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School Announces

independence Day

Independence day at Rutgers

Prep is October 23, 1958. On that

day the last remaining tie with Rut-

gers University, a matter of $100,000

in preparatory school endowment,

was resolved in the Superior Court

in Trenton.

Prep Receives Endowments

The endowments, including $85,000

from the George Y. N. Baldwin Jr.

estate, were released by the Rutgers

University’s board of trustees to

the prep school under the authori-

zation of the court.

Before its separation from Rutgers

in 1957, all gifts to Prep had to be

donated through the University

board of trustees. The $100,000 will

be used in the future towards the

purchasing of the new high school

at the Elm Farm Campus.

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Bill Jones Leaves

Bill Jones, our red-headed sopho-

more, will be in Brussels, Belgium

for the next two years. He says, “I

feel it will be a great opportunity |

for me and the family, but I feel

great remorse about leaving my

homeland and friends.”

Bill Will Go To American

Boarding School

He thinks he will go to an Ameri-

can boarding school either in Swit-

zerland or London. Bill says he

would prefer London not only he-

cause of relatives living there, but

because “Londoners speak English.”

Bill will be writing an Argo column

for every issue about people, schools,

sights, and incidents. He will be back

to go to Rutgers University, his

academic goal.

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December Concert

The holiday season will be ushered

in for Prepsters and their families

by the presentation of the Annual

Glee Club Concert to be held at the

Prep Gym on Friday, December 12

at 8 p.m.

The songsters, consisting of upper

and lower school pupils under the

able direction of Mrs. Edward A.

Durkee Jr., are preparing a pro-

gram of Christmas music. Included

in the program are “Gesu Bambino,”

“We Wish You A Merry Christmas,”

“The Carol of the Little King,”

“Ding Do: Merrily on High’, and

other familiar and loved selections

of the nativity.

RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Key Club Beautifies Prep Gymnasium

For Exciting ° ‘Autumn Leaves” Dance

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November, 1958

Miller, Gunkle, Struk, Wintersteiner, Levy Plan Dance Budget. .

Graduate’s Letter To Argo

Honors 1958 Ye Dial Advisor

By Bernard Karshmer

I have just received word that our

yearbook, Ye Dial 1958, won first

prize at the Columbia Scholastic

Press Association. This is an even

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Classes Plan Trips

A new class program will be start-

ed this year, with the individual

classes taking separate trips.

The Freshman Class has tenta-

tively decided to go to New York

where they will tour Radio City and

see a play. The planning commit-

tee is headed by William Sleigh.

The Junior Class planning com-~-

mittee consists of Bruce Miller,

Nancy Lee, and Peter Wintersteiner,

They have decided to see Westside

Story, a Broadway play.

Stanley Kamel's Sophomore Class

planning committee has planned a

theater party, which will be preceded

by lunch in New York,

The Senior Class will visit the R.

C.A. Building in New York in the

morning and see a matinee in the

afternoon.

greater honor for a man who is

often overlooked when such a prize

is awarded. The man to whom I am

referring is Mr. Alfred Gaggini.

Ye Dial Advisor Devotes Much Time

During my years on the yearbook

staff, I never fully realized just how

important a good advisor, as Mr,

Gagzini, was to the publication of

a good yearbook. I did discover as

Editor of the Ye Dial last year, how

invaluable a willing and capable

man like Mr, G. can be. It would

take many pages to tell of all the

weekends he spent in the Prep

School building working with the

staff, or of all the time he spent at

home working to make sure that a

deadline was met. Mr, Gaggini's

never tiring enthusiasm and calm-

ness helped us out of many seem-

ingly impossible situations,

I am sure that I speak for the

rest of the staff when I say that

we could never have done it alone.

This is my small way of saying

thanks to Mr. Gaggini; a teacher and

a friend.

The Key Club sponsored a dance

on Saturday evening, the 22nd of

November at 8:00 at the Prep Gym.

The theme was “Autumn Leaves”

and the dress was informal.

The members of the Key Club

with the help of various other stu-

dents took care of the refreshments

and decorations, The gym was de-

corated in an array of fall colors:

orange, brown, red and yellow, and

a spotlight was focused on a display

of logs spelling Autumn Leaves.

Refreshments Were Delicious

The refreshments were prepared

by Linda Levy, Betsy Kady, and

Nancy Lee. George McCain and

Ronald Smyth took care of the light-

ing. The colorful decorations were

made possible by much diligent work

the night before the dance on the

part of Jim Smith, Nancy Lee, Mary

Bunting, Amy Riddering, Jay Gold-

smith, Steven Holsten, Peter Winter-

steiner, Susie Hancox, and Danylo

Struk,

Bruce Miller, the chairman, had

made arrangements with a band

called the “Eighth Notes,” who have

been playing locally for about a

year. Hank Gurshman played the

git-fiddle in the four piece band.

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RUTGERS PREPARATORY SCHOOL f22, || pear Editor:

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From The Editor’s Desk

Among the many innovations in this wonderful year for Rutgers Prep

is the beginning of the Physical Education Program under the guidance

of Mr. O’Connell, Following the suggestion of the Middle States Secondary

Education Board, Prep officials enlisted the aid of ‘““Oakie” and Mr. Dickin-

son and are laying the ground work for a sound physical education pro-

gram for both boys and girls at Prep.

Particularly pertinent were the remarks of Miss Pat Walsh, Directo:

of the Girls Education Department, Piscataway High School, when sh:

spoke to the girls of the student body recently. Miss Walsh pointed out

that physical activity benefits the mind as well as the body, and that ¢

well rounded school program must include a planned amount of physica’

education.

Prep officials are to be congratulated in beginning the physical educa-

tion program this year despite the many problems which have arisen ir

our formal separation from Rutgers University and the successful openins

of the Elm Farm Campus. Certainly their interest in giving us this pro-

gram demands the respect and cooperation of every Prep student. Eacr

one of us will receive benefits equal only to what is put into this project

Plans call for a variety of activity large enough to cover the interests o/

every student. Choosing the sport which interests you and giving your

Physical Education class your whole hearted cooperation will benefit you

personally as well as the school.

In a democracy such as ours,

where freedom of expression is an

inherent privilege, the power of the

press is practically unlimited. This

power to do good, and unfortunately

sometimes to do evil, is wielded by

the various papers through their

editorials, columns and \_ feature

articles. It seems regretable that let-

ters to the editor are usually wasted.

Letters Can Be Wasted

A friend of my father recently

wrote a letter to a city newspaper

in which he made the rather sensible

suggestion that, if put into effect,

would save the taxpayers consider-

able money on municipal automobile

expenditures. His letter asked that

if the paper felt his suggestion had

merit, it should use its vast editorial

power to work for it. Otherwise, it

was useless to publish the letter, for

he was sending it solely to “get re-

sults and not just to see my name

in print.”

Here we have a thought worthy

of consideration. Very many letters

to editors are pointless, inane, or

trite, as this one may be, but oc-

casional letters contain valuable and

sometimes unique suggestions which,

if put into effect, might benefit us

all. It seems a pity that such valu-

able thoughts should be published

once and then forgotten

Sincerely,

Marvin Cheiten.

has killed his lord, and the tension

makes the air electric with evil.

Shakespeare is aware of this, and in

Scene III he disperses the gloom

Marc Time

By Mare Leavitt

Every freshman in school knows

that Shakespeare wrote tragedies.

Some students fail to learn that he

also wrote rollicking comedies like

The Taming of the Shrew and high

comedy like the Tempest. He wrote

unparalleled sonnets and interesting

narrative poetry.

Shakespeare is primarily famous

for his plays, and of these he wrote

three distinct types: the tragedy,

the comedy and the history. The

histories deal with facets of English

history. In Shakespeare’s day this

form was very popular, and found

expression in works like King John,

and Richard II.

Humor Eternal

Shakespeare was a master of

comedy because of his universality.

Plays like Measure for Measure ap-

pealed to everyone, nobles and peas-

ants. They still hold their appeal

because Shakespeare’s humor is so

eternal.

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Shakespeare Uses Universals

Nowhere is his universality more

clearly seen than in the tragedies, At

the end of Act II, Scene II, Macbeth

with the antics of a drunken porter

who nearly reaches Falstaff as one

of the great comic characters of

literature. The porter speaks until

Macduff re-enters crying, “Oh hor-

ror! horror! horror!” thus setting us

back within the tragedy.

Shakespeare is worth reading.

Two very good reasons are his uni-

versality, and knowledge of human

psychology.

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School Announces Honors

The first marking period ended on

November 8. The honor list shows

the following people leading in their

classes: Seniors — Danylo Struk,

Robert Shepard, Bruce Gunkle,

Steve Holsten, Linda Levy, Johanna

Rooda; Juniors: Gabrielle Gibbs,

Nancy Tompkinson, Richard Kluft,

Henry Gurshman, Elizabeth Kady,

James Smith; Sophomores: Paul

Gottlieb, Marvin Cheiten, Mark

Levine, Patricia Cox, Carol Hein-

lein; Freshmen: Charles Feldman,

Jean Kramer, Susanna Margolis,

Barbara Abernethy, Richard Patt,

Martin Ossad.

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to see that this year

the girls in our school will have a

real opportunity to get some physi-

cal exercise. I know that in the past,

the boys participated in all sports,

while the girls did no physical work

except cheer-leading.

Pat Walsh Recommends Exercise

I hope this year the girls will

play basketball and tennis and will

go swimming and bowling. The phy-

sical education program will also

consist of horseback riding and boat-

ing. Any girl will be able to join

these activities, depending on her

own choice. I hope that all the girls

will try to participate in some kind

of physical activity, as Coach O'Con-

nell has spent much time and ef-

fort to work out a suitable program.

Physical exercise will keep you heal-

thy and give you confidence and

poise, according to Pat Walsh. So,

come on girls, let’s not get that

“middle-age” spread too quickly!

Sincerely,

Barbara Abernethy.

At An Inn

By Miles Merwin

Day fades to dusk, and aurora

majestically decends from her throne

to be received into the cobweb-like

arms of black night which silently

rises, slowly gliding, to meet the

fair lady, like a snake through a

bed of ferns or velvet over marble.

Night in its starry spectacle has

come, and from the roof-top garden

a tranquil hush of an ending sum-

mer day seems to envelope the great

city.

Suddenly-like the clashing of

giant symbols or the pounding of

brass drums — the city begins vi-

brating. Lights come on, flooding

the crowded subways, darkened al-

leys, and the hurrying, harried office

worker in a garish, exuberant glare.

Horns begin blaring, subways begin

screeching, shuffling, heaving mas-

ses of people elbow their way across

crowded streets from crowded build-

ings, and like a giant wave reaching

a crescendo of power, the people

surge forward, massing upon the

exits.

In the roof-top dining room there

is a summer stillness. The pace of

the city below is like the gentle »

beat of the surf upon sand; soft

lights and summer breezes add to

the soothing effect like the ninth

wave upon the shore, people surge

in and the stillness of the dining

room is broken by the swishing

sound of the cocktail shakers, the

twinkling sound of ice, the jar of

knives and forks, the bang of dinner

plates and the flapping of napkins.

Then comes the running of the raw

vegetables, the sawing of meet with

dull knives, the clank of the spoon

as the potatoes are placed on the

plate and the oozing of the heavy

gravy as it is ladled over the food.

The clatter of coffee cups announces

the dessert, and with the jingle of

change and sliding of sandpaper —

like money — the meal is finished

Chairs scrape back, the lights are

dimmed and a temporary hush falls

over the crowd, only to be replaced

by the entrance of a combo-banc

into the smoke-filled room, The

piano player jabs, the trumpeter

blasts, the clarinet slurs and the

drummer pounces, bouncing and

clawing, and the music begins. Into

the glaring light of the dance floor

slither the dancers, sliding and glid-

ing, and clapping and shuffling

along in uneven time with the music.

Once again silence reigns supreme

over the city. Lights blink out, travel

stops, the summer streets lie deserted

and the river black and silent. In the

sky above black night rules over the

slumbering city,

November, 1958

IN THIS

CORNER

—

by Paul Gottlieb

In the past, attendance at Prep

athletic events has included only a

small percentage of students. This

shows a lack of school spirit on the

part of the student body. The boys

are out for sports practice until five

in the afternoon, running and work-

ing plays. The coaches are forever

planning new plays and trying

various combinations of players to

obtain the best team. Schedules have

been made up and arrangements

have been made for the various ath-

letic events. The school cheerleaders

are at every game, trying to keep

alive the spirit that is in the few

spectators. All these people are work-

ing to uphold Rutgers Prep’s athletic

reputation. Are you doing your part?

Let’s Help Them

The next chance for you to come

out and represent your school is or

December 2, when our basketball

team meets St. Mary’s in the Prep

Gym. Let’s show some spirit and

have the gym packed for this oc-

casion.

SOCCER

Soccer season is over for this year,

but we are already looking forward

to next fall. We are all sorry to be

losing our experienced seniors, but

we must look to the future. There

is a number of underclassmen who

showed promise during this season

Rather than wait until next fall rolls

around, the team expects to have a

spring practice session. This will

enable the boys to keep in practice

and to prepare them for the fol-

lowing season.

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In Basketba

Much to the delight of the basket-

ball coaches, Jim Dickinson and

Dick O'Connell, many varsity letter-

men will be returning to give the

basketball team a look which may

bring back memories of the 1953-

1954 and ’54-’55 Prep squads.

Jim Dunn Before Scrimmage.

Leading the list is the big bruiser,

Bruce Gunkle. Bruce, who led the

county in scoring last year, retur-

ed to basketball camp this summer

and is a good bet to score the 488

points he needs for 1,000.

Behind Bruce is “Monkey” Feld-

man. Monk, who got 327 points last

year, has grown since. In practice

thus far, he seems to have lost none

of his speed and skill.

The surprise third man on the

squad is Ted Browne. After shifting

schools twice in the last two years,

Ted hopes to be here to stay. He has

VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Il Prospects

a wicked set shot and might easily

top 350 points.

Mel Hamelsky, after two years of

inactivity, finally steps to the fore-

front. With several new shots under

his belt, Mel will almost definitely

score 300 points and be quite a valu-

able man to have around.

Jimmy Dunn, last year’s Junior

Varsity high scorer, rounds out the

starting five. Jimmy, despite his

5’7” frame, is known for his “deadly

eye,” his shooting, and his speed

and should be a great asset in Prep’s

“fast break.”

The rest of the team should be

rounded out by Steven Holsten, Irv

Quackenboss, Clark McKnight and

several other players.

Prep Has Good Bench

For the first time in many years,

Prep should have a good bench. The

lack of reserves last year lost us

quite a few games; however, both

coaches do not believe that history

will repeat itself. Steve and Irv have

looked good in practice thus far.

‘The true test of the team came on

Wednesday, November 12, when it

bsat St. Mary’s of Perth Amboy.

All in all, the team looks better

now than it has looked in quite a

few years.

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| Prep Defeats Saint Mary's

In Year's First Scrimmage

In their initial scrimmage of the

fall, Coach Dickinson’s varsity and

J. V. basketball squads went through

the first of several such rugged pre-

parations for the regular season.

After six periods of play at the gym-

nasium of St. Mary’s school in

Perth Amboy, Prep came out on top

by a substantial score. Four of these

periods involved the two varsity

teams, while the other two busied

the respective J.V. squads.

Of the approximately 25 boys go-

ing out for basketball, only 12 made

the Perth Amboy trip. These 12 are

considered the cream of this year’s

crop.

As expected, Bruce Gunkle led

the Prep scorers with 22 points. The

game was also headlined by some

fancy backcourt play by “Monkey”

Feldman and an occasional success-

ful 40-foot set shot by Ted Browne.

“Mr. D.” had the manager, Bardy

Levavy, jotting down various statis-

tics on the play of each individual,

such as the number of passes miss-

ed, the number of offensive and

defensive rebounds, or the number

of exceptionally good or bad plays.

This November 15th scrimmage

was just the first of four such pre-

season warm-ups scheduled for this

month. The boys played also in Perth

Amboy on Nov. 18, and St. Mary’s

will be here later in the month.

Perth Amboy High School will

also be encountered just before the

regular season begins.

Athletic Program Continues Expansion

This year, the students of Rutgers

Prep have been offered four new

classes of sports. Each student must

participate in at least one of these,

or he will have to attend the requir-

ed gym program on Friday after-

noons.

The first activity being offered to

the students is a bowling program.

1958-1959

December Mr. Dickinson reports that fourty-

2. SoMa # - Home 3:30] rive people have signed up, but only

12¢, Hofman Away 8:00] half of them have brought in their

13 Peddie Home 2:00| permission slips. This group will

le eee Home 3:30] howl on Wednesday and Friday

17 -Croyden. Hall » Home 3:30} afternoons at Edison Lanes Bowling

January Alley.

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12 Hoffman . Home 3:30

14. Highland Park sess Home 4:00 Compliments of

16 South River . Away 8:00

20 Jamesburg Home 3:30 BILL & CAROL

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13. Sayreville Away 8:00

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A second activity, boating, was

offered to the boys during the first

few weeks of school, when the

weather was permissible. Mr. Daviet

took the boys to Elm Farm on Tues-

day and Thursday afternoons, where

they went boating on the canal.

As a third choice, Mr. O'Connell

is trying to organize a group to go

swimming on weekday afternoons in

the Y.M.C.A, pool. This activity is

still in the planning stage, but all

those concerned hope that it will be

worked out soon.

Finally, an intermural basketball

program is being worked on for both

the boys and the girls. This program

| will be sponsored by the Varsity R

| ctub. After all those wishing to par-

| ticipate have signed up, teams will

|be chosen. A regular schedule will

|be worked out for both leagues, and

| they will play twice a week.

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1. “Light coffee, please”

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2. “I’m just wild about horses”

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3. “What a blast we had at Tony

Pastor’s”

The Argo

| STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The Student Council of 1958 furthered its aims in the last six weeks

by a variety of methods and further proved itself to be a council of action

rather than words,

The whole school knows by now the great success of the hayride. Bruce

Miller, council secretary, was a great help in making the trip a success.

With the council’s support, Bruce Miller organized a committee of two

people to help him.

The first need of the council was taken care of by Mr. Dumarae.

Early in the month, the effectiveness of the council was greatly hampered

by a lack of discipline and parliamentary procedure. Consequently, much

time was lost for minor issues. Mr. Dumarae quickly solved this problem

by appointing Suzy Margolis as parliamentarian. This appointment greatly

improved meetings.

Further proof of the council's efficiency was shown when Linda Levy

took over during the president’s absence and did a commendable job. The

meeting was short and efficient.

As proof of its desire to experiment and improve itself, the council

showed a movie. The subject of this movie was “Student Council in Action.”

Although the movie did not turn out as successfully as was hoped, the

council still benefited from the experience.

The unusually large allotment for publications, Glee Club, class trips,

opera, and sundry cost, gave treasurer, Paul Gotlieb, little trouble in re-

ducing the budget from $3800 to $181. The expense of the hayride dropped

this figure to around $150, and the council appointed Peter Wintersteiner

and Barbara Abernethy to audit the accounts. The auditors verified this

figure. The lack of money is due largely to the $2350 spent on publications.

| The council also has done much in taking quick action on school trips.

The class trips are coming along nicely due to the foresight of Danny

Struk. The date of the trip is Wednesday, April 22.

The major news of this month is dance with the Key club sponsored

on November 22. Mr. Miller and Miss Levy were the committee to plan

this affair.

The good thing about the council is its apparent oneness. Although

there has not been a really “big” issue for it to disagree on, the council

wastes a minimum of time in accomplishing something. It is this quality

which accounts for the great efficiency of the council.

| Elm Farm Campus |

Recently, Mrs. Dixon’s seventh

grade elected five class officers

They are: President, Mike Jacobs;

Vice President, Peter Howley; Secre-

tary, Joe Vargyas; and Treasurer,

Robert Southerlin.

Grades three through seven are

being taught French three times a

week; the eighth grade has either

French, German, or Latin every day.

pax] This year Mrs. Wolfson's fourth

grade class is staging a drama pro-

oy gram, directed by the head of the

4. “The significance is . . .” drama department at Douglass.

Playing Field to be Ready in Spring

A large playing field is being clear-

ed and leveled. It is 400 feet by 175

feet. This will be ready by spring.

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November, 1958

Interview

By Amy Riddering

Most of the students at Prep pat-

ronize many of the stores and res-

taurants around Prep. The Argo was

interested in knowing exactly what

the store owners thought of this

business and how much they de-

pended on it. So I posed this ques-

tion, “Of what value are Prep cre-

ditors to you?”, and received some

very interesting and informative

answers. For instance, Inzano’s said,

“As far as the business stand point,

every bit helps, but it also creates

friendship between the boys and us

that even after they have left school

they come back and reminiscence

with us.”

Mayflower Expresses View

The Mayflower restaurant, which

many of the present and past Prep-

sters have frequented said, “As far

as a monitary value is concerned,

it is not as much as I would like to

see. All my seniors who used to

monopolize the restaurant have

graduated and only a faithful few

have remained. It will take time to

again gather the herd so to speak,

because a cleaner and more tasty

atmosphere is very difficult to find

where informality is the theme.”

Jackets Sold to Prep Boys

The Prepsters often patronize the

Co-op and Shelly's Bookstore for

school supplies and here are their

comments. The Co-op said, “We do

a very nice business with Prep espe-

cially in the jacket and paperback

line. I sell quite a few jackets to the

boys at Prep and there is quite a

crowd of business during lunchtime.

In fact, I have quite a few Prep-

sters who are members of the store.

Mr, Shelly’s Comments

While Mr. Shelly’s comment was,

“We always try to do as much busi-

ness as we can. Our volume to Prep

in relation to its enrollment is ex-

cellent, we think. We hope to con-

tinue this service to the upper classes

of Prep when they move to their

new location. We find that serving

some of our more precocious young-

sters is something “challenging” but

perty is being made into a two-room

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e weights, stall bars, etc. Also, the

CHEVROLET physical education department will

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have its offices there

we have expected the challenge and

after several years of service our

| doors are still entact and our display

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think is at least a minor victory

are standing which we

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