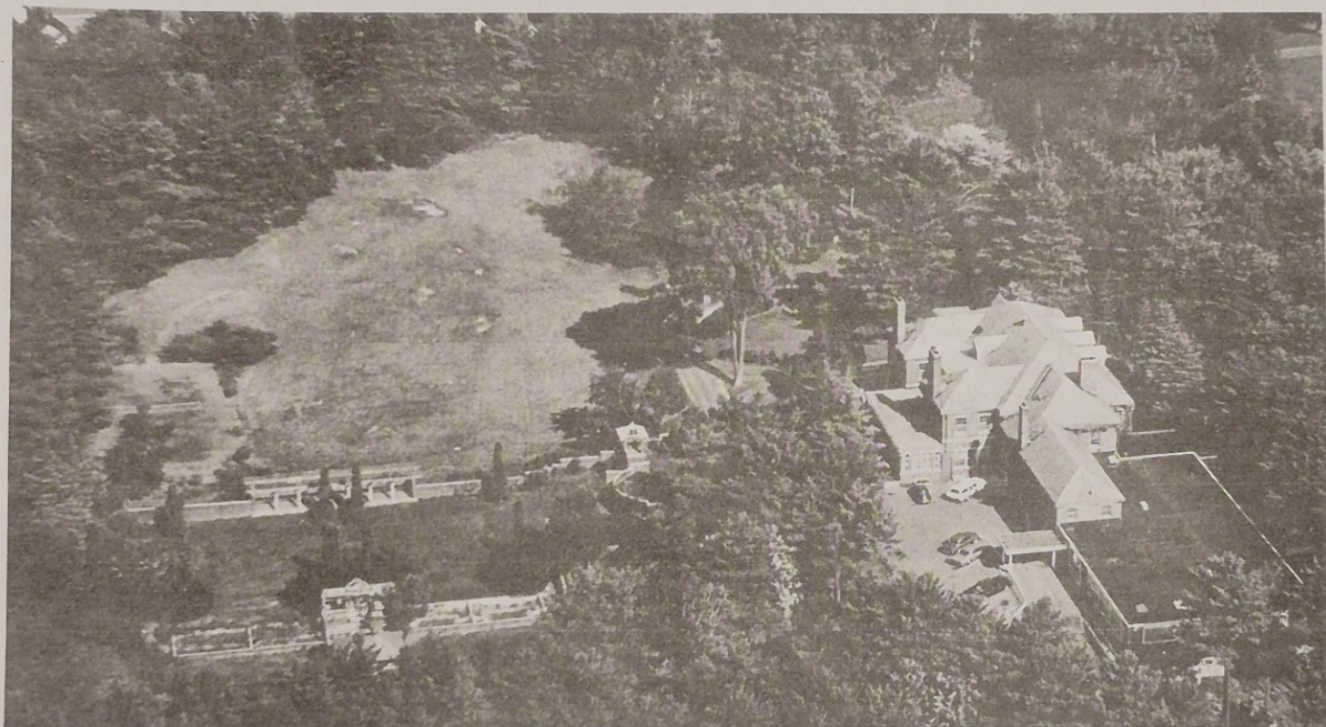


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THE HYDE SCHOOL FROM THE AIR—The Hyde School of Bath which began its first regular session last month will have an open house next Sunday. The public is invited to see the many renovations made to transform one of Bath's most famous estates from a care center to a secondary school. (Tom Jones Photo)

The Hyde School, with a major part of the renovations completed that began last April, will open its doors to the public Sunday, October 16. The school will be open to visitors from 2-5 o'clock with refreshments being served. Children are welcome.

The new school, the first independent boarding school established in Maine in the twentieth century, has an enrollment of 56 boarding students and three day students. Further plans call for the school to nearly double in size in 1967, with a projected ultimate enrollment of 250 students in 1972.

The idea for the school grew out of belief that the present emphasis on academics has put the importance of the individual and the development of his character in a secondary position. "We are a college preparatory school", said Headmaster Joseph W. Gauld, "and certainly want our students to be well prepared academically. However, we are even more interested in their courage, integrity, concern for others, curiosity and

leadership and expect every graduate to have a good appreciation of each one of these qualities."

The school has already found ways to promote these values, but indicates that the program is really in the pioneer stages. "Such qualities have been part of our heritage and in the past have been important parts of the teachings of the home," said Gauld. "However, we strongly feel that the family influence needs to be augmented by support from the school. We don't have a lot of answers to the problem, but I can say we have men on both the faculty and the Board of Trustees who have a real appreciation for these things; therefore, we plan to operate with an open mind and a wide open throttle.

Gauld is enthusiastic about the progress of the school to date. "Our biggest plus is a student body that feels it is an integral part of the school and is doing its best to make the philosophy work. We feel we have had success with courage by giving each student an

individual challenge; with integrity through our honor system; with concern for others by giving each a responsibility; with leadership through the student government; and with curiosity through the Academic program, as well as outside activities."

The normal graduate takes 4 years of English, 4 years of humanities, and 3 years each of mathematics, science, French, and history. Each student also takes public speaking each year, given by William Gove, nationally known Lecturer and Sales Consultant. In addition to a Glee Club, the school is beginning a newspaper, managed by John N. Cole, editor of the Brunswick Record, and is developing a dark room for the photography club, led by Joe Kachinski, Bath photographer. Other clubs are developing according to student interest.

The school has had an enthusiastic response to its humanities course. An hour each day is devoted to either music, art, religion, or philosophy, with the entire school

meeting with members of the staff of Bowdoin College plus other visiting lecturers. The course carries a full credit and is graded on a sliding scale according to the student's class.

The athletic program started with an opening football win over Erskine Academy and a loss to the Exeter Jayvees. The school has 37 out for football and 16 for cross-country. The remaining 5 students serve as managers. "We like to win," said Head Coach Ray Fisher, "but the real emphasis is on participation. We feel today's spectator emphasis has discouraged the kind of participants who need this program most." The cross country team opened last Wednesday in a Quadrangular meet against Hebron Academy, North Yarmouth, and Kents Hill.

Gauld is hoping for a good turnout at the open house. "We are looking forward to working closely with the surrounding communities. If we are to be really successful, we need the interest and enthusiasm of the area citizens."

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He outlined early ways the school promotes these values – individual challenges for courage, an honor system for integrity, responsibilities for concern for others, student government for leadership, and academics plus extracurriculars for curiosity.

The academic program includes four years of English and humanities, three years each of mathematics, science, French, and history, plus yearly public speaking classes taught by **William Gove**, a nationally known lecturer. Student life features a Glee Club, a developing school newspaper (edited by **John N. Cole** of the *Brunswick Record*), and clubs like photography led by **Joe Kachinski** of Bath.

The humanities course, graded for credit, brings in staff from **Bowdoin College** and other visiting lecturers for daily sessions in music, art, religion, or philosophy.

In athletics, the football team opened with a win over Erskine Academy and a loss to Exeter Jayvees; cross-country also began competition. Head Coach **Ray Fisher** emphasized participation over winning.

Gauld hopes for strong community turnout at the open house, saying the school's success depends on "the interest and enthusiasm of the area citizens."