidence enough that "we had left undone those things which we ought to have done". Then, at long last, the Boar's Head and Yule Log was upon us, and, with the long siege of decorating over and the dress rehearsal behind us, we began the celebration of Yule Log 1949.

58th ANNUAL BOAR'S HEAD AND YULE LOG

As the twilight deepened and darkness began to wing its way over the Valley of the Owl, the festivities were only beginning at Hoosac, for this was December 17 and tonight the Boar's Head and Yule Log Procession was to be celebrated for the fifty-eighth consecutive time.

When the guests arrived, having shed their winter garments, they were quickly shown to their proper seats in the garland-bedecked hall by the Beefeaters.

After everyone was seated the lights were put out and the hall was left in apprehensive darkness. Suddenly four persons were seen in the glow of a single taper---the youngest boy, Gerard Irving, the Senior Prefect, William Sharp, the oldest master in point of service, Frank C. Butcher, and the Headmaster. The taper was applied to the old Yule Candle which was then carried to the brightly decorated new Yule Candle. From it the twin candles on the mantle were lit and, as the Cherry Tree Carol was

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sung, the light was carried to the huge candelabra by a pair of Beefeaters until the hall had burst into a festive glow.

Out of the distance, then, was heard the blast of a trumpet, three more, and the Common room door slid back and out of the inky darkness came the long and colorful procession of the Boar's Head---the Yule Log Pages with their gay lanterns, the Elizabethans in their beautiful finery, the flaming plum pudding, all accented by the light of the hall. It is a sight which, if once seen, will never be forgotten. When the procession had passed twice around the room and the participants had taken their places, the tempo of the music shifted to fit the religious meaning of the visit of the shepherds and the procession of the kings to Bethlehem. The whole significance of the shepherds and kings is bound up in the search for the "New Born King". The music of **Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Adoration of the Shepherds, We Three Kings of Orient Are**, brought a spirit of worship to the pageant.

Next followed two carols, **St. Stephen's Day Carol** and **Good King Wenceslas**. All the elements of the first half led up to an appropriate climax in **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent** and the adoration of the Virgin and Child by the whole company. Then, to the strains of **Adeste Fideles**, the groups on stage marched out triumphantly.

At this point in the program supper was served to the guests, while behind the scenes there was much scurrying to change for the second half of the pageant.

The tone of the second half was set by the Jester's words "Let the Revels now commence" as he swiftly threw off the black cape that hid him. The huge Yule Log was rolled in and burned merrily for the gay episodes which followed.

From the time the stately Elizabethans and Kings entered the hall singing **Welcome Yule** followed by **Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly** there was a spirit of merrymaking. The tone changed slightly while the Yule Log caught fire, but the general Yuletide spirit soon reappeared with the entrance of the Mummers.

The Mummer's play is the traditional Christmas miracle play, **St. George and the Dragon**, which is, in the words of the Master of Ceremonies, "the most horrendous play t'was ever seen". In fifteen minutes, two characters are killed, one brought to life and last, but not least, the Dragon meets his end at the hands of St. George, who received as his reward "Fair Saba, the king of Africa's daughter".

From the ivy covered Wassail bowl the Elizabethans next filled their cups to serve the guests while **The Wassail Song** was sung.

Softly from outside the windows there came the strains of **Here We Come a'Wassailing**. As the Waits moved around to the front door Fr. Wood went down to greet and ask them to come in and warm themselves.

Next the Elizabethan sword dance took the center of the floor. Danced with all its precise movements and courtly procedure it is always a moving spectacle. The dance was followed by the Troubadours, Francis Whitcomb and John Roy, who sang **From Far Away** and **The Norman Carol**.

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The Country Dance followed in which the Jester and an Elizabethan led the Yule Log Pages in a prancing dance with Father Christmas.

Sunny Bank and **I Sing of a Maiden** were next sung. **Sunny Bank** was beautifully done by John Roy with the Yule Log Pages and the Jester gathered around his feet. Fr. Dunkerly then sang **I Sing of a Maiden** and was accompanied by Mr. Butcher and the orchestra. Then, with faces turned towards the Madonna, the School and guests sang **Silent Night**.

Having joined hands, **God Bless Us All** was sung by the School and, with the singing of the School Ode, the School marched in solemn procession from the hall, thus ending the celebration.

Among our guests was the famous primitive painter, "Grandma" Moses, who, we understand from Mr. Prigge (the Jester), enjoyed being kissed under the mistletoe.

The great success of the Mummers' Play was due to the fine direction of Fr. Dunkerly and Mr. Howard.

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to the ladies "behind the scenes" who helped with the costumes: Mrs. Green, Mrs. Neuschwander, Miss Walsh, Mrs. George Eckweiler, Mrs. Arthur Hoffman, Mrs. Sidney Scott, Miss Elsie Wirth, Miss Eleanor Leary, and Mrs. Rudolph Marshall; and in the "Make-up Department": Mrs. Samuel Blackmer, assisted by Miss Betty Miller, Mrs. Sterling Wilson, and Mrs. Eugene Clark. Also we wish to thank the boys of the village for helping out as Pages.

Youngest Boy	Gerard Irving
Senior Prefect	William Sharp
Oldest Master	Mr. Frank C. Butcher
Chief Beef Eater	Mr. Mason
Herald	Townsend
Torchbearers	MacInnes, Pulsifer
Trumpeter	Albert Cook
Minstrels Bearing Boar's Head.....	John Roy '28, Plesner
Attendants Bearing Mustard.....	D. Adams, Sellers I
Minstrel Bearing Peacock	Nash
Beef Eaters—Mr. Mason, Sergeant; Robert Bovie, Corporal; Algie, Austin, Hyslop, Parker, Parrott, Youmans, Hauser, Anness '45, Ford '39-'42	
Minstrels Bearing Plum Pudding.....	Sharp I, W. Adams
Attendants Bearing Sauce.....	Sellers II, Sharp II
Yeoman Bearing Mince Pie.....	Hauser
Lord Stilton Bearing Cheese	Mr. Prigge
Page Carrying Fruit	Mr. Howard
Steward Bearing Wassail	Parker
Yule Log Pages	Hyde, Main, Millington, Watt
Father Christmas	Hergesheimer
Yule Log Sprite	Irving
King Wenceslas and Page	Fr. Dunkerley, Bulkley

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Lantern Bearer	Wiard
Shepherds—Farnsworth, McLanahan, Moffitt, Billings '46-'48, Bulkley '27, Chambers '45-'46, Coch- rane, Kastenbein '42, Leake '37-'39, Leslie '39-'42, Marvin '43, Morriss '44, Whitcomb '41, Wood '43-'48	
Star of the East	Peirce
Head Torch Bearer	Coolidge
Torchbearers	Sherman, Simpson
The Three Kings—Melchior (Europe), Smith; Page, Lohnes, C. Caspar (Asia), MacFadyen; Page, Nelson, M. Balthasar (Africa), Mr. Davis; Page, Lohnes, R.	

YE COMPANEE

Sir Roger Cacklebrain, M. C.....	D. Adams
Jack Finney	Pulsifer
Turkish Knight	Austin
Father Christmas	Hergesheimer
St. George	Bulkley
Fair Saba	Nash
The Dragon	MacInnes
The Doctor	Moffitt
The Jester	Mr. Prigge
Waits	John Roy '28, F. Whitcomb '41
Troubadours	John Roy '28, F. Whitcomb '41

GENTLEMEN OF THE COURT

MacIness	Sellers I
MacFadyen	W. Adams
Townsend	D. Adams
Sharp I	Plesner

NEW BOYS

The Christmas Vacation came at last, as did four new boys afterwards—Ephraim R. McLean, Washington, D. C.; R. Dutson Brown, Hudson, N. Y.; David R. Bliss, Hudson, N. Y.; John Highland, Saranac, N. Y. From the talk around the School we were able to gather that the time had been well spent and enjoyed to its utmost by all. New Year's Day was duly ushered in and we understood that even the Second Formers rang the Old Year out and the New Year in—quite a thrill for those who did it for the first time.

Then, of course, came the return to Hoosac and lessons and “the old grind”. Grousing was heard but actually all were glad to be back.

The first weeks of the Winter Term passed by without much excitement, no snow--no skiing, no ice--no skating. But then the winds began to blow down and we all noticed that the days were really growing quite cold. The skiers sat by the radios listening with great glee as the weathermen reported that the snows from Canada and the West were almost upon us. Melting wax was soon to be seen in almost every room of the School

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and the "Boys of the Great Outdoors" went dashing about madly---dusting off their equipment, giving each other countless "helpful hints", and wiping up spilled wax. Henry Coolidge, a true enthusiast, sat calmly by during these days then uttered that famous statement, "The snow won't last long".

Hoosac, contrary to common opinion, is not entirely left unaware of current events. The whole School was surprisingly aware of the Coal Strike and soon became authorities on "How to keep warm when the furnace is dead and the north wind is blowing".

All during this time Mr. Prigge and his Prefects made the most of the cold weather and really got into the swing of things when the coal strike struck the Meeting House, making the north side look like the inside of an igloo. All in all, they made out rather well but the Bouton Boys did receive a shock when, coming over for classes, they saw people parading around in blankets and gloves. They soon took the hint and discovered (to their dismay?) that physics can be interesting when one is warm.

The long drag of the winter days was broken by the return dance with Saint Agnes' School.

ST. AGNES DANCE

It was snowing on St. Agnes' Day as we slid down to St. Agnes' School by bus, looking for the twenty-one meek lambs and Miss Pitman. As we were already ten minutes late we found them all eagerly awaiting us. After having been introduced to our partners we spent a few minutes looking at the new television set and then were called in to dinner. During the course of the meal Fr. Wood presented Miss Pitman with a young satin lamb, a most appropriate gift.

The dance itself was held in the playroom where for three hours we danced, or found various ways of spending our time. (We believe that all who attended the dance will agree that the television set played a most important part as it kept the chaperones up stairs and "out of the way").

At the announcement of the last dance those few who had been sitting made their way to the dance floor and joined the rest of the dancers. Finally Miss Pitman, all too ably, assisted by the Messrs. Howard and Prigge, encouraged us up the stairs to the main floor. It was not, however, until Fr. Wood appeared that we said our last good-byes and went out to the waiting bus--the days were no longer cold.

This term being no different than the rest had its share of Sunday Evening Speakers. From Bennington College we learned that "There Is No Poison Ivy in Labrador"

NO POISON IVY IN LABRADOR

On January 22 Professor Robert Woodworth spoke to the School on the Harvard Iselin Expedition of 1926 into Labrador. Professor Woodworth was one of the eight men who were commissioned by Harvard College to do a bit of work called oceanology. His main job was to gather specimens of flowers, plants, trees, spiders, and bugs of that area. Besides this he helped the other men to obtain samples of water from various depths

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of the ocean off the coast of Labrador. They had one boat which was especially made for this expedition and appropriately named "The Chance".

Professor Woodworth showed us a number of pictures he took of the trip. From these pictures we were able to see what kind of land there is in Labrador. Besides these pictures he showed us others taken of another expedition in 1931 known as the Forbes Expedition. The pictures from this expedition, which was a great deal larger, were taken from an aeroplane. He also told us of people he met, namely, Eskimos and fishermen, and how these people live.

At the end of his talk he asked for questions: There were two which were outstanding. Harry Wiard asked him a question which sounded something like this, "How many nats do you average a day?" The other question was asked by John Austin and went something like this. "Is there any Poison Ivy in Labrador?" Mr. Woodworth replied. "No, there is no poison ivy in Labrador, but there are plenty of black flies". All we can say is if you don't mind black flies and are troubled with poison ivy, well then go to Labrador.

The next week-end found the greater part of the School quite busy.

DINNER DANCE WITH EMMA WILLARD

"Is that bus here already?" someone said. It was, and so another festive evening drew to a close. It was ten o'clock Saturday, January 28, when the merry-making closed.

As the bus left a rousing cheer for "Emma Willard" went up, showing how much we had appreciated the evening. When the boys began drifting back into the school buildings after being rudely awakened from their reverie by the command that the dining-hall had to be set up for Sunday morning breakfast, many comments were heard. They ran something like this: "Boy, wasn't that a dance—I liked the girl you had—as a matter of fact I liked them all". "What did you think of my partner, pretty nice, eh?" And so ran the conversation until nearly eleven o'clock when everybody flopped into bed, dead tired. Everything was discussed, from the time the girls arrived at five o'clock through the sad moment when the bus lights disappeared around the Squealery. The meal, the dancing, the refreshments, Mr. Prigge's polka and jitter-bugging, everything was covered.

By the way the conversation ran it was easy to see that this dance had made a lasting impression on all who had attended.

Soon the Winter Term reached its climax--the Bleeze was upon us. The Owlet gave us a very good account of the tradition.

THE BLEEZE IS CELEBRATED

Life at Hoosac is enlivened by certain traditional celebrations from time to time. On February 2 we celebrate the Feast of the Purification. On this fortieth day after Christmas the Church celebrates, with a special liturgy, Our Lady's Purification and also the Presentation of her Divine Son in the temple.

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Since the earliest days of Christianity it has been the custom for the Church to bless the candles which will be used in her services throughout the coming year. Some of the candles are given to those attending the services and then lit. The light from these candles symbolizes the Light of Christ which was made manifest to the Gentiles at the Epiphany. Because of this blessing and distribution of the candles the feast has come to be known quite commonly as "Candlemas".

Candlemas has long been considered the end of the Christmas Season. As we celebrate the beginning of that season with the Boar's Head and Yule Log Procession it is only proper that we should also celebrate the last day of that happy time.

In our traditional observance of the day we celebrate what is known as the "Bleeze" which takes place at night. We hold a banquet in the dining-hall, now bare of all its festive Yule-tide garlands saving a few wreaths on either side of the fireplace and a rope of holly. The hall and tables are lit by some of the many candles blessed during the morning's mass and by great logs burning on the hearth. After the meal is nearly over the School begins to sing the "Bleeze Carol" and the Senior and Junior Prefects go up to the dais and remove the wreaths and place them on the fire. They then take down the rope and, escorted by the Sixth Form, take it out to the Main Quad where the other decorations are piled. When it has been placed on the pile it is set afire by the two Prefects, who remain with the Sixth Form until the pile is entirely consumed.

One may now begin to see why we call this celebration the "Bleeze". It comes from the old Scotch word 'bleeze' meaning 'blaze' or a large fire. During the later Medieval years in Scotland it became a custom to take down the Christmas greens on the feast of Our Lady's Purification. In many of the rural areas the greens were removed from the local manors and churches and burned in some open area, usually the town square. Soon this annual ceremony was referred to as the "bleeze" (blaze) from which we here at Hoosac derive the name for the festivities of this night, especially for the burning of the Christmas greens in the Main Quad, by which we emphasize the change of seasons in the Church Calendar.

Then back in the hall the Jester makes an attempt to keep his position as "Lord of Misrule" but is soon dethroned by the Rector. Following this it is customary for a speaker to address the Assembly after which skits and various forms of entertainment are provided until the candles begin to sputter and the logs glow in a heap of red ashes.

The great day was a typical mid-winter one, cold, and blanketed with heavy snow.

THE BURNING OF THE GREENS

If some one were to ask for what February 2nd was noted there would, most likely, be a number of answers. Some might say that it was Ground Hog Day; others, the Feast of the Purification; and still others, who knew something about Hoosac School, might say it was the Bleeze. For those who are not sure, all three are right.

At seven o'clock in the morning, in All Saints Parish Church, following the blessing of the candles, Mass was celebrated. The service was attended

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by the entire school. After breakfast and the usual jobs classes continued per usual. During the afternoon, the famous drooping greens, which had hung since the Yule Log, were taken down and placed out on the front quad for the evening festivities.

As six o'clock drew near the guests began to appear. At six-fifteen guests and students went into the now almost naked dining room where a shortened form of Evening Prayer was sung. The tables were in the form of a cross with a lighted candle at each place. At the close of dinner the sixth form, after throwing two wreaths into the blazing fireplace, took two wreaths out and placed them upon the pile of greens. A match was lighted and applied to the greens. After the fire died down all returned to their seats; whereupon Father Wood introduced the guest speaker, Father Bice of Troy. Father Bice spoke on the Church Year and how every part has a definite meaning and reason for its place in the Church Calendar. Father Bice also told two very good jokes. Immediately after Father Bice's address the Jester took over for the last time. The Jester, Mr. Prigge, gave his opening address, dethroned Father Wood, took his place, and then commanded the court players to prepare for their skits. After the skits the Jester's rule ended and he became just Mr. Prigge once more. This brought to an end a very enjoyable evening.

The "Court Players", who made their major debut at the Bleeze, will always be remembered for their grandiose presentation--Art did discover Art (rather primitively) and term and a half later, Guppies.

The basketball squad was not quite as active this year as in times past. Bill Sharp, ever ready with a word on sports, tells us---

BASKETBALL

This season the basketball team joined the Youth Commission in Hoo-sick Falls to gain experience for a regular varsity squad next year. In this way all the boys that came out were able to play since we had two teams entered in the league, "A" and "B". The Youth Commission was a real advantage for the boys and certainly increased both the skill and experience of all the players.

At the center position, two boys, Paul Nash and Regnar Plesner, both of them well over six feet, did a great job. They should make fine varsity players next year.

The guard positions were held on the two teams by George Parker, a very consistent scorer, Jim Hyslop, a fine operator on both the defensive and offensive, David Townsend, Tino Sharp, Dutson Brown, and John Pulsifer. All of these men will be back next year and some of the younger ones for a few more years to come; we shall have a good team for the next few years.

Eight players went out for the forward position. They were Bill Adams, a high scorer, and good passer, Bill Sharp and Comrie MacInnes, two members of last year's squad, Frank Bulkley, Henry Coolidge, Ephraim McLean, Ned Parrott, and David Bliss.

The majority of the above men will be molded into what we hope will be a strong and experienced varsity for next year. We all look forward to next year's basketball squad which has already shown promise of being a really fine one.

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During the Winter Term the trips to various schools began and on the week-end of the 17th, a group went off to South Kent and Kent.

HOOSAC VISITS KENT SCHOOL

When we arrived at Kent on a bright and crisp Friday afternoon we could hear the students on the athletic field cheering and shouting and laughing. School was definitely in progress, and it seemed as if we had not left anything behind. Father West, Assistant to the Headmaster, greeted us and showed us to our rooms, the year-old alumni quarters. We quickly gathered the information necessary for the evening activities and, after thanking Father West for his help, wandered around the various buildings wherever our fancy led us.

In going through the now darkened classrooms before evening chapel, we met a student, a boy by the name of Webb, who had been at Hoosac when he was in the sixth grade. This little incident made us feel right at home.

The lovely bells were now sounding the old English changes and we knew that the service would soon begin. At chapel, we were amazed at the quietness of three hundred boys gathered for prayer. Every part of the service was slow and deliberate, following the rule of "haste makes waste". One of the prefects greeted us when we left the chapel and took us to the dining hall. The prefects all sat at the head table, where we also sat, and we soon learned, in talking to the boys, a great deal about their everyday life. When dessert was served, Father West rose and introduced us. The school gave us a tremendous cheer and we knew that we were among friends.

That night we heard a rehearsal of Kent's fifty-man Glee Club and sat for some time talking to Pete Thompson, the sub-prefect, who helped us during our stay to see and enjoy all of Kent School.

Bright and, thank goodness, not too early Saturday morning the Senior Prefect and a Master knocked on our doors, ready to take us to breakfast. We decided we could attend classes and see that part of the school life. This took care of our morning and made us just hungry enough to enjoy our lunch.

All of the athletic events scheduled for that day were away, and without too much persuasion, we took three Kent boys to Taft School in Watertown, Conn., so that we could see the Kent-Taft wrestling meet. Of the four events, wrestling, hockey, skiing and basketball, the wrestling meet we attended was the only one Kent won. We got back to Kent just in time for Chapel and supper. The quietness, mannerliness and conversation at the table was a joy to see and hear.

Sunday morning there were two services, at eight and at ten. We elected to go to the ten o'clock service and to have breakfast afterwards with the prefects, who were also allowed to sleep late.

Pete Thompson took us to see the shells and the farm. Racing is Kent's most important sport. We tramped through the snow and slush and found our tramping well worth while. The shells, both English and American, were objects of beauty, and the sleek, well-kept herd of cows made us aware of the great problem of supplying milk to three hundred thirsty students.

Directly after dinner, noticing the lowering skies, we made our good-byes and dashed over to South Kent to collect Mr. Howard, John Mac-

Inness and David Townsend. True to our expectations we had to drive through a heavy snow storm most of the way back to school.

HOOSAC AT SOUTH KENT

It is always good to see how others live. This was our thought when the invitation came through to visit South Kent School situated on a hillside near the Housatonic river not far from its larger parent, Kent School. We were eager to see the self-help system in action and the spirit and attitude of the students who live under this way of life. We were able to observe quite freely and we came away with numerous ideas and observations which will be helpful to Hoosac in later years.

The self-help system is largely like our own system here at Hoosac. The initiation of the plan came about quite by accident in Kent School on the opening day of that now famous institution. It seems that when the boys arrived, the staff, waitresses and bed-makers, etc., walked out in a body for some reason. Father Sill asked the cooperation of the boys in keeping the things going until the crisis could be alleviated. So successful was this policy that a new staff was never hired and the Kent system was born.

We arrived, thanks to Keith Marvin '43, well in time for the evening schedule which included a job period, assembly, and chapel, followed immediately by dinner. After we had settled down in our rooms in "Little America", so termed because it has, until recently, been badly heated, we were able to go to the evening assembly which was handled in a quiet, orderly fashion by the Prefect of the day. The prefect is always addressed as "sir", thus giving greater dignity to the office.

A visit to the dishwashing machine took place immediately after dinner. We were able to see a skillful team wash the dishes for one-hundred and forty people in less than thirty minutes. The speed was due not only to the machine, which is a great help, but also to the efficiency of the crew that handles the job.

The farm connected with the school grows root vegetables for storage in large root cellars and maintains a small herd of cattle as well as a few pigs.

The high point of our visit Saturday afternoon was a tea served by Mrs. Bartlett, the headmaster's wife, and some of the fifth form. This was a great success and made us feel more at home and more a part of the school. Saturday evening the movie, **Great Expectations**, was presented in the playhouse.

The playhouse is a project which shows the achievement of the self-help system. Back in 1936 and 1937 a few boys interested in dramatics converted an old tobacco barn into a small theater. Today we find this building the center of activity every Saturday evening and usually most every afternoon for rehearsals of the next play to be presented. Since 1937 quite a bit of money has been put into the building to make it more suited for large three-act plays involving more than one set and more complicated lighting.

Sunday we attended the late service and had a long talk with Mr. Bartlett after breakfast. It was not long before dinner was over and Mr. Prigge's car with Bill Adams and Burton Sellers drove up to take us back to Hoosac.

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Soon the Mardi Gras rolled around and----

MARDI GRAS

The 21st of February was the last day before the beginning of Lent and as it has been the custom at Hoosac to hold some form of celebration as a type of "last fling" we, of course, had a Mardi Gras party. The Dance Committee went out of its way to arrange a social gathering with the girls of St. Peter's Church in Bennington, Vermont.

The girls arrived in time for dinner, after which the dining hall was cleared of all tables and benches in preparation for the fun to come. The affair was made up of various games, played in Antonian-Graftonian competition with the girls evenly divided among the teams, and dancing. The Graftonians, through no fault of their own, won the evening and scored five points for their club.

The evening was without a doubt a great success and all had a fine time. So many of our boys are going to Bennington these days!

The next morning brought Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Mass was celebrated in the chapel and the ashes were distributed to the School.

March came in like a lamb, term finals bleated by and the School went off on Spring Vacation. Upon returning the Liturgical Choir was "choralled" for practices and the School went off to Bennington to sing the Palm Sunday mass with the St. Peter's choir-----

HOLY WEEK

With the coming of Holy Week the School went to Bennington to join with the choir of St. Peter's Church in the singing of the Passion Gospel. During the rest of Holy Week the School took part in a number of services. On Wednesday evening the service of Tenebrae was held in the chapel; on Maundy Thursday the traditional mass was sung and the procession to the altar of repose with the twenty-four hour vigil followed. The Mass of the Pre-sanctified was celebrated in the chapel quite early on Good Friday morning and the usual three-hour service was held in the afternoon from noon until three. On Saturday night the New Fire was struck, the Paschal Candle lit, and the Baptismal Font blessed. Lent and Holy Week were at an end! The bells were heard once more and the organ played, and the whole joyous spirit of Easter was with us to help us celebrate the Resurrection the following morning.

The Owlet, believing that "Practice Makes Perfect" had a reporter on hand on Easter Sunday night when---

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Public speaking and debating have finally gotten off to a start at Hoosac. On Easter Sunday night the experts, Russell Hergesheimer, Paul Nash and Regnar Plesner, spoke to the School on widely varying yet interesting topics.

The first speaker of the evening was Mr. Hergesheimer who explained the Jewish Passover. In his talk he gave us a general outline of the feast's origin and then went on to main topic of the Seder Supper. In describing this he gave us a good idea of the rather elaborate ritual and symbolism of the meal. We found his talk to be interestingly informative, lacking, how-

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ever, in that careful planning and organization which comes only through experience.

The second speaker was Paul Nash who gave us the unbiased news and views of the recent stir in our nation's capital caused by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin. Mr. Nash's presentation was, we notice, lacking in his usual fiery spirit. Paul Nash is well known at Hoosac for his rapid-fire sentences and decisive attitude when speaking on political matters. His delivery, although not up to par, was generally good.

The third and last speaker of the evening was Regnar Plesner who presented the various theories current in scientific circles as to the nature of "Flying Saucers". His delivery was quite good for one as inexperienced in public speaking as he. He showed very good planning and organization of material and created a lively interest in his topic by his easy style.

We hope to see much more of these three gentlemen at the podium in the near future and hope that they will create an interest in the School for public speaking and debating. They are to be highly commended for their work as "Crusaders of Declamation".

The next week-end found Hoosac practically deserted. Groups had gone off to Groton and Deerfield and the Sixth Form had gone to New York City to see "As You Like It"----they did!

The last dance of the year came the next Saturday night----with Saint Agnes School. The Dance Committee worked madly on the affair and really did a wonderful job.

SAINT AGNES DANCE

It was the intermission and one of the many couples sat on the dais reflecting on the parts of the evening now already past. The formalities which had prevailed at the smoothly flowing introductions were now just a joke which they and all the other couples were now enjoying. They were still puzzling over the general exodus which had, per usual, admired the chapel and then crowded into the library where everyone had said "Nice" and then left.

Then their thoughts wandered to the supper which had prepared them for the dancing to come. Even though they "hadn't been hungry", they could distinctly remember seeing their plates being passed down for seconds.

When they had dwelt long enough on the meal they remembered seeing a shivering figure on the Common Room couch. "What's the matter 'Pulce', scare her?". It seems that the furnaces were not quite up to par.

Now they could feel again the new dance wax as they had stepped onto the floor for the first dance. They could remember too, Huc's face as "Wilhelmina" played. Then, from the proudly embarrassed face their wonderings took in Dick Algie passing out square dance pictures of his partner. "How come Dick?"

It seems, however, that one of the main attractions of the evening was the water which seemed to flow steadily out in the pantry. They had tried it too. Yes, that water sure is swell, isn't it, Stretch?

But now their roving eyes had come to rest on the empty "coke" bottles they held, so they placed them on the dais and danced off again, think-

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ing of the little time that still remained before the "This is the last dance" would be heard.

Then would follow the unwilling "Goodbyes" and now would be a wonderful memory.

The second guest preacher of the year came the following week----

FATHER GUTMANN GUEST PREACHER

On Sunday, April 23, the Reverend Reinhart Bruno Gutmann spoke in the pulpit on the settlement house work he had done since he left Hoosac in 1945. Father Gutmann was born in Germany, but was educated in England. While he was in England he came in contact with the Anglican Communion and soon became a member of that body. After his ordination he came to the United States and joined the Hoosac faculty in 1944. He has recently been in Milwaukee where he has built up his own settlement house.

Father Gutmann gave the School a brief history of the settlement house movement which had its inception in England during the last century. By 1888 the movement was well under way and many such communities were built in the poorer districts of London.

Father Gutmann uses an old church building for his settlement house. He raised enough money to make the place suitable and named it "Neighborhood House". Here young children play together and are taught the value of living in the democratic way. Older children are formed into clubs and learn by direct experience how to live and work together. Father Gutmann's venture is based on the simple philosophy of Christian love. Under such a concept Neighborhood House has been built up and is now a thriving community project.

Father Gutmann closed his address urging all those interested to find out about settlement houses. The only way to learn is to go and live in one for a few days. In that way you can learn the ways in which the settlements are working toward the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Father Wood soon left for a meeting of the National Council in Connecticut. While on the way his car, "Leaping Lena", passed her 100,000-mile mark and, being delirious from joy, he wired the School to declare a Mountain Holiday.

Hoosac was becoming quite used to paying visits here and there over the week-ends and on Friday the 28th of April a delegation was sent off to see "how the other half lives" at Saint Mark's and at Mount Hermon Schools. While the boys were away a "great and mighty wonder" took place, the famous "Gaping Guppies" arrived and Mr. Howard established the "Hoosac Aquaria". Fr. Dunkerley was soon converted from his scoffing attitude and left his palette to raise tropical fish.

In May the Bishop made his visitation and confirmed persons from the School and the parish.

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CONFIRMATION

On May 4 Confirmation was held in All Saints Parish. The School was honored to have the Bishop as its guest at supper before the service. He was greeted by a peal of bells from the church tower and later by a rousing cheer from the student body. After supper everyone went over to the church.

Evening Prayer was read by Father Dunkerley which was immediately followed by the order of Confirmation. Huc Hauser was included among those confirmed from the parish.

The Bishop was shown to the pulpit where he delivered his sermon. He spoke of the early church and stressed the sacrifice the early Christian had to endure. The preparation for Confirmation in those days could run to ten years, and the candidate was only accepted after he had been found worthy for the distinction. The Bishop then switched the scene to the modern day. He said that much of the enthusiasm for Christ has gone and that the Christian today is a peculiar person. They are peculiar in that they have committed themselves to live a new life---a distinguished life. He urged in his final words that those who had just been confirmed should try to live their their lines in a distinguished way.

The following Sunday found series of "vibrations" pulsating throughout the walls of the school. (Several persons became rather uncomfortable as a result, I wonder why?)--

PERSONALITIES

On May 7, Hoosac was honored to have Mr. Duncan Campbell as its guest speaker at the Sunday evening forum. Mr. Campbell is employed in the commercial art industry in Bennington.

He gave a very interesting and humorous talk on the personalities of various persons around the school. All his examples were accompanied by very clever drawings. The first was Ronal Farnsworth's very apparent dread of the daily rising bell and his hate of getting up on time, which, by the way, happens quite rarely. The drawing was that of a "painless alarm clock", slightly in the Rube Goldberg style with a man "cooing" that it was time to rise and shine. Next came his idea of Mr. Howard's inner thoughts---which turned out to be, of all things, Guppies! Mr. Campbell told us that he learns about his subjects through vibrations that he is able to receive but that in Mr. Howard's case it seems that a little Guppy told him, yuk, yuk, yuk.

We then had an explanation of Bill "Ted Williams" Sharp's true feelings on skiing which were received by special vibrations. Also Mr. Campbell, that lucky man, had a chance to feel Bill's bicep! This was followed by an all too true view of how Mr. Davis likes to fish. Was that a true picture of the Canadian Spirit, Rollo? His vibrations then told him of Holstein Huc the Fireman, 'nuff said?

Last of all he became very serious minded and told us that he was going to do a real, honest-to-goodness character sketch. So he listened very carefully to the vibrations and it turned out to be a wolf. He had a cer-

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tain party in mind who, if his name were disclosed, and a certain person got hold of an Owlet, might be ruined for life.

Mr. Campbell then told of the opportunities that were offered in the field of commercial art and how to go about getting a good job by being totally original and not by following the beaten path, so to speak.

We also had the pleasure of having Mr. Richard Comins, the art teacher at Hoosick Falls High School, with us. Mr. Comins told us that he too had been a commercial artist but, unlike Mr. Campbell, had gone into teaching.

It was a real pleasure to have both Mr. Campbell and Mr. Comins with us and we sincerely hope that they will pay us another visit in the near future.

The Hoosac Players were at it again! This time their offering was truly a great one, "The Monkey's Paw".

THE MONKEY'S PAW

On Saturday night, May 13, the Hoosac Players presented **The Monkey's Paw**, a melodrama in three acts by W. W. Jacobs. The play was really done well, the acting much better than usual, and the costumes and scenery superb. We shall never forget Mrs. White's mob-cap, a little creation that gave Mrs. Green a rest from accession books. The Players will certainly go far if their work next year uses this performance as a basis for future work. The ingenuity of the stage hands was truly remarkable.

The list of characters is as follows:

Mr. White	Paul Nash
Mrs. White	Russell Hergesheimer
Herbert, their son	Daniel Adams
Sergeant-Major Morris, a family friend.....	Huc Hauser
Mr. Sampson	Regnar Plesner

The play was directed by Mr. A. L. Howard and the special effects were through the courtesy of Mr. Walter Cantelo, Miss Wilma Surdam, Mrs. Harold G. Green, Miss Emily Walsh, Mrs. Emma Miller

The last traditional observance of the year was with us once more---
The Asado.

THE ASADO

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the ascension of Our Lord into heaven. Hoosac School goes a little further and declares a mountain holiday and a lamb roast. The 18th of May brought the Day of Ascension all right, but it also brought a cold, damp, rainy day. After Mass was celebrated it was decided that the Asado should be held over to Friday. Classes were held per usual.

Friday brought more rain, but we could not postpone the Asado another day so the faculty decided to hold it at the Lewisohn Field House instead of Owl Spring. The rain did not seem to keep us boys in, for many

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took off into the mountains while others took off to bed. At four o'clock, however, all were present at the Field House to get their lamb, salad, and ice cream.

After the meal, those who were unable to find mobile transportation back to school walked. Although there were many dampened boys all enjoyed the break of classes.

Our thanks to Dave Townsend who transported the things up to the Field House, to Bill Sharp and Art Smith who cleaned the place, to Russ Hergesheimer who built that wonderful fire (with kerosene, wood and a lighter), and of course to Father Wood who cooked the delicious lamb (in the oven!).

P. S.—Even though Bill Adams did eat twenty “lambbergers”, he did not get sick that night, but complained that he was hungry. Well, it takes all kinds of people to make up a world.

ALUMNI WEEK-END

The “young and lively” Alumni arrived from the ends of the earth. As Keith Marvin, '43, our Alumni Editor, tells us----

The Hoosac School Alumni Association held its annual week-end at the School over the 20th and 21st of May. Eighteen alumni and former students were present for the occasion. They included: William F. Stallings, '98; Edward C. Parmenter, '05; William Pitt Mason, jr., '08; Julian G. Hillhouse, '10; Edgar W. Hatfield, '27; Henry W. Bulkley, '27; John F. Roy, '28; Arthur B. Shepherd, '26; David W. Whitcomb, '35; William A. S. Ford, '39; Francis H. Whitcomb, '41; Samuel VanS. Martin, '42; Keith Marvin, '43; Henry A. Morriss, jr., '44; Edward J. Anness, '45; David Shaffer, '45; James F. Semple, '47; Thomas N. Morgan, '47 and G. Hadden Wood, jr., '47-'48.

The week-end started officially at 12:30 p. m. Saturday the 20th with a buffet luncheon at the Lewisohn Field House on the new property. Following the luncheon, the traditional baseball game between alumni and students was held on the A. A. Field.

The students were practicing well in advance and were ready for the old and decrepit alumni when they arrived en masse to be defeated by the boys by a score of something like 18 to 5.

Following a reception by Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Green at Erskine Cottage, the alumni banquet was held in the dining hall, complete with entertainment of a musical nature by the “Hoosac Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra”, which consisted of a faculty quartet with Mr. Butcher on the piano, Mr. Howard as violinist and Mr. Mason and Mr. Davis with their recorders.

Speeches were made by several of the alumni and the evening was officially brought to a close at 9:30 p. m., with the singing of the Hoosac School Ode. Many of the alumni got together with Mr. Butcher at the piano and sang Yule-Log songs for another hour or so.

The week-end officially concluded with a solemn mass celebrated in the chapel at 8 a. m. Sunday the 21st of May.

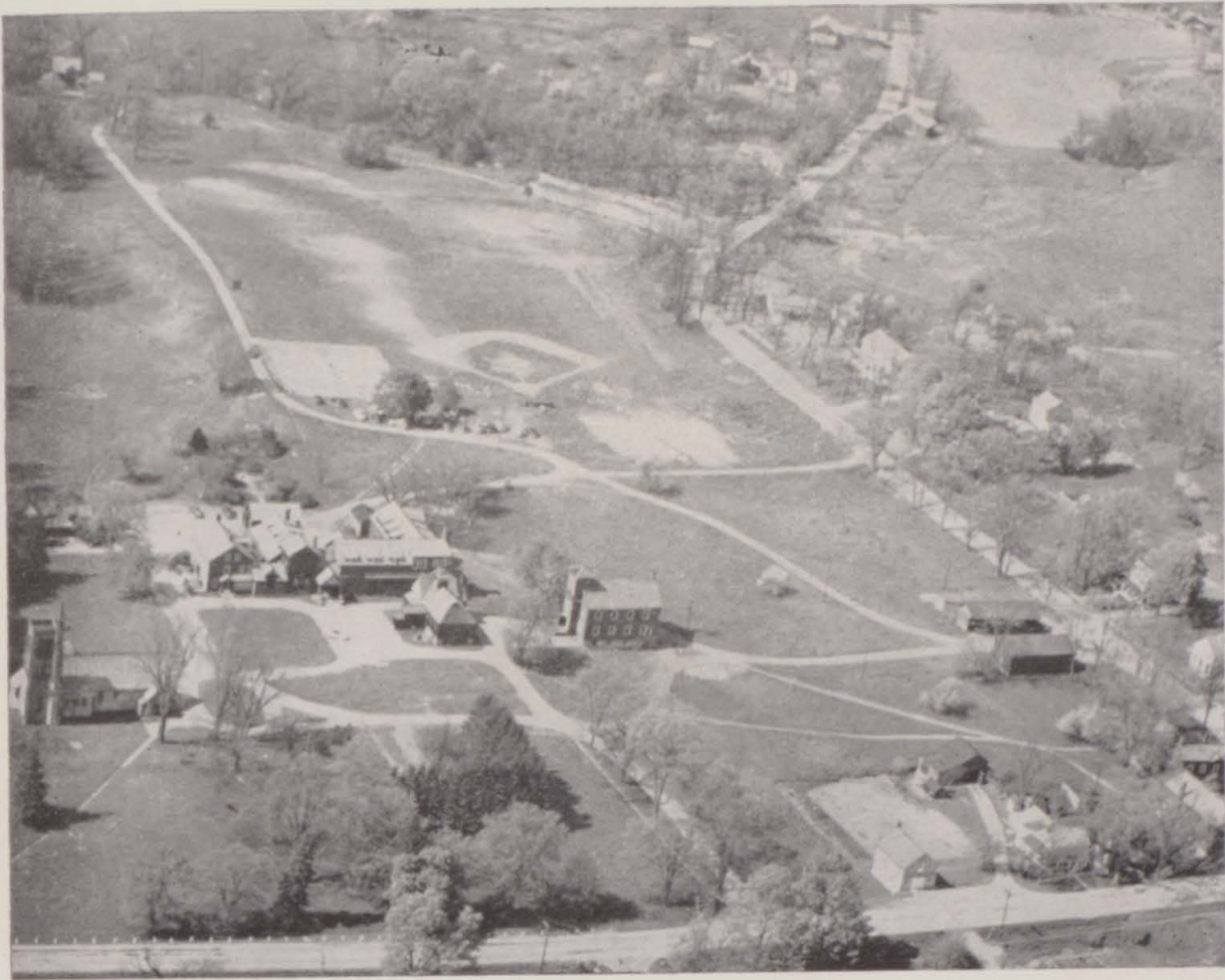


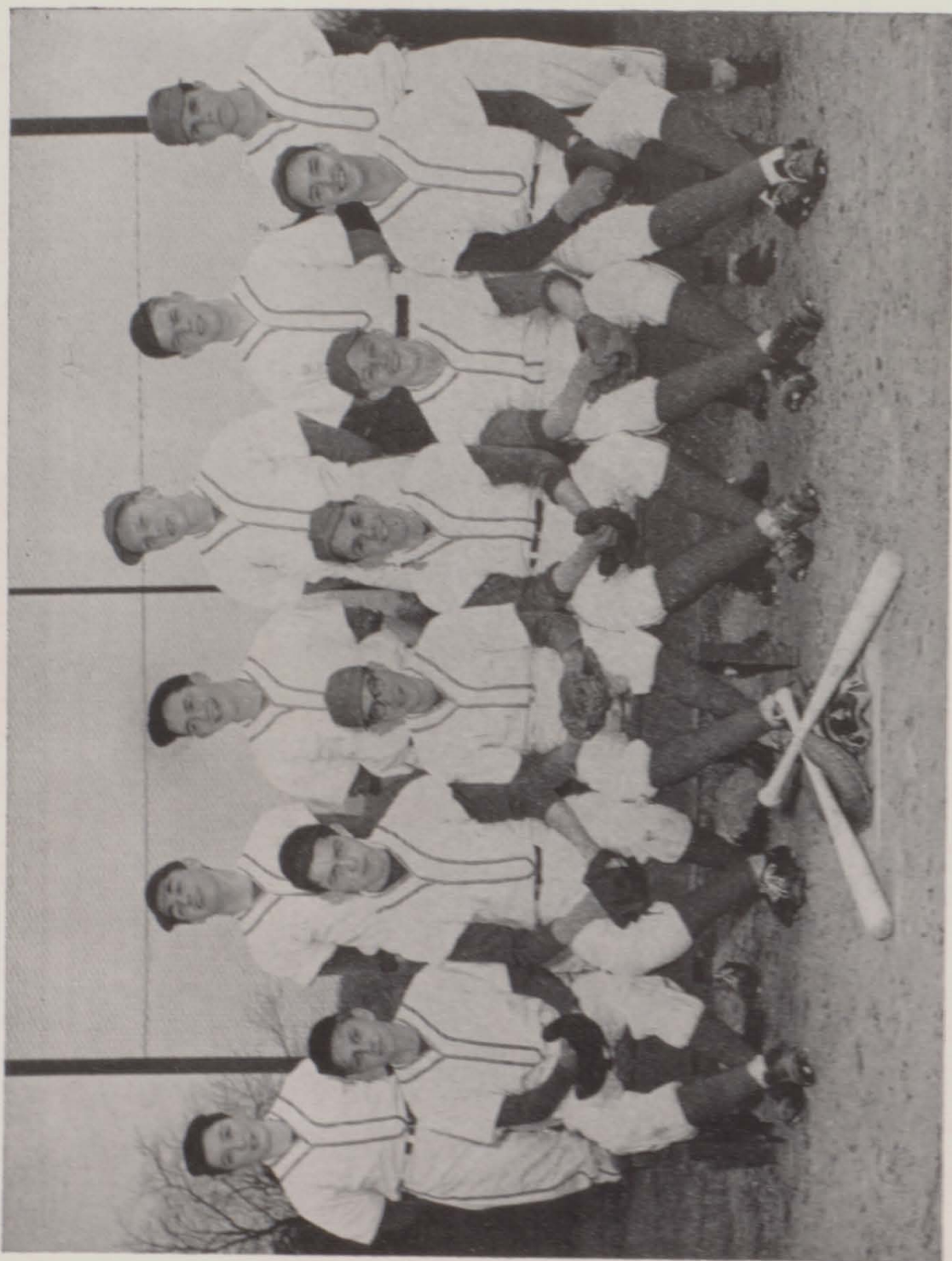
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Good Bye To the Old School

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The Baseball Team

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Other alumni get-togethers during the past year included the Boar's Head and Yule Log celebration held the 17th of December, at which 25 were in attendance, most of them participants and the Annual Alumni Dinner held at the Williams Club in New York on the 23rd of February with 22 alumni on hand.

A Philadelphia dinner was held in the fall and one for the Boston Chapter, scheduled for the 7th of March, was postponed.

One of the most unusual of the get-togethers was a cocktail party held on the 13th of April by Charles R. Marshall, '17, at his home in New York City. Nearly 30 alumni were present for this affair, most of them residing in New York City, Westchester County and New Jersey.

BASEBALL

This year's baseball team, although the first two games had been dropped, looked better all the time and promised a good season.

The pitching department was secure with Jim Hyslop back with his curve ball and Bill Sharp with his fast one.

Ned Parrott held down first base with Dick Algie and Paul Nash already to step in at once when needed.

Second base was shared by George Parker and Tino Sharp at this time with Parker playing short when Bill Adams went behind the plate.

Third base was well taken care of with Art Smith holding down the bag and Jim Hyslop taking over the hot corner when not pitching.

The catching position was shared by Bill Adams and Regnar Plesner. Both boys did a fine job and that was one of the strong points of the team.

The outfield consisted of Nash at right, Bill Sharp at center, and Dave Townsend at left and shifting to center when Sharp was pitching. Dick Algie, David Bliss, Frank Bulkley, Ephraim McLean, John Pulsifer, and Art Smith were also available for outfield duty.

Our first two games, against Hoosick Falls High School and St. Mary's Academy, showed that the team as a whole was not an experienced one and needed plenty of practice, mainly on the defensive. The pitching was good but the games were lost in the infield and outfield, the hitting was also below par. The reason was inexperience and the fact that for most of the players this was the first time that they had played together on one team. The experience needed, of course, comes gradually through time, practice games, and lots of hard work.

On May 27, the long-awaited Prom came around and Hoosac boys awoke from their silence of the past week (National "Don't Speak to Mr. Howard Week").

PROM WEEK-END

Blue Monday

Out of all the Mondays spent at Hoosac, the Monday of May the twenty-ninth seemed the bluest. A wave of melancholy struck the school like a plague. Practically everyone, even Pulse, wandered to and from classes

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with a completely "far away" (thirty-three miles to be exact) look in their eyes. This nostalgic mood hit so hard that, for a change, the assemblies were quiet. Even the Physics test, scheduled for that day, was accepted without the customary moaning, groaning and fit-throwing. You see, this particular Monday happened to be the day after the most wonderful week-end prom in the history of Hoosac School.

This blue mood even prevailed through cookie period, which began when Bud Parker, coming in from Algebra class, noticed the dance pictures on the bulletin board, dropped his books and threw a slight fit. Immediately, the conversation switched to the week-end and everything was discussed—from the time the dates arrived Saturday, through the swell meal and "pink cloud" dancing (and of course Gay Glover's birthday cake), through the full-of-fun picnic at the field house, right up until the time the girls left on Sunday. Finally, Paul snapped out of his reverie and decided it was time to ring a bell, thus drawing the memory session to a close. However, this break wasn't for long, for after classes it began again and lasted until lights out that night. And as everyone meandered off to bed, the theme was still, "Oh, what a week-end!"

Sunday night found the School slowly returning from the "Land of the Pink Cloud" to the cold world of even colder reality. Fr. Erville B. Maynard, Rector of St. Peter's Church in Albany, read parts of the diary of the Rev. John Ogilvie, rector of the same parish during the French and Indian Wars. Fr. Maynard's reading was greatly enjoyed by all; certain persons are still arguing about what tribe lived where, and the correct spelling of Hoosac and Hoosick.

The week-end of the 3-4 of June found the Mansion opened to the public. A tea was held and a number of boys from the School, especially those who had worked so unselfishly throughout the summer, were on hand to show the visitors around the property.

Monday was the last day of regular classes. Tuesday, Dies Irae, began the "Black Tridium" of much blood, sweat, and tears. Friday saw the School receiving the results of the finals and various "post mortems". The "Extra-Point Boys" were going full force!

Saturday morning was one of general clean-up. The Grounds were duly "scavenged" by the younger boys, dormitories were cleaned quite thoroughly, boys were busy in the dining hall, office and helping with the flowers for decoration. The afternoon was almost entirely free; some, however, had jobs to do about the grounds.

After a buffet supper came the annual missionary service. This year the guest preacher was the Rev. Robert Blanchard. Fr. Blanchard is the Director of College Work for the church and has his headquarters in New York City. In his sermon he told the School about the work of a college missionary and a few of his experiences as one.

When the service was over the School and guests went over to the dining hall where the athletic awards were to be presented. After the singing of the School's Athletic Ode the Rector extended his welcome to the parents and guests and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Ward, the athletic director, who, in a brief address summed up the athletics of the past year and then made the following awards:

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Varsity Letters:

William Adams.....	Football, Basketball, Baseball, Tennis
William Sharp	Football, Baseball
Paul Nash	Basketball
James Hyslop	Basketball, Baseball
George Parker	Basketball
Arthur Smith	Football, Baseball
David Townsend	Baseball
Edward Parrott	Baseball
Richard Algie	Football
Daniel Adams	Football
Russell Hergesheimer	Football
David McLanahan	Manager of all sports

The School then sang an old school song which has been gaining in popularity throughout the year, "Up From the Station, Sir". After the song the following boys received cups for their work in athletics:

The Frederick C. Hubbell Football Cup.....	William Sharp
The Julian Hillhouse Basketball Cup.....	George Parker
The Mrs. LeGrand C. Cramer Baseball Cup.....	William Adams
The Edward Dudley Tibbits Tennis Cup.....	William Adams

According to tradition an athletic sweater is awarded to each Sixth Former who has received two varsity letters for two consecutive years. This year the sweater was awarded to William Sharp. The following special awards were then made, for the best spirit on the field Paul Nash received the Edward Dudley Pousland Cup and William Adams received the Yale Lyon Cup for being the best all-round athlete. The meeting then closed with the Rector's invitation to mass in the morning and the singing of the School Ode, "Oculos Meos Levavi".

Sunday morning dawned cool, but fairly sunny. After mass the School and guests had breakfast together and then broke up into various groups, guests to see the grounds or go up to the Mansion, boys to wash dishes and do their jobs.

The morning was broken at almost regular intervals by the arrivals of parents and more guests, the judges inspecting the various projects, Prefects inspecting rooms, jobs, and trying to assemble for their meeting. Finally the hum-drum ceased for a few minutes while lunch was served, then began once more as the dining room committee went to work arranging the dining room and common room, helping Jessie get the tables under the trees.

At long last the climax came and the procession of the School, youngest boys first led by the Junior Prefect, the Graduating Class followed by the Senior Prefect, Alumni, Trustees and Faculty, began from the Chapel door and walked around the Main Quad and into the dining hall where the graduation exercises were to be held.

The exercises began with the Invocation given by the Rev. Herbert Hawkins, O. H. C. and the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee", after which came the awards for projects:

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Art—Jeffrey Moffitt; Science, Ephraim McLean; Construction, Walter Peirce; Horticulture, Richard Sellers; Ichthyology, Fr. Dunkerley, with honorable mention to Mr. Howard.

Next followed the academic awards:

Junior English, David Bliss; Senior English, Daniel Adams; Mathematics, Ephraim McLean; Science, Daniel Adams; History, Huc Hauser; French, Regnar Plesner; Latin, Paul Nash; Sacred Studies (the John Spargo Prizes)—Junior, David Bliss; Intermediate, Huc Hauser; Senior, Robert MacFadyen.

Following the academic awards came the award of cups:

Opportunity Cup, William Adams; Roberts Cup (best room), Huc Hauser with honorable mention to John Austin; Canterbury Cup (music), William Sharp; Dudley Cup (ranking scholar), Daniel Adams; General Information Cup, Ephraim McLean; Owl Cup, Robert MacFadyen with honorable mention to Paul Nash; Prefects Cup, Stefan Sharp; Antonian-Graffonian Cup—the final scores were tied this year.

The Rector then made two special awards to the Junior and Senior Prefects which were followed by the singing of "Up From the Station Sir".

Following this came the commendations for the year:

Dishwashers, Coolidge, McLean, Farnsworth; Pantry, Peirce; Dining Room Sweeper, Bliss; Work on the Grounds, William Sharp, Robert MacFadyen, Huc Hauser, Richard Sellers; Library, Paul Nash; Dramatics, Russell Hergesheimer; Bus Driver, Austin.

The Rector went on to thank Harry Adams for his cheerfulness and courtesy, John Austin for his willingness and initiative, David Bliss for co-operation in the dormitory, Dutson Brown for being a good worker and always cheerful, Henry Coolidge for his courtesy, Huc Hauser for his general improvement, John Highland for his willingness to help and his reliability, Robert MacFadyen for his all around usefulness, Comrie MacInnes for hard effort and pleasantness, Ephraim McLean for earnestness and politeness, Jeffrey Moffitt and Arthur Smith for their good work as sign painters, Walter Peirce for his work in the pantry, Regnar Plesner and Burton Sellers for their courtesy and manners, Richard Sellers for his neatness and politeness, William Sharp for his excellent leadership, David Townsend work on the truck and the film projector, Harry Wiard courtesy and helpfulness, especially at the Erskine Cottage, Richard Youmans for his willingness to do jobs assigned, and last but far from least, the heads of the various committees.

"The Hoosac Society of Ancient and Rare Instruments", Mr. Butcher at the piano, Mr. Davis at the recorder, Mr. Howard at the violin added a restful note to the programme by giving a short recital. After the pleasant interlude the Rector introduced Robert MacFadyen who delivered the Valedictory Address, laying great stress on the fact that we must find a purpose for our lives. The Rector then introduced the main speaker of the afternoon, the Rev. Darwin Kirby, Rector of St. George's Church in Schenectady. Fr. Kirby spoke primarily to the Graduating Class, telling

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them of the ever-increasing necessity of possessing an active, living faith, practiced in all that we do.

After Fr. Kirby's address the members of the Class of 1950, Richard Gorman Algie, Robert Langmuir MacFadyen, John Davidson McLanahan, Arthur Donald Smith, William Graves Sharp, received their diplomas from the Rev. Herbert Hawkins, O. H. C., representing the Trustees, and Fr. Wood, our Rector-Headmaster.

The ceremonies closed with the singing of the School Ode and the benediction given by Fr. Hawkins.

ALUMNI NOTES—A RESUME

- '08—**Laurence Baretto**, novelist, who has resided in Goshen, N. Y. for many years, has moved to Carmel, Calif.
- William Pitt Mason, jr.**, has been a frequent visitor at the school during the past year.
- Rev. Alan G. Whittemore, OHC**, is currently stationed in the Holy Cross Mission in Liberia.
- '10—**Julian G. Hillhouse** has visited the school frequently.
- '27—**Henry W. Bulkley** has been a frequent visitor at the school.
- '31—**Malcolm Roberts** and Mrs. Roberts announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Hibbard Roberts, at Orange Memorial Hospital on April 1. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts reside at 36 Woodland Avenue, Summit, N. J.
- Arthur H. Tibbits** is practicing law in San Francisco, Calif.
- Walter P. Lewisohn** has visited the school twice during the year.
- '33—**Dr. Robert H. Areson** has opened an office for the practice of Internal Medicine at 133 Bellevue Avenue, Upper Montclair, N. J.
- '35—**David W. Whitcomb** has visited the school twice during the past year. His new address is 293 South Union Road, Williamsville 21, N. Y.
- '37—**Archer Mario Chamlee** and Mrs. Chamlee are now residing in Los Angeles, Calif., where Archer is in the oil business. They have one daughter, Ruth Helen Chamlee.
- '40—**Rev. B. Linford Eyrick** is curate at Grace Church, Newark, N. J.
- Martin F. Bump** and Mrs. Bump are residing in Troy after having lived for several years in Chicago, Ill. They were present at the Yule Log this past year. Mrs. Bump, the former Olive Nichols of Troy, and Martin are the parents of two children.
- '41—**Father Whitcomb** has stopped off at the school two or three times during the past year on the way to his summer home in North Bennington, Vt.
- Francis H. Whitcomb** is teaching at the Hickory Ridge School, Putney, Vt., and has visited the school three times this past year.
- A. Lowell Cummings** is an instructor at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio.
- David VanV. Wend** is Instructor of Mathematics at Reed College, Portland, Ore.
- Benjamin P. Ford, III** is in his Junior Year at General Theological Seminary, New York City.

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'42—Mrs. Leonard M. Gaines of Ruxton, Md., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Marion Brand Gaines to **John Hall Cushman (1938-41)**. John is at Harvard University.

Louis B. Kastenbein, II, has visited Hoosac several times during the year. He graduated from Dartmouth College in June, 1949 and has been employed by the Cushman Company of North Bennington since that time. He lives at 234 North Street, Bennington.

Samuel VanS. Martin has returned from agricultural school in California and is employed by the Cottage Nursery, Schenectady. He visited the school on the 13th of May and again on the alumni week-end.

Peter F. Leslie and his wife were present for the Yule Log celebration. Peter is employed by Pitney-Bowes Metered Mail Corp., in Boston, and resides in West Natick.

Mr. Arthur W. Adams, jr., who taught Romance languages at Hoosac from 1917 through 1922 and again from 1924 through 1942, is on the faculty of the Dexter School, Brookline, Mass.

Robert L. Adams (1938-42) is in the oil business in Houston, Tex.

Mr. George Trickey, English Instructor (1941-42) is teaching at Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Trevor M. Rea, instructor of music at Hoosac from 1938 through 1942, is teaching in Lindenhurst, L. I., and in addition is organist and choirmaster at the First Methodist Church in Babylon, L. I.

Eric Billings is in the Encyclopedia business in Boston, Mass.

Ralston Grant is residing in Jamaica, B. W. I.

'43—**Peter deLacy-Bourke** is studying diplomacy at Tufts College, Medford, Mass.

Richard J. Phair was graduated from the Albany College of Pharmacy on the 8th of June. Dick expects to reside in Canaan, Conn., with his wife, the former Miss Mary Morgan and three-year-old son, Rick.

Keith Marvin has visited the school frequently for alumni work. He is a reporter and music critic on The Record Newspapers, Troy, N. Y.

Benson Noice, jr., was present at the Yule Log. He was in the insurance business but hopes to take up graduate work in the fall.

'44—**John H. Hall**, a graduate of Princeton University in the Class of 1949, is in fire insurance in Newark, N. J.

Henry A. Morriss, jr., is working in the Record Department at Misericordia Hospital in New York City.

'45—**Edward J. Anness** has been a frequent visitor at the school. He is employed at the French-American Banking Corp., in New York.

James F. Semple spent the winter working in a night club in Hollywood, Calif., and hopes to join the Air Force this summer. Jim is a graduate of the Class of 1945 at Hoosac, served in the U. S. Navy in 1945 and 1946 in the Pacific Theatre and spent another year at Hoosac, graduating all over again in 1947. His address is 129 Mt. Auburn Street, Cambridge 38, Mass.

Joseph D. Salisbury was married Saturday, the 13th of May to Miss Patricia Schabot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jerome Schabot of Oak Ridge, Tenn. The ceremony was held in the Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church. Joe and his bride expect to stop off at the school following a trip to Bermuda.

Rev. Reinhart B. Gutmann, who was on the faculty from 1943 through 1945, visited the school on the 1st of April. Father Gutmann is active in mission work in Milwaukee, Wisc.

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'46—**William M. Morriss** has returned to his home in New York after a two-year illness in Ithaca, N. Y.

James H. Gettings, jr., has completed his Junior Year at Providence College, Providence, R. I.

Robert H. Chambers has completed his Junior Year at Boston College where he was president of his class. Bob resides at 30 Somerset Street, Belmont, Mass.

Edward B. Jesson, who taught at Hoosac during the 1945-46 season, is on the faculty of the University of Minnesota.

'47—**Delbert E. Davidson** was graduated from the University of Wyoming the 6th of June, 1949.

Thomas N. Morgan visited the school over the alumni week-end. Tom expects to travel extensively throughout Europe this summer and will enter his Senior Year at Bard College in the fall.

'48—**Rev. John R. Ramsey**, Social Studies Instructor at the school, 1946-48, and Mrs. Ramsey announced the birth of a son, Peter Rathbone Ramsey, the 16th of August, 1949. Mrs. Ramsey was the former June Perry of Cambridge, N. Y. Father Ramsey is rector of Trinity Church, Rensselaerville, N. Y.

John R. Pattison has completed his Sophomore Year at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.

'49—**Stuart L. Horton-Billard** has completed his Freshman Year at Canterbury College, at Danville, Ind.

Hans S. Lopez, Donald O. Chilton and **George Browne** have completed their Freshman Year at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.



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