



Alumni Members To Assemble Thursday Night

Record Gathering of Alumni Expected on Thursday Night

Within the week Alumni activities will have made an active start, for Alumni members are scheduled to meet at the College on Thursday night, and if Alumni interest is at anywhere near the level it attained last year, a large gathering may be expected on Thursday.

Two weeks ago the members of the Graduates' Society, a branch of the Alumni, met at the College and elected a slate of officers to guide the destinies of that reorganized body for the ensuing year, and the Alumni will meet for the same purpose on Thursday. The absence of President Chris Grant and first Vice-President Father Frocker will be regretted by those attending the Alumni's first meeting, but an active session is anticipated.

The past few years have seen a marked increase in Alumni interest, with last year particularly outstanding. At the annual smoker last year there were some two hundred and fifty members present, a number which far exceeds any previous assembly. All other functions were equally well attended and the executive of the past term may pass on their duties to the new officers with the knowledge of a job well done.

Document Misplaced, Society Reorganizes

"We, the members of the Engineering Society inasmuch as the original constitution of the Society has been inadvertently misplaced, in order to establish a more secure foundation for our Society and to facilitate its operation, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution for the Engineering Society of St. Mary's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada".

Thus reads the preamble of the new constitution of the Engineering Society. This Society, established nearly eleven years ago, intends through this constitution, which we feel preserves the spirit and aims of the original, to attain to a status of organization and unity intended by its founders.

Through the efforts of the executive, this new constitution has come into being and is at the present time being put to the Society for discussion and acceptance. It is hoped that before the present month is completed that full ratification will be obtained.

According to undisputed authority, the Engineering Society was founded on March 21, 1927 under the presidency of Mr. Owen Meehan. Messrs Vincent Coy and Frances E. Murphy held the executive positions of Vice President and Secretary Treasurer respectively during this premier year. Our mutual friend Rev. Bro. W. B. Cornelia, the Dean of Engineering at that time, was named Honorary President for life.

The aim behind the Society was to unite all Engineering students in a bond of fellowship and goodwill for the promotion of their common interests. During the first few years, all records were carefully and accurately kept. However, throughout the intervening period all records were completely destroyed. Thus the Engineering Society, considered as one of the most important and influential bodies within the college has decided to undergo a constructive reformation and to emerge with a standard of organization and pre-eminence second to none.

Again Coach



GERALD HAYES

With the best prospects on hand since 1932, coaching duties of the Intercollegiate entry have again fallen on Gerald Hayes (above) who discharged that task so ably last year. Mr. Hayes is a prominent alumnus and a member of the Senate of this institution and has always been noted for his interest in all things Santamarian.

Excellent Talks Feature Meeting

Featuring splendid addresses by Rev. Bro. Birmingham and Michael Fitzpatrick, the Mission Crusade Society held its monthly meeting, in the College auditorium on Friday Nov. 26th.

Acting for the first time in the capacity of moderator, Bro. Birmingham delivered a splendid address to the Crusaders. He exhorted them to be active participants in the cause of Catholic Action. He explained the necessity of praying for the conversion of sinners and for the dying. He stated that prayer is absolutely essential to overcome the perils that are forever lurking around us.

The other outstanding address of the day was given by Michael Fitzpatrick of the Freshman Class. Mr. Fitzpatrick with great felicity of speech, discussed "Missionaries in General". He told the society of the manifold difficulties and hardships to be faced and endured by the Missionaries; of their leaving home and beloved ones; of their arrival in a foreign land, inhabited by hostile and obdurate pagans; and lastly of his battles with that dreaded menace—Paganism.

In the course of the meeting, Frank Corcoran, President of the Society, delivered a brief address, in which he reminded the Crusaders of their dues. He then called on Graham Dyer, who with a new aptitude outlined the purpose of the coming raffle, which will be held on December 17th.

Numerous Awards

The Athletic Association will grant the athletic letters and awards for football within the next week it has been announced. The Association made this announcement recently when it was learned that the letters which had been on order had arrived.

Former Students Active in Club

St. Thomas Aquinas Church takes the lead in establishing a club for young men of the Parish who have completed their school or college courses. At a recent meeting an executive was selected to govern the activities of the Society for the coming year.

Hon. Pres.—Rev. Father O'Neill.
President—J. E. Lynch.
Vice-President—G. Smith.
Secretary—A. Meagher.
Treasurer—J. Coade.

The aim of the club is primarily to unite the young men of the parish, intellectually as well as athletically. Monthly meetings will be held at which some topic of current interest as regards the Church and Religion will be discussed. The Executive proposes to have a qualified speaker at each of these meetings to conduct the discussion.

The bowling alleys, badminton floor and basketball court of the Wolverine Club have been rented for use of the members on Friday night of each week. We take this opportunity of inviting as many young men of the parish as may desire to join, to do so as soon as convenient.

Fourth Annual Gathering Held

The fourth annual banquet of the Commerce Society, Delta Lambda Kappa, was held at the Nova Scotian Hotel on Monday, Nov. 22nd. The guest speaker was Harold J. Egan, B.A., B.Com., C.A., present Administrator of the Securities and Succession Acts. Mr. Egan spoke on the newly created Securities Act which seeks the prevention of fraud in dealing with stocks and bonds. He was introduced by Alderman J. E. Lloyd who gave a brief and interesting history of Mr. Egan's career.

The toasts of the evening were as follows:

"The King"—by Owen P. Quinn.
"Canada"—Maurice F. O'Neill.
"The College and Faculty"—G. J. Churchill and responded to by Rev. Bro. Lannon who stressed the value

Harold Bartlow Is Society President

Meeting to legally constitute what had hitherto been an informal organization, thirty-five graduates in Arts, Science and Commerce gathered at the College on November 21 for the purpose of reorganizing the Graduates' Society. Brothers Lannon and Birmingham were both guests of the meeting and active in the evening's discussion were Dr. E. I. Glennister, Edwin Williams and Fathers Heffler, Murphy, Laba and MacDonald, all prominent Santamarians of other years.

It was determined that the Society would henceforth be known as the Graduates' Society of St. Mary's College with the welfare of the College as its general object and the creation of a Graduate section for the new college library as its present and immediate purpose.

Before the annual meeting to be held in September the Society hopes to have interested all graduates in active society endeavours and for this purpose the following slate of officers was named to carry on the work of organization for the ensuing year:

Honorary President—The Rev. Bro. President, Brother Lannon.
President—Harold J. Bartlow.
Vice-President—Rev. Father Hugh MacDonald.
Secretary—John E. Lynch.
Treasurer—William Murphy.

High spot of the meeting was the re-introduction of Rev. Brother Birmingham, one of the four original Irish Christian Brothers who began this progressive institution. In a short address Brother Birmingham recalled the time when the College could boast an enrolment of only eighty students.

of unity in any organization or group especially where Catholic youths are concerned.

"The Society"—Austin E. Hayes and responded to by Edward V. Flinn.

The toast to the Freshman was given by G. R. Sullivan and responded to by the Freshman representative, Kenneth Johnston. Mr. E. V. Flinn, president of the society presided over the gathering.

Graduates' Society Offers Assistance To Library Plan

According to announcements made by the Reverend Brother President, Brother Lannon, at the Commerce Banquet and at the meeting of the Graduates' Society, the much-needed Students' Library is soon to become a reality. Very little has been learned concerning the plans for this enterprise other

than the fact that it will occupy the space at the far end of the Study Hall and will possibly mean the demolition of the stage, coat room and Professors' quarters which now occupy that part of the building.

First real support given to the President's project was offered by the Graduates' Society, who, at their organization meeting a few weeks ago, embodied in their Constitution the resolution that the primary purpose of the Society would be "the creation of a section in the new students' library which would be known as the Graduates' Section of the Students' Library."

The Graduates' Society is to be commended for its prompt support to an undertaking which has for a long time been a dire necessity, and which will undoubtedly prove a distinct asset to both students and faculty as a necessary aid to regular class work.

College Defeated In Radio Debate

The St. Mary's College debating team of Frank Corcoran and Guy Renner upholding the negative side of the resolution: "Resolved That Modern University Training is a Disappointment to Parents" met defeat at the hands of Graham Murray and Harry Houser, Dalhousie representatives, in a recent radio debate.

Mr. Murray, in opening the debate, declared that the universities were a disappointment both socially and economically. College degrees, he contended were no aid in finding work.

Mr. Corcoran, the first speaker of the negative, claimed that the students and not the university training were responsible for any disappointment that existed.

Continuing the debate for Dalhousie, Mr. Houser held that the universities themselves realize the training they offer is a disappointment to parents. In their effort to correct this failing they were, he said, "making college courses even more impractical and more disappointing to parents."

The fourth speaker, Mr. Renner, pointed out that universities were filled to capacity. Public bodies and men of means were constantly endowing them. These two points alone he claimed should prove that universities were not a disappointment.

Judges for the debate were Dr. W. D. Forrest, R. F. Yeoman, and H. R. Shinner. The Chairman was J. Bryce Milner of the Sodales executive.

The speakers for the tridium were: Wednesday, December 1st Rev. Brother Birmingham—"St. Francis Xavier."
Mr. John A. MacDonald—"The Duties of a Crusader."
Mr. Dermot O'Keefe—"Canada's St. Francis Xavier."

Thursday, December 2nd Mr. Hector McNeil—"The Attitude of the Chinese to the Church."
Mr. Jack Fitzgerald—"Ordination day in Uganda."
Mr. Edward Moor—"The Life of Cyril Sen."

Friday, December 3rd Mr. Harold T. Rose—"St. Therese, Patroness of Missions."
Mr. Gerald Churchill—"The Greatest Harvest, the Mission Field."
Mr. Frank Reardon—"Missionaries and Their Work."

Support Needed To Aid Mission Crusade

The Mission Crusade Raffle needs more support. Remember both College and High School are running this raffle. So let every Crusader of the two units give his fullest cooperation.

The prizes, we repeat, are exceptionally good and the price per ticket exceedingly small. 1st Prize—\$25.00; 2nd., \$15.00; 3rd., \$5.00. Price per ticket 10c, 3 for 25c, 12 for \$1.00. Help your friends, help yourselves, and in so doing help the MISSIONS! BUY AND SELL TICKETS!

New Members Add To Active Society

The addition of new blood seems to have given Tau Gamma Sigma a decided impetus. The minutes are teeming with suggested ideas. These ideas plus the aforesaid new blood augur well for the future. The executive have as yet allowed no definite news to leak out. However, action and more action can be seen in the offering.



Merry Christmas

In the above proffered package you'll find the best wishes of the Journal for your Merry Christmas. To the faculty and students of St. Mary's College we extend our sincere wishes for a happy and a holy Christmas, and to far-off Santamarians we send the greetings of the student body. For those advertisers and others that have made our little presentation possible we hope for continued prosperity, in short—Merry Christmas to every Santamarian and friend of St. Mary's!



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A GREAT NEED

During the years that this surprising little institution has been coming of age many things have been realized and we may well feel proud of the progress that has been made. Throughout this period of progress, however, one necessity has stood out above all others and that is finally to be realized. St. Mary's is to create a student library. No need has been more acutely felt by faculty and students alike than the lack of adequate library facilities. It has forced the instructor to expend immeasurable energy in broadening courses that really needed the supplement of a library to make them complete. It has forced the student to go far afield in search of necessary knowledge that could, under no circumstances, be crowded into all too short class hours. That both succeeded we are well aware, but it has been an obstacle to the smooth function that the giving and begetting of knowledge requires. That this situation is forever ended we may safely assume since the Rev. Brother President made it known at both the Commerce Banquet and the Graduates' meeting that a student library will definitely be created in St. Mary's College. The old auditorium, birthplace of many political careers and the well from which many have drawn the confidence that modern life undeniably demands, will lose its beloved interior, for part of it is to be utilized for the library. This will mean that Convocations, plays, etc., must of necessity be taken elsewhere and will accordingly lose a certain amount of that "atmosphere" which the familiar surroundings have given them. All this, however, is in the cause of necessity and progress, and compared with the inestimable good that will result from the institution of the library, is as nothing.

That former students of St. Mary's are solidly behind the library move was evidenced a short while back when the Graduates' Society pledged themselves to create a section in the new undertaking to be known as the Graduates' Section of the College library. But why, we ask, should this support be confined to the Graduates' Society. Surely there must be Catholic institutions, organizations and people in the City of Halifax, who, if made aware of the needs of the City's only Catholic college, would be glad to co-operate. It would indeed be a fine tribute to the Catholics of the city, if when the library is completed, there were in it, sections financed and created by Catholic organizations of this city. It would also be a tangible recognition of the work done by the Christian Brothers in the interests of education in this diocese.

The progress of St. Mary's has been remarkable, but when the day comes that all awake to the realization of the fact that the work that is being done here is unselfish; that from these halls, year by year, pour the cream of Catholic youth, trained to be leaders in the Catholic world—when all this comes home, then will these walls and these halls and these grounds break asunder, for they will no longer be able to hold the St. Mary's that will be born.

ST. MARY'S DAY

Tomorrow, Wednesday, the whole Catholic world celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and this day students of St. Mary's will as usual observe as the College Feast Day. Since the beginning of its short history St. Mary's has been under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, and this devotion has been reflected in every activity that students of St. Mary's have undertaken. During each school day, as the clock strikes the hour, students throughout the building reaffirm their confidence in their Patroness. Before the face-off in hockey, the kick-off in football, the last act of Santamarian color bearers has always been that last-minute Hail Mary, without which no captain would permit his team to take the field.

There are those, unfortunately, to whom these things would be but a gesture, but it is a significant fact that during all these years the students who prayed at the sound of the clock have enjoyed a fair share of worldly success, and those gladiators who have taken the field for St. Mary's have won more often than their opponents and, what is more significant, they have never emerged with what one might term a really serious or life-long injury.

Ours has been a profitable term in the service of the Mother Mary, and tomorrow, while the corridors of this institution are silent in Her honor, we avail ourselves of the opportunity of again placing ourselves under the patronage of Her guiding hand and expressing the hope that all things Santamarian will forever be done—"sub Sanctae Mariae Virginis tutela praesidioque."

A DETERMINED BID

In a few short weeks a team that has every possibility of being the strongest ever to come out of St. Mary's will make a determined bid for championship honors in the realm of college hockey. According to word received the finals for this league must be completed by March 2, hence there will be no need for Santamarian pucksters to observe their yearly custom of withdrawing out of respect for the Lenten season, which this year does not commence until March 3. On the strength of this fact all available forces are being mustered for an assault on the Maritime title. Plenty of material is in evidence, but, like most St. Mary's teams, they will probably turn out to be sentimentalists at heart, and if they're playing in an empty rink it is doubtful if they will go very far. The material is there, however, and if the student body is behind them there is no reason why they shouldn't turn back the pages of history and skate through the Maritimes.

Rubber - Yesterday And Tomorrow

Have you a highly imaginative nature? Good! Then picture with me those frenzied scenes which occurred in 1910, when plantation rubber first came into its own and the whole world went rubber mad, in the while speculation, bringing the price to \$3.12 per pound and sending stocks skyrocketing to a premium of five thousand percent. And now only twenty-seven years later the world consumption of rubber has increased by about seven times the amount consumed in those revolutionary days of 1910.

Confronted with this tremendous demand for rubber, capital and science have entered into partnership to meet it. Foremost in bringing about the meteoric progress of the last two decades in this field has been chemistry. When, if ever, synthetic rubber becomes a necessity, the chemist will provide it.

To ponder on the subject of rubber, one must go back further than 1910, back to that memorable day in 1839 when Charles Goodyear wrenched loose from its long sought hiding place the secret of vulcanization. Beset by poverty, his footsteps dogged by misfortune, hampered time and again by unjust imprisonment, often baffled but never defeated, Goodyear persevered until he was able to give to the world the knowledge, without which rubber would have remained the useless, sticky mass which he found it. Up to this time the great difficulties experienced with rubber goods had been accounted to the weather. Rubber softened with the heat of summer and stiffened with the cold of winter. But now through Goodyear's discovery, rubber remained soft and pliable all year around. From that day to this vulcanization has been the controlling factor in the manufacture of rubber.

Then came the second stage and then the third in the expansion of the rubber industry. The bicycle mania swept the country. For the first time, the manufacture and distribution of tires became a factor to be reckoned with in commercial life, but it was hardly a foretaste of what was to come. In 1907 began the meteoric rise of the motor car and with it came the development of plantation rubber. In that year, the total output of automobile tires in the United States was something less than three-quarters of a million. In 1925 it had reached sixty million.

Until 1910, the world supply of rubber came chiefly from the jungles bordering the Amazon River, the Belgian Congo and Brazil, the home of the fine Para Rubber. Then the plantation development, first brought into effect by a far-sighted Englishman named H. A. Wickham gained ascendancy, till today the output from this mode of growth supplies ninety-four percent of the world's trade. Ninety percent of the world's rubber supply is obtained from plantations located in Dutch and British possessions, chiefly in British. Although botanists are acquainted with upwards of one hundred plants yielding latex or rubber-forming juices, ninety-eight percent of all natural rubber produced is obtained from the celebrated Hevea Tree.

So far, the chemist has not seemed to figure largely in the picture that has been sketched. But from the time Goodyear discovered the process of vulcanization to the present day, he has been at work. He is still the high priest of the rubber industry. He it is who must choose from the wealth of available accelerators, antioxidants and reinforcing pigments, just the ones and the right proportions to give the desired quality of the product. Although many of the processes in the manufacture of rubber have become mechanical, chemical control still dominates and guides it and a host of problems yet remain for the chemist to solve.

And now let us enter into the realms of tomorrow. Let us view the prospects of being able to duplicate and even to outstrip the handiwork of Mother Nature through the synthesis of rubber.

There are those who maintain that rubber is a substance not to be made artificially. Better they say to expend capital and labor for improved methods of cultivation, and more efficient processes of manufacture. There is no doubt, much logic in the foregoing contentions. However, this line of action availed Germany nothing in the Great War. With ocean lanes closed between a nation and the Tropics artificial rubber is the only alternative in the hour of need. Again synthetic rubber as an accomplished fact would prove a powerful stabilizing influence to the rubber market as well as providing a strong deterrent against the establishment of a monopoly.

It has long been known that isoprene the fundamental hydrocarbon in the composition of rubber, may be obtained from turpentine, petroleum, starch and coal-tar. Also, methylisoprene, a starting point for the synthesis of rubber can be built up from acetone, a substance manufactured from coal and also obtain as a by-product of the crude starch of cereals. However, the world supply of turpentine is limited and although petroleum might afford a source, its future is already mortgaged to a particular phase of the motor industry. Thus one of the chief obstacles to the attainment of synthetic rubber is the lack of cheap and abundant raw material.

In 1912 Carl Duisburg, a German exhibited a set of automobile tires made of synthetic rubber which were said to have run some four thousand miles. In speaking of this achievement, he predicted a future revolution in the rubber industry.

Then came the Great War, and German chemists were called upon in grim earnest to make good their prophecy. Intensive research was the order of the day. Synthesis from acetone was determined upon. To obtain the acetone, coal was to be used. Heated with lime, coal yields calcium carbide which with water produces acetylene gas. Acetylene through a series of changes finally gives acetone. Reduction of acetone with aluminum ends with methylisoprene. The next step was the polymerization process. This means causing the primary molecules of the intermediate rubber like substance to combine into large units, approaching in properties and quality of product, the characteristics of the aggregations of molecules in the latex of the rubber.

Then came the problem of vulcanization. This was difficult owing to the difference in conditions from those of natural rubber. Finally however, artificial rubber emerged. The products from this rubber although not as pure as those obtained from natural rubber were good enough for the average use of soft rubber. It was found that for electrical purposes the artificial rubber was more uniform and reliable. The total quantity produced during the War was 2,350 tons which is, of course but a drop in the bucket compared with the world consumption. This is of little importance however. The big fact is that commercial synthetic rubber has been brought immeasurably nearer by these researches carried out under the spur of necessity.

In June 1934, the production of synthetic rubber from sawdust was announced by the Soviet Government. The process consists of treating sawdust in a vat with sulphuric acid in the presence of steam in a temperature of 392 degrees Fahrenheit. This produces sugar, which is

drawn off for fermentation, to produce alcohol. The latter is used in producing synthetic rubber.

In June 1936, the scientific world lost its most noted authority on synthetic rubber in the person of Rev. Father Arthur Nieuwland, C.S.C. of Notre Dame. It was in 1906 that Father Nieuwland discovered the component parts of synthetic rubber. Fourteen years later he produced "divinyl acetylene" the material from which rubber is synthesized.

From this he continued his work with chemists of the Du Pont Company and produced a satisfactory synthetic rubber which, it is believed will make the United States independent of foreign supplies. Completion of Father Nieuwland's studies was announced in 1931. In recent years his discovery has been produced under the trade name of "Duprene". And so we see that scientific achievement is travelling so rapidly these days, and so much has already been accomplished that it would be rash for anyone to write "impossible" upon the door leading to the synthesis of commercial rubber. If for no other reason than that of national preparedness, synthetic rubber on a large scale if need be, can be transplanted from the land of dreams to the world of actuality.

J. DOUG. KLINE.

Grade Ten Items

After long discussions both Grade XA and XB decided to procure rings instead of pins as the class emblem for 1937-38. The class executive intends to get the standardized High School design through Matric.

In a recent hockey game between the two grade tens, XA came through with the honors, defeating XB 5-3. Joe Evans and Ralph Currie were outstanding on the side of the victors.

The executive, finances permitting are planning to hold a banquet soon after Christmas.

It was resolved by the executive of Grade XB to pay the sum of \$2.50 to the High School Mission Crusade each month that that organization is functioning.

Tom Sullivan of Grade XB returned to school recently after a brief illness.

The boys of Grade XB are glad to have Sam Ross, the Treasurer of the class, back in their midst.

Early in November, Sam accidentally drove a knife into the upper

With The Transitmen

On Friday the 26th., the first College team took to their blades in the persons of the traversing transitmen. The engineers, who are the present inter-faculty champs, are said to boast even a finer team than the one which made hockey history last year. There are six of the present title-holders still eligible for berths on the team. This material augmented with the hockey prowess that the Frosh Engineers have already displayed this season seems to indicate only one thing—another crown for the technical men!

We would like to afford ourselves of this opportunity to extend a belated yet hearty welcome to Mr. MacCallum G. Goudge, our new geology prof. Mr. Goudge is a Mining Engineer, having graduated from the Technical College in 1932. He studied his pre-engineering courses at Acadia University from which college he received his engineering diploma in 1930. At present, besides lecturing at the college, Mr. Goudge is employed on the staff of the Provincial Department of Public Works and Mines as Surveyor and Assistant Engineer. Although Mr. Goudge has only been with us three weeks he has proven himself an interesting professor and a fine fellow.

part of his left leg, severing the main vein and several arteries while cutting a cardboard carton in his father's store.

About the middle of the month, while Sam was still at home, a delegation from his class visited him. Basil MacDougall, Jack Wallace and Philip Vaughan comprised the delegation.

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LITTLE ACORNS

A hundred years ago, when I first came to St. Mary's, there stepped into the Santamarian rugby picture a figure so small, so obviously bored with all proceedings, and whose feet were so always sore, that his opponents "sold him short". That was their mistake and continued to be their mistake during all the years he has worn Santamarian uniforms that were too long in the sleeves. He became a star and has remained so longer than any of the other departing members of this year's surprising Rugby team with the possible exception of the brothers Spruin.

Right! You guessed it. I'm talking about Teddy Flynn, who, a few weeks ago, hung up a pair of football boots stuffed with cotton batting, which he says will never be taken off their nail. Teddy sang a high clear note in his swan song at Acadia when he paved the way for the year's most sparkling play and with his sore feet twinkling marked a cleared "finis" to a grand career.

He can be seen any day in the assembly hall accompanied by his

eight cohorts, whose football days are also over. There they gather for a vigorous afternoon of ping-pong and reminiscences, and from time to time one may hear a bored voice declare, "Aw, why'n't you keep the ball in the hall—I got sore feet!"

Yeah, the "little general" has taken his place on the retired list and will be missed.

Teddy wasn't the only one to hang up his boots after that game, though. There was, for instance, the brothers Spruin—Jim and Doug. Doug is the red-headed one who at different times in his career has played fifteen positions on our team—at once. He is unquestionably the best fullback in these h'yar parts and the Wanderers are just dying to get him, but as usual Doug "sin't asayin'". And brother Jim! I remember him as the lad who once played a portion of a game with a shoulder broken—and starred!

But there are other stalwarts who will not appear on Santamarian rosters when the leaves begin to turn. There's Dud Clisholm, a starring forward since his early high school days; Maurice O'Neil, a grand forward and a grand guy; Gordie Cowan, teamed at tail-end with Dud, he was dead; Al Foley, a tough and capable front liner even against the Navy; Harold Dyer, a hardworking end who chases Gordon Troke in all his dreams; and lastly there was Joe Foohey, whose performance in his first and last year of football was more than commendable. There they go, nine of those who brought the first intercollegiate football title to St. Mary's. So long, guys, I'll likely be around for years and I'll remember you even if nobody else does.

I hear that among the things that will go to make way for the new library will be the little stage in the study hall. I am indeed saddened by its passing. Why, only a couple of years ago I acted as a stage-brace for the scenery while some of the boys got badly bruised in a drama called, "It'll Be Alright on the Night". It's got quite a history.

The Modern Chain Gang

By G. WESLEY THEAKSTON

[Editors Note:—It is only a few years since a tidal wave of publicity swept United States and Canada leaving in its wake the idea that the embodiment of all things evil in penal institutions and practices was the Georgia Chain Gang. A great deal of water has flown under the bridge and, if conditions in the Chain Gangs of the deep south were really as bad as painted, then apparently it has cleansed them thoroughly for the picture below presented by G. Wesley Theakston is not exactly one of brutality and horror. In fact after reading the article we wonder if perhaps it wouldn't be such a bad place to spend next summer, if things don't pick up.]

For the first time, I have seen the inside of a Georgia Chain Gang; the gangs made famous or infamous by such men as Burns, who wrote "I am a fugitive from a Chain Gang"; the same gangs, which Cunningham the negro complained so bitterly about and for whom the Governor of Massachusetts refused to grant extradition. I saw just an average chain gang and they are all pretty much the same; some use wooden buildings

that little stage. Twenty-two years ago my father directed shows on its tiny apron. Richard Donahue, Gerald Flavin, Harold Connolly, all began political careers in the same place. I couldn't estimate the number of priestly careers that have evolved from the Crusade and Holy Name meetings that were conducted there. All the degrees that have been conferred were granted from that stage. It's been the hub of St. Mary's for a long time, but progress is progress, I 'spose, and so it must pass.

It was awfully nice of the Sisters at the Mount to invite the Clee Club to perform at that institution, and most certainly the invitation will be accepted at some future date. At the present time, while the Glee Club has been completing quite a repertoire, it still lacks sufficient polish to satisfy the Brother Director, and so no public appearances will be permitted as yet. Everything was alright 'till those Vienna Boys came to town. Now, well, we just don't sound so good anymore.

And the mention of the Vienna Choir reminds me of an interesting item. At the High Mass at which the Choir sang the Mass was Father Burns, a former Santamarian. The assisting priests were Fathers Heffler, MacPherson and Murphy, all of the class of '31. Just to make the representation complete the College quartette and a large delegation of St. Mary's boys sang with the regular choir.

to house their convicts, others are made of concrete. It interested me greatly.

I was visiting friends in Gainesville, Georgia, who took me to see everything in which I was interested. I saw the finest county jail I have seen. So constructed, that in the event of a mob desiring to lynch a prisoner, one sheriff could hold them off. So up-to-date is this jail, that it attracted the attention of a New York paper whose article was copied by the London Times, as an example of sanitary and modern housing for short term prisoners and those awaiting trial.

However, it was the chain gang that had the greatest interest for me. I had visions of very sordid and unhappy surroundings, so much so, that I was prepared for most anything. Here is what I found:

1. Adequate sleeping quarters; a good bed and a clean mattress for each prisoner. The whites housed in one section and the negroes in another.
2. The prison issue of clothing including a heavy rain coat and a warm khaki top coat, boots and underwear. Each prisoner is required to bathe under showers once a week, every day if he wishes it and clean clothing is issued once a week.
3. The kitchen was spotless. Plenty of corn bread, various kinds of vegetables grown on the surrounding land by the prisoners; side meat for breakfast and I saw a large quarter of government inspected western beef. Each prisoner can eat as much as he desires at any meal, no limit being placed on the number of helpings he is allowed.

Some of the men were there for six months, some for life. A few of the lifers were negroes and are usually there for killing another negro, seldom does a negro go to the chair for killing one of his own race. The working hours are longer in the summer than the winter, from sun-up to sun-down. Every truck carrying convicts to work, has to be in camp by sun-down. Their work consists of repairing county roads, small bridges and any other jobs to which the Warden assigns them. While in Gainesville, I saw a dozen convicts working in the beautiful square, fixing up the ground around the Confederates monument, preparatory to the Garden Club beautifying this spot.

After seeing something of the penitentiaries at Kingston, Ontario; Dorchester, N. B.; Charlestown, Mass.; Auburn, N. Y. and the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta with their enormous grey walls, shutting men off from all contact with other humans to see the difference between the prison-pallor of the inmates and the ruddy glow of health and hard work of the Georgia Chain Gang, is indeed something to make one stop and reconsider ones previous prejudices. If I had to make an unhappy choice, give me the Georgia Chain Gang every time. No solitary confinement, no grey walls, no feeling of being shut off from mankind, plenty of fresh air, plenty of food, plenty of work and a feeling that at least one does see other human beings clothed in something besides stripes or a warder's uniform.

The sweat box is gone, the lash is gone, the stocks are gone and now that the chain gang is being put on the honor system, it will be something for a convict to look forward to after he has served some time in the central prison in Tatnall County to see how he is going to behave.

Yes suh, y'all can give me the Georgia Chain Gang to any of the Northern penitentiaries, Provincial, State or Federal.

MEMORY PARADE ALUMNI NEWS

We learn with pleasure that Frank Granville, who has recently been connected with highway work through the Province, has secured a position with the Milton-Hersey Company in Montreal.

That same city has also claimed another of our sons within recent weeks. George Burlton, after deserting the ranks of single men, has taken his bride to the big city on the St. Lawrence, where he will be engaged in engineering work. Congratulations, George!

Speaking of weddings, Frank Renner, another of our number, has also joined the Benedicts. Frank is at present employed in the Customs in Halifax.

Bernie O'Leary has been confined to the Infirmary, due to the removal of a bothersome appendix. Reports indicate that he is mending rapidly. Good health, Bernie.

Larry Farrell, one of our last year's grads, has become an important figure in his home town in recent months. He has been appointed Manager of the Parrsboro "Recorder".

There was really a fine turnout at the grad's meeting on the 24th of November. As you will find elsewhere in this issue, a society was formed, the executive being: Hon. Pres., Rev. Bro. Lannon; Pres., H. Bartlow; Vice-Pres., Father H. MacDonald; Secretary, Jack Lynch; Lynch; Treasurer, Wm. Murphy.

The Society intends to justify its existence by aiding St. Mary's in a material way. Its chief object is to seek to establish a Graduates' Section of the Library.

Letters were received from out of town Grads, expressing their opinion of the new Society. We heard from Father Charles Frecker, Father James Hayes, Rev. Eric O'Connor, Gerrard Carroll and others.

Although there were a goodly number of old faces there, Brother Birmingham found that he could recognize only a few. On looking around we noticed Ed Williams, Jack Corcoran, Clara Grant, Dr. Glenister, Father Heffler, Father Laba and Father Murphy, and to hear these three priests argue at a meeting one would certainly not suspect that they went through St. Mary's and graduated in the same year as friends.

Hockey is underway again and it looks as though St. Mary's will regain her old place of prominence. Rally around, Alumni! Support the teams as you did in your student days. Revive the Intercollegiate Loop and take an active interest in the High School League. You can be assured of good, fast, interesting hockey.

We forgot to mention that on the recent rugby trip to Sydney we met Joe Gallant. Charlie MacDonald also claimed some of our time while on this expedition. Who can forget the time when Charlie had his hair clipped all over and Brother Sterling made him wear a baseball cap in class for several weeks to keep him from being a distraction.

An old pal of Charlie's, Joe MacDonald, was in town recently. Joe has taken on weight. I dare say he couldn't play the fiery rugby right now that he used to play for St. Mary's.

Seeing our new group of students from Newfoundland this year reminds the writer of the first group he knew. They included Ed Sinnott, Athol James, who was the scourge of Brother Murphy's life; Tommy Burns, who wanted to fight everybody on sight, and Tommy Burnette, the quiet, gentlemanly, conscientious worker.

About that time we had our first visitor from Bermuda, too, in the person of Peter Petee, distinguished in his one short year at St. Mary's for his recitations.

We certainly are rambling now, but while we are at it we'll recall such staunch Cape Bretoners as Pat Hearn and Con Mullins. Add to these such Haligonians as Alan Doyle, Chris Grant, Mike Murphy,

"Yank" and Joe Kennedy, and you have a class to turn any teacher's hair white. They were a great bunch of lads, though, and Brother Murphy used to swear by them as well as at them.

Some of our more recent grads might be interested in knowing that Brother O'Donnell, of American football fame, has been transferred from Vancouver to Chicago under Brother O'Ryan. If Notre Dame ever plays there we can be sure where the two Brothers will be that afternoon.

Latest word from Montreal tells us that Gerrard Jackman is progressing rapidly in the business world. Well all we can say is that if a fellow with Gerry's ability can't get ahead, we don't like our own chances.

And now in a more serious vein for a moment. We wish to offer our sincere sympathies to George Aliotis in the recent loss of his mother.

Last week we had a visit from Bill Brown of track fame. Bill tells us that he has been working on the roads since leaving St. Mary's. There is, he says, only one brother now teaching who was here in his time.

Once more the well of information has run dry and we find it necessary to put aside the pen until next issue.

News of Matric

Matric's footballers made themselves felt this year. George "Johnny" Jannigan scored six points, Charles "Red" McGinn, three points, and Frank "Oxo" Gunn, three points.

Tom Martin was our only Intermediate point getter, getting three points.

The High School rings will probably arrive with Santa Claus.

Joe Grandy was the master of ceremonies at a tombola held at St. Pat's Girls High School. He and Joe Ancoin tried to lead the crowd in the singing of "The College Song" but it sounded more like Labrador's national anthem. There were a lot of fellows from the college there. If we didn't see Joe in class now and then we'd believe that he was going to the girl's school.

Charles McGinn has been scheduled to give a talk on Neon gas and signs, and as yet he has failed to do so. But we will corner him sooner or later.

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CORCORAN COMMENTS

With the coming of G. Mulcahey and L. O'Connell to St. Mary's our hopes for a Maritime title in hockey took a sudden rise. Mulcahey and O'Connell played on the St. Pats team that won the Maritime Senior High Championship last year. Reunited with their original center, starry George West, the boys should do much to bring St. Mary's the Intercollegiate title this coming season.

V. Vaughan, another star of St. Pat's Rugby and Hockey team is with us this year while Leo Deveau seems destined to keep up the reputation for excellence which his brother Henry began for the name Deveau.

Five other stars came to us from the Irish this year. Dwyer, Hoganson, Nunn, Fergusson, and Theriault should have brilliant futures with Maroon teams.

These St. Pats athletes have already made their presence felt at St. Mary's for the Senior High Rugby team went through to the Provincial title. The team amassed a total of ninety-two points and were only scored upon in one game.

Butch Keating of Bloomfield High and Wanderers Intermediates played great football in the College scrum this past season. Keating has already made himself very popular at St. Mary's and we hope to have him with us for a long time.

Saint Mary's with Rugby teams entered in four leagues lost only three games this year. The boys won three City titles but lost out in three playoff series.

Pop Devine, who a few years ago burned up the Inter-faculty Baseball League and the Boarders Hockey League is back at his Alma Mater as a post-grad.

We have often heard that Cape Bretoners are very hospitable. Our Rugby trip to Sydney this year proves that this is a very erroneous statement. The kindness displayed towards us by the Cape Bretoners far exceeds the demands of hospitality. It seems almost too bad that we had to repay such marvellous treatment by winning the Provincial title from Sydney Academy.

The game in which Acadia won the Intermediate title from St. Mary's was the most exciting game played in some years. The game can properly be ranked as a classic of Maritime Rugby. Acadia won but St. Mary's gained no dishonor in defeat. It was not surprising that the Acadia cheer leader should have passed-out in the middle of the contest for many of the spectators were on the verge of passing out from excitement several times.

Another Charlottetown star has evidently arrived to take the place vacated on the High School team session. Santamarians were as hard by Howie Trainor when he gradu-

High School Squad Loses Initial Game

Playing their initial game of the season, the Senior High crossed sticks with St. Pat's on Friday evening, Dec. 3rd, at the Forum, dropping a 3-2 decision. Showing a lack of practice, the Maroon and White were completely disorganized by a heavy-hitting Irish defence that was almost impenetrable.

The opening period was a listless affair, with the forwards roaming around as if on a prairie pond. The only bit of action was provided by Jim Reardon, who stick-handled through the St. Pat's rearguard only to have his shot smothered by the Irish goalie.

Opening the second period, Butler put the Maroon and White in the lead when his long shot from the blue line slid into the net. Five minutes later Dennis Driscoll tied the score with a beautiful solo effort. Towards the end of the period Amby Hennessy came in fast to take Vinnie Vaughan's rebound and blast it into the net, sending St. Mary's into a 2-1 lead.

Before the third period was seconds old, Barrett, taking the puck at the face-off, scored on a long shot from outside the blue line to even the score. During the last half of this period Russ Power rose to dizzy heights as he resisted the repeated onslaughts of the St. Pat's forwards, but little Kenzie West broke through the Maroon and White defense and his pass was belted into the net by Driscoll, making the score stand 3-2 in favor of St. Pat's, which lead they held for the remaining few minutes of play.

For St. Mary's, goalie Russ Power, Vinnie Vaughan, Johnny Ward and Jim Reardon were very effective, while for St. Pat's, Dennis Driscoll, George Evans, Barrett and Mulcahey showed up well.

ated to the Intercollegiate team. Amby Hennessy looked very good in the first High School game.

The Engineers have stolen a march on the rest of the College by starting their own hockey league. There were several good players out for the first game and the Engineers should be in the thick of the fight for Inter-faculty hockey honors this year.

Coaches Tom Sullivan and Jack Lynch certainly had big years in Rugby. Sullivan won two City titles and Lynch won a Provincial and a City title. When speaking of the exploits of Kelly, Father MacLaughlin, Brodie and the rest don't forget that Sullivan and Lynch are names to be added to the list of the greats.

Saint Mary's students showed more College spirit this year than they have for several years. At least they did until the Athletic Association sponsored a skating vacated on the High School team session. Santamarians were as hard to find as the sleeves on a vest.

Covering The Cadets

With war clouds growing more ominous every day due to the Japanese invasion in the Far East, the revolution in Spain, and the frequent clashes in the Holy Land, the prospect of another bloody world conflict grows more inevitable every day.

Perhaps it is for this reason, that some of our college cadets have been appearing rather restless these days. They seem to be straining at some invisible leash. We are wondering if this is due to some impulsive force within them goading them on to enlistment with thoughts of future glory and renown, or if it is due to those inward visions of that concealed cabin in some lonely wilderness where they can seclude themselves with no fear of discovery—and study for the Christmas exams.

Whatever the cadets are thinking however, has no effect on the instructors, they are still giving their instructions and putting the boys through their paces.

The Juniors are still being taught the fundamentals of the foot and arm drill at the Armouries each Thursday, under the instruction of Sergeant Pete Gray and Bombardier Donnelly.

The Seniors are now receiving lectures in "A" certificate work from Mr. Nicks. These take place every Tuesday and it is understood that the exams will be given sometime during the first of the year. The N.C.O.'s are being given a valuable aid, if they would only realize it, in being placed in command of the Junior parades.

It will instill in any man, after a few occasions, confidence and self assurance to stand up before a group of men, shout a command and have it obeyed immediately. And by the way, in my humble opinion our senior N.C.O.'s could quite readily display some self assurance. The junior parades might not then appear so riotous and slipshod to a casual observer.

All ranks are at present taking part in the classification shoot at the Armouries. A cadet must classify in rifle shooting annually. From the snipers of this shoot the Rifle Team will be formed to compete in the City Junior Rifle League.

There has been another attachment made to our unit this year in the person of Mr. Gerald J. Jefferson. "Jeff" as he is known to his fellow students is a Lieutenant in the 10th Fortress Battery, R.C.E. He has now been attached to the C.O. T.C. as a supernumery. Congratulations Jeff.

College Is Without Grade Nine Entry

Saint Mary's will not enter a team in the Grade Nine Hockey League this winter.

It has been decided that sports for the masses would be better for the young fellows than activity for the few and as a result, hockey for the Grade-niners will be confined to intramural leagues in which all members of the class can participate. In past years only the few who made the class team had an opportunity of playing but this year all members of the class will be entered in a league entirely their own. It is also hoped that this system will help develop players for the High School teams.

College Hockey Sextette Strong

With the greatest array of hockey talent since the palmy days of Chris Grant, Frank Carroll, and Sanky Foley, Coach Gerald Hayes and his Maroon and White-shirted warriors have visions of another Maritime Intercollegiate hockey crown coming back to the portals of the College. It's the Windsor Street "kids" again, and with the spirit of Brother Garvey, who coached the "kids" of old, the 1937-38 edition of the Intercollegiate team hopes to reach the very top.

A newly formed City League, with the addition of the Acadia Axemen, expects to enjoy the most successful season of its twelve years' existence. The three other entries in the league will be Dal, King's and Tech. Already the Santamarians have taken the ice and have shown lots of form.

Seven of last year's team remain ready for duty while many new faces, particularly Mooney O'Connell and Jerry Mulcahey of St. Pat's, will bolster the team. The veteran Cy Bowzer is again ready to mind the draperies and this year Cy is going better than ever. For rear-guard duty, Dud Chisholm and Ed. Coolen, two rugged and heavy-hitting boys, will be hitting them harder than ever. Along with these two, Austie Floyd and Ed. MacDonald of last year's Senior High team will also be available for defense. The smooth-working line of West, O'Connell and Mulcahey, probably the finest line ever developed by Gerald Hayes, is a big reason why the Maroon and White forces expect to go such a long way this season. All three are naturals and should prove a great asset to the team.

Gordie Cowan, another veteran of many a hockey game, will probably pivot a line, with Jack Reardon holding down right-wing and Howie Trainor on the other. With Reardon's great improvement over last year, and Cowan's experience, along with Trainor's steady playing, this line should dish out a good brand of hockey. Jack Woods, coming up from the Academy, has shown a lot of promise at center, and flanked with good wings his play-making should be invaluable.

Don Kline, speedy left-winger, is again ready for action and expects to enjoy a good season. Along with Kline, Cy Myatt is also out for the left lane, while on the opposite wing Bill Grant and Marty MacDonald, two hard-working lads, will be ready to do their share. "Bull" O'Neil, who usually pushes a scrum around, has changed his tactics this season and is pushing a puck around, and is showing a lot of form in the work-outs.

With such material to pick from, Coach Gerald Hayes is confident that his charges will set Intercollegiate circles on fire with perhaps the finest brand of hockey ever to come out of the College.

MILLER BACK

Harris Miller, rugged lineman of the Intermediate High School Football team returned to classes last week after a three weeks' sojourn in bed because of injuries. Harris was injured in Truro when his team met New Glasgow in the semi-finals of the Provincial Intermediate Football playdowns.

Boarders' League Promises Action

The usual heavy rains that precede the cold, gusty winds of winter are almost over. To the minds of Santamarians in general, the very thought of the advent of hockey, brings a snug glow of inward warmth and satisfaction.

To the minds however of that most select and famous element in College life—the boarders, it brings a feeling akin to ecstasy. For to them it means that soon that singular brand of hockey for which they are famous will be again commenced; that soon again those slashing, bumping, banging games of hockey replete with friendly quarrels and tussles of every description, will be renewed.

There are some who say that with the exodus of the Trainers, Grants, and Farrells, the league has been definitely softened up. To those who hold this view, the boarders extend an invitation to attend just one game during the coming season. For with such stalwarts as Joe Foohey, "Flip" Rose and "J. D." Murphy, from last year's battles, and with the arrival of new blood from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, including "Amby" Hennessy "Mike" Green and "Spud" Murphy, the boarders positively fail to see how the league won't be every bit as good as that of former years.

As a justification of the brand of hockey played by the boarders, three of them went out for this year's high school team, and showed up well in the first practice.

The boarders don't profess to be Shores or Conachers, but they claim to have the most interesting games of hockey in intramural sports.

Freshman Society Plans For Game

The plans of Phi Phi Sigma are commencing to materialize. At their meeting the other day it was decided to hire the Forum for a hockey game amongst the members. This should be a rare treat for the members participating and for any spectators who happen to be present.

When they have played their hockey match they shall concentrate on the idea of a social. Considering their activity so far this social should be a great event.

Phi Phi Sigma has decided to retain the same ring as formerly used. Meeting days have been changed to the second Monday and the last Tuesday of the month.

Tests, Talks Busy Grade Nine Boys

To offset the sometimes monotonous and often dreary repetition of school life which even the best students frequently dislike we have introduced some class projects, consisting chiefly of brief talks to take up about half an hour each Friday evening and make a fitting termination to the labors of the week.

The purpose of these "little talks" given by appointed members of the class is to improve and facilitate the pupils' powers of expression, as well as to learn their views on different topics of mutual interest.

One of these talks included Wordsworth's poem "Fidelity" depicting the faithfulness of a dog towards his master. A second gave a description of Chinese life as it was up to a few years ago. A note describing the present state of things in China afforded much interest, and made a clear contrast with the not too-distant history of its people. That our first anticipated class-meeting had to be indefinitely postponed was due mainly to pressure of time.

A subject of great discussion for the past few days among the Grade Nine Pupils was finally settled when the agreement of a standardized "ring" for the entire High School was favorably received by the majority of the students. These rings will be cherished by every student in Grade Nine.

Steady progress continues to be shown in the weekly tests which are now near completion for this term. To give each boy a chance of quickly reviewing the more important items in the text and thus enable him to prepare for the Christmas examinations review questions are being distributed. The results of the weekly "quizes" seem to point to keen competition in the coming term exams.

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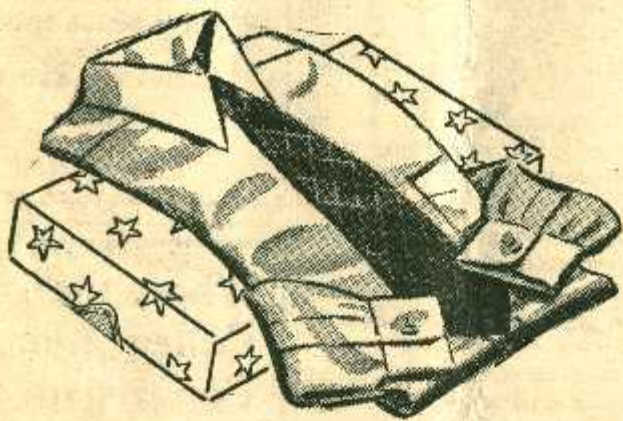
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