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Our 24th year started with promise, ran into more than the usual problems and sad events, and finished well. The enrolment, full in September, dropped by four boys between Christmas and Easter. The athletic season began with an unvictorious Varsity football team. The VI Form established a record for number of members and for their overambitious approach to entering college, with frustration resulting in several cases. The administrative load, larger than ever, fell on a few people more heavily than was healthy. Finally there were the deaths of Mr. Allan J. Henry on January 10, of Mr. James Craik Morris Jr. on May 5, and of that good friend of the School, Mrs. William S. Hilles, on June 10.

So much has been written and said already about all three of these remarkable people that further expression of praise and gratitude to them in this report would be repetitious. It seems fitting, however, to set forth here the resolutions passed by the Faculty and conveyed to the widows of Mr. Henry and Mr. Morris. The resolution regarding Mr. Henry follows:

"The Faculty of St. Andrew's School in meeting assembled this twenty-seventh day of January, 1954, wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Allan J. Henry on the occasion of the loss of her husband, Mr. Allan J. Henry, charter member and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of this school, who entered into eternal life January ninth, 1954.

"In him we found a devoted counselor and beloved friend who laboured wisely, happily, and without stint to the end that in this place God's will might be done, that here learning might flourish and good works abound.

"He played our games, rowed with us on the lake, and shared our defeats as well as our triumphs. He honored our athletes; and all this he did at an age when most men have left such things behind them. No task was too great, no need too small to merit his attention. Never, so long as strength was in him, did he miss a meeting of the Board, a school festival, or a Commencement exercise.

"Bonum certamen certavit, cursum consummavit, fidem servavit.

"Our loss is great, but the future we will face the more confidently and bravely for having had him with us.

Norman M. Thornton,
Secretary of the Faculty.

William H. Cameron,
Senior Master."

Walden Pell II,
Headmaster.

A striking and most lifelike portrait by Mr. John Connah reminds all St. Andreans of Mr. Henry as they pass through the Main Common Room. The portrait is illuminated by a light which shines 24 hours of every day. Mr. Henry will also be remembered by the Henry Athletic Prize, which has been given at every graduation in the School's history, and which Mrs. Henry plans to continue, and by a \$10,000 Scholarship fund.

The School is profoundly grateful to Mrs. Henry for her great generosity in giving both the portrait and this scholarship fund.

Here follows the resolution on Mr. Morris' death:

"May 10, 1954.

THE FACULTY OF ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL in meeting assembled offer this resolution in memory of their colleague and beloved friend, JAMES CRAIK MORRIS JR. Every St. Andrean, past and present, has been strengthened by Craik Morris' standards of intellectual, aesthetic, and spiritual judgment and by the example of his Christian stewardship. He so taught the mechanics of the English language, so explored the values of the plastic arts, so trained boys to use their voices to delight themselves and to glorify their God, so challenged in brisk and witty debate the cant and prejudice he loved to fight, so amply demonstrated the ideal of the cultured and the Christian life in his marriage that he established a standard of excellence and an example of courage that will make St. Andrew's School a place better fitted to realize its purpose in Christian education.

' . . . I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.' (I *Corinthians*, 14:15.)

"To his family we offer our profound sympathy in the loss which we so deeply share with them.

Norman M. Thornton,
Secretary of the Faculty.

Walden Pell II,
Headmaster."

It is sad and ironical that Mr. Morris, who had pled for years for a pipe organ and helped greatly in planning and selecting our new instrument, did not live to see and play it. His great contribution to the musical life of the School is commemorated by the 100 choir-size Hymnals which were given by his widow, mother, sisters and friends and dedicated with the organ at a

special service on October 14. A bronze plaque given by the Vestry will shortly be placed on the Chapel wall to carry on his memory, as does a fine framed photograph given by his family, now hanging in the Chapel vestibule.

The title on this picture is:

“JAMES CRAIK MORRIS JR.

St. Andrew's School

1936-1954

Teacher of Art, 1936-1953

Teacher of English, 1941-1954

Organist, 1943-1954

Choirmaster, 1952-1954”

Mrs. Hilles entered eternal life only five days after the bronze medal which she gave yearly to an alumnus outstanding for public service had been awarded to a distant relative of hers, Alexander Hemphill '40.

The 88 years Florence Bayard Hilles spent on this earth were filled with good works, notable service to her State and Nation and energetic espousal of causes. Her father, Thomas Francis Bayard, was a United States Senator, Secretary of State, and our first Ambassador to the Court of St. James. Altogether five of her relatives served as United States Senators from Delaware. Her husband was an attorney prominent in the affairs of Delaware and the Republican Party.

Mrs. Hilles was jailed in Washington in 1917 after leading a group of Suffragettes around the White House. During World War I she worked in a munitions plant; and after it, went to France with the American Commission for Reconstruction. She was national chairman of the National Woman's Party from 1933 to 1938.

In recent years she was an invalid, but every time we visited her in nursing home or hospital we received new inspiration to face life with greater courage and conviction.

By June we were far from having filled the large gap in our enrolment caused by the graduating class of 41 boys, of whom six received unsigned diplomas on account of failures or conditions, and were still searching for an English teacher and a choir director to replace Mr. Morris, and a Chaplain to replace Mr. Reynolds, now Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware. It was an uneasy summer, but it ended well. By mid-August the enrolment was filled again by a good group of 51 new boys, nearly all the class of 1954 had diplomas duly signed, and we had engaged men of the highest suitability for the Chaplaincy and for the position in the English Department.

We are even more than usually grateful to all who helped bring a hard year through to a successful conclusion. These sentiments include the Trustees, especially: Bishop McKinstry, whose state of health has never prevented him from being closely in touch with the life and work of the School and actively in support of all its good and true endeavors; Mr. Walter J. Laird, whose labors as Vice-President of the Foundation have been widely varied, deeply devoted and inestimably helpful to the School; Messrs. William S. Potter and Bernard J. Fox, respectively the new Secretary-Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Foundation, who took over the heavy burden of work imposed by Mr. Henry's final illness and death; and Messrs. Cameron, Schmolze and Thornton, the Headmaster's chief administrative assistants.

Plant, Equipment and Finances:

The end of the School year found two major projects com-

building and installation of our new pipe organ by the Holt-pleted, the acoustical treatment of our Chapel ceiling and the kamp Organ Company of Cleveland, Ohio, and another, three all-weather, hard-surfaced tennis courts north of the gymnasium, under construction. This last is now fenced and surfaced except for the final coating to be applied this spring. These courts, constructed by the F. C. Feise Co. of Narberth, Pennsylvania, forced the relocation of our fall soccer field further east toward Gaul Hall.

Last fall the roof of the Main Garage basement was resurfaced, and sewage lines back of the Corridor Wing cleared of tree roots which had grown into them.

The droughts of the last three summers have taken a heavy toll of our pine trees, and the Bartlett Tree Company is under contract to spray, prune and feed these and in some cases to replace mats of needles with gravel around the roots. Some of our oaks also are to receive treatment. This work got under way early last summer and will be completed in 1955.

A foot of snow falling unseasonably on the week end of November 6-8, 1953, and heavy snow on January 10-11 snapped many limbs, and Hurricane Hazel this fall blew over several pines and other trees and felled many branches, especially at the Farm.

Other major projects completed were:

1. Framed reproductions of paintings were hung in various parts of the School.
2. The landing was rebuilt on the stairs leading from the first floor to the dormitories of the Main Building.
3. An enclosed porch was added to the rear of the Herdsman's house.

4. All slate roofs were repaired and snow guards added.
5. Supplemental fire equipment was purchased and installed as recommended by the Church Fire Insurance Corporation.
6. House No. 7 and the VI Form Corridor rooms were repainted.
7. An electric scoreboard was installed in the basketball court.
8. The old electric ranges in the Kitchen were replaced by gas ranges.
9. The West Dormitory, which formerly housed six IV formers was converted to a room for three VI formers.

Some plastic table-ware was tried out in the dining room, and proved less acceptable to the School than china ware.

Tuition fees were collected 100%, and amounted to \$167,142, \$9,142 more than expected. The average tuition fee per boy was \$1,169 compared to \$1,153 for 1952-53.

The cost of operation was \$342,289, or \$2,394 per boy, compared to \$2,325 per boy for 1952-53.

Settlement of tuition payments for boys withdrawn during the year was greatly facilitated by the fact that most of them carried Fees Remission Insurance, written by A. W. G. Dewar, Inc., of Boston, Mass. This returned 60% of the unpaid fees, to the mutual benefit of the School and the parents involved. It is planned to require this insurance of all boys beginning next school year.

Scholarship aid totalling \$2800 is being enjoyed this year by 13 boys. This amount represents the income from the Malcolm Ford Award, Norris S. Haselton Scholarship, Thompson Brown Award, Elsie Louise Patterson Scholarship, Fathers' Club Scholarship, Allan J. Henry Scholarship, Kimble Charities Trust, and some contributions by individuals.

The Wage and Salary study begun last June by Cresap, McCormick and Paget has already been of considerable value. The second stage of the study began last month and will be completed shortly.

Personnel:

For the past four years the School has been singularly blessed in its Chaplain. Rev. James Oren Reynolds has been a true channel of the Grace of God to the members of this School. He has shown us what a Christian priest should be like, and six or seven of his former pupils now in college are hoping to be priests of the Church as he is. He has brought a new standard of excellence and beauty to the music and services of our Chapel, taught and proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ in and out of the classroom and pulpit, and endeared himself as "Straight Arrow" to a School generation.

When Mr. Reynolds resigned to become Rector of Immanuel Church, New Castle, we realized only too well that a long and difficult hunt lay ahead for a suitable replacement. After correspondence and interviews with a large number of younger clergy, we secured, to our great delight, a man of the highest qualifications. Rev. William David Leech was already known to many of us as the younger brother of our Diocesan Director of Christian Education, Rev. Canon Charles Leech. Our new Chaplain holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, the Bachelor of Science in Library Science from Drexel Institute of Technology and the Bachelor of Theology from the Divinity School in Philadelphia. He has taught at Roanoke College and served two years as Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Quakertown, Pa. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He and Mrs. Leech are occupying the north end of Gaul Hall.

The sudden and untimely death of Mr. Morris left us with virtually three positions to fill. We needed a teacher of lower form English, a Choir Director and an Art Teacher, all of which positions this versatile man had held in recent years. It was too much to hope that we would ever again find one man combining all these talents. As a matter of fact, at that late date and in a period of teacher shortage, it was no mean accomplishment to find a really good English teacher.

Mr. Cameron took over this particular manhunt and brought it to a most successful conclusion by finding Mr. Jack Rochford Vrooman of Toledo, Ohio. A graduate of Princeton in 1951, Mr. Vrooman received his Master's degree in French at Columbia in 1952. From then until 1954 he served in the Navy in the field of public information. The accomplishments of this versatile and engaging young man include piano, art, tennis and soccer. He is faculty sponsor of the Press Club and coaches the Soccer team.

The School is deeply indebted to Mrs. Chamblin for taking over Mr. Morris' classes between the time of his death and the end of term. We rejoice also that she is finding time this year to give special tutoring in Mathematics to some boys who need this.

Following Mr. Campbell's death in August 1953 the Library was run by the Student Librarian, Walter Liefeld '54. This intelligent, creative and responsible young man did a superb piece of work, for which the School can never thank him enough. This year Mr. Lushington took over the position of Librarian. He still teaches a few classes and coaches the Special Squad and Rifle Club.

Two new visiting teachers have taken over Art and the Choir and Glee Club. A number of boys now attend Art classes on

Tuesday and Thursday evenings under Mr. Vern Ranney of the Middletown Public School. Mr. Ranney is an alumnus of the University of Minnesota, served for six years in the Navy, has taught Art at the school and college level in the Middle West, and is presently Teacher of Art at Middletown Public School.

The Choir and Glee Club are coached by Mrs. Evabelle Fisher, wife of the Rector of St. Mary Anne's Church at North East, Maryland. Mrs. Fisher visits the School on Wednesday and Friday evenings and occasionally on Sunday mornings. She has attended a number of colleges and music schools, including Hannibal La-Grange College, where she received the A.A.S. (Ed) degree, and Marycrest-St. Ambrose College, where she qualified for her B.A., the Sherwood Music School of Illinois, and the University of Maryland. She has taught in schools in Missouri and Illinois and is now teaching in the Perryville (Md.) Public School.

With Mr. Labour now teaching Manual Training on both Tuesday and Thursday evenings we have a much better rounded program in the important fields of Manual and Fine Arts and Choral Music.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillier and their four children spent a pleasant and interesting year in Italy with trips through surrounding countries. During this leave the head of our History Department studied at the American Academy in Rome. This year Mr. Amos is enjoying his first Sabbatical, as a fellow of the Lalor Foundation of the University of Delaware. Under this he has a grant to continue the studies of the Delaware River Estuary he has been carrying on these past summers.

A Sabbatical for Mr. Voorhees has been authorized for next year, when he plans to teach at Athens College in Greece.

Eight of our teachers attended summer school courses or seminars last summer, and all but one were aided by the new grant of up to \$150 per teacher authorized by the Trustees last February. This help was deeply appreciated by its recipients.

Messrs. Broadbent and Hughes received their Masters' degrees, and Mr. Washburn continued his studies, at Harvard. Mr. Chamblin, Mr. Hillier and Mr. and Mrs. Weigand studied at the University of Delaware, and Mr. Baum attended the Yale Institute for Independent Schools and also the long week end at Seabury House at the end of August, which Messrs. Pell and Lushington also attended.

The membership of our masters on various professional committees and boards includes: Council for Religion in Independent Schools (Broadbent and Pell), the National Council of Teachers of English (Cameron), the American Wrestling Coaches Association (Cameron), The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (Chamblin), the American Association of Teachers of French (Fleming), the American Archaeological Society (Hillier), The American Classical Society (Hillier), the Headmaster's Association, President of the Boarding School Association of the Philadelphia Region, the Advisory Council of the Educational Records Bureau, Examining Chaplains, Diocese of Delaware, Advisory Board of the Montgomery Country Day School, the Anglican Society, the National Association of Secondary-School Principals, the Fort Ticonderoga Association (Pell), Secondary Education Board (Voorhees, Chairman of Latin Examining Committee), Classical Association of the Middle Atlantic States (Voorhees), The Near East Society (Voorhees), the Cum Laude Society (all heads of Academic departments).

Col. Hamilton M. Hutton, who taught at St. Andrew's from

1931 to 1948 and recently served in Japan on the joint Staff of the Far East Command, was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious services. He is now in Washington with the Office of Psychological Warfare.

Holidays were enjoyed for the births of Andrew Henry Washburn on November 23, 1953, and Eric Anderson Koci on December 29, 1953. About Easter time Cora Clifton, long a beloved and respected member of our Housekeeping Department, suffered a stroke for which she was hospitalized until July. Last September Mrs. Cora Henry, an elderly former member of that same department, died at her home at Pine Tree.

In this same month the School and the Middletown community were saddened by the sudden death of Mr. Joseph Comegys, father of William Comegys '44, who sold the Foundation the property on which the School now stands.

Alumni and Fathers' Club:

The most important events among our alumni this past year are represented in Mrs. Pell's famous scrapbook by pages and pages of wedding invitations and announcements and cards adorned with pink or blue ribbon, proclaiming the arrival of Robert Banquo Jr.* or Roberta Banquo!

As usual it was a delight to receive many interesting and newsy letters from alumni, many of them in response to the birthday cards sent them by Mrs. Pell.

The Alumni Council continued to function regularly and effectively under the continuing leadership of Jesse Nalle '39, who chiefly conceived the idea of this organization. Six issues of the Alumni Newsletter, a chatty and informative organ, kept

*"Robert Banquo" is a mythical St. Andrew's boy who evolved about 1936.

old St. Andreans up to date. The new spring week end for alumni and their wives was held May 1 and 2. The crew races, baseball game and tennis match, reception at the Headmaster's House, Alumni Banquet, Glee Club and Band Concert, and Alumni Memorial Service made this a highly successful and pleasant affair. Some 40 alumni and 15 wives attended.

The following were elected officers of the Alumni Association:

President, Winthrop Schwab '36; Vice-President, William McDowell '47; Executive Secretary, Davis Washburn '44; Secretary-Treasurer, Richard Thompson '50. As Secretary to the Alumni Office Mrs. Fleming did her usual highly valuable work.

Our second Alumni War Memorial Scholar, Jean Germain Orizet, was from Maçon, France.

Among the alumni this year two members of the Hemphill family gained distinction. Alexander Hemphill '40, winner of the Alumni Award for Outstanding Public Service and a witty toastmaster at the Alumni Banquet, was our first candidate for Congress, running on the Democratic ticket in the 6th District of Pennsylvania; and John Hemphill III '43 won a Fulbright award to continue his graduate studies in History in England.

To the great sorrow of all St. Andreans, hope waned for the survival of Capt. Donald Driscoll '35 and Lt. Lawrence Layton '47, missing for several years in Korea; and the accidental death of Major George Schwartz Welch '37 was announced on October 12. As a lieutenant in the Army Air Force George shot down four Japanese planes at Pearl Harbor and became one of his country's first aces of World War II. For some years he was chief test pilot of the North American Aviation Company, and lost his life in the explosion of a Super Sabrejet F-100 which

he was testing over Antelope Valley, California. He held the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Silver Star, the Air Medal and the Presidential Unit citation. He is survived by his wife, the former Janette Williams of Australia, their sons Giles and Jolyn, his parents, and his brother, Dehn Welch '39.

George Culleney '34 became the first alumni father of a St. Andrew's student when Stuart Culleney entered the School this fall as a member of the class of 1959. So our enrolment has come full circle!

Peter Brown '40, Assistant U. S. Attorney, gave the School a highly graphic and amusing account of the New York City water front investigation.

Three graduates, Patterson Keller '49, Joseph Frazer '49 and David Harned '50 are studying theology and seven others still in college are seriously considering the Ministry as a career.

Our alumni in the colleges continue to do good work, obtaining higher average grades than they did here at 39 colleges, lower grades in six colleges and the same in two. A large number of men are returning to college after their term of military service. The Headmaster regrets that his official visits to colleges were limited to one last year, when he and Mrs. Pell saw 11 of our men at Princeton.

The class of 1954 entered the following institutions: Trinity 4, Brown 3, Pennsylvania 3, Columbia 2, Delaware 2, Franklin and Marshall 2, Hamilton 2, Washington & Lee 2, Middlebury 2, University of the South 2, Virginia 2, Bates 1, Colgate 1, Cornell 1, Dartmouth 1, Davidson 1, Duke 1, Harvard 1, Kentucky 1, Lehigh 1, Princeton 1, Rice 1, U. S. Military Academy 1, Yale 1.

Graduation on June 5 was blessed with cool, pleasant weather, eliminating the usual 90 minute roasting of all attending in the oven-like atmosphere of the present auditorium. The speaker was Dr. John Alanson Perkins, President of the University of Delaware, and the Valedictorian Lawrence Eyre Wood '54, who had maintained 1st group standing for three years, and won the Founder's Medal.

The Bishop Cook Cross was won by George Jaffray Baxter '54, the Henry Athletic Prize by Robert Mallory Foster '54, the Frazier Prize for Outstanding Service by Ian Campbell MacInnes '54, and the Malcolm Ford Award by Aldrich Clements Crowe '54.

New awards this year were the Norris S. Haselton Scholarship for the son of a Foreign Service Officer of the Foreign Service of the United States, given for 1954-55 to Powell Hut-ton '55; the J. Thompson Brown Award for the boy below the VI Form who has made an outstanding contribution to school government, won by Elliott Guthrie Fishburne III '58; and the Sherman Webb Prize for History, won by John Paul Campbell '54.

Lawrence Wood '54 graduated Summa Cum Laude, David Pearce Campbell '54 and Rodman Warren Stuhlmuller '54 graduated Magna Cum Laude, and four boys received diplomas Cum Laude. Seven members of the Class of 1954 were elected to the Cum Laude Society, as were three members of the Class of 1955.

Seventy-five fathers and other male relatives attended Fathers' Club Week End at the School last October 29-31. They saw the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Six Man football teams play games, visited classes and faculty homes, held a meeting, heard a fascinating talk by Mr. Maurice Arth on "United States

Economic and Technical Aid Program in Foreign Lands", experienced St. Andrew's night life at the movies in the Auditorium and attended Chapel.

Last year the Fathers' Club presented the School with a check for \$500 which is currently being used to aid two worthy boys to attend the School.

The outgoing President, Mr. Howe Lagarde, handed over the gavel to Capt. Clark Abbott, U.S.N., the new President. Vice Presidents for this year are Messrs. Lucien du Bois and William Harned, the Secretary is Mr. Harold Wood and the Treasurer is Mr. John Kramer.

Enrolment and Curriculum:

We opened the session 1953-54 with 143 boys, of whom 40 were new-comers. During the course of the session four boys withdrew and two others joined us, so that in June we had an enrolment of 141. The pattern of the group was essentially normal. Sixty per cent of the new boys came to us from public schools and seventy-seven per cent of the whole student body were Episcopalians. Boys came to us from 19 states (including the District of Columbia) and from seven foreign countries as follows: Pennsylvania—33, Maryland—29, Delaware—15, New York—13, New Jersey—8, Washington, D. C.—7, Florida—6, Virginia—5, Kentucky—4, Georgia—2, Illinois—2, Kansas—2, South Carolina—2, and one each from Alabama, Connecticut, Indiana, Louisiana, Rhode Island and Tennessee; Equador—2, Malaya—2, New Zealand—2, Venezuela—2, and one each from Bermuda, France and Mexico.

Two new boys were accepted under the "Exchange of Faculty Children" plan of the Secondary Education Board, by which

member schools accept a limited number of faculty children from other member schools for 25% of the regular tuition fee.

Intellectually distribution also followed a normal curve, though happily there was some increase in the number of very bright boys and a slight decrease in the number of calculated academic risks. Ninety-five per cent of the student body had an aptitude rating of "high average" or better, "high average" being considered the minimum acceptable in college applicants. Thirty per cent were rated "superior". Graduation in June found final groups distributed as the aptitude scores indicate they should be. Ninety-four per cent of the student body had a "passing" group or better. Thirty per cent (42 boys) were in honors groups, while only six per cent were in failing groups. Significantly six per cent is also the percentage of non-graduates who failed to return in September.

During the course of the year the Cum Laude Society elected ten new members and this honor society may now be considered firmly established.

To further college orientation and guidance, officers of the Army and Navy addressed the School on the Naval and Army ROTC training programs. Admissions officers and interested alumni from many colleges had an opportunity to talk with VI Formers. In addition, V Form boys and their parents have been encouraged to visit college campuses during the summer, and in many instances these visits have proved most beneficial. Finally all V formers were asked to take the College Board aptitude, English and one other subject matter examinations in May. Results of these examinations, together with interpretive comments by the Headmaster, were made available during the summer to all V Form parents and students. As a result prospective graduates are facing the problem of college choice

with less emotional coloration and a greater degree of common sense.

Tomlinson Counselors of Swarthmore, Pa. carried on their usual vocational aptitude testing program in November, and Dr. William L. Peltz, Jr., of the Institute of the Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, held sessions with groups of V and VI formers and older IV formers on problems of sex and marriage.

The Registrar's Office and Headmaster processed an unusually large number of college transcripts, 165 in all. This task was facilitated by our practice of working up a transcript for each boy on a standard N.E.A. form and reproducing it on our Ozalid machine.

Mr. Schmolze was Chairman of the Academic Committee during the year, but this year Mr. Cameron has resumed this position. Chiefly at his instigation a new schedule is being tried this year. This provides for an 8th period at the end of the classroom day, for tutoring and make-up work. Preliminary experimentation indicates that this arrangement has great value.

Mrs. George Weigand became the presiding genius (cf. "tutelar deity", Webster) of the new Remedial Room, which before its conversion and redecoration was the "Bailing Room" in the basement. Here the program of speeded reading was administered to groups of boys whom tests indicated to need this, and individual boys were helped along the lines of programs prescribed for them by various reading clinics.

Interesting features of the year were a joint science field trip by Wilmington Friends School and St. Andrew's students around the School grounds and nearby fossil beds, and some excellent lapsed-time movies of growing plants taken by George Mitchell '55.

The Faculty have organized a systematic program of "in-service training". So far this has consisted of the encouragement of reading from a list of professional books, the holding of a special "professional" Faculty meeting, the visiting of classes by the Headmaster and heads of departments and more frequent departmental meetings.

Library:

The number of volumes in the Library increased by 267 to a total of 6,874. The circulation of books for the year was 2,154.

The Movie Projection Staff, directed by Christopher Cain '54 and his able Program Director, James McGiffert '55, showed 120 films during the year. The quality and recency of the 16mm. films now obtainable seems to have improved.

The new paper-bound book stand, working under the honor system, proved to be quite successful, selling over 200 books during the Spring term. The small profit from this went to the English Reserve Library. The library staff donated the money for a new three-speed turntable record-player, and the class of 1954 donated the money to bind *Time* magazine from 1949 through 1954.

Discipline, Jobs and Health:

The session 1953-54 saw the new disciplinary system in action over a full year, with results that are most encouraging. The incidence of unsatisfactory behavior has been halved, to 6% of the student body. While 17% rated only "fair" conduct, 77% of the School had conduct ratings of "good" or better. It was interesting to note the terms in which various forms had their worst disciplinary performances: for the VI Form, the spring term; for the V, the fall; and for the II and III, the winter.

Better dissemination of conduct information through the reports and notices of the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, Mr. Cameron, and verbal reports to School meetings by a student member of the committee played a part in this improvement. So did "carrots" in the form of week ends for excellent conduct (33% of the School qualified) and "sticks" in the form of "holdover" at vacation periods for unsatisfactory conduct records.

Further, the decision of the Committee, enthusiastically backed by the boys, to hold open hearings as a rule instead of operating privately has done much to make students aware of the operation of justice and of their obligations under the law of the School. One handicap to the open hearings, however, has been lack of a suitable room for them. With the building of the new wing, the present Library could be well adapted to a room for such hearings and other medium-sized gatherings.

As Mr. Voorhees' usual assistant in the Job System was on Sabbatical leave, Mr. Chamblin filled that post and continued on as a "Jobs Master" this year.

In order to save time after meals, time now used for the tutorial period from 2:30 to 3:15 and for the activities period after supper, the boys no longer wash the dishes, except on the days off of the two professionals who now handle this operation. One of these is Jonathan Bair '53, who is with us for this year in a utility capacity, coaching six-man football and otherwise making himself useful in addition to helping in the pantry.

The health of the School was unusually good. Only 30 boys spent a night or more in the Infirmary compared to 97 in 1952-53. Visits numbered 3086, about the same as last year, but Dr. Lee made only 174 visits to the Infirmary as against

265 during the previous year. Thirty-six mild gastro-intestinal cases constituted the most frequent affliction, next to colds.

Chest X-rays were given to all boys on October 15 by the Mobile X-ray Unit of the State, and 119 boys had A and B "Flu" shots in January.

Miss Nelson was assisted by Mrs. Koci during the fall term and later by Miss Greta Axelson, who is our Assistant Nurse again this year.

Athletics:

The Varsity football team of 1953 was beset by inexperience and failed to win a game. The fall Special Squad emphasized soccer rather than the volleyball of previous years.

In the winter our Soccer team won all games of its limited schedule. The Work Squad cleared the tangled strip between the entrance drive and the Farm, and the banks of the Fleming-Schmolze gulley, transplanted some trees and cut many more into firewood. In January three days of skating, our first in three years, provided a welcome diversion.

Mr. Weigand assisted Mr. Washburn as basketball coach and was head coach of baseball. The tennis team had a successful season, placing second in the Interstate Academic Conference. A pleasant feature of the early season was a match with Kent School on April 5. Track was revived by Mr. Chamblin and teams were sent to several meets. A softball league organized by Mr. Weigand and an informal golf contest for the Charley Bill Kenney Golf Award enlivened the end of the Spring Term.

In June our Yacht Club entered a crew in the interscholastic regatta at New London and finished 6th among 18 schools.

The Headmaster was President of the Interstate Academic Conference for the year.

Activities and School Government:

The School Publications ranked high in quality and interest. The editors were: *Cardinal*, James Ramsey Speer III '54; *The Yearbook*, James Brier McGiffert Jr. '55; *The Andrean*, Wesley Phy Melling '55.

The Criss-Cross Club, coached by Mr. Hughes, gave a splendid production of a carefully pruned version of "Mister Roberts". The only feminine part was played by Mrs. Amos.

Mr. Morris developed a creditable Glee Club which gave several recitals. The Band recovered from the graduation of so many able musicians in 1952 and was again in fine form.

It was natural that Mr. Lushington, a reserve captain and former rifle coach in the Marine Corps, should take over the Rifle Club. He aroused so much enthusiasm for small-bore shooting that many boys helped him and the Maintenance Department construct an indoor range along the east side of the Auditorium. The backstop is formed of large steel plates which are swung up into a sloping position when firing is carried on and deflect the bullets into pits of sand. It is planned to convert the 3rd floor Gymnasium dormitory into a rifle range as soon as the new wing is built. The Rifle Club entered several matches with other teams, including the Marine Corps Reserve in Wilmington.

In addition to the talks led by Dr. Peltz, lectures were given by Mr. Keith Ellinwood on Alcoholism, and by Mr. Paul Shinkman on affairs behind the Iron Curtain, and also a fascinating exhibition of magic by Dr. Frederick Miller.

John Way '55, constructed a car model which won the First State Award for Kentucky in a contest sponsored by the Fisher

Body Craftsman's Guild. So much enthusiasm and interest did his work generate that a Model Club was formed, with John as President and Mr. Broadbent as Faculty Sponsor.

The usual dance was held each term and bus loads of our boys enjoyed the hospitality of Hannah More Academy at a pleasant supper dance.

Conferences attended by students included the religious conference at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., the Columbia College Forum on Democracy, and last month a Junior Red Cross Leadership Training Conference at Camp Tocwogh, Md.

The School grounds were used by a number of visiting organizations, especially in the summer. These included the Wilmington Trail Club, the Veterans Administration Hospital, and groups from Calvary, St. James' and St. Matthew's Churches.

Ambitiously and successfully the V Form under its Faculty Advisor, Mr. Schmolze, sponsored the installation and operation of a Pepsi-Cola machine across the corridor from the Store. The profits from this time-consuming and thirst-quenching venture amounted to \$625 and were used to pay for the machine and to swell the form treasury.

Mr. Cameron spent long hours last summer editing the 3rd edition of the Handbook, which is proving a valuable aid to School government.

Under Ian MacInnes as Senior Praefect, an alert and hard-working group of Praefects, and Mr. Baum as Faculty Advisor to the VI Form, good leadership was given the School and its various components of School government. Members of all forms were represented on its committees, School meetings were lively and constructive and much valuable experience was gained.

Chapel:

As Mr. Reynolds completed his fourth and last year as Chaplain, sound progress was apparent in several ways. The system of attendance adopted in 1952-53 became well established and proved to be the best plan used so far. The Choir reached a new peak of excellence. The congregation was better trained to participate in the services. The Chapel guilds attracted many boys to serve as acolytes, sacristans or lectors.

It was Mr. Reynolds' dream that the Chapel should have an organ worthy of its beauty and dignity. The story of the selection and planning of this instrument is too long and complicated to record here, but the quest ended joyfully when we dedicated our new two-manual organ, made by the Holtkamp Organ Company of Cleveland, last October 14.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. Ray Brown, A.B., Mus.B., A.A.G.O., Instructor in Church Music at General Theological Seminary and Lecturer in Church Music at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, who helped us greatly in our selection and played for the Dedication Service.

The specifications of this exquisite instrument are as follows:

GREAT ORGAN

Principal, 8 ft., 61 pipes
Lieblich Gedackt, 8 ft., 61 pipes
Nachthorn, 4 ft., 61 pipes
Doublette, 2 ft., 61 pipes.

SWELL ORGAN

Rohrflöte, 8 ft., 61 pipes
Viola Dolce, 7 Stopped, 8 ft., 61 pipes
Principal, 4 ft., 61 pipes
Larigot, 1½ ft., 61 pipes
Plein Jeu, 3 R., 183 pipes.

PEDAL ORGAN

Subbass, 16 ft., 44 pipes
Violon, 8 ft., 44 pipes
Gemshorn, 4 ft., 44 pipes
Octave Subbass, 8 ft.
Octave Violon, 4 ft.
Octave Gemshorn, 2 ft.
Two Manuals and Pedal

Compass of Manuals	CC-C4 61 Notes
Compass of Pedals	CCC-G 32 Notes.

Expert advice on the acoustical treatment of the Chapel was secured through Mr. Walter Holtkamp from Mr. Robert B. Newman of M.I.T. and Bolt, Beranek and Newman. As a result the ceiling in most of the bays was coated with a substance which filled the absorbent pores of the plaster and then painted over with a flat paint. The acoustical effects were vastly improved by this treatment.

Those indefatigable needlewomen, Mrs. Richard du Pont and Mrs. Arthur Shettle, made four more needlepoint cushions for the Sanctuary, two of them dedicated to the Founder and two to his son Richard, and one for the kneeler on the Bishop's Chair. These were dedicated by Bishop McKinstry on June 5.

The two hymnboards donated by the Class of 1953 were installed half way back in the Chapel where the numbers can easily be read by those in the rear pews.

Another physical improvement was the installation of sump pumps in the outdoor stairwells at the northwest and southeast corners of the Chapel, to avoid the flooding of the Chapel floor which has occurred twice in recent years.

During the school year one boy was baptized in the Chapel, and on February 7, 12 boys and one adult were confirmed and one boy was received from the Roman Catholic Church by

Bishop Mosley, at his first Episcopal visit to the School. Two alumni and five students were transferred to other churches and one faculty couple was transferred to the School Chapel.

Visiting preachers included Bishop McKinstry, Bishop Mosley, Archdeacon Reynolds of the Solomon Islands, Rev. Joseph Parsell, O.H.C., Prior of the Holy Cross Liberian Mission, Rev. Edward Moore '38, missionary priest in South Dakota, Rev. John Hart, Rector of Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pa., Rev. Charles Leech, Diocesan Director of Christian Education, Rev. Christoph Keller of Trappe, Md., Rev. Harold Mowen, Vicar of St. Martins-in-the-Field, Selbyville, Del., Rev. Sydney Bancroft, Jr., Rector of St. Peter's, Smyrna, Del., and Rev. Joseph Koci, Jr., Rector of St. Anne's, Middletown.

The Candlelight Carol Service came on December 13, the 25th anniversary of the Headmaster's ordination to the priesthood, so that this event was celebrated by the whole School family, including Bishop McKinstry.

The Headmaster conducted a preaching mission at the beginning of Lent and the Chaplain delivered the Good Friday address on the Seven Words from the Cross. The student body was here for Easter and took part in a glorious corporate Communion that morning, with the Choir augmented by trumpets.

The School clergy preached in many churches of the Diocese, and the Headmaster preached at a special St. Andrew's service at the Church of the Epiphany, New York City, on March 14. He also had the pleasure of giving the Baccalaureate Sermon to St. Paul's School, Brooklandville, Md., at St. Paul's Church in Baltimore; preaching at Trinity Church, Elkton, Maryland; and at Christ Church, Quaker Farms, Conn.; speaking to the Lions' Club at Smyrna, Del.; and officiating at two weddings of alumni.

The Vestry had a successful year under the chairmanship of George Baxter '54. In 1953 it collected \$1,679 and donated \$1,548 to 15 Church or charitable causes, including \$775 to the Diocese of Delaware.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the School Chapel continued to rank high in the Diocese in activity and donations. Its officers were: Mrs. Schmolze, President, Mrs. Amos, Vice President, Mrs. Thornton, Treasurer, and Mrs. Harper, Secretary.

The School took a major part in two new projects: an intensive survey of the religious life of the Diocese conducted under the direction of Rev. Dr. Joseph Moore; and the program of integrating Christian theology with the teaching of the secular subjects promoted by a number of our Church schools, under the leadership of Rev. Malcolm Strachan, consultant to the National Council's Department of Christian Education on Church preparatory and parish day schools. The latter project resulted in a long week end conference at Seabury House in August, attended by some 40 teachers from about 20 Church preparatory schools. Three members of the St. Andrew's faculty attended this very fruitful gathering.

Gifts:

The School gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

From Mrs. Allan J. Henry, a \$10,000 scholarship fund in memory of her husband, a portrait of him by Mr. John Connah, and a book of Leech's cartoons from Punch.

From Mr. Morris S. Haselton, \$9,000 to complete the fund for the Norris S. Haselton Scholarship.

From the estate of the late Miss Elsie Louise Patterson of Wilmington, a bequest of \$10,000 for the Elsie Louise Patterson Scholarship fund.

From the Fathers' Club, \$500 for scholarships.

From Mrs. Herman Kimble, through the Kimble Charities Trust, \$500 for general use, and \$200 for scholarship aid.

From Mr. William Wallace McDowell, \$300 for general use, and funds for an electric score-board for the basketball floor.

From Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Merriwether, through the Merken Foundation, Inc., \$100 for general use.

From the School Vestry, a bronze tablet for the Chapel, in memory of Mr. John Archie Campbell.

From the Class of 1954, the cost of binding six years of the back issues of *Time* magazine.

From the Class of 1955, \$20 for band equipment.

From Dr. Frederick Miller, \$35 to the Library in memory of Mr. Campbell.

From Mrs. Richard du Pont and Mrs. Arthur Shettle, needle-point cushions for the acolytes and Bishop's chair.

From Mrs. James Craik Morris, Mrs. James Craik Morris, Jr., Mrs. Mary Wells, Miss Edith Morris, Mrs. Shubael Beasley and Mrs. Herbert Harper, 100 choir-sized Hymnals for the Chapel, in memory of Mr. James Craik Morris, Jr.

From his widow and mother, a framed photograph of Mr. James Craik Morris, Jr.

From Mrs. Mabel Dovell, the flag used on the casket of her son, Gordon Dovell '41, to be flown on Alumni Week End and Memorial Day.

From Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cook, \$15 for the Alumni War Memorial Fund.

From Mrs. Sherman Webb, a \$200 endowment for the Sherman Webb Prize for History, and \$10 to the Library Fund.

From Mrs. A Felix du Pont, flowers for Founder's Day, Easter and All Saints, and Florida grapefruit and oranges for the School.

From Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Wansey, lilies for Easter.

From Rev. Olin Lager, a bronze plaque of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

From William H. Whyte III '35, a subscription to *Fortune* Magazine.

From the Dartmouth Rowing Club, an Aristo stopwatch.

From the Bachelors' Barge Club, the 100th Anniversary Book of the Club.

From Trinity College and Washington College, yearbooks for the Library.

From the Alumni Association of Franklin & Marshall College, a prize book "Benjamin Franklin" by Bernard Cohen.

From Thomas Bright '40, Mr. Arthur Shettle, "A Friend of Yale", and Captain Perlmeen, books for the Library.

From Mr. Samuel Crozer, a large-scale map of the United States.

In Conclusion:

In their annual reports headmasters have a magnificent opportunity, which this headmaster has seldom overlooked, to express to their trustees and patrons sonorous phrased and no doubt highly edifying sentiments on national and world affairs! On some of these affairs a given headmaster may be reasonably informed, on others not at all, but in any case he enjoys as much as anyone the pleasant indoor sport of making pronouncements!

This year I shall forgo the privilege of offering profound

interpretations of such diverse matters as Milford, Malenkov, McCarthy or the Middle-of-the-road. This year I wish to make what all at St. Andrew's hope will be my last plea for building the proposed new wing.

To a long-suffering board of trustees who have listened patiently and sympathetically to such pleas in practically every one of my reports since 1946, I offer a somewhat different approach. This is to outline the use which we plan to make of various parts of the new wing if and when it is completed.

1. *Office Space.*

The Business Office will move to the present Chemistry Laboratory, the Alumni Office to the present Business Manager's Office, the Headmaster's Secretary to the present Office of the Financial Assistant to the Business Manager, and the Disciplinary Committee records to the present Library Office.

2. *Study Hall Space.*

The new Study Hall will contain desks for the whole school. Seventy of these will be moved from the present Study Hall, 12 from Room 1, and 30 from Room 2.

3. *Laboratory Space.*

The Chemistry Laboratory will move to the north end of the present Study Hall, the south end to be used as a science lecture-class room, and the Physics Laboratory to Room 2.

4. *Classroom space.*

The present Physics Laboratory will replace Room 2 as a classroom. Four or five additional classrooms and two departmental conference rooms will be provided by the new construction. Two listening rooms will be built next to the large classroom for modern languages in the new wing, and there will be three listening rooms on the second floor of the Library. Still

another classroom could be provided by moving the present Art studio to the third floor of the Library Wing.

5. *Living quarters space.*

All boys now living in the Gymnasium dormitories and all but two of the third occupants of the double rooms on the V and VI Form Corridors will be housed in the 28 double rooms in the new wing. An adequate common room for IV formers will be provided. Two apartments with three bedrooms each will be occupied by masters supervising the new corridors. The Head Nurse may be housed in the present apartment between the East Dormitory and the Kitchen Wing. The Gymnasium Tower room could be used by a gymnasium janitor or could supplement the Gymnasium apartment.

6. *Recreation space.*

In the Gymnasium the dormitory on the first floor will be converted to an athletic or music practice room, that on the second floor to a game room, and that on the third floor to a rifle range. The game room could also be used to entertain visiting teams.

In the Main Building the present Library will become a meeting room for the Disciplinary Committee or other medium-sized groups such as forms or clubs. The Auditorium will be enlarged, the floor partly sloped, the stage equipped with three dressing rooms, and a large space provided back of the stage for constructing and storing scenery.

7. *Library space.*

The Library will be moved to the new Library Wing, where it will occupy a floor and a half, with storage space on the third floor. The first floor of the new Library will contain the Librarian's Office, a large workroom and plenty of space for shelves and reading facilities.

Thus practically every present problem of space will be solved by the construction of the proposed wing. But there is another reason for building it as soon as possible.

We are told of Cato the Elder that every time it was his turn to speak in the Roman Senate, he rose and said: "Carthago delenda est!" In recent meetings of the Trustees Bishop McKinstry also has repeated but one refrain. In Latin this would have been: "ala nova aedificanda est!", but our Bishop delivered this sentiment in plain English and with persuasive force of reasoning.

Although our beloved Father in God is retiring as Bishop of Delaware this December 31, and much as we look forward to having Bishop Mosley, with all his spiritual vigor and articulate social convictions, on the Board, we hope that Bishop McKinstry will continue as a trustee. We would sorely miss his deep interest in the School, his wide knowledge of its people, its problems and its progress, his astute judgment and his deep Christian convictions as to its function and its future.

The new wing would be a fitting monument to the hard work, the wise planning and the strong leadership of his 15 years as President of the Foundation. We pray that God will allow him to see this beautiful structure, planned by our architects, Arthur Brockie, William Grancell and William Thompson, and by our Founder, Alexis Felix du Pont, come to glorious completion and full use in the work of God's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

WALDEN PELL II

Headmaster

NOTE: Construction of the new wing was authorized at the meeting at which this report was submitted!

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