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Trustees Authorize Start of Construction



Members of the Board of Trustees of The Lexington School study plans for the new addition to the school. Seated are Mrs. Lindsey W. Ingram, Jr., Robert M. Brewer, president of the board, and Robert E. Milward. Standing are Hal Price Headley, Jr., Wade Jefferson III, H. Foster Pettit and Mrs. David C. Parrish III.

The Board of Trustees of The Lexington School, at its February 24 meeting, authorized the start of construction for the new addition to the school plant. Ground will be broken as soon as the weather breaks and the ground is workable. Core drillings were done in November before the inclement weather set in, and the building permit has been applied for.

In spite of the weather related delays in the start of construction, the board feels that the building can still be ready for occupancy by the fall of '78.

The addition will include a new gymnasium, an enlarged science facility and art and music rooms. Architect for the expansion is the firm of Crisman, Miller, Wallace, Inc. and the contractor is White and Congleton.

The floor plan of the addition is on display in the case inside the front door of the school. Parents are invited to study it there.

Plant Modifications Reduce Energy Use

Monthly increases in utility bills have become commonplace in every Lexington home. In order to offset the anticipated rate increases, The Lexington School made major modifications in plant last summer. What effect has the lowering of ceilings made in the energy uses of the school?

A casual glance at the utility bills received by the school shows that the gas bill is actually reduced over a year ago. The February 10 bill was $1,813.00 last year and $1,540.00 in 1978. The January bill was also lower, with $1,230.00 in 1977 as compared with $986.00 this year. A check on the MCF (thousand cubic feet) each of these months is the real measure of the gas used by The Lexington School.

In January 1977 the school was billed for 610 MCF. The 1978 bill was for 484 MCF, a substantial reduction. The February consumption was down from 827 MCF to 654 MCF. A check with a Columbia Gas spokesman revealed that the cost of the 827 MCF, which was $1,813.00 in 1977, would be $2,002.52 at 1978 rates. This represents an increase of ten percent. The school has been able to offset the higher rate through conservation, which has reduced consumption 21 percent.

Mr. Jerry Bruce, a Kentucky Utilities spokesman, explained the factors involved in figuring heating degree days used by the utility. It is done on the basis of temperature, with a six MPH wind velocity as the basis for the usual calculation. So, although the degree days in January, 1977, were 1338, down from 1457 in 1977, the high winds that accompanied the January chill this year probably equalized the costs for heating. Mr. Bruce said that the 30 year average for Kentucky is 995, pointing out the drastic difference in the past two years.

The continuing climb in utility bills is best illustrated by the schools' November and February electric bills. In each of these months, the electric units used were 16,800. The November bill was $577.00 and the February cost was $610.00, an increase of seven percent in three months.

Another interesting factor in the

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Green-Gray Soiree Planned For April 7

The Green-Grey Soiree of The Lexington School will be held April 7 from 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. at Woodburn Farm, Old Frankfort Pike, home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Brewer. Guests will attend in two hour shifts during the scheduled hours.

Mrs. Walter Harris and Mrs. John Hobbs are coordinating the food, which will be prepared by mothers of children attending the school.

Mrs. Walter Zent, chairman of the invitations committee, said that the invitations are being sent out in early March to parents of students presently attending the school, parents of graduates, alumni from the classes of 1963 through 1974, members of the Board of Trustees and faculty.

Reservations should be returned to the school by March 24. Proceeds will be used by the Mothers' Committee as part of the Christmas Bazaar projects. Cost is $12.50 for an individual reservation and $25.00 for a couple.

Spring Vacation

Spring vacation for The Lexington School will begin on Friday, March 24, with noon dismissal. Classes will resume on Monday, April 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Conference Day

A parent teacher conference day will be held on Friday, April 7. Regular classes will not meet on that day. Parents will receive a conference schedule in late March.

From The Headmaster's Desk

The month of March has always been fascinating to me for I find it full of contrasts. March signals the coming of spring with its welcomed relief from the bleakness of winter. The reawakening and growth process in nature is a joy to us all.

In the contrast of a tender, vulnerable young shoot and a sturdy, independently strong plant I see a symbolic parallel to the growing up which occurs between the age level extremes existing within the scope of our student body.

I would like to focus upon a few of the forces between these two extremes, for it seems that they constitute the reason for the existence of The Lexington School in the first place.

As we conclude our preschool admission screening we reflect upon the many fine children we are privileged to interview. They range all the way from the young child who is "scared to death" by having to leave his parent's side and go into a strange room with an unknown teacher, to the secure youngster who is able to tell his mother goodbye at the classroom door.

I have always been interested in the contrast between these two extremes for I believe that the difference is due to the training the child receives within the home.

Assuming that there are no physical or health problems to affect the child's development, I conclude that the child who develops a calm, self-confident attitude is the child whose parents succeed in getting the message across to him that he is loved and that, together, he and his parents are going to have many exciting learning experiences from this moment on.

From an early age, this parent *makes* time to read to his child, to play with the child and to talk with *this* important member of the family. This child realizes from the beginning that he is a cherished member of the family and that his parents are interested in what he has to say.

I well recall a delightful young girl I had in the fourth grade in Virginia. Her parents had spent endless hours in lavishing their time and effort upon her and all seemed to be ideal except for the fact that the child was woefully lacking in self-confidence.

In counselling with the mother I discovered that the adults in the child's life were doing everything for her and not giving her an opportunity to grow as an independent, self-assured child.

After lengthy discussion, the mother finally agreed that she would permit the child to go into the familiar small, neighborhood grocery by herself and purchase a loaf of bread, check the change and bring her purchase to the mother's car in the store parking lot.

The mother reported to me the following day that the smile on her daughter's victorious face uon returning to the car was almost overwhelming to the mother who confessed that she almost "died" when the child walked hesitatingly and disappeared from view behind the grocery counter.

This mother was able to provide for her daughter the significant dimension of her confidence that the daughter *could* think and act independently, and I am pleased to report that the child has grown to become a lovely, self-confident young mother.

When a child reaches the developmental stage at which he has confidence in his own ability to act and make decisions on his own, he is ready to make a positive contribution as a team member. Whether this involves working on a class project or representing his school in the athletic arena, the child's learning is enriched when he realizes that he has made a valued contribution to others.

Those who observed our annual homeroom basketball tournament which began with the two Montessori classes playing one another on March 2, were able to witness the positive effects of teamwork which children learn rapidly when given the opportunity.

Our observation has been that three-year-old children are doing well if they are able to throw and catch a ball. By the time they are five-years-old, those who have been taught to do so can make valiant efforts at "playing basketball". Their

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Board of Trustee's Grows as Lexington School Expands

When the Board of Trustees of The Lexington School ha its initial meeting in 1957 there was 100% attendance. Three members, the Board at full strength, were present at that meeting.

Today the school's governing board has expanded to meet the school's growing needs. It has 21 Trustees who serve for terms of three years. In addition, there are three honorary members, Mrs. John A. Bell III, Dr. Thomas A. Spragens and William T. Young, and one life member, Mrs. Josephine A. Bryan.

Trustees serving in the Class of 1980 are Robert M. Brewer, Mrs. George B. Carey, Dr. James G. Gay, Mrs. Lindsey W. Ingram, Jr., Wade W. Jefferson III, Mrs. Charles E. Palmer, Jr. and H. Foster Pettit. Dr. Gay, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Jefferson, Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Pettit are newly elected Trustees. Mr. Brewer and Mrs. Carey were reelected to the board.

Members of the Class of 1979 are Catesby W. Clay, Robert B. Congleton, John R. Gaines, Hal Price Headley, Jr., Dr. William W. Kelly, Mrs. David C. Parrish III and C. Matthew S. Tierney. George E. Evans, Jr., Rufus Lisle, Mrs. Preston Madden, E. David Marshall, Robert E. Milward, Robert C. Stilz and William T. Young, Jr., comprise the Class of 1978.

OFFICERS

Officers of the Board are Robert M. Brewer, president; John R. Gaines, vice-president; and William T. Young, Jr., secretary-treasurer. Mr. Brewer, who has served as president since 1971, is the third person in the school's history to serve in that capacity. He succeeded Rufus Lisle, who was the first parent of a Lexington School student to be president. The first chief executive officer of the Board was Judge Henry Meigs, who served through 1966.

The Board of Trustees of The Lexington School is a self perpetuating body, which operates within the structure of the school's charter. The five standing committees of the Board are buildings and grounds, education, executive, finance and nominating. The president is an ex-officio member of all committees, and each member of the Board serves on at least one of the five committees.

The bi-laws of the school provide for quarterly meetings of the full Board. This year the meetings have been more frequent because of the increased amount of work associated with the expansion of the school facilities. The standing committees meet between regular board meetings to carry out assignments within their jurisdiction.

Annual Giving Drive Underway

The Lexington School has launched its Annual Giving Fund Program to raise $25,000.00 toward current expenses at the school. Funds raised in the drive go into general operating funds and help keep down tuition costs. All gifts are tax deductable.

Norton G. Pritchett, Jr., headmaster, said that the goal of this year's drive is to involve a higher percentage of parents. To date 76 families have contributed $15,125.00.

THE HUNT IS ON . . .
for student lists,
for faculty rosters,
for parent memos,
for pictures and clippings,
to complete our records.
We especially need items from 1959 to 1971. Please call the school office, 277-7481, if you can help us.

Alumni News Notes

by Claire Macfarlane, Alumni Director

It was great to hear from so many of you. What's more intriguing than a full mailbox?

Replies came from far and wide with one concentration of Lexington School Alumni, as expected, in Louisville. *Sara Clay '63,* now *Mrs. George Branch,* lives in Anchorage. *Mary Henderson David '63* (*Mrs. Louis Seebach*) has one child and works as a med technologist at Suburban Hospital. *Ellen Haggard '66* (*Mrs. John A. Cunningham*) teaches art and French in the Bullitt County schools and is working on her master's degree at the University of Louisville. *Mrs. William Ruch* (*Bitsy Tenney '67*) is employed at Liberty National Bank, while *Louie Pritchard '68* is assistant manager of the Plainview Branch of Citizens Fidelity. Rounding out our Louisville representation is *Jeff Marks '67* whose promotion last August made him editorial director of radio station WHAS. (He also was promoted to "daddy" that month.) Jeff writes, researches and produces all broadcast editorials.

Others in communication include *Lina Jean Trosper '65* who is an account executive for WGST radio in Atlanta, Georgia. Living in Baltimore, Maryland, where she is a reporter for the *Baltimore Sun* is *Helen Winternitz '66. Chip Pritchitt '69* has recently joined the Gig Henderson Public Relations Office in Lexington. Chip was married in April 1977 to *Nancy Jones,* a Sewanee classmate.

Studying at the University of Wisconsin at Madison are *Mrs. Edward Feinstein* (*Gloria Baker '69*) and her sister *Bobbie Baker '74. Harry Weiss '72* has completed his undergraduate work and is moving on to a Master's of Fine Arts. On the faculty is *Marion Bean '63,* teaching linguistics and a Ph.D. *Jackie White '65* is living in Madison since her marriage to *Mark Knight.*

Duke University also is the location of many former Lexington School students. Presently enrolled are *John Talbott '73, Laura Ann Freeman '72,* and *Sally Wiley '72.* Attending medical school at Duke is *Kathy Thompson '69* and just completing a law degree is *Susan Griffin '68,* who became *Mrs. Robert D. Phillips Jr.* on March 11, 1978.

Barry Potter '64 graduated from Duke in engineering, went on to get his master's at Purdue and now lives in Lexington and uses his knowledge as president and owner of Coleman Smith Heating and Air Conditioning. Barry was married in April '77 to *Michael Maria Davis.*

Also making an impact on the trade and commerce of Lexington are *Doug Ezzell '67,* whom you will find at Kentucky Mortgage Company. *Robby Stilz '65,* who practices law in Lexington, recently became a father for the second time when *Robert Coleman Stilz III* was born. Robby is married to the former *Lynn Scrivner,* sister of *Betsy Scrivner '77. Bill Stilz '67* is associated with the Bank of Commerce and is married to the former *Jane Penn.*

John Wilmott '64 is president of Wilmott-Laverty Timber Company. You'll find *Ed Miller '63* at Terminx Company. *Carl Meyers '67* keeps Lexington sartorially splendored at Meyers.

Practicing law in Lexington are *Willis Wilson '65, Darby Turner '63, Charles Lisle '64* and *Tim Green '64. Attorney Kenneth Bean x77* is now located in St. Louis following graduation from Washington University Law School. *Jay Adelstein '67* received his law degree from U.K. following undergraduate work at the University of Michigan. He now serves as clerk to *Judge H.D. Hermansdorfer* in Ashland, Kentucky.

Enrolled at U.K. College of Law presently are *John Irvin '67* and *Patterson Boyce '70. Sally Noyes '67* attends the University of Louisville Law School, *John Bush '67* is at Vanderbilt working on a law degree and *Winn Paulson '65* is enrolled at Chase Law School and lives in Ft. Mitchell. *Roger Bean '67,* a C.P.A. in Cincinnati, lives in Ludlow. *Sandy Macfarlane '69* is a second year law student in London at the Notre Dame Centre (yes, South Bend transplanted) and will return to Boston College in the fall to complete his degree after a summer's internship with Exxon in London.

Also across the water we find *Benny Bell '72* studying with the Sophie Newcomb program in France this semester. *Lucy Young '67,* now *Mrs. Mario Ruspoli,* lives in Switzerland. *Laura Brower Ferrell '66* sends word of a son, Taylor Thomas, born Sept. 19, 1977 in New Ulm, Germany. Laura's husband, *Paul Ferrell* is a captain stationed there with the Finance Section.

Si Campbell '70 is setting out, as of this writing, for an extended tour around the world. He completed his degree work at Vanderbilt in June, 1977.

Dr. Henry West '66 will have Trinity Hospital, Dublin, Ireland as his address this spring. He will be working in general practice and hopes to locate in the Blue Grass following training. Involved in an orthopedic residency at Plymouth, Minn. is *Bill Winternitz, M.D. '64.* Brother *Paul Winternitz '68* is a physician's assistant in Nahaut, Mass.

Hilda Lam '67 (now *Mrs. Michael Collins*] is attending the University of Rochester, New York, where she is working on a degree in nursing. She is a graduate of Oberlin.

Ken Sears '70 has completed undergraduate work at Harvard and expects to spend a year in research before entering medical school.

Many alumni are involved with the thoroughbred industry and Blue Grass farms. *Eleanor O'Rear '69* joined Pedigree Associates in Lexington after graduating from Centre.

Davey Fishback, D.V.M. '63 practices veterinarian medicine out of Georgetown with Hagyard-Davidson and McGee. *Bob West '68* is located at Airdrie Farm on the Old Frankfort Pike. *Mike Bell '63* has an Indiantown, Florida address during this winter's work in the industry. Summers find him back at Millridge Farm where brothers *Reynolds Bell '67* and *Headley Bell '69* are located. Across the road at Jonabell Farm are *John Bell '66* and *Jim Bell '69.* Also from the class of 1969 (and married a month apart in summer 1976) are *Colonel Davis,* working with thoroughbreds at Blue Grass Heights Farm and farming and living on Elkchester Pike, and *Chris Green* whose address is Mint Lane Farm. Brother *Finn '73* is involved there too. *Bob Green* and the former *Em Parrish '64* live on an Albany, Georgia farm. At Greenwood Farm in Versailles are *Campbell Graddy '70, Joe Graddy '72,* and, married to Hank Graddy and living on Hedden Road, *Todd Trimble '64.*

Brownell Alexander '70, now *Mrs. Shane Porter,* lives in New Orleans but expects to return to the Blue Grass country soon. *Don Robinson '63* and wife *Audrey* have recently returned to Lexington where Don has joined his father, *H. Burnett Robinson* at Winter Quarter Farm.

Jim Jones '65 is also involved in the horse business and *Don Porter '65* is managing the Goebel Porter Farm while working on his master's in Business Administration at U.K.

Cultural pursuits command the time of *Peter Weiss '67* who is studying at the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts where he has had several sculptures displayed. *Larry Hurt '64* is at U.K. and happily involved in the Department of Art. Completing her third year of a five year industrial design major at the University of Cincinnati is *Lindsay Macfarlane '72.* Her next work rotation will be with Huffy Bicycle in Miamisburg, Ohio, where she moves for three months to do product design and catalog layout.

The classical guitar heard at the University of Oregon may be that of *Doug Hensley '69,* who is a music major there. Closer to home is *Tina Krogdahl '70,* a recent graduate of Indiana University in Music and history. Older brother *Matthew Krogdahl '64* is a graduate student in economics at New York University. Also in New York, at Columbia University, is *Dawn McQuire '68.*

From Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin comes a long letter bringing news of the McQuillen family. *Thomas '77* attends Marquette University High School where he works on the school newspaper and has made an outstanding academic record, ranking first in his class. He joined *Mrs. "Terry" Bailey's* 1977 entourage to Europe and renewed old Lexington School friendships.

Danny McQuillen '74, a National Merit Finalist, is a first year student at Georgetown College. Also in Washington, D.C. are *Beady Clay '66* and *Tobey Stilz '69.* Tobey is now employed by the Computer Science Corporation but expects to enroll in a Master of Business Administration program in the fall.



First graders participate enthusiastically in the square dancing class led by Terry Brewer, physical education teacher.

Square Dancing Popular During Winter

"Swing your partner round and round," can be heard coming from the gym of The Lexington School during the late winter months, as students learn how to square dance.

Terry Brewer, physical education teacher, has the youngsters in Montessori through grades six square dancing during the regular physical education class periods. The units will continue until basketball season is over.

Mr. Brewer explained why he teaches square dancing at this time of year. "It provides exercise in a limited space. We cannot use the gymnastics equipment when the basketball team needs the gym after school each day. Also, square dancing leads into gymnastics, because the children practice rhythm skills in dancing which are transferred to the free exercise to music in the gymnastics unit which follows."

Upper School students have been square dancing during the mini-course period. Dr. Bernard Johnson of the University of Kentucky physical education department is coming to the school each Wednesday afternoon for five weeks to instruct the students in more sophisticated forms of square dancing. Mrs. Roberta Owen and Mrs. Mary Lee Nichols, coordinators of the mini-course program, felt that the square dancing would be an activity that the entire upper school could take part in at the same time, as well as provide exercise during the months before outdoor sports started.

Girls' Basketball Team Has Undefeated Season

The seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball team was undefeated in the Central Kentucky Girls' Basketball League this season. They had a season record of 7 - 0 and the tournament championship. The team received a trophy for each feat. The league is made up of teams from Lexington parochial and private schools.

Girls participating in the league are, seventh grade, Lee Ellen Marcum and Mary Ann Patrick; eighth grade, Lisa Gormley, Margaret Graves, Elizabeth Host, Michelle Kingsley, Sheila Owen, Elizabeth Ruggles and Jenny Turnbull.

The Girls Varsity Team, which is seventh, eighth and ninth grades, was able to have an impressive 4 - 1 season. Ninth graders participating were Julanie Collier, Gina DeAngelis, Alma Fallon and Cathy Lester. Mrs. Roberta Owen, coach, feels that this is the best girls' varsity team in the history of the school. She noted specifically the fine combination of the eighth and ninth grades.

For the first time in the school's history, the fifth and sixth grade girls were able to have a team in the Central Kentucky Girls' Basketball League. The girls ended the season with a 0 - 8 record, but everyone involved agreed that the girls showed much improvement and ended the season with a very fine effort.

Girls on this team were; fifth grade, Sarah Bennett, Eliana DeAngelis, Ellen Edelstein, Charlotte Gay, Billy Jo Hall, Lois Heizer, Lisa Morgan, Sajada Nasar and Holly Parrish; sixth grade, Sarah Ades, Jenny Brown, Elizabeth Hughes, Rene Ingram, Sarah Kotchen, Anne Lucas and Kristin Wieland.

Mrs. Owen said, "These girls have represented themselves and their school well. To sum up the season, I am proud of each girl's contribution to our program from the fifth through ninth grades."

Varsity Boys' Team Has 5-5 Record

"The ninth grade gave good team leadership this year. Jeff Darsie, in our opening game against Sayre, hit a mid-court shot of 50 feet with four seconds on the clock, to win by two points," said Vernon Hatton, basketball coach.

"The eighth graders have as much potential as any group in TLS basketball history. They're big, strong and very quick. George Wallace hit two clutch free throws to win a closely contested Richmond Model Tourney game.

"The seventh graders wiggled and squirmed and also gained much needed experience this year. I'm looking forward to next year and to working with this fine group of boys," Hatton continued.

"As this year ends, I'm very proud of our boys as athletes and sportsmen, and of our student body's spirit and enthusiasm."

The varsity basketball team finished the season with a five-five record.

Members of the squad were, ninth grade, Jeff Darsie, David Scott, Steve Schindler and Nicho Nelson; eighth grade, Gerald Ward, George Wallace, Will Bennett, Stuart Owen, Pat Madden, David Schindler, Todd Geddes and Logan Foster; seventh grade, Steve Hatton, Kel Lange, Chris Ward, Burgess Carey, Bobby Stephens, Todd Collis and Chris Nelli. Manager was David Griffith.

All boys in grades five and six were invited to be on that team. They practiced each Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 to 8:30 A.M. They finished the season with a one-three record.

Girls defeat mothers; Varsity falls to men

In a close contest, the Upper School girls' team defeated the mothers in the annual mother-daughter basketball game on March 20. The final score was 28 - 26. Eight mothers volunteered to take part in the contest.

In the game that followed, the varsity boys' team was defeated by the combined forces of the faculty men and fathers by a score of 42 to 32. The faculty-student and father-son games were combined this year. The father's team has traditionally been made up of fathers of members of the varsity team. This year the number of fathers who could participate was not enough to field a team, so it was decided to add them to the faculty team and play one game.

Cookout Held

Members of the Upper Schools Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams and cheerleaders were honored at a cookout on the school grounds on March 20 from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. Coaches Roberta Owen and Vernon Hatton planned the cookout to give the annual event a more informal setting.

"Guys and Dolls" to be Spring Musical at TLS

"Guys and Dolls" will be The Lexington School's 1978 spring musical production. It will be performed on May 4 and 5 in the school gymnasium.

Mrs. Dorothy Smith will be the musical director and Ginger Dyson Marshall will do the dramatic coaching.

Tryouts will be held on March 13 and parts will be assigned and scripts given out by spring vacation.

Afternoon Programs Offer Variety

Several parts of the world have been explored during the Friday afternoon assembly programs at The Lexington School in February and March. Tom Grunweld showed slides of "A Canoe Trip to the Hudson Bay" to Upper School students on March 10.

On February 24 Mrs. Bruce Lucas showed movies and slides of a raft trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Dr. and Lucas and their children Clay and Anne, students at the school, took the raft trip during the summer of 1976.

Harald Steen, a Norwegian exchange student living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jon D. Collier, showed slides of his native land to the middle school on February 17. Mrs. Collier is kindergarten teacher at the Lexington School and her daughter, Julanie, is a ninth grade student.

The Middle School also heard Mrs. Carol Aldy speak about the "We Can" program on March 10. "We Can" is the Lexington-Fayette County clean community system to reduce litter. Mrs. Aldy presented a slide show aimed at elementary school children.

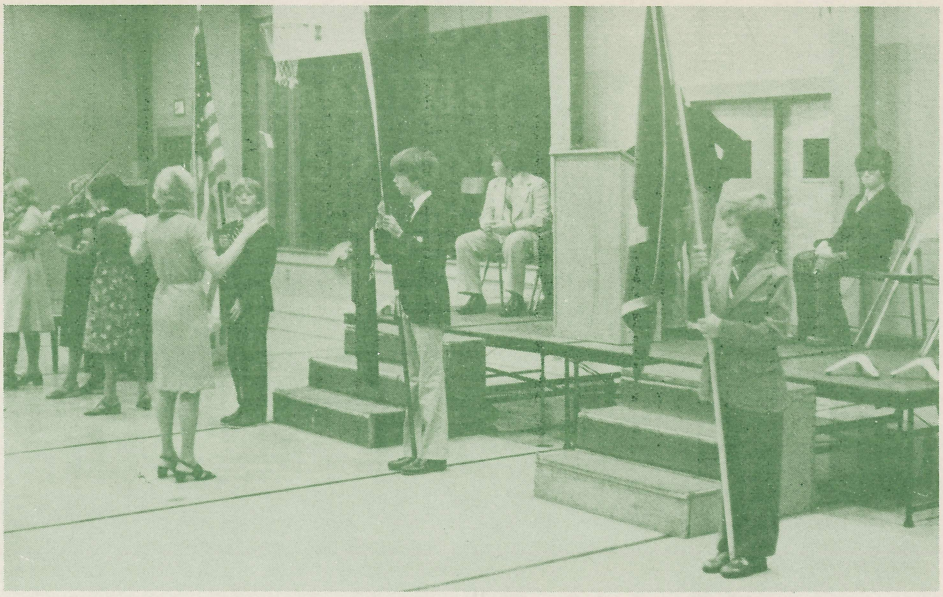
Future Events

Harald Steen will return to the school on March 22 to show his slides to the Upper School and discuss with them the difference in student life in America and Norway.

Dr. Robert DeAngelis will present the assembly program on April 14. Dr. DeAngelis, a professor at the University of Kentucky, and father of Gina and Eliana, students, and Robert '77, has had wide experience in solar energy research. Last summer he did research on solar energy panels with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Los Angeles.

The Henry Clay High School mixed chorus is scheduled for the assembly period on April 21. Nancy Stephens '76 is a member of the chorus.

The middle school spring Matinee will be held on March 28. The final assembly of the year will be the Awards Day, held in the morning of May 19.



Mrs. Evelyn Orme, a faculty advisor for the Friday morning assembly programs, helps the students in final preparations for one of the programs. Mrs. Dorothy Smith directs the musical part of the programs.

Students Plan Morning Assemblies

The Ides of March, St. Patrick's Day, President's Day, Heart Week and the United Nations are themes that have been explored by Lexington School students during the Friday morning assembly programs. Although the school has had an all-school assembly each Friday morning for many years, the programs have taken on a new look this term. Under the guidance of Mrs. Evelyn Orme and Mrs. Dorothy Smith, the students are in charge.

At the beginning of the school year, a rotating committee comprised of students from the seventh through ninth grades began to plan for the weekly programs. The students serve for four weeks, then are replaced by the next persons alphabetically from their classes. In order to prevent a complete turnover each month, the first committee had students serving for two, four and six weeks, which set up a staggered turnover for the rest of the year.

On several occasions, the Middle School students have planned the programs when the Upper School was involved in other activities, but the advisors feel that the major part of the responsibility should be with the older students.

With the help of faculty advisors, the committee agrees on a topic for coming assemblies. The committee works out details and asks other students to take part.

"They do it beautifully. They don't hesitate to say 'yes' when you ask them," says Mrs. Orme.

The original purpose was to have the students handle the responsibility for planning the programs and to give them practice in getting up and performing. The impression given when one sees the final performance is that the participants really enjoy "doing their own thing."

TLS Graduates to Study in France

Jon Edwards and Kristin Wilhite, graduates of The Lexington School in the class of '77, have been selected to participate in the Lexington-Deauville Sister Cities Program student exchange this spring. Both students will be living with French families during the late spring and throughout the summer.

George Preston, class of '76, was an exchange student in Deauville last year. He shared his experiences with Lexington School students during an assembly last fall.

Mrs. Betty Mills, a French teacher at the school, is the Kentucky representative to the Sister Cities International. She is former chairman of the Lexington-Deauville Sister Cities Committee, and presently serves as secretary to that organization. Members of the committee include Mrs. Marie Jeanne Wets, mother of Kathleen Wets '78, and Yannick Wets '77, and Mrs. Ann Preston, director of publications for the school.

Yearbook Scheduled For May Distribution

Members of the editorial and photographic staffs of the 1978 *Circum-Complex* worked long after school hours to meet the February deadline for the yearbook. In spite of the inclement weather, they were successful!

The yearbook will be shipped from the factory in Clarksville, Tennessee on April 29 for distribution in early May to those students who ordered it in the fall.



Mrs. Nicole Charron, French teacher, prepares The Lexington School team that will take part in 1978 La Concours National de Francais. Members of the team are, seated, Sandy Pastrick, and standing, Laura Murphy, Alma Fallon, Kathy Tao and James Park. Julia Burnett is not pictured.

Students to enter French contest

The Lexington School will be represented in 1978 La Concours National de Francais on March 18. Le Grand Concours is a national French contest, held locally at the University of Kentucky. Representing the school will be Julia Burnett, Alma Fallon, Laura Murphy, James Park, Sandy Pastrick and Kathy Tao. Kathleen Wets will be in a special category for children of French speaking parents. Mrs. Nicole Charron, French teacher, is preparing the students for the competition.

Lexington School students have competed successfully in several French contests in recent years. At the Kentucky Language Festival at Centre College, Danville, last spring, Sandy Pastrick won first place in the Poetry II contest and Juliet Brewer won second place in Poetry I. Julia Burnett and Laura Murphy placed second in the skit category and Kathleen Wets was cited for an outstanding performance for a student who has lived abroad.

At the Regional Language Festival at Eastern Kentucky University, first place was taken by five students from the school. These included Sandy Pastrick, Poetry II; Juliet Brewer, Poetry I; Hale Pettit, Reading I; and Laura Murphy and Julia Burnett, skit.

At the Alliance Francaise Speech Contest the previous year, Sandy Pastrick was first and Elizabeth Polk third in the first year junior high category, and Kristin Wilhite was second in the second year junior high category. George Preston was first in the first year senior high category, and Steven Simons received honorable mention.

Mrs. Charron is hoping to enter students in the regional and state contests again this year, but details are not yet available.

Plant Modifications

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electric costs is the January bills. Both were for $541.00. The school used 16,960 electric units in 1977 and, through conservation efforts, reduced this to 14,640 in 1978. However, the bill didn't go down!

During the closings due to the gas shortage in 1977, the school reduced heat throughout the plant during the closing. The building is now on an automatic night and weekend reduction, which has not been altered during the snow days missed this year. In spite of this, the school has been able to realize substantial savings in fuel consumption.

Spanish Club Formed

The newest organization at The Lexington School is a seventh grade Spanish Club. Organized in January, the club held its first meeting on February 23 at the home of Jennifer Brandenburgh. Speaking at the meeting was Raul Lagos, Spanish teacher at Henry Clay High School. Mr. Lagos is of Chilian ancestry.

John Fox, Spanish teacher and advisor to the club, said that the students plan to meet monthly. Officers of the Spanish Club are Whitney Paige, president; Lee Ellen Marcum, vice-president; Jennifer Brandenburgh, secretary; and Catherine Brown, Treasurer.

Mr. Fox is making preliminary plans for a "Festival of Spring" dinner with Spanish food which will be scheduled following spring break. The Festival will include all students involved in the Spanish program and their parents.

Junior Academy Plans Projects

The Lexington School's branch of the Junior Academy of Science is making preliminary plans for the oral presentation of the top ten science projects in the school in late April.

Each year the science and English departments work together with students in grades eight and nine as they do research and prepare papers in a scientific area. The papers are due in March. In late April a team of outside judges comes to the school to hear the writers of the ten best papers make ten minute oral presentations of their projects and answer questions from the panel. The winner receives a cup.

The research project has replaced the more traditional science fair and is in keeping with the guidelines of the Junior Academy of Science, which is a branch of the Academy of Science.

The Junior Academy has two symposiums a year for member schools. The spring meeting will be in Louisville this year. Students from both junior and senior high schools will present orally research in biological and physical sciences. Students from The Lexington School plan to attend as observers this year, and hope to participate in the future.

Officers of the school's branch of the Junior Academy of Science are James Park, president; Sandy Pastrick, secretary-treasurer; and Dominic Eardley, vice-president. Mrs. Evelyn Orme and Mr. Thomas C. Billups, science teachers, are faculty advisors.

Red River Gorge Trip Planned for Spring

Ninth grade biology students are planning a trip to the Red River Gorge when the weather gets nice, according to Mrs. Evelyn Orme, science teacher. They will identify plant and animal specimens in their natural environment, rather than the artificial atmosphere of the classroom.

"The Red River Gorge is unique," says Mrs. Orme. "There are many specimens there that are found nowhere else in the area. We are fortunate to be close enough to the Gorge to use it in science study."

Copies of Winter *Light* Available in Office

The winter issue of *The Light,* The Lexington School's literary magazine, was mailed to families of all current students in February. There are a limited number of additional copies available in the school office.

Math Students Enter Contest

A team of Lexington School students participated in the regional Junior High School Math Bowl in Frankfort on March 7. The completion was held on the campus of Kentucky State University. The Lexington School team won the preliminary round, defeating a team from Capital Day School, Frankfort, but were defeated in the second round by Southern Junior High School's team, which went on to win the regional title.

Members of The Lexington School team were Dominic Eardley, Geoffrey Garner, Whitney Paige and Elizabeth Ruggles, with Scott Plumlee and Stuart Plumlee as alternates. Mr. Thomas Billups was faculty advisor.

Last year's team from the school was runner-up in the regional contest. The trophy they brough back is in Miss Elizabeth Ragland's room. Miss Ragland coached that team.

The Kentucky Junior High School Math Bowl is sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Entries are limited to teams of seventh and eighth graders and must include at least one seventh and one eighth grader. The regional contests are sponsored by Regional Math Bowl Directors who are faculty members of state universities.

FAYETTE COUNTY INVITATIONAL

The Lexington School hopes to take part in the Fayette County Invitational Math Bowl sometime in May. The local contest has a half hour of algebra and geometry for eighth and ninth graders, and a half hour of arithmetic for seventh and eighth graders. The combined scores determine the winner.

BAZAAR FUNDS HELP SCHOOL

The Mothers' Committee of The Lexington School reported recently that the 1977 Christmas Corner Bazaar showed a profit of $4,543.07. Added to a carry-over of $1,989.74 from previous years, the mothers have available funds of $6,532.81 to be spent in a variety of ways.

Library books for all levels will be purchased with $2,000.00 of bazaar funds. $1,530.00 has been placed in a "fence fund" for future replacement of the fence surrounding the school property.

Each division of the school has been given $1,000.00 to spend for equipment to be used in that division. Final decisions about the use of the division monies will be made in late spring.



Thomas C. Billups, math and science teacher, shows the Math Bowl team how to work the lights on the box that he built to simulate the apparatus used in the Math Bowl. Working the buttons are team members Geoffrey Garner, Whitney Paige, Elizabeth Ruggles and Dominic Eardley. Watching is alternate Stuart Plumlee. Not pictured is the other alternate Scott Plumlee.

National Book Week to be Observed

Katharine E. Wilkie, a noted biographer, will speak at The Lexington School on April 4 at 2:30 P.M. in a special assembly for Middle School students. Sponsored by the Library Services Committee, the address will be a celebration of National Book Week.

Biographies of Mary Todd and Daniel Boone are among the works done by Katharine Wilkie. She is currently working on a new book *Atlantis*. A native of Lexington, she is a teacher in the Fayette County Schools.

Essays to be Entered in National Contest

"Youth Views the Future — the Challenge of Saving our World Environment" is the theme of the 1978 Sister Cities International tri-media contest which several Lexington School students will enter. Mrs. Susan Dreyer's English classes are preparing essays and several will be selected for the competition. Students may also enter poetry and photographs.

Awards will be made at the Sister Cities Annual Conference in St. Louis this summer.

Plant and Bake Sale Scheduled For May 12

Friday, Mary 12 is the date for the Spring Plant and Bake Sale. This is the Friday preceding Mother's Day. Mrs. Alberto Mazzoleni, chairman of the event, will send out an order form to accommodate anyone who wishes to place special orders for plants.

Mrs. Hampton C. Adams will supervise the bake sale. All parents in the school will be asked to donate baked and canned items for the sale.

Students See Capital

The Kentucky Legislature in action was studied by eighth and ninth grade students of The Lexington School this semester. Climax of the study was a visit to the Legislature on March 17. The students toured the Capital building and observed the Legislature in session during the morning.

In the afternoon, the students toured the State Police Academy.

Spring Book Fair Set For May 9, 10, 11

A Spring Book Fair will he held at The Lexington School on May 9, 10, 11. Sponsored by the Library Services Committee, the book fair will feature paperback books for summer reading. Co-Chairmen of the event are Mrs. James Wieland and Mrs. Donald Ludlow.

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Class of '77 Attends Variety of Schools

Members of the 1977 graduating class of The Lexington School have scattered from ocean to ocean, although most of the recent graduates remain in Lexington.

Farthest from the Blue Grass is Monica Stuart, who is attending San Jose High School in San Jose, California. Paula Schennberg went west, but not so far as Monica. Paula is a student at Maine Township High School South in Park Ridge, Illinois.

A number of the graduates went to the eastern part of the United States. In Virginia are Jean Brewer at St. Catherine's School, Richmond; Marilee Goodman at Foxcroft School, Middlesburg; and Hense Bennett at Woodbury Forest, Orange. Brian Jacobs is attending Episcopal High School, Washington, D.C., Mary Barrow is at St. Timothy's School in Baltimore, Maryland, and Ronnie Simon is at McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

In Lexington, Louise Bryans is attending Sayre School. Yannick Wets is the only graduate at Bryan Station High School. Jean Perrine, Kirt Lastinger and Scott Hisle are students at Tates Creek Senior High.

At Henry Clay High School are Jane Buckner, Rosemary Burke, Virginia Clark, Scott Conti, Jim Gormley, Sam Lockridge, Naheed Nasar, Cam Schaeffer, Marion Wahlgren and Pat Wylie.

The largest group of graduates at any school are those at Lafayette High School. They are Ken Cloys, Robert DeAngelis, Dana Edger, Jon Edwards, Terry Hatton, Michael Hoke, Sarah McClellan, Matt Malek, Chris Nieto, Nancy Padgett, Phil Scott, Kevin Stumbo and Kristin Wilhite.

Soccer Highlights Spring Sports Scene

This spring The Lexington School will have three soccer teams playing in the Lexington Youth Soccer Association League. The games will be played on weekends beginning April 1 and continuing through June 10.

Coaches for the age group teams are Tony deMovallan and Robert Monasse, 7, 8 and 9 years; Thomas Bunch 10 to 12 years; and Roberta Owen and Terry Brewer, 13 to 15 years.

Other planned spring sports will be tennis, softball and track and field events.

Qualifying tests for the President's Council on Physical Fitness awards will be given in April and May.

MISSING PERSONS

Nancy Nagle '66
Roxanne Fisher '68
Jane Urbanski '69
Wanda Urbanski '71
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From the Headmaster's Desk

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finesse is not very well defined but many of these youngsters are able to do a remarkable job of shooting baskets.

It is not until the age of eight is approached that most children are able to play complex athletic games with much skill. The exposure they have had is the crucial element in the development of skills involving teamwork.

In watching the tournament the other day I noted that passing, dribbling and shooting skills began to emerge as well defined characteristics for large numbers of our students at about the fourth grade level. From that point on I noted that the competitive spirit of the students accelerated rapidly.

While some hold that such competition is harmful, I feel that it is quite beneficial when it is appropriately guided.

By observing a ninth grader's face as he watches preschoolers play their basketball game, you can note the delight in the eyes of the fourteen-year-old as the five-year-old makes a good pass or a basket. The older child is pleased with the success of the younger one and the ensuing applause tells the young player that he has pleased others with his accomplishment.

While we spend the major portion of our time in seeing that individual skills are developed, we must not lose sight of the fact that teamwork based upon the skills of individual members provides significant motivation and satisfaction for the developing child.

Adults have a tremendous responsibility in orchestrating the myriad of forces involved in developing teamwork, for they set the tone for what is "acceptable". When the child realizes that good sportsmanship has a high priority among the adults in his life, he will accept this value as one for which he must strive.

It is difficult for a child to stand up against the wishes of his peers, but we can make it easier for him to accept such a challenge by demonstrating our own convictions to him through, not only our words, but by our actions as well.

Contrasts are, indeed, important to all of us as we make judgements. We build our value systems upon the foundations laid by our parents. As we consider new solutions, we continue to search for the proper relationship between the solution we seek and our own value systems.

As our children pass through the all important developmental years encompassed by our program, they need our support and guidance. The "end product" is worth all of the effort we can invest in seeing that our children develop values which will have a positive effect upon society.

As we move from the snows of winter into the spring of the year, ground will be broken for our new wing. This vital facility will enable us to enrich the lives of all of our students as they interact within the expanded programs in art, music, science and physical education which this wing will make possible.

Norton S. Pritchard Jr.