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Spring Vale Academy first existed only as the dream of some members and ministers of the Church of God (7th day). In 1944 a committee contracted for the purchase of a farm near Owosso, Michigan as a site for the school. In 1945 the school was organized and incorporated. In the above picture we see the members of the board holding the large sign which had just been prepared to attach to the front of the building which may be seen in the background. The board members in the picture have directed the development of the school and continue to serve in their original capacity. They are, (left to right), Elders C. W. Wilkinson, Floyd Turner, Tieman DeWind, W. H. Spencer, and Elder A. E. Lidell, chairman.

Spring Vale Academy opened in the fall of 1948 with ten students. The school has continued to grow and this year the enrollment totalled 35 students representing 14 states. During the four years of operation a total of 60 young people have attended the school. There have been 18 graduates, including the class of 1952. Spring Vale is a dream which came true and much good has been done. But many are still "dreaming" and looking forward to a larger school with better buildings. Some of the plans are pictured and described on the following page.

OUR PURPOSE

Spring Vale Academy is established as a boarding school where young people may

A Dream Which Came True

come and live and receive their high school education under Christian teachers and in a Christian atmosphere. It gives training for the heart, mind and body. Here, teenage young people study, work, play and worship, apart from the temptations and persecutions which are often found in public schools.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We welcome you as a reader of our first annual year-book. We hope this book will give some idea of life at the Academy and of the activities of the students and teachers through the school year 1951-1952.

Spring Vale Academy is still a new school, but it has been in operation long enough to begin to show how well the purposes of its establishment are being achieved. In some ways the opening years have been difficult because of the limited accommodations. The school has been crowded and various activities and groups have not been separated as much as would have been desirable. But on the other hand as we look back we can see that the struggle involved in developing the school under these conditions has been a good experience. We have had to make the most of what we have had to work with, and that is something most of us have to do throughout life.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

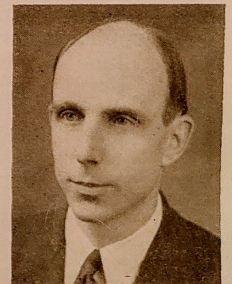
With world conditions what they are, it is difficult to plan for the future. And yet these same conditions make a yet greater need for Christian schools. The world is filled with fear and uncertainty, conditions for which the public school have little help.

At Spring Vale we build on the solid rock of God and His Word. In worship and fellowship we find comfort and security. Young people feel that they are preparing to help make conditions better through the spread of the true gospel, instead of merely hoping to contend with world troubles.

YOU CAN HELP

We hope that everyone who reads the pages of this annual will feel inspired with the desire to help in the advancement of the school. You can help in many ways. Young people can talk to others and interest them in coming to the school. Parents need to realize the importance of Christian education, and be willing to make the financial and personal sacrifice to send their children. Older people whose children are grown, or people who have no children of their own, are invited to consider the message of this book and offer to give financial assistance to needy young people who want to come. And everyone can give his moral support and pray for the school.

May God bless you as you read this book and look at the pictures. May you feel with us, that in spite of the effort and sacrifice, a school like this is worthwhile—worth our continued efforts and support.



S. J. KAUER, Principal



PRESENT SCHOOL AND DORMITORY BUILDING

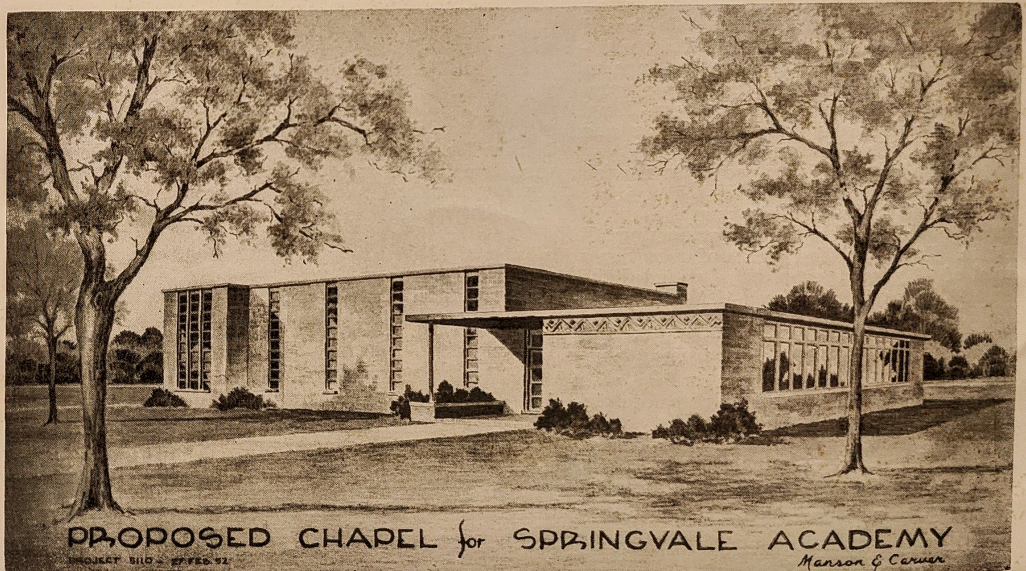
The Old

In the picture at the left we see the present buildings of Spring Vale Academy as they appear as one approaches on the highway from Owosso. The large old farm house is located close to the road. This house contains 14 rooms and provides space for the kitchen, dining room, laundry, assembly room, classrooms, and girls' dormitory. The trailer-house is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Coulson. In the right foreground we see the barracks building which is the boys' dormitory. In the background is the roof of the large barn, one of the farm buildings.

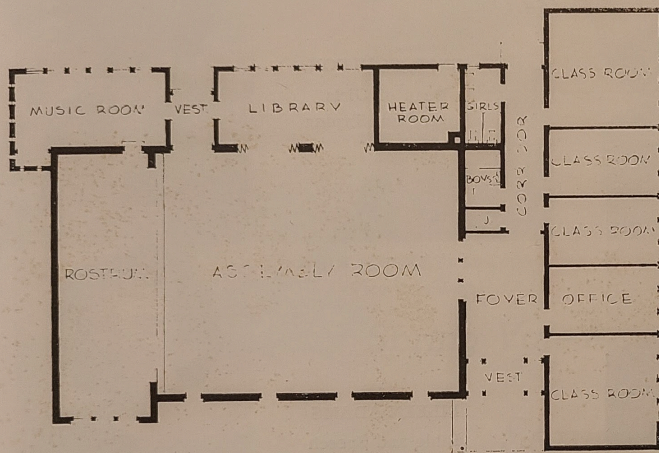
Spring Vale needs to expand and to secure more suitable buildings for the school. The old buildings have served well and will continue to be used as long as needed.

The New

The beautiful school building pictured at the right is only an architect's drawing, but we hope it will soon become a reality. It is of simple, modern design and will be economical to build. But the task of raising the necessary funds is great and we need the help of all who are interested in Christian education for our youth.



Floor Plan for the New Building



The floor plan shows that the building is to be a complete school with assembly room or chapel, classrooms, office, library and music room. The large rostrum will give room for the presentation of Bible plays and for sacred cantatas by the chorus. The music room is removed far enough so the giving of lessons will be undisturbed. The building plan is very practical and will make a comfortable school for as many as 100 students. The walls will be of cinder-block and the floor, concrete with asphalt tile covering.

Introducing the Faculty and Students

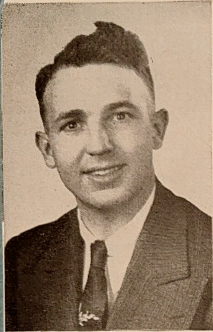
In the accompanying picture we have our first view of the group which made Spring Vale a school in 1951-1952. This picture was taken in front of the evergreen grove on the campus. School was just well started as the time was October. All but one of this group remained as students the entire school year. Mrs. Adams and Frank Adams are missing from the picture as they did not arrive until the second semester.

We are looking for another group like this at Spring Vale next fall. Will you be in that group, or will you help someone to be there?



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Those Who Guide Us Faculty of '51 - '52



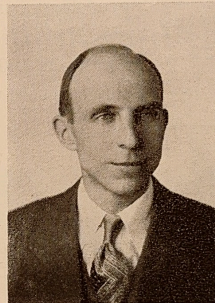
H. K. SEVERANCE
Dean of Boys
Science, Shop, Civics



OPAL COULSON
Dean of Girls
English and Typing



THELMA SEVERANCE
Home Economics



S. J. KAUER
Principal
Bible and History



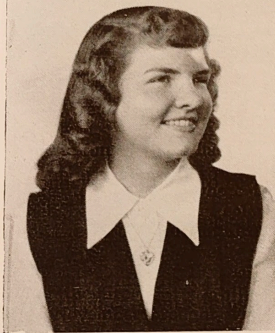
EILEEN ADAMS
Bible and Speech



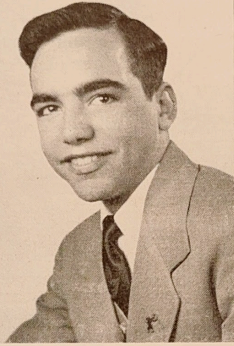
ELLA VAY JONES
Matron and
Kitchen Supervisor



C. C. KLINE
Piano and Voice



SHIRLEY BAKER
President



JOHN (MICKEY) McCOY
Vice-President



MARTHA HOSTETER
Secretary



MARY HOSTETER
Treasurer



EDWIN COULSON

*Spring Vale Academy Proudly Presents
the
Senior Class of '52*

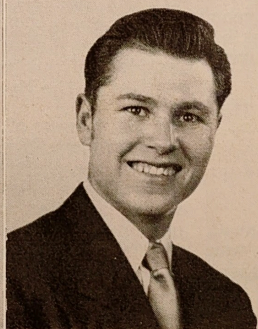
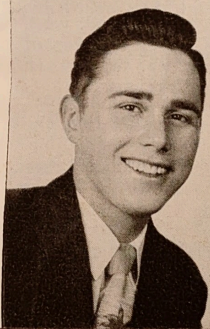
NED COULSON

JAMES ENGLISH

ELLEN JONES

WILLIAM CRAIG

KENNETH NOBLE





Back Row: Adair Reed, Jean Groce, Clarence Gitthens, Arthur Sweeney, Charles Irwin, Alice Norris, Virginia Munro. Front Row: Florence Newman, Marie Brann, Marjorie Strickland, Eva Walker.

The Junior Class

The Junior class is made up of representatives of many different parts of the United States.

Adair Reed, a student for the first time at Spring Vale, is from Tennessee. Among her many duties in the past year she was chosen as president of the Girls' Club for the first semester and president of the Student Council for the second semester. She was also chosen "Girl of the Month" for October.

Jean Groce is a native of Texas. She is a first year student at Spring Vale and holds

the position of vice-president of the Junior class. Jean was chosen as "Girl of the Month" for January.

Clarence is a student for the first year at Spring Vale and is Sergeant-at-Arms of the Junior class. He is from Denver, Colorado.

Arthur Sweeney is from California. This is his first year at Spring Vale Academy. His main interest is Bible study. He was chosen as president of the Student Council for the first semester.

Charles Irwin, a first year student at Spring Vale, is from California. He was elected as vice-president of the Student

Council for the first semester. Bible study is one of his main interests.

Alice Norris, a student at Spring Vale for three years, is from Washington, D. C. She holds the office of vice-president of the Junior Miss Girls' Club. She was chosen "Girl of the Month" for September.

Virginia Munro, a student at Spring Vale for three years, is from Missouri. Virginia is a talented pianist. She was chosen "Girl of the Month" for May.

Florence Newman is attending Spring Vale for her second year. Her home is in Michigan. She fills the position of secretary for the Junior class and was chosen "Girl of the Month" for April.

Marie Brann, attending Spring Vale for her third year, is from North Carolina. She is Sergeant-at-Arms of the Student Council. She was chosen "Girl of the Month" for November.

Marjorie Strickland is a student for the first year at Spring Vale. Her home is in North Carolina. In addition to her other courses, she is studying piano.

Eva Walker is from Kansas, and is attending Spring Vale for the second year. Among her duties she holds the position of president of the Junior class. She was chosen as "Girl of the Month" for February.

As sponsor of the class organization, the Juniors chose Mrs. Adams. The main purpose of the projects which were undertaken by the Junior class was to raise funds for the Junior and Senior Banquet. Some of the projects were the selling of refreshments and the publishing of a book of familiar choruses to be sold to the students.



Back Row: Kriss Williams, (Oklahoma), David Kauer (Michigan), Robert Hosteter (Michigan), Frank Adams (Missouri), Richard Norris (Washington, D. C.). Front Row: Reta Ling (Wisconsin), Birmah Finley (California), Wilma Munro (Missouri), Helen Christenson (Missouri).

The Sophomore Class

Most of these students are studying courses in music. There are: three trumpeters, two accordionists, and eight students of piano.

Most of these students plan to return for their Junior year, and there is also the hope of others joining them.

The Freshman Class

This year the group of Freshmen is very small, but we look forward to a larger group of first year students at Spring Vale next year.

Left to Right: Gilbert Kauer (Michigan), Ivan Newman (Michigan), Una Lea Williams (Colorado), Susan Brehm (Washington).



The Student Council



Left to Right: Ned Coulson, Charles Irwin, Arthur Sweeney, Martha Hosteter, Mr. Severance, sponsor, John (Mickey) McCoy, Marie Brann, Adair Reed and Franklin Adams.

By John Harold McCoy

The Student Council acts as the representative of the student body of Spring Vale. The council is composed of four councilmen, the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Kenneth Severance acts as the Faculty Advisor for the group. Officers are elected the second week of each semester and are in office for one semester. Officers of the first semester were Arthur Sweeney, President; Charles Irwin, Vice-President; Martha Hosteter, Secretary-Treasurer; and Ned Coulson, Sergeant-

at-Arms. Those for the second semester were Adair Reed, President; Frank Adams, Vice-President; Mickey McCoy, Secretary-Treasurer; and Marie Brann, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The main function of the Student Council is to promote harmony between faculty and students. Various other activities for the students are carried on, however. When money was needed for choir robes, the Student Council provided the solution by sponsoring a bake sale in Owosso which raised a large portion of the necessary money. A much wanted emblem and monogram was finally chosen through

a contest by the Student Council. "Students' Day" was another idea by the Student Council to acquaint the students with a few of the many responsibilities that rest on the faculty. Perhaps the most enjoyed activity of the Student Council has been the sale of popcorn by the council members to raise money for gifts for the winners of the various contests.

As Spring Vale grows, so grows the responsibilities of the Student Council, but all who were members this year agree that they are happy to have had a part in helping to make this a successful school year.

By John Harold McCoy

The Blue and White Reporter, the official publication of Spring Vale, was organized in 1948 when Spring Vale first became a reality rather than a dream. The paper was published the first year by a staff composed of the entire student body. The second year most of the writing and publishing was done by the Journalism (English IV) class with the assistance of various editors from each grade. The third year, as this year, the paper was the project of the English IV class.

This year the first copy was an announcement of the intention of publishing the paper and soliciting subscriptions for it. To promote interest on gathering subscriptions, the Journalism class sponsored a subscription campaign contest. The student body was divided into teams of the Juniors and Sophomores against the Freshmen and Seniors. Jean Groce and Kenneth Noble tied for first place by turning in more subscriptions than any other student. Since the Juniors and Sophomores turned in more subscriptions than the other team, they were treated to a party by the losers.

This year the paper was increased to a twelve-page paper and published each month instead of every two weeks. Besides writing for the school paper, the English IV class studied grammar and other types of creative writing.

Each student in the class acts as a reporter and those who can type, as typists. Stencils are cut and papers mimeographed as practical experience. The various editorial jobs and other positions necessary for publication of a paper are assigned by Mrs. Coulson, the teacher. Although far from being as elaborate as the many commercial newspapers, the students gain actual experience in the publication of a paper. It also furnishes contact between friends of Spring Vale and the activities of the school.

The Blue and White Reporter

The Staff at Work





The Junior Miss officers for this year are shown above. The back row standing include those serving the second semester: Martha Hosteter, Marie Brann, Alice Norris, and Wilma Munro. Those seated in the second row include those serving the first semester: Helen Christenson, Adair Reed, Mary Hosteter and Reta Ling. These have the offices of historian, president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

Girls Club

By Eva Walker

The first girls' club at Spring Vale Academy was organized in the first year of operation of the school. This small group of girls named their club *Mujer Bueno*, meaning "good woman." The purpose of the *Mujer Bueno* was to prepare the girls to be better young women, and to discuss problems they might have. The club continued under this name until last year when the girls reorganized and voted that the name should be changed to "Junior Miss Girls' Club", but main-

their new responsibilities by the lighting of a candle and the giving of a short acceptance speech.

The amount of dues as voted by the girls is five cents a week which may be paid weekly or in advance. No girl is excluded from the club's activities because of being unable to pay.

Because of the willingness of each girl to work, they have finished many constructive activities. They have just recently completed a large scrap book which they sent to the children's ward at the hospital in Owosso. Last year the girls worked hard and earnestly to earn enough money to buy choir robes. This they accomplished by going from house to house selling candy, aprons, baby robes, baby bibs, and many other things

taining the same purpose and requirements as stated in the constitution are as follows:

"Every member must be enrolled at Spring Vale Academy. Each girl must be willing to cooperate with the group and always be willing to improve herself."

Before the girls are pronounced members and take on the duties of members they must be able to repeat by memory Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-31, a passage each Christian young woman should know.

The officers are elected at the beginning of each semester which include president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and historian. After each election there is held a candlelight service in which the new officers accept

which they had made themselves. After the money was acquired, they set to work making the robes. After hours of labor a fine looking set of choir robes was the reward of their labor. The girls also bought a ping-pong set to be used and enjoyed by all.

The meetings are held every Sunday from two to three in the afternoon. Each meeting is opened by repeating a verse from the Bible. These meetings serve as a source of help to the girls since they can discuss their problems together and receive guidance on what they should do. Talks from Mrs. Coulson, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Kauer, and Mrs. Severance are welcomed by the girls since they gain from them points on becoming better Christian young women. One meeting this year was taken up in patching and mending boys' clothes which was helpful to both boys and girls.

The last two years we have followed the plan of selecting an outstanding girl each month to be "Girl of the Month." This girl is chosen for her cooperation, neatness, dependability, high moral standards, thoughtfulness, honesty, kindness, manners and all other Christian virtues. Nominations are made by the club and final decisions are made by the faculty. At the end of the year one of the nine is also chosen "Girl of the Year" in the same manner. Each year these nine girls are taken on a trip. Last year a tour was made to various branches of the state college at Lansing, and this year to the Roycraft trailer house factory in Chesaning, Michigan.

We feel that the girls' club has been beneficial in preparing us for the future life and molding better Christian characters.

We wish the future members all the success and fun that we have had in the past years.

The "Junior Miss Club" is proud to present Shirley Baker as girl of the year for '52. Last year Alice Norris was awarded this honor. These together with future "Girls of the Year" will have their names engraved on a gold loving cup purchased for this event.





ELLEN RUTH JONES

Music

By Ellen Jones

Here at Spring Vale much consideration is given to the students' musical ability, for we feel that we are building to meet the needs of the Church of tomorrow.

The students are given directing instructions so that they can be more fitted to lead in their various churches. At the upper right is David Kauer leading group singing, accompanied by Bill Craig, which is a common sight at Spring Vale.

We are very fortunate to have Mr. Kline who is a Professor of Music, to instruct the students in piano and voice. The picture at the lower left shows Mr. Kline giving a music lesson to Virginia Munro. There are twenty students enrolled in piano and voice.

The students are also interested in harmony and group singing. At the lower right is the "twins-cousins" quartet which is doing a very fine job of displaying their talent for the Lord. They have sung at all-day meetings and also at the Crusade for Christ in Owosso.

Among other talented ones at Spring Vale is Ellen Jones who plays the piano accordion. She took lessons in Owosso during her Junior year. She sings and accompanies herself on the accordion at various meetings.



DAVID KAUER AND WILLIAM CRAIG

VIRGINIA LEE MUNRO AND MR. KLINE



MARY and MARTHA HOSTETER, BILL CRAIG and FRANK ADAMS. EVA WALKER, accompanist



RANSOM RICH



"Christ...the need of the hour"



"Make a Joyful Noise"

By Ellen Jones

ORCHESTRA

There is a great amount of musical talent at Spring Vale. One phase of this talent is shown by the orchestra. The first semester it accompanied the hymns for the song service of Sabbath School.

Prospective students are urged to bring instruments if they have them. Also if there are instruments somewhere that are not being used, we would appreciate it if they were sent to the school for our use.

CHORUS

The Spring Vale Chorus has been in operation as long as Spring Vale's existence. The first year, although very small in number, they sang at all-day meetings and Youth For Christ.

Since the beginning of the second semester of this year they have been working on the cantata "Esther" which they plan to present in the afternoon of May 24. This year the chorus has been in operation under the direction of Mr. Kauer.

The Spring Vale Chorus also plays an important part in the Owosso Youth For Christ. Since January they have been forming the Y.F.C. chorus and have sung for every rally. At lower left is the Spring Vale chorus in the Y.F.C. formation.

The Academy Office

A former sun-porch of the present building has been made into the school office. This is the "headquarters" of Elder Kauer, the principal. Here the board and faculty have their regular meetings. And in the office the accounts are kept and the monthly bills made out.

Two girls get in most of their required work in the office. This gives them very valuable experience and also makes it unnecessary to employ other office help. During the first semester Shirley Baker and Ellen Jones were the office workers. The second semester the office work was done by Mary and Martha Hosteter. In the picture we see them at work on the books with the adding machine while Elder Kauer is working at his desk.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

An initial payment equal to one month's charges is paid by each student at the time of enrollment. This is held as a credit through the school year and is applied to the payment of the May bill.

The school year of 36 weeks is divided into nine school months of four weeks each. A statement for the month's bill is sent out at the close of each school month, to whoever is paying the account for the student. In some cases several are paying part of the account and so a statement is sent to each showing his share of the bill. It is expected that the bills will be paid each month as they come due—just as one makes payments on a house or car. Christian education is of far greater value than any material possession. The school needs to receive the funds due each month in order to pay the teachers and the grocery, fuel, and other bills.

Friends who have no children to send to the school are invited to help worthy young people attend. Offer to permit yourself to be billed each month for a certain amount, \$10, \$15 or more. We have several prospective students for next year who will need such help in order to attend. As God has blessed you, you can be a blessing by helping a young life in the Christian way.



SCHOOL STORE

A large glass-doored case in the office holds the "stock" of the school store. At various times during the day students come saying, "May I buy some notepaper," or perhaps it is a pencil or a spiral notebook for Bible. Such school supplies are sold to the students at a reduced price—just enough to cover the cost. The girls working in the office take care of most of these sales.

TRIPS TO OWOSSO

Students get to go to Owosso for shopping at least once a week. They are encouraged to be careful with the spending money their parents send them and avoid spending much for sweets. Students are taken to town by a member of the faculty who supervises the trip.



SHOP CLASS ERECTING NEW
SHOP BUILDING



HOME ECONOMICS GIRLS LEARN THE ART
OF MAKING THEIR OWN CLOTHES.

S. V. A. *Classes*

BIBLE II CLASS ENGROSSED IN THE
STUDY OF NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY.



SPEECH CLASS PRESENTS PLAY FOR
THANKSGIVING ASSEMBLY



Courses of Study

BIBLE

BIBLE I—OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

A study of Bible events from the Creation to the time of Nehemiah. Includes a written outline, memory verses, and themes. Emphasis is placed on the fulfillment of Old Testament types in the New Testament. 9th grade.

BIBLE II—NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY

This study includes the life of Christ, the work of the apostles and the missionary journeys of Paul. References to the Old Testament are studied and the whole Bible is shown to be centered in Christ. 10th grade.

BIBLE III—BIBLE DOCTRINES

A study of the Articles of Belief set forth by the Ministerial Council of the Church of God. Students study to understand and to be able to explain the doctrinal truths of the Bible. Bible I and Bible II are prerequisites to this course. 11th and 12th grades.

BIBLE IV—BIBLE APPLICATIONS

A general practical course in the application of the Bible to gospel work and Christian living. It will include studies of Bible types and illustrations, Bible chapters having special applications, foundations of personal gospel work, evangelistic and missionary problems, colporteur and church work. Several books will be read and reviewed and opportunity given for experience. 11th and 12th grades.

ENGLISH

ENGLISH I

A review of grammar including written composition, and oral expression. Also in-

cludes a review of penmanship and spelling. The second semester includes a study of American literature.

ENGLISH II

A continuation of the study of grammar with more advanced composition. The second semester includes a study of English literature.

ENGLISH III—SPEECH

A general course in practical speech including good conversation, proper pronunciation, voice development, parliamentary law, debate, radio and gospel speaking. 11th grade.

ENGLISH IV—JOURNALISM AND CREATIVE WRITING

Fundamental and practical experience in journalistic writing. Development of individual ability in creative writing, especially for church papers. This class also puts out the school paper, the "Blue and White Reporter."

HISTORY

WORLD HISTORY

A study of the history of the world from ancient Egypt to the present. Frequent reference to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. World History is a foundation for the understanding of world events. 10th grade.

AMERICAN HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

The first semester is a survey of the history of the United States. The second semester is a study of national, state and city government, a course required by Michigan state law. 11th or 12th grade.

MATHEMATICS

ALGEBRA

A study of algebraic terms and equations which are the basis of most higher mathematics. Required for college entrance

in many colleges and for certain courses. 9th grade.

PLANE GEOMETRY

A general high school course in geometry. A requirement for entrance to some college courses. 10th or 11th grade.

COMMERCIAL

BOOKKEEPING

A general course using 20th century Bookkeeping and Accounting.

TYPEWRITING

One year of Typing is offered, teaching the touch system and giving a general knowledge of the typewriter and its use. 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. Lab fee \$1 per semester.

HOME ECONOMICS

HOME ECONOMICS I

A practical beginning course including cooking, sewing and home-making. 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.

HOME ECONOMICS II

Practical experience in advanced sewing and home-making. Students will provide own materials.

WOOD SHOP

WOOD SHOP I

A class in general woodshop practices including instruction in mechanical drawing, use of hand and power tools. Mechanical drawing is the universal language of industry and is taught to make possible the reading and drawing of planned projects.

A laboratory fee of \$2 per semester is charged each student to cover use and breakage of tools and such incidental expenses as arise in the operating of a shop. Students will make simple projects and pay for materials as used.

SCIENCE

Spring Vale does not yet have a science laboratory, and so only a limited amount of science can be offered.

GENERAL SCIENCE

An elementary study of the fundamentals of science. True science is shown to be in agreement with the Bible.

BIOLOGY

A course in general biology emphasizing the marvels of God's creative work as shown in the makeup of plants and animals.

MUSIC

THEORY AND HARMONY

This will be a study of chords and their progressions as well as the writing and harmonizing of original compositions. It is being offered for the first time and will be taught if enough interest is manifested.

PIANO

Piano may be taken as a regular high school subject for credit. One 50 minute lesson per week and two periods daily are required. 10th, 11th, or 12th grade.

Piano lessons may also be taken as extra-curricular work, with one period practice daily.

CHORUS

All students who wish may sing in the Academy chorus which will meet two periods per week.

ORCHESTRA

All students who have musical instruments should bring them and play in the orchestra. If an instrument is available, students may learn to play at the academy. Donations of modern band or orchestra in-

struments are appreciated. The orchestra will practice twice a week, and play for some special occasions.

All of the courses listed above may not be given this next year. But there will be sufficient courses offered to make it possible for all students to take a full load.

REQUIRED SUBJECTS

All students are required to take a course in Bible each year they attend Spring Vale.

The following are required for graduation:

Three years of English

American History and Government

World History

Freshmen will take Algebra, Bible I, English I and General Science.

Sixteen units are required for graduation. Not more than one unit may be of non-solid subjects, such as chorus, orchestra, etc.

Special permission must be obtained to take more than four solid subjects during a semester. High scholarship standards are maintained at Spring Vale, and our students are encouraged to plan to go to college.

STATE STANDING AND ACCREDITMENT

Spring Vale Academy is a new school and does not have the buildings and equipment which it is hoped to secure in time. The school is licensed by the State Department of Social Welfare, with the approval of the State Department of Public Instruction. Spring Vale is not yet accredited with the University of Michigan or with any Association. Students who have transferred from Spring Vale to public high schools have been accepted. College entrance requirements vary and some colleges may require entrance examinations. Spring Vale upholds high standards of teaching and our students have a greater opportunity to grasp the subjects. We take a personal interest in all the students, working not only for education but for Christian training and development.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

The Michigan state law requires that all students must have a physical examination before coming to a boarding school. This is to make sure that no condition exists which should limit the activities of the student, and also that no apparent disease is present.

A blank for this purpose will be sent along with the application blank. Have a doctor fill out the health certificate and bring it with you when you come.

THE COST OF ATTENDING SPRING VALE

Spring Vale Academy is a church institution established to help as many young people of the church as possible. The expense of operation is met by low charges to the students plus contributions from church members and friends. The charges to students for the school year 1952-1953 are as follows:

Tuition, per school month.....	\$15.00
Board	22.00
Room, including laundry.....	5.00
Total basic charge per month.....	\$42.00

To help pay the costs of board and room, each student is required to do 10 hours work per week, at various tasks about the buildings and grounds. Special arrangements are made in case of sickness.

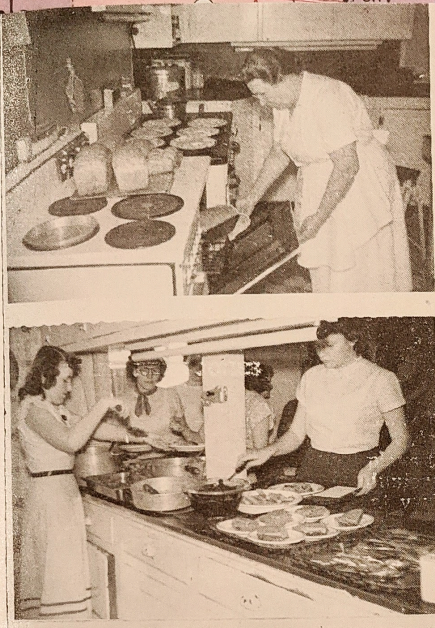
Mr. Kline will give piano lessons at the school at a charge of \$1.00 per lesson, or \$4.00 per month.

Statements are sent out at the end of each school month of four weeks.

ENTRANCE CHARGES

Initial deposit, on enrolling.....	\$42.00
If taking music lessons, deposit.....	4.00
First Aid fee	1.00

The Initial deposit and music lesson deposit will be held as credit through the year and applied to the payment of the ninth monthly bill. The First Aid fee is to pay for medical supplies kept on hand and made available to students when needed.



Mealtime at Spring Vale

Three times a day the kitchen and dining room become the most important places in the whole school.

The school dairy supplies milk which is pasteurized. Eggs, fruit and vegetables are produced on the farm for use in the kitchen. Simple but nourishing meals are prepared by the matron, Mrs. Ella Vay Jones, assisted by students. Students also serve the food at the food deck when the table groups take turns passing by to fill their trays.

Breakfast offers a choice of hot or prepared

cereals, toast and egg or french toast, pancakes or fruit toast with milk or Postum and fruit juice. Lunch consists of one hot dish, a salad, bread and butter, a dessert and milk. A substantial evening meal climaxes a day of work and play. Well balanced, nutritious food plays an important part in keeping students efficient, healthy and happy. The gain in weight experienced by most students, although appalling to some of the girls, is good advertisement for the kitchen department at Spring Vale.

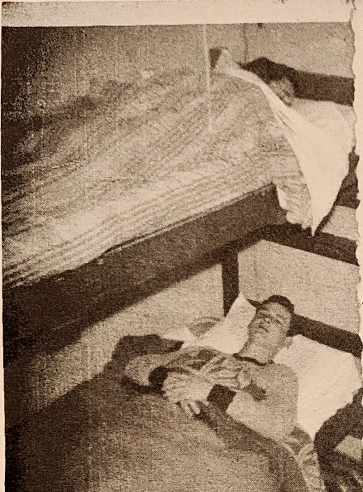
This is one of the functions which must be kept going to a limited extent on the Sabbath. Kitchen help is donated on that day and dishes left until after sundown, then various ones take turns helping wash and dry the accumulated

stacks to the tune of choruses and lively conversation.

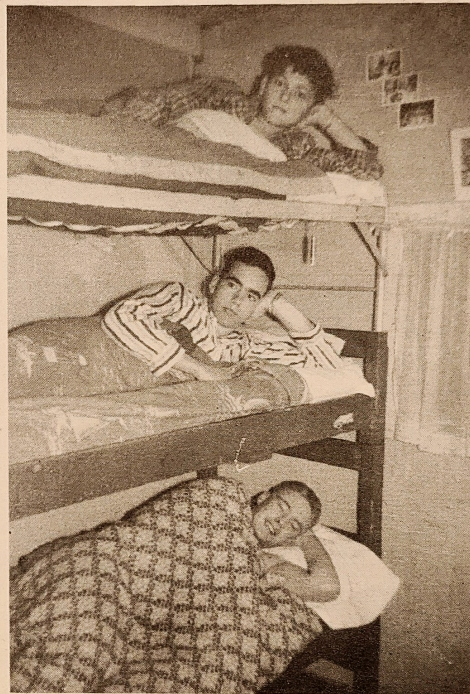
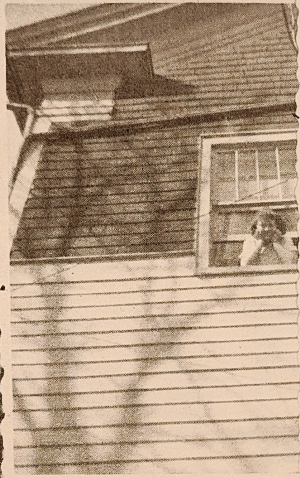
From the kitchen comes forth refreshments for the parties which are a part of the recreational program. Birthdays are celebrated en masse and Mrs. Kauer lends a helping hand in preparing the gigantic cakes . . . fully decorated. Picnic or banquet, our kitchen staff meets the occasion in an efficient manner.

Regularity of schedule and outdoor work and play helps keep Academy students in good health.

Mrs. Coulson, in addition to being a capable teacher, is also a registered nurse administering first aid and checking symptoms in illness. Parents are of course notified directly in event of serious illness.



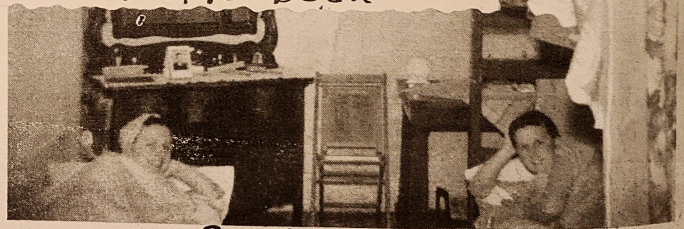
Morning already?



Triple Deck



Janitor



Good night, Girls

Life in the Dorm

Girls

By Helen Christenson

"One has not lived until she has 'survived' a year in the girls' dorm," declare S.V.A. girls. To live by bells and rules for nine months is a vast change from original home life. Of course, with tasks assigned a lot of fun is included.

There are six rooms with three girls each this year. The front three have a bunk and a single bed while the back three have all single beds. We decorate our rooms to make them like a home, and, indeed they are! To get better acquainted, we exchange rooms and roommates every nine weeks. For awhile after moving day everything is topsyturvy, but soon things are straightened and orderly living continues.

Nearly every girl appears to be musically minded, for the piano is going most of the time, and singing is heard all day. It makes a cheery atmosphere that uplifts spirits.

The dorm has its chess players, ball fans, and book worms. When work is done there is time for these and other activities.

To end the day right, we have a half hour worship. It is here we can unite our prayers to the Lord. Each night a girl conducts it, and it is her responsibility to have a program. Generally there are special songs, poems, and a story.

During night study hall a studious air settles over the dorm as brains tussle with the next day's perplexing problems. Girls may quietly visit other rooms for help with their studies. Thus we find book learning not so difficult.

We truly hope that more girls will be able to attend Spring Vale in years to come.

What to Bring

Dormitory rooms contain single or bunk-beds with mattresses; a dresser, study table and chairs. Small throw rugs donated by various groups of church ladies as well as curtains will be furnished.

ESSENTIALS TO BRING

Parents in sending their children should be sure that they are provided with the following essential items:

A pillow and two pillow slips

A bed spread

A mattress pad, single bed size

Three sheets or cotton blankets

Several blankets or quilts. The rooms become quite cold during the night in winter.

Several towels and wash cloths

Dresser scarfs and study table cover

A laundry bag

Bath robe and slippers

A pair of scissors and needle and thread

A soap container. Students furnish their own toilet and bath soap.

Other items to make a room home-like, such as pictures, pennants, table lamps, etc.

All students should have dress clothing, school clothing and work clothing. Girls should have work dresses and several aprons.

Students may also bring along things for play such as balls, ice skates, and games. The games must be approved by the faculty for use in the school.

All items to be laundered are to be plainly marked with laundry ink, with student's initial and last name. Name tapes may be secured and sewed on. There is no extra charge for laundry, but students must furnish their own soap for any hand laundry they may wish to do.

Boys

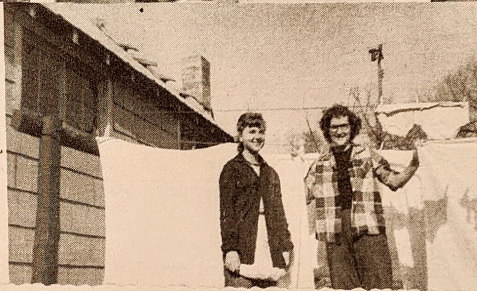
By Ned Coulson

The boys' dorm is generally a hive of activity. This year we have been very crowded having three rooms with two boys in each room, one room with three boys and one with four. As seen on the opposite page, the triple deck bunk is quite unique. Roommates may change every nine weeks.

Each boy is responsible for helping clean his room in addition to the assigned tasks about the school.

Ours are musical boys and except for scheduled "quiet" times, the dorm rings with sounds of piano, trumpet and accordion music plus the vocal harmonizing of choruses which always comes to mean so much to Spring Vale students. Fun and frolic has its place also in this large "family" of boys.

Worship time is looked forward to from one evening to another. Joint worship is enjoyed each morning before classes begin but evening worship is the time when all the boys gather with Mr. Severance, our dean, for a time of meditation and prayer. Problems of the day are discussed and solved by the power of prayer. The boys often meet together in the evening to discuss some experiences they have had in connection with their Boys' Tract Club. The organization gives opportunities for missionary work through tract distribution.



Students Work

BOYS' WORK

As a part of the cost of board and room, each boy works forty hours per month. Some are assigned to regular daily work such as general cleaning of the dormitory, caring for the stock and chickens, and furnace work. They have also taken care of the boys' washing and some of the ironing. Boys who have a natural carpentry ability are given the task of repairing furniture, making shelves, and other woodworking jobs. Those mechanically minded have helped to keep the farm and school machinery in good working order.

Student labor has been used to help build three small buildings on the place this year. A woodshop building was started and completed the second semester; a grade A milk house now in use was made of cinder blocks; and a brooder house made the second semester now houses 200 chicks. With the help of the boys much of the lumber used in these buildings was cut from the woods and hauled to the mill for sawing.

Seasonal farm work takes much of the time the boys put in. When the boys arrived for school in the fall, they found pickles (cucumbers) to pick, a 10 foot by 30 foot silo to

fill with corn, potatoes to dig, and other vegetables to gather before the first frost. Ten acres of field corn was hand picked, and sixteen acres of wheat was drilled. The spring farm work has included plowing, planting oats and corn, pruning berries and fruit trees, and planting garden. A general clean-up job including the tearing down of the old milk house, has resulted in a nicer looking campus. A final project for this school year has been the building of a root cellar.

Some of the boys have had an opportunity to work for a neighbor and earn some of their spending money. Fifty cents an hour has been paid for the school farm overtime.

Field work on the 146 acre farm is done by tractor and a team of horses. Seven milk cows provide grade A milk which is pasteurized for school use and raw milk is sold to a milk company.

GIRLS' WORK

The forty hours per month, required of the girls to supplement the cost of board and room, are spent in different kinds of work. Since most of the classes are held in the main building which also houses the girls' dormitory, some of the girls are responsible for

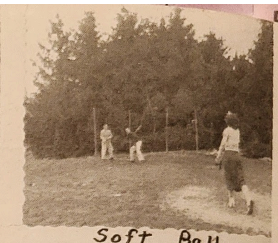
keeping these rooms clean. Various shifts are used in the kitchen at meal preparation while others are responsible for laundry and ironing. Two girls are occupied in the office doing bookwork while another does library work. Training for baby sitting is given to some who are interested as Mrs. Severance must leave her children to teach the Home Economics class.

When school started in the fall, the girls canned tomatoes and fruit produced on the farm for use in the kitchen. Throughout the school year they have received a lot of experience in various fields. Being away from home does not deprive them of the chance to learn a woman's duty in the home but rather they learn much of home management in the tasks assigned. They learn to do by doing!

Several of the girls have donated time recently to help in the completion of a rock garden on the spot where the old milk house stood. Stones were hauled from the lane to encircle the old milk tanks which have been made into a fish pond.

All the students take an active interest in improving the buildings and grounds in this, their home away from home.

Water



Soft Ball

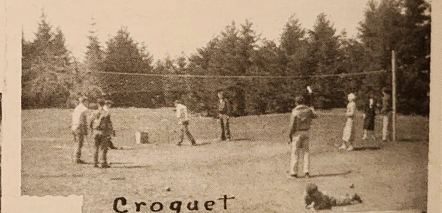
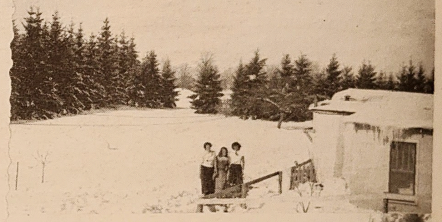
Snow Man



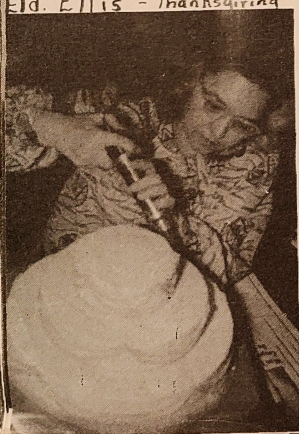
Eld. Ellis - Thanksgiving



Ping Pong



Croquet



Happy Birthday



Volley Ball

New

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Fun at Spring Vale

By Eva Walker

As we look back over our prosperous school year, we are reminded of the many deep and rich experiences we have had. We are also reminded of all the fun we have had together.

When we first came in the fall, we enjoyed hikes to the woods where the trees showed forth their beautiful autumn colors. After the hike we gathered around a campfire and sang old familiar songs. Soon our appetites were whetted by the aroma of hamburgers being fried on a screen over the fire.

November brought with it Thanksgiving and its various activities. We had a short vacation with the high point being a banquet. Brother Ellis from Jamaica was here to celebrate his first Thanksgiving in America with us. This year we were given two turkeys for our dinner. After the dinner we had a short program by which we thanked God for his gracious blessings.

Later on the cold north wind brought with it snow and ice which in turn brought more good times. Ice skates were brought out of trunks and put to use. Each Sunday enthusiastic skaters crowded into cars to be taken to the lake about three miles from the farm. Although the ice wasn't so good this year we still had fun. Those who didn't care for skating could go sledding.

During the winter for Saturday night recreation we played games indoors. Parties were planned by the faculty and each one was kept alive by new games which all enjoyed. Mrs. Kauer receives our vote of thanks for the many clever decorations she provided to make the parties of more interest to everyone.

When no parties were planned, ping-pong, checkers, and other indoor games were played. While we had so much nice snow, we enjoyed taking a sleigh ride behind old Silver and Trigger, our school's horses. This was a new experience for many, especially for those from the South and California.

At the end of the first semester we had another banquet after which we had an amateur radio program. Several of the students took part and furnished plenty of entertainment for the evening.

After the ice and snow melted away, ball gloves were taken out. Almost everyone enjoys the ball games, but those who do not wish to play softball played volleyball.

On Saturday night we played outside under special lighting arrangements. Running games and other active games were played after which we came inside and enjoyed popcorn or some other refreshments.

Thus ends another wonderful year at S. V. A. Next year holds for us just as many happy experiences as this one has; our only wish is that more students could enjoy them.

Standards of Conduct

It is the aim of the Board and the Faculty that Spring Vale shall be conducted as a Christian school with high standards of Christian conduct. The ideas of many people in the world as to what constitutes proper conduct are very much perverted and are the cause of much unhappiness and trouble. Some of the standards upheld at Spring Vale concerning dress, conversation, conduct and morality may seem to some people to be a bit "old fashioned." But we find that to live up to the Bible way of life and be ready to meet Jesus when he comes, we must hold to those principles which have proved best for Christian living.

The following is a brief outline of general rules found necessary in conducting a boarding school. The faculty may make any changes or additions found advisable during the school year.

1. The daily program and schedule of school activities is to be accepted and observed by all. Sickness or unavoidable emergency will be the only valid excuses for absence or tardiness at any of the regular activities of the school.

2. Profanity, vulgarity, or the use of tobacco or liquor will not be tolerated on the school premises.

3. Dormitory students must secure permission from their respective dean before leaving the campus.

4. Students may not have radios or phonographs in the dormitory rooms.

5. Students are to avoid extremes in dress styles. They are to be dressed neatly and conservatively for their occupation. Shoe heels are not to be over 2 1/4 inches. Lipstick and colored nail polish are not to be used.

6. In harmony with the Church of God standard against decorative jewelry our students are asked not to wear any jewelry solely for decoration, such as bracelets, earrings, etc.

7. All books and magazines brought into the dormitories are to be checked and approved by the dean.

8. All dormitory students are to receive their mail addressed to P. O. Box 156, Owosso, Michigan. All mail will be distributed through the office.

9. The faculty is responsible for the whereabouts of students away from home, after they arrive at the Academy. Therefore all visits of students away from the school must be previously approved in writing by parents or guardian. This applies to trips home, or to visit relatives or friends over the weekend or at vacation times.

10. We desire that our boys and girls shall become acquainted and associate freely in mutual respect and regard. But love affairs at a boarding school are very detrimental to school work and therefore are not to be carried on at Spring Vale.

Students are to exercise Christian self-control and are not to allow themselves to be conspicuous in showing special regard for a particular one of the opposite sex. Boys and girls are not to sit together at services or about the campus. In all their relations with each other they are to show proper reserve as Christian young men and young women, friendly and courteous to all.

11. Students are not to have automobiles or other motor vehicles at the school. Exceptions will be made only for special need and must be previously arranged with the faculty.

The Daily Schedule

Our regular, systematic schedule contributes much to the health, happiness, and efficiency of life at Spring Vale. The following is the tentative program for next school year. Changes may be made at any time at the discretion of the faculty.

- 6:30 a.m. Rising Bell
- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 8:10 to 12:10 Morning Classes
- 12:20 p.m. Lunch
- 1:20 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Classes
- 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Work, study, play, music practice etc. depending on individual schedule.
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 7:15 p.m. Evening Worship
- 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Study period. Dormitories quiet.
- 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Preparation to retire.
- 9:35 p.m. Lights out.

The above program is for the five days of the school week. On Friday instead of the regular evening worship there is Friday eve-

ning service at 7:30.

Sabbath schedule begins with a rising bell at 7:30 a.m. then follows:

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sabbath School
- 11:00 a.m. Preaching Service
- 12:30 p.m. Dinner
- 2:30 p.m. Young People's Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Time for rest or missionary activity such as literature distribution.

At Sundown: Worship closing the Sabbath.

About 8:00 p.m. Recreation, planned games or parties.

The Sunday schedule begins at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast at 8:00 and worship at 8:30 then the day is spent with work in the morning and study and recreation in the afternoon. Sunday night study hall period begins at 7:45 p.m. which begins another weekly school schedule.

Application Blanks

Before coming to Spring Vale, all students, old and new, must fill out an application blank and receive notice of acceptance.

One reason for this is because of our limited capacity, to make sure there will be room for the student on arrival.

Application blanks are enclosed with bulletins going out to known prospective students. Others may receive the blanks by writing to Spring Vale Academy, Box 156, Owosso, Michigan.

The school year begins September 10, 1952, but applications should be sent in as soon as possible after you receive the bulletin and decide that you want to come. May God bless and guide all our prospective students.

Calendar of Events for 1952 - 53

Registration.....	September 10
Classes Begin.....	September 11
Second Six-Week Period Begins..	October 20
Thanksgiving Vacation....	November 27-28
Third Period.....	December 1
Mid-Winter Vacation.....	December 18-30
Second Semester.....	January 19
Fifth Period.....	March 2
Sixth Period.....	April 13
Commencement Activities.....	May 23

