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Age: 17
College: Princeton

Moses matriculated at Middlesex in the fourth class, armed with an impeccable Boston dignity, a fistful of Jamaica cigars, and a firm resolve to lead us all into the promised land of culture. He was immediately singled out by his classmates as a conspicuous figure, and during his first few weeks here, fog-borne bellows of "Moocoses" heralded his steady passage across the campus. Moses, however, quickly rose in stature, and his formidable vocabulary (or "unparalleled rhetoric," as he himself modestly puts it) soon awed everyone; he was often consulted in lieu of (and in preference to) a dictionary. Mo has a fine bass voice, and aside from starring in two school plays, he was president of the Glec Club, where we discovered he had absolute pitch. He also was a member of the debating team in his first-class year, to the misfortune and humility of several adversaries who found themselves clearly outgunned. He played squash for several seasons, and this year won his letter as head manager of crew. His taste in pipe tobacco and cigars was accepted without question until he passed out a box of cigars at the end of the football season, with dire consequences. Thus far only two weaknesses have been discovered in Mo's unerring aplomb: his bent for illustrated non-classical literature, and his irritation whenever someone observes that his attire is not quite flawless. Mo, strangely enough, has a liking for farm work and hopes to withdraw to a farm in Pennsylvania, after he retires from a teaching career.

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STUDENT COUNCIL


M. A. A.

Front Row: Mansur, Buehler; J. Amory, President; Green, Browne. Second Row: M. McLean, L. Smith, A. Osterhauer, Mr. Dawson, Dusshoff, Milson, D. Amory, Secretary.
ANVIL


DANCE COMMITTEE


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The first debate of the year was a triangular debate between Middlesex, Milton, and St. Mark's. On the subject, "Resolved, that U. N. forces should be withdrawn from Korea immediately," two Middlesex teams simultaneously debated against Milton at Middlesex and against St. Mark's at St. Mark's.

After receiving the subject, Percy, Rosenthal, Williams, and Fred Farnsworth lined up as the affirmative against Milton, and Robinson, Gilmour, Hamilton and Thomas took the negative to go to St. Mark's. About two days of preparation were allowed, and the night before the debate, the two Middlesex camps met in the library and thrashed out the weak points in each other's arguments after a formal debate. The next afternoon, one quartet journeyed to St. Mark's with arguments to combat the very arguments that the other was about to throw in the face of its guests from Milton. The affirmative team argued that the cost of staying in Korea was too high, and that little was being gained. The negative, meanwhile, spoke of the loss of prestige and faith in the whole world that would be incurred by withdrawal, saying that it was our Christian duty to go to the aid of the underdog, and that withdrawal would be appeasement. Both teams won unanimous decisions from the judges, demonstrating that Middlesex School trains its boys to talk out of both sides of their mouths.

On February 16, the Nobles debate took place. The subject was "Resolved, that the world owes me a living." Not much impressed with the subject, the Middlesex team of Rosent hall, Heckscher, Percy and Thomas nevertheless applied themselves diligently to the task of preparing arguments for the negative side, which were not to be had in large quantities, and on arranging them in the finest rhetoric fashion. During the debate, the Nobles team maintained that everyone should be given a chance to earn a living, with which we agreed. However, with the help of Mr. Briggs' new Merriam-Webster International Unabridged Dictionary, which the Middlesex team had lugged to the debate, Middlesex proved that such a contention was not within the scope of the debate, and that in order to prove
the resolved, the affirmative would have to prove that everyone should be provided with sustenance whether he was willing to work or not. The judges awarded a unanimous decision to Middlesex on the basis of the quality of our effective speaking.

On February 27, the third class debating team, composed of Ayer, Meyer, Bogert, and Lynd, had a debate with the Nobles third class team on the subject “Resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished.” It provided amusement for all, and resulted in a unanimous decision for Middlesex, which you may count into the total record or not, as you see fit.

The Groton debate took place on April 14 on the subject, “Resolved, that the deferment of able college students is a sound national policy.” Groton had the negative, and the affirmative was represented by Percy, Williams, Rosenthal, and Thomas. The affirmative started off by condemning any plan to defer college students as undemocratic, as ability to go to college is determined mostly by money, and any plan would favor the rich. Rosenthal, in the third constructive speech put our ace on the table by proposing a plan of federal scholarships whereby only the best students would be sent to college. Apparently Groton was not prepared to give up the mainstay of their arguments without a struggle, as they continued to denounce our side of the argument as unfair until well into the discussion period, when they finally gave up this contention and tried to prove our plan too costly. All through the debate, our point was that the better officer material is to be found in college graduates. Finally, they tried to prove that Middlesex was off the subject. Thomas, in his rebuttal, discounted all these arguments and showed that Groton had failed to prove deferment unsound.

The judges awarded another unanimous decision, thus making the year a perfect record, not only undefeated, but unjudged against. This duplicates the record of last year’s team and puts Middlesex debaters at the top of the list.

Glee Club and Dramatic Activities

1931 marked a most successful year for the Glee Club, which, with a large percentage of its members experienced singers, and with Moses Williams, Monty Childs, and Dick Tompkins as officers, soon became a smoothly-functioning organization, and began work on the major enterprise of the year, Beethoven’s Mass in C major, Opus 86.

At the Christmas Carol Service in December, Middlesex joined forces with Concord Academy and presented three movements from the Mass, as well as many traditional carols.
Miss Loring of the Academy and Mr. Lamb each did, as usual, a superb job of directing.

Immediately after the Christmas vacation, the task of "Ruddigore" was tackled, and following the tryouts, rehearsals got under way in great style. The final performances, March 2 and 3, were everything that a Middlesex Gilbert and Sullivan should be. The cast consisted of Dick Tomkins and Ruggles Brownell, each performing on a different night, who had the lead role of Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd, Sandy Krumhhaar as Richard Dauntless, Pierre Prodis and George Senkler, who also alternated, in the part of "Old Adam," Sir Ruthven's "good old man," Mo Williams, whose portrayal of the sinister and then reformed Sir Despard Murgatroyd was most convincing, and Renny Little, who gave a majestic performance as
the ghost of the late Sir Roderic Murgatroyd.

The Spring Term was devoted to the learning of the remaining parts of the Beethoven Mass, which was presented on June 3 in the Armory by a combined chorus from Concord Academy, Concord High, and Middlesex. prominence with its presentation of "Life With Father," by Clarence Day. Tryouts were held early in the spring term, and under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth, the play was presented to the school on May 26. Moses Williams was outstanding in his portrayal of Father, and George Krumhhaar did a good job as Vinnie (Mother). Ronnie Farnsworth excelled himself as Clarence, Jr., and Lloyd Thomas stole an entire scene as the cadaverous Dr. Somers.
Athletics

FIVE CAPTAINS

Spud Mansur—Hockey

George Buehler—Baseball

John Amory—Football

Gus Browne—Crew

Bob Green—Basketball

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FOOTBALL

Front Row: Hammond (c.), Buchler (c.), Sears (g.), Childs (q.b.), J. Amory (e.), Ostheimer (l.h.b.), Perser (g.), Latta (c.), Green (f.b.). Second Row: D. Wells (g.), Lamb (e.), Goodnow (q.b.), Sprout (l.h.b.), Shriver (r.h.b.), Little (r.h.b.), R. Farnsworth (q. b.), Phinney (e.), R. Anderson (e.). Third Row: Ward, Manager; Balsam (c.), L. Smith (g.), Mayer (e.), Durfam (f.b.), D. Amory (r.h.b.), Bisbee (c.), Elliot (q.b.), Rosenthal (f.b.), Thomas, Manager. Fourth Row: Mr. Farnsworth, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Pratt, Head Coach.

Not content to remain in the limelight of last year's fine team, the 1950 football team established its own admirable record. With an average of 21 points per game, they were able to roll over six of their seven opponents, losing only to an undefeated Groton eleven. A great deal of the team's success can be accredited to John Amory, as fine a captain as you could want, and also to the excellent coaching of Mr. Pratt and Mr. Alexander, those masters of strategy and smart play.

Without much actual scrimmage, the team rolled to a 13-0 win over Browne and Nichols on September 30. A pass interception by end Reg Anderson early in the first period paved the way for our initial tally. Using great teamwork, Jim Ostheimer cut off end for 26 yards. Bob Green followed up with a 24-yard run, and Dick Shriver bulled his way over from the eleven. Art Latta's conversion was good. It was not until the final period that Green
added our other score with a three-yard plunge, which climaxed a 45-yard drive. Maury Hammond, Ronnie Farnsworth, and Dick Babson were the defensive stars.

On the following week, the team performed like a well-oiled machine as they rolled easily over a ragged Boston Trade eleven. The defense, led by rugged Dave Wells, was great as the visitors moved the ball into our territory only once and could pick up only 59 yards on the ground. No time was wasted as Bob Green returned the opening kick-off 58 yards to the 21-yard line. Five plays later, Jim Ostheimer went over from the four, for the first of his three tallies. In the fading minutes of the quarter, a forty-yard drive was climaxed by Ope’s second score. In the second quarter, Ronnie Farnsworth thwarted any Boston Trade hopes with a fine pass interception, which set up our third score. Again it was Jim Ostheimer who trotted over from the three, and again it was Art Latta who converted his third straight.

Eager to avenge last year’s close defeat, the big red headed into the Groton game with high spirits, but Groton, sparked by Ray Walker’s four touchdowns, proved too much for us in a wild, wide-open scoring game. Despite excellent defensive play by Monty Childs, the team was helpless against the onslaught of Groton’s fast running and accurate passing backfield, as Groton rolled up 252 yards rushing and 134 yards passing. Jim Ostheimer was the spark of our team, picking up a total of 202 yards.

After Walker had raced 65 yards from the scrimmage on the first play, Ostheimer returned the kick-off 53 yards, and, aided by a fifteen-yard penalty, scored eight plays later from the nine-yard line. It was not until the second quarter that blood was again drawn, as Walker passed to White for a touch-
down covering 60 yards. But one play later, Monty Childs turned the tables on Groton, by heaving a 38-yard pass to Captain John Amory, who raced the remaining fifteen yards for a score. Perhaps the turning point of the game came when, after Bob Green intercepted a pass and raced 48 yards, the Groton line held us on the three-yard line. The half ended with Groton on top, 13-12.

In the third quarter, the game broke wide open, as Groton rolled 51 yards in four plays for a TD, and several minutes later scored again, as Walker intercepted a pass and streaked 45 yards down the sidelines to give Groton a