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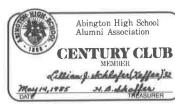
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of \$100,000 in 1988. Please support it through annual giving thereby enabling them to reach their quest.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS REACH NEW HIGH



We are proud to announce that you made it possible for the Alumni Association to increase its scholarship awards to \$6500 this year. The following selections were made by the Scholarship Committee, of which J. Clayton Worster is Chairman, the Alumni Executive Council, School Administrators and Teachers.

Steven A. Dansky Pennsylvania State University	\$1,000
Laura Day Katherine Gibbs School	500
Barbara A. Harris Eastern College	1,000
Ngoc Dieu Nguyen Pennsylvania State University	500
Hanna Park Drexel University	1,000
John A. Ripley Princeton University	500
Ruth J. Shuttleworth Albright College	500
Jennifer Tsou University of Pennsylvania	500
Perketer Tucker Temple University	1,000

A.H.S. Alumni Association Life Memberships were awarded for excellence in the following categories:

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The Alumni Association was very pleased to receive the following letter of appreciation:

Dear Sir/Madam:

I read with great pride the Fall issue of the AHSAA News, I received an Alumni scholarship in '80 to attend Hofstra University. My brother, Rob Howald in '82 did the same and now my sister, Susan Howald and cousin, Shawn Herrmann have followed suit in 1984.

Since the Alumni Association has done so much for our family, here is my long overdue contribution for Life Membership. I have resolved to contribute more meaningfully in the future, when I am more established in the business world. All through college and even now, I am appreciative of how well Abington prepared me for higher education and of the edge I had over the other students.

Keep up the fine work.

Sincerely

Dan Howald, '80

### Year Book

The following A.H.S. graduates received degrees from Beaver College on May 24, 1985:

Suzanne W. Kauffman, '81, Bachelor of Science majoring in Business Administration Honors Program, She was president of the senior class and received "The Golden Disc Award" presented by the Alumni Association to the senior who has done the most to promote the welfare of the col-

Dona L. Bodgett, '81, Bachelor of Fine Arts majoring in Graphic Design. Elizabeth Ann Gall, '81, Bachelor of Arts majoring in Early Childhood Education & Special Education.

Janice Hardiman, '80, Bachelor of Science majoring in Biology.

Jacqueline C. Seawright, '81. Bachelor of Science majoring in Computer Science.

Howard Bregman, '81, has been inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Johns Hopkins University. He is a senior Chemistry major and serves as head manager for the men's lacrosse team and is sports editor for a university newsletter.

Andrew Shoyer, '78, received a scholarship from the Edward Weintal Memorial Fund for academic excellence and honors as a practitioner and writer in world affairs. He is presently a candidate for a Master's Degree in Foreign Service at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and Law Center and holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

David Harrar II, '81, a graduate of Washington and Lee University, has won a National Science Foundation Fellowship for graduate study in applied mathematics at the University of Virginia. The fellowship may be used over a five-year period and provide a stipend of \$11,000 per year for three years of full-time study.

Karen Dalzell, '81, received a Bachelor of Arts in French and Spanish from Ursinus College where she was a Dean's List student and was listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges". She also earned certification from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Paris, France, an internationally recognized degree granting agency.

Joe Minissale, '82, is a junior in the college of business and economics at the University of Delaware. He is on the Dean's List and made the cheerleading squad. He would be glad to have friends write to him at 720 Academy St., Newark, DE 19711.

### **KESWICK THEATRE OF** THE PERFORMING ARTS

There certainly wasn't a student in the Abington Township School District who hadn't visited the Keswick Theatre for a flick or two before 1980 when the movie house closed.

Purchased by the Abington Federal Savings and Loan Association in 1980 -along with the whole block of stores curling around onto Easton Road. The building was scheduled to be demolished and a "Bye-Bye Keswick" party was held for charitable purposes by the Kiwanis Clubs of Glenside and Jenkintown.

Now on the National Register of Historic Places and the National Trust. the Keswick is the only theatreoriginally designed as a vaudeville and movie house-designed by Horace Trumbauer, the renowned architect who planned the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Grey Towers of Beaver College fame, the Philadelphia Free Library and many others. Many Abington High grads are involved in the restoration and preservation of the building as members of the Glenside Landmarks Society. This non-profit group was formed to save the structure and advance the cultural arts.

A Keswick Theatre Repertory Company has been formed with professionals and opened its first season in March of 1983 with the musical "Funny Girl". It serves as a performing arts center for the Delaware Valley, providing cultural events and quality professional entertainment in the fields of drama, musical comedy, dance, concert and variety, in addition to providing a home for first-quality, non-professional community groups.

A recent donation of two 35mm motion picture projectors enables the Keswick to revive a movie program. The theatre also has received a Moller organ console from the old Sedgwick Theatre donated by the Organ Society of Delaware Valley.

Jill Broder, '81, received a bachelor degree from Princeton University in June, graduating cum laude with a degree in economics. Her senior thesis had the impressive title, "The Impact of the Flat Tax Proposals on the Municipal Bond Market," which was written to aid in future planning at the N.J. Office of Financial Management where she was an intern. Having deferred admission to the Wharton Business School, Broder will be a financial analyst at an investment banking firm in New York City. Broder and her four-year Princeton roommate found compatability though both were valedictorians of their respective 1981 high school classes at Abington and Cheltenham.

### **Career Reports**

The Abington Township Commissioners selected Stephen G. Yusem, '54, to become their new solicitor. He is president of the Montgomery County Bar Association and a member of the Norristown firm of High, Swartz, Roberts & Sidel. He said that he looks forward to representing Abington despite its recent controversies over the police department, township finances and relations with volunteer firefighters.

When William J. Trefz, '73, graduated from Drexel University it marked the completion of seven years of attending classes at Drexel's Evening College, while holding a full-time job and raising a family. Not only did Trefz receive a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering with honors, but as president of the Evening College senior class, he was one of two student commencement speakers, culminating a long list of honors he has received throughout his college career.

Kevin McNamara '75 is serving as the press spokesman and speechwriter for U.S. Rep. Larry Coughlin now in his ninth two-year term. Now living in Washington, D.C., Kevin began his career as a reporter at the Daily Intelligencer, Doylestown, in 1981 and was a Montgomery County courthouse reporter for the Montgomery County Record. He was also elected 2nd Vice-President of AHSAA in November 1984 but had to resign to accept the position in Washington.

David P. Henze, '76, joined the Birmingham Stallions of the United States Football League as Assistant Athletic Trainer prior to the Spring 1984 season. He previously held the position of Athletic Trainer and Intramural Director at Pennsylvania State University's Ogontz Campus. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1981 and received an M.S. from Ohio University in 1982.

QCAD Systems, Inc. is a young computer-aided design software firm in California founded by Abingtonian Michael J. Sorens, '79. It is a private corporation whose main product line is CAD tools in the Lisp environment. Their first product offering which went on the market last year was a compiler tool for language designers.

Eastern Montgomery Co. Voc. Tech. School. located on Terwood Rd. across from Upper Moreland H.S., is attended by A.H.S. students All A.H.S. alumni and Vo-Tech alumni are in vited to visit the newly renovated and reequipped school where adult and evening pro grams are available.

#### (Class Reunions cont'd)

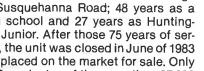
Martin Evoy reports that his Class of 1920 is the earliest class holding regular annual reunions. They held their 65 year reunion at his home in Abington on June 22, 1985.

A recent photograph of the Class of 1930 which appeared in the Montgomery newspapers showed twentyfour beautiful people who attended their 55th reunion at Williamson's Restaurant in May.

Thirty-five members of the Class of 1939 attended the 45 year reunion at the Country Squire Inn on September 22, 1984 for a wonderful evening of reminiscing, music by Jimmy Yost and prizes for all 62 people in attendance. Money from the class treasury was used to purchase Life Member Memorials for all deceased who were not previously Life Members.

Old York Road Country Club in Springhouse was the site of a 45th year reunion held this year in May for the January Class of 1940. Through diligent investigation, the reunion committee of ten, have current addresses for all but nine classmates and received a reply from nearly every one of them. Music of the 40's, good food, old friends and Chuck Corwin as Master of Ceremonies spelled a memorable evening.

The 25th reunion of the Class of 1960 was held at Huntingdon Valley C.C. in Huntingdon Valley on April 20, 1985.



on Susquehanna Road; 48 years as a high school and 27 years as Huntingdon Junior. After those 75 years of service, the unit was closed in June of 1983 and placed on the market for sale. Only 7,136 graduates of the more than 27,000 alumni remember it as their senior high, but the "Ghosts" are still waiting for the final sales agreement to be concluded.

SUSQUEHANNA ROAD

**SCHOOL IN CONTROVERSY** 

We all remember the school buildings

The controversy over the proposed development into adult residential apartments has been sparked by neighborhood opposition to possible increased traffic problems and the loss of some open space in the immediate area. The developers have recently offered a revised version of their plans which now calls for the demolition of the gymnasium building and to limit any new construction along Guernsey Avenue to four stories rather than five. Plans still call for 190 apartment units but allows for more grassy areas and parking.

Should this final proposal be rejected, the school district may have to consider reconstituting the building as a large elementary school by reason of its central location. This would allow closure and liquidation of smaller elementary units, something which has been successful in the past. Meanwhile, the cost of maintaining the vacant complex exceeds \$150,000 yearly and delays the move of the administrative offices and our alumni office to the old Abington Junior High building on Highland Avenue.



### Message From Your AHSAA President Charles M. Corwin, Jr. '40

"Remember the good ole days?" Will that expression survive forever or may it someday face extinction? To our parents, our children and to us, it may have a very different meaning. To my parents, who often referred to the good old days, it meant gas lights, coal stoves, trolley cars, one-room schools. steam engines, long skirts, starched collars, button shoes and an all day trip to get to Atlantic City. Yet they must have been better off even after the great depressions, with electric refrigerators, television, no-iron clothing. comfortable autos, automatic heat and hot water and only an hour and a half drive to Atlantic City.

As for my own age group and generation, those good old days included the big band era, jitterbugs and the Earle theater, twelve-cent gasoline, twentyfive cent movies, fifteen-cent milk shakes and a room at Ocean City for a buck and a half a night on the weekends. World War II ended those good

old days and set us on the road of responsibility, better things and inflation. But I believe the present appears better than the past even with \$15,000 dollar automobiles, \$100,000 dollar homes, 95¢ bus fares, \$4.50 movies and \$60 shoes. Now if you do get to Atlantic City in that hour and a half, it takes less time than that to loose your \$20 shirt in a casino.

As for the 1985 graduates, they may remember these good old days of hiiackers, terrorists, embassy bombings, violence on the movie and tv screens. hostages and a \$50,000 + college education. In their futures may be a classy sports car, a good job, a fine family, the disappearance of blue jeans, punk rock and music with screaming lyrics very few can understand.

Perhaps we should vote the good old days into extinction and put our best foot forward to the great new days which hopefully lie ahead for us all.

### Class Reunions

Up to 50th reunions will be having a get-together meeting Wednesday, October 2 at a special luncheon at LuLu Country Club, Limekiln Pike, North Hills.

Class of 1915 - 70th - October 2, 1985 Class of 1920 - 65th - October 2, 1985 Class of 1925 - 60th - October 2, 1985 Class of 1930 — 55th — October 2, 1985 Class of 1935 - 50th - October 2, 1985

Class of 1935-50th-September 21, 1985. Williamson Restaurant, Blair Mill Rd., Horsham.

Floss Shaffer (Jenkins) — 884-2118 Ruth Webb (Sefton)— 886-8740

Class of 1936-50th-May 3, 1986. Old York CC, Springhouse. Tom Cameron-

Ken Schaefer-

Class of 1937 — 48th — October 5, 1985. Ted Fanelli's home. 648 Colonial Drive, Horsham, PA.

887-8591

Class of 1940 (June) - 45th - October 12, 1985. Fiesta Motor Inn, Willow Grove, PA.

Carolyn Smith (Mason)— 886-5709 884-8080 Dick Herbst-

Class of 1945 - 40th - October 12, 1985. John Cross Restaurant, Rt. 73, Center Square, PA.

635-0561 Marilyn Silver (Neigert)— 675-0423 Pat & Bob Stokes-

Class of 1950 - 35th 348-1294 Bill Brodhag-Charlotte Russell (Northacker)-

343-0420 643-1974 Jayne Toler (Walker)-

Class of 1955 - 30th. 646-2493 Bill Landhers-

Class of 1965-20th-November 29, 1985. Holiday Inn, 432 Penn Avenue, Fort Washington, PA. 947-2277 Tim Simmons -

Class of 1970-15th-November 29, 1985. Manufacturers CC, Dreshertown Rd., Oreland, PA.

Bonni Weston (Webster) — 572-1358 Linda White (Miller)— 887-8547

Class of 1975-10th-November 29, 1985. Sheraton, Valley Forge, Rt. 363, King of Prussia.

Francie Stoddard (Washington)— 886-5650 Dale Rickenbach— 301-593-7681

Class of 1980-5th-November 29, 1985. Williamson Restaurant, Blair Mill Rd., Horsham.

659-3235 Joan Pileggi-379-3524 Carole Johnson-

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## Where Are They Now?

Cadomin, Alberta is on the eastern edge of the Canadian Rockies and has a yearround population of about 130. This rugged mountain country with lots of snow and wind is the retirement site of Walter M. Mast, '38. He says, "Music, books and the mountains are my three major loves; therefore I count myself among the fortunate ones on this earth."

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Army Private Robert Schaffert, '84, has completed the multiple launch rocket system course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. \* \* \* \* \*

For the past 15 years Helen Virginia Parker (Fredlein), '62, has been the librarian at Jesmond High School in Australia. Joan McKenzie, '62, visited her there two years

Daniel Tregnan, '64, a victim of Multiple Scierosis, is a resident at Inglis House, 2600 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131. Dan would enjoy hearing from old friends.

Mary Lee, '81, and Pamela Warner, '83, were not acquainted while in high school but are now members of a band called "Separate Checks" which is appearing on a widening circuit of clubs and colleges. They, and three more single women who comprise the group, say that their objective is respect as musicians.

\* \* \* \* \* Barbara Oughton (Baptista), '64, is teaching English at Federal University of Santa Catarina in Brazil.

\* \* \* \* \* Air Force Airman 1st Class James Walker, '81, is on duty at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana. A telecommunications operations specialist with the 46th Information Systems Group he previously was assigned to Misawa Air Base, Japan.

\* \* \* \* Marci Weissman, '64, is Dean of Women's Law Students at Temple University.

\* \* \* \* Our 49th and 50th states have been home to Carl Hild, '68, who lived in Barrow, Alaska for five and a half years and the last few years in Captain Cook, Hawaii.

\* \* \* \* \* Air Force Reserve Airman Joseph White, '82, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base. He is scheduled to serve with a unit in Willow Grove.

Jerry Dinerstein, '64, is working as a professional comedian and entertainer. Classmates attending the class reunion last November were treated to a video tape of Jerry's performance.

Norman Geissler, '40, recently was awarded the Legion of Honor from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Philadelphia. He was honored for his rescue of three children from a fire in 1963. Geissler is a lifetime member of both the Elkins Park and McKinley Fire Companies, is past president of the Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania and now serves as second vice president of the Keystone State Fire Chiefs. \* \* \* \* \*

Air Force Airman 1st Class Terence Owens, '82, is now stationed at Sembach Air Base, West Germany. Owens, a personnel specialist with the 601st Combat Support Group, was previously assigned to March Air Force Base in California.

\* \* \* \* With an outstanding scholastic record at AHS, Laurie Jean Mundy, '85, has been appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy. She was a National Merit Scholarship commended student and listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students".

Alexa Hawley, '78, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. She is an operating room specialist at Luke Air Force Hospital.

Chuck Marion, '82, plays piano and his brother Louis plays saxaphone and clarinet when they perform at the Cafe Jeudi at the University of Pennsylvania where Chuck is a junior.

### Sports

### **GIRLS SHINE IN '85 SPORTS**

The 1984 season began optimistically as the football team, field hockey team, girls tennis, and golf team got off to fast starts. However, Pennsbury edged the Ghosts to win the Sub. Championship. Girl's tennis and golf saw Barbara Rauch and Debbie Silverberg do well in District Competition, with Debbie finishing 3rd in the state in golf.

The wrestling team had the finest team in history. John Ripley became the winningest wrestler in all time at Abington. The boys basketball team continued its winning ways, winning 20 games again and advancing to the state playoffs for the 11th straight year.

The girl's track team stole the spotlight by winning the League Championships and capturing the State Championships in a thrilling victory at Shippensburg. Standouts on the team were the Greenwell sisters, the Mundys, Goldhabers, Sue Rowland, and freshman Nicole Norrison, along with Myra Peal.

The boys baseball and girls softball teams had successful seasons, but both missed the playoffs by a narrow margin. So, we had only one championship in 84-85, but a lot of success in overall competition.

#### JOHN METZGAR, ABINGTON EX-COACH, DIES

John D. Metzgar died in June at his home in Venice, Florida, but he will be remembered by athletes and students in the Abington Township School District and surrounding communities as Mr. Physical Education.

A lifelong educator, Mr. Metzgar served the school districts of Boothwyn, Delaware County, and Hatboro before moving to Abington in 1942 to teach Physical Education until his retirement in 1974.

In addition to serving as president and chairman of various professional committees for the state of Pennsylvania, he was active in the National Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation and served as a member of the White House Council for Youth Fitness during the administration of John F. Kennedy, and was an active member of the Greater Philadelphia Swimming and Track and Field Officials Association.

As an avid sports fan, he attended the Mexico City, Munich, Montreal and Los Angeles summer Olympic games.

Students and colleagues recall "Nothing was too much trouble for John Metzgar...he loved life and lived it...he had fun doing whatever he had to do and he made others feel the same way".



Richard L. Keiser Retires

In 1962 Dick joined Abington's staff as a math teacher, having served in Jim Thorpe, Pa. since 1950 as a math teacher in the high school.

After graduating first in his 1944 class at Lewistown, Pa. high school, Dick spent two years in the Naval Air Corp. In 1950 he graduated, cum laude, with a BA degree, majoring in both math and physics at Gettysburg College. Dick was a very busy man in the summers that followed: 1952 found him attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on a General Electric Fellowship; 1959, on a National Science Foundation grant at Lafayette College; and in 1960 he received a Master's degree in mathematics at Penn State University on a fellowship from the National Science Foundation Academic Year Institute; 1960-61-62 he studied under a National Science Foundation Fellowship.

Dick and his wife live in Warminster and plan to visit their grown children who are widely scattered. Hobbies? Gardening and a greenhouse. Retirement? With his wealth in education, we can't picture this gentle-mannered educator retiring; most certainly he will again be teaching some place soon.

### TEACHER/AUTHOR

Out of necessity Penelope Niven (McJunkin) wrote "The I Hate To Chew Cookbook", for adults who wear braces ...Penelope had braces from 1983 to May 1985. Her husband wanted to call the book "The Gourmet Gummer", but was overruled. The purpose of the cookbook is to humor and nourish with recipes requiring little or no chewing. The book is given as a gift to new patients by her orthodontist.

Mrs. McJunkin taught 10th grade English at Abington, North Campus from 1964 to 1968 and has many fond memories of it. The family, which also includes their 17 year old daughter, moved to Richmond, Indiana in 1978 from their remodeled schoolhouse in Rushland, Pennsylvania. Mr. McJunkin is on the Administrative Staff of Earlham College.

Penelope spent eight years organizing the papers of Carl Sandburg and is now in the last stages of writing his biography.

**NEW ALUMNI** RECEIVE AWARDS

David Britchkow, '85, won first prize of \$1200 in the 23rd annual Times Chronicle Scholarship Contest. In the competition ten contestants, two from each area high school, were judged on their merits in three categories: an essay on "Life in the 21st Century", school transcripts and an interview by the three judges.

David will begin a six year medical school program studying two years at Penn State, then four years at Jefferson Medical School. He is not new to the medical field, having worked at Abington Memorial Hospital for nearly five years both as a volunteer and in a paid position. This in addition to many other activities in and out of school.

Amy Cheun, '85, won the second prize in the contest and received \$900. She plans to major in biochemistry in college with a minor in visual arts. Following college she would like to go into further studies in graduate school and research. Amy immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 12 and said "because I've always felt one step behind other students, diligence and meticulous study habits have been a mainstay of my academic career." Her A.H.S. activities included editor in chief of the yearbook and news bureau, art and photography editor of the newspaper, school magazine art editor, Student Class Councils and Honor Society.

Steven Piazza, '85, was presented the 1985 Jefferson Award for Public Service in a competition sponsored by KWY-TV. He was awarded the bronze medallion by Jack Jones, anchor for Channel 3's "Eyewitness News" on the live morning talk show "People Are Talking". He was honored for his outstanding volunteer service with the local Town Watch Program, the American Red Cross, the Second Alarmers Rescue Squad, Abington Memorial Hospital, Rydal Park Nursing Home and his Scout Troop. This fall Steven will attend North Hampton Area Community College to study in a three-year mortuary science program.

> '73 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

After graduation, Gail H. Sylvester, '73, attended Bloomsburg State College pursuing a liberal arts degree with a major in Art Studio and minor in Psychology. Upon graduation in 1977, interest in the health and exercise fields led her to three years of employment with two of the area's health clubs. In 1980 she decided to apply for the position of flight attendant with a commercial carrier and was selected by Eastern Airlines, where she is now employed. She is stationed in New York and finds her job very rewarding and

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# ALUMNI NEWS



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### A STRONG FOUNDATION

Every person receiving this newspaper has an educational background in the Abington Township school system which laid its foundation more than a hundred years ago.

Abington Township incorporated in 1794. The first Pennsylvania law, relative to the adoption of free schools, was passed by the Legislature in 1834 and was adopted by Abington Township shortly before 1840. Known as the Common School Law, it gave each township the choice of freeing their schools, and thus receiving a state appropriation. Free schools meant that specific \*\* religious instruction would not be offered and this fact brought much opposition as residents believed this detrimental to religion and society.

At the time of the founding of public schools in Abington Township, there were several private schools which later became public institutions. One of these, the oldest Abington Township public school building, is the Saw Mill School dating back to 1754. The building is still standing at Second Street Pike and Saw Mill Hill in Hollywood where it is now being used as a church. In the 1870's this school was considered large with an enrollment of 60 to 70 pupils.

In the early school, boys went to classes during the winter months and the girls in spring and autumn. The boys were not needed on the farm at that time and the weather in winter was too severe for the girls. A week's holiday was always given at Christmas so that the boys would be home to thresh the wheat. There was no Easter vacation, and the term lasted to the end of June, and began again in the latter half of August. School hours began at eight a.m. and ended at five p.m., with two hours off at noon and two half hour recesses. There was little regulation in regard to the ages of pupils and teach-



ers, at first, received only three cents a day from each pupil.

Drawn by: Betty L.E. Heiges '55

The graded course was introduced into the public schools in the early 1880's. Before that time, there were no definite methods of study and advancement. The promotions were made from reader to reader, and no monthly reports of work were given. Our township was the second to adopt the graded course and system of examinations...Cheltenham was the first to do so. Music was introduced into our schools about 1890. Art had been introduced during the 1880's, but no special teacher was assigned until 1892.

The first public school in Abington Village was built in 1888 at a cost of approximately seventeen thousand dollars. Its site on Susquehanna Road east of Old York Road was purchased from Reverend L. W. Eckard, minister at Abington Presbyterian Church. It was a combined elementary and two year high school with Ambrose Custer as its first

principal. The first high school class. numbering two, was graduated in 1889.

The first Superintendent of Schools appointed by the township was Edward B. Ling who began his duties in 1913 and served for 21 years. The 1880 building is currently being used by the Superintendent and his staff for offices.

The high school course was lengthened to four years, with erection of the new high school building on Susquehanna Road in 1908; it included preparation for both business and college. In

1911 there were 80 pupils in Abington High School, and the number rose to 225 by 1916. In 1956, Huntingdon Jr. High was created in this building when a new high school building was constructed on Highland Avenue, North Campus was opened in 1964 to hold the ninth and tenth grades. The recent 1985 Ab-

ington High School graduating class

created 550 new alumni.

We've come a long way, from the one room schoolhouse of the mid 1800's to the computer equipped classrooms of today, because dedicated school boards and faculty laid a fine foundation for us along the way.

#### **SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

After a 16-month search, the Abington Board of School Directors elected Dr. Louis J. Hebert to be Superintendent of schools. Dr. Herbert, a native of Canada, was most recently consultant to the Board of Education for the Moorestown New Jersey Public

Dr. Hebert received his B.A. in 1955 from the University of Massachusetts followed by a M.Ed. in 1959 at the same university. In 1967 he received his M.A. at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and from the same university in 1981, was awarded a doctorate.

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