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FATHER'S WEEKEND PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

CHARACTERS ABOUT THE CAMPUS

ELMER

One of the most important men at St. Andrew's is the chef, for what would we do without someone to feed us? Our chef goes by the name of Passwater, or at least in the social register he does, but around school it's just plain Elmer. A very jovial character, he is always willing to lend a hand. By looking at him, hot-rodding around in that big black Buick, you wouldn't think he had a worry in the world, but you can bet your boots he does. The money problem strikes Elmer the hardest, because, "The cost of living has gone up", and he just can't seem to stay within his budget. He has a budget of \$47,500 and hopes that, despite the rising food prices, he can stay within it this year.

Don't get me wrong now, I'm not complaining in the least. It is required that we get from 2400 to 2800 calories a day, but we are getting anywhere from 3000 up. "To prove this," says Elmer, "Check the master's waist lines." Of course Elmer couldn't run as smoothly as he does without the marvelous support of his kitchen staff. He is quoted as saying that he has the finest staff of workers in the state of Delaware and you need only to watch them in action to convince yourself.

Another thing which amazed this reporter was that not one has taken a sick leave in over two and one-half years. St. Andrew's is the first institution where he has served as chef and he felt very much at home the first day he took over. He enjoys his job, but the most important thing is that he likes it here at school. I know the school will back us in congratulating him and his staff in their fine work, and especially the way the kitchen handles the extra duties placed on them during dance weekends and Father's Club gatherings.

-George Baxter

The Fathers' Weekend was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the sight of Bob Banquo Sr. placing glasses in the glass-washing machine, talking a terrific broom on dining room, and dusting with wonderful inefficiency on any of the multitude of little tasks awaiting unsuspecting paters. The sires slipped easily into the routine of St. Andrew's existence, and most of the awe-inspiring doctors, lawyers, and businessmen turned out to be good (seven marks a week) Joes. The School itself seemed to welcome the fathers; the windows shined, the baseboards glistened, and the food digested. Neatly enhanced by a pep rally, the football game, a movie, "The Treasure of Sierra Madre", and enlivened by the presence of swell people, Father's Weekend (with the sole exception of the waiting cast) has proved the highlight of this part of the school year.

-Mitchell Smith

MIDNIGHT MOE

A man who is much talked about, but rarely seen is Clarence Schwatka better known as "Midnight Moe". He is the night watchman, guard, and truant officer of St. Andrew's. The boys do often see him for the simple reason that his working hours are from ten o'clock P. M. to five thirty A. M. He starts off every evening at "Headquarters", Elmer's office in the kitchen. As guard and night watchman he has to keep out any strange cars or intruders. You are probably wondering about his job as truant officer. If any boys are roaming about the campus after lights and he nabs them, he can turn them in.

"Midnight" has been with the school for three years. He is married, has five children, and eleven grandchildren. He lives in Townsend, Del. and is a "Jack-of-all-trades".

-Peter Fish

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CHEERLEADING AT S. A. S.

During the past few months a great many words have been written and spoken about the game of football. Although this game has been examined from many angles, one fact which has been almost completely overlooked is that of cheerleading. At St. Andrew's it is the duty of the Fourth Form to choose a group of its members to be cheerleaders

The functions of this group are not so simple as they may seem to the casual observer. Each step of a particular cheer is memorized and practiced as carefully as a quarterback memorizes and practices a hand-off. In running a pep rally, the group has a great deal of organization to take care of and often starts this work weeks before the rally is scheduled. The band must be contacted and asked to play, coaches and team captains must be asked to appear, smudge pots must be located and made ready to light, a schedule must be drawn up, and many other details must be attended to.

This year we have had a thoroughly competent cheerleading group headed by Jerry Cummin and composed of Walter Liefeld, Ian MacInnes, Peter Fish, Bill Barnett, and Tim Ralston. They have done a good job and deserve the highest praise.

Jim Speer

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The library buys new books from time to time during the school year. Two or three times a term a new group of these books is put into circulation. Since a library is not made up of just fiction, the new books cover many fields. A certain amount of money is invested in new books each year by the library. About a fifth of this is in fiction. The rest is invested in books covering other fields such as History, English, and Science. There will be more than a dozen new books put into circulation within the next month or so. The following have been selected as the most interesting of these new books:

The Cruel Sea, by Nicholas Monsarret, author of Leave Cancelled and H.M.S. Corvette, is a true novel about "the most protracted, the cruellest, and perhaps the most heroic battle of World War II". Taking place in the Atlantic Ocean, it is the story of a British ship, the H.M.S. Compass Rose, and her gallant crew in their struggle against nature and man. Upon reading this book one will never forget "the Murmansk convoy, when an Atlantic hurricane was more dangerous than the enemy".

The Caine Mutiny, by Herman Wouk, author of Anne Dann and City Boy, is now in its twelfth printing since March 1951. Over 195,000 copies have been printed. Taking place in the Pacific Ocean, it is the story of a mutiny aboard a U.S. Navy ship during World War II as seen through the eyes of Willie Keith, who "starts out as a careless, good-humored Princeton boy, and ends as the grim and battered captain of the Caine". The hilarious comedy, the thrilling drama, and the moving romance all combine to make The Caine Mutiny the best seller of the year.

- Dave Campbell and
Walter Liefeld

GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS!!

to all girls attending

The Landon Tea Dance.

J. V. vs. SANDFORD

This is the story of how the J. V.'s won their first game after losing to William Penn, Sanford, Tower Hill, Wilmington Friends, and tying Caesar Rodney.

Early that morning, rumors were started flying that we were to have a special game with Sanford. These rumors were confirmed when we held a meeting in Room 2 after lunch to plan our pass defense.

Afternoon rolled around, and a determined bunch of J. V.'s hurried into their uniforms, eager to play.

The game started slowly; but, as one Sanford player put it, "These guys aren't like they were before."

The last quarter began 0-0. By that time we were pushing Sanford all over the lot. Hand-offs carried us to the goal line, and then Kit Cain scored.

Battin, our quarterback, decided we needed another touchdown and kept hollering, "Seven more points! Seven more points!" Bud Walden went over a bit later for the J. V.'s second touchdown of the afternoon, Beatty scored the extra point, and we led 13-0.

That is the story of how the J. V.'s won their first game.

SENIOR ELEVEN vs. DOVER

A few weeks ago the Senior Eleven played a game with the Dover Juniors, who were superior in weight and playing ability. Dover kicked and the ball was run back for a short distance. After three downs St. Andrew's kicked and Dover took over. Two downs later Dover scored on an off-tackle play, and then made the extra point. St. Andrew's again received but soon fumbled. Dover recovered and scored again, but did not make the extra point. Scoring two more touchdowns and an extra point, Dover ran up the score to 27-0. During the second half the Senior Eleven held Dover to one touchdown and scored two of their own. The extra point was blocked. Another touchdown in the last quarter, with the extra point left it Dover's game at 34-13.

His life is but a shrill echo

Bouncing from the slate.

DARK FIGHT

The cracking thunder and flash of
light

The drizzly streets make daylight
bright

And serve to mask the stealthy
beat

Of softly padding murderous
feet

A darkling figure outlined
low

Against the coal-black building
goes

To the alley head and waits.

The cracking thunder and flash of
light

Does not hide the pitious
sight

Of victim coming now to meet

His doom. The murderer greets

Him swiftly, now they struggle to
and fro

Against the lighting down sky glow

For one must meet with fate.

The cracking thunder and flash of
light

Partly smothers the sound of fight

Now no time for qualms to cheat

Only room for swift used feet

The garbage cans give rattling tone

Mimicked deep by tearing moan

As tiger for his mate.

The cracking thunder and flash of
light

Ushers out the last of night

And golden sunbeams slowly creep

Across the alley, to where asleep

Or seeming so, there lies a heap

A large gray rat he seems to know