

This special issue of the Tabor Academy JOURNAL is dedicated to Headmaster and Mrs. James W. Wickenden from the many friends and alumni who have come to know and love them during their thirty-four years at Tabor.

> "... anything that can be done to cement the cause of loyalty and love and affection for a school or college makes one a much better person as a result of it."

"In a free and democratic society, free and independent education is our heritage, our privilege, our opportunity and our responsibility."

- James W. Wickenden



The Wickenden Years

1942 — 1976

The text for the booklet was taken from Headmaster James W. Wickenden's speech given at alumni meetings during the 1975-76 school year. "When the commencement issue of the "Tabor Log" was published in June of 1942, Headlines read "The old order changeth, making way for new." Now, thirty-four years later, the same theme must be played again, the only differences that need be mentioned being these:

Tabor and the world of 1942 and Tabor and the world of 1975.

The young, vigorous, and ambitious 1942 team of Nancy and Jim Wickenden, along with a loyal faculty, "The Old Guard," who virtually poured their lives into this school's life and growth.

And now the gray-haired, slowed-down, somewhat tired same team that in 1975 pauses to look backward to see what has been accomplished, while it still looks forward with a thrill of anticipation to the future of our common bond — our school, Tabor Academy.

Boys are still our primary business and our only business. There is and has been no change here.

Yes, I have thought a great deal about what I should say and what I wanted to say to you here now. Shall we call it a sentimental journey on the highs and the lows from 1942-1975? Could it be a report of stewardship of your school by the faculty, trustees, and administration over these many years? This time span really falls into three easily divided periods.

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