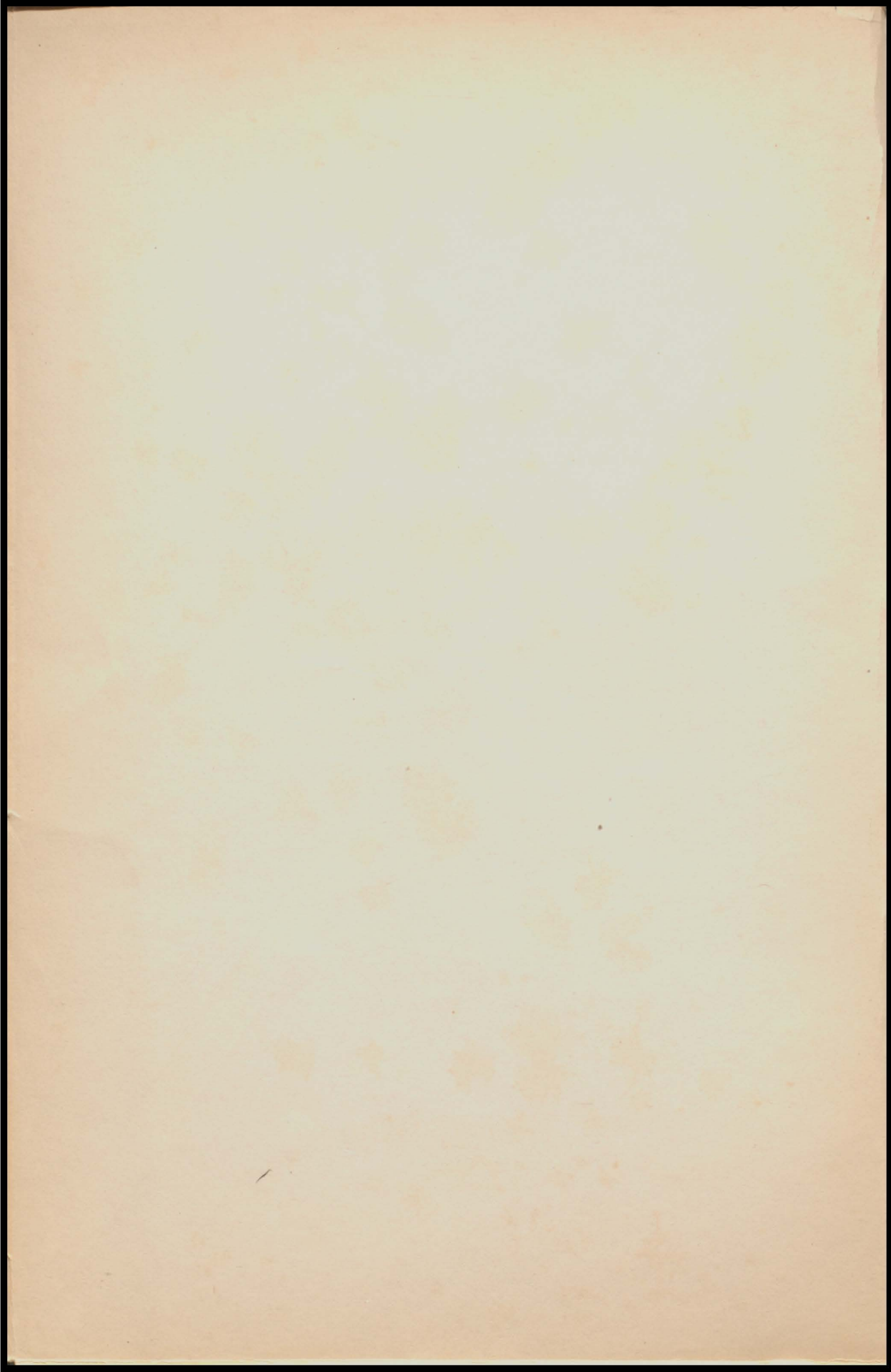




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## Dedication



Paul Fontaine Nash

It is not often that an issue of The Owl is dedicated to a recent alumnus. However, this year we deviate from the normal and wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Paul Nash for the great job he did in pulling The Owl out of the red and into the black, by a considerable margin.

Paul took over the job of business manager in 1948 and from then till his graduation in 1951 did a splendid job with our finances. It took hard work and a great deal of patience. It took diplomacy and tact, and most of all, it took brains and imagination.

We, therefore, of The Owl Board and the Senior Class, dedicate this issue of the Yearbook to our friend and companion, Paul "Stretch" Nash.

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## Class of 1952



**Sidney James Cullingham, Jr.**

Sid was born March 27, 1934, in Omaha, Nebraska, where he still lives. He attended his first two years of high school there.

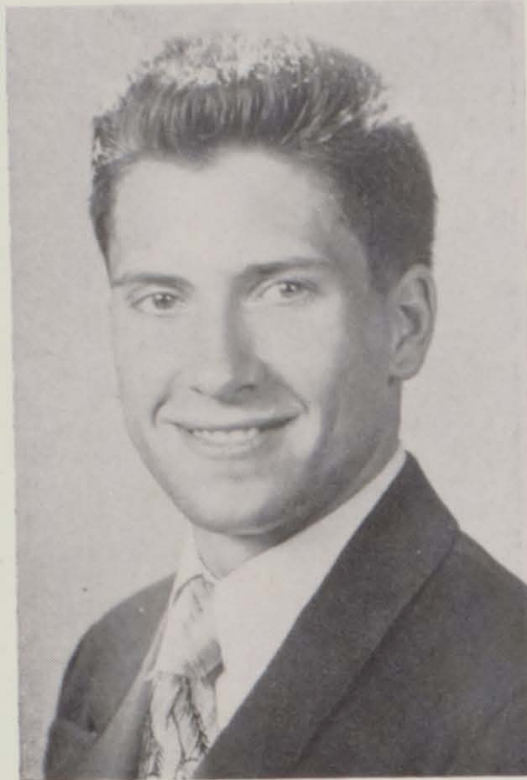
Societies and Organizations: Fifth form year; dining room committee; dishwasher, bellringer; vestry.

Sixth form year: Senior council member; chauffeur; pantry prefect; dining room committee—head; school supply store—head; Owl board.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Herald, M. C. in the Mummers play, Elizabethan Sword Dance.

Sid plans to enter Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

## Class of 1952



**Robert Francis Dorum**

Bob was born July 24, 1935, in Saratoga Springs, New York, where he now resides. He came to Hoosac this year for the first time and has done very well.

Societies and Committees: Owl board; vestry; secretary, liturgical choir; Antonian club; dining room committee; assistant organist for the chapel.

Athletics: Soccer and baseball.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Beefeater.

Bob plans to enter Siena College in the fall.

## Class of 1952



**Huc H. Hauser**

Huc comes originally from Hamburg, Germany, where he was born on December 17, 1933. At present he lives in New York. He came to Hoosac in the fall of 1947 and is considered a true Hoosacian of the "way back when" type.

Societies and Committees: Antonian club; "H" club; dance committee; student council; dishwasher; school store; dramatic club; dining room sweeper; chauffeur; milkman; Owl board, editor; school prefect.

Athletics: Soccer.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Shepherd, head torch bearer, beefeater; Mummer's play, dragon.

Huc plans to enter the Navy this summer and go to the United States Naval Academy.

## Class of 1952



**James N. Hyslop, III**

"Jim", ?!!!()\$&-\*?!! Jim was born at the Paterson General Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey, on December 5, 1933. At present his address is 19 Arlington Street, Paterson. Coming from Paterson Central High School, he entered the third form at Hoosac in the winter of 1948.

Athletics: Football (III, IV); Soccer (V, VI); Tennis (III, IV); Basketball (III, IV, V, VI); Baseball (III, IV, V, VI) Captain VI.

Societies and Committees: Graftonian Club, President VI; "H" Club; Dance Committee (VI), Decorating Committee (III, IV), Common Room Committee (IV, V), Non-singer (III, IV, V, VI), Dining Room Committee, Dormitory Prefect (VI) Meeting House and Bouton, Library Service Club (IV), Dishwasher "maybe" (III, IV, V, VI), Dining Room Sweeper, Chauffer.

Publications: The Owl Board, (VI), (Editor-in-Chief).

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Beefeater (IV, V), Elizabethan bearing Plum Pudding, Sword Dance (VI).

Future Plans: Will enter the University of the South in September, 1952.



## Class of 1952



Paul E. Lucas, Jr.

Paul, "Luke", "Ishkabibbel" was born July 20, 1933 at the New Britian General Hospital in New Britian, Conn., and now lives at 90 Hillcrest Avenue, New Britian. He entered the fifth form at Hoosac School in September, 1950, from the New Britian Senior High School. He was elected Senior Prefect on All-Hallows Eve, 1951.

Athletics: Soccer (V, VI); Baseball (V, VI).

Societies and committees: Antonian Club (V, President VI); "H" Club; Dance Committee (VI); Dormitory Prefect (VI, Meeting House and Bouton); Student Council (V, President VI); Liturgical Choir (V, VI); Bellringer (V, VI?); Dining Room Sweeper (V); Dishwasher (V, VI); Common Room Committee (V); Decorating Committee (V, VI).

Publications: "Owl" and "Owlet" Business Manager (VI).

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Corporal of the Beefeaters (V); Elizabethan (VI).

Will enter The University of the South in the fall of 1952.

## Class of 1952



**Andrew Lee Olmsted**

Born: Syracuse, New York, January 10, 1934.

Present Address: 1 Salsbury Road, Delmar, New York.

Andy entered Hoosac in the fifth form from Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar.

Societies and Committees: Antonian club, library committee, school store, dormitory prefect, liturgical choir, Owl board.

Athletics: Soccer, basketball, baseball.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Star of the East and King.

## Class of 1952



**Burton C. Sellers**

Burt, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 24th, 1933, now lives at 29 Brair Road, Wayne, Pa. He is a Hoosac boy from way back, entering the now discontinued junior school in 1945, having spent six years at Lower Marion School, Lower Marion, Pa. His only claim to fame is six straight years of Hoosac School.

Societies and Committees: Antonian club; liturgical choir; vestry; "H" club; bellringer; school driver; head dishwasher; radio club; pantry prefect; and milkman.

Athletics: Soccer.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: King's page, torch bearer, trencher bearer, sword dance.

Burt plans to enter the Air Force in the summer.



The Hestry

## Foreword

HERE it is, June eighth, and the end of another year is at hand. It has been a fairly good year, with its ups and its downs. It has been an interesting year to say the least, and an enjoyable one. We all have some very bright moments to look back upon.

We, the editors, wish to thank The Owl Board for its co-operation and hard work in putting out the paper throughout the year. We have had a wonderful time with The Owllet, which would have been utterly impossible were it not for the work of the board.

The purpose of the yearbook has been put down as being a review of the year just passed. A publication to tell the Hoosac story. It is this, certainly, and more. It is a living memory to each successive graduating class of its years at Hoosac. Scanning over old Owls brings back all the pictures of one's life here. The dances, the initiation, the exams and the baseball games, evening chapel and Father Wood, the trials, tribulations and rewards. The Owl serves as a keepsake and a joy in years to come.

For the privilege of working on this board we are thankful, too. We have learned much, and seeing The Owllet lying neatly folded in each mailbox is a treat to the editorial eye.

It is with thanks then, that we bid to Hoosac, Father Wood and the future Owl board the very best of luck and happiness. It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

## The Rector's Letter

"All This and Heaven. Too"

**R**ECENTLY, the president of a famous eastern university set forth his views on secondary education, saying that he saw no place for private schools in a democracy. All young people, he said, should have the experience of working, studying and playing together in democratic fashion in public schools, avoiding special privileges which tend to divide our people.

Without seeking to defend unduly the role that independent schools can play in the life of our nation, let us think for a moment about our vocation at Hoosac School.

Certainly it is true that public schools, by and large, do a fine and responsible piece of work in educating 90% of our children and young people. In most communities, the public school is the center of great interest and usefulness for young and old alike. Furthermore, the record of those going to college from public schools is at least the equal of that of their private school friends. Where then does the independent school fit in, and what are its opportunities?

First, let it be said that it is entirely fitting in a democracy to allow for free enterprise, not only in business, but in education, too, as long as those interested in the enterprise are loyal to the basic aims of our nation. A good education is not guaranteed simply by the fact that it is democratic to go to public school. School systems vary widely in their effectiveness, depending upon local conditions. Classes are often badly overcrowded, teachers may be inadequate, political interference may limit the freedom which is so essential for good teaching, racial and social factors often cause grave problems which lead to conflict. These and other matters are sufficient to justify the existence of independent schools for a long time to come.

There is, however, a far more fundamental reason for the existence of a school like ours. It is very easy, even in a democratic state to break the first commandment by worshipping the false gods of material and economic success. Our very freedom and our emphasis upon individualism

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tend to inflate our egos, and to place a great big "I" at the center of our thinking. We are apt even to believe that democracy means we can do as we please, which is certainly not the truth of the matter. The realization is slowly beginning to dawn upon us that democracy must be a matter of "group thinking" and "group action", in which we recognize our interdependence, and our membership one with another.

It is at this point that a school like Hoosac has much to offer by way of leadership and example. We have been blessed with a great and important tradition. We seek to live as a Christian family under God, holding in the forefront of our thinking and action the love of God and of our fellowmen. We are concerned not only in the education of mind and of body, but of spirit, too. We aim to give as good an education on the physical and human levels as any school. No doubt we need much material assistance in these regards, but believe we shall find the necessary help in due time. Fundamental is the insight that human beings are souls with eternal destinies, as well as bodies with earthly needs.

Our vocation may well be summed up by the phrase "All this and heaven, too". We want to offer all the good things that the public school can give in the way of sound education in the arts and sciences, the humanistic and practical studies, but also in the awareness of God who is our Maker and Friend. It is He who has all the final answers, not we. We must seek to discover His will.

As Governor Dewey recently said in an address to the annual convention of the diocese of Albany, the world is faced with problems of far greater complexity than ever before. No answers of a purely materialistic nature will suffice. Only by discovering God's answers will we be able to solve them. It is to such a vocation that Hoosac is dedicated. May God bless you all in the interesting years that lie ahead.

Ever faithfully, your friend,

MEREDITH B. WOOD

## Mansion Life

**F**RIDAY, March fourteenth, and the Hoosac movers swing into high gear. Boys load up a moving van, the van leaves and an hour later fourteen boys and two masters are installed in the Mansion. Thus, in one quiet, efficiently planned afternoon, Hoosac realized its dream to live in the Mansion. True, it was less than half the school which moved, but Mansion life had started.

Mansion living is not simple. Boys get up fifteen minutes before the old school rises and commute down to breakfast and classes at six forty-five. They usually arrive in time to roust their lazier old school comrades out of bed, but they themselves are not always quite awake either.

In the evening the bus rolls again for study hall is held on the hill. Free time after study hall till bedtime is spent working on projects or hobbies, or just plain relaxing.

In the afternoons Mansion boys, and old school boys, too, work on the building and grounds. They paint, maintain and rebuild lawns, fix the roads, clean up, and generally improve the area. A lot of work has been done, but there remains work for many generations of Hoosac boys.

To be a Mansion boy means that each individual has a greater responsibility towards the group, and the new buildings. It means distinction, in the form of being one of a group set apart as an advance party whose purpose it is to find and correct the "bugs" in Mansion life so that future years will see less difficulty in establishing a pattern of living. There are inconveniences, sure, but the Mansion boy feels that they are more than compensated for. No posters may be put up, one is out of one's room almost all day and if you forget something in the morning you go without for the rest of the day. The Mansion boy does two jobs, against the one job for each old school boy. And worst of all is the getting up early. But . . . . It's all made up for by the glorious time which is spent there.

The Mansion boy has great pride in his home, and will show it off any time of the day. This pride and eagerness to make the place a good school is resulting in that the Mansion is fast becoming the center of school life. It has been the scene of the spring prom, a very successful event; the tea cup tea and auto meet, and numerous parties. In future it will be the heart and nerve center of a growing school.

All the boys living in the Mansion wish to express their thanks for being able to live there this year. It is an honor which goes not unappreciated.



## Events in the Spotlight

### FIRST TERM

#### St. Agnes Dance

The other day several of the students and faculty of Hoosac were entertained by the girls of St. Agnes School. Officially the entertainment was in the form of a dance and all who went were far from disappointed. Those who went are also looking forward to dances with St. Agnes in future years.

The school itself is an exceptionally beautiful and serene institution, immaculately cared for and furnished in fine taste. The grounds are large and well kept. St Agnes is a credit to both the church and diocese.

From the St. Agnes kitchen came a delicious meal followed by tasty chocolate sundaes. During intermission we enjoyed excellent punch from a punch bowl which proved to be a most popular attraction.

The dancing was, naturally, the highlight of the evening with a three-piece orchestra furnishing the music.

In conclusion we feel that the girls were most entertaining and succeeded quite definitely in being the perfect hostesses. They created a friendly atmosphere in no time and are to be called a credit to any school.

#### Saturday Schedule

Hoosac School has a new schedule this year concerning Saturday morning. The weekly work period, which was on Friday last year, has now been moved to Saturday; also a forty-five minute assembly has been put in. These assemblies are used for everything from school meetings to educational and vocational speeches. This, we feel, is very good because it utilizes precious time and is advantageous to the efficiency of the school.

#### A Letter From Pix

Dear Fr. Wood:

Rugby is doing fine as it always seems to. The headmaster, Sir Arthur fforde, and the housemaster were both very pleased with the extremely neat and comprehensive records you sent them. Merci.

Since I don't know a whole lot about things at Hoosac at the moment, I may as well get on with some of the various comparisons which are to be made. The lab sciences are far more quantitatively fixed up. About thirty or more students can be working on one experiment at the same time. It is interesting to note the infinite detail into which all the science courses go, (they spend three or four years on the same subject). But it must be said that my chem master does not come up to your standards.

Mr. Butcher would be thrilled by the music here. The entire school of seven hundred or more sings the psalm every day, the choir, oh what a choir, soloing some of the verses. It is all quite amazing really. The music to the Benedicte is something you really should not miss hearing.

Father, you will no doubt grin like the Cheshire cat when I tell you I have been blessed with a housemaster who believes dances to be complete nonsense and bad for one's routine and to top it, acts accordingly. There is little or no opposition which should make a revolution a bit on the "difficile" side. So, I must thank you for the dances you did allow me to attend and forget about the ones I missed and certainly miss now.

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I have my own study and sleep like everyone else in one of the three dorms of thirty or less, where we retire at the healthful hour of 9:30. Next morning you walk into your study to find some child spraying it for cold germs. Housemaster is trying some of his new developments. A scientist from the word ion.

Well, there is a lot I could talk about—our house cap colored with rings of mauve and black, numerous characters, fencing, the lovely countryside, and our eccentric English teacher, but all I shall say is hello to the faculty and all the kids. Have a fine Yule Log and year to come. Thanks for five fruitful years. They won't be forgotten.

A fundamentally good boy,

PIX.

### Reading Recital

Proceeds Go to "Books For Korea" Fund

On Sunday, December 2, Mr. Hugh Coleridge Mackarness, the noted lecturer and oral reader, presented a grand demonstration of oral reading at its perfection. Hoosac welcomed Mr. Mackarness for the second time, for he came to us two years ago.

His program for this occasion was entitled "Wit and Humor in English Literature." Throughout the recital Mr. Mackarness held his audience spellbound by his fine performance. His clear diction and delightful manner of speaking endeared him to his audience, which exceeded two hundred people.

The recital was a huge success and we sincerely hope that we will see more of Mr. Makarness. Again we express our gratitude to the library club Mrs. Green, who started the ball rolling, the committees who worked so hard and gave their time so freely, and, of course, to Mr. Mackarness who, through his excellent reading ability, his gentlemanly attitude, and his sparkling good humor, has made himself eternally welcome at Hoosac School.

### Youth Rally

On Sunday, October 26th, The Feast of Christ the King, Hoosac School held the Youth Rally for the Troy Deanery. Among those present were some old Friends and Alumni of the school, Rev. Benjamin Eyrick, Bernard Kastenbein, both Alumni of the school and Rev. John Ramsey, a former master of the school.

The program for the evening got under way with Evensong as it is sung here at the school. Among the features of the service was the beautiful setting of Psalm 121 by Frank Butcher. Father Wood made a few remarks on the purposes and activities of the United Movement of the Church's Youth and left the congregation anticipating with pleasure the talk with slides which followed the service.

Father Herbert Hawkins of the Order of the Holy Cross was the principal speaker of the evening. His talk, illustrated by kodachrome slides, was on the Order's Mission in Liberia. Father Hawkins spoke with feeling and often with emotion of the project which he was privileged to start in the hinterland of Liberia. When he first went out, the Liberian of the hinterland had never seen a white man. Christianity was nothing more than

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a casual word in the vocabularies of the people, and Mohammedanism was encroaching fast. The results of the Fathers' work in the area are astounding. Whole areas are now seen under the influence of the church. The central mission has now built its second church so that more people could be accommodated. Besides the central Mission at Bolahun, the Fathers carry on work in forty-four outstations. In order to carry on this rapidly expanding program, UMCY has designated their offering this year in support of the Liberian mission. Such a nation-wide collection will be quite sizable (last year it was \$20,000) and, as Father Hawkins put it, will not be wasted in the least.

Following the talk there was a social hour and refreshments were served. Among those present were the Young Peoples groups of Christ Church, Troy, N. Y., St. Paul's Church, Greenwich, N. Y., St. Mark's Church, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., St. Peter's Church, Bennington, Vt., Holy Name Church, Boyntonville, St. Paul's Church, Raymertown, St. Luke's Church, Cambridge, N. Y.

### Thanksgiving Vacation

An unusual event that took place this year was Thanksgiving vacation. We say unusual because for many years Hoosac has not had the good fortune to enjoy Thanksgiving off.

Most of the faculty spent the week-end in retreat at Holy Cross where silence is mandatory. We imagine that they had a difficult time keeping quiet for silence is not generally attributed to Hoosac School. Father Wood spent a pleasant week-end at a youth conference at Tupper Lake. The students naturally retreated homeward.

Upon returning to Hoosac everyone had interesting little anecdotes to tell. Some of these experiences include the over-indulgence in turkey and stuffing, which we paid for dearly by spending Friday morning taking Pepto-Bismol. However, on Sunday evening, everybody was back, looking bright and happy.

The ordinary events of the week-end were heaven-sent. No getting up at six-thirty, no homework, and no going to bed at ten o'clock sharp. It's too bad that the Pilgrims didn't have half a dozen Thanksgiving festivals.

### Yule Log

For sixty years now Hoosac has celebrated annually its Yule Log ceremony and each year it has been very successful.

The first event is the lighting of the Yule Log Candle. The original meaning of the Yule Log Candle is unknown, but at Hoosac it signifies the remembrance of all the masters, boys and friends of the school in the past and present.

The last year's candle is lighted by the senior prefect, as if to rekindle memories of the festival it saw when new. Then the headmaster lights the new candle. This represents the wish of former participants to be with the school in spirit this night and in years to come.

### The Boar's Head Procession

The most famous survival of this ceremony is found at Queen's College, Oxford. It is connected with that institution by the story of one of its students who was walking and studying Aristotle in the nearby forest of Shotover when he was attacked by a boar. As the boar rushed upon him

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open-mouthed, the young man rammed his volume down the boar's gullet, thereby choking him to death.

From then on Queen's College has had the ceremony.

### The Yule Log

At the beginning of the second part the Yule Log is brought in. This log was selected and cut two or three years ago just as the logs in the past were cut two or three years before they were burned. After they are cut, they are kept in a warm, dry cellar so that on the nights of the Yule Log Festival they will burn long and brightly.

The Yule Log is actually a representation of the Yule itself. It is lighted by the headmaster with a carefully-saved brand from last year's log. It then burns for the rest of the festival.

### The Mummer's Play

The Mummer's Play originated in England during the middle ages. It was put on by country people in the village square during the Christmas Season. The players in the play tonight are trying to represent the country folk as they might have done the skit. The vain and boisterous King of Egypt, the bold and handsome St. George, Fair Saba with all her beauty, the ferocious Dragon and the egotistical M. C. are just a few of the characters you will see in this sensational play.

We hope this has given you some idea of the meanings and origins of various parts in our Yule Log Celebration.

Something a little out of the ordinary happened during this Yule Log celebration, which added a great deal to the event. A gift was presented by Huc Hauser and Paul Lucas, on behalf of the alumni and school, to Mr. Butcher. While Mr. Butcher listened in complete bewilderment, Paul Lucas read the certificate which had been penned by Jeffery Moffit in fine Old English style.

#### "Certificate"

"This pen and this chair are presented to Frank Butcher with the gratitude of many generations of Hoosac boys, whom he has taught to love Christmas by carol and song. May he use them to capture much lovely music for many years. December 15, 1951."

After this Mr. Butcher gave a speech of thanks, talking about the school, its traditions, and its spirit. It was a moving talk and stirred all who were at the festival.

The musicians again took up their instruments and the Yule Log was brought to a close, one of the finest ever.

### New Boy!!!

Just so that the new Hoosac boy knows how much he is appreciated by all the old boys, they have devoted a whole week to his honor. During this week the celebrated new boy is tested and thoroughly examined to see what he is made of. Among other things, he is given odd jobs to do. These may take the form of shining shoes, cleaning windows, sweeping out his master's room, (Oh yes, each new boy is assigned to an old boy each day for "supervision"), making beds, and sundry other menial tasks. Finally,

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when his week of trial and tribulation is over, and if he has passed muster, he is initiated by a special and secret process which is ever after held close to the hearts of those who have been through it. The ceremony is performed on all Hallow's eve.

After the ceremony the new boy is no longer one of the lower beings, but is united with all Hoosac boys from that day on. This deep bond lasts even after leaving Hoosac and going on to the great wide world. Just ask any alumnus.

### SECOND TERM

#### Mr. Butcher Comes Home

Once again we see among the students and faculty the shining face of Mr. Butcher. It has been a long time since he was last here. There have been additions to the Hoosac family and there have been other changes. Mr. Butcher will no longer be found living in the third floor of Hogan's Alley. Now he resides comfortably in Valhalla.

We all are happy to have him back and wish him the very best of good luck in his work and a happy, satisfying life amongst us.

Mr. Butcher, welcome home.

#### Mr. Marvin Speaks

On Saturday, January 12, we at Hoosac were privileged to hear Mr. Dwight Marvin of the Troy Record speak on "Newspaper Work as a Career." Mr. Marvin proved to be an excellent speaker with a fine sense of humor and a splendid wit.

His comments and advice about the newspaper business, while intended mainly for those interested in journalism as a career, were well-fitted words of advice for any walk of life.

His own philosophy of life is to enjoy himself and, as he stood there talking to us, we could easily see that he lived accordingly. He told us that since we will spend the greater part of our lives working so that we can enjoy the short time we have with our families at home; why not pick a job that one enjoys and have a good time all the time. He mentioned men who had completely changed their lives to work at what they enjoyed doing. Among these men was his father who gave up a fortune to become a priest, and a friend of his who gave up a very promising career in the diplomatic service to become an English teacher. Financial reward, he said, is not half as important as the reward of satisfaction.

About newspaper work itself Mr. Marvin had much to say. Starting halfway up the ladder is impossible, he said; one has to start on the bottom and work up. The work is not hard but the life is exciting for the newspaper man never knows what will come next. It may be his neighbor's cat stranded in a tree or it may be some event like the burning of the Hindenburg at Lakehurst, New Jersey.

There are, it seems, five basic elements which make up a newspaper. They are: variety, surprise, friendship, power, and democracy. Each of these elements has infinite rewards for the man who wants to go out and find them.

The soul of that great body called the newspaper, said Mr. Marvin, is the editorial. Here is expressed the views of the editor, and here is reflected the opinion of the great American public. He said that the editorial is not

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meant so much to influence people's thinking as it is to make them think. This is the important thing. He personally does not care what people do about what he writes, but he does want them to start thinking.

The talk was as amusing as it was informative and we thank Mr. Marvin heartily for coming to us. He will be welcome anytime at Hoosac School.

### St. Agnes Dance

Well, pardner, are you ready for the first square dance of the year with St. Agnes?

We were due at St. Agnes for six o'clock supper, but, as is almost always true, were delayed by a detained stage-coach. Our partners were famished as we were. Of course we had just been playing basketball, therefore were a bit more famished.

Between spaghetti and pie we tried to find out what happened over Christmas vacation in the feminine world, but to no avail.

The dance was held in the play-room on a very slippery floor, and between all the noise and laughter, Miss Linder had a very hard job of calling. She finally gave up and let us fox-trot two numbers while she got her voice back.

During the intermission, lasting from eight till nine, we watched television and drank coke. AHH, very relaxing.

Dancing was resumed, Miss Linder having gotten over her case of "laryngitis", and was more righteous than ever. For some reason, during a square dance, people have the hardest time standing up.

Came the last dance and we were grabbed by our chaperones only to find the bus wasn't there. Fate sure can be helpful at times.

### Hoosac at U. M. C. Y. Meeting

'Twas a dark and stormy night when in walked the padre. "Boys", said the padre, "who would like to go with me to a youth meeting in Troy?" A few lads spoke up, ready and willing, but when all was said and done, only two went.

As they started it was snowing lightly but soon it really began to come down in force. While the storm was in full fury the team, consisting of Father Wood, Sid Cullingham and Henry Coolidge, had a slight accident. Not serious, but adventuresome.

It was late when they arrived at Trinity Church, Lansingburg, battered but still in one piece. Up they went to the second floor meeting room where Father Pennock made the opening speech. After this Father Wood spoke on the United Movement of the Church's Youth, its establishment, maintenance and the reasons for its existence. It was a fine talk and provided many questions. The audience got some idea as to how the Troy Deanery was handling its share of U.M.C.Y. Plans for the future were also discussed.

After the meeting, cocoa was served and many prepared for the rough journey home, for the Hoosac contingent was not the only one to come from a distance.

Father Wood and the boys were just beginning to feel comfortable when they had to go. They left the warm home-like atmosphere of the

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parish hall to brave the storm once more and make their way home. The roads were extremely bad, indeed, it took three tries to get out of the fair city of Troy. However, they made it home, much the better and happier for the experience. We all hope that the school will be able to participate more fully in the youth movement. It would be constructive and, we believe, a great deal of fun.

### **Two Masters in Brotherhood Week Ceremonies**

February 17th through the 24th was observed in over 6,000 communities in the United States as Brotherhood Week. Among those communities was Hoosick Falls, one of the few small towns in the area which observed the week. Both Mr. Locke and Mr. Howard were privileged to serve on the committee which planned the activities of the week, to participate in the final Brotherhood Service which was held on February 24. The responsibilities of the two masters were to publicize the week in the school as well as the communities around Hoosick Falls. Thus many of you saw the exhibit on Brotherhood Week in the library and some of you received pamphlets and other materials.

The most interesting part of the project took place on Saturday, February 23, when the two men went down to Albany to appear on the Forrest Willis program in connection with the Brotherhood service on Sunday. Mr. Willis has become an old friend of the school since John Pulsifer and Henry Coolidge appeared on the program last fall to talk a little about the Yule Log and to publicize Mr. Mackarness's reading recital. The two masters had four minutes of radio time in which they spoke of the school and were asked a few questions about their activities on the Brotherhood committee of Hoosick Falls. Mr. Willis praised the school highly and was delighted to tell his audience how the school has participated in community affairs.

Mr. Howard sang in Mrs. Bentley's choir for the service Sunday evening. Later the same evening both masters were invited to participate in the first of a series of round table discussions that were to follow up the main service on Sunday. Various activities were discussed and future plans were laid for activities to nurture the ideal of Brotherhood in Hoosick Falls. It was decided that the committee should continue to function and that much could be done along labor-management lines in the town.

The Owl Board wishes to thank Mrs. Mabel Hart who made it possible for the two men to participate and serve on the local committee.

### **Snow Holiday**

For days it had been cold, but as yet there was no snow to be seen anywhere. Then one day in the middle of February, February 19 to be exact, the people of Hoosick and surrounding vicinity awoke to see a beautiful eighteen-inch carpet of dry, white, flaky snow which covered everything in sight.

Shouts rang out through Hoosick dormitories and excitement and gaiety were brought into a long and dreary winter term. Skiing, tobogganing, all sorts of winter activities, were being planned. But . . . alas! What was the use of making big plans, for it was Tuesday and there would be classes until three o'clock in the afternoon, and that would leave so little time.

The boys dressed and proceeded to breakfast as usual. Even though the sun was shining in the clear blue sky there was somewhat of a let-

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down feeling among everyone and the high hopes for a day of fun and sports dwindled to the realization of the present, that there were classes and studies to contend with.

Grace was said and breakfast was started with the usual hum of morning chatter and clatter of plates and silver. The meal was well underway when suddenly Father Wood's bell sounded and the dining hall became hushed. The announcement that followed will be a happy memory in the minds of the boys for a long time in the future. The impossible had happened and a snow holiday had been declared.

The hustle and bustle that went on after that didn't stop all morning. Old winter clothes were dug up and skis and toboggans were waxed and tested. Everyone was making ready for the long and eventful day that this day was bound to prove.

There was some skiing and tobogganing before lunch, but most of the boys were waiting and preparing for an immediate exodus to Mt. Walberg after lunch for an afternoon of skiing and tobogganing down its long hillside.

Lunch was over and the boys were off, shouting and running through the deep snow. Mt. Walberg is fifteen minutes from the school and twenty more to the top. The first boys reached the top and made ready to cut the ski trail long and winding to the bottom. A few who weren't too interested in mastering the fine art of skiing were content to lie comfortably in the soft snow to one side and watch the others come sailing down the hill, throwing large white crests of snow against the blue sky.

As the afternoon deepened and the boys became weary, you could see them in twos and fours begin to start down the trail to the road and then back to school.

Meanwhile, life had been busy around the school grounds and the little hills in back of the school had been put to great use. All afternoon boys had been running up and down on the toboggan slides along with the novice skiers.

The afternoon then melted into evening and the boys began to trickle in, tired but happy and content with the long day's event and pleasures. But where were the masters? No one seemed to remember seeing them during the afternoon. And then, one by one, they drifted in along with the rest of the boys, red-faced and covered with snow. No one had noticed them because they had blended in with the rest of the boys, yelling and laughing, bundled up from head to toe in heavy coats, hats, earmuffs, gloves and boots, skiing, tobogganning and rolling in the snow.

Dinner was served and was consumed heartily. In a day spent such as this one was, big appetites are called for. After dinner the boys went into the common room, still discussing the afternoon's events and experiences. There was truly the feeling of contentment and satisfaction of the end of a perfect day.

### The Mardi Gras

Every year, on the eve of Lent the City of New Orleans and other towns, go into a frenzy of celebration, crowning many weeks' preparation for the event. These festivals are known as the Mardi Gras, or The Fat Tuesday. It is a festival of fun which originated in the early south. Today it is car-



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ried on most elaborately by the City of New Orleans, but many other communities share in the fun. Not the least of these is Hoosac School.

Fat Tuesday was set aside as the last opportunity for the good Christian to have a good time before the rigorous life of Lent began. The day developed into a tradition and that's why we had a party the evening before Lent began.

In our case, we invited Father Woodward of St. Peter's Church, Bennington, and some of the girls of the parish over for a wonderful party.

The evening started with a dinner after which, when the dining room was cleared, the fun began. First, there was a girls' choice dance, but since no girls chose things, the dance didn't get rolling till the boys took matters into their own hands and started to dance with the girls. (Hoosac boys are never shy.) In the course of the evening there was a potato spoon race, a round of musical chairs, a competition for dancing, with the competitors blindfolded, and a most amusing game in which a couple tried to separate after having their wrists tied together. This was a very tricky little game and had many of the contestants stumped, including John ("The Brain") Pulsifer. There also was a broom dance, during which all the balloons with which the dining room had been decorated were popped. This was great sport, requiring the skilled use of such weapons as pins, lighters, darts and, even heated fingernail files, which serves as further proof that there's a "Nicholson file for every purpose." There were more games and the evening ended with a last dance and good-nights.

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#### Ash Wednesday

As we went to bed on Mardi Gras evening we started a voluntary silence which was to last till Wednesday noon. This day, Ash Wednesday, is set aside especially for us that we may commune and talk with God. The idea is more that we should let God talk with us than the other way around.

Early the following morning we went to mass and after the mass was over, went to the good but simple breakfast which awaited us in the dining hall, which only so recently had been the scene of such gayety. Rooms and jobs were done as usual and the quiet was very noticeable at this time. Everything seemed to function well and smoothly. The school ran like silent clockwork.

At ten in the morning we went to our first meditation. These meditations were conducted in the church by Father Terry of the Order of the Holy Cross. Father Terry proved a wonderful man for the job. He made his points simply and clearly and, in doing so, endeared himself to the student body. There were three meditations in all, at ten, eleven, and twelve in the morning. Between the meditations the boys read or meditated by themselves. Any reading material was acceptable as long as it made the individual think.

Seldom has it been that Ash Wednesday has been so successful as a quiet day. The spirit was excellent and everyone co-operated. One noteworthy feature of the day was the reading during meals. At these times Father Wood read to us from a book by a missionary to the very poor in Marseilles, France. The passages were of great interest and showed the

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work, courage and determination necessary to lead the life of a missionary.

Again we wish to extend our thanks to Father Terry for his fine meditations and pleasant stay. All the boys enjoyed his visit and his sparkling personality.

### Bennington Choir Trip

Palm Sunday proved to be an excellent day for our annual trip to St. Peter's Church in Bennington to assist in the singing of the Gospel appointed for that day. This is the third year we have made this trip and it is fast becoming a tradition for us as well as St. Peter's.

The service was more elaborate than usual as deacon and sub-deacon were added to the ceremonies of the Mass. The singing of the Gospel was made impressive by the presence of the Hoosac boys who acted as the crowd. Father Wood, we all felt, made an excellent Pilate, and the leading tenor of the St. Peter's Choir carried things well as the narrator.

After the service the boys waited patiently for the treat to come. Numerous families of the congregation had kindly volunteered to be hosts of the boys and the school was found, an hour after the service, sitting down to delicious meals all over Bennington. Many new friends were made and the warmth of three years relationship with the parishoners was renewed.

Between five and five-thirty p. m., Hoosac boys were seen to be drifting back to the school reluctantly after one of the most pleasant days ever spent here at the school.

### Holy Week

During Holy Week this year, Hoosac was privileged to follow the ancient ceremonies appointed for the occasion. Here at the school we are in a unique position to follow the ancient liturgy, since it is fairly easy to adjust our schedule accordingly. The ceremonies were started by the reading of tenebrae on Wednesday evening. Maundy Thursday Mass was celebrated, followed immediately by the stripping of the altar. At the same time, the twenty-four hour watch before the Sacrament started and kept continuously by the school and faculty in fifteen-minute periods. Friday the Mass of the Presanctified was held in the Church followed by the Three-Hour service commemorating the time our Lord hung on the Cross. Saturday evening the joyous Easter Even Service of the lighting of the New Fire was held, signifying Christ is the Light of the World. Sunday Mass was sung followed by the traditional egg cracking ceremony, won by Keith Marvin, '43. Keith had to roll his egg down the dining hall as a reward for having won the contest. The remainder of Easter Day was spent in the usual routine for Sundays, but this time a happy and joyous note was seen in the attitude of the student body.

### Graduation

The day of graduation has finally arrived. To some of the boys it means that this is the end of another school year. To the sixth form it is more than this, it is the culmination of their career in high school. It is the end of a great struggle to reach the height of being seniors. This, the

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senior year, flits past all too quickly and suddenly we find ourselves standing in line, ready to march in.

It is the usual procedure—line up, march in, sit down, listen to the speeches, hear Father Wood make awards, and finally hear your name called. Slowly you walk up to the dais, get your diploma, and slowly walk back again to sit down. As you sit there the happy years of your school life here roll past. Your experience as a new boy, the sports activities, dances, mountain holidays, and all the events that make up an exciting school life flash past.

After the exercises you wander around, people shake your hand, and wish you well. You go over to the tea which is held after the ceremony. You shake Father Wood's hand again, hoping it isn't the last time, and sign out. So ends the graduation and the fruitful years of high school.

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### Through the Keyhole

#### Term I

September 18, 1951, Hoosac opened its portals to students for its sixty-third year. Numerous "new boys" plodded up into that heavenly place known to all as Bouton Dormitory! All over the dorm the pounding of hammers and the shoving about of desks, beds, chairs and other furniture resounded through the hall.

In two or three weeks, things were running fairly smoothly and soccer season got under way through the able coaching of Mr. (Yawl) A. S. Lloyd.

Then the axe fell! Late in October the old boys walked around with strange gleams in their eyes as they held secret meetings and chuckled with an almost sadistic tone.

Slave week started up with a real smack (and I DO mean smack). Mr. Green cashed the "Scums" (New Boys) checks for shoe polish with a grim smile. Races were held, three-legged, jumping, backward and otherwise. Lawn areas were measured in terms of razor blades, breakfast became an hilarious fashion show for the old boys. And so it went on till Halloween came and with it Initiation. Every new (now old) boy felt it was worth it when Father Wood gave him his school pin and emblem and told him that he was no longer scum-of-the-earth, lower-than-the-low, etc.

Mr. Butcher stole the show from here on in to the end of the term and Yule Log "walk-arounds" were gotten under way. Thirty-three Hoosacers slaved toward the big event, December 15, and wonder of wonders, it came off pretty well, dinn'it lil chummie? On December 16 school was released for three weeks and Christmas dinners.

#### Term II

The second term started out with a bang. (Heh!) Everyone was eager to go to work and started right in pitching. Basketball practice started and Dave Bliss was elected captain. Things were working well. Hebie started to cast that look of romance at one of the local populace. Johnny Highland was actually talked into going to an Emma Willard dance.

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The Hoosac Movers, Inc., with the generous aid of Mr. Kenneth Lester of Hoosick Falls made a successful move to the Mansion. Late in the second term, Hoosac awoke to some three feet of snow. It was a beautiful sight and more was coming down. Warren Wilcox got up, looked out the window and came up with a brilliant conclusion. "Gee, fellers, it's snowin'." Hoosac boys, Whew!!

### Term III

Starting this term, and keeping faithfully on, the good old bus has been boiling down to the old school every morning for classes. At seven in the evening the select clamber aboard again and go back to the house on the hill.

Ahhh, the spring term. Dances, the Asado, baseball, the prom, and, oh yes, school work. When "Yo-all" Lloyd was asked what he thought was the most important events in his life during the three terms he said, "In the first term, suh, Ah thought about givin' up smoking. In the second term Ah did give up smoking. In the third term Ahm thinking of taking it up again."

The prom question is a great issue, or rather was, since the prom turned out to be a huge success, despite the odds against it. Next year there will be a better turnout.

Spring fever has caught us all and the main theme seems to be "wandering". Mansion work has been going strong. The place is really a credit to the school.

On Sunday the 18th of May the school saw many strange and wonderful (?) vehicles. Combined with the auto show was a tea party. Wow!

As we close this column, we do wish to get serious for a moment. The best of luck and happiness to the graduating class of 1952. We hope to see much of you all—"through the keyhole".

## School Notes

### September

- 18—School opens and Mr. Prigge has umpteen baby fish.
- 19—Classes begin, UGH!
- 20—Second day of classes and only 3 books.
- 21—Soccer practice started, first game October 3.
- 22—School became boring so Bennington was investigated.
- 23—Last mental pickup until October 27 for H<sup>3</sup>.
- 26—Welter-weight held here today, Britton winner by decision over Cox after three long, hard, rounds. John Highland as referee had a hard time keeping the two apart.
- 27—Coonley's birthday. A party was held in Bouton. Father Wood was away today, but came back this afternoon.
- 28—FISH!!!
- 29—We go to St. Agnes, HMM! Not bad.
- 30—Church.

### October

- 3—Our first soccer game, which we won 5-4, was against Albany Academy. Father "D" got a flat tire on a bike which he had borrowed to go to Hoosick Falls. He had to walk half way back.
- 6—Another soccer game which we won 1-0 against Buxton.
- 7—Wilbur Loos, who has taught many golf champions, laid out over 50 golf courses, visited the Greens this week-end. During his stay he was nice enough to give a demonstration of his form. He is now living in Dunedin, Fla. Vestry and Sixth Form council-member elections were held tonight.
- 9—Shh! We lost against North Bennington.
- 10—Whoopee, a Mountain Holiday. 8:30 a. m., 2 daring explorers, Lucas and Hyslop, set out for points unheard of before (East Northfield). 5:40 p. m., frantic call from Brattleboro, the sojourners are stuck, no rides. 8:30 p. m., Mr. Lloyd, after braving the wilds, brings back our beloved adventurers. When asked if they would ever attempt the trip again, they immediately started packing.
- 11—RAIN!!!
- 12—Nothing special. Except that the Graftonians won the A G football game 35-28.
- 13—HALLELUJAH! St. Agnes comes here, much good time.
- 14—Sweet dreams and letters (to St. Agnes???)
- 15—Monday. DO NOT DISTURB!!!
- 16—Poor showing, we lost to Arlington.
- 17—Father Wood springs a Physics test!!
- 18—North Bennington return game.
- 20—Albany Children's Home game.
- 21—New boys take heed—Week starts today.

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### October

- 22—New boy week started and is going strong.
- 24—Father Wood left for Buffalo for a U.M.C.Y. conference. We lost to Albany Academy after a well played game, 3-2.
- 25—Father Wood returns after a nice stay.
- 27—Great Fun!! Emma Willard girls came here for a dance. Father Hawkins came to spend the week-end.
- 28—Youth rally held here at which Father Hawkins showed slides on the mission at Liberia. New boys had the week-end off.
- 29—New boy week resumed, resumed strongly.
- 30—Last day of penitence for the new boys.
- 31—The Halloween banquet. Father Ramsey speaks. New boys were initiated later in the evening. Today was also the birthday of many persons—Mrs. William Asby, Mr. Howard, Dave Bliss, and last, but not least, Hoosac School. A game was held at Arlington, which we lost 2-1.

### November

- 1—Mountain Holiday. Snow!!!!
- 2—More Snow!!
- 3—Mr. Green talks on war bonds. Snow calls off Albany game.
- 5—First squeaks out of the Radio Club.
- 6—Mrs. Ramsey gives birth to another boy, Steven.
- 8—Father Eyrick was instituted as rector of St. Mark's parish in Hoosick Falls.
- 9—Red House boiler gives up ghost. (Old age).
- 10—Mrs. Green gives the low-down on the Yule Log history.
- 11—"Can you find this Sunday in the Prayer Book?" Great Day!! Bill Shaw finally stops being a misogynist, he fell in love.
- 12—Dut Brown shows up fresh from Marine boot.
- 14—One week before the week-end.
- 16—Father Wood has gone again, this time to Hudson.
- 17—Mr. Prigge gives a talk on the life and times of Korea. Second form Sacred Studies went to the Albany Cathedral and saw Bishop Richards.
- 18—Boiler fixed, heat again!
- 19—Cox gets a haircut. AT LAST!!!
- 20—One more day till we go home for that long-awaited week-end.
- 21—Week-end for the school!
- 22-24—Faculty retreated from the school to HOLY CROSS MONASTERY.
- 25—School back.
- 26—Blue Monday, classes begin. Cap Gun Advent.
- 27—Meeting House gets Reveille in the morning and Taps at night, thanks to Mills.
- 28—Trig class hands in all homework **ON TIME**. YEA!!  
Second squeaks out of Radio Club.
- 29—Cullingham doesn't get mentioned this issue, sorry you fans.

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### December

- 1—Pulse and Coolidge get interviewed by WTRY on the Mackarness recital.  
First basketball game with Albany Children's Home.
- 2—Mr. Mackarness gives a recital on wit and humor in English verse and prose. Sponsored by the Library Committee.
- 5—You-all has his 24th birthday; Hyslop has his 18th.
- 11—No more classes!!!
- 13—Dress Rehearsal.
- 14—More rehearsals.
- 15—The Big Day!!!! (in more ways than one).
- 16—School becomes deserted.

### January

- 3—Boys are back and selling Christmas ties, eh, Henri?
- 4—Today's Friday, but the schedules seem to think different.  
Mr. Locke isn't back yet so Mrs. Green takes French classes.
- 5—Another Hoosac day, people are wondering if tomorrow will be Sunday or Wednesday. Movie tonight, "The Last of the Mohicans."
- 6—Mince pie went around the dining room in gallant pageantry.
- 7—Malcolm, you're welcome.
- 8—Cox started tooteling on his tooteler.
- 9—Jones is here to stay, finally. Meeting House becomes "Ravenswood Hall", thanks to prefects.
- 10—"Ravenswood Hall" becomes meeting house, thanks to students.  
Uncle Sam take note: Andrew Olmsted is 18.
- 11—Father Wood talks about the move to the Mansion.
- 12—Mr. Dwight Marvin speaks on the Troy Record.  
We lost to Darrow, 33-40.  
Whoopee! Back to St. Agnes.  
Little Lads went to the Field House.
- 13—Father D's birthday was remembered two days early.  
Britton seems to have arrived back.  
First boxing lessons
- 14—The Lost and Found seems to be doing a great business.
- 15—Mr. Prigge discovers strange new worm, civilization, in a fish tank.
- 16—Night game with Arlington here, at 7:30.
- 17—"Unka" Highland organizes "Last of the Hoosacians".
- 18—We play North Bennington at 3.
- 19—First Pow-Wow in Highland's wigwam.
- 22—Pappy's birthday!!!  
We play North Bennington again.
- 26—We were invited to a Young Peoples Fellowship in Bennington. Buxton played, there.
- 27—Exam fever starts.
- 28—Fever mounts.
- 29—???

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30—EXAMS!!!!...Chills.

31—???

### February

2—The Bleeze! Father Eyrick speaks.

3—Ski trip to Bromley. No broken bones—yet.

4—Father Wood goes to UMCY meeting in Greenwich, Conn.

5—Fiction and fact from Sam's Almanac: the zodiacal sign for this month is Pisces (Are you wondering why this is here? So are we.)

6—Berkshire game there.

7—Father Wood returns.

8—Fish!! Hauser gets long delayed Epistle from "St. Pix of Rugby". Do you realize today is Boy Scout day?

9—Emma Willard dance.

10—Keith Marvin announces new addition to the family. It's name is "Diana".

11—Chief "Unca" and tribe attack staying foreigners.

12—Abe's birthday observed, detentioners split rails.

13—Arlington game here.

14—Huge stacks of mail, wonder where from?

15—Luke and Jim take off for Williams.

16—Lenox game here. Jonsey's birthday. Movie, "The Chase".

17—Mr. Lloyd wraps up velocipede, THWUMP!!! Two boys and Fr. Wood call upon youth movement.

18—SNOW!!

19—SNOW HOLIDAY!!! Adam's birthday. Fifth and Sixth form converted to Eastern Orthodoxy.

20—Windsor Mt. game was won here. Girls Friendly gave a party attended by Hoosacians. We welcome a new lad, Ed Stout.

21—Burt now only owner of Model "A".

22—Washington's birthday. Movie on Seabees, Navy and Marines in Korea.

23—Albany Children's Home game there. Mr. Howard and Mr. Locke speak on WTRY. Mr. Rodman speaks on architecture. Big Powwow at Field House.

24—Rough inspection.

25—Dead Monday. Coolidge, Cullingham and Sellers still weak from big week-end.

26—Chest X-rays at Hoosick Falls. Bennington comes for the Mardi Gras.

27—Quiet day! Fr. Terry, OHC, conducts meditations. Many resolutions made. Huh, Hebe?

28—German measles outbreak, thanks to Austin. Bill Shaw commences business in school banners. (Non-profit?)

29—Watch out fellows, it's Leap Year. Burt makes race track sensation of Model "A".



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### March

- 1—Happy March First. Windsor Mt. game, there. Huc and Pat have last date of the winter term. Rough Life!!
- 3—The “bug” attacks! Many laid low in vicious outbreak.
- 4—Bouton job excellent today!!!
- 5—Owlet deadline.
- 8—Berkshire game here today. Movie, “Phantom of the Opera”.
- 11—Full moon tonight.
- 14—Movie “Sensations”.
- 15—School lets out today. Just think, only 16 more days till we’re back again.
- 31—Is everybody back? Mansion opens in great glory!!!

### April

- 1—Classes begin, OH NO!! (You’re foolin’, YUK, YUK.)
- 2—Baseball practice today, fellows.
- 3—Mr. Lloyd gets radio in his velocipede.
- 4—Hyslop returns, but none the worse for the extra time.
- 6—Palm Sunday, school sings at Bennington.
- 7—Highland gets shorn.
- 8—People born this month have the zodiacal sign of Taurus—The **BULL!!!**
- 9—
- 10— } **HOLY WEEK!!**
- 11— }
- 13—Easter, Keith Marvin has hard egg.
- 15—Highland lands first trout.
- 16—First Mansion boy walks down.
- 18—Bently back after **long** vacation.
- 19—Mr. Prigge sells Navy. St. Agnes dances here, OH MAN!!! First baseball game is a victory, 17-15; poor Windsor Mountain.
- 20—Movie—**To Be Or Not To Be.**
- 21—Truck stuck! Stuck H——, half buried!!
- 22—Britton breaks arm; wha’ hopen???
- 23—Dick Algie visits school, doing well at St. Lawrence, thank you.
- 24—Wegner’s birthday. Bliss, Pulsifer and Jones to signal tower, “Clear for take off?”
- 25—Bliss, Pulsifer and Jones—**GROUNDING!**
- 26—“Harvey” just had a birthday. Sgt. Ball tries to sell Army and Air Force.
- 27—Time changes. Who swiped my sleep??? “**ONE-AT-A-TIME** and Pat have Sunday date!
- 28—Classes cut short to see new trains on B. & M.
- 29—Assembly bell borrowed; prefects corner cow, hence new bell. We lost to Hoosick Falls, 10-6.
- 30—Bosworth sleeps, so does school; thank Charlie. After eight years Mr. Lloyd finally got a parking ticket, poor y’all.

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### May

- 1—May Day, Choir sings breakfast serenade.
- 2—Bus gets a radio—compliments of Burt Sellers.
- 3—Return bout with Windsor Mountain.
- 4—Radio Club still squeaking; in new location.
- 5—We have to face it—the Mansion is just plain **BEST!!!**
- 6—Owlet deadline.
- 7—We get back at Hoosick Falls.
- 8—St. Mary's is played. V-E Day (7 years ago).
- 9—Full moon tonight, fellas.
- 10—PROM!!!!
- 11—"Prom" Sunday.
- 12—BLUES!!
- 13—"Cutie" got mad today, he stamped his foot.
- 14—Coolidge's birthday. North Bennington game played today.
- 16—Mansion projects going strong.
- 17—Movie **Sensations**. Mrs. Green holds tea party.
- 18—A. U. H. V. holds auto meet here.
- 19—Austin builds a boat; thought you were joining the Air Force, John!
- 21—Confirmation.
- 22—Asado, Mountain Holiday, Chef's Caps, etc.
- 23—Evening serenades by Coonley continued.
- 24—Alumni banquet.
- 25—Alumni are still here.
- 27—Where were you when "Dunk" hit the ceiling?????
- 29—Bets taken for the "500", third window to the left.
- 30—Memorial Day; Indianapolis race.
- 31—Last chance to draw out allowance.

### June

- 1—It ain't long now!!!
- 2—Cram day—dinner served with cranberry sauce.
- 3—EXAMS!! Jefferson Davies' birthday.
- 4—More exams.
- 5—Don't those things ever end? North Bennington played again!
- 6—Classes? What are they??
- 7—Athletic awards given out.
- 8—Prize day; this is it, do I or don't I???
- 9—Say, where is everybody?

## Athletics

### Soccer

In last year's OWL the prediction for the '52 soccer team was that if next year's team had the spirit and team work of this year's team, soccer would become the outstanding sport of the school. Well, this year's team, the team of '52, did have the spirit and much more teamwork than expected. One would think that this was aided by the new uniforms and equipment issued at the beginning of the season, but it was not. For after talking with a majority of the squad members on the subject of new uniforms and how it affected school spirit, it was discovered that if all that a player had was a pair of sneakers and a pair of shorts he still would have played his very best. The equipment that did help the new team was the regulation soccer shoe, with its leather cleats and hard toe.

The most important position on the Hoosac squad, that of goalie, was filled by Scott Breese, who played a fine game and really had his heart in it. Scott was one of the new members of the team and really showed us what a little practice could do for a lad. Scott's two protectors, the fullbacks, Huc Hauser and Dave Bliss, were second string members last year. Nevertheless, they proved to all that they had graduated to varsity.

The halfback positions were taken by Andy, "Gallop-in' Ghost" Olmsted, in left position, Big Pete, "please replace the divots" Coonley, center, while John, "size 12 Pulse", Pulsifer was in right position. Keith "O\*?" Adams retired from the center half position due to an unfortunate accident received in the Albany Academy game.

All these boys played a terrific game and surely earned their letters. The right and left wings were very well taken care of by John Highland and Warren Wilcox, both of whom are in the third form. Warren is a new member of the team from Troy, New York, while John is a graduate from last year's J. V's. John comes from Saranac Lake, New York—"the little city in the Adirondacks"—eh John? The substitute for the two positions was Frank Bulkley. Paul Lucas and Burt Sellers starred at the inside positions. This was Burt's second year as a varsity soccer player for Hoosac, while Lucas was sharing the center half position on the second string last year with Adams. Both these boys did very well passing and dribbling throughout the season. Jim Hyslop showed outstanding ability in center position and as co-captain, along with Burt Sellers.

The Hoosac eleven's first opponent of the season was Albany Academy. Last year, as you remember, Hoosac fought hard against this experienced team, but couldn't quite overpower them. However, things were different this year, for Hoosac walked off the field with a five-four victory.

In the first quarter Jim Hyslop knocked in a corner shot, which was quickly followed up by two scores made by Sellers and Highland, thus putting a three point lead on the Academy. The second quarter was a battle to be remembered. Albany was fighting hard to get back the three point lead and Hoosac was out to show this big school what a short handed team could accomplish. At the end of the third quarter though, the score was

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tied three-three. A huddle was called by Coach Lloyd and in it he asked the Hoosac eleven for a goal, to sort of liven things up. However, instead of one, he got two, which was a great surprise to everybody, even Sellers! Albany was able to return the charge with one goal, thus ending the well-played game, 5-4.

After this game, the Hoosac team was on "a pink cloud, that never cried". After the second game of the season was copped from the short handed team of Buxton, Hoosac's spirit was at its peak. But all good things come to an end, as did Hoosac's winning streak. For when the purple and crimson met the team from North Bennington they could not quite make the grade. This lowered Hoosac's ego considerably. Their second loss fell into the hands of the fast team from Arlington. A rally was held and the team was sent out against Buxton for the final game of the season. Although the game was easily won each team member felt that if the team of '53 was to be a success, much more practice was needed. During those practices though, they will find that if they enjoy them as much as if they were an actual game, it will improve their skill considerably.

Hoosac ended the season with a feeling of satisfaction and hopeful outlook towards next year's team. Only four varsity members are leaving us, thus giving the team of '53 a strong foundation. All praise is to be given to the old team for their excellent showing of spirit and teamwork.

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### Basketball

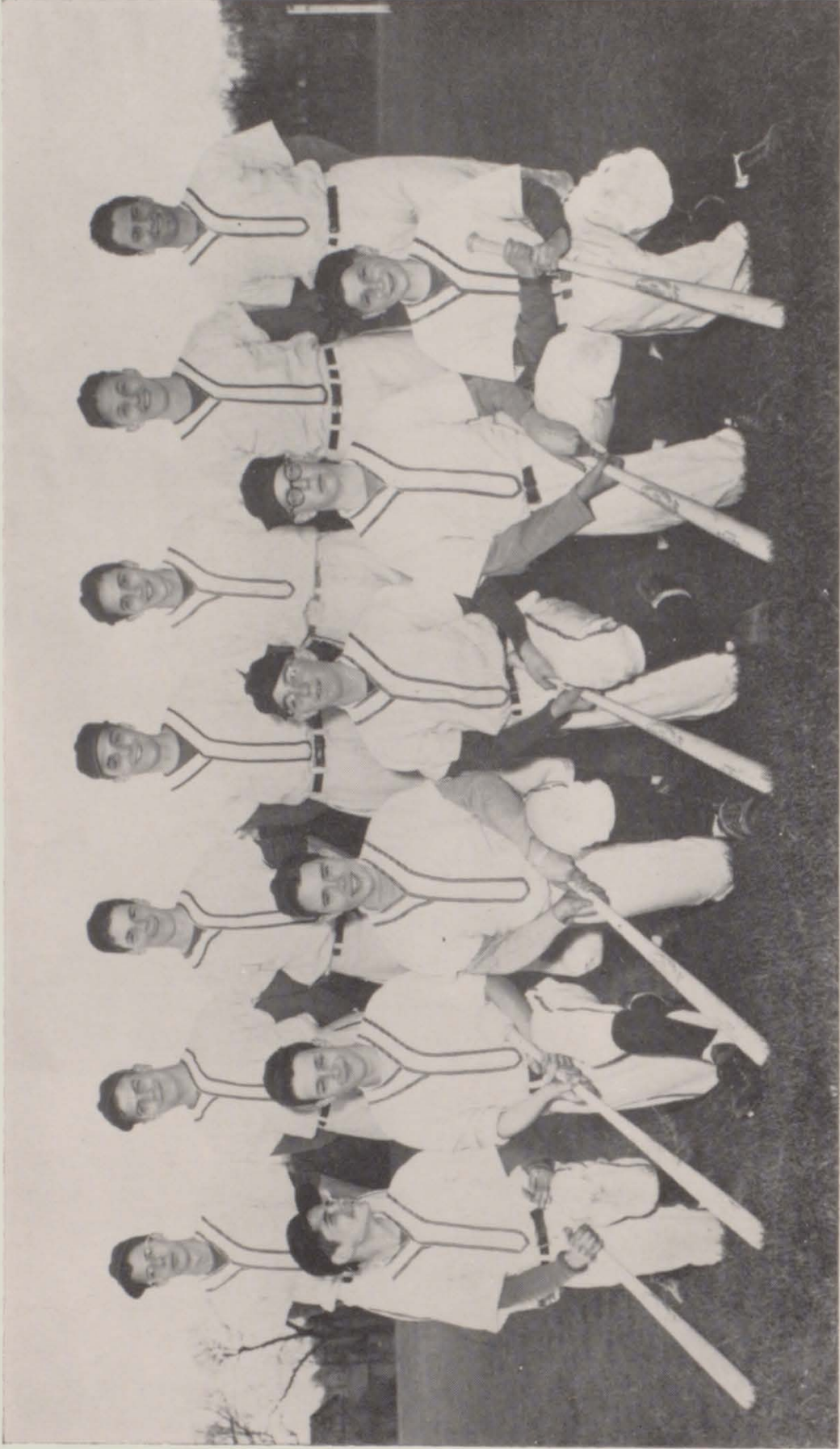
Basketball at Hoosac this year was mainly for acquiring experience, with a winning season constantly being sought. Since all but one of the '51 varsity graduated, junior varsity standouts and new boys had to round out the squad. The first few games showed that our team needed much more experience before they could expect to make a good showing of themselves.

Due to the size of the school, the material was limited as was the case in previous years. No one, however, can overlook their steady improvement and the fine spirit they showed.

Jim Hyslop, a senior took care of the center position and did an excellent job. This was Jim's third year of varsity ball and his fine handling, ability to jump, and keen eye made him the number one man of the team. Andy Olmsted, another senior, played one of the guard positions. Although this was his first season in organized basketball, Andy gradually improved and, by the middle of the season, was holding his own with the best of them. No one can say that he was a high scorer, but he more than made up for this with his speed and quick, efficient passing. Opposite Andy in the other guard position we find Dave Bliss. Dave came up from last year's junior varsity and proved he was worthy of his place on the first five. He was a good jumper and fine passer, but he was outstanding as a defensive player. One of the forward positions was sewed up by Keith Adams while John Pulsifer and Pete Coonley alternated on the other forward spot. Keith was the more aggressive of the three, and improved a lot over last year. Besides his aggressiveness, Keith proved to be a consistent scorer. Pulsifer and Coonley were both evenly matched and both proved to be big assets to the team. John was always there when he was needed and stood out



The Basketball Team



The Baseball Team

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with his defensive work. Coonley was also always there and his long sets really helped.

As was the custom in past years, Hoosac entered the Hoosick Falls Youth Commission League. This enabled the team to gain the much-needed experience. The two teams that were entered did very well and finished among the top teams. The younger boys of the school also showed a liking for this great sport by entering the grasshopper section of the league.

A Taconic Conference turned out to be just what the boys needed. There were only four schools in this league, Hoosac, Buxton, Berkshire and Windsor Mountain. Hoosac started the league play with a bang but, due to inexperience, they ended up third. Besides these teams, Hoosac also played such schools as Darrow, Lenox, Arlington, North Bennington and Albany Children's Home. For the size of the school, Hoosac had a very full and rough schedule.

Now for a brief look at the season itself. The major wins of the season were against Buxton and Windsor Mountain. Buxton didn't prove to be much opposition in February as the Crimson beat them by the score of 33-21. Hyslop and Adams led the scoring with 8 and 9 points respectively, but this would never have been enough if it weren't for the defensive playing of Olmstead, Pulsifer, Coonley and Bliss. The Windsor Mountain game was more of a tussle even though the score doesn't show it. The game was much tighter but the smaller, more aggressive Red walked off with the decision by a score of 38-26.

The entire team would like to thank Mr. Lloyd who is better known as "y'all" for the fine job he did as coach. With four members of this year's varsity returning next year, Coach Lloyd should have a good season.

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### Baseball Summary

The baseball team at Hoosac has proved to be a good one. The boys who went out for the sport really showed plenty of pep and, most of all, spirit. Under the watchful eye of Coach Ward the boys have molded themselves into a fine team, with everyone doing his part to win the game. From the beginning of the season right up to the end, the team showed all that could be asked of a team.

The pitching was handled very nicely by Paul Lucas and Jim Hyslop. When "Luke" was on the mound doing his stuff, Jim was over on third, keeping a watchful eye, just in case some lucky batter happened to meet one of "Luke's sizzlers" and send it down the third base line. A newcomer to Hoosac was behind the plate this year and did a surprising job. Although he did not try out for any other sport, Jerry Guild showed us that he was all for baseball, by handling the "business end" of the diamond. He is to be commended for his fine job as catcher. Stretching on first is Scott Breese, another new boy, who also did an excellent job. On down the base line we find Jackie Maguire. Although small in size, he was big in playing spirit, and held down second base with a lot of spunk. In the short stop position

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is Frank Bulkley, who scooped up the fast ones and delivered them where they were most needed. Keeping order in the outfield we find "Unca" Highland, Pete Coonley and Andy Olmstead in left, center and right field, respectively. Buddy Cox, David Hebert, Henry Coolidge and Bob Dorum have also seen action on the diamond and are to be praised for their good work.

The Taconic Conference entered the picture and Hoosac did very well. The teams entered in this group are Hoosac, Berkshire Industrial and Windsor Mountain. Other games with Hoosick Falls High School, St. Mary's and Darrow turned out to be great games and left Hoosac with a satisfying record.

The first game of the season was with Windsor Mountain. This game is a good example of most of the games. Lucas pitched a terrific game and stayed on the mound through the entire contest. The co-ordination between the outfield and infield was really good. This combination in such condition took care of quite a few runs that Windsor might have had. The batting was superb. Jim Hyslop took the honors for Hoosac with a triple and two doubles, not to mention singles and walks. Almost everyone got a hit.

Windsor on the other hand was weak in the infield and had a poor pitching staff. Their batting was good but did not do much good against the powerful fielding of the Owls. Hoosac walked triumphantly off the field, patting itself on the back over the 17-15 victory in its favor.

The team did a great job and made the school feel proud of it. Many thanks to Coach Ward for his fine job of coaching. If the players were not praised enough in this summary it is not the fault of the sports editor, because the "Owl" has only so many pages, and if we went on praising the baseball team, there would be no more room left for anything else.

With few of the team graduating this year, next year's team looks very good.



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