

## MEMORANDUM

To: Rick Melvoin, Head of School, and Board of Trustees, Belmont Hill School

From: The Howe Family (Reg Howe '58, Judy Howe Behn, Rick Howe '65, Phil Wilson, Jr., and Susan ("Tootie") Wilson Cole)

Re: Naming of the Head's Residence

Date: January 15, 2014

**Request:** This memo conveys the strong wish of the Howe family, as represented by the five surviving grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. Howe, that the Head's residence be named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. R. Heber Howe rather than solely in honor of Dr. Howe as originally suggested by the School. In this event, their great grandchild currently in possession of the only formal oil portrait of Mrs. Howe, which we believe was painted in Paris while Dr. Howe was pursuing his doctoral studies at the Sorbonne, has offered to donate it to the School for placement alongside the portrait of Dr. Howe in the newly named Howe House.

**Naming of Head's House:** The role played by Mrs. Howe in the founding of the School has been recognized by many, but perhaps nowhere more eloquently than by Finch Keller in his role as longtime editor of the Alumni Bulletin.

From the 25th Anniversary, 1923-1948, Alumni Bulletin (copy of full text attached):

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From Mrs. Howe's obituary in a 1962 Alumni Bulletin (copy of full text attached):

Mrs. Howe's influence on the character of the boys of the school from 1923 to 1932 was such that no graduate of that era has failed to mention in his twenty-five year biography his gratitude to her. She enjoyed young people and played an important part in Dr. Howe's outstanding success as Belmont Hill's first headmaster. She loved to see the graduates of this period but also never lost interest in the school and followed closely her new boys, the friends of her grandsons. Those of us who for over thirty years watched her as she attended all games or went bird walking, could feel her continuing interest and young point of view.

And from Henry Meyer's letter reprinted in the 25th Anniversary Alumni Bulletin:

Dr. Howe went to work and how he made the dirt fly. He had only an idea and a team. The School had no money, no land, no buildings, no teachers and no boys. But Dr. Howe believed in the project and sold it to everyone he met. And of course there was Mrs. Howe. One could say "no" to him but never to her. You know what happened. The School opened a little more than a year later with more boys than it could properly accommodate.

**Proposed Gift of Portrait of Mrs. Howe:** So far as we are aware, there are only two original artist portraits of Mrs. Howe: a 1912 oil painting by the American artist Russell Greeley done in France while Dr. Howe was working on his doctorate at the Sorbonne; and a 1961 pastel sketch by Grace Reasoner, a local Belmont artist, working under commission from Mrs. Howe's oldest granddaughter, Anne Wilson Kinter (recently deceased). A photographic copy of the latter hangs in the room named for Mrs. Howe in the basement of the Hamilton Chapel.

The oil portrait graced the Headmaster's house while Dr. and Mrs. Howe lived there, and later for many years hung in Phil and Sue Wilson's living room in Exeter. After their passing, the portrait went to their third daughter, Marion ("Smidge") Wilson Chandler, as she was named for her grandmother Howe. Following Smidge's death a few years ago, the portrait went to her eldest child, Dr. Eric V. Chandler, currently Head of Upper School, Kent Denver School, Denver, Colorado.

Should Howe House be named for Dr. and Mrs. Howe, Eric has graciously offered to donate the portrait in his possession to the School so that the formal oil portraits of his great grandparents can be reunited in the home from which they presided over the School's formative years, and where both portraits are likely to be seen by a wider and more varied group of persons with interests in the School than a single assembly room or even a classroom building would typically provide.

**Other Concerns:** In a recent letter to Reg Howe, Rick Melvoin raised a couple of concerns regarding naming the Head's house in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Howe: (1) the Howe Building to be replaced by the Melvoin Building was named in honor of Dr. Howe alone; and (2) when the Marion Barker Howe Assembly Room in the Hamilton Chapel was named in 1964, the school's intention was to honor her in accordance with Dick Howe's "strong wish before he died." Let us respond briefly to each of these concerns, reserving for possible later discussion other details that might be more appropriately discussed privately.

When the Howe Building was dedicated in 1958, Mrs. Howe was still alive and almost certainly would not have agreed to inclusion of her name on any building. Dick Howe, as a member of what was then the Executive Committee, recused himself from any role in naming of the new classroom building as soon as his father's name was suggested. More importantly, whatever logic then or now might argue against inclusion of Mrs. Howe's name on a classroom building, it can scarcely apply to the Head's residence, which was her home as much as Dr. Howe's and from which, as Finch Keller has written, she played a critical and influential part in establishing the School during its first decade.

While it is true that Dick Howe wanted the School to establish an appropriate memorial to his mother during his lifetime, it is not at all correct to suggest that he regarded the basement assembly room in the Hamilton Chapel as the ideal choice. His concerns in this regard, as expressed on numerous occasions to his children, revolved around: (1) the relative obscurity of the location to everyone except a few students; and (2) the growing tensions that marked his relationship with Fred Hamilton, particularly during the latter part of his administration. However, at the time there did not appear to be any other more suitable alternative. So far as any of us is aware, the idea of naming the Head's house is completely new, broached only when the Melvoin Building was proposed to replace the Howe Building.

In this connection, we wish to stress that we are all in favor of the Melvoin Building. Near the end of his life, Dick Howe frequently observed whenever the School was discussed: "Rick Melvoin is the best headmaster they've had up there since Dad." What is more, it was Dick Howe's idea to name the original Keller Rink in honor of Finch, not only to facilitate raising the necessary funds but also to honor the man while he was still active at the School. So in our view the funding and naming of the Melvoin Building has simply taken a page from Dick Howe's playbook.

**Future of Marion Barker Howe Assembly Room:** We are sensitive to the fact that naming the Head's house for Dr. and Mrs. Howe may make the assembly room named for Mrs. Howe appear a somewhat redundant honor. Also, prior to Eric Chandler's offer of the portrait of Mrs. Howe in his possession, there was no obviously available portrait of her for the Head's house other than that in the chapel assembly room.

However, with the portrait issue resolved, it seems to us that there are three basic options for the Howe Assembly Room: (1) leave it as is, which would enable the School to carry out a perceived mandate from Dick Howe that we do not believe exists; (2) rename it at some appropriate time, whether now or in the future, for fund raising purposes and/or to recognize some other deserving individual(s); or (3) to whatever extent the wishes of the Howe family may be relevant in this regard, rededicate the room to honor two members of our family who played key roles in the early School but are nowhere recognized on the campus: Phil Wilson, Mrs. Howe's son-in-law; and Bill Barker, her youngest brother.

Before addressing the third of these options, we wish to emphasize that we are comfortable with any of the three, or any combination or variation on them, as the School may choose. Put differently, if Howe House is named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Howe, that is sufficient and appropriate recognition as far as the current Howe family is concerned, and we believe that our parents -- particularly Dick Howe and Sue Wilson -- would be of the same view were they still alive to opine on the matter.

Phil Wilson, a member of the faculty from the School's opening in 1923 to 1942, was the longest serving member of the original faculty and is generally acclaimed as the father of Belmont Hill hockey. In 1925 in the first wedding on campus, he married Dr. Howe's daughter, Susan. Whenever during Dr. Howe's tenure the Headmaster had to be absent from campus, he left Mr. Wilson in charge. Passed over for Headmaster twice, first after the death of Mr. Taylor and later after the resignation of Mr. Morse (although then serving briefly as Acting Headmaster), Mr. Wilson moved to Exeter Academy in 1942, where he taught history until his retirement in 1968 and coached varsity hockey during the decade of the 1950's.

In 1948, Mr. Wilson was the principal speaker at the School's 25th anniversary dinner, quite a distinction considering that at the School's opening as well as its 50th and 75th anniversary celebrations, the featured speaker was a president or president emeritus of Harvard. In the 25th Anniversary Alumni Bulletin, Headmaster Hamilton commented on Mr. Wilson's talk:

But to me Mr. Wilson's observation at our Alumni dinner has the greatest significance. He pointed out that the greatness of Belmont Hill lies in the future, not in the past. Certainly this is true of any school. We should continually derive strength from the past, but strength to look forward to vistas of greater service in the years to come. Without such forward thinking, without the capacity to recognize and work for a better Belmont Hill School, we would do the greatest disservice to all those whose achievements and whose own vision have given us what we have today.

The Exeter game was selected as the dedication game for the Keller Rink precisely so that the dedication address could be given by Mr. Wilson -- father of Belmont Hill hockey, longtime faculty colleague of Finch Keller, and coach of the opposing team. The program for the day, reprinted for the 50th anniversary of that event, contained an informative and entertaining account of Mr. Wilson's tenure as Belmont Hill's first hockey coach (copy attached).

Worth noting is the record of 1941-42 hockey team, Mr. Wilson's last at Belmont Hill. It was the year that the School almost failed, struggling at the last minute to open with just over 100 students. Yet the hockey team compiled an astonishing record of 14 wins and one loss, beating all the top hockey schools of the day, including Exeter and Andover, while losing only to the Harvard Freshmen.

Bill Barker, Mrs. Howe's youngest brother, served on the School's faculty from 1926 until his death in 1938. When a separate Lower School was established, Dr. Howe appointed Mr. Barker as its first Director, a position he held at the time of his death. He was succeeded by Ted Densmore, who served in

that position until the Lower School was discontinued in 1961, and who paid tribute to Mr. Barker in the same Alumni Bulletin previously quoted:

There are now nine framed pictures of my Lower School groups (with a tenth to be added this spring) in the office here [in the then new separate Lower School building]. I wish there were pictures of earlier groups dating back to the first days of the Lower School when Dr. Howe appointed Mr. Barker as the first director of a separate Lower School unit. Many patterns were set, many wise decisions made which make our job easier today.

Finally, we are advised that since it was located the old Howe Building, the room named in honor of Charles Jenney, Jr., no longer exists. Similarly, the Keller Rink was also a casualty of progress though Mr. Keller continues to be recognized, albeit hardly in accord with his stature in the School's history, by the Sawyer/Keller Zamboni machine and by a plaque in the Jordan Athletic Center memorializing the Keller Rink along with several other facilities no longer extant.

From 1923 to 1981, *i.e.*, from its founding until Mr. Jenney's retirement almost 60 years later, the School had only three Senior Masters: Mr. Wilson until 1942, Mr. Keller until his retirement in 1958, and then Mr. Jenney until his. Mr. Keller and Mr. Jenney joined the faculty in 1925 and 1927, respectively. They became and remained until the end of her life close personal friends of Mrs. Howe, and following Mr. Wilson's departure, they were the only two members of the faculty who had worked closely with Dr. Howe for any extended period.

It is of course entirely up to the School to determine the most appropriate manner for giving continued recognition to these two leading disciples of Dr. Howe. However, we wish to record that if they too, along with Messrs. Wilson and Barker, were recognized in a rededication of the assembly room in chapel basement, it would please the Howe family, both us and we are sure our parents. Indeed, to do so would in effect honor in one place all the key players responsible in addition to Dr. and Mrs. Howe for establishing the School, which under Mr. Hamilton and the principle of "working together" not only survived its darkest hour, but also went on to prosper and to achieve widespread recognition as among the best of the independent secondary schools.



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## *Dedication*

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Twenty-five years ago in September of 1923, Belmont Hill held its first classes. R. Heber Howe, the founder and first Headmaster, built this school on a foundation of love, interest, and sincerity. He chose his teachers not only for their academic attainments but also for their interest in boys. Individual attention fostered this school. Dr. Howe never let a day pass without talking with boys, sometimes in his study, sometimes by the sundial, sometimes on the playing fields. Following this example, there gathered on the Hill a group of teachers who spent many happy hours working under Dr. Howe's inspiring leadership, cementing friendships with their students that have survived through the years, a bond that has made them such loyal graduates. Belmont Hill needed

such a strong foundation to survive, for Dr. Howe suddenly died in 1932 after nine years of unceasing labor.

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## Obituaries



MARION BAKER HOWE  
1884-1962

Marion Barker Howe was born in Dorchester, Mass., January 13, 1884, and shortly afterwards lived in Jamaica Plain. She attended Miss May's School in Boston. It was during this period that she became a top grade golfer contending at times for the Women's State Championship along with her sister. These two were known in golf as the famous Barker girls. Also about this time a romance began which led to her marriage to Reginald Heber Howe on September 19, 1904 at the Church of Our Savior, Brookline.

From 1904 to 1920 she was at Middlesex School, Concord, Mass. where her husband taught and where her two children Susan and Richard were born. She spent the year 1911-1912 in Paris where her husband received his degree from the Sorbonne in Natural Sciences. Mrs. Howe shared with Dr. Howe a keen interest in birds as well as in his field. She collaborated with him in publishing books, one being *Birds of Massachusetts*.

About 1910 she and Dr. Howe started South Pond Cabins which has been so successful under the Rollin Gallagher family. In 1920 Dr. Howe had another sabbatical from Middlesex and they moved to Cambridge, Mass. After three years in

Cambridge, she and Dr. Howe came to Belmont and in 1923 laid the foundation of a now famous boys' school. Mrs. Howe's influence on the character of the boys of the school from 1923 to 1932 was such that no graduate of that era has failed to mention in his twenty-five year biography his gratitude to her. She enjoyed young people and played an important part in Dr. Howe's outstanding success as Belmont Hill's first headmaster. She loved to see the graduates of this period but also never lost her interest in the school and followed closely her new boys, the friends of her grandsons. Those of us who for over thirty years watched her as she attended all games or went bird walking, could feel her continuing interest and young point of view. She had two basic principles for a full life. Do what you do for the sake of doing it — not asking "what's in it for me," and be cheerful.

She died on April 15, 1962 at her home at 49 Tyler Road, Belmont. A memorial service was held at All Saints Episcopal Church, Belmont on April 18, 1962.

There are many who mourn the death of Mrs. Howe — but they must not weep — for she had a full interesting life. She never complained but accepted her lot. Living for her was an exciting and interesting experience.

Her warmth, her thoughtfulness, her courage, her loyalty, her joy of living and above all her innate wisdom, coupled with an extraordinary sense of values both emotional and material, were attributes rarely found in one individual. She always tried so hard to see another person's point of view and her complete fairness in any situation was to her a point of honor. Her compassion for every living soul was the guiding light of her life. With all this she was a woman of power and determination.

She loved the out-of-doors. She delighted in bird-watching and she enjoyed all sports. We will all remember that little figure swathed in coats and blankets sitting in her chair in the snow watching the hockey games from the rear of her house.

For us who knew and loved Mrs. Howe there is a legacy and a challenge. The legacy is her wonderful example of living and the challenge is to live up to her standard and example.



# Exeter Coach Founded Hockey, Built Respected Hill Tradition

BY BILL BECKETT

During thirty-two years, Belmont Hill has established a hockey tradition much respected and admired by prep schools and colleges alike throughout New England.

During the brief but colorful years Belmont Hill has recorded an impressive consistency of wins since its first official game with Park School on January 23, 1924, winning 3-2. There were only three undefeated seasons, but 22 years were concluded with only one or two defeats. In only one season did the team fall below .500.

## *Wilson Founded Hockey*

It is fitting that today's dedication of the Keller rink coincides with the Exeter game, for Exeter's present coach, Mr. Phillips E. Wilson, was the founder of Belmont Hill hockey. Mr. Wilson grew up in Concord, New Hampshire, where he gained valuable experience amidst the strong hockey influence in this Northern atmosphere. In addition he played hockey at Andover and coached the Harvard J.V. team while a Senior at Harvard. Despite this background, Mr. Wilson claims that most of what he learned about hockey came at Belmont Hill while he fathered Hill hockey to victory.

In 1923, the year the School opened, a small dam was built near the site of Mr. Koslowski's house and the first rink was in that area. However, it was soon apparent that the best ice was in the area called the "Lagoon," and within a few years, primarily through the generosity of Mr. Percy Dewey a much more substantial rink was built there. Of course, each year as spirit and ambition grew, Mr. Wilson

desired to create a larger skating area to afford more ice to the boys.

## *Wash-Board Field*

Therefore, upon enlargement of the dam, a lake was formed that stretched from the Atkin's boundary, which is now the farther side of the football field, to the big Oak. However, objections arose from the football coaches for the football field was flooded two days before the final game with Brooks. Then followed a sudden freeze, and when the sodden field heaved the next day, the grid-iron resembled an old-fashioned wash board. More difficulty arose in the spring, for when the dam was removed, down went the water in the brook, and so did a number of backyards and gardens belonging to people further down the hill. Thereupon, the "Lake Howe" project was quietly abandoned.

Eventually the team moved over to the further meadow, built a house and installed a pump. Here the tradition of

sweeping the ice between periods first became established. Even the parents and officials would fight for a broom so as to get a little exercise and warm up. However, this custom has been neglected in recent years, most likely due to modern innovations. Working on the rink with undaunted determination and pride, Mr. Wilson and his team would often labor far into the night sweeping and spraying the ice to provide a fine surface for the game the next day.

## *Family Hockey Tradition*

Fortunately, during the early years while Belmont Hill was fighting to attain hockey prestige, many fine hockey players ventured to the Hill. It is interesting to note that hockey at Belmont Hill does seem to run in families. The Eatons, Carstensens, Holcombes, Summers, Baldwins, Porters, Kingmans, Quinns, Pikes, Holmes, Gelottes, Harveys, and the Clearys are fine examples. The Martins, Ken, Franny, and Rog were inval-



*Jim and Dave Harvey, Hill standouts in late 1940's.*

able to Phil Wilson's success during the late '20s and early '30s. Franny, who was the first Hill graduate to win a college letter, and Rog both later captained Harvard hockey teams. Dr. George Bartol, one of the first fine goalies, and Thomas Kimball, who went on to captain at Bowdoin, strengthened the Hill sextet, also.

During the decade of the '30s, Francis Bacon, Dunbar Holmes, Al Dewey, and Dr. Ashton Emerson shared the honors on the '31 and '32 teams. Bacon, who was one of the highest scorers while at Belmont Hill, continued scoring for the Crimson. In his Freshman year he fired six lamplighters past the Yale Freshman goalie. Whether goalies make fine doctors or doctors make fine goalies is questionable, but certainly Ash Emerson was one of the finest netminders Belmont Hill has ever produced. This is definitely accepted when remembering that Ash played seven years of outstanding college hockey; three at Harvard, and four more while at McGill. Another outstanding doctor-goalie was Johnny Knowles, '44. Defenseman Traf Hicks '33, was probably the outstanding hockey personality of that decade, and went on to captain at Harvard. Dick Howe, '33, along with Bacon have two fine hockey-playing sons who adorn the present Hill hockey roster carrying on the family tradition.

#### *Foreign Players Come*

"Imported" hockey players from the frigid north to the tropics have enlivened Hill hockey. Dick Pleasants, '40, developed his hockey talents in Canada, and proved to be one of the Hill's finest defensemen. Eddie Henriques, '27, from Cuba showed some signs of potential but had a weak elbow. Unfortunately, every time he turned the wrong way, he fell on his weak elbow which eventually gave out and he had to retire. From Siam ventured Tau Devakul, '34, to

be goalie, and after he had lost several front teeth, Mrs. Francis Sayre made him wear a big piece of leather that concealed his face below his eyes from ear to ear. Rumors heard from the Far East have it that Tau is trying to build a rink back in Siam.

Noted for using the shortest hockey stick ever used at Belmont Hill, Bill Claffin stood out among the hockey players in the late thirties. Bob Kayser, Steve Dewey (Co-captains at Colgate), Harvey Wheeler, Stacy Hulse, and Bill Byrnes, who organized the first (unofficial) hockey team at Penn, also captivated the spectators with their individual abilities.

#### *First Tournament Victory*

After suffering two losses in the first two games in 1940 to the Harvard Frosh, Belmont Hill recovered to conclude a successful season of seven wins and only one more defeat to usher in a decade of outstanding hockey at Belmont. 1940 also saw the emergence of Al Porter, who developed into one of the finest ice men ever at Belmont Hill and Yale.

During Mr. Wilson's career at Belmont Hill, his team participated in only one tournament, which took place during his final year, 1942. This tournament, held at the Boston Skating Club, was composed of eight private schools, and was probably the beginning of the Private School League of later years. After winning the tournament, Belmont Hill, under Captain Bob Baldwin, went on to complete fourteen successive games undefeated in that memorable year of Pearl Harbor.

#### *Robertson Succeeds Wilson*

A word of praise is in order at this point for Mr. Wilson's unselfish and untiring efforts in leading Belmont Hill from hockey oblivion to the ranks of the best among secondary schools. It was Mr. Wilson who was instrumental in developing that indescribable

spirit for hockey that belongs, as those Alumni realize, only to Belmont Hill.

Hugh Robertson succeeded Phil Wilson as head coach in 1942. Success continued for Mr. Robertson also during his three years at the school. Johnny Marno, who carried on his outstanding hockey participation at Bowdoin, was the primary reason for this success. Jack Blodgett and Charlie Smith, now a Hill teacher and hockey coach who played three years of hockey for the Eli, also shared the honors at this time.

#### *Dartmouth, Hamilton Tournies*

With an impressive total of 103 goals and eighteen victories, and with only one loss to the Harvard Freshmen, Belmont Hill, in 1947, began a surge of victories quite unbelievable. Captain David Beede, Joe Kittredge, Jim Harvey, Bob Gelotte, and Wyman Smart formed the offensive nucleus of this powerful sextet. Travelling to his alma mater, Mr. Koslowski, who succeeded Hugh Robertson in 1945, and this '47 team captured the championship from the defending title holder Kimball Union in the fourth annual Dartmouth Preparatory School tournament. Paced by Gelotte and Jack Marin, the Hill sextet downed Clark School, 9-1, in the first round, and then fought determinedly to victories over Tilton, 2-1, and Kimball Union in the finals, 3-2.

An occasion which highlights many of Mr. Kos's teams' exciting experiences and determination was the trip to Hamilton College for a round robin in the 1949 season. Despite a severe flood which inundated the route to Hamilton, the four-car caravan plowed through for 17 hours to reach the tourney. Because Mr. Kos's car didn't have a radio, he didn't hear about the closed road warnings which were be-

ing broadcast, and certainly the boys never said a word to him about the frequently issued bulletins! Belmont Hill tied for the championship with Berkshire School. The standouts on this team which approaches the great 1946-47 team, which won 16 straight, were Captain Dave Harvey, Leigh Quinn, and John Dunphy forming the first line, plus Jim Gill, the Pike brothers, with Fritz Willman and Bill Ellis on the hard-hitting defense.

#### *Impressive Records*

More famous hockey names ornamented the Hill's galaxy of stars in 1951. Bill Cleary, Jr., Jimmy Riley, Dixon Pike, George Ferguson, and giant Dave Perry led the '51 sextet to 16 wins against one defeat, at the hands of the Harvard Freshmen. Olympian Cleary broke not only all college scoring records but also in prep school he toppled all records with his total of 60 points in '51 and 59 in '52. Perry, Ferguson, and Justin Smith never established any scoring records, but their fine play, especially defensively, was particularly noticeable in close contests like those with Nichols, and the Harvard Frosh who were defeated 5-4 in 1952 for the first time since 1939. Russ Kingman found fame at Lawrenceville where, fighting a 1-1 deadlock with Noble and Greenough with only two minutes remaining, he fired the winning goal by the Noble's netminder to win the game and the Lawrenceville tournament.

With the close of the '52 season Mr. Koslowski retired from hockey coaching to go into business. Since he took over coaching duties in 1946, his teams won the Dartmouth tournament, were co-champions at Hamilton, winners at Lawrenceville, and won the championship of the Private School League, organized in 1950, for two years. Added to this, he compiled in six years an impressive 85-13-7 record. Despite this remarkable tally



*The 1951 Lawrenceville Champion team includes, first row: Kingman, Perry, Cleary, Captain Casner, Riley, Ferguson, Devine. Second row: Coach Koslowski, Manager A. Smith, J. Smith, Dwyer, Walters, Manager Pride, Mr. Maxwell.*

of wins, Mr. Kos refuses to accept any individual recognition for the team's outstanding achievement. "Undaunted spirit and love for hockey plus a feeling of togetherness among the coaches, boys, and families was the guiding light for our success," claims Mr. Kos.

#### *More Championships*

Mr. Edward Songin arrived in 1953 to coach the well-drilled Hill sextet to the Private School Championship and thirteen victories. Charlie Sellman, John Copeland, Bob Cleary, and Jim O'Connor backed up Captain Ferguson to conclude a very successful season. Again winning the Championship of Private School League in 1954, Mr. Songin left Belmont Hill to play professional Canadian football.

Mr. Walworth came to Belmont Hill, power play et al to coach a strong team led by Captain Ed McGonagle, Bob Cain and Greg MacArthur. After losing two very close games at Lawrenceville, the team recovered to share the championship with Middlesex. 1956 witnessed little improvement at Lawrenceville where

the team dropped two overtime battles, after an impressive 5-2 victory over Lawrenceville School. However, 1956 will be remembered not only for an undefeated record in the League for the hockey championship but also for the fine undefeated league record and championship of the basketball team.

#### *Bright Future*

Led by defenseman Captain Greg Downs, the 1957 sextet, backed by two powerful lines and veteran goalie Peter Tague should continue the fine records and spirit brought to Belmont Hill by the teams of the past. This spirit, the lifeblood of the Hill's success, should continue on to new heights with the Keller rink, and as witnessed by the boys' eager participation in helping to build and maintain the rink it has already begun its ascent. In addition, the rink affords everyone an equal opportunity to skate and if the school is blessed with the talent it has had in the past, the hockey team will be able to carry on and possibly improve upon the phenomenal records established by the teams of the past.