

General Letter to Parents From The Superintendent

Dear Friends:

We are now in the final quarter of the school's work. In a recent Assembly I tried to point out to the boys that the remaining term both for seniors and younger boys could be made happy and successful if they will approach the final term and enter into its work with enthusiasm and a determination to bring the year to a close successfully.

The school of course is now looking forward to the coming year, and we are making our plans for the school year 1937-'38. In 1934-'35 the total registration in the school was 233. Last year, 1935-'36, it was 273. This year it is 363. We are now arranging our budget, making our plans, making our advanced purchases, arranging for the personnel of our faculty, planning for material improvements in the school: all on the basis of 400 boys. In view of the increase during the past two years and in the light of better economic conditions in the country, we think that we are conservative in placing our estimated enrollment for the coming year at 400. Of course you realize that we cannot wait until the summer to make our definite arrangements. To secure the needed and additional faculty men of excellent experience and good training, we must definitely employ them at this early season of the year. To guarantee an economical management of the many purchases needed by the school, we must make our contracts at this early date. Moreover, to insure better accommodations for boys we must start our material improvements at an early date this year.

Now that your son is with us, is accustomed to the standards of this school, knows the personnel of our faculty, and I hope feels a sense of responsibility for the work and success of the school, this is the best school for your boy and of course we want him to return here and finish his course, if he is not a senior and entering college in the fall. You can help us by the re-enrollment of your son at this early date. In the near future I shall write you about this matter and at that time send you the re-enrollment application.

All of us were delighted that almost 250 of our parents were able to be with us over the past week-end for the Parents' Day celebration. Your presence, indicating not only the love and concern you have for your son but also the interest you have for the work we are doing here, was greatly encouraging to all of us. Your help and interest at all times will help us to make this a more valuable school for your son.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Emory J. Middour,
Colonel, Superintendent.

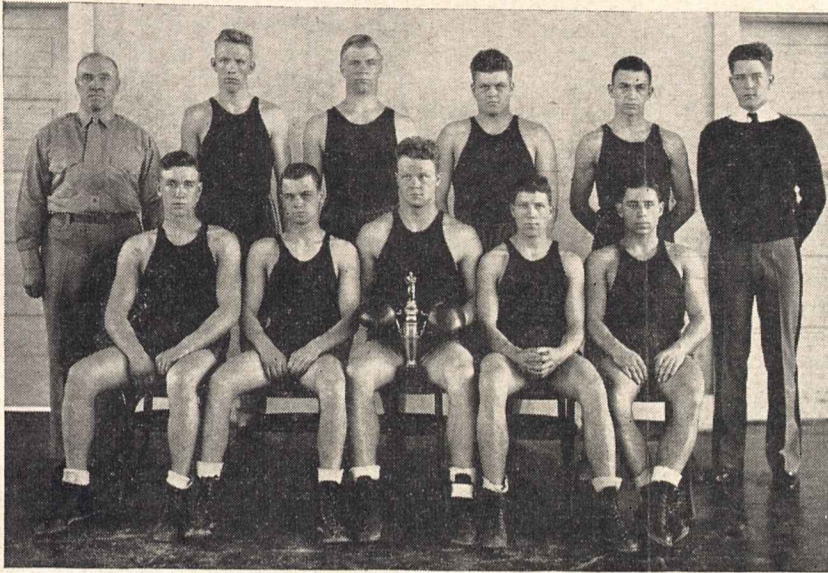
J. AND H. GILBERT ARE CHOSEN CO-CAPTAINS OF TRACK TEAM

At a recent meeting of the track squad the Gilbert brothers, John and Haywood were elected co-captains of the 1937 track men. Gilbert, J., has been on the varsity team for four years, and Gilbert, H., for two years.

Track Schedule

April 10—Fork Union Here
April 17—U. Va. Fresh. There
April 24—Triangular Meet—
Woodberry Forest, Virginia
Episcopal, Staunton Here
May 1—State Prep. Schools
Championship Track Meet
at University of Virginia.
May 8—Triangular Meet—Au-
gusta, Fishburne, Staun-
ton Here
May 15—Block "C" Central High
School Track Meet—
At Washington
May 22—Massanutten Here

SOUTH ATLANTIC PREP SCHOOL BOXING CHAMPIONS 1937



Left to right, front row: Funke, 145 lb. champ; Biehle, co-captain; Green, co-captain; Null; Beal, 125 lb. champ; back row: Coach, Capt. Taylor; Conner, 155 lb. champ; Foltz; Brackman; Anderson, 135 lb. champ; Coleman, manager.

Mrs. Joe Schaeffer Gives Prize For Public Speaking

Award Goes to Best Speaker at
Senior Class Day
Exercises

Mrs. Joseph Schaeffer of Cincinnati, Ohio, has made an award to Staunton Military Academy of \$50.00 to be given to the best speaker or speakers on Class Day each year. Last year a prize of \$25.00 was given for the best speaker on Class Day. Mrs. Schaeffer's son, Bernie N. Schaeffer, won this prize after being pronounced the best speaker at the Class Day exercises. Mrs. Schaeffer then offered to double the value of the prize, making it \$50.00, and to make this award each year.

In commenting upon Mrs. Schaeffer's generous gift, Colonel Middour, the superintendent, said:

"This is a very valuable prize and should encourage public speaking at Staunton. The prize is not only valuable in itself but carries with it a great honor. To express oneself clearly and to do it effectively in the presence of an audience is no small part of any person's education. When the radio first came into use it was thought by many that a death knell was sounded for public speaking. Instead, the radio has emphasized good public speaking. No one will listen to poor speakers over the radio. One may be compelled to sit in an audience and listen to a poor speech but this is not true in radio reception. Even announcers advertising the cheapest of products must be able to say what they have in mind with definiteness, correctness, accuracy, and in the shortest space of time. The radio has increased interest in public speaking and has made this talent more a part of an educated man's training than it has ever been before.

"For all these reasons we are very happy here at Staunton to have such a valuable prize in public speaking. The prize will encourage many boys to take an added interest in this part of their training and in doing so will have great rewards for those who try to perfect and develop their speaking talents. The academy expresses its appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Schaeffer for setting up this very valuable prize."

Captain Collins Writing Book On Complete Spanish Verb

Captain Maurice Collins, instructor of Spanish, is preparing a book entitled, The Spanish Verb—Complete, which he hopes to have finished by the middle of the coming summer.

For the past several years Captain Collins has been making a special study of the Spanish verb. The outcome of this study will be a two hundred page book containing a complete conjugation of all verbs.

The book is being prepared for the use in colleges as well as for advanced classes in secondary-school Spanish.

Spring Formal Ball Is Set For April 23

April 23 has been set as the date for the annual spring formal ball. Dean Hudson and his Florida Clubmen will furnish the music for this dance. From all reports the dancers will be amused by something new and different, for this orchestra features many novelties.

The dance will be the regular spring formal, and the last card dance until finals.

Seniors Are Preparing Speeches for Class Day

Study and preparation of speeches for the class day program is now being carried on under the supervision of Major Brice. It has been decided to have the set of speeches to be grouped around the general subject of "Democracy." According to present plans, the Class Day will be held on Monday afternoon, May 31st.

At present thirteen Seniors have signified their intentions of going out for this program, several having already made general outlines of their speeches. This number will, of course, be cut down as practice progresses.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT GIVES DIAGNOSTIC TESTS TO PUPILS

Diagnostic tests in English composition were administered last Thursday night to all English III, IV, and IV-B pupils. This battery of tests, similar in substance to those given last October, measure the cadets' ability in capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentence structure. This second set furnishes the instructor and the cadet with information as to his progress in the subject, and also furnishes valuable statistical information for the files of the Head Master.

This particular program of testing has been carried on at Staunton since 1927.

Staunton is Second in Third Corps Area Match

Fishburne Military school led the shooting in the Third Corps Area intercollegiate gallery rifle match for junior military schools, according to results announced by United States army officials in Baltimore, area headquarters.

Fishburne had a team score of 3,603 points. Staunton Military academy was in second place with 3,393; Massanutten Military academy won third place with 3,392—only one point behind S. M. A.; Augusta Military academy was in fourth place with 3,374, and Fork Union took fifth place honors with 3,200.

Academic Awards Are Given to 119 Cadets

Kitchens Receives Decoration
of Highest Award With
Grade of 95.8

At assembly last Wednesday morning one hundred and nineteen cadets were decorated for academic proficiency during the third quarter. Cadet Roy H. Kitchens, Erie, Pa., received the Highest Award with an average of 95.8 per cent. Cadet Robert Brafford was runner-up to Kitchens with an average of 95.6.

Following is the list of Academic Decorations for the third quarter—Session 1936-1937:

Highest Order: Kitchens.

Order, 1st Class: Armstrong, Brafford, Bramberry, Campbell, Daniels, McKinney, Patch, Rubner, Rupp, Schupska, Seiberling, Shaw, Smith, S. H., Stevens, J. H., Walker.

Order, 2d Class: Aurand, Blough, Borda, Bravo, Burr, Coleman, S. O., Creed, Davis, G. P., Delpino, Diaz, Dickmeyer, Downs, Dunn, Eglin, Evans, Fisher, A., Franklin, Funke, Gifford, Goodloe, Grossman, Grunden, Hill, N. D., Howell, W. H., Karger, Kennedy, Lesburg, McIntyre, Maples, Mattox, Meads, Meenehan, Meigs, W. R., Mink, Morris, Nicholson, Perrine, R., Purkitt, Richardson, Rogers, Ruth, Schaper, Sencer, Shull, Strohl, Sullivan, Taylor, F. A., Tremble, Walling, Welsh.

Order, 3d Class: Benard, Benincasa, Bissell, Bowman, R. C., Bradstreet, Coleman, J. M., Conner, Copeland, Crothers, Disney, Duff, H. D., Fairbairn, Foran, Foster, W., Gilbert, H., Gilbert, J., Glassow, Greist, Grisham, Howard, Hubinger, Hunter, Jones, A., Kauffman, Kiefer, Knight, Langfit, MacPherson, Mardis, Messer, Mooney, Morse, D. M., Morse, W. W., Newbury, Olsen, Pavluchik, Ruprecht, Schumacher, Scott, E. D., Sell, Smith, E. S., Spencer, Spuhler, Tone, Trapp, Troy, Walls, Warden, Wells, Winston, Worden, Worthy, Yager.

Easter Dance is Attended By Many Out-of-Town Guests

Cadets of the Staunton Military academy enjoyed a fitting climax to three days of Easter festivities with a dance attended by sisters, mothers, fathers, brothers and girl friends.

The dance began at nine p. m., and at ten-thirty more than 120 couples gracefully swung about the floor decorated with soft lights and evergreens, typifying the coming of spring. Ray Frye and his Virginians furnished the music.

The Easter program included dress parade at ten-thirty; luncheon, twelve-thirty to two-thirty; reception of parents by faculty at two-thirty to four; performance of gym team at four; "The Courtship of Miles Standish," a play by Junior boys at eight, and the dance at nine p. m. to one a. m.

LITERARY SOCIETY DEBATES SIT-DOWN STRIKE QUESTION

As a change from the regular program which is held every Tuesday evening, it has been announced that the Woodrow Wilson Literary Society will hold an open forum at the next meeting on the following subject: "Resolved: That the Sit-down strikers should be forcibly evicted from the plants in which the strikes take place." There will be no formal debate on the topic; instead, any member may be permitted to express his opinion on the floor.

All cadets, whether members of the society or not, are invited to attend such meetings.

Guests From Twenty States Visited SMA During Parent's Day

Varied Program Over Easter
Week-End Featured the
Holiday

Parents of cadets at Staunton came from twenty different states to visit their sons over the week-end of Easter and for the Parents' Day celebration on Monday, March 29th. The presence of so many fathers and mothers made the day, perfect in weather, a happy one for the cadets and we hope a most enjoyable one for all our patrons and friends. Parents were given the opportunity to meet the teachers of their boys, and the faculty in turn had the pleasure of greeting parents and understanding more fully the hope and ambition each parent has for his son. Monday, March 29th, was perfect in weather and the day was filled with events of interest. The celebration closed with the formal Easter ball to which 150 cadets came with their guests and enjoyed one of the nicest and most colorful social events of the year.

The Kablegram joins all in the school in hoping that this happy event will be made an annual affair in the life of the Academy, the Cadets and their parents. The list of our welcome and interested guests, together with their addresses, follow. There may have been others present whom we did not have the pleasure of greeting. If any names have been omitted The Kablegram offers its apology.

GUESTS AT STAUNTON MILITARY ACADEMY FOR EASTER WEEK- END AND PARENTS' DAY

Connecticut—Trumbull: Mrs. Grace L. Boyce and three guests.

Delaware—Newark: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wilson and daughter. Wilmington: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Schumacher.

District of Columbia—Washington: Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dunn, Mrs. Laura Jane Maples, Mr. John F. Meenehan, Mr. and Mrs. Byron S. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. C. Roumel, Brigadier General and Mrs. Ernest D. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Smith, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. J. H. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams.

Florida—Miami Beach: Mrs. Herman Berg.

Illinois—Chicago: Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth Clark and daughter Miss Ruth Clark.

Indiana—Fort Wayne: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Dickmeyer and two children. Indianapolis: Mrs. George P. Davis, Mrs. Carrie H. Lloyd.

Maryland—Baltimore: Mr. and Mrs. S. Owen Coleman, Mrs. Helen Guth.

Massachusetts—Brookline: Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Andersen. Lowell: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and daughter and son.

Mississippi—Columbus: Mrs. C. L. Ballentine.

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SENIORS ELECT OFFICERS; PATCH IS MADE PRESIDENT

A. M. Patch, Jr., has been elected president of the senior class for 1937. Gilbert, J., has been voted vice-president, John Messer, secretary, treasurer, and Clyde Childress, sergeant at arms.

Baseball Schedule

April 2—Adelphi Academy,
Brooklyn, N. Y. Here
April 8—Harvard U Fresh. Here
April 10—St. Peters High, New
Brunswick, N. J. Here
April 14—W. and L. Fresh. Here
April 17—Woodberry Forest
School Here
April 22—Clifton Forge High
School Here
April 24—Fishburne M.S. There
April 28—U. Va. Fresh. Here
April 30—M. M. A. There
May 5—Fork Union M. A. Here
May 8—A. M. A. Here
May 12—W. and L. Fresh. There
May 14—Fishburne M. S. Here
May 18—M. M. A. Here
May 22—A. M. A. There

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To The Alumni of Staunton Military Academy

Greetings:

Since this issue of The Kablegram is sent to all Alumni, permit me to address this little letter to you. We are now in the final quarter of the year's work. As you know, the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia is more beautiful and more attractive at this season of the year than at any other time. I fully realize that the boys of the school are now counting the days until the close of the year. I did the same thing when I was in school and you did likewise when you were a cadet here at Staunton.

We did not have a very successful season in football, losing five of our nine games. We were more fortunate in the winter term for we shared with Massanutten the state's honor in a championship basketball team, and Captain Taylor and his boys came through with a championship boxing team, winning again the South Atlantic tournament held at Staunton. The swimming team was also very successful. While the team which won the national prep school championship held in Philadelphia at the Penn Athletic Club defeated Staunton by a score of 37-29, this same team won from the freshman teams of Princeton, Harvard, and Yale by larger scores. Our baseball team looks promising and I am hopeful that we shall have a good season.

Of course not all boys at Staunton have passed their work, but we hope to finish the year with reasonably good scholastic success. You will be interested in knowing that the total registration in 1935 was 233; in 1936 it was 273; and for the present year it is 363. We are now planning for a total enrollment of 400 for the coming year. Our Senior class is not large and the economic conditions in the country are promising enough to indicate an enrollment of 400 cadets.

Staunton Military Academy, as you know, always extends a cordial welcome to her old boys. Returning Alumni, during my years at Staunton as in your day, have been entertained in the barracks and also in the dining hall. I hope you will never miss the opportunity of visiting your school and of giving me personally the pleasure of learning to know as many Staunton men as possible.

Wishing you happiness and success in whatever you are doing at the present time and with hopes that you have nothing but the most pleasant memory of your days in this school, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Emory J. Middour, Supt.

Marvin B. Morrison, '21, has a nephew, Raymond Morrison, Jr., who has just entered the Academy. Marvin writes that he has waited patiently for 15 years for this moment to arrive.

ALUMNI NOTES

J. Rowland Johnston, '29, is a senior in the law school of Pittsburgh University.

M. Lacy Fendley, '34, is employed by the DuPont Company and is located at 1512 Laburnum Ave., Richmond, Va.

George H. de la Vergne, Jr., '28, was married March 6 to Miss Thelma Olsen, at Milwaukee, Wis.

Among the alumni who have written us recently are: Jack Townsend, '36, Dartmouth University, Hanover, N. H.; J. Elliott Flannery, '24, Bituminous Casualty Corp., 221 Tary Credit Bldg., Omaha, Neb.; F. P. Hagaman, '17, Comptroller, Standard Oil Co., of Louisiana, New Orleans; Carl E. Webber, '26, 1513 32nd Ave., South Seattle, Wash.; J. N. Lummus, Jr., '18, 622 N. E. 98th St., Miami, Fla.; Charles E. Littlejohn, '36, Clemson College, S. C.; H. Russell Bracken, '27, Ritter & Co., 48 Wall St., New York; Gordon Bretschneider, '31, working for Bracken at above address; J. R. Simpson, '28, Scranton, Pa.; who with his wife visited the academy recently; H. C. J. Evans, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

J. T. Meeker, '28, writes the following information concerning boys he has met:

J. M. Callahan, x-29, International Printing Ink Co., N. Y. C.

R. Kingsley, National Oil Products Co., Harrison, N. J.

Bob Drew, '28, Prudential Life, Newark, N. J.

Julius Rapp, '28, Baer Bros. Paint Co., N. Y. C.

Eugene Henry, '28, General Electric, Schenectady, N. Y.

Stanley Roth, '28, E. J. Roth & Co., N. Y. C.

Joe Smoot, '28, E. F. Hutton & Co., 61 Broadway, N. Y. C.

J. Gerstenzang, Metal Stamping, 702 Broadway, N. Y. C.

Julian Katz, '29, Katz Printing Co., 200 Hudson St., N. Y. C.

P. L. Hooper, '33, was last June designated as an Expert Rifleman at Lehigh University. He was a member of the Staunton Rifle Team in 1933.

Francis M. Keefer, x-'28, is with the Maryland State Roads Commission and is living in Elkton.

James S. Little, '27, is a wire editor with the Associated Press at 383 Madison Ave., New York City. Little is a graduate of Lehigh University.

Dr. A. M. Paxson, '21, professor of Economics at the University of Tulsa, is the academic head of the newly formed professional school of business administration at that university.

S. M. Saunders, a student at the academy from 1910 to 1915, visited the school during the spring. After leaving Staunton, Saunders entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1919. He saw service with the 5th Marines in the Champagne and Argonne campaigns. After the war he became an engineer and has just finished working on the Boulder Dam.

M. S. Turner, '27, a reserve lieutenant, is on duty with the 231st Co. C. C. C. at Bremerton, Wash.

Hugh Jenks, '26, is with the asphalt department of the Ashland Refining Co., of Ashland, Ky. He is married and has two children, Jacqueline, 6 and Hugh, 3.

Dr. Gordon A. Granger, '20, a captain in the Medical Reserve Corps, has returned to practice at Alma Center, Wisconsin, after several years of active duty in the Sixth Corps Area.

Dave Willoughby, '29, is Merchandise Control Manager for J. N. Adam & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

A letter from Paul Wing, '11, states that he has entirely recovered from the airplane crash in which he was injured and Senator Bronson Cutting lost his life. Wing is now associated with Paramount in production.

William H. Smith, '24, is a captain, Infantry Reserves, and has been commander of the C. C. C. camp at Fort Davis, Mass.

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ALUMNI SECTION

Letters From Old Boys

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Bloomington, Illinois

March 5, 1937

The Kablegram
Staunton, Virginia
Gentlemen:

I have taken the Alumni Edition of the Kablegram from the mail this morning and have been particularly interested in each issue to see if there were any references to the boys of 1911 in the columns. I was quite happy to notice the reference to Judge F. S. Crosby, who is to be congratulated on his elevation to the bench.

The thought occurred to me that it would be a very splendid idea for those who receive The Kablegram to add to its interest in behalf of the alumni by making contributions to its Alumni Column. After all we are interested in our old friends and the only way we have of contacting any of them will be through this medium, and if The Kablegram is good enough to supply the column we should be charitable enough to supply the information.

I recall quite well sitting at one end of the table with fellows like Hal Tindel, (Horse) McFarland, Herbert Rollins, A. V. Gwynne, Hill Meyers and Walter Sutherland, and it was definitely determined at that time that we would have a reunion in fifteen years. Needless to say, our responsibilities and other diversions interfered with those intentions, and since the boys are so widely scattered we lose track of early associations, which were so happily made.

I, of course, am still in contact with Walter Sutherland, who is on the Editorial Staff of the Chicago American at Chicago, Illinois, one of my most intimate associates since childhood.

I had the good fortune of a visit from Hill Meyers, who I understand is still down at Shreveport, Louisiana. Just last year I had the pleasure of being called on by Stinson, who lives in southern Indiana, as he was going north to attend the graduation ceremonies of his daughter at the University of Wisconsin.

These are all pleasant reflections, and I believe that we could add to them by letters that would revive memories of such as Buzzard Jordan, Rose Pryle, Bubbles Brown, Sammy Kent, Gibbie Kyle, Jasroy Strong, A. V. Gwynne, Archibald Perkins, and many others.

I would certainly enjoy some contributions from some of these boys, I have already been informed that some have passed on, but there are plenty left to help with The Kablegram, and as some of us get about the country we may be in position to drop in for an unexpected pleasant chat of the old days.

Personally, my address is at Bloomington, Illinois, where I am practicing law.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Fred W. Wollrab

Letter From Hopson

Columbia, S. C.,

December 14, 1936.

The Editor, The Kablegram,

It was not so many years ago that I was a cadet in the Old School on the "Hill" and of course at this time of the year the only thoughts were those of "home and her"—now the situation is reversed and while it's true they are still of "her" the thoughts are perhaps reversed and it's now "S. M. A. and the old gang."

First of all let me thank you for the "Alumni Editions," which are appreciated more than I can tell. It still seems possible to enter into the life of the Cadet Corps through your kindness, even though the names of

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Class of '27 Plans to Hold Re-Union at Finals in June

Word has been received here that the graduates of 1927 are organizing their tenth re-union which will be held during Finals this year. This will be the first time that a good many of the boys of that class will have returned to school, and plans are being made to entertain them.

Those alumni of that class who are anxious to hear more of this will please get in touch with anyone of the following mentioned fellow classmates:

GEORGE W. ROSS,

1912 Bolton Street, Baltimore, Md.

MAX TURNER,

Titusville, New Jersey.

FRANK McFEATHER,

1627 Beechwood Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.

ROBERT S. WICK,

Swarthmore Apts., Swarthmore, Pa.

Letters From "Old Timers" Aroused Much Interest

The letters from Dr. Howard, Tucker Royall, and J. F. Minor in the last alumni issue of The Kablegram has stirred up quite a bit of correspondence between the "Real Old Timers of Forty Years Ago." Requests for extra copies of the paper and also gratifying letters to The Kablegram have been results of this issue.

Tucker Royall, '96, has made plans to attend this year's commencement exercises and has written James F. Minor, and others, to meet him here. Mr. Royall failed to say in his letter in The Kablegram, that he was the best drilled cadet in the corps in 1896. He has this medal now and prizes it very highly.

Another "old timer" inspired by the above mentioned articles to write, is John W. Philp, Class of '93, whose address is 1900 Griffin St., Dallas, Texas.

S. D. Timberlake, Class '91, Made Trustee of Academy

S. D. Timberlake, Jr., has been appointed a member of the board of trustees of the Staunton Military Academy, to succeed the late Judge William A. Pratt.

Mr. Timberlake, who is one of the foremost trial lawyers in the State of Virginia, is a member of the firm of Timberlake and Nelson, which for thirty years has been one of Staunton's leading law firms.

Mr. Timberlake was born in Staunton on October 30, 1874. He received his secondary education in Staunton at private schools and at Staunton Military Academy, where he was graduated in 1891. He was graduated from Washington and Lee University law school in 1896, and is a member of the legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi.

Robert B. Barlow and Miss Mary Frances Jones were married November 21, in the St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Newport, R. I.

Mr. Barlow, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Alfred Barlow, Jr., of Paterson, N. J., graduated here as a cadet lieutenant in 1933. He returned the following year for a post-graduate course, and served as cadet major until mid-term, when he transferred to the Bullis School in Washington. He was president of the Cotillion Club, and was also awarded a letter in football.

They will reside at 683 East Twenty-second street in Paterson, N. J., where he is interested in the textile industry.

Capt. and Mrs. Thomas Horne, Jr., of Lufkin, Texas, sent a Christmas card with best wishes and greetings, to the entire corps of cadets at Staunton. Captain Horne graduated with the class of 1921.

NOTES FROM BALTIMORE

(By T. V. Litzenburg '32)

Stewart Ashton, who has been all over several states since being with F. W. Woolworth & Co., is now the assistant manager of their largest Baltimore store, at 223 West Lexington Street. Have seen him several times, and have had some very enjoyable talks with him.

David H. DeVilliers, ex-'26, is in business in Baltimore, as the Standard Cap & Molding Co., 311 West Baltimore St. Had a short talk with him, and hope to have the opportunity of seeing him again soon.

J. E. Hibline, Jr., ex-'25, is associated with his father in the coal business with offices in the Mercantile Trust Bldg., Baltimore. Had a long talk with "Hibby," and we recalled many mutual acquaintances, despite the fact that he left school several years before I did.

Robert Kinnier, '26, is operating a garage at 415 West Fayette St., Baltimore. Had quite a lengthy chat with Bob, and he tells me that he often sees Ben Rosenbloom, and various other alumni from Baltimore.

George W. Ross, '27, is now with the National Re-Employment Service in Baltimore. This is the first time I had met Ross, although I had talked with him on the phone several times a year or two ago in connection with an alumni meeting in Washington. He shows a great deal of interest in S. M. A., as have all the other men to whom I have spoken, and we both found it very enjoyable recalling instructors we knew and happenings of interest.

Robert L. Wilson, ex-'10, is in the hardware business, address being 126 West 25th Street, Baltimore. Mr. Wilson tells me that he frequently sees local alumni through business connections, and mentioned Jack Gwyer as one.

A very interesting letter from Frank C. Lepore, '32, who is with the National Broadcasting Co., Radio City, New York, tells of meetings with Wilbur Benjamin, '32, George Molnar, '34, and Fred Colwell, '32, all in New York.

Editor's Note: Litzenburg has asked The Kablegram to announce that he is anxious to hear from any alumnus in or around Baltimore who graduated since 1932, whose name is not listed in the Alumni Directory published by the Academy in 1932.

IN MEMORIAM

ED CHALLENGER, '25

(By Ned Evans, '26)

They buried Ed Challenger a few weeks ago.

Ed Challenger, the Brooklyn boy who went South with a song in his smile, character in his soul, a brilliant mind in his head. To become loved and respected at Staunton.

His was that natural aptitude that spelled success at anything he tackled. Football, a sergeantcy his second year; Honor Committee and Commission his third year and finally the Kable Legion of Honor when Colonel Tom Russell handed out the diplomas.

He brought to his job the same steadfast qualities of honor, energy and competence that singled him out one among the many at Staunton. He died a newspaper man. A good newspaper man on the staff of a crack metropolitan daily—the New York American.

SCHUBERT—DREYER

Undersheriff Jacob S. Dreyer and Mrs. Dreyer, of Port Jefferson, L. I., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Virginia Hope Dreyer, to Mr. Charles Robert Schubert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Schubert, of Douglaston, Queens.

Mr. Schubert prepared at Staunton Military Academy, attended Lehigh University and is a member of Phi Delta Theta. He is in the insurance business in Philadelphia.

Staunton Nine Conquers Adelphi Academy 10 To 4

Laux and Johnson H. Star With Home Runs

The S. M. A. varsity baseball team won its initial game of the 1937 season with a decisive 10 to 4 score over the Adelphi Academy nine of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Kable Field on Friday afternoon, April 2. The outstanding features of the game were the two home runs by Laux over the left fielder's head, and the circuit clout by Johnson H. in deep center. In addition to their homers Laux and Johnson H. smashed out a single apiece to garner the slugging honors of the contest. Ruth and Purkitt tied for second batting laurels with two hits each.

Staunton used three pitchers, with Spuhler hurling the first six innings and holding the visitors to one run. Schaper was sent to the box in the seventh inning and walked two batters and allowed two hits for three runs, retiring at the end of the frame in favor of Pavluchik, who limited the Adelphi players to no hits and no runs in the last two cantos.

Adelphi Academy was forced to call on four pitchers, Revoire for the first four innings, Pines for the fifth and sixth, Platt for the seventh, and Neudoffer for the final two.

Staunton batted around in the third to collect five runs on four hits and two walks. In this canto Bradford walked, then Johnson H. lined out a home run, followed by a circuit smash by Laux accounting for three runs. Then Capt. Kehs walked, remaining at first while Purkitt, the next batter struck out. Spuhler then lined out a two-base hit to score Capt. Kehs, followed by another double by Ruth, which sent Spuhler across the plate, before the home side was retired on McNair's fly to left and Conner's strike-out.

Fielding honors went to Ruth, S. M. A. second baseman, who handled 13 chances without an error, making five assists and eight put-outs in flawless form.

The summary:

S. M. A.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Ruth, 2b	5	0	2	8	5	0
McNair, ss	4	0	1	1	2	2
Conner, cf	5	1	0	0	0	0
Bradford, lf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Johnson H., lb	4	3	2	9	0	0
Laux, 3b	5	2	3	2	2	1
Kehs, rf	4	2	1	2	0	0
Purkitt, c	5	0	2	3	4	0
Brackman, lf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Spuhler, p	2	1	1	1	1	0
Schaper, p	1	0	0	0	1	0
Pavluchik, p	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Adelphi	39	10	13	27	15	3
Neudoffer, c, p	4	0	2	8	0	0
Revoire, lb, p	4	0	2	5	0	2
Veripapa, lf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Pearson, cf	4	0	1	1	0	2
Schumaker, ss	4	0	1	1	3	0
Platt, p, lb, 3b	4	1	0	2	0	1
Griffin, rf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Reid, 2b	1	1	0	3	1	0
Glass, 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Pines, p	2	1	1	0	0	0

Home runs: Laux 2; Johnson, H.; Griffin.

Two-base hits: Spuhler, Ruth, Kehs.

Struck out: by Spuhler 3, by Pavluchik 1, by Platt 3, by Revoire 2, by Pines 3.

Bases on balls: off Spuhler 1, off Schaper 2, off Pavluchik 1, off Platt 2, off Revoire 1, off Neudoffer 1.

Stolen bases: Conner, Kehs, Ruth, Johnson, Neudoffer, Reid, and Pines. Sacrifice hit: Spuhler.

Double plays: Laux to Ruth to Johnson, Schaper to Ruth to Johnson, McNair to Ruth to Johnson.

Umpire: Talley.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

MONDAY

April 5th—No games.
April 12th
Jones 9. vs. Wayne.....(U. F.)
Green vs. Jones W.(L. F.)
April 19th
April 19
Jones, W. vs. Watkins.....(U. F.)
Green vs. Wayne(L. F.)
April 26th
Green vs. Watkins.....(L. F.)
Parsons vs. Jones A.(U. F.)
May 3rd
Green vs. Parsons.....(L. F.)
Watkins vs. Jones A(U. F.)
May 10th
Green vs. Jones A.(L. F.)
Watkins vs. Wayne(U. F.)
May 17th
Ca. A vs. Co. B.....(U. F.)
Co. C vs. Band.....(L. F.)
Co. A vs. Co. C.....(L. F.)
Co. B vs. Band.....(U. F.)

WEDNESDAY

April 7th
Green vs. Watkins.....(U. F.)
Parsons vs. Jones, A.(L. F.)
April 14th
Green vs. Parsons.....(U. F.)
Watkins vs. Jones, A.(L. F.)
April 21st
Green vs. Jones, A.(U. F.)
Watkins vs. Wayne(L. F.)
April 28th
Jones, W. vs. Wayne.....(L. F.)
Watkins vs. Parsons.....(U. F.)
May 5th
Parsons vs. Wayne.....(L. F.)
Jones, A. vs. Jones, W.(U. F.)
May 12th
Jones, W. vs. Parsons.....(U. F.)

FRIDAY

April 9th
Jones, A. vs. Wayne.....(U. F.)
Watkins vs. Parsons.....(L. F.)
April 16th
Parsons vs. Wayne.....(U. F.)
Jones, A. vs. Jones, W.(L. F.)
April 23rd
Jones, W. vs. Parsons.....(U. F.)
(End of first round)
April 30th
Jones A. vs. Wayne.....(L. F.)
Green vs. Jones, W.(U. F.)
May 7th
Jones, W. vs. Watkins.....(L. F.)
Green vs. Wayne.....(U. F.)
May 14th
Company A vs. Band.....(U. F.)
Co. B. vs. Co. C.....(L. F.)
Co. A vs. Co. C.....(U. F.)
Co. B vs. Band.....(L. F.)

COMPANY CHAMPIONS

Company A ?
Company B ?
Company C ?
Band ?

Note: (U. F.) refers to Upper Field—nearest to North Barracks.
(L. F.) refers to Lower Field—at far end of Echols Field.

ALL SOFTBALL GAMES WILL START AT 4:30 P. M.
Captain W. F. Norton

Tennis Schedule

April 3—Peddie School...Here
April 10—Fork Union M.A...Here
April 16—U. Va. Fresh...There
April 23—M. M. A.Here
May 7 and 8—State Secondary Schools Championship Matches—at University of Virginia.
May 15—W. and L. Fresh...There

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Peddie School Defeats

S. M. A. Netmen 5 to 0

The S. M. A. tennis team lost its opening match of the 1937 season to the strong Peddie School racquet wielders on the home courts by the one-sided score of 5 to 0 on Saturday afternoon, April 3.

Charles Mattman, playing No. 1 for Peddie, triumphed over Don Fairbairn of Staunton by the decisive counts of 6-2 and 6-1 in the initial singles contest.

Playing No. 2 for Peddie was Jack VonMaur, who took the measure of Staunton's Capt. Edward Aurand in straight sets, 6-3 and 6-3.

At No. 3 was Peddie's Capt. Harold Peters, who was victorious over Roland Tremble of S. M. A. by the scores of 6-4 and 6-1.

In the first doubles match the visitors' pair of Mattman and VonMaur defeated Capt. Aurand and Paul Warwick of Staunton by the counts of 6-1 and 6-2.

The only contest of the afternoon to extend through three sets was the second doubles match, which Capt. Peters and Stanley Vaughn of Peddie won over Fairbairn and Tremble of S. M. A. by the scores of 3-6, 6-2, and 7-5.

Guests From Twenty States
(Continued From Page One)

New Jersey—Bridgeton: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacPherson. Fords: Mrs. Robert Berls, Mrs. Margaret Lesburg and mother. Newark: Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Franklin and two guests. Ridgewood: Mr. and Mrs. Laurence G. Meads and daughter. Rutherford: Mrs. Janet Giles and sister. Salem: Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Worthy. Trenton: Mr. Wallace B. Duff. Westfield: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Downs. Woodcliff: Mrs. Lawrence E. Hart and daughter Miss Marilyn Hart.

New York—Binghamton: Mrs. Ethel C. Rogers and two guests. Bronx: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ganzi and daughter. Bronxville: Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Gal. Mrs. William Warfield. Brooklyn: Mrs. Leo Beilinson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Newman, Mrs. Lucy Worden. Buffalo: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gamler, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Morrison and two children. Elmhurst: Mrs. Alice P. Wells and sister, Mrs. Edward Thomas. Forest Hills: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Fielding, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Sinnott and daughter. Garden City: Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. King and two daughters. New York City: Mrs. M. B. Breslin, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Howard, Mrs. Thomas Rawlinson, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Roosevelt and daughter Miss Virginia Roosevelt, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Stockard. Pelham Heights: Mr. and Mrs. James C. Di Giacomo. Pelham Manor: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Webster. Rockville Centre: Mr. George E. Richardson and friend. Scarsdale: Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Fairbairn, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Sullivan. Tuckahoe: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Berman and daughter and father. Wolcott: Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Foster.

North Carolina—Charlotte: Mr. and Mrs. F. Seifart. Chinquapin: Mrs. Mary B. Parker. Leaksville: Mr. and Mrs. Ballard B. Martin and one guest. New Bern: Mrs. J. C. Parsons and guest, Miss

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Oklahoma—Hon. and Mrs. Wesley E. Disney.

Pennsylvania—Alliquippa: Mrs. R. N. Keyser, mother, father and sister. Ardmore: Mr. and Mrs. E. Frost and daughter. Bethlehem: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Heacock, Mr. William A. Ruth. Cresson: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Aurand. Erie: Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Grunden and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kitchens, Mrs. E. E. Knox, Mrs. George E. Loeffel, Mrs. Hazel R. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Randecker, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gus Schaper and two guests, Mrs. Walter F. Traut, Mrs. H. S. Wittmaak. Johnstown: Mr. and Mrs. Nicola Cavallo, Mrs. Mary A. Johncours and daughter. Lancaster: Mrs. Sylvester Z. Moore. Merion: Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Warwick and daughter. Millvale: Mr. and Mrs. George F. P. Langfitt. New Castle: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rugh. Pittsburgh: Mr. Sam E. Hall and daughter and friend, Mrs. F. S. Kaulback, Mrs. Charles A. Meyer, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Sterling. Robesonia: Mrs. H. Dale Thomas and three guests. Scranton: Mrs. John F. Davis, Miss Jannett Suttie. Wilkes-Barre: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoover and Miss Mary Belle Hoover.

South Carolina—Charleston: Mrs. J. Benson Rose and Miss Margaret Johnson.

Texas—Tyler: Mr. and Mrs. George A. DeMontond.

Virginia—Rehoboth Church: Miss Elizabeth Ball. Richmond: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scott. Staunton: Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Tullidge.

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A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

IF EDGAR ALLAN POE HAD NOT COME TO SMA BEGINNING

Ah, my readers, I regret that I have made a quarter bet that I can write a poem worthy of the high-and-mighty Poe. I don't really like to do it But "Haec fortunitas ut fuit" (What that means I must confess I really, truly, do not know).^{*} But I'll get this poem written; By the po'try bug I'm bitten (And, besides, it just so happens I can use a little dough.) Now (hot dog!) my poem's ending; I must now my way be wending So now with your leave I think it necessary that I go. (Quoth the reader, "Nevermore.")^{*} Neither do I—Major Duggan.

SOME LOONEY CHEMISTRY DEFINITIONS FROM THE LITERARY DIGEST

Zinc—what we wash in.
Barium—what we do with dead people.
Atom—Eve's husband.
Nitrate—we get it using the phone late at night.
Sulphur—what we do when we get burned.

One Act Play

Scene: Court room.
Time: Any time.
Judge: "What's he charged with?" (Enter policeman dragging in prisoner before judge.)
Cop: "Vagrancy, your honor."
Judge (to prisoner): "One year at hard labor."
Prisoner: "But your honor, I just spent two years at N. M. Military Institute."
Judge: "Case dismissed—he's served his time."
—Pup Tent

MOTHER GOOSE AT S. M. A.

The chimney-sweep comes to my home town
He always cleans the chimneys down.
Soots me.

Rub-a- dub dub,
Three men in a tub,
Boy were they crowded.

A large and sturdy house have we,
It's hidden, so you see,
Don't mansion it.

The mountains look like paintings rare
With loads of fragrance in the air,
Scene it?

Hickory dickory dock, the mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one, and down he did run,
Boy, was he scared.

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
Boy, what a scramble.

Wire, briar, limber lock,
Three geese in a flock,
One flew east, one flew west,
And one flew over the cuckoo's nest,
And how!

—J. Greene.

Short and Snappy

A junior reporter, frequently reprimanded for relating too many details and warned to be brief, sent in the following:

"Last night Sir Dwight Hopeless, a guest at Lady Panmore's ball, complained of feeling ill, took a drink, his hat, his coat, his departure, no notice of his friends, a taxi, a pistol from his pocket, and finally his life. Nice chap. Regrets."
—American Boy

TO THE CORPS

Here's to your uniform suave cadet. It may be yourself they love, and yet, I have a feeling, no way I can test it, It's the stripes and the cap—I only suggest it.

—J. Greene.

Looks Like Him

A: "They say I have eyes just like my father."

B: "Yes, I've heard somebody remark that you were pop-eyed."
—Boys Life.

The Handicap

During the progress of a terrible battle the captain rushed up to his men and said:

"Now, boys, fight like the very dickens until your ammunition is all gone—then run."

Then the captain started for the rear at top speed.

"Where are you going?" shouted a private.

"I'm starting now, boys—on account of my rheumatism."
—American Boy

And So On

In a London clothing factory an argument between two porters who had obviously disagreed over something, finish as follows:

"Garn. Yed don't know wot yer talking abaht."

"Oo don't'?"

"You don't. Yer oughter 'ave yer brains looked at."

"Yus, and you oughter 'ave yer brains looked at, and if the bloke wot looks at 'em don't find nuffink wrong then 'e oughter 'ave 'is looked at."
—American Boy.

Unheard

"Sister," said a small boy, "I was walking down the street and I fell and hurt myself."

"Did you cry when you got up?" asked the little girl.

"Of course I didn't cry. What's the use of crying when there's no one around to hear you?"—Boys Life.

Junior School Notes

Down in the junior school we have acquired a little rabbit. Cadet Schultz is taking care of it, and under his careful eye it seems to be quite satisfied.

Most of the boys have received new baseball mits. In about a week the junior baseball team will be well under way.

With great regret we announce the following deaths: one of Schultz's chickens, Berman's alligator, and three of Herz's goldfish.

The final match of the ping-pong tournament was between Julian Klein and Curtis McKinney. Klein won. We all thought they both played a very good game.

Our play, "The Courtship of Miles Standish," was a great success, and many parents were present. Between the acts of the play, the audience was entertained by Allen Coulter, Bobby Seigle, Allen Brimer, and John Guth.

Our latest addition of pets to the junior school, besides the rabbit, are five chicks. They are owned by Cadets Gal, Alan Seigle, and Schultz. Last week George Landau's canary laid two eggs.

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Alumni Notes

(Continued From Page Two)

Miss Marion Frances Stinemeyer and Mr. William Harry Greer were married November 28 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCabe Stinemeyer, in Hilton Village, Virginia.

Mr. Greer, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Greer, of Staunton, graduated from the Staunton Military Academy in 1932. While here he was sports editor of The Kablegram, and of The Shrapnel.

They will reside on Kalorama street in Staunton. Mr. Greer is connected with a wholesale jewelry company.

Jack S. Walz, '11, is assistant manager at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore. He recently attended the National Hotel Convention held in Atlantic City.

Alfan Klein writes that he is "timekeeper on a factory being built in Tampa, Florida, by the American Can Company." His address is care American Can Co., Tampa, Fla.

William Reber of '35 is now attending Lehigh, and is an important figure on the school magazine, The Lehigh Review Board.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Schiller Martin, '28, of Steubenville, Ohio, visited the Academy on December 17th. They were accompanied by their three-year-old son.

"Bill" Littell, '23, is a captain in the Q. M. Reserves and is first assistant district quartermaster for the Fourth C. C. C. District located at Fort Adams, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Burnham were recent visitors in Staunton. Mr. Burnham is a former student at S. M. A., where he held the office of cadet major in his graduating year. Mr. J. Ward, also a former cadet, was a recent visitor on "The Hill."

Word has been received of the marriage in December of William P. Shuster, S. M. A. '27, to Miss Bertha Baum. Mr. and Mrs. Shuster live at Indiana, Pa., where Mr. Shuster is plant superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company.

George O. Bear, '28, is engaged to be married next June to Miss Jane Maxine Young, of New York City.

Mr. Baer is a graduate of Staunton Military Academy and of the University of Miami. He is a member of the United States Reserve Officers Association and the New York Republican County Committee. He belongs to the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity, and among his clubs are Sunningdale Country Club of Scarsdale, Hollywood Golf Club of Deal, and the Harmonie Club of this city.

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Letters From Old Boys

(Continued From Page Two)

the present corps may be different from those of the years 1919-20-21-22 and last but not least the famous class of '23 which boasted of such famous members as "Chuck" Milbank, "Fire Chief" Turnbull, and "Diz" Greene. Those were the days of the "Royal Order of Fleas," which organization ruled the South Barracks, much to the dismay of certain faculty members.

I have been awfully unfortunate in that I have not been in a section of the country where many of that old gang live and the only Old Cadets I have had the pleasure of seeing and discussing the famous "mess hall Ham" and other famous activities of the "Hill" have been Rudolf, Gleaton '23, who is connected with a dental concern working out of Columbia, and Joe Felber, who at that time was a second lieutenant, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Moultrie, S. C. Then, some time ago, I stopped off in Pulaski, Va., to see the Dalton boys, who are managers of a large drug store and movie hall. I have not even been fortunate enough to get a letter from any of the gang, but perhaps that is my fault, as I'm not much on letter-writing myself.

As for what I am doing, let it suffice to say that I am with The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, in South Carolina. I have held various positions with this company during the past eight years and am at present manager of the wholesale and retail order and billing department in the division office here in Columbia.

Thanks again for your remembrance of the "Old Boys" and please pass on my regards to all of the old guard.

Yours for the "Blue and Gold,"
(Signed) W. H. HOPSON, '23.

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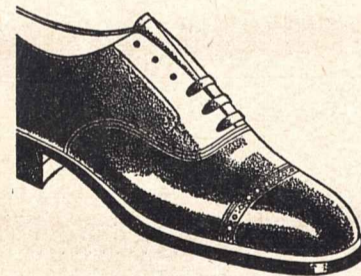
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