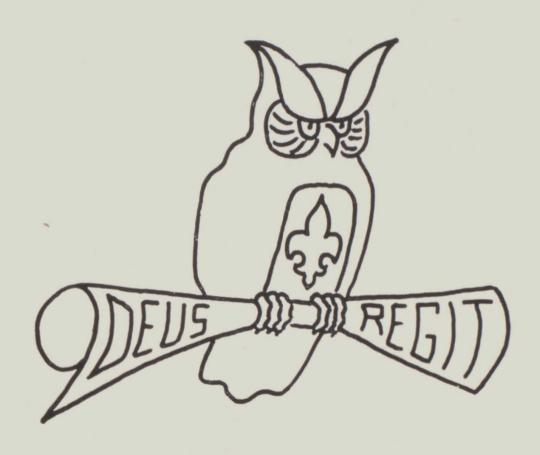


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Dedication

To Father Wood for his never failing patience and effort, and for his "Venture of Faith," we dedicate the 1953 Owl, in appreciation of all he has done for us and for Hoosac. His climb to the hill against terrific odds leaves us deeply grateful to him. His kindness and understanding will remain in our hearts forever. The simple rules of life he has taught us will never be forgotten.

For all this and much, much more, we humbly say—Thank you, Father.

The Owl Board

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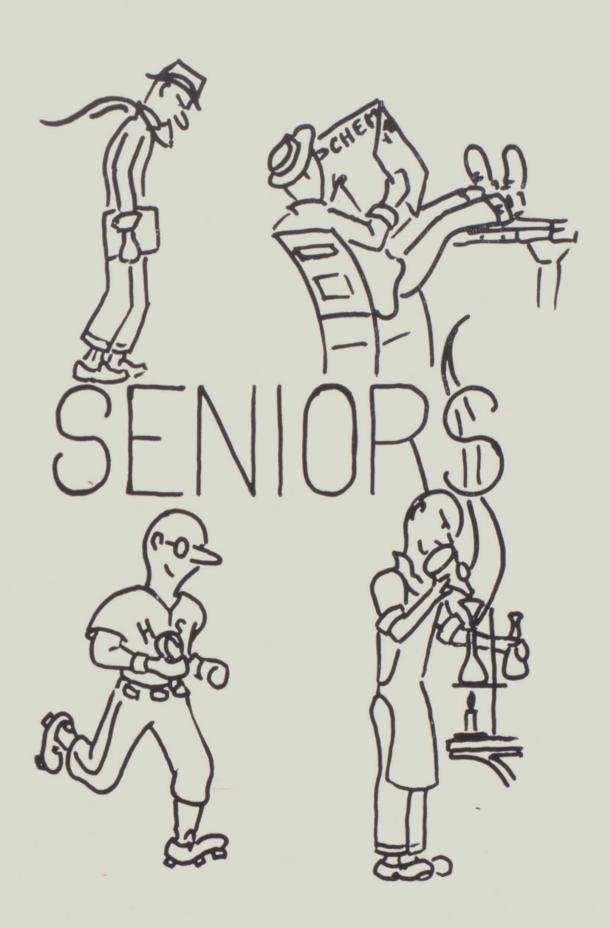
Foreword

In past years, it has been the pleasure of the Owl Board to bring to the reader the story of the school year. For many years this has been successfully done in a cut and dried fashion which has been characteristic of the Owl for a long time.

This year, however, Hoosac has a new home, and so, we of the Owl Board thought it appropriate that the yearbook have a new form. The changes that have been made make it possible for one to grasp more fully the Hoosac story.

Divided into four major sections, Seniors, Activities, Festivals, and Sports, plus a few more photographs, the 1953 Owl puts a new shine on its feathers and takes its place alongside the long line of predecessors for approval.

From these pages, we hope you are able to join us in the joy and happiness of the school in its new home on the hill.



Franklin Wilcox Bulkley

Activities:

Library Committee (III, IV); "H" Club (IV, V. VI); Student Council (V); Head Bellringer (V); Dormitory Prefect (V); Owl Board, Business Manager (VI); Mummers (VI); Store Manager (VI); Antonian.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Wenceslas Page (III); Torchbearer (IV); Mince Pie (V, VI); Mummer's Play (III); Jester (VI).

Athletics-

Football (III); Basketball (III, IV, V, VI); Soccer (IV, V, VI); Baseball (III, IV, V, VI).



Frank is the fellow who is commonly seen laughing at the joke just told. With a keen sense of humor and plenty of wit, he has worked his way up the ranks to be one of the best liked lads in the school. He did an excellent job as Jester in the Yule Log, as he does all his work. The shrewd business man, he can be found whereever there is money. The new school store which is so popular is one of his contributions to the school. The Owl Board is deeply indebted to him for his fine job as business manager.

Knowing that he will do well whatever he does, we can only say we are sorry to lose him.



Henry Jen Eyck Coolidge

Activities:

Dance Committee (V, VI); Vestry (V); Chauffeur (V, VI); Owl Board (V, VI); Liturgical Choir (III, IV, V, VI); Student Council (VI); Mummers (VI); Angelus Committee (V); Graftonians.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Eastern Torchbearer (I, II); Head Torchbearer (III); Star of the East (IV); African King (V); Peacock Bearer (VI); Mummer's Play (IV, VI); Sword Dance (V, VI).

Henry, "Hank", or more affectionately, "Sabu," our Senior Prefect, was added to the roster six long years ago. Everyone knows him and is familiar with his big grin which is always on his face. In his spare moments, "Sabu," may be found fooling around with some electrical device trying to accomplish satisfactory results, or tuning in some far away station on his powerful radio.

Elected Senior Prefect this year, "Hank" has proved to us that he was capable of handling the position by the fine job he did. We wish him the finest in everything in the future.

Andrew Lee Olmsted

Activities:

Library Committee (VI, PG*); Dormitory Prefect (VI, PG); Liturgical Choir (VI, PG); Owl Board (VI, PG); Student Council (PG); "H" Club (VI, PG); Head Dishwasher (PG); Antonian.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Star of the East (VI); Boar's Head Minstrel (PG); Sword Dance (PG).

Athletics:

Soccer (VI, PG); Basketball (VI, PG); Baseball (VI, PG).

* PG-Post Graduate.



"Andy," the proud owner of one of those little black books, is usually found in the drawing room, listening to the latest by Stan Kenton. This likable character has almost mastered the art of fast talking, and has acquired the reputation of one of the guys not to argue with. One of Andy's favorite pastimes, outside of sports and thumbing through the little black book, is sleeping. He is a strong supporter of the slumber party, and is a participating member.

On the Student Council and as a dormitory prefect, Andy has contributed much to the life of the school. His willingness and fairness have made him liked by everyone. He leaves us for Hobart, and with him go the best wishes of all.



Martin Kershaw Payne

Activities:

Owl Board (VI); "H" Club (VI); Vestry (VI); Library Committee (VI); Mummers (VI); Graftonian.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

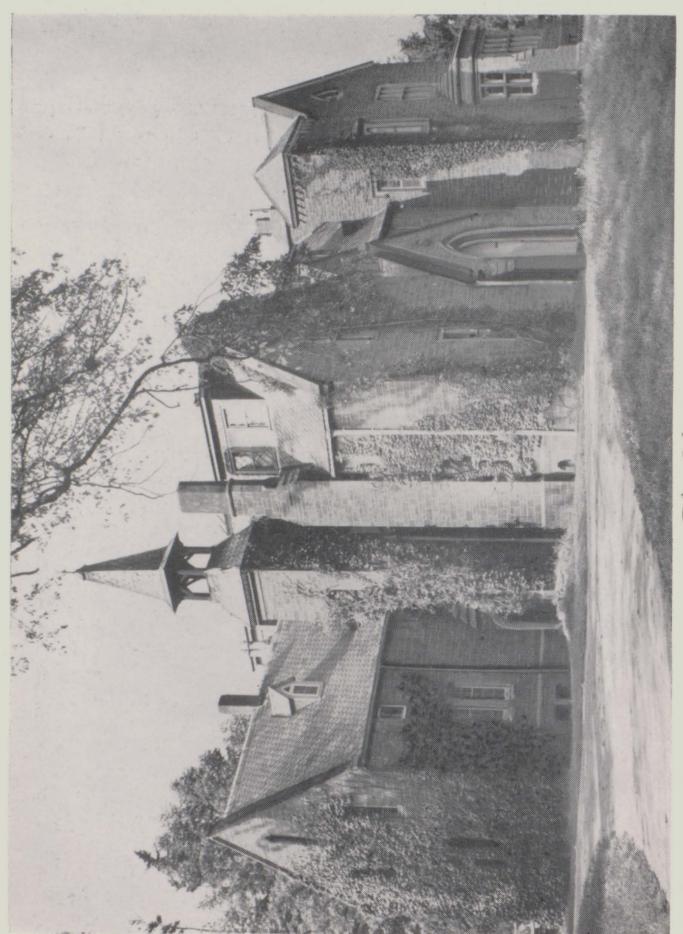
King of Europe; Sword Dance (VI).

Athletics:

Soccer (VI); Basketball (VI); Baseball (VI).

Kerry, or "Kershaw," is the boy seen wandering around with that strange gleam in his eyes. But don't let that deceive you, for he is really quite the guy. Although this was his first year at Hoosac, he proved to all that he was all, "the Great Kershaw." He appears to spend most of his time studying, but once more he fools us by taking on many other more pleasant pastimes, and exceeding in all.

Trinity will be the lucky college to receive this ambitious addition to their student body. Our loss will be Trinity's gain. The best to Kerry, for he deserves it.



The School



The Fuculty and Student Body

Rector's Letter

"GROWING PAINS"

School as the year we moved to the Mansion. It has been a year of major readjustments and growth. It is no simple task to move a school from an old site where it has lived happily for 60 years to a new one even though only a mile away. The process is something like growing up, when one's mind and body undergo certain changes and have to adjust to new and broader circumstances. Old ways have to be put aside. New ones have to be developed. Yet it is the same person (or school) that emerges at the end of the period, but possessing a fresh and mature outlook.

We have gained much by the experience. We have come to respect Tibbitts Hall as a fine building, substantially built, and well adapted to be our home for many years. It sets a distinct tone of gracious living and must be properly cared for if future generations of Hoosac boys are to enjoy its lovely atmosphere. It will serve well as the center of our growing school.

We have rejoiced day by day at the ever changing loveliness of the woods and hills about us. Nature is a great teacher and source of inspiration. Our pond and streams intrigue us. The wild life reminds us of our own kinship with the living things that surround us. The opportunities for camping and sleeping out of doors appeal to the adventuresome side of our makeup. Nature need never be neglected here. She offers endless vistas of new knowledge and happiness.

In our studies, many boys have worked hard and faithfully. Perhaps the millenium will come before the faculty are really satisfied that everyone has done his best. Nevertheless we have had a year of growth and

progress for the great majority. Each year we shall strive more nearly to reach the goal of perfection. In this regard, one point strikes me as most important. We must fight against the temptation to "get by". Honest thinking, hard work, thorough mastery of one's assignments are all part of that basic integrity of character which should be as natural as breathing, as delightful as winning a hard contest in athletics. Respect for work well done must be part of our fundamental thinking. In this day and age, too many people in the world try to get along on a minimum of effort. We must breast the tide and go in the other direction.

We have missed being close to our friends in the village. We should make every effort to keep close relationships with those who have watched us with interest as our immediate neighbors for so many years. They even miss the constant ringing of the Kremlin bells! We shall welcome them on the hill whenever they may care to come.

This first year our numbers have of necessity been small because of lack of accommodations. This has kept our athletics from being first class, although the interest and effort of the boys have been good. From now on, watch us improve!! We shall hope to have ever increasing results on the field of competition and good sportsmanship.

I want especially to thank the sixth form and the prefects for their loyal and constant support. They have worked hard and faithfully and have layed a good foundation for the years to come.

May the summer be one of growth and happiness for everyone. To the graduating class—Godspeed. To the rest, real refreshment before returning in the fall for an exciting new year.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Your friend, Meredith B. Wood

Lower Than Seniors



If you have browsed in this year book thus far, you have no doubt seen the large spread the seniors got. Now this is fine, except that they do not make up the whole school. Contrary to senior opinion, there are other lads who make up the student body. If you don't believe me, ask Bill Hall or John Woodruff. They are two younger lads and have provided many a mirthful episode in the life of the school. Or you can ask Gary Livingston. He probably can be found talking about some topic of the day with Jim McAllister, Doug Pell, and Tony Hall. This topic generally consists of how much homework they have to do, or how neat Jeff Ball's boat is. If you can get them away from sports for a minute, you can ask Bill Hannum or Mal Bliss. Don't take too much time though—baseball practice in ten minutes you know.

Here comes misogynist, Bill Shaw. Ask him? He has a great fund of knowledge with which he will sprout forth, with no cooking at all. Hear that crow call? That was one of the mighty hunters. I wonder which one it was though. It might be Stan Wegner or maybe Dave Moss. No, I think it either King Tucker or John Highland. They are all such good outdoorsmen. Why,

they make an Adirondack guide look like a city cluck. I guess you won't be able to ask them—trapping season is on and they don't come out of the woods much. Look out there! You'll get in Murray Britton's way. He's got to get to class in thirty seconds. It's too bad, you could have put the question to Murray.

I imagine you have the question pretty well answered by now but you might as well meet the other boys while you are here. There goes Dean Fuller, always extolling the virtues of that great northern New York city, Watertown.

If you like a combination of boats and embalming, meet Charley Bosworth, one of our able dormitory prefects. Just watch it if he starts looking at you professionally.

Moving along, we see Pete Coonley. Pete is Hoosac's strong man, with the gentleness of a lamb. Not only that, but he is a pretty fair musician. However, don't stay around if he starts telling jokes. No matter how hard he tries, they aren't funny.

See, over in that corner? Those guys are

John Pulsifer, and Dave Bliss. Keith can generally be found making a model. His latest attempt was a so-called sail boat, but I fear it more resembles a coal barge. Dave Bliss is our crusading editor of this yearbook; not only that, he is a basketball star, too. John Pulsifer can easily be recognized by his great head of hair. He never has to worry about keeping warm in winter. John is also a great Mathematician. He can add two and two and get as a result, five.

No, that isn't a machine gun. It's just Scott Breese practicing on his drums. Rooming with Scott is Wally Robbins. Wally is a real radio enthusiast and we are waiting for the day when he has his own radio station.

Going along further, we spy Harry Wiard strumming on his "Uke". Harry's "Uke" is as necessary to him as "Silver" is to the Lone Ranger. Harry is also a great fan of that fine musician, Stan Kenton,

Do you hear that peal of laughter that

issued forth from the kitchen? It was probably George Jones heaving a joke at Gerry Guild. These two boys keep the kitchen running on an even keel.

I forgot to ask if you had met Tim Johnson? One of these days he's going to make a really fine pitcher.

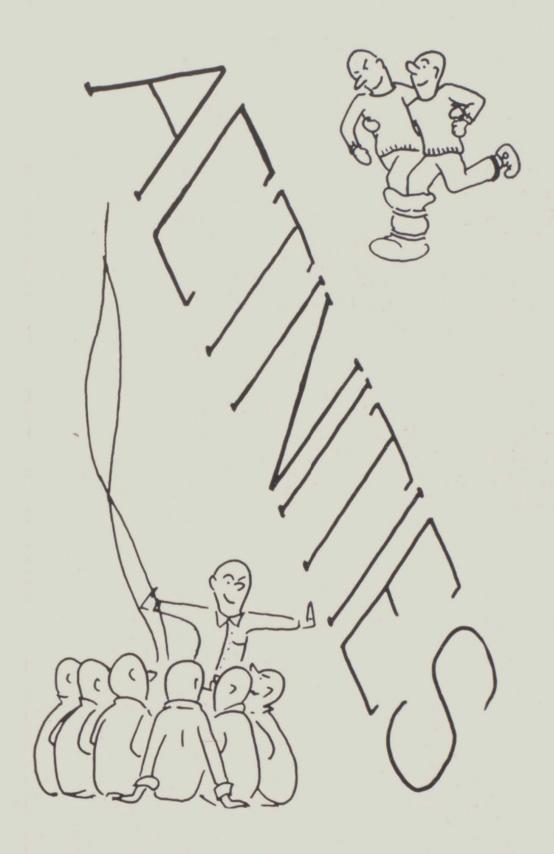
Look at that guy doing the handstands over there. His name is Ed Stout. He is always ready for anything to help the school.

It's a good thing you didn't come here on opening day of trout season or you would have met Dave Miter. He is an ardent fisherman and nothing can keep him from the stream during the season. He gets all his trout flies from Bill Mills, who makes them by hand.

Last but not least, we have Bob Reisman. Bob is quite a collector of post cards, both old and new.

There, I guess that about does it. I know the boys have enjoyed meeting you, come again soon.







The Council

Left to right: Olmsted, Coolidge, Fr. Wood, Bliss I, Adams

The Student Council



The Student Council is the governing body of the school. Elected by the students, this organization is the voice of the boys, representing the opinion of the school to the headmaster and faculty. The Council takes the suggestions of the boys, discusses them, and puts the good ones to use. Every Sunday, an inspection of the entire school is made by the Council, after which a meeting is held to go over the events of the past week and plan ahead for the new week. Much of the disciplinary action is in the hands of the Student Council.

At the end of the spring term, the entire school elects two school prefects and three council members from the upper three forms to govern the school the following year. This year it was decided to add representatives from the lower forms, in addition to the regular Council members. The function of these boys was to present in Council meetings the views of younger boys. This system worked out very effectively, and the "representatives" are to be commended on a fine job well done.

The title of council member is one of the most respected at Hoosac. To be on the Council is an honor. Council members are looked up to by the boys as someone to go to for advice and solutions to the little, everyday problems that spring up unexpectedly. To the Student Council goes a pat on the back for doing so well with the situation of the first year on the hill.



The Owl Board

Left to right standing: Mr. Howard, Miter, Coonley, Coolidge, Payne, Breese, Olmsted. Seated: Adams, Bulkley, Bliss I, Pulsifer, Jones.

The Owl Board



A few words now about the publishers of the book you are now reading. After browsing through this year's Owl, many of you will agree, we are sure, that this is one of the finer yearbooks Hoosac School has had in quite a while.

However, it is one sure thing that the year's work would have hardly been so successful without the efforts of Dave Bliss, Editor-in-Chief and Frank Bulkley, Business Manager, and his able assistants. The editor's job, top position on a newspaper, carries a good deal more work and burning the midnight oil than merely sitting at a desk, handing out assignments, and looking over copy. Dave handled the job very well, and was especially efficient at reminding the other members about deadlines.

The department that supports most papers, advertising, needs members with good mathematical minds, contacts, and a good business sense. Here we could rely on the fine work of Frank Bulkley and his two right hand men, Keith Adams and David Miter, to keep the Owl and Owlet account in the black. These three set a few records during their advertising trips to the nearby cities and towns, in both the

quantity of ads solicited, and revenue obtained from them.

Going down the masthead we have Andy Olmsted writing the feature articles, the stories behind the news. George Jones comes through with his "Sport Chat" column each issue. It is in this column that every Hoosacian looks for his name to be mentioned.

Some of the everyday life at the school comes out in the features, "Pulse's Pulsations" and "Through the Keyhole", by John Pulsifer and Peter Coonley, respectively. Exchanges and odd writing jobs have been handled by Kerry Payne.

There is one more important individual, not mentioned yet, but nevertheless an important part of any school newspaper. This is the adviser, in our case, Mr. Arthur Howard. Here is a person who has more worries and certainly a good share of the work in the publication, and deserves a word of congratulation along with the students.

To these and others involved in the production of the Owl and Owlet go hearty thanks for this year's Owl Board work, that it may be an incentive to staffs in the future.



Social Committee

Standing: Mr. Prigge, Bliss, I. Seated, left to right: Moss, Coolidge, Pulsifer, Tucker.

Social Committee



Because of the expansion of its work, the Dance Committee has changed its name and is now the Social Committee of Hoosac School. In the past the committee was responsible for just the dances. But now it has taken on the burden of planning and directing all the social activities of the school throughout the year. The committee, under the guidance of Mr. Prigge, is to blame for many a happy evening and much of the out-going mail.

This year, a revolution came about in the form of dinner-dances. Instead of having the usual dinner, and then just dancing, the Social Committee livened things up a bit by adding a Master of Ceremonies, who was in charge of the events of the evening. Games, in which everyone could participate, were introduced and were heartily accepted not only by the boys, but also by the young ladies.

The committee this year was a very able one, as they proved to the school with interesting parties and the Prom. Dave Moss, representative of the fourth form, served as secretary, and is to be commended for his fine job of "making the dates". King Tucker, of the third form, was an able member. John Pulsifer and Dave Bliss, of the fifth form, were most helpful and essential to the committee. Henry Coolidge, representative of the sixth form, was a great addition. Henry was the guy responsible for those tape recordings we all enjoyed so much.

The members of the Social Committee wish to express their gratitude toward Mr. Prigge for his assistance and thoughtfulness. Without Mr. Prigge, many things could not have been possible.



The Vestry

Left to right: Moss, Payne, Jones, Stout

The Vestry



This year the Student Vestry devoted a great deal of its time to raising funds for the many organizations it helps to support. One method suggested by Father Dunkerley was the selling of personalized stationery to the faculty and members of the student body. George Jones and Ed Stout took the orders for the two sales, which were held last fall and this spring. Out of the sales a profit of twenty-five dollars was made.

Vestry meetings were held every two weeks to decide how much money would be sent to the various organizations. The Albany Cathedral and Puerto Rican Missionary Fund were two recipients of our contributions.

Our meetings were recorded by our secretary, Kerry Payne. Ed Stout kept account of the weekly offerings, along with the student pledges. George Jones kept All Saints' Church ready for Sunday morning services.



Library Committee

Left to right, standing: McAllister, Guild, Mills, Livingston. Seated: Moss. Coolidge, Mrs. Green, Payne, Reisman.

Library Committee



The library committee which works closely with Mrs. Green, the school librarian, has spent a good deal of this year ironing out the difficulties of new quarters. Many books have been mixed in the shuffle of moving and new shelf space had to be planned out. It was not long, however, before the committee was working smoothly in the new library.

The various responsibilities were assigned as follows: Coolidge was head librarian with duty of seeing that all things run smoothly in the library. This year Henry represented the school with Mrs. Green at the New York Library Association meeting held in March. At this meeting various problems of school libraries were discussed among the students there.

Moss has been in charge of circulation. David's main problem has been the one of getting the books back when due. Many boys have felt David's persistence, and the department has run exceedingly smoothly.

Payne has kept the vertical file up to date. This file is perhaps the most valuable item to the masters in their classroom teaching. Here are found clippings, excerpts, pamphlets, and other material Gerry Guild has worked in the magazine department. This is by far the most popular part of the library, for boys in their

which is excellent for bulletin board use.

ular part of the library, for boys in their free time come in and look at the magazines. Often, before a meal, the seating space of the library will be filled with magazine readers. Magazines are also an important part of classroom teaching and many boys have had to go to the library for assignments in this department.

Garry Livingston, Jim McAllister, and Bill Mills have been assistant librarians. They have been responsible for the help in keeping the stacks in good order.

Bob Reisman has been an excellent member of the committee. He has performed invaluable service in all departments and has taken a keen interest in library work.

70 books have ben added this year to the library. Of these only thirteen were not gifts. This all makes the library more worthwhile and we wish to thank our donors for their generosity.

The Committe wishes to thank Mrs. Green for her aid and guidance in the maintainance of the library. Without her the library would not have taken the strides it has this year.



"H" Chuk

Left to right, standing: Mr. Lloyd, Highland, Coonley, Payne, Olmsted. Seated, Adams, Bulkley, Bliss I, Pulsifer, Breese.

"H" Club



One of the older organizations at Hoosac, the "H" Club, got its start in 1935, and has been active in the life of the school ever since. To become a member of the "H" Club, one must show high quality in the field of sports and win a varsity letter. It is an honor to be a member.

The "H" Club forms a mold of athletes, around which teams may be successfully built. It also provides the opportunity for those boys that have athletics as a common interest to congregate and enjoy this interest. This year the group had several excursions to RPI and neighboring schools to see games. Numerous parties at the

field house and an over-night trip were also on the schedule.

The main duties of the "H" Club are to help organize the program of sports and to maintain the high calibre of athletics. They also, along with the headmaster and coach, award the varsity letters to those who deserve them.

Under the direction of Coach Lloyd, the "H" Club has prospered well this year. For his fine coaching and directing of the sports program, the "H" Club wishes to thank him most heartily. But more thanks go to him for just being a swell guy.



Hoosac Players

Left to right, standing: Mr. Howard, Payne, Coolidge, Bliss I, Highland. Seated: Pulsifer, Bulkley, Adams, Bosworth, Breese, Kneeling: Hall, S. Bliss II.

Hoosac Players



One of the main events of the Yule Log is the Mummer's Play. It was through the fun in putting the Mummer's Play on, that the organization of the Mummers came to exist. Formerly the Hoosac Players, the group has taken a big step forward, and with a new name, and many new faces, the Mummers present the summary of their first year, for the applause they well earned.

During the first term, rehearsals for the Mummer's Play were held every Tuesday and Thursday. The new tape recorder provided the necessary music, saving Mr. Butcher a great deal of his time. The main performance was a fine one, as evident in Fr. Wood's statement that it was "possibly the best Mummer's Play yet." Everyone in the cast did a splendid job.

During Brotherhood Week, the school was asked to participate in the program, which was held in Hoosick Falls. A few spot rehearsals were held on our typical English Country Play, and once again the Mummer's Play came to life.

The second production was a few skits

written by five members of Mummers, who acted them out at the Bleeze Banquet. The skits were comical showings of life at the school. The five boys making up the cast were Keith Adams, Dave Bliss, Frank Bulkley, Kerry Payne and John Pulsifer, each taking part in all the skits. They did a fine job, and are to be complimented for their acting.

The third production was a short play called "The Knothole", presented in the assembly hall of the Mansion during Alumni weekend, and was indeed received very well by everyone. The fine cast was as follows:

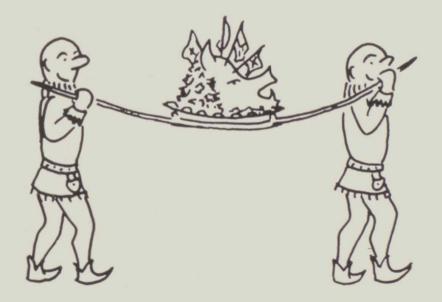
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The Constellation Servite High School
The Clock Emma Willard School
The Classical Recorder
The Crimson and White Milne School
The Green and Gray The Berkshire School
Kent News The Kent School
The Loomis Log The Loomis School
The Meteor Virginia Episcopal School
The Pigtail
The Pontefrat Promfret School
The Spirit of Clairvaux St. Bernard's School



FESTIVALS



Festivals



To the new boy the first festival of Hoosac he is a witness to is Founder's Day, which happens to fall on Hallow'een. This is the first, in chronoligical order, of the great traditions of the school and is always looked forward to with great enthusiasm, for it is on Hallow'een night after the banquet that initiation takes place.

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The evening's festivities begin with a service of commemoration directly followed by the Hallow'een Banquet, to which many parents and friends of the school are invited. This year the banquet was held for the first time at Tibbits Hall, new home of the school. The events of the evening began with Fr. Wood's welcome to the guests and brief talk on the school. Fr. Wood then introduced Fr. Ramsey, who was the speaker of the evening. Fr. Ramsey gave an interesting speech on the life of realism and the life of make believe. After the banquet, the little matter of initiation took place, during which all the new boys were transformed into those glorious beings, Hoosac boys. No more can be said about the transformation in order to preserve the sacred ritual and pleasure of the older boys.

After Hallow'een the weeks fly by and the familiar cry of "Yule Log rehearsal" is heard more frequently. More time is spent rehearsing and preparing for the big event which brings the first term to a grand climax. All this fuss and buss is begun on a small scale at the beginning of the term and builds. From beginning to end, every minute is needed. Properties and costumes must be put in order. The dining hall must be decorated, the candlelabra polished, the seating arrangements made—all of which are tackled with gusto by the boys, faculty and friends. The finished product is one of the most unforgetable sights ever seen—the annual Boar's Head and Yule Log, in all its splendor witnessed by three-hundred guests in the main dining hall of the old school. The sixtyfirst performance was one of the most successful. John Roy once again honored the school and enchanted the guests with his rich baritone voice as Boar's Head Minstrel. The carols and Eastern Procession of the first half were breath-taking. The second, with the fun and care-free spirit. followed supper. The Jester this year was played by Frank Bulkley, who did an excellent job, pranced and pranked throughout. The Mummer's Play was one of the

best, and the Elizabethan Sword Dance was executed with precise timing. At the high-point of the performance, Mr. Butcher lent the school a silver wassail ladle to be used in serving the traditional wassail. The ladle had been in his family since 1847. The trend then quieted down with the quaint Carols around the hearth, and the evening ended with the school Ode.

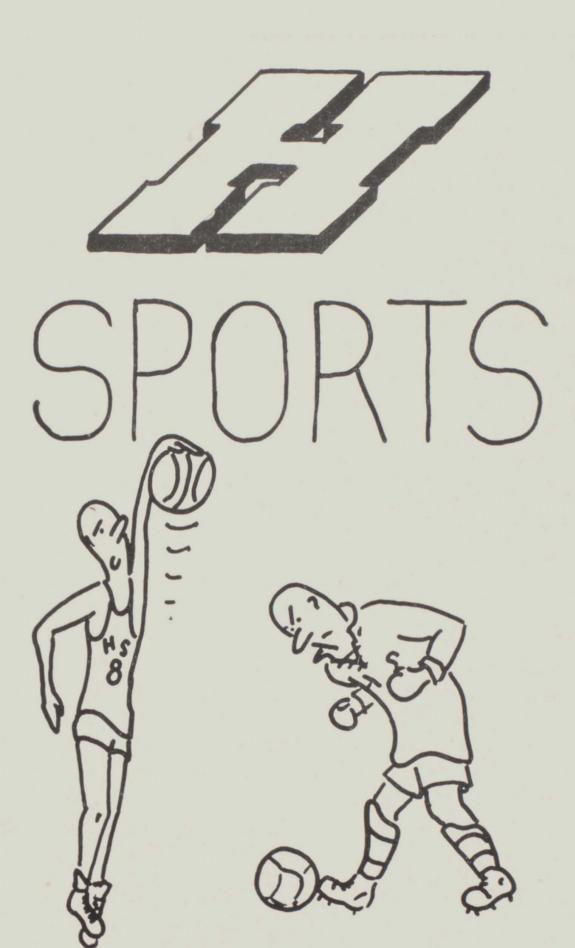
The second term brought around the Bleeze. The Bleeze or Feast of the Purifition, was also held for the first time at Tibbits Hall. It commemorates the end of the Christmas season. It is at this time that the Christmas decorations are taken down and burned. Following the banquet, Fr. Shane of Watervliet gave a short address dealing with fire and the purification of the Church. The Jester then took command of the evening and ordered entertainment. Rushing to do his bidding, five boys from the fifth and sixth forms performed five skits portraying life at Hoosac. Also under the Jester's spell was Tony Hall, who put

on a fine ventriloquist act. After the entertainment, Fr. Wood, ever powerful, broke the spell of the Jester and compelled him to leave his throne until the next Christmas season.

Spring term, and the countryside put on its new green garb. The Asado, or Ascension Day, is a traditional mountain holiday, and was spent exploring the various mountain ranges and caves. At four o'clock the boys assembled at Owl Springs, along with the guests, and watched with bulging eyes as the traditional lamb was roasted over an open fire. When all had pleasantly gorged themselves, they trudged their way back to school, completely satisfied with the day's adventure.

Around these four festivals revolves much of the school's interest. Without them, Hoosac would not be Hoosac. These traditions will always be remembered by Hoosac boys, past and present. They will always remain close to the hearts of many.







SOCCER—Left to right, top row: Jones, G., Pulsifer, Breese, Crumb, Miter. Second row: Guild, Jones, D., Payne, Bliss I, Bulkley, Mr. Lloyd. Kneeling: Adams, Olmsted.

Soccer



Three years ago, because of the lack of experience and the small size of the school, football was replaced by soccer as a varsity sport. Since then the soccer team has, by the fine coaching of Mr. Art Lloyd, built itself up until this season it became a championship team.

At the start of this year's season Andy Clmsted and Keith Adams were elected co-captains, and these two boys played left wing and half back positions, respectively.

From a year ago the team inherited a powerhouse of experience. Dave Bliss, Size "12" Pulsifer, Scotty Breese, Big Pete Coonley, Little Johnny Highland, and Frank Bulkley all played on the varsity team a year ago. Kerry Payne came to us this year with considerable experience from Springfield, Mass. Many of the new boys took up the game with enthusiasm and spirit. Jones and Miter were able to make good substitutes for this year's season and the younger boys were able to form a team of their own.

The most exciting game of the season was the play off game for the championship of the Taconic League. This was a hard fought battle with Windsor Mt. School which ended with a tie score. Hoosac and Windsor Mt. therefore shared the championship of the league. The game was played on neutral territory on the grounds of Lenox School. Each played to its ut-

most and the spectators were keved up to a high pitch. Tension was high during the first quarter when Hoosac put in its first and only goal of the game. At that point the Hoosac rooters became less tense. But Hoosac was faced with defending their lead against a furious beast and toward the end of the game Windsor Mountain put in the tieing goal. It was a disappointing day for both sides since a decisive result was sought and the game decided really nothing. Because of the coming of winter and the short afternoons that come at that time of year, it was decided that the two schools should share the championship. A plaque will soon be hanging in the school to commemorate that day. The season's record was 6 wins, 4 losses, and 3 ties.

Soccer is a good game for Hoosac. The boys play it well and with a desire to do their best. It incorporates the greater number of students in it and it is fun without the difficulty of learning a great many difficult skills. Next year Hoosac, with its past record and the returning lettermen. should have one of the best soccer seasons of its history.

It is with great pride that we boast of our two teamsters, Keith Adams and Kerry Payne, who were elected as soccer All-Stars, by the various teams in the Taconic Conference. Both boys played hard and were good sports.



Basketball Team

Left to right, top row: Mr. Lloyd, Bulkley, Coonley, Olmsted, Coolidge. Kneeling: Adams, Bliss I, Payne.

Basketball



With Dave Bliss as captain, and Andy Olmsted, Keith Adams and John Pulsifer returning from last year's varsity, the crimson and white headed for an aggressive season. New-comers Frank Bulkley and Kerry Payne proved that they were worth their oats and won their places on the squad. The team, although powerful. found itself up against tougher competition than they expected. What was true of our team was also true of the other teams of the Taconic Conference. The development of good players this year was mostly due to hard work and continued practice of the boys and the fine coaching of Coach Lloyd. Most of the league games were well played and clean fought.

We played such teams as Vanderheyden Hall, Windsor Mountain, Berkshire, Stockbridge and Buxton, which were all league games. We also played North Bennington and other schools for practice games.

Generally speaking, the scores this year were much closer than last, although Hoosac came in fourth in the Taconic Conference. The team was one of the most spirited that the school has had in a long time,

and turned in a very good record. With many of the varsity returning, plus new prospects, next year's team should be right up there on top.

It seems as though the younger forms have had a more successful season. The Grasshoppers came through the season with an even score in the Hoosick Falls Youth Commission League. These younger boys who showed considerable gain on the team and much promise for the varsity in future years were Doug Pell, "J. B." McAllister, and Jeff Ball. The team was ably captained by Bill Hannum, who also played on the J. V.

The J. V. team was our pride and joy this year. They ended the year with a perfect score of wins. The J. V. was made up of "Unca" Highland, captain; Malcolm Bliss, Bill Hannum, King Tucker and Art Hyde, a local boy who filled in.

This year, no Hoosac players were elected to the All Star team of the Taconic Conference. However, honorable mention went to Keith Adams and Dave Bliss. Both boys did fine jobs.



Basebell Jeam

Top row, left to right: Mr. Lloyd, Britton, Pulsifer, Coonley, Robbins, Hannum, Miter, Payne, Hyde. Middle row: Johnson, Tucker, Moss, Bulkley, Jones, Olmsted. Bottom row: Hall, S., Bliss II, Guild, Highland, Stout.

Baseball



Baseball got off to a bang-up start this year with almost twenty boys appearing for the forming of the squad. Most of last year's team were available, therefore molding a strong foundation.

The pitcher's mound was shared by "Ox" Coonley and Tim Johnson, both boys doing well. Holding down first was Scotty Breese, teaming up with Johnnie Highland and Frank Bulkley at second and third, respectively. Taking turns behind the plate were Gerry Guild and John Pulsifer, both able lads. Bill Hannum took care of short-stop position. The fielding staff was well equipped with boys like Andy Olmsted, Keith Adams, George Jones, Dave Miter, and Kerry Payne on the ball in no time flat.

The team, originally intermural, did schedule outside games with Windsor Mountain, Vanderheyden Hall and Berkshire, with junior games for the younger boys with Pine Cobble.

Not considered a varsity, the team was organized as such in order to create interest for the sport in the school, and to prepare for future varsity teams by giving the boys a chance to experience themseleves now. Judging from the outcome of this year, it won't be long before Hoosac once more turns out a strong varsity. The enthusiasm is great among both the older boys and the younger set.

Congratulations to the boys of this year's team for their fine attitude and fighting spirit. They proved themselves a team, and even though not given the varsity stamp, they enjoyed themselves to the full exent.



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De Alumnis

The following alumni were in attendance for the annual Alumni Week-end at the school, 23rd and 24th of May.

Alexander O. Burnham, ('01-'02); William Pitt Mason, Jr., '08; Julian G. Hillhouse, '10; George Lavino, '26; John F. Roy, '28; David Farr, ('32-'38); Harry N. Weir, Jr., ('35-'38); William A. Ford, ('35-'39); Rev. B. Linford Eyrick, '40; Keith Marvin, '43; Sgt. 1/c J. Robert Cowman, ('39-'43); Henry A. Morriss, Jr., '44; Theodore H. Lake, III, '45; David Shaffer, ('43-'45); Shepard Jones, ('46-'48); Regnar Plesner, '51: Jack West, '51, and Huc H. Hauser, '52.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. **David W. Whitcomb**, 4th April, 1953, a son. At East Aurora, New York. David Whitcomb was a member of the Hoosac Class of 1935.

To Mr. and Mrs. L. Neiland Gallagher, 18th April, 1953. A daughter, Hope Wingham Gallagher. Neil attended Hoosac from 1939 to 1940.

DIED

Lawrence Shepard Armstrong, '13, at Rome, Italy, 5th May, 1952. R. I. P.

MARRIED

Hubert P. Malkus, '43 to Irene Sexton of Nottinghamshire, England, 23rd December, 1952. They are residing in East Orange, N. J.

RESIGNED

Keith Marvin, '43, as Alumni Editor of the Owl and Owlet, as of Prize Day, 1953. Has been associated with the Owl and Owlet in this capacity since 1942. Was former faculty member (1944-45), Director of Public Relations (1943-50), and Secretary of the Hoosac School Alumni Association (1945-52).

Class Notes

Much of the below information was received in answer to a questionnaire submitted recently to all alumni.

- '98—Francis H. Kent, ('97-'98), of 162 W. Penn Street, Germantown, Pennsylvania, retired nine years ago at 65 after 44 years in electrical engineering at the Electric Storage Battery Company, Philadelphia.
- '02—Rev. Charles H. Brady of 215 North Grand Street, Orange, Calif., is currently Rector of Trinity Church there.
- '03—Horace G. Cleveland, 1165 Jackson Blvd., Clearwater, Florida, is an advertising agent in that city.
- '07—Hon. Arthur Gardner, Suite 1020, Cafritz Bldg., 1626 Eye Street, Washington, D. C., is United States Ambassador to Cuba.
- '11—Alexander T. M. VanRensselaer, ('07-'11), Advertising manager and author currently resides at 306 Merrick Road, Amityville, New York. He has three children, a girl working in Boston; a son at Lehigh University and a son at Trinity-Pawling School. He is author of "The Business of Writing"; "Yule Light": "Betcha Can't Do It"; "Try This One"; "And Then . . . "; "What's Your Name?" etc.
- '13—George S. Mowbray, ('09-'13), of 31 Bancroft Road, Wellesley Hills, Mass., is an insurance broker in that community.
- '18—John B. Northrop, of 1050 Park Avenue, New York City, is in the life insurance business in New York.

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- Dana W. Wotkyns, ('12-'18), is connected with the County Treasurer's office in Troy, New York. James M. Brahan, publisher of the Hoosick Falls Standard Press, as well as printer of the Owl and Owlet is the county treasurer.
- '21—Charles Lukens of 222 Wayne Avenue, Narberth, Penna., is currently trading in commodity futures.
 - Harry M. Steele of 26 Atlantic Avenue, Portsmouth, R. I., is a machinist.
- **'22—Rev. Alexander A. Lukens** is a priest, currently residing at 1212 Race Street, Denver 6, Colorado
- '23—Meredith L. Warren of 32 Cary Road, Great Neck, L. I., is an airplane pilot and the father of two daughters. As a hobby, he is currently reforesting some land near Cambridge, New York and anticipates a visit to the school in the near future.
- '24—Ralph Gallagher, ('22-'24) is an electrical engineer and is residing at 7259 Hill-side Avenue, Hollywood, Cal.
- **'26—Douglas E. Mathewson** of 468 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham Manor, New York, is an attorney and a college professor.
 - Charles W. Bishop is President of the Connecticut Historical Automobile Association, a group of antique auto enthusiasts centering in New Haven. His address is P. O. Box 1906, that city.
- **'28—Walter S. Buehler** of 214 Lorraine Avenue, Upper Montclair, N. J., is an attorney for the Legal Department of the General Motors Corporation. In a reply to an invitation extended concerning the Alumni Week-end (and its ubiquitous alumni-student baseball game), he writes, "Unfortunately- or fortunately- for my batting average, I'll be in Texas at that time."
- **'29—John Ford Schroder** of Kent Hill, Dorset, Vt., is engaged in a wood specialties business.
 - George F. Peabody, Jr., ('28-'29), is in public relations in New York City. His address: 145 E. 54th Street, that city.
 - **George B. Adams ('28-'29),** of 115 E. 67th Street, New York 21, New York, is also in public relations. A veteran of four years service in the U. S Naval Reserve, he is married and is the father of $6\frac{1}{2}$ -year-old twins.
- '31—Major Malcolm Roberts, is an officer in the U. S. Army. His current address is 29 Myrtle Avenue, Summit, New Jersey.
 - **Arthur H. Tibbits**, ('29-'31), is an attorney for the Justice Department. His address is 208 Encinal Avenue, Menlo Park, California. It was a pleasure to have his father and mother, **Rev. and Mrs. John Knox Tibbits**, present at the Alumni week-end. The Reverend Mr. Tibbits, a first cousin of the School's founding family, served the village parish in Hoosick during the 1930's.
- '33—The news for the class of 1933 seems to come from the medical profession. Dr. Robert H. Areson of 153 Bellevue Avenue, Upper Montclair, N. J., hoped to be at the school for the Alumni Week-end, but was unable to do so at the last moment. His classmate, Dr. Malcolm C. Murfitt resides at 231 North Main Street, Lindsborg, Kan. He is the father of a four-year-old son, Hans Peter Murfitt.
- **'35—W. Andrew Burton** of 5234 Palmer Mill Road, Clifton Heights, Penna., is an ink maker by trade.
- '36—David W. Leake of 560 Keith's Lane, West Islip, N. Y., is salesmanager at the McGraw-Hill Book Company.
 - George F. Redway of Noel Drive, Ossining, N. Y., is employed as a combustion engineer.
 - Conrad J. Bassett ('33-'36) of 429 W. 44th Street, New York City, is an airline pilot captain for American Airlines.
- **'39—Walter R. Latimer** of 8303 Loch Raven Blvd., Towson 4, Maryland, is a commercial photographer there.

De Alumnis . . . continued

- **'40—Willem VanR. J. W. Malkus** is assisting scientist at the Marine Biological Lab at Wood's Hole, Mass. He is studing turbulence and is the father of two sons. His wife, also a scientist, is currently studying upper atmosphere off Puerto Rico.
- '41—Father James L. Whitcomb, Rector-Headmaster of Hoosac School from 1930 through 1941 is currently Chaplain at St. Mary's School, Peekskill, New York and expects to spend July and August at his summer home in North Bennington, Vermont. His son Francis H. Whitcomb (senior perfect, '40-'41), will be in charge of a Putney School travel group this summer and take 14 students through England on a bicycle trip.
 - David V. V. Wend is an instructor of mathematics at Iowa State College.
- '43—Benson Noice is a teacher and coach at Admiral Farragut Academy, Pine Beach, New Jersey.
 - Richard J. Phair is operating the Service Pharmacy, Canaan, Conn., with his father.
 - **Keith Marvin is secretary** of the Automobilists of the Upper Hudson Valley, a group of antique automobile enthusiasts, and is otherwise a reporter for the Troy Times-Record.
 - Martin Y. Hinman of Route 4, Thompson Road, East Syracuse, New York, is a machinist.
 - Arthur Maserjain ('43-'43) is a photographer in Poughkeepsie, New York.
- '44—Henry A. Morriss, Jr., is employed by Commercial Solvents Corporation of New York City. His address is 540 E. 89th Street, that city.
- **'45—Theodore H. Lake** is employed by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation in California, and own a Great Dane puppy who answers to the name of Katinka. **2nd Lieut. Christian S. Schreiber** is in the U. S. Army, currently serving overseas.
 - Robert C. Howes of 7651 Normal Avenue, LaMeas, Calif., is assistant City Engineer of the City of ElCajon, Calif.
 - Edward J. Anness is employed at the French-American Banking Corporation on Nassau Street, New York City, and resides at 20 Meadow Avenue, Bronxville, New York.
- '46—William M. Morriss of 540 East 89th Street, New York City, is employed by American Airlines. He is married to the former Angela Nueves of New York City.
- '47—John C. Kimball ('46-'47) is a student at Berkeley Divinity School. His address: 38 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, Conn.
 - Barry McKinley, ('42-'47) of 215 No. Second Avenue, Mechanicville, N. Y., graduated from Mechanicville High School this June and enters college this fall. His brother William R. McKinley ('42-'47) graduates from the University of Colorado this year.
- '48—Allen Brown is a midshipman at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. Pfc. John S. Billings ('46-'48) is stationed in Germany and expects to be stationed there for two more years.
- **'49—Pfc. George W. Browne** is a radio operator in Korea. He writes that it's "pretty rugged."
 - **Donald O. Chilton,** a graduate of Hobart last June, is a student at the Berkeley Divinity School.
 - Rev. Howard S. Hane, a member of the faculty ('47-'49) is now rector of Zion Church, Colton, New York.
- '51—Regnar Plesner and Jack West are at Williams. Daniel W. Adams and Lynwood Bronson are at Yale.
- '52—Paul F. Nash and Paul Lucas are in their freshman year at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

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